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## Super Wal-Mart plan narrowly defeated

By Eric Swallow  
Community Reporter

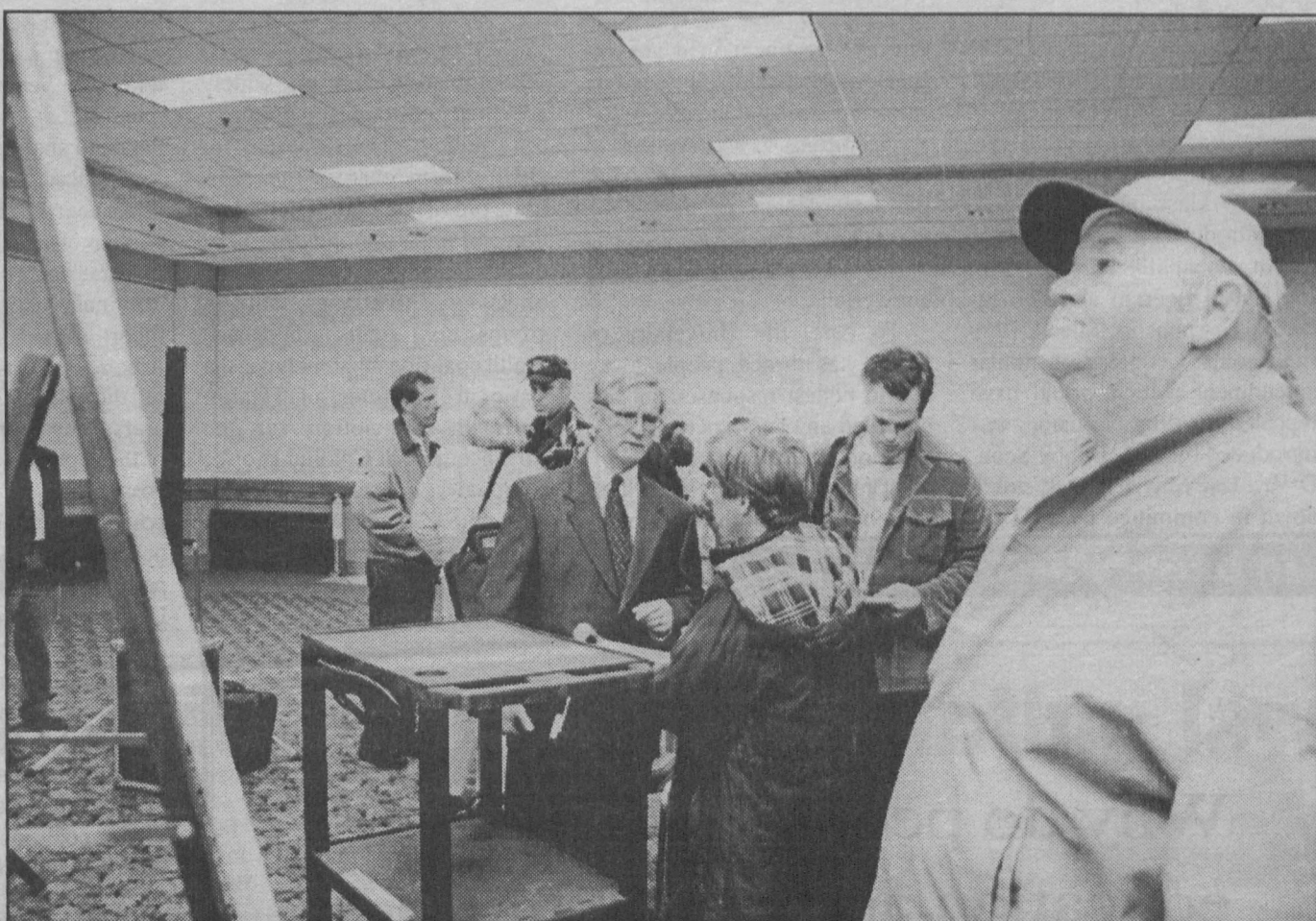
A pile of concerned residents and members of the media turned out to watch the Bangor Planning Board narrowly deny the site plan for a proposed Super Wal-Mart by a 3-2 vote. The proposal was nixed despite support from the Bangor planning division's staff. The vote was postponed at the end of the March 20 meeting following a heated public hearing concerning development of the building nearly double the size of the current Bangor Wal-Mart.

The site plan proposal by Widewaters Stillwater Co. puts the mammoth store across from Circuit City, on the corner of Gilman Avenue and Stillwater Avenue and next to an area of "rare natural beauty," according to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Planning board members in favor of the proposal reasoned that Widewaters met Bangor's zoning restrictions for the commercial district and for distance from a wetland. Members of the board who were against the plan weren't reassured that the proposal wouldn't violate the irreplaceable environment along the site's west side. The trio of denying committee members were concerned that runoff from the parking lot and store itself would not be adequately filtered before running into the adjacent stream. They were also concerned that the site might disrupt prime bird nesting sites within the wetland.

The site plan proposal sets the store far enough back to meet Bangor's shoreline zoning restriction of 75 feet. However, it was unclear whether the deten-

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Tom Davis, right, a former Planning Board and Bangor City Council member takes a closer look at the proposed site plan for the Bangor Super Wal-Mart. In the background, Kevin Kane, development manager with Widewaters Stillwater Co., directs his comments to reporters at the Planning Board's public meeting at the Bangor Civic Center last night. "We feel that there's a lot of sentiment here [Maine] that's anti-Wal-Mart and anti-big bucks." CAMPUS PHOTO BY JASON CANNIFF.

## Chocolate Grille melts into food scene

By Eric Swallow  
Community Reporter

If you appreciate good food, drink and nighttime happenings, you might find yourself at Chocolate Grille on 301 N. Main St. in Old Town. Its slogan declares Chocolate Grille as "A celebration of the American bar and grille."

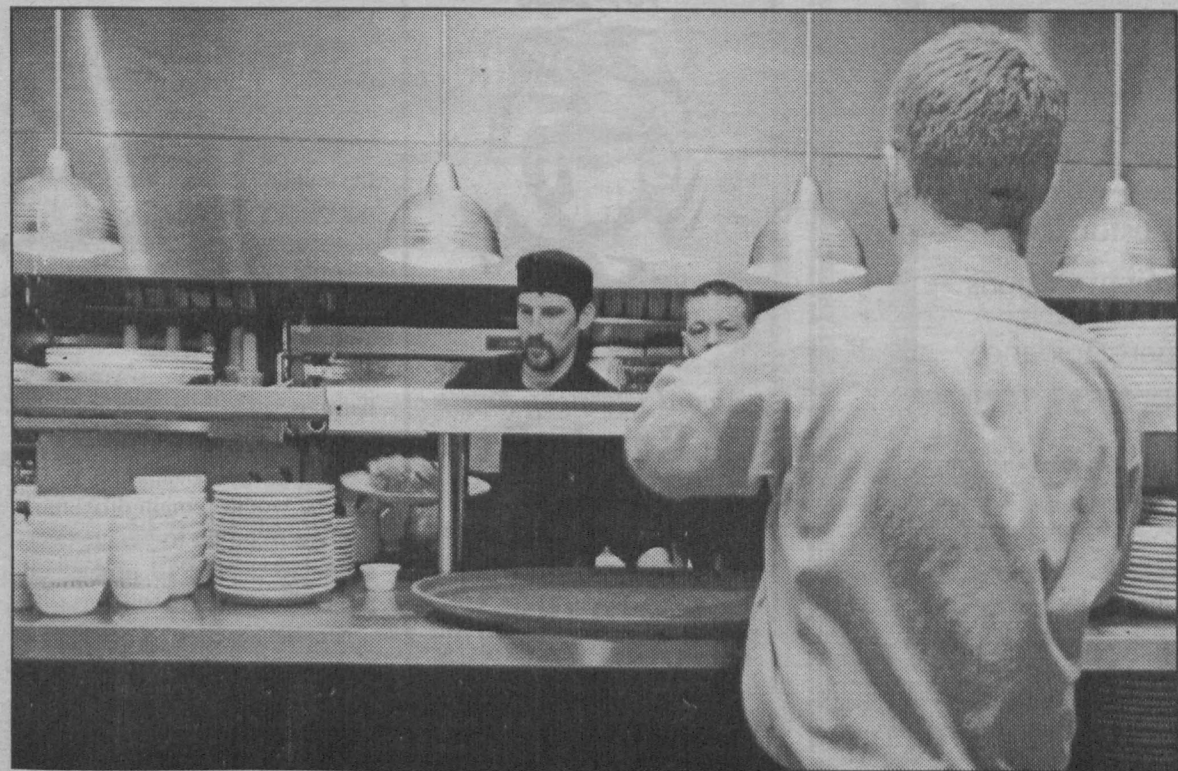
The building sitting along the banks of the Penobscot River houses food so kind to the senses it's shameful — and the beer flows so freely you just might become shameless.

The Chocolate Grille's seamless looks and smooth operation almost suggest that it is a franchise. However, franchises don't

have the Grille's character.

To their credit, chain restaurants created the high durability hamburger and the oddly colored plastic furniture industry. However you won't find sound systems that follow you onto riverside porches and into the bath-

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Chefs Taylor Montigne and Jon Faggiolo prepare food behind the open line of the Chocolate Grille in Old Town. The newly opened restaurant features one of the few kitchens in the state that allow customers to see what goes on behind the line. CAMPUS PHOTO BY JASON CANNIFF.

## Reinstating Prism could preserve UMaine history

By Stanley Dankoski  
Web Editor

University of Maine students haven't seen a Prism in about the last five years.

However, Fred Odera, Student Government president, wants to change that and bring the student yearbook back into existence.

"All institutions have yearbooks," Odera said. "I had one in my high school. It's pretty pathetic we don't have one. I don't want people to wait for their reunions to remember [what happened while they were in college]."

After a little investigating, Odera found that if a yearbook was published with Jostens Inc. it would cost \$23,340 for 500 copies.

Odera said Jostens told him cashflow has always been a problem with publishing the yearbook.

The Student Government president has contacted the Maine Alumni Association for ideas and potential funds.

Jeff Mills, director of the alumni association, said the association is receptive to having a yearbook; all they need is to look at a proposal

that would outline details concerning the amount of money needed, as well as content concepts.

The next Alumni Association board of directors meeting will be on June 10 at UMaine.

The amount quoted by Jostens is only part of what is needed to produce a yearbook here.

Student Government would need to buy at least two computers with layout software, digital and 35 mm cameras, a laser printer and have some money left over just to pay the yearbook staff and have a buffer amount for capital expenses.

Odera would try to talk with parents at open houses or through an inserted card that accompanies a student bill.

He is now in the process of talking with the billing office about the probability of doing that.

Odera would like to see the yearbook billed to graduating seniors. If they choose not to pay the yearbook fee, if put to effect, the student can mail back the card stating he wishes not to pay it.

The fee would pay for initial

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# Higher education drug provisions under scrutiny

By Eric Swallow  
Community Reporter

A growing campaign against the Higher Education Act drug provision has reached a new high. At a Feb. 28 press conference, members of Congress, financial aid administrators, student groups and civil rights groups introduced legislation to repeal the Higher Education Act's 1998 drug provision. The provision delays up to two years or completely denies federal student aid to students convicted of possession or sale of illegal drugs. Representative Barney Frank, D-Mass., and 23 co-sponsors introduced the legislation.

An essentially identical bill, introduced by Frank and 30 democratic co-sponsors failed a 1999 run through Congress. A similar amendment, which would have repealed the drug provision, was introduced by Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va., last May. It was struck down in committee by a 31-16

vote. All of the republicans and five democrats opposed the Scott amendment.

The HEA drug provision meets most students through question 28 on their FAFSA. Aid applicants with three drug convictions can lose financial aid eligibility for life. First or second time drug offenders lose federal aid eligibility for one to two years. The HEA requires first and second time offenders to undergo treatment in a government recognized facility before restoring financial aid eligibility.

According to Department of Education statistics, 8,162 people were denied aid during the 2000-2001 school year because of the HEA provision on drug convictions.

To date, the University of Maine has turned people away due to honest responses but has not ruled any answers to FAFSA question 28 dishonest.

"Unless we have something that conflicts with their response,

there's no additional action required," Helen Violette, UMaine financial aid administrator, said.

The HEA provides penalties for dishonest answers to the drug provision. In addition, it provides penalties for convictions incurred while receiving aid. Aid recipients convicted of a drug offense default on all aid and must immediately begin repayment.

Most opposition to the HEA drug provision is based on accusations of economic and racial discrimination and on widely accepted notions of effective drug policy. The Coalition for HEA reform charges the HEA drug provision with discrimination and unproductive drug policy. The coalition is an aggregate of many universities, student groups, civil rights groups and health coalitions that includes the National Institutes of Health, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Organization of Women, American Civil

Liberties Union, American Public Health Association, numerous universities and many student organizations.

The Coalition for HEA reform charges the HEA drug provision of class discrimination. "Denying financial aid to students hurts only those students who need the aid, namely, children of working families."

Charges of racial discrimination are based on the HEA's reliance on a biased judicial system, The Sentencing Project, an independent provider of crime data and analysis, reports.

"African Americans who use drugs are more likely to be arrested than other groups, and then to penetrate more deeply into the criminal justice system," the report said. "While African Americans constitute 13 percent of the nation's monthly drug users, they represent 35 percent of those persons arrested for drug possession, 55 percent of drug possession convictions, and 74 percent of those sentenced to prison for drug possession. Higher arrest rates of African Americans generally reflect a law enforcement emphasis on inner city areas, where drug sales are more likely to take place in open air drug markets and fewer treatment resources are available."

The coalition for HEA reform describes the drug provision pol-

icy as counter-productive.

"Setbacks such as not being able to raise money for school can set a young ex-offender onto a downward spiral toward failure," the coalition said. "Studies reported by the White House Drug Policy Office show that for every \$1 spent on treatment, \$7 is saved in criminal justice, health care or welfare costs that would otherwise be borne by society...While financial aid can possibly be restored after successful completion of a treatment program, the new [drug] provision does not allocate any money for treatment. And if someone can't afford college without public aid, they probably can't afford private treatment, either."

For many, the common sense ethical approach to the HEA drug provision mirrors the Coalition for HEA reform's, which states college is crucial to fight the war on drugs.

"America should focus on making it easier, not more difficult, for all people to obtain a good education," the coalition said. "To do otherwise is simply counterproductive and unfit for our society. Denying someone an education won't help solve the drug problem; it will only increase the destructive power of our nation's war on drugs."

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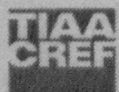
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## Wal-Mart

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tion pond infringed upon the 75 foot buffer.

The proposed system's prime filtering device, a detention pond, raised concern by being within 250 feet of the upland bog and its stream. Widewaters Stillwater development manager Kevin Kane argued that the 250 foot barrier is a

Department of Environmental Protection restriction and is not legally applicable by the Bangor planning board. Kane added that the planning board is legally bound to enforce its 75 foot buffer zone, and the DEP is responsible for interpreting federal laws. Dissenting members countered that Widewaters Stillwater failed to allay concerns that the detention pond, which would be shared by Circuit City, would preserve the character of the irreplaceable wetland.

While the planning board denied Widewaters Stillwater's site, plan proposal it accepted a conditional use proposal unanimously.

The conditional use proposal described plans for a retail auto service and an outdoor storage space greater than one percent of the building's floor area. Kane was not pleased with the board's decisions, or with public sentiment.

"We feel that there's a lot of sentiment here [in Maine] that's anti-Wal-Mart and anti-big bucks," Kane said. "If you establish law, and go against it due to public sentiment, it's unfair."

Kane was disappointed but said he would remain diligent.

"We're going to pursue every available avenue to protect our property rights," he said.

Public reaction ranged from rampant boredom, during one longer speech, to the arrogant dissent of one man muttering obscenities at a stage whisper level.

Since this was not a public hearing, but a public meeting, the board did not allow comments from the public.

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# Sex Matters

By Dr. Sandra Caron

By Sandra L. Caron,  
Ph.D.

**Q: Is it possible to physically stretch the penis continually in the hope that it will elongate over time?**

Male, Sophomore

**A:** Possible: Yes. Probable: No. I am not aware of anyone using this technique successfully.

**Q: What causes people to cheat? Is it possible to have a successful relationship with a person who has cheated on you?**

Male, Senior

**A:** The reasons people "cheat" (a.k.a., have an affair, commit adultery) are varied and complex. Sometimes such relationships are motivated by a desire for excitement and variety. Some may be motivated to gain evidence that they are still desirable to others.

In other cases, people may be

unhappy with their current relationship. If emotional needs aren't being met in the relationship, having an affair may seem inviting.

Affairs may provide just the impetus a person needs to end a relationship they no longer wish to be a part of. And sometimes the reason for outside involvement may be the unavailability of sex within the relationship, due to a lengthy separation, illness or unwillingness of the partner to relate sexually.

A person may also be motivated to "cheat" by a desire for revenge.

As you might imagine, the effects of "cheating" can vary. When the secret is discovered, the "betrayed" person may feel devastated or overwhelmed by feelings of inadequacy, rejection, extreme anger, resentment, shame and jealousy. It is important to know that while relationships in which a partner "cheats"

frequently end, it is possible for some couples to have a successful relationship.

In some cases, the discovery may motivate a couple to search for sources of problems within their relationship, a process that may actually lead to an improved relationship.

If both partners are willing to make a commitment to the relationship, it is possible to rebuild the foundation. Trust and honesty are key components for a successful relationship. It will take time.

**Q: My female friends have openly admitted to faking orgasms. Is this a common practice among women? Why do they do it? Is it to please the man, make him hurry up and finish, or some other reason?**

Male, Junior

**A:** Unfortunately, not everyone is honest when it comes to

sex.

In fact, 68 percent of the women I surveyed this semester at the University of Maine admitted they had faked an orgasm and 20 percent of the men also said they had faked.

I think many of those who fake orgasms feel pressured to have an orgasm so their partner will feel good about himself/herself. It is the myth about how good sex requires an

orgasm. It is as if women today are expected to enjoy sex and men are supposed to make sure she enjoyed it. And how can he tell she's enjoyed it? He can tell if he's done his job by her orgasm.

But the reality is that good sex doesn't have to include orgasm. It's really too bad some people can't just say they enjoyed the sexual experience, whether they reached orgasm or



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## Teachers' views divided on fingerprinting law

By Aaron Plourde  
For The Maine Campus

More than a year has passed since state legislators mandated all school employees be fingerprinted and have an FBI background check, but the debate is not over.

Many teachers across the state have ended their education careers early in protest of the fingerprinting law. Suzanne Malis-Andersen was the first teacher to publicly refuse fingerprinting because she said it is a violation of her privacy and basic liberties.

Co-president of MSAD 22 teacher's union, Serena Morris added there are educators not making public stances against

fingerprinting but who feel their rights have been infringed upon. According to Morris, most teachers she knows feel the law is incriminating.

"This law adds to the compilation of things that are undesirable about teaching," said Morris.

Although she believes the law was created with good intentions, Morris wonders how it will prevent child abuse in Maine.

According to statistical information provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the percentage of school employees in Maine found abusing children is less than .1 percent of total child abuse cases. The leading

group of perpetrators are found to be parents. The statistics also show there is about one case of child abuse in Maine schools every two years.

The law affects all school employees including cooks, custodians, bus drivers, administrators, substitute teachers and full-time teachers. New teachers and school employees must be fingerprinted before they can begin working, while current teachers are fingerprinted when their certification

runs out.

Maine and Washington D.C. are the only two places on the East Coast to make current teachers get fingerprinted. Other states in the Northeast, such as New Hampshire and New York, only fingerprint first-time school employees.

Mike Kane, an undergraduate education major, is not against teacher fingerprinting. Although he is not in favor of the law, Kane said he would do whatever it takes to teach.

"If teaching is really a pas-

sion, I don't see how this could bother you," Kane said.

As a student teacher at Bangor High School, Kane is learning the challenges teaching presents. He wants people to teach and not let laws interfere with the primary goals of teaching children.

"For me to take this [the law] personally, is an ego issue," Kane said.

The state legislature has no plans to amend the law or change fingerprinting guidelines to first-time teachers only.

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# LEGAL Affairs

BY TED CURTIS

By Attorney Ted Curtis

**Q. I am a second-year student from Massachusetts and need to file my taxes. Last year I earned money in both Maine and Massachusetts and am unsure what paperwork I need to fill out. I don't want to get into trouble for filing incorrectly. Can you help me?**

**A.** This is an excellent question and one which your fellow students can help you solve. Each year, University of Maine accounting students offer free assistance in filling out tax forms to fellow members of the campus community. The program is sponsored by the IRS and the students provide excellent assistance to confused tax payers.

This year, accounting students will be available on Mondays between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. in 117 Corbett Hall. No

appointment is necessary. Bring along all of your W-2 forms and any other tax information you might have. State of Maine and Federal tax form booklets are available at Fogler Library and the Orono Post Office.

If you need to file in another state besides Maine, try the Internet to obtain the correct forms. Many states, such as Massachusetts ([www.dor.state.ma.us/forms/tax-form](http://www.dor.state.ma.us/forms/tax-form)), have placed their tax forms online.

In some states you can file electronically, in others, the forms may be printed out and then mailed to the appropriate office.

**Q. Over spring break I got in some trouble and was charged with possession of a usable amount of marijuana. My family doesn't have much money and I am dependent on my student loans to stay in school. In retrospect, I realize how stupid my behavior was**

**and I am petrified that I will now lose my financial aid. Can you offer any guidance?**

**A.** I have recently heard from a number of students who are also afraid that they will lose their chance at an education due to a foolish mistake. Experimenting with drugs is never a smart choice and I hope that you have learned an important lesson. However, the law is somewhat forgiving in your case.

To fully answer your question, you need to understand a bit about the 1998 Amendment to the Higher Education Act (HEA) and how it pertains to Maine law. The HEA regulates how students who have been convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs in criminal cases receive federal financial aid. The law allows for early resumption of eligibility upon completion of a drug rehabilitation program. Convictions that are no longer on your record, or

that were juvenile offenses, will not count against you.

The completion of an approved drug rehabilitation program, or the passage of time for a single conviction (one year for possession, two years for selling), can reinstate your eligibility for federal money.

If you have multiple convictions, reinstating your eligibility is a bit more complex and requires you to lose your financial aid for a greater period of time. To be certain of the following advice, I consulted with the Federal District Attorney for Maine who assures me my analysis is correct.

The good news for you is that possession of a usable amount of marijuana is not a criminal offense in Maine. Chances are very good that you were charged with a civil infraction, not a criminal offense. Therefore, in your case, you remain eligible for federal financial aid. When you fill out the FAFSA (federal financial aid) form you should

not indicate that you have a conviction.

In a follow up on the Robert C. Johnson case, readers may be interested to learn that apparently the university does not believe it did anything wrong in the way Mr. Johnson was arrested, incarcerated or prosecuted.

*Legal Services of Student Government is located on the third floor of the Memorial Union (581-1789). Services are provided by the office of Theodore S. Curtis, Jr., Attorney at Law. Office hours are Monday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Legal questions may be presented to the Legal Services office, conveyed to us by inter-office mail, or sent to Theodore Curtis or Jennifer O'Leary on FirstClass. Copyright Theodore Curtis, 2001.*

## Chocolate Grille

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rooms at McDonald's. But the Chocolate Grille's does. And no chain restaurant offers food like the Chocolate Grille's.

"It's darn good," George Jostin, a patron, said Saturday while enjoying his large sirloin steak.

His wife Patti Jostin was even more honest as she ate an avocado and spinach dip appetizer and lobster tortellini dinner.

"I'm really enjoying this tremendous flavor," she said. "I've had enough of my own bland food."

Chocolate Grille also cooks up party plans. Trivia contests are a daily staple there. National Trivia Network provides the games, via a centrally located big screen. Players answer the screen with remote access miniature computers that also contain a chat room. People across the country are playing the same games at the same time. While NTN offers the trivia nut comparison to tough national competition, games are actually played within the bar.

For more rambunctious celebrations, Chocolate Grille has turned popular holidays into monthly events. On the first of every month they host a New Year's Party and every seventeenth they get green with a St. Paddy's Day celebration. The fourth of each month brings a

Fourth of July party. No need to wait for February, Valentine's Day comes to Chocolate Grille every fourteenth.

"I'm always fighting with my girlfriend," one patron said. "Monthly Valentine's days help me make up, as long as we don't hit the bar."

Managing partner Kent McLaughlin says he welcomes the college crowds to his parties, and of course, the bar. McLaughlin and co-owner George Gervais have plans for more modern methods of reaching out to University of Maine students.

"We're creating a Web site that will offer online coupons, upcoming promotions and all the relevant information," McLaughlin said.

The bottom line is this bar and grill's entertaining mix of efficiency and inspiration reveals the owners' experience and devotion to the restaurant business.



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Child Development Services - Washington County is seeking a person with a bachelor's degree in Speech and Communications to work with preschool children in the Calais, Maine area. Knowledge and skill in working with young children with speech/language delays and the ability to establish rapport with families is required. Opportunities are available to interact with other therapists serving young children. The job requires some travel in the northeastern corner of Washington County and is Calais based. This is a full time position with a good benefits package. Salary commensurate with experience. Please send letter of introduction, resume, and list of references to Child Development Services, P.O. Box 718, Machias, ME 04654. If you wish further information call (207) 255-4892.

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Call 581-1406.

## Correction

The tuition prices in Friday's article, "State proposes help for college costs," were actually full college prices. The actual tuition prices at the University of Maine for undergraduates (including fees) are for 2001-2002: \$5,070 per year for in-state, \$12,810 for out of state; and for graduate students \$4,270 for in-state, \$11,218 for out of state.





By Nicole Bran  
Crime Reporter

A follow up with the state police on Tuesday, March 27, concerning the '91 Ford Explorer stolen from in front of Kennebec Hall, led police to exit 39 in Newport.

At around 10 p.m. on March 27 State Trooper Vicki Gardner found the Explorer in Newport and called for a K-9 unit to possibly track the suspect.

According to reports, the dog ran a track to the Irving Big Stop in Newport and directly to a pay phone. At the same time the dog was tracking the suspect, Newport police were taking a stolen vehicle report at the same Irving Big Stop.

The owner of 1999 Chevy Z71 with a 1999 Arctic Cat in the back reported that he left the keys in the truck while gassing up and then went inside to pay. When he returned, his truck was missing.

A male fitting the description of the suspect in the first theft had been seen at the Big Stop.



Public Safety discovered a stolen 1999 Chevy Z71 with a 1999 Arctic Cat snowmobile in the truck's bed yesterday in the Dunn parking lot. CAMPUS PHOTO BY JASON CANNIFF.

Upon searching the area, police found a key ring that had keys to the Ford Explorer on it.

On Wednesday, March 28 at 6:30 a.m. Connecticut State Police informed

Newport Police that the driver of a pickup truck fitting the description of the one taken from the Big Stop had gassed up in Darien, Conn. and driven off without paying.

The suspect is described as being a male between the ages of 18 and 21 years old, six feet tall with a slim build and short pinkish, purple hair. He was wearing a brown jacket with a sheepskin collar and carrying a black L.L. Bean backpack.

Tuesday, April 3, both the Chevy Z71 and the snowmobile stolen from Newport were found parked in the Dunn parking lot on campus.

Anyone with information pertaining to this case should contact Public Safety at 581-4040.

Bruce Harrington, 21, was arrested on a charge of operating after numerous suspensions and was issued a summons on a charge of possession of a usable amount of marijuana on Saturday, March 31.

According to reports, a Public Safety Officer observed a 1982

Dodge Ram traveling north on Rangely Road. The pickup reportedly had no rear lights.

The vehicle was stopped and after running a license check it was found that Harrington was currently under more than one suspension. A search of the vehicle also turned up a joint in the glove compartment.

At around 2:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 31, Officer Rick Ouellette responded to a report of a vehicle off Rangely Road.

Upon arrival, Ouellette found a 1995 Chevy Cavalier over the embankment. The driver, who was visibly upset, claimed that he had been assaulted by another student in a dorm room.

The alleged suspect was questioned and two different stories were obtained. The situation is still under investigation.

On Tuesday, March 27, a staff member in Gannet Hall reported to Public Safety that he or she had heard a conversation between residents about one of them having just stolen a bike.

Officer Mike Coffey spoke with the males and according to reports, one of the males admitted to taking the bike from in front of Bennett Hall.

The bike is a black Columbia.

## Campus Greens oppose Americas' Free Trade

By Joe Gunn  
Campus Politics Reporter

The University of Maine Greens presented their opposition to the ongoing development of the Free Trade Area of the Americas in the Bangor Lounge of the Memorial Union Monday.

"Eventually, [with this agreement], corporations will have more control than the actual people...this is scary," Liz Rogan, a member of the UMaine Greens, said.

The group decided to provide information on the history of the FTTA and give their input on the eve of their meeting as part of the "Summit of the Americas." The conference, scheduled for April 20-22 in Quebec City, will witness the FTTA beginnings of composing the final draft of its charter and laws.

FTTA, an expansion of the North American Free Trade Agreement, is currently being negotiated by trade representatives of 34 nations in the Western Hemisphere, including the United States.

While the agreement appears to lessen trade economic restrictions as a means of facilitating the market economy, the Greens believe there is a reason for anger and concern.

"Most of us aren't aware of it, yet you feel its effects everyday, from the price of gas to the price of bottled water," Rogan said.

Green member Ella Twigg outlined what she called "potentially dangerous" aspects of the agreement, especially as it concerns the ability provided for corporations to sue governments that they feel are infringing upon their right to do business.

She cited the power FTTA gives businesses to challenge national laws, for example in the arena of public health. She noted that the FTTA gives pharmaceutical companies the right to patent medicines, subsequently ousting less expensive generic brands within a market.

According to Twigg, this would deny those living in poverty from being able to afford new drugs that combat such diseases as AIDS, because it gives major corporations power to corner the market.

In bypassing safety regulations under the threat of litigation,

Twigg said FTTA could speed the spread of infectious diseases. For example, the spread of disease such as the hoof and mouth epidemic in Great Britain can be linked to regulations implemented to speed up market intake for companies.

She also brought up what she and the Greens view as an infringement on the rights of labor unions under the proposed FTTA.

"Now, companies can resist union organizing by threatening to [close down] and get their labor from Mexico," she said.

The Greens also dealt with what they view as a major consequence of FTTA, the uprooting of indigenous cultures in the name of globalization. They showed a video to illustrate their point, depicting the plight of the peasants of the Mexican state of Chiapas.

Since the inception of NAFTA, the guaranteed right to private property under the Mexican Constitution was revoked. This caused any peasants to cultivate crops to export while they receive little of the profit.

The video showed the efforts of the Mexican government to stamp out the Zapatista, a secret organization intent on defending the basic human rights of citizens in Chiapas against what they view as the "dissolving of the Mexican culture in order to fit the needs of the global economy."

The Greens also brought up their opposition to negotiations between trade ministers in the organization being performed in secret.

They said this practice, done by non-elected officials, concerns the everyday lives of producers and consumers everywhere. They do not consider this practice "democratic."

When it comes to citizens becoming involved with the implications of a functioning FTTA, Green member Nate Shea is hopeful that the upcoming protests in Quebec will be effective in spreading the word.

"The Green movement is very non-violent...that's what's going to be effective in helping to get our point across," he said.

The Peace Studies Program will be hosting a discussion on the FTTA Wednesday, April 11, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in 100 DPC.

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# Livestock disease disrupts Ireland-bound travelers

Jennifer Gundersen  
For The Maine Campus

Outbreaks of foot and mouth disease throughout England and Ireland hampered the plans of many University of Maine students headed on a spring break trip to Galway, Ireland as a part of their Introduction to Irish Culture class.

"Ireland is basically one big pasture," Janelle Tonti, a third-

year engineering student, said. "And since most of the sites we planned on seeing were located in fields and pastures we were not allowed to go to many of them."

The fear of spreading foot and mouth, a disease that infects cows and sheep with sores on their hooves and tongues, resulted in travel restrictions throughout Ireland and made access to many historic and tourist sites difficult. The class learned about this problem and made changes to their itinerary just a week before they left for Ireland.

"Most of the museums and visitor sites were closed, all outdoor sports events had been canceled, and trips onto farms were banned," Kay Retzlaff, the trip's leader and a lecturer in modern languages and classics for Continuing Education, said.

Substitute activities for the class included horseback riding,

tours of Western Ireland and a ferry ride to the Aran Islands in Galway Bay.

"We went to a lot of churches and cathedrals instead of the ancient ruins and historical sites," said Tonti, "The churches all started to blend together after a while."

Tonti said the change of plans was a disappointment for the group. Local residents were upset by the restrictions because they too have to follow the travel restrictions.

"Our tour guide arranged other events for us to make up for any feelings of loss," Retzlaff said.

A trip to Clonmacnoise, one of the earliest Christian sites in Ireland, was canceled and access was limited to the Poul nabrone Dolmen, a prehistoric burial site, which was located in the middle of a cow pasture.

"We went on a tour of a big

house of the Ascendary, one of the few that wasn't torn down or destroyed at the time Ireland became a separate nation in the early 20th century," Retzlaff said. "The home's owner was originally from Massachusetts and treated us like home folks."

Events planned for St. Patrick's Day were also difficult for the class.

"Usually they have a parade and dye the river green, but they couldn't do that this year," said Tonti. "The town was extremely crowded nonetheless and all the pubs were full."

To avoid spreading foot and mouth disease, the Irish have taken special precautions in all public areas. People were expected to walk across large disinfected mats to clean their shoes before entering shops, churches and public buildings. The bus's tires were also disinfected at one of the sites the

group visited.

"The process of disinfecting to get into a restaurant in Galway was more difficult than the one we needed to do to get back into the United States," Tonti said.

Another precaution has been to slaughter all livestock living within a 10-kilometer radius of suspected cases.

"The folks that I dealt with in the tourist industry were extremely worried," Retzlaff said. "They felt that the farmers were going to be reimbursed by the government, but that the tourist industry was going to be really hurting."

Despite the circumstances, Retzlaff hopes students recognized the stereotypes of Irish culture are often misrepresented in popular culture and the media.

"This was a great trip," Retzlaff said. "The students were great and really engaged the culture."

## Prism from page 1

capital expenses to get the first crew started.

Odera said he would talk with the university administrators to see if other departments on campus would like to help with funds or with ideas and work. He would try the English department to see if they would like to advise the publication group.

Odera said he hopes to promote the idea to the interested lower-classmen, who will have more years to work on the publication and take on the responsibility of keeping it going well.

Odera's idea for the first yearbook, whether it's still called Prism, could be a recap of the last few years here at the University of Maine.

"I don't want it to be a Student Government thing," Odera said. "I want the yearbook to do it's own thing, like a yearbook should."

These are only his ideas for now, Odera said. He first needs to convince the General Student Senate of his argument, which is that it is "pathetic" the University of Maine doesn't have a yearbook and that Student Government needs to "make sure there's something students can take away from the university besides a diploma

## Who made who?



Nolan Tobey, a second-year student at UMaine performs a duet of an AC/DC song with comedian Jim Breuer at his performance at the MCA Monday night. CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK W. LIPCZYNSKI.

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# EDITORIAL

## Good news for registration

Signing up for classes has always been a matter of guesswork at best. Seemingly nonexistent advisors, requirements more changeable than Maine weather, a constant busy signal on the Main-Line and a course book that does not allow students to plan for the future have always been major obstacles facing students desperate to sign up for courses they need to graduate.

Finally, the University of Maine has taken a step in the right direction. The UMaine Department of Academic Affairs recently published a new and improved version of the schedule of classes. For the first time it gives courses for both the Fall of 2001 and the Spring of 2002 semesters.

Giving students the chance to look two semesters into the future will help take the guesswork out of course sign up time. Students will be able to know with relative certainty that a class they could not fit into their schedule or decided not to take in the fall will be available in the spring. It will be a welcome relief for all students and assure seniors that the end is truly in sight.

The new course book also includes a final exam schedule for both the fall and the spring semesters. This will make it easier for all students to prepare to travel home for winter and summer breaks. Those who live further away from UMaine will enjoy the added bonus of being able to purchase plane tickets well in advance, making getting home a less stressful part of finals week and possibly less straining on the wallet.

## Wal-Mart decision reasonable

The Bangor Planning Board met last night for an open meeting to discuss and vote on several issues concerning the proposed Bangor Super Wal-Mart. After commentary by the board members, a vote was cast, 3-2, that denied the site plan from the applicant, Kevin Kane, of Widewaters Stillwater Company. However, the planning board did vote unanimously to allow a conditional use, meaning minimally, that the debate will continue and Wal-Mart's plans will undoubtedly march on in its efforts, despite protest.

But, while the results of the meeting may seem vague and indecisive, they were made with an intelligent and focused sense of moderation that we rarely see in politics of growing municipalities. It seems that in some cases, the lure of more jobs and increased tax revenue have been the dominant and premature factor in the decision making process. Not the case in Bangor.

With the issue of infringement by the project into the "rare natural beauty" of bog and streams nearby, only slow, measured steps should, and have been taken to ensure its deserved longevity.

Although the vote did not satisfy all the expectations of the business and environmental extremes that took stock in the debate, it yielded a reasonable compromise. It will allow for further, deserved research on environmental impact while retaining, for now, Widewaters' property rights.

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## Letters to the Editor

### •Maine Campus

It is absolutely ridiculous to think that the University of Maine, the state's flagship university, is going to be without a campus paper soon. Unfortunately, as most of you know, this is what may happen if something isn't done to help out *The Maine Campus*. No matter what your opinion of the paper, it is easy to find and helpful for students looking to find out what is going on during the week. Some people might think, "Oh big deal ... we'll just look up everything on FirstClass from now on." But did you ever stop to think that over half the people that go to UMaine live off campus and can't just hop on the network as easily as students on campus? I can think of numerous people who would rather grab a paper and read it later then try to search for everything on FirstClass during their lunch break. Plus, on FirstClass you don't get the stories or reviews about shows and performers, you don't get to see the different opinions of students about what is happening on campus and you don't get the bad comic strips (okay, so maybe that's a plus).

The point is, do any of you care enough to at least attempt to save this paper? I propose that another \$3 gets added to every student's comprehensive fee to go toward the budget of *The Maine Campus*. That would be an additional \$30,000+ to whatever they get for a budget next fall. This seems reasonable to me. In the meantime, let's try to put on some more fund-raisers and really get the word out. Get your groups involved; maybe we can put something together. If anyone is interested, please contact me over FirstClass.

Nathan Shea  
DTAV

### •Jonathan Wells

This student body, as a whole, is an apathetic student body. Involvement in any kind of political or community activism is at an all-time low. The Internet is a wonderful thing, but on our campus it has become the favorite surrogate for face-to-face, human relationships. The most excitement we have to offer is getting wasted on Thursday. This deadness is not good.

So why is it that a student-organized program promoting intellectual vigor and rigorous self-examination receives such a bad rap? On April 11, Dr. Jonathan Wells has been invited to come to our campus to raise some questions about the scientific legitimacy of evolutionary theory. He is not a creationist preacher, he is a scientist with some honest and rational criticisms of the popular

perspective. Shouldn't an institution like the University of Maine, pillar of inquiry as it is, gladly welcome such a speaker, especially if he brings controversial views?

The problem with apathy, intellectual or social, is that it continues. The inner fire that we kindle during our time at UMaine is the same one that we hopefully will bring to life after college, to our careers, to our families, to our citizenship. But what benefit will we bring to our world if the inner hearth is cold? So I urge and invite you to look into programs that challenge your assumption, instead of obtusely blowing them off. You are paying this place too much to spend your time here defending your brain from education.

Kristi Auer

## Thumbs Up Thumbs Down

**GSS-** Thanks to a \$10,000 allotment from the Senate, *The Maine Campus* will be able to finish out the semester.

**Schedule of courses book -** Fall and spring semester classes are listed, along with final exam schedules.

**Hockey team-** Congratulations on a good season.

**April snow showers-** Flowers won't be blooming anytime soon if the weather persists.

**License plate proposal-** UMaine plate benched until summer.

**Faculty Senate-** Their proposal to change fall break will not go over well with students.



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# OPINION

## A step backward for sex ed

To knock boots, to get your groove on, to hide the sausage, twinkie or bologna, to bump uglies, to dance the horizontal mambo, to be bed buddies, to boink, to make whoopie, to pork. Or not.

At the end of March, Rep. Jay MacDougall (R-North Berwick) and Sen. Michael McAlevey (R-York) along with several conservative legislators introduced LD 1261, "An Act to Promote Abstinence in Sex Education and through Public Education." The bill requires schools to teach "abstinence only" in sex education classes and requires courses have "an emphasis, provided in a factual manner and from a public health perspective, that homosexuality is not a lifestyle acceptable to the general public." The bill also prohibits the distribution of condoms in conjunction with a course on human sexuality.

This bill, while not only hateful, has the unique capability of setting Maine back decades. To combine homophobia and Christian conservatism in one bill is as asinine as is humanly possible.

Supporters of this bill and abstinence-only education have begun bringing up the same old arguments.

Sex enthusiasts like myself often argue that teenagers are going to have sex no matter which type of sex education they

receive. The difference between people who shag after comprehensive sex education rather than abstinence-only education is pregnancy, herpes, chylmidia, gonorrhea, syphilis, crabs, genital warts, HIV and a myriad of other STDs and negative consequences.



**Kimberly Leonard**  
Maine Campus  
Style Editor

Now, don't get me wrong, I do believe in abstinence education. Learning how to avoid sex until you are ready is as important as learning how to use a condom and maintain a respectful relationship. It is a careful balance and violating that balance in schools subjects students to a world of ignorance. I firmly believe that if parents want to teach their children abstinence rather than safe sex or a mix, they should feel free to do so in their own homes. If they raise their children with that belief, perhaps sex will wait until after marriage. Good for them.

Another argument from the abstinence-only camp states that teenagers can be expected to wait until marriage to have sex. Yeah, right. Let's all think back now. It's been happening since the dawn of time. Two kids sneaking off to roll in the hay while Mom and Dad

watch "Leave it to Beaver" on Sunday evening. It is natural behavior for people going through a physically wrecking time of their lives. And, in my humble opinion, it is the perfect time in their lives to do that experimentation if they have the proper education and tools (no pun intended).

Those who frown on premarital coitus have also argued that pregnancy rates have dropped in the past decade, which is completely true. Those people argue that the drop in teen pregnancy is due to abstinence teaching. Well, they were teaching abstinence before. There has been a rise in comprehensive sex education which I would gather is the real reason behind the drop in pregnancies.

All considered, I can honestly say I would have done it anyway. Wouldn't you have? The obvious choice is to educate in order to produce intelligent, informed fornicators.

This bill, LD 1261, is a step in the wrong direction. I can't even start on the teaching of homophobia in schools and how wrong that is. I will save it for another column. This bill needs to be squashed by all reasonable, rational people. Please contact your legislators.

*Kimberly Leonard is a senior journalism major who prefers being called Kimberly over Kim.*

## Drug war riddled with many myths

There are many myths about the drug war, promulgated by both proponents and opponents. Here is one of them:

Myth No. 1: Most of the million-plus drug law violators serving those horrendously long prison sentences without hope of parole are there for using or directly selling minor amounts of drugs. For the most part they

are guilty of those acts, but that's not why they are in prison.

Under federal law the maximum sentence for simple possession of any quantity of drugs (other than crack cocaine) is one year and the mandatory minimum sentences for selling do not kick in until 500 grams are involved (five grams in the case of crack cocaine). Most state laws are similar. There are not enough people involved with those quantities of drugs to account for our inmate population growing from 400,000 to over two million in under 30 years.

The large majority of drug war prisoners are there for violating the drug conspiracy laws. In the 1980s, a simple one-sentence change made conspiracy to commit a criminal act the equivalent of the act itself, with the same penalties. Conspiracy is much easier and certain: guilt is presumed; innocence is not. Hearsay testimony is allowed (for the prosecution) and its truth is presumed. It has been broadly defined by the Supreme Court to make merely having knowledge of a drug crime and not reporting it to be conspiracy.

The main reason for charging conspiracy rather than actually selling, possessing or using drugs, however, is that the conspiracy laws now allow imposition of those dreadful mandatory minimum sentences on users and the smallest of sellers. By definition, knowingly buying an illegal substance has always been a conspiracy between

buyer and seller. But a buyer is now presumed to know that the seller is a dealer, and can be charged with conspiracy for all of the drug sold by that dealer, and be subject to the same penalties. That goes for all of a dealer's customers.

Since judges are no longer allowed to impose lower sentences (they can — and many do — impose lengthier

ones), the only way out is to cop a plea with the prosecution by snitching on others. Dealers routinely do that, and usually end up with a fine and short sentence, often just parole. The customers receive the mandatory minimums though, unless they snitch on others. Many do just that. And truth is not a prerequisite.

A typical conspiracy victim is a woman whose husband or boyfriend is a major dealer with little if any involvement by her; she may not even be aware of it. He is caught dealing and drugs are found hidden in her home or car, and she is presumed to have been aware of his activities.

She can be charged as a conspirator, even if he says she knew nothing (testimony of dealers is credible only as government witnesses, don'tcha know), and sentenced to 10 years and up — most likely up — without parole.

The same applies to all the dealer's customers. But because he has cooperated by snitching, the dealer is let off with a fine and a few years or even parole. His woman and customers probably have no one to snitch on, unless they lie. The only way she can establish her innocence is to prove she couldn't have known, which is a bit difficult if they've been living together.

Not surprisingly, the female prison population is rising far faster than the male population.

*Arthur Cannon writes for The Times Record.*

### Arthur Cannon

For The Maine Campus

## Porn stars wanted, all positions

Being a porn star must be an odd profession. Your whole day at "work" would be humping co-workers named Bubbles and Trixie in the pooper and other uncomfortable areas (like the back of a Volkswagen).

You can't have a normal name when your job is performing rough sex. A plain name gives off the impression you are less dominant in the sack. You are far better off to be known as something tacky like "Massive Reggie" or "Chokie Cox."

One might inquire about the job benefits for being an adult entertainer. In most jobs you are provided with some sort of dental/medical plan from the company's insurance agency. One would think that it would be hard to find a reputable dentist being a porn actor or actress. I know that I wouldn't personally root around in a porno mouth for the same cost as a normal cleanup. I would also feel eerie about being a porn star's physician, well, unless I was a bone doctor.

Do porno stars have to do their own taxes? My part-time jobs

require me to fill out W2 forms. In the box that says "earned income" they must write "you have no idea, pal." And how exactly do producers of adult films determine wage? Per hour? Salary? Per orgasm?

### Nate Drinkwater

For The Maine Campus

No pornographic actor or actress could possibly have a grandmother alive. It would be a shade under impossible to explain to a sweet old lady, busy making you fresh cookies, that you are starring in such movies as "Wad Gobblers 17" or "The Anal Adventures of Max Hardcore." That element of surprise directly leads to strokes.

You never see pornography stars at your school's career day. There are always the regular booths with prestigious doctors, lawyers with fancy smiles and that shady-looking military dude trying to get you to "be all that you can be." Never once do you

see a booth filled with scantily clad women and mustached athletic men jumping into spontaneous sex acts on the folding table. I guess it would take away from the dental hygienist's booth.

Last year I remember meeting with my high school guidance counselor. We sat down and tried to map out the rest of my working life in a convenient half hour segment before lunch. We typed my special interests into the computer to see what kind of predicted outcome came about. Of the choices to pick from — strong math skills, people skills, interests in science, nature, etc. — not one question even bothered to lead toward a career in sex. In the "things I enjoy" part of the evaluation there was no option to say I am interested in casual sex, pubic relations and jumping the bones of the people with whom I work.

All in all, being a porno actor/actress isn't such a bad field of work. It is about the only job where you can be happy to bring your work home with you. It is just best to skip "Bring Your Daughter to Work Day."

*Nate Drinkwater is a first-*

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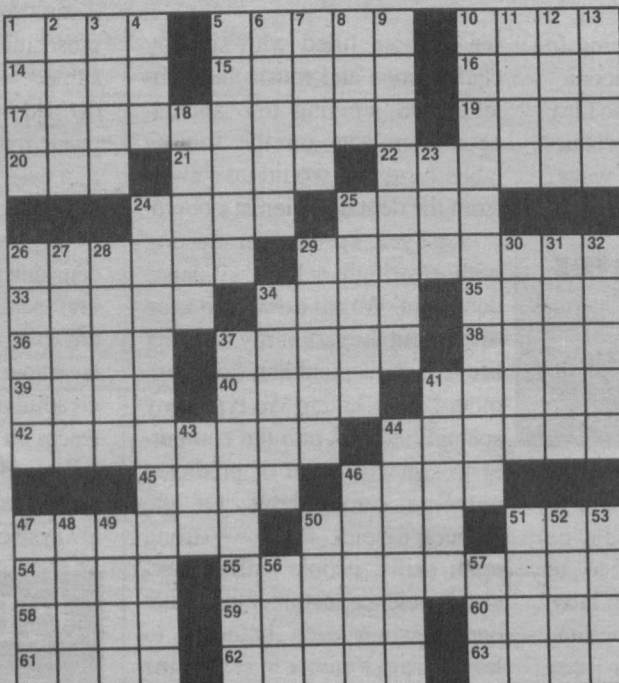
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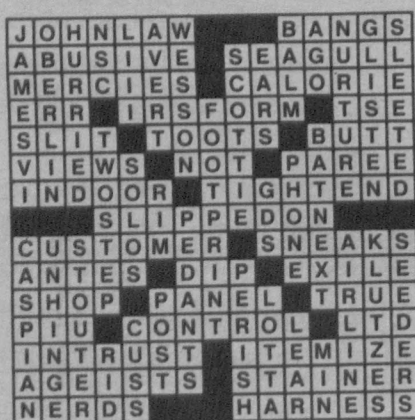
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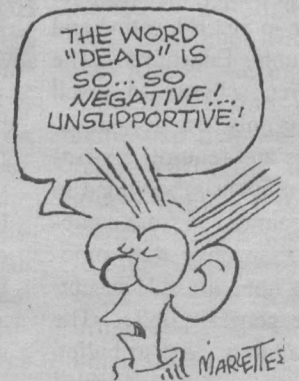
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by Doug Marlette



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# style & arts

## Breuer and DiFranco send audiences away happy

Comedian highlights show by bringing crowd onstage

By Mark Lipczynski  
For The Maine Campus

Jim Breuer has gained popularity in recent years due in part to his short stint on Saturday Night Live and the hit movie *Half Baked*. Breuer, as a stand-up comedian (infrequently seen on cable television's Comedy Central), can easily be summed up as an animated and very dynamic character.

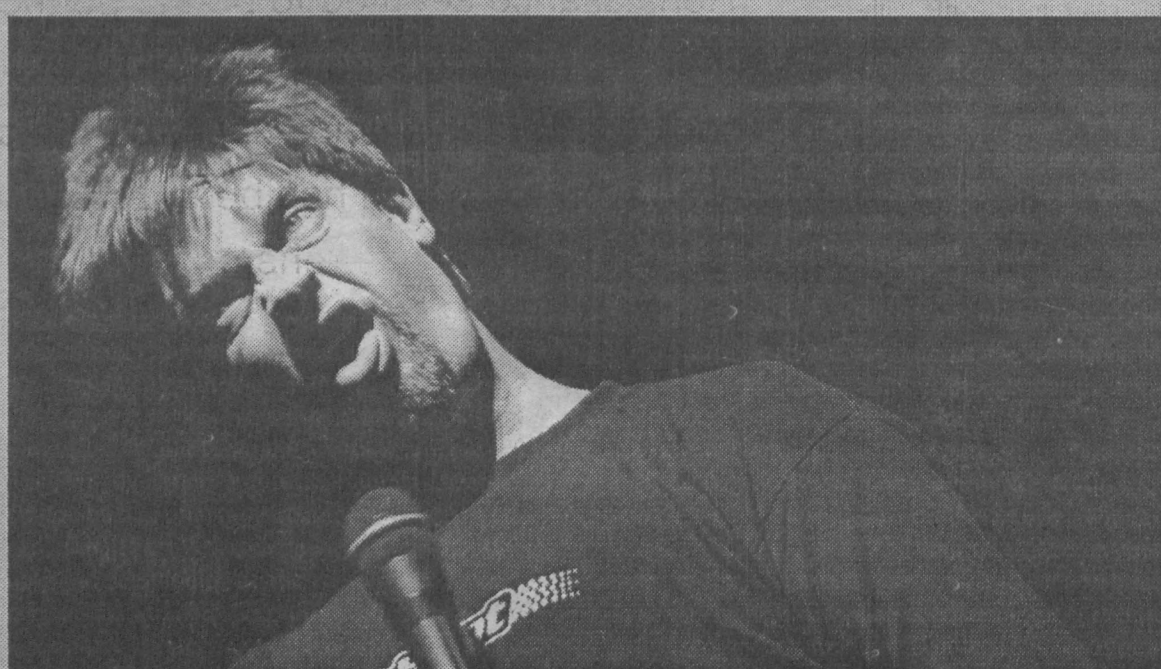
Monday night he gave an electrifying performance to a sold out crowd in the Maine Center for the Arts. Excited energy flowed through the MCA before the show creating a steady buzz of softened conversation and muffled laughter. Fifteen minutes past the show's starting time as anticipation began growing into annoyance, the lights went out and the crowd of approximately 1600 abandoned softened conversation in exchange for an enormous thunder of screaming, cheering and applause.

The curtain rose exposing two guitar players, one on either side

of a drummer, referred to as "the Breu Crew" playing the intro music for Breuer's awaited entrance. The show was on. Immediately upon his entrance Breuer enthralled the audience with his amazing ability to portray several characters in one situation at one time as he started a fight with himself. He ultimately broke the spat up as he pulled himself back off stage only to reappear pie-eyed and grinning as sardonically as ever. He began by asking "what do you do here, man?" referring to the remoteness of Maine.

His hilarious portrayal of some of baseball's greatest modern day players such as Mark McGwire was a huge hit with the crowd. Among some of his other great impressions was the ever popular goatboy, which Breuer created on Saturday Night Live.

He did short skits on getting high, revealing that "that's just me. . . I'm not promoting it" about smoking marijuana. He did acts on his elderly poodle "Duffy," the realism of having a baby and giving birth. A short



Comedian Jim Breuer gave a hilarious performance of hand gestures and imitations backed by his band "the Breu Crew" Monday night at the MCA. CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK W. LIPCZYNSKI.

reference to children's television's the "Teletubbies" and a Spanish speaking Grover from "Sesame Street" was a hit.

His references to drinking alcohol were witty in how he created voices to speak with an ethnic accent for each type of

liquor, such as the Scottish accent when he spoke of Scotch and a Spanish accent when he referred to Tequila. This led to a skit of a party in the stomach and how mixing drinks gets them all thrown out, or up rather.

He did hand impressions of a three-legged umpire and of a dog defecating as well as imitations of the classic rock band AC/DC singing the hokey pokey in which the audience participated.

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## Self-made songstress aggressive and funny at MCA show

By Julia Hall  
For The Maine Campus

Fans came out in the cold and snow to see Ani DiFranco perform Saturday night at the Maine Center for the Arts. Expectations were more than met.

It was smokier than usual in the red theater that night as the audience waited for the opening act to begin. Hamell on Trial opened for Ani. The audience warmed up to his funny and welcoming persona. He told some jokes, wailed on his guitar like it was a chainsaw and acquired some new fans no doubt.

His songs were funny and insightful, and his guitar playing was so loud you couldn't even hear the fans screaming and cheering him on (which I'm pretty sure they were).

Then, Ani took the stage. It was dark and only her silhouette was visible for the first few moments. Her band (consisting of horn players, a pianist, accordion player, drummer and bass guitarist) prepared for the first song. Cheers and hollers rang through the MCA as the fans recognized DiFranco's small frame and big hair (DiFranco has been notoriously known for being the blond girl with the

braids). The lights came on and the place erupted with screams. She opened up with an oldie but a goodie - "Shy" from the album "Not a Pretty Girl" (1995). The audience was pumped up and she dove into another old tune "Untouchable Face" which had the entire crowd singing along (had you walked into the auditorium, you would have heard almost every single person screaming "F-you!" at the top of their lungs in time with the song). The next four songs were new, off her album entitled "Revelling/Reckoning" which is set to be released in stores April 10.

After a while, I stopped tallying new verses of old songs and just let myself enjoy the show. It wasn't too hard. DiFranco puts on a performance that is versatile, raw and wonderful. She's a folk singer, a beatnik poet and a rock star all rolled into one small person with a voice bigger than Canada. Her guitar is less an instrument and more an extension of her body and she hammers on it like she doesn't notice that it's almost as large as she is.

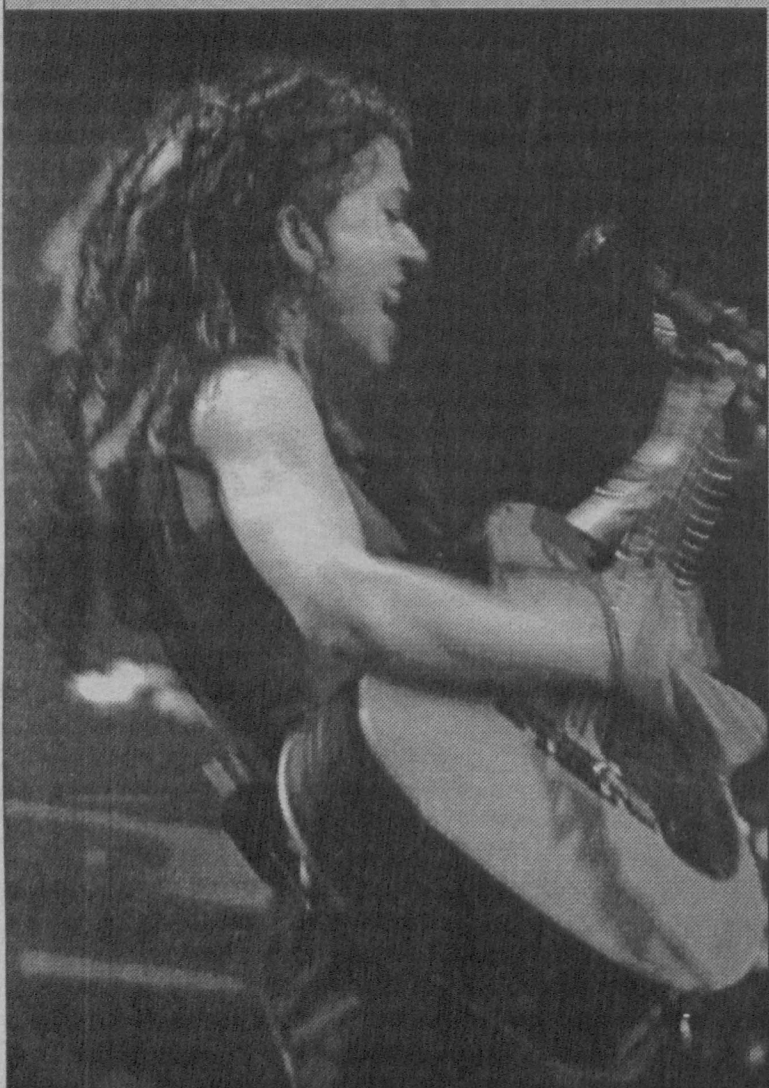
Every song she played was well written and enjoyable, but my favorite would have to be

"Rock Paper Scissors" off the "Revelling/Reckoning" album. It was sad and beautiful and showed off Ani's voice. The song says, "This melancholy that I carry makes me feel so grown up, at my kitchen table doing shots of resignation, I never thought I'd see the day when I would say I give up." Her words are nothing short of poetry.

Though DiFranco's music is aggressive, intimate and funny: Her style is an acquired taste. You have to listen to the songs a few times before you are thoroughly impacted by her words and rhythms. Yet you don't have to be a fan to appreciate the shrewdness of her commentary.

"This place is f---ing red!" said DiFranco of the Maine Center for the Arts. After the crowd laughed good-naturedly, DiFranco said with a straight face, "It's nice to have a place with no aisles so you can't be persecuted."

DiFranco makes a great profile; funny, gracious and politically outspoken. More importantly, she is a talented musician. Her track record speaks for itself — a dozen albums and her own record company are just some of the credits.



Ani DiFranco gave a captivating performance to a sold-out crowd at Saturday night's show in the MCA. CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK W. LIPCZYNSKI



# A capella group gives women more than music

By Scott Shelton  
For The Maine Campus

Friends long for it. Most performers only dream of being able to do something that you are truly passionate about with a group of their closest friends.

Emily Cain, a junior music major at the University of Maine, spends several hours each week singing her heart out with several other talented women on campus and can't imagine life without singing.

Emily has participated in the University Singers since she came to UMaine in the fall of 1998. Touring with them, she had opportunities to see the Maine Steiners, an all men's a cappella choir, perform with the University Singers.

While Emily has been enthralled with all the talent, her curiosity peaked at the smaller, more intimate group — the Maine Steiners. After the conclusion of their tour, several of the singers discussed the prospect of forming a group similar to the Steiners, but for women. Cain says her near weekly question to women, both in and out of the music department, was: "Why can't we do this?"

This question and an e-mail campaign gave birth to a group of eight women known today as "Renaissance."

Renaissance seemed to be the

perfect name for the women's performing group. Going back to the way things "should be," Renaissance captures the spirit of these talented women, which has been zealous since their first rehearsals.

While maintaining a strong group of performers is an important element in making a group

track to Coyote Ugly.

The singers rely on their ear and creativity in emulating the many instruments and vocals that comprise a recording.

Because none of the works Renaissance performs have been purchased or follow sheet music, flexibility is key. "You'd be surprised how many different

Renaissance is also broadening its horizons from within. Stephanie Hayward has written a new song entitled "Phoenix," especially for the group. This piece works with the strengths of each individual singer, while each contributes equally to the whole.

With a pause, Cain takes time

I still love it," says Cain.

She recalls their debut performance in Hauck Auditorium in the fall of 2000, praying before the show that they would fill even half the house. "When we walked on stage and saw the auditorium full with over 400 people who were cheering for us, we were overrun with excitement."

Floored by the enthusiasm and positive feedback they have received, the only place Cain sees the Renaissance group going is forward. "We're having a great time performing, and that's what it's about."

She has never been held back or discouraged by any discord amongst group members; any disagreements the group may have are resolved before there's ever a problem. "There's never anything I leave mad about, because we're all friends."

Renaissance is always promoting its organization while on tour with the University Singers. The Singers travel together each year during spring break, touring the Northeastern United States and Ontario, Canada. The tour makes stops in many communities at both schools and churches and frequently performs three times a day at different venues.

Emily sees this as both a performance and opportunity to

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successful, the genre and music selection they pursue is equally crucial.

Many of the singers work on new arrangements for songs to add to the group's repertoire, selecting a mix of both current pop hits, and older hits from the '40s, '50s and '60s, giving every listener something to enjoy.

Emily Burns recently completed an arrangement for "The Way You Look Tonight" by Tony Bennett, while Cain just finished "The Right Kind of Wrong" by LeAnne Rimes, from the sound-

sounds there are in a given song," says Cain.

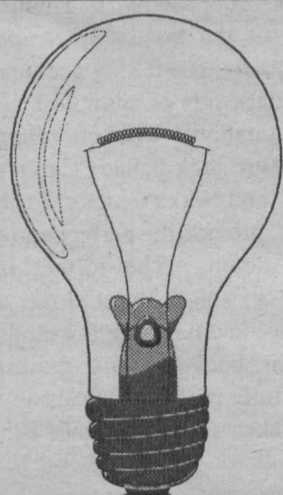
She begins each new arrangement by listening to the song, trying to hear everything except the words and asking herself questions like: "Can we make those noises?" and "What kind of chord is that? Where is that on the keyboard? What syllables can I sing?"

Cain admits the task is time consuming, but the end results are always worth the effort, listening to their group come together as one cohesive unit.

to reiterate something. "We really like each other," she says, and thinks that is the most important thing about their group. A close-knit group of friends first, then performers. "You forget how much you love these people, and how lucky you are to be singing with them," she says.

Singing with a group who truly are your friends does inspire confidence. "You begin to say 'I'm up here because I want to be here, because I love to sing. And if they [the audience] don't like it, that is okay because

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## 'Eclectic Rolk' to be showcased

By Amanda Bouley  
For The Maine Campus

The band Maggi, Pierce, and E.J. may have a simple name, but this eclectic group is known for its diversity in songs, its randomness in performance and its zany style.

Maggi, Pierce, and E.J. will be playing in the Bangor Lounge at the University of Maine on Tuesday, April 10 from 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets are free for students and \$3 for non-students.

This Philadelphia-based trio has toured the Northeast and the Midwest extensively for the past five years. Maggi, Pierce, and E.J. will also be making stops in Camden, Portland, Bangor, Belfast and Hallowell as they tour Maine.

Maggi, Pierce, and E.J.'s style of music is defined by a term that

they've coined themselves, "Eclectic Rolk." "Eclectic" is for the wide range of music that they play and "rolk" stands for rockin' folk.

The group plays songs that range from jazz sing-a-longs to hypnotic hymnals to rock hits to country and blues. No matter what style of music they are performing their intricate three-part harmonies are their trademark.

Another defining feature of this group is their unusual performance style. In concert, this band is known to be energetic and random.

"They are known for their Chinese fire drill," says Ryan Romana, a publicist for Maggi, Pierce, and E.J., "What they do is they all get up and play each others instruments and take turns on the mike. They give a very

upbeat show, they are usually jumping all around the stage."

According to a recent article in Casco Bay Weekly, the group members have even been known to dance on the tabletops on occasion.

Maggi, Pierce, and E.J. have also released four CDs. Its first three display their spectrum of styles and influences. The fourth CD, "For," is a dedication to the memory and spirit of the late Jeff Buckley.

"Their act defies description because their music defies classification," said Michael Seese, of the Cleveland Free Times, "One minute they're coffee-house folkies, the next they're head-bangers, and then they're covering Yoko Ono tunes. The one constant is their unbelievable three-part harmonies."

## OMBUDS resource for students

Marshall Dury  
For The Maine Campus

There are a plethora of student services and organizations on the UMaine campus, one of which is OMBUDS — Overcome obstacles Manage problems, Break down barriers and cut through red tape, Understand the challenges you face, Develop strategies for success and Succeed in your goals.

OMBUDS may be one of the most important yet rarely discovered resources this campus has to offer. Their unique name stems from the Swedish word for representation or delegate. With a quirky name that stands for something serious, OMBUDS works and fights for students. They are a group of people advocating and helping students

through a wide variety of conflicts, problems or just day-to-day occurrences.

"We deal with a wide variety of things ... from academics, to lifestyle changes, to problems with roommates," said Shelly Harris, Administrative Assistant in the office of Center for Students and Community Life.

OMBUDS is a group of people who are student centered in their motivations and actions. They are willing to work and fight for the individual in all cases or problems. Serving the role of advocate to a student body of over 10,000 could certainly be a daunting task. OMBUDS, however, has many staff members who are ready and willing to help.

"Maybe you're having trouble with a professor who won't let

you make-up a test that you missed while you were sick ... we can direct you to which people to talk to and how to approach the situation before a serious conflict between a student and professor evolved," said Harris.

It would appear that OMBUDS is taking a parental role in the everyday student's life. However, OMBUDS does not preach to fix all the problems and mend all the wounds. Though OMBUDS is more the professional friend for times of conflict and confusion.

Although OMBUDS focuses around student advocacy, they are also concerned with breaking the mold of students vs. the system. They have developed this

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## Soundtrack a must-have for fans of '70s and 'Blow'

By Kris Healey  
For The Maine Campus

The New Line Cinema picture "Blow," starring Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz, Paul Reubens and Ray Liotta opens nationwide on Friday, April 6. While the film is still a few days away, the motion picture soundtrack, released on Cheeba Records is already in stores.

"Blow" chronicles the real life story of drug dealer George Jung. Jung began his dealing as a care-free hippie trying to support his lifestyle. After an arrest and a short stint in jail he re-emerged on the drug scene with a tip from a fellow inmate. Convinced that the real money was in a new high emerging from South America, Jung contacted Colombian drug king Pablo Escobar and together, flooded the American market with a new, hip and decadent drug ... cocaine.

While the story chronicles Jung's rise to immense riches, and his inevitable fall from grace, the soundtrack blazes a trail through the '70s cocaine heyday with Lynyrd Skynyrd, Bob Dylan, Marshall Tucker, KC & The Sunshine Band and Cream.

The Rolling Stones open the album with "Can't You Hear Me Knocking," a classic track from 1971 with blues rock undertones and a powerful guitar jam. Jagger's vocals are as grainy as ever, but only serve to make the song better. Gutsy and grabbing, "Can't You Hear Me Knocking" is a great opener.

The original power band Cream makes an appearance on the album with the song "Strange Brew." One of the classics from Clapton, Baker and Bruce, "Strange Brew" seems somewhat out of place on this album. Perhaps the Clapton blues-rock epic "Cocaine" would have been more appropriate.

Ram Jam provides track five with their 1977 hit "Black Betty." The song is a southern rock staple fusing fast paced, driving guitars with a head bopping drumbeat. As the backdrop to the trailer and television commercials, this song

was what first turned me on to the soundtrack. More so than any of the other classics on this album, this is the track you will still be humming hours after you turn off your CD player.

The Manfred Mann's Earth Band version of the Bruce Springsteen classic "Blinded By The Light" follows "Black Betty" with trippy keyboards and jamming guitars. The tortured lyric "...wrapped up like a deuce..." made Springsteen a star, but the Manfred Mann version took his lyrics one step farther. Better suited to the tone of this album than the original, this song is a '70s staple.

The Latin beats and infectious horns of Willie Rosario's "Let's Boogaloo" provide a good segway to the highlight of the album, "Keep It Comin' Love" by KC and The Sunshine Band. What soundtrack about '70s designer drug cocaine would be complete without the sounds of disco? This song is so groovy, Al Gore could dance to it. If you can resist the urge to set the album on repeat at the onset of this track, the rest of the album is worth a listen.

Track nine, "Yellow World" by J Girls is a forgettable filler song, as is Bob Dylan's "All The Tired Horses." The remaining three songs, however, are worth the price of the album alone. Track ten, "That Smell" by Lynyrd Skynyrd is the perfect song to accompany a story of indulgence and overkill. The song, supposedly a tribute to one of the band's own addict members, is a telling account of the dark side of addiction.

Marshall Tucker Band's southern rock ballad "Can't You See" and Nikka Costa's "Push & Pull" provide the perfect outro to the album. The former is a bluesy song about loss and escape and the latter is a mellow, guitar backed track featuring soulfully powerful vocals.

Taken as a whole, the "Blow" soundtrack is one of the better movie soundtracks of the last year. Rivaling the quality of "Wonder Boys," "Outside Providence" and "Almost Famous," the "Blow" soundtrack is a must have for any fan of '70s music.

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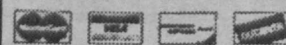
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To end the show he invited the audience on stage to sing the lyrics to other AC/DC songs. The crowd was pleased and an intense amount of energy left with everybody at the final falling of the curtain.

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recruit. "We're bringing music from UMaine to places that other larger schools haven't bothered, or had the time for."

She has seen the fruit of these trips as several new members of the University Singers made the choice to enroll at the University of Maine based on the road performances.

Renaissance is determined to grow and flourish as a new group on campus. They are busy auditioning new talent, looking for the right women to complement their group.

Their first search for performers last year brought the amazing duo of Suzanne Bongiorno and Elizabeth Sauter who debuted with Renaissance for the UMaine production of "Broadway Rocks." This year's search has brought Meggin Hall, Christine St. Pierre and Sandra Bisson to complete their circle.

In addition to appearances with the University Singers and Maine Steiners, Renaissance also has several small shows scheduled this spring including appearances at on-campus residence halls and is participating in the Beautiful Project in April, a two day event to celebrate and empower women. For more information, a schedule of upcoming events, or to inquire about joining the group, contact Emily Cain on FirstClass.



Heidi Kunkel sells Ani Difranco memorabilia during the MCA show. CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK LIPCZYNSKI

## OMBUDS

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program to serve and intertwine the aspects of a student's life with the insider and structured help from the system itself.

It would seem obvious that this type of program would be the best friend to almost any student: they're quick, helpful, sin-

cere and ready to work. They provide what could be considered the most reliable and fresh way to get advice and coaching on certain issues.

"Our ideas range from dealing with people who may live off campus and have a child to a stu-

dent that is having a personal problem such as a substance abuse problem ... we obviously deal with a wide variety of things," said Harris.

Simply put, OMBUDS deals with the quality of living and education of any and all students.

For more information on OMBUDS, contact Dwight Rideout, Dean of Students and Community Life or Robert Dana, Senior Associate Dean, on the third floor of the Memorial Union. OMBUDS is there for all college students.

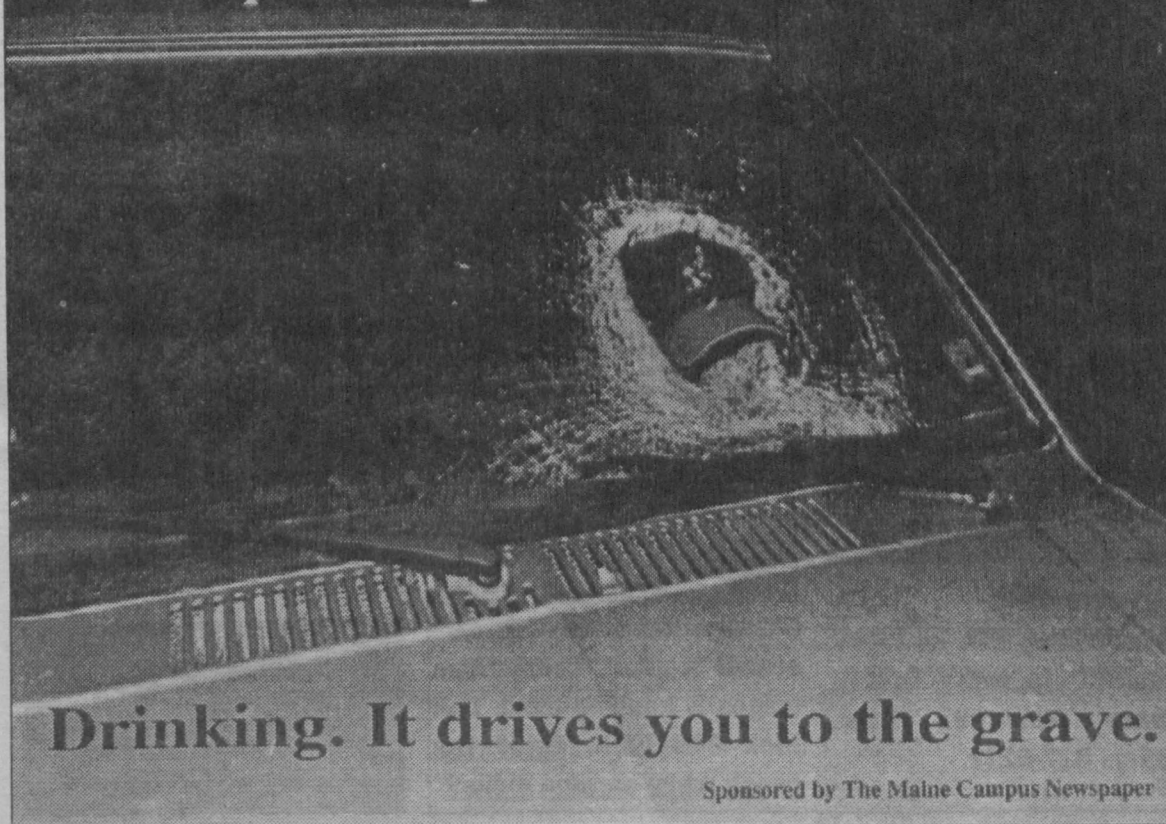
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## Rec sports

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up will play!

**Intramural Results:** Beta defeated Sigma Chi 7-3 in floor hockey. In the men's dorm division (Independent), the Morrisons beat the Premiers 14-

8. In the women's division, GSS took over Da Bears 7-5.

**Club Updates:** The women's lacrosse team will be leaving for Brown University on Friday to play Brown and New York University on Saturday.

## Gambling

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Let the Las Vegas experts do their job. The NCAA won't be able to do the job as well as the Vegas people. The NCAA is pushing for something that will only end up hurting itself and college athletes. Plus, people enjoy betting on college sports. There's

nothing wrong with betting on college sports. If it's illegal everywhere, it will still happen.

Funneling the process through Las Vegas only adds more accountability and provides good entertainment.

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## Game 2 Saturday

Simon Stoner and Matt Truman combined on a two-hitter leading Maine to the 2-0 win. Stoner improved his record to 2-1, striking out seven Dragons. Truman picked up his second save of the season retiring the side in the seventh. Jon Hambleton and Peel drove in

Maine's only runs in the first inning.

Maine is now 14-4, 2-2 in America East. The Black Bears get back to work this weekend as the travel to Boston to play a single game with Harvard on Friday. Then it's on to face Hartford in a pair of weekend double headers.

## Softball

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gave up the game's only run.

Maryland designated hitter Monica Cyphert led off the bottom of the eighth with a double. She was sacrificed over to third and then scored on AnneMarie Brown's RBI single to left to give the Terrapins the 1-0 win in eight innings.

"We couldn't come up with the clutch hit when we needed to," Smith said.

Maine outhit Maryland in the game by a 4-3 margin. The Black Bears committed the game's only error.

Maine traveled to Newark, Del. the next day to open the conference schedule against the Delaware Blue Hens. In the opening game, Maine played well, holding a 2-1 lead heading into the bottom of the sixth. A costly error in that inning provided the spark Delaware would need to score three runs in the inning. Delaware pitcher Susan Duggan shut Maine down in the seventh to give the Blue Hens the victory 4-2. Delaware native Carrie Green took the loss for Maine.

Maine was shutout in the nightcap on Saturday. Delaware came away with a 4-0 win to make the Black Bears start America East 0-2.

Smith said, "We didn't hit well, so that was a legitimate loss. We played tough in the first game through six innings. The error hurt us."

In the Sunday's first game, Jaegge was the victim in another low scoring extra-inning game. She pitched seven innings before giving up the winning run in the eighth. She allowed six hits in the game, including the game-winning double by Lauren Mark, to give the Blue Hens a 2-1 win. Jaegge's record fell to 3-7 with the loss.

Maine came out swinging the bats in the second game cruising to an 8-0 victory, improving Maine's conference record to 1-3 and 6-23 overall. Green made

up for her loss on Saturday by scattering six hits in a complete game shutout. She improved her record to 2-6 on the season.

Shortstop Erica Sobel led the way hitting for Maine, going 2-for-4 with two RBIs, while first basemen Kate Churchill went 3-for-4, driving in one.

"We came out hitting. We put it together in the second game," Smith said. "We're very close to putting our hitting, defense and pitching together. We're at that 'almost' stage. We're seeing a lot of positives. The team is very positive and we think that things are going to turn around."

Maine was scheduled to open up its home schedule this weekend with a pair of doubleheaders on Saturday and Sunday at Kessock Field, but the snow on the field has forced Maine to travel to Drexel.

They were looking at playing the games in either southern Maine, New Hampshire, or Massachusetts, but the team made the decision Tuesday afternoon to travel to Drexel instead. Maine will still be the home team in those games.

Drexel entered last weekend with an overall record of 13-10 to go with a 4-0 America East record.

"They're a scrappy team," Smith said. "They've got a decent pitching staff and very good defense. We'll need to try and put everything together this weekend and try to pick up where we left off in the last game Sunday."

Smith believes that with the performance this weekend, the top of the order appears ready to hit well, especially Erica Sobel and Leigh Anne Hlywak, the third and fourth hitters in the order. Smith is looking at pitching Green and Jaegge on Saturday, and is unsure about her pitching lineup for Sunday's doubleheader.

Both doubleheaders are scheduled to get underway at noon.

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<b>Eaton Mountain</b> Skowhegan, ME 474-2666 Hours: Open weekends only, call for times	trace	Machine groomed/ Loose granular	Yes	Call for rates	Full day \$19 Nights \$16
<b>Hermon Mountain</b> Hermon, ME 848-5192 Call for hours	0"	Loose granular	Yes	\$10 half day \$13 full day	Half day \$11 Full day \$18
<b>Lost Valley</b> Auburn, ME 784-1561 www.lostvalleyski.com Call for hours	0"	Machine groomed/ Packed powder	Yes	Call for rates	Weekday \$18 Midweek \$30 -tickets also come in smaller time amounts
<b>Mt. Abram</b> Locke Mills, ME 875-5002 www.skimtabram.com Hours: Th-Sun 9-4	0"	Machine groomed	No	\$16 half day \$25 full day	Half day \$26 Full day \$33 2 for 1 Thursday College discount Friday's for \$18
<b>Saddleback</b> Rangley, ME 864-5671 www.saddlebackskiarea.com Hours: 8:30-4	trace	Packed powder	No	Call for rates	M-F half \$24 M-F full \$30 S-S half \$33 S-S full \$41 Weekend prices shown with student discount
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The new snow totals are from the last 24-48 hours. (Not including the snowstorm earlier this week.)  
The first surface condition is the primary condition and the second one is usually the conditions on 20-30 percent of the trails, according to the ski area reports.

**SPRING NOTICE:** Please check with individual ski areas for spring price changes or any other changes due to changing weather and conditions.

## Rec sports presents Carnivale! fun night

By Nicole Goulet  
Rec Sports Reporter

place takes home \$25 while second place gets \$10.

Carnivale! Rec. Sports Fun Night begins at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 7 and runs until midnight.

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### Big Events for the evening

There are a number of other events that will take place that evening, for more information contact Rec. Sports or just show up for a great time.

**Coed Volleyball:** Begins at 6:30 p.m., six players participate at one time, half MUST be female, games will be played in the main gym, winners receive T-shirts. Each match will be one game to 21 points, winners will move on. The tourney is single elimination.

**Dodgeball:** Begins at 5:30 p.m., maximum on team is eight, winners receive T-shirts.

**Belly Flop Contest:** First

**Cribbage Tourney:** This is a single elimination tournament. The preliminary rounds consists of one game, semifinals and finals will be best of three games. First place winner receives a \$25 gift certificate and second place is good for a \$10 gift certificate. Matches will be played on the track in the Field House. Bring your own cribbage board if you would like to.

**Slam Dunk Contest:** Begins at 9 p.m. The contest will be on a nine-foot six-inch basket and is open to all students, (Former varsity collegiate players must use a 10-foot basket). Prizes: \$25 gift certificate to first place, \$10 gift certificate to runner-up.

**Two-on-two Basketball:** Begins at 6:30 p.m. in the main gym. The first 16 teams to sign up will be accepted.

**Carnivale! Indoor Soccer:** Begins at 6 p.m. in the Field House. Four players will play on each team. Winners will receive T-shirts. This is a single elimination tournament. Limit for all events:

The first 16 teams who sign

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## Walsh recovering from surgery

Doctors call lung removal 'uneventful' surgery

By John Contreras  
Sports Editor

Maine men's hockey coach is recovering from a surgery performed last Thursday at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md. Walsh under-

went surgery that removed his left lung and cancerous tumors under his breastplate. The surgery was done to prepare Walsh for a stem-cell transplant.

"The operation was uneventful and the patient was stable

overnight," Dr. David Schrump of the National Cancer Institute said last Friday. Walsh was up and out of bed on Friday morning and doing well, according to the team of three doctors who performed the operation.

The surgery was necessary to reduce the number of cancerous cells before the stem-cell transplant. The less cancerous cells, the better the chances of a successful stem-cell transplant. The success rate of the transplant is directly related to the number of cancerous cells present, according to the Maine athletics press release following the surgery.

The idea behind the procedure is that, if successful, the new healthy cells will multiply and attack the cancer cells. "Stem cells are immature cells that develop into blood cells," the Maine press release said. Walsh's brother Kevin is the donor of this transplant.

"I appreciate the support we have had in this battle," Walsh said with his wife Lynne. "And I am looking forward to beating it."

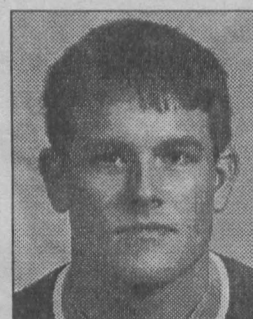
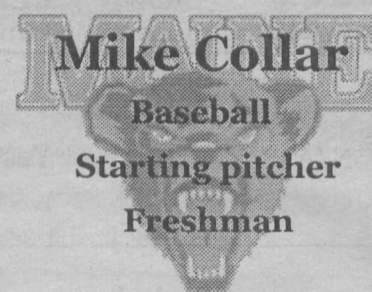
coach Shawn Walsh requested that it be mentioned that Dr. David Schrump of the National Cancer Institute studied at Michigan. The winner will face off for the national title on Saturday at 7 p.m. The semifinal action will be televised on ESPN 2, and the national title game will be on ESPN.

Paul Culina was named the head athletic trainer last week, replacing Rob Lawton, who left the university for a sales position, according to a Maine athletics press release. Culina has been working with the men's ice hockey team for the past six years. He will now run the Mike Kessock training room and be in charge of supervising student and athletic trainers and teaching courses about training.

The track team was supposed to run at Dartmouth College last weekend, but the meet was canceled due to the poor weather. Maine is scheduled to run against New Hampshire at home this weekend, but those plans are on hold also. Maine will travel to Southern Connecticut for a meet this weekend and try to hold a meet at home next weekend against UNH, weather permitting.

The Frozen Four starts tomorrow in Albany. The first game pits North Dakota against Michigan State at 1:30 p.m. and Boston College takes on Michigan in the second matchup at 7:30 p.m. Following his surgery, Maine men's hockey head

## Athlete of the Week



Maine freshman Mike Collar started the season with a 4-0 record and 0.96 ERA. Collar defeated Coppin State, University of Iowa and Florida A&M on the spring trip. He picked up his fourth win against Drexel

last weekend. Collar has struck out 17 and walked only four batters on the season. The right-hander is a native of Scarborough, Maine. Collar was also the America East Rookie of the Week last week.

## SPORT SHORTS

By John Contreras  
Sports Editor

### Men's hockey

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down the opposition to allow the limited offense Maine could generate to secure victories. As the season wound to a close, Maine's puck luck changed and their scoring touch returned. The Black Bears scored three or more goals in seven of their last 10 games and in three of their five playoff contests.

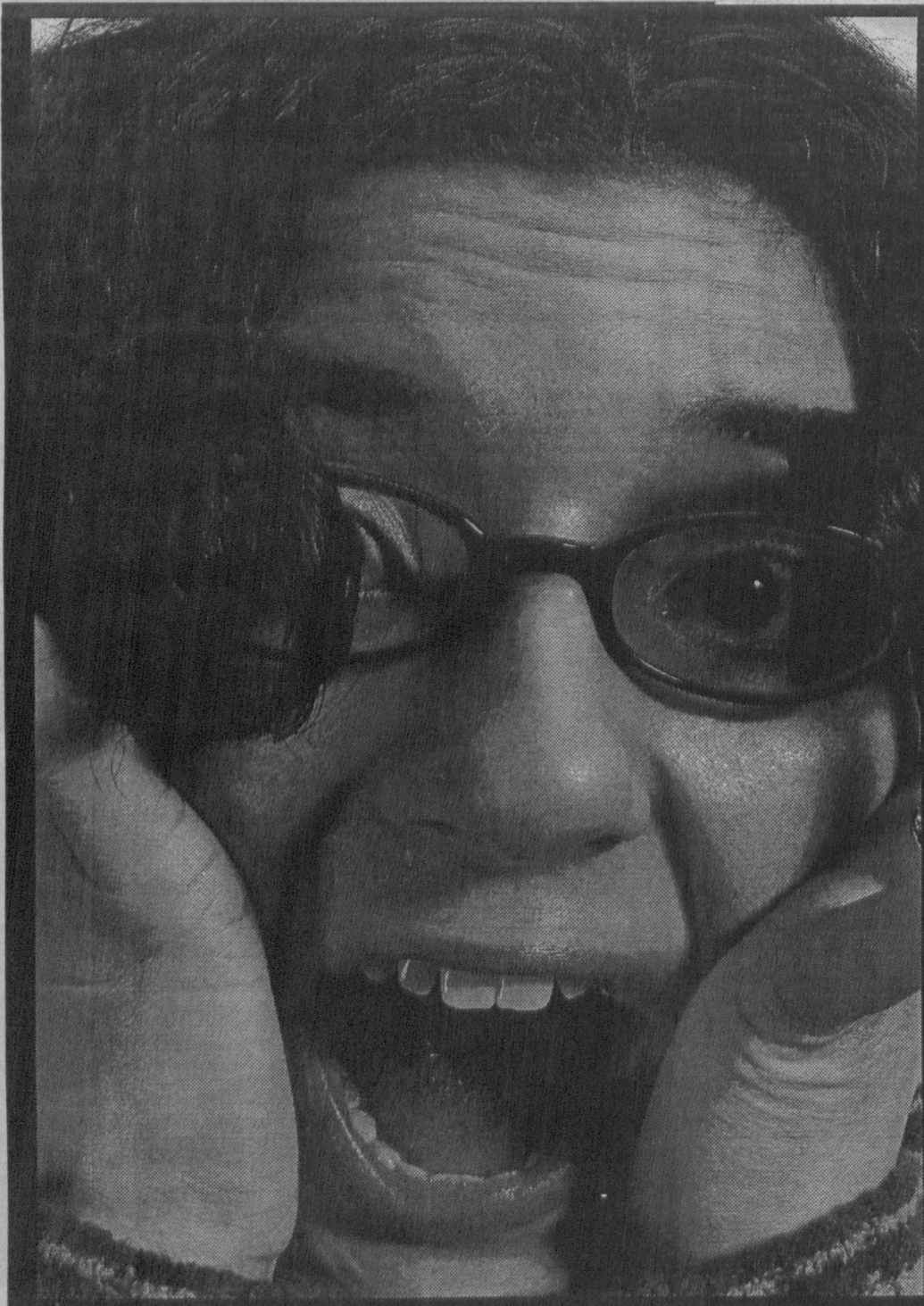
Though they won't play for a

championship this weekend, this Black Bear club will perhaps take away something far more important, that being a life lesson few are exposed to. Though they dealt with adversity throughout the season on the ice, it was the dignity with which they dealt with it off the ice that will ultimately define them.



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# Men's Hockey 2000-2001 Season Review



ABOVE: Maine's Todd Jackson scores a goal against Minnesota in Worcester. Maine beat Minnesota 5-4 in overtime. LEFT: Maine's Todd Jackson consoles Matt Yeats after Maine's loss to Boston College in the NCAA tournament to end the season. CAMPUS PHOTOS BY JASON CANNIFF.

By Jim Leonard  
Men's Hockey Reporter

They're playing college hockey in Albany this weekend and for the first time in three years, Maine won't be there. Michigan, Michigan State, North Dakota and, yes, Boston College will be there. The Black Bears were eliminated from NCAA tournament play in a quarterfinal game with the Eagles on March 24 by a 3-1 score.

Despite that loss, the game itself is, perhaps, the most fitting representation of what this Maine club accomplished during the season. At various points during the past year a great number of college hockey insiders considered the Black Bears finished only to have Maine restore the roar.

On the afternoon of Feb. 4 the Black Bears were 5-6-4 in Hockey East and mired in fifth place. That evening, Peter Metcalf's overtime goal beat New Hampshire and started Maine on an improbable 7-1-1 run to finish the regular season, good enough to steal the second place spot in the conference standings.

UMaine then made good on its home-ice advantage in the Hockey East quarterfinal round, beating a Northeastern team that had given them fits over the past two seasons on consecutive nights to sweep the series.

The Black Bears went on to the Fleetcenter where they lost to

Providence in the Hockey East semifinals. However, they returned a week later to upset Minnesota in the first round of the NCAA East regional on the strength of a late goal by Michael Schutte and an overtime tally by Robert Liscak.

That game, whether the team wants to admit it or not, took a physical toll on the players. The Golden Gophers are a high energy, take it to you type of club and they played their game. Maine needed every trick in its arsenal to snatch the victory and move on, scoring the tying goal with only 2.7 seconds remaining in regulation and winning it at a little past one in the morning.

The fruit of that victory was a game just 18 hours later against a team that had thoroughly handled them all season. Coming into the East region quarterfinal, Maine was 0-3 against BC this season, losing by scores of 4-1 and 7-2 on two other occasions.

It didn't matter. The Black Bears survived the Eagle's early push and Matt Yeats kept BC off the board through two periods. Unfortunately, Eagle netminder Scott Clemmensen was having a spectacular night as well.

In the end, BC capitalized on their fresh legs and a late two-man advantage to nail down the

3-1 win. But the message coming from the Eagle locker room was one of respect for Maine. These weren't your average sports clichés either. To a man, Boston College had genuine admiration for the effort the Black Bears put forth. The word "character" was mentioned a few times. It's a word that best exemplifies this Maine club and its foundation was built back in October.

The Black Bears came into this season facing off with defending national champion North Dakota without their head coach, Shawn Walsh. At that time Walsh was undergoing his second round of immunotherapy treatment. The day before the

first game with the Fighting Sioux heralded newcomer Colin Shields, who was expected to be a big contributor on the Maine power play, was declared academically ineligible. Leading scorer Niko Dimitrakos was also out with a wrist injury. Things didn't look so promising.

Maine just came out and dumped about 120 shots on the North Dakota goalies over two nights, gaining a tie in the opener before falling 4-2 the next evening. It was a trend that would repeat itself time and again as the season wore on; lots of scoring chances and not many goals.

When Walsh and Dimitrakos returned, others went down.

There was promising freshman Brendan Donovan, who struggled with a lacerated kidney, in and out of the lineup before finally being shelved for the season. Chris Heisten and Metcalf each missed a month with knee injuries. The Black Bears were forced to play nearly 80 percent of their schedule without the services of key contributors.

There was also the distraction about their coach. Walsh was still dealing with his battle with cancer and every other question they fielded from the media was directed at this issue.

It didn't matter. They found ways to win. The defense shut

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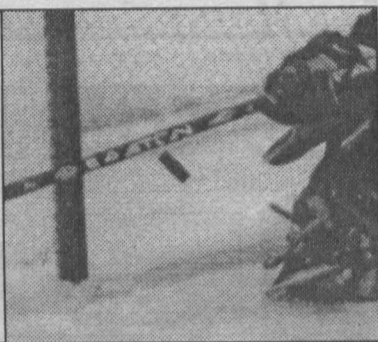
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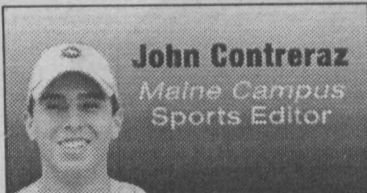
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# MAINE CAMPUS Sports



John Contreras  
Maine Campus  
Sports Editor

## College sports gambling needs to remain legal

After a recent trip to Las Vegas, it's easy to see why people like to gamble so much. The lights and atmosphere are amazing, not to mention the potential for hitting the big one. Some enjoy throwing a few bucks on the blackjack tables while others play the slots. Gambling on sports is also extravagant in Vegas. TV sets are everywhere and lines are posted for everything you can imagine. Over spring break, you could already bet on who will win next year's Super Bowl. One night the lounge was packed with people watching and betting on the Final Four.

A bill is currently in Congress that would prohibit gambling on college sports in Las Vegas—the only place it's legal. The NCAA is pushing the bill, hoping to purify its games. I don't really think they need purification. But they just might if this bill passes.

In Las Vegas, they take gambling seriously. I was carded before every sip of alcohol and at every blackjack table I came within sneezing distance of.

The sports people monitor games for point shaving, illegal activity and possible fixes. These people know the business and they know what they're doing. The NCAA, with all its bureaucracy, still can't monitor their games for corrupt activity as well as the Vegas crew. The Vegas crew has a decent track record of uncovering scandals, which results in prosecution. This bill will only weaken the NCAA's ability to control its own activity.

The NCAA doesn't realize that without legalized betting in Las Vegas, the games will only become easier to fix. Crooks will have one less person peeking over their shoulders. They will be that much more likely to approach a 20-year-old point guard and talk him into throwing away a few possessions late in the game so that team doesn't cover the spread.

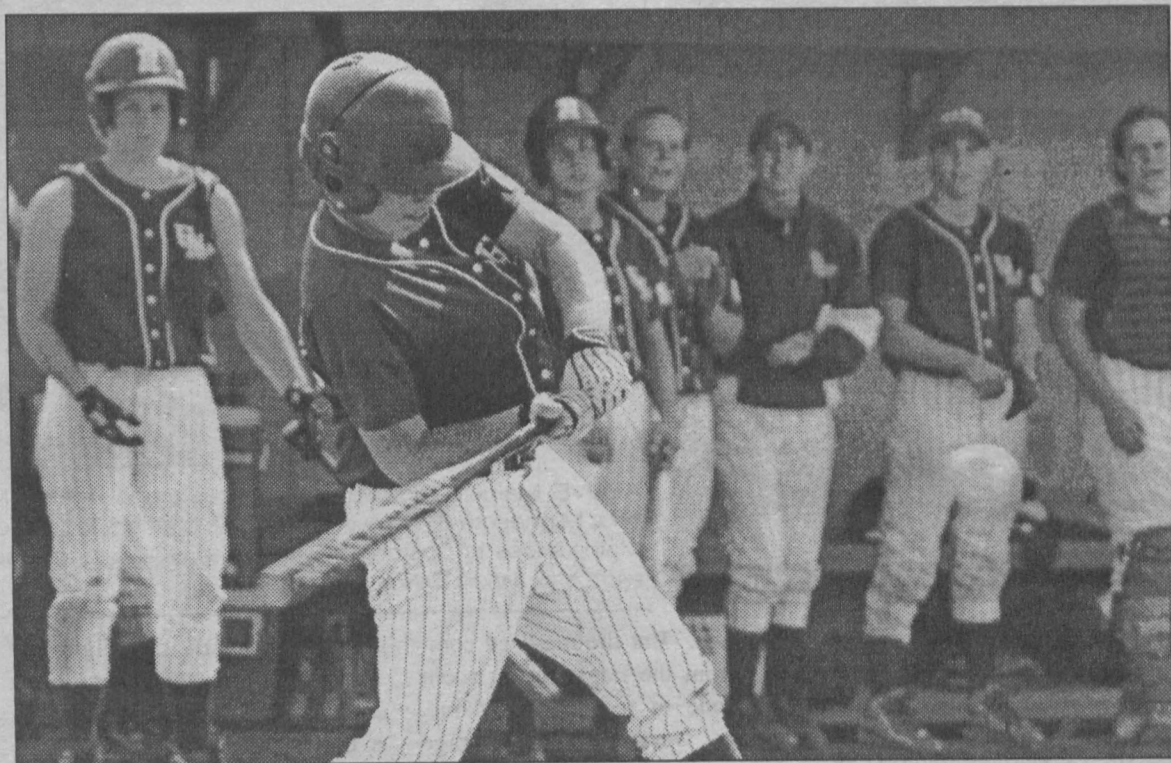
Does the NCAA really plan on reviewing every single game for foul play? Is the NCAA prepared to take on this added serious responsibility? I don't think the NCAA realizes the extent of the help it gets from the Vegas monitoring system.

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## Black Bears lose 3 of 4 to Blue Hens

Softball team forced to travel to Drexel due to poor weather this weekend

By Jeff Mannix  
Softball Reporter



Maine shortstop Erica Sobel takes a hack during a game last season. Sobel had two hits and two RBIs in Maine's one victory over Delaware. FILE PHOTO.

The Maine softball team went to Maryland and Delaware last weekend, trying to improve on their 5-19 record heading into the weekend. Unfortunately, the Black Bears only were able to come away with one win, despite being close to winning three of those four.

"Close, but not quite," was how coach Deb Smith summed up the weekend's losses.

Maine started the weekend on Friday afternoon at Maryland for a non-conference game. The game was a pitchers' duel that went into extra innings. Maine's Candice Jaegge pitched a complete game for the Black Bears, only giving up three hits in seven and a third innings. She also

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## Baseball team splits with Drexel, Hartford up next

Maine pitching continues to perform well heading into weekend action

By Lucas Peterson  
Baseball Reporter

The University of Maine baseball team split a pair of doubleheaders with Drexel over the weekend. The Black Bears received great pitching to return home at .500 in the conference. Maine pitchers allowed only eight runs in the four games with two of the games going into extra innings.

**Game 1 Sunday**  
Maine shut out the Dragons

10-0 behind great pitching from freshman starter Mike Collar. The righty went the distance, striking out four and allowing only five base runners. Maine broke open the game behind a 4-for-4 afternoon by Mike Ross. Ross, playing left field and hitting second, finished the game with a double, a triple and four RBIs to lead the 13-hit assault. Centerfielder Mike Livulpi added three hits and three RBIs.

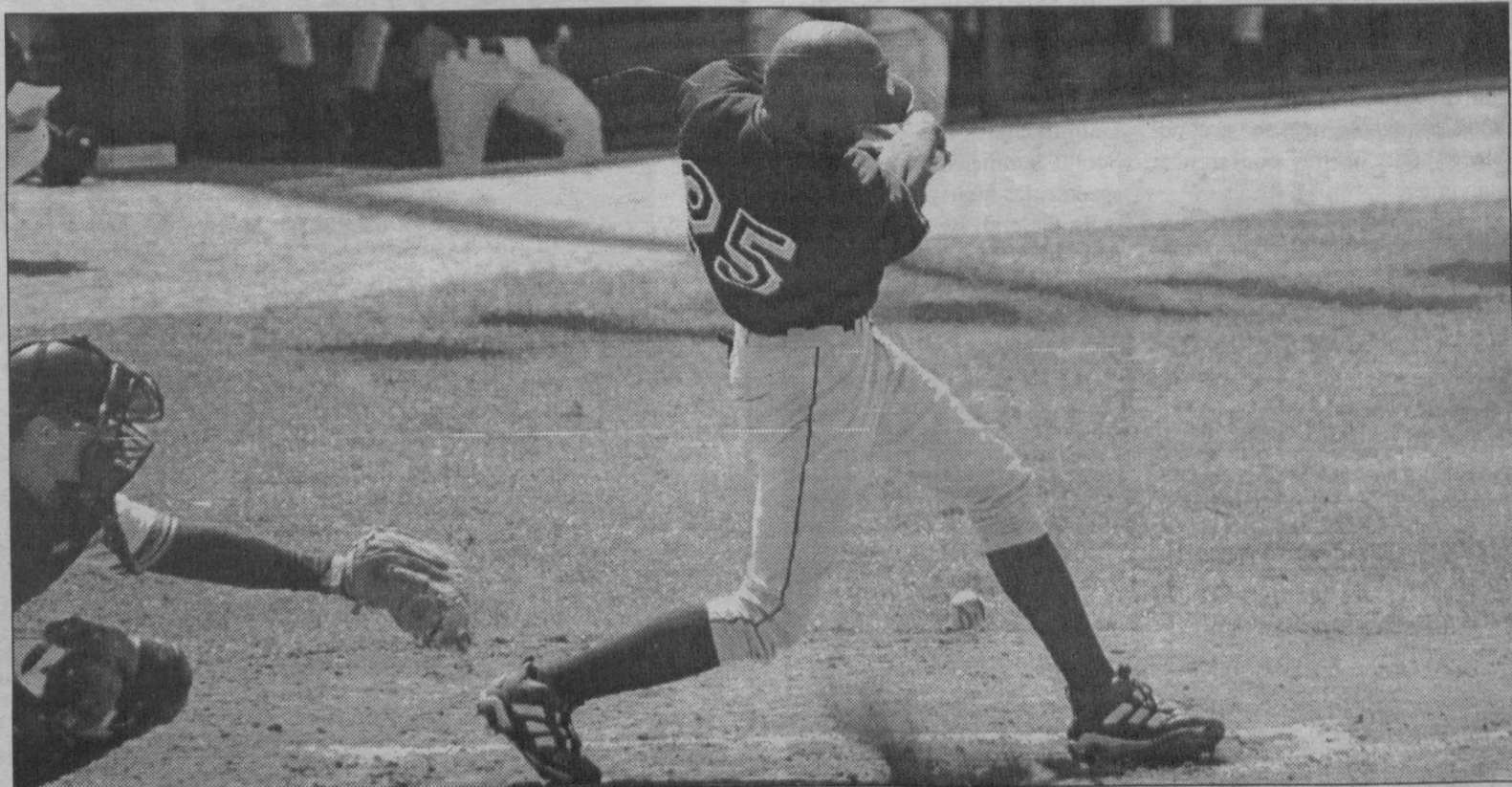
**Game 2 Sunday**  
The Black Bears lost a heart

breaker in the nightcap, falling 7-6 in 11 innings. Maine stormed back from a 5-1 deficit and took the lead with five-run seventh inning. In the bottom of the 11th, Drexel loaded the bases with one out. Maine reliever Adam Labelle hit Drexel second baseman Harry Ley with a pitch to plate the winning run. Joe Drapeau led the Maine offense with three RBIs, including his fifth home run.

**Game 1 Saturday**  
The Black Bears wasted a

great pitching performance by junior left-hander Rusty Tucker losing 2-1 in eight innings. Tucker went seven innings allowing four hits, with four strikeouts and did not give up an earned run. Black Bear third baseman Pat Tobin made a throwing error in the bottom of the eighth to give the Dragons the win. Senior second baseman and co-captain Quinn Peel went 2-for-3 with a home run in the losing cause.

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Drexel outfielder Renaldo Smith swings and misses during a game last season at Maine. Maine split with Drexel last weekend and will take on Hartford this weekend. FILE PHOTO.