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Hoffs back in class, teaching new course

By Matt Shaer
National Politics Reporter

Taking a step away from his executive duties, University of Maine President Peter S. Hoff is going to be back in the classroom this fall.

Hoff and his wife, Dianne Hoff, have announced plans to teach ENG 429/MLC 430, an interdisciplinary course examining university life portrayed through the eyes of six British and American fiction writers. The course will be open to English and education majors with an interest in the culture of colleges and academia.

"I was encouraged to do it from the start," Hoff said of his new professorial position, "but it was very hard to justify with my schedule."

But this year Hoff and his wife began to seriously entertain plans for a literature course.

"It's a perfect teaching combination," President Hoff said, "because my wife was involved in high school teaching and she's a specialist in leadership in education, and because of my past experience in literature."

The course will revolve around six novels: "Foolscap," by Michael Malone; "Moo," by

Jane Smiley; "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," by James Hilton; "Changing Places," by David Lodge; "The Masters," by C.S. Lewis, "Straight Man," by Richard Russo; and "Possession" by A.S. Byatt. It is cross-listed in the course book under both the department of education, and the English department. Hoff said it is plausible to have English and education majors in the same classroom.

"There's a huge overlap," Hoff said "And each major will focus on a different aspect. The English majors will see the novels as works of art and derive their learning from that aspect, while for higher education majors, this will be the first time they've looked at their specialty in this way."

Each piece of literature, Hoff said, was hand selected by him and his wife to offer a unique view into various collegiate lifestyles. He said the books also offer additional explanations into what it means to be a professor, scholar or member of the academic community.

ENG 429/EDU 430 will be offered on a trial basis in the fall of 2001, and if registration

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Alumni contributions build Buchanan House

By Debra Hatch
Copy Editor

Ground was broken on the Buchanan Alumni House, which is lauded as the "new front door to the campus" Friday. The 32,000 square-foot building, was officially begun in front of a large crowd in perfect summer weather.

Where construction materials, vehicles and upturned earth currently reside will, in slightly more than one year, yield a place for prospective students, current students and alumni to come together. It will house the University of Maine's Visitor's Center, currently located in Chadbourne Hall and a Leadership Hall, which will feature exhibits profiling UMaine's most distinguished and accomplished alumni.

Named in honor of Dr. Robert D. Buchanan, a retired dentist and alumnus of the Class of 1944, the house will soon stand on the corner of Munson Road and College Avenue where Public Safety used to be. UMaine alumni and friends, as well as Buchanan, donated thousands of gifts and pledges totaling more than \$7 million towards the construction and endowment of the building.

Buchanan, along with a multitude of alumnus, were present at the ceremony which was held at 2 p.m. in a tent overlooking the site.

Bob Potts, director of membership and marketing for the Alumni Association, said the alumni house will provide all visitors to UMaine a focal

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David Colagiovanni adjusts the chain on a bike recently. The bikes are part of a S.E.A.C program and a fleet will be ready for all students to borrow. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ESTHER GRANVILLE.

Green bikes pedal onto campus

By Amanda Hebert
Assistant News Editor

Its 8:53 a.m. Class in Neville Hall starts in seven minutes. Too bad it is more than a seven minute walk from Kennebec Hall. Driving is an option — but parking is not. Then there it is, a vision in green, a bicycle. The savior of your morning.

"Green bikes are free for everyone to use," a plate on the bike reads. "Free to ride but not to keep. Leave it for

others to use. Please don't lock me up and ride at your own risk."

Green Bikes is a new program being sponsored by the Student Environmental Action Coalition. Students involved with the project are taking old bikes, fixing them, painting them green and putting them out at the University of Maine for people to use.

"A lot of these are 60s or 70s bikes," Brian Bock, a volunteer bike mechanic said.

But those are not even the

oldest machines—Jessica Tisdale, another volunteer and S.E.A.C. member — said many of the green bikes are from the '40s and '50s.

"Random people will talk to us and bikes will show up at the trailer," she said.

The trailer is Green Bike's home base, a tractor trailer box located behind the Depot at the edge of the woods. Right now, that trailer houses about 25 bikes the group is working on

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Study shows smoking dorms breed new smokers

By Michele Savage
For The Maine Campus

Many colleges and universities will be paying close attention to a recent study concerning smoke-free dormitories. The Harvard School of Public Health completed a survey examining the smoking behaviors of 4,495 students at 101 schools.

The Harvard study revealed that "college students who live in smoke-free dorms are 40 percent less likely to be smokers than their counterparts who live in unrestricted housing."

The University of Maine offers smoke-free living now. In the fall of 2001, the number of completely smoke-free residence halls will be increased to 12.

"There is no plan in place for UMaine to go completely smoke-free as of yet but the number of residence halls that are smoke-free have increased over the years," Barbara Smith, director of Residence Life and Programs, said.

Those involved in the Harvard study felt the increasing urge to smoke upon entering college could be increased by living

in smoking dorms.

"The college years are a time for transition in smoking behavior of young people because many are experimenting with tobacco, others are starting to smoke regularly and still others are trying to quit," Nancy Rigotti, M.D., an associate professor at Harvard Medical School, said.

The study also reported that 44 percent of students live in smoke-free dorms, while another 29 percent do not live in them but would like to. Smith said UMaine tries to give students appropriate housing for their preferences.

"We have a responsibility to honor those with a smoke-free lifestyle," she said.

Dr. Henry Wechsler principal director of College Alcohol Studies at the Harvard School of Public Health, claims "smoke-free dorms may help incoming students who have not yet begun smoking to avoid tobacco".

Curtis Burrill, a resident assistant at UMaine backs up that claim.

"I have noticed at least four residents of mine who are freshmen pick up smoking since they have been attending school here," he said.

Groundbreaking

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A cake made to resemble the 32,000 square foot Alumni House sits in front of its creator Glenn Taylor, right, of the University of Maine catering services as he converses with spectators of the ground breaking ceremony Friday afternoon. CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK W. LIPCZYNSKI.


point to begin their visit. By also providing unique architectural fixtures such as a brick exterior, arches and roof designs different from other buildings on campus, he believes it will allow visitors a glimpse at the uniqueness of UMaine.

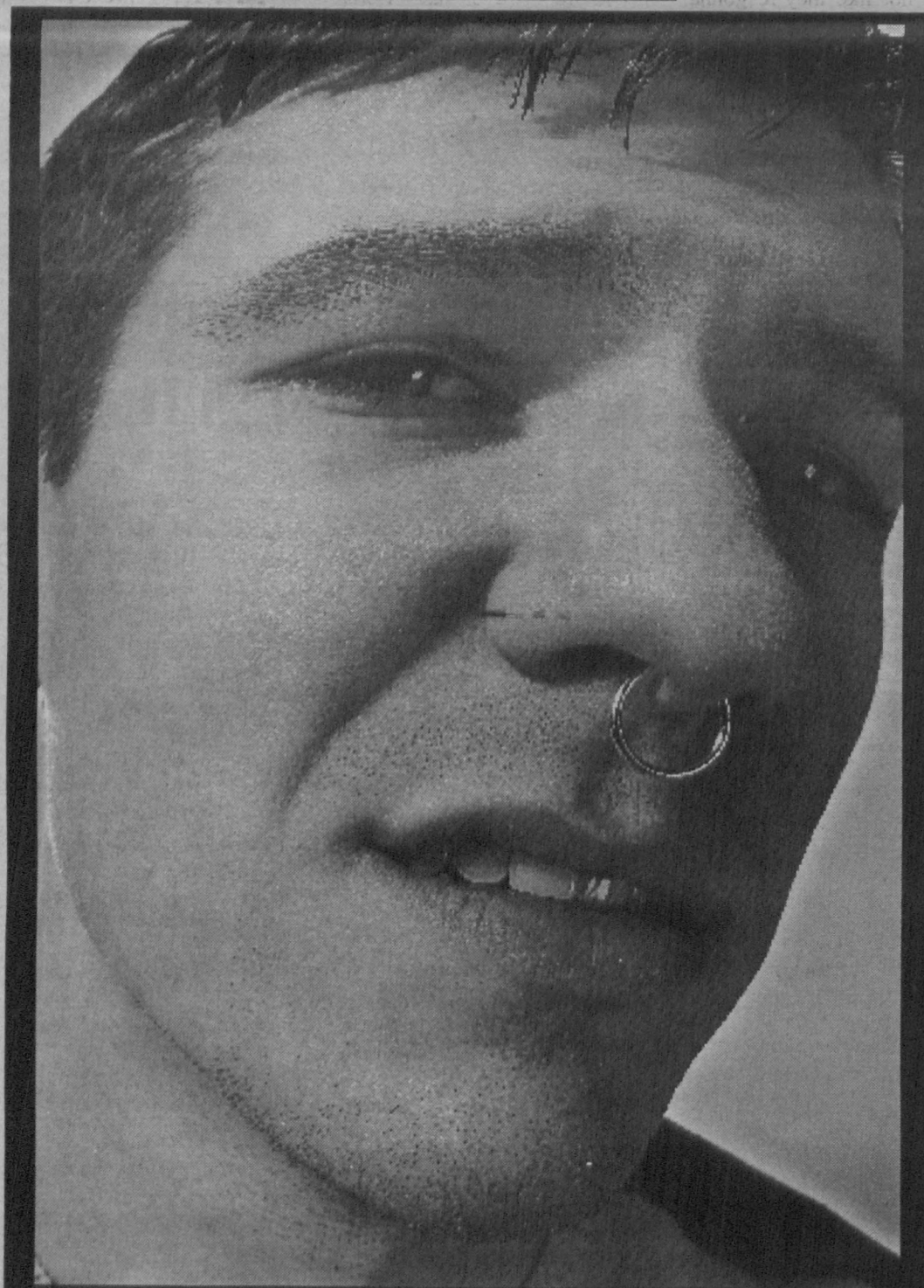
According to a release issued by the Alumni Association, the creation of the Buchanan Alumni Center will also allow the University of Maine Foundation to return to campus after having to move its offices to Bangor in the 1980s.

The dedication of the site was presented by President Peter S. Hoff and after speeches by Judge William Treat, Class of 1940, and Buchanan, the ground was officially broken in dedication and anticipation of a new building. President Hoff was joined by Diane Hoff, his wife and the alumni house campaign chair. Also present were Jeffery Mills, president and executive director of the Alumni Association; Amos Orcutt, president of the UMaine Foundation; Gregory

Jamison, Alumni Association Board Chair; Doug Smith, UMaine Foundation Board and Jim Dowe, alumnus and campaign chair. Also in attendance were special guests Buchanan; John Baldacci, a U.S. Congressman and UMaine alumnus and Bill Treat, also an alumnus and honorary campaign chair.

The Alumni House was designed by Bangor's WBRC Architects/Engineers and the general contractor is Nickerson & O'Day, Inc. located in Brewer.

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FBI program enforces Internet law

By Joseph Bethony
For The Maine Campus

The federal government is looking at the incompatibility of Internet privacy and online law enforcement this week.

At the center of the debate is Carnivore, an FBI hardware-software "black box" that can monitor and store Internet data, such as e-mail messages, to gather evidence against suspected felons. The box is placed by the Internet service provider and every user on that system is susceptible to the search.

Attorney General John Ashcroft decided this week to reopen an issue that former Attorney General Janet Reno settled in November-whether the use of Carnivore is an invasion of privacy. Reno had allowed the FBI to use Carnivore.

Most University of Maine students are in favor of Carnivore as a means to capture criminals. The students echo the FBI's argument that there is a need and a right to monitor electronic communications to stop illegal activities.

Second year student Erika Petrosky said that the FBI should get all the help that it needs to catch criminals.

To these students, their argument hinges on the fact that the FBI can be trusted not to abuse the considerable power that Carnivore provides. UMaine student Charles Fyler said.

"This is the FBI, not the KGB," UMaine student Charles Fyler said.

Carnivore allows the FBI to combat terrorism, hacking and other violent crimes that either occur over the Internet or that may be planned

by Internet users, Assistant Director Laboratory Division of the FBI Donald Kerr, said before Congress. In addition, when FBI agents look at the information that Carnivore collected, they perform searches for suspicious words and phrases in the suspect's e-mail, limiting the content agents see.

A recent poll indicated that the public supports the FBI using these devices to combat Internet crimes. Pew Internet & American Life Project found that 54 percent of those polled approved of the FBI using Carnivore to fight online crimes such as child pornography and terrorism.

Fyler also pointed out that the FBI and other law enforcement agencies are entrusted with the power to tap and record telephone conversations and noted that that is analogous to the function of Carnivore.

But this is where privacy groups object to Carnivore. While groups like the American Civil Liberties Union note that law enforcement officials may record telephone conversations and incoming and out-going telephone numbers, Carnivore subjects innocent people to the investigation.

To support that point, Barry Steindhardt, associate director of the American Civil Liberties Union, said before Congress last year that more than 2 million conversations from people that were not under investigation were intercepted electronically. However, according to USA Today, there were less than 2000 court sanctioned wiretaps over that same period.

"Carnivore is roughly equivalent to a wiretap capable of accessing the contents of the

conversations of all of the phone company's customers, with the "assurance" that the FBI will record only conversations of the specified target," Steindhardt said.

Related to that argument is a proposal put forward by privacy groups and law professors trying to prohibit FBI intrusion into the communications of innocent people.

Boston University law professor Tracey Maclin notes that the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution, which protects citizens against overzealous law enforcement, exists because we cannot and should not put our faith in the government to always do the right thing.

"Any type of mass search violates both the particularity and probable cause requirements of the warrant clause," Maclin said. "The intrusion [must] be justified by probable cause that criminal evidence exists in the place targeted for search."

This is the line that divides both sides of the Carnivore issue-the gap between those who believe that the government should do anything that they can to catch criminals and those who believe the government should also consider the privacy of its citizens. While no one can seem to agree on the merits of Carnivore, it is certain that technology has progressed to a point that was previously unimaginable.

"It's not like they're gonna read your personal e-mails and use them against you," said UMaine student Lawrence Whittemore. "You shouldn't have any worries unless you're soliciting illegal substances."

Peacemaker award recognizes justice

By Kelly Michaud
News Editor

In a world bubbling with violence and animosity, a peaceful moment came to the University of Maine Thursday, May 3. As a group of students and staff gathered to enjoy breakfast, two among them were honored for their actions to promote peace in our community.

Patricia Reidman and Tam Thanh thi Huynh were both awarded the Elizabeth A. Morris Peacemaker award.

Elizabeth Morris was a chaplain at the Wilson Center who died during the 1990s in an automobile accident on the Maine Turnpike. The award is given each year in her memory. It recognizes undergraduate students at the University of Maine whose efforts include "advancing the goals of social justice and non-violence, promoting conflict resolution through dialogue or negotiation, contributing to programs assisting the poor or homeless, involvement in efforts to protect the environment or like efforts that exemplify the things that make for peace."

James Varner, an adviser to the Human Rights Coalition and a board member at the Wilson Center, presented the awards. The students were given medallions with their names engraved on the back on behalf of the Maine Christian Association.

Muffy Eastman, coordinator of student community service and volunteer programs, nominated Reidman.

Eastman worked with her nominee on Alternative Spring Break.

"Patty is a leader who leads quietly and by example," she said.



Patricia Reidman. PHOTO COURTESY OF JAMES VARNER.

Reidman, a junior and parks and recreation major, demonstrated her commitment to a peaceful environment in a letter she wrote to her sociology 101 class. The class discussion involved recreation time for prisoners. The majority of her class was against the idea.

"We make this place the way it is," she wrote. "Accept it and then we can begin to fix it. If you keep blaming everything on everyone else then you're just as likely to end up as unhappy as the inmate in cellblock 9A. If you see yourself as part of the problem then you will know your part in solving it."

Reidman thanked Eastman during the presentation for nominating her.

"I appreciate this award so much," she said. "I feel like I'm getting it for just being me and that's not something you usually get."

James Leck, international student and scholar adviser, nominated Huynh. He explained his reasons.

"From the first time I met Tam, she has impressed me with her honest, deep belief in working toward peace in constructive, realistic ways. She shares her beliefs and knowledge in ways that people accept with an open mind. She lives her belief, she does not preach it. This type of mature, sophisticated personal activism should be celebrated and rewarded."



Tam Huynh. PHOTO COURTESY OF JAMES VARNER.

she is a junior and international affairs major, has coordinated the Global Links program for UMaine's Office of International Programs and has been a counselor with Seeds of Peace.

For more information on the award, contact the Wilson Protestant Student Center at 866-4227.

Nothing like Momma's cooking

By Eric Swallow
Community Reporter

BANGOR — Momma Baldacci's, just off I-95's exit 48, presents an opportunity for cozy dining in uptown Bangor, serving up Italian dishes.

"I've enjoyed my experience here," said James Kenney, a patron from southern Maine. "The food has been great, the service was fast and it's a great place to sit."

The white clapboard building sits in view of I-95 and has been around for more than 20 years.

This family business was an

early workplace for the owner's son — who is today U.S. Representative John Baldacci.

Baldacci worked at the restaurant while he served in the state legislature and received a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Maine. The Election Day celebration for Baldacci's 2000 congressional victory was also held there.

Momma Baldacci's is similar to many Italian restaurants. They cook up pastas, lasagnas, steaks and manicotti, among other dishes.

"In most ways, it's a pretty standard little place," Kenney

said. "The people are great here, though. From what I've seen, they seem decent and honest. That showed up in the food."

The spaghetti and meatballs appeared to be a favorite last Saturday. The meatball sauce carries a slightly chunky texture. Its flavor a hint of sweetness, oregano and basil.

"It's great," said Kenney.

Momma Baldacci's offers beer and wine but you will not find live entertainment there.

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Green bikes

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Finished bikes are kept in storage awaiting their upcoming debut. Their trailer will soon be packed with a donation of more than 100 bikes. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ESTHER

to make road-worthy.

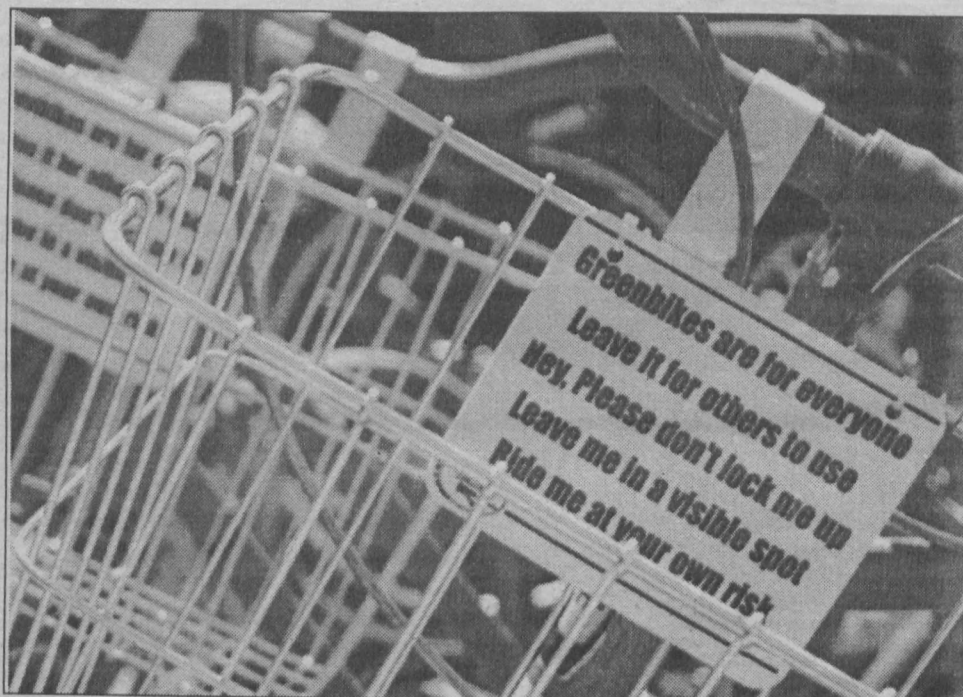
"Bikes are getting road-worthy every day," Bock said. "It's kind of neat."

Bock said the concept behind getting these bikes on the road is so the bikes are around campus, as well as Orono and Old Town, when people need to get someplace.

"[The bikes] would be an excellent

resource for students who don't have a car to get to the store," Bock said.

But the real reasoning behind the Green Bikes program is to keep the environment clean. Tisdale hopes Green Bikes will help make UMaine a primarily walking and biking campus, which would cut down on pollution and other problems.



Proper public care is a mild concern of the organizers. "We know it's a chance kind of thing, but we're going to try it," remarks Jessica Tisdale, a volunteer with the project. CAMPUS PHOTO BY ESHER GRANVILLE.

"I thought this would go a long way to solving the parking problems," she said.

There are other advantages, however.

"It's environmental," Bock said. "But also, riding bikes is fun."

But the program is not without potential problems.

"I originally heard this idea first from a girl who got a similar campaign going in Madison, Wisconsin called Red Bikes," Bock said. "She said it was a lot of fun and it was a good way to mess around with bikes."

The problems come when other people start to mess around with the bikes.

"It's going to happen," Bock said.

The group is trying to not bring attention to the fact some bikes will be trashed, but Tisdale hopes people will respect the work that goes into fixing them.

"We're worried but we're trying to get work out to people and educate people about what they are," she said.

The plaques on the bikes, sponsored by Attorney Ted Curtis, are one way organizers are trying to get the word out.

Another potential problem with the Green Bikes program consistency is something UMaine has seen before. A similar program was started about 10 years ago but the momentum died when

students involved graduated. Matt Young, president of S.E.A.C., said this time they have taken measures to make sure this does not happen. He said the group wanted focus on longevity so the program continues after the founders graduate.

"Last semester we worked on infrastructure," he said. "We made all our connections with administration and staff."

The group was also allocated \$2,000 from the General Student Senate to cover operating expenses.

S.E.A.C. members hope to add to the current fleet of bikes available, releasing about 10 more at the beginning of the summer. There are only about three on the road now but they hope a sizable fleet will be in operation by fall 2001. Bock said it takes at least three or four hours to make any one bike ready for the road. But Tisdale is glad the bikes that have hit the road are still around.

"It's encouraging to see people still on the ones we already sent out," she said.

Anyone interested in working on the bikes or interesting in donating a bike should write to the S.E.A.C. folder on FirstClass. The group will also be working on the bikes on the Mall Maine Day starting at 8 a.m.

Hoff class

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increases, Hoff said, the course may be continued indefinitely.

Asked about the difficulties of juggling a class with his duties as head of the university, President Hoff admitted,

"It is a little selfish, it's almost like a holiday for me, because there's a real high that comes from the tangible results of teaching. [I] hope I won't be a disservice to the university."

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Arcade caught in Union shuffle

By Stanley Dankoski
Web Editor

The arcade area of the Memorial Union has shrunk in size this year to accommodate the parking office during building renovations.

It is one of many examples of affected clubs in the anticipated shuffle of offices in order to bring the Union into the 21st century and more student-oriented.

"When I first came here [11 years ago], it was busy as can be," said Percy Clarke, who maintains the arcade room and works for Maine Bound, which is responsible for the entertainment area.

Clarke said business bottomed out this fall, a drop he attributes to a universal decline across the country due to the Internet, which offers a different kind of interactivity than air

hockey or foosball.

"We haven't put our finger on the answer," said Clarke, adding that they have even reduced prices from 75 cents to 50 cents per game.

The arcade has had some increase in business this semester, however, he said.

The arcade had originally been extended from the Maine Bound office to the Union entrance facing Shibles Hall. Several months ago, however, when about a third of the area was blocked off for temporary use by the parking office that plan was scrapped.

In the coming months, Clark promises, once the parking office moves into its own facility, the arcade will be moved forward into the parking office area. The total area would be about equal to half its current size.

Early in the Union renovation

plans, the subject of the arcade was questioned. Then, in early February a three page petition was signed by students who want to ensure the existence of the arcade.

Rec Sports offers a pool tournament each year. Individuals, fraternities or other groups may sign up on rosters, which are then made into brackets. The teams can play pool on their own time. They then write in the winner in the bracket and the winners play each other until there is a champion.

Maine Bound would like to keep the pool tables and all other arcade entertainment in one centralized place, while Union plans might include similar entertainment in the new attic of the student center.

"We just feel that students would like to have something like this somewhere here on campus," Clarke said.

Proposed bill to upgrade dorm sprinkler systems

By Debra Hatch
Copy Editor

One year after a fire at Hancock Hall displaced more than 230 students, there is still no state policy requiring universities to install sprinkler systems in residence halls.

But a bill going through the Maine Legislature could allow universities and colleges to access state dollars to help pay for installing sprinkler systems in dormitories on campus.

LD 1561 would allow the University of Maine System to access a no-interest loan to be used to install systems in residence halls that currently do not have sprinkler systems. Out of UMaine's 19 residence halls only Balentine Hall, Colvin Hall, Hancock Hall, Oak Hall, DTAV and York Village have sprinkler systems.

John Diamond, senior director of Public Affairs, said the addition of sprinkler systems would help ensure residence halls are safe. Diamond said if the state provides the funds the installation at UMaine would happen, but would be spread out over a period of several years. This is mainly because the sprinkler system work would have to be done while students are not living on campus and because the number of contractors qualified to do the work is limited.

Diamond said that the UMaine administration believes that if this bill was to pass both the House and Senate then it would allow UMaine to add sprinklers.

"The bill would allow us to accomplish what we want to do—that is to bring all residence halls up to code by adding sprinkler systems," Diamond said. "Without the state assistance, we could not muster the estimated \$12 million it would take to perform all the upgrades."

Andy Matthews, director of housing services at UMaine agreed.

"This bill would mandate that the university make a concerted effort to do what probably should have been done when the buildings were built," Matthews said. "That isn't to say that the buildings are not safe, but it appears that many times in the past extra safety systems were not added if they were not required by law. Much of what drives construction and renovations is the availability of funds to pay for such work."

Matthews also said while buildings were all up to code when they were built, adding sprinkler systems would require an extra level of safety and paying for them would be a challenge and would have been passed onto students in current and future room charges.

Diamond said that it would take \$12 million to install the sprinkler systems with one-third of the money going towards asbestos removal. Currently, he said, the asbestos is encapsulated in the ceilings and walls, but would have to be removed to install the systems.

Now, residence halls are equipped with other safety precautions to ensure residents' safety and that fires are contained. Diamond said sprinkler systems prevent the severity of fires, but not all fires are best defeated by sprinkler systems.

"As we found with the Hancock Hall fire, the damage was effectively contained to the hallways and the spot of origin because the fire doors and automatic door-closers worked," Diamond said. "It was remarkable how little damage occurred in the rooms of Hancock Hall residents because the system worked."

Major fires on campus are not a new phenomenon but according to UMaine officials they are far and few between. In the past six years there have only been three major fires on campus which had a large impact on the students. But smaller fires on campus are minimal.

In the 2000 crime report 10 arsons were reported on campus. Prior to last year's Hancock Hall fire, a large scale fire at Seton Hall in New Jersey killed several students and left others with injuries. Most recently, at the University of Texas, one student was killed and another was injured in an early morning fire of undetermined origin. At San Diego State University a fire on Thursday, April 19 left a student in critical condition with third degree burns on his body from a residence hall fire. Recently in Maine, a fire was set at St. Joseph's College in Standish injuring many people.

"I think the public is made keenly aware of the problems of sprinklers when there are tragedies, particularly close to home," Matthews said. "I think all the media attention and the fact that we had four good sized fires at UMaine may have contributed to this bill being introduced."

Matthews also added that a similar bill was proposed last year, but last year's fire at Hancock Hall may have prompted a renewal of the proposed bill.

According to Diamond, UMaine has a lower number of annual violations than at other universities of similar sizes. He credits the awareness and sensitivity Resident Assistants and Resident Directors have shown towards the issue of fire and raising awareness about the consequences of fire in a dorm setting.

Bill could allow UMaine debit card

By Debra Hatch
Copy Editor

A bill currently being discussed in the Maine legislature has drawn the skepticism from colleges and universities it is aimed at helping. The proposed bill, "An Act Concerning Fair Debit Card Practices," is designed to allow college students to use a debit card to pay for merchandise and services off campus. But for University of Maine students the proposed bill would mean no changes in the use of their MaineCard.

Proponents of the legislation argue cards like the MaineCard should be used off campus as well as for on campus programs like the MaineCard Off Campus Merchants program. Wayne Berzini, owner of the University of Southern Maine's alternative bookstore and a vocal advocate for the bill, believes allowing students to use their student identification cards off campus will promote fair competition therefore benefiting students. Berzini believes programs like the MOM program are good, but only allow students to choose from a small number of businesses picked by the university.

Jonathan R. Thomas, an Orono representative to the Maine legislature and a co-sponsor of the bill, said as long as MaineCards remain controlled by the university students will not be able to use it off campus except with programs like the MOM program.

Banking laws, Thomas said,

stipulate that because the university controls the card rather than a bank, all the transactions must be made on campus. He said the legislation would have enabled the university to create a new card with debit card functions or change the current system to allow the MaineCard to have debit functions.

But Jon Lewis, executive director of Student Auxiliary Services, said the MaineCard and the MOM program are not affected by the proposed legislation. According to Lewis, the MaineCard is not a debit card and is not backed by a banking system. The MaineCard is an internal system that allows students access to their meal plans, dining funds, dormitories, library accounts and to attend university events. Because the MaineCard is not a debit card, the bill is moot in relation to UMaine, Lewis said.

Started more than two and a half years ago, the MOM program allows students to use dining funds to purchase food from area businesses that sign an agreement with the university. The only money the university earns through the program is a 20 percent commission. The rest of the money goes straight to the business from UMaine's accounts. MOM program receipts show the program to be quite lucrative for the local businesses. For instance, from Jan. 16, until Feb. 15, of this year Pizza Dome receipts from the MOM program totaled \$46,977.30. Pat's Pizza recorded

\$39,976.45 for the same period. Cumulatively the businesses grossed more than \$128,904.05 between the seven businesses.

This year, with the absence of the Memorial Union food vendors, there has been an increase in the number of people using the MOM program. Lewis said this was expected and he expects a decline in the use of the MOM program once the Memorial Union vendors are centralized and available again.

Some students find their own debit cards, such as those issued through the University Credit Union, are as handy as any MaineCard program.

Debit cards are currently issued through the credit union and directly affect the person's savings or checking account. What the legislation is asking is that universities issue debit cards, which don't exist here, and they be accepted at local businesses that associate with the university.

According to Thomas, the bill died in committee. The bill would have most affected the University of Southern Maine, Thomas said, but its effects would be far reaching and could eventually impact students at UMaine campus. He said he is currently working with the administration to find a way to lower the amount of money that students would lose from meal funds which are not being used by students. Thomas estimates students lose about a fifth of the money allotted for meal funds, which he believes is too high.

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EDITORIAL

Best of luck to Coach Walsh

For the past year, Maine men's hockey head coach Shawn Walsh has been battling cancer. Walsh was diagnosed with a renal cell carcinoma in his kidney early July last year. After the diagnosis, he went to the UCLA medical center in California to receive two cycles of immunotherapy treatment. He went out West once in August and again in late September. Walsh returned a frail man, much skinnier than the Walsh we were all used to. He regained his strength soon enough for the Oct. 28-29 series against Ohio State.

Despite the distraction, the men's hockey team finished the season strong, losing to eventual national champion Boston College. Through the cancer treatments, Walsh has had a kidney and lung removed. It's been a trying year for the man who has been the staple of not only Maine hockey, but the University of Maine. Walsh is now in Maryland, and in the coming weeks he will undergo chemotherapy in preparation for a stem-cell transplant. Immature cells from a cancer-free donor, Walsh's brother, are transplanted and will hopefully grow to be healthy cells, then attack and kill the cancerous cells. This latest procedure represents the most aggressive treatment option that Walsh has faced thus far in his attempts to rid the cancer from his body. Stem-cell transplant research is still in its early stages and the process Walsh will undergo may be the last treatment option available to him.

Good luck coach, the processes you have endured are a testament to your strength and returning for the hockey season displayed your determination. All we ask this time is for you to get better. To students, faculty and the community: Keep in touch with Walsh's situation as we all part for the summer and when school returns in September, there would be nothing better then to run a front-page article with the headline "Walsh is cancer-free."

Carnivore system too invasive

Attorney General John Ashcroft's decision to reconsider F.B.I. use of the Carnivore Internet monitor is commendable. E-mail and Internet transmissions warrant the same guarantees of privacy accorded to postal and telephone communication.

While the federal government can, in certain situations under specific legal direction, perform a telephone wire tap the Carnivore device is not discriminating enough to work within these guidelines. Attached to an e-mail server, Carnivore monitors all users, not just the individual specified for investigation.

A private communication can legally be monitored if there is probable cause to suggest it contains evidence of a criminal act but with Carnivore many e-mails are screened in the absence of this reason.

Carnivore could combat crimes planned or perpetrated over the Internet. Supporters suggest the government will act responsibly to ensure individuals' privacy is secure and that Carnivore is another good tool for catching criminals. This reasoning sidesteps the issue of privacy on two counts.

First, as soon as Carnivore is attached to a server and begins screening, people's privacy is violated. Private communications are monitored with no probable cause. Secondly, relying on the discretion of federal and law enforcement agents to disregard that which isn't pertinent to an ongoing investigation sets a dangerous precedent. The Carnivore Internet monitor poses a significant threat to the right to privacy Americans enjoy and should certainly be reconsidered.

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Disney differs with age

I finally got to sit in the front this time. I wasn't ten years old anymore and squished in the back seat between two older sisters who refused to let my tired head rest on either of their shoulders. This time I was the navigator, helping my dad find his way through Orlando to our hotel. My mom sat behind us, exhausted from the plane ride and grateful I was good with directions. We had flown most of the day and the three of us were happy to get away from the Maine winter. The Florida sun was what I needed. I couldn't help but think about what my sisters back home were up to. I was alone with Mom and Dad on this excursion. Ten years ago it had been all five of us. Now we

go airborne. Okay, back on track.

We finally got to the Lodge. The massive wooden columns reached toward the sky, coming together to form a beautiful structure. Waterfalls trickled down the side of the building and I couldn't believe we were actually staying there. It was definitely a step up from the Comfort Inn and sharing a bed with my sister back in 1990. I looked at all the little kids in the lobby — seriously, the lobby was as big as half a football field and I was jealous of them. They were laughing and



Kelly Michaud
News Editor

playing tag with their siblings. Some were crawling on furniture and trying not to get caught by their parents. I, on the other hand, was standing guard of six huge pieces of luggage while my dad parked the car and my mom argued with the guy at the check-in because something wasn't right. I wasn't carefree like those little kids. I was an adult at Disney World, but I thought it didn't matter. Disney World had the magical ability to make all you a kid again, right?

My parents and I decided to visit MGM Studios first. When I was little my mission was to find as many Disney characters as possible and bring home an album full of memories and autographs. This time around I could have cared less. Instead of thinking "where's Goofy?" I was wondering who the creep in the dog suit was and if he really liked being photographed with all those annoying little kids. Was it a guy or a girl in that get-up? How the heck can people breathe in those suits? Aren't they hot? I was definitely full of questions that I never would have dreamed of when I was 10. Back then I would wait forever in line for a few minutes next to my favorite character, smiling so much my face would almost crack. Now I was older and cynical. If the characters couldn't make me feel like a kid, what could?

On one of our last nights we decided we'd

eat at a restaurant in the hotel called Whispering Canyon. As we approached the place we could hear little kids yelling and screaming and people laughing. Whispering my ass. It wasn't exactly the ideal location for a low-key, quiet family dinner. Scratch that idea. We tried the other restaurant, the award-winning Artist's Point—quiet, elegant and expensive. My parents and I took our seats and realized this was the last thing we wanted. We were curious about what made Whispering Canyon so much fun. We decided to leave the Point and venture into the land of yelling and find out.

It was probably the best idea we had all week. I don't think too many people can say they have been wrapped in a blanket, hog-tied, proposed to and offered a 60-carat rock candy ring all in one night. Our waiter Jeffro-Bodeen seemed to take a liking to me from the start and showed me what having fun in Disney is all about. It's about letting go, not being embarrassed because you're 20 and don't want to look stupid. He made me stand up in front of the entire restaurant while he teased me for wearing shorts and then placed a blanket in my seat and wrapped me up. He asked me if I liked my dinner and a few minutes later he appeared with a four-foot long fork and knife to dig in. I was laughing so hard I thought I would choke on my steak. He didn't care if the whole restaurant was staring at us. He was having fun and I realized I was too. There was no reason to be self-conscious; that's what my hang-up was, that's why I wasn't having as much fun as all the children at Disney. Little kids aren't afraid of what people think. They are in their own little world where their imagination takes them for a ride at every turn. If I wanted to feel like a kid I had to stop thinking like an adult.

And on one of our final days, in Whispering Canyon, I did just that. Jeffro-Bodeen and I are getting married this summer and Goofy is the best man.

Kelly Michaud and Jeffro plan a July wedding.

OPINION

Women shouldn't walk alone

The too loud music swirls in my mind, melding with the too strong odor of cigarettes, alcohol and too many sweaty people wearing too much cheap perfume. I can not take the noise anymore.

I need air.

It is a cold late April evening. As I lean up against a low rock wall outside the Aroostook Hall formal, the wind whips my dress around my ankles. I'm looking past the shoes that match my dress just perfectly, staring down a rock on the ground. Then I look up.

Cornered.

Three men stand in a tight semi-circle in front of me. I do not know them and I do not trust them. They had been harassing me inside. Today I do not remember much, all I remember is immense fear. There was nowhere to run and too many to fight. Eventually someone came outside and they went away.

Since elementary school, women have been taught we are equal to men — that we are just as capable as any man. We are not limited because we are women.

But we can't walk alone at night.

College taught me that. It was never an issue until I came here, to college where classes and practices and cramming

sessions last longer than daylight. In the beginning I always had some man I knew to walk with me places.

But it never seemed right. I should not have to rely on anyone,



Amanda Hebert

Asst. News Editor

much less a man, to help me with something as simple as walking home. Slowly I started walking longer distances later at night — home from the office, just across the field. Once I made it that distance, I would walk from the library, then from the pool. Now, I am the master of my own path — anything else is degrading.

On one end of the balance is my independence, my self-respect, my dignity; on the other is my vulnerability, my apprehension, my fear. So most nights, when there is no one around, I refuse to call for an escort or ask for help. Not submitting to the man in the bushes, or the man behind the parked car who might upset the delicate balance I have created in my mind.

I walk with my head held high but that fear is still there. Every once in a while, on some rainy or starry night, I hear footsteps behind me, rocking

my stomach and sending adrenaline to my brain and to my legs. I will not run.

Because some nights fear upsets the balance. Fear born out of headlines and sound bites and Public Safety Crime Alerts left so nicely in my mailbox. Fear that I might face a situation where all power is taken away from me, where I have no control.

I have been lucky. No footsteps behind me on the mall at midnight has turned out to be anything but another tired soul trudging home after a long night of work. I have never been the unidentified woman in the Crime Alert who was knocked to the ground or pinned to her car by a nameless man whose face will be burned into her memory. But tonight I will walk home from work. Alone.

In all other parts of my life I have the power to do whatever I want regardless of my sex. I juggle classes where men and women are treated equally. I play sports and wrestle with the boys. I can make my own decisions, handle my own body and make my own mistakes. It is within my power to do anything. I am woman, hear me roar.

But do not let me walk alone at night.

Amanda Hebert is a junior journalism major.

Tell Aunt Gladys to lay it on thick

I had a paper due last week. As per usual, the evening before the due date I was undergoing my standard paper-writing ritual: sit in the library computer cluster, open MS Word and Internet Explorer and stare blankly at the screen until an idea strikes. After a few minutes I was surprised when I was hit, not by some great vision, but rather by my wise-ass friend Jared in the back of the head.

"What's up, moron?"

"Trying to write a paper. Any ideas?"

"Convince me why I should use sunscreen."

Jared put about as much thought into his suggestion as he does when picking his nose, but the idea nonetheless seemed like a valid topic. After all, the grounds of the campus are littered daily with sunbathing students, few of whom bother to apply sunscreen before baking in the sun. With skin cancer rates rising in current decades, there is clearly a need to slop on the Coppertone. The return of warm weather is celebrated with countless hours under the sun, the B-type ultraviolet rays from which are the largest contributor to basal-cell carcinomas. BCCs are the most common form of skin cancer and, though rarely fatal, make one much more susceptible to the more dangerous malignant melanoma.

Sounds like bad stuff, right? Then why is there such a lack of concern? One would expect college students of all people to be conscious of such unnecessary risks. Then again, I've seen people do much stupider things to their bodies on a Friday night, myself included.

But it's not like you have to wear a bathrobe and one of those umbrella hats to play some Frisbee; being protected

from the sun is as easy as slopping on some SPF 15. The sun protection factor, by the way, measures the multiple of protection offered beyond your own resistance to sunburn. For instance, if you would burn after 30 minutes in the sun, wearing an SPF 15 sunscreen will keep you from burning for 15 times as long, or 7.5 hours.

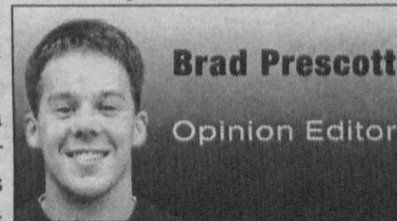
So if it's so easy, why not just rub some on and head out for a day of fun? In attempt to answer this question, I have come up with some possible reasons people might neglect such a simple and effective task:

•The smell. Sure a little sunscreen can protect you from cancer, but do you really want to smell like a coconut all day? My solution, if you don't like coconuts, is to drown the smell out with something else, like by tying an onion on your belt (if it's the style at the time).

•Cost. The last time I went to buy sunscreen, I picked out a nice little bottle of stuff that promised not only lasting waterproof protection from the sun, but would also be kind to my skin. Until I saw the price. I immediately dropped the outrageously expensive name-brand bottle for a jug of NO-AD sunscreen. They don't need fancy advertisements to sell their product and, as a result, sell it cheap.

•No hottie. "Sure, I want protection from the sun," most people claim. "But I don't have a hard-bodied hottie of the opposite sex to rub it on my back." A common problem, no doubt, but not one that has to stop you from getting the protection you need. Swallow your pride and let Aunt Gladys slop it on. Your dermatologist — and Aunt Gladys — will thank you.

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Brad Prescott

Opinion Editor

Don't be bashing the bikers

To understand where this is coming from you need to understand a few basic facts about who I am. I am 5 feet 1 inch tall and am known among friends for being the cute and sweet one. The baby fat that never really went away is normally clad in baby blues and pinks from the Gap. And, oh yeah, I work for bikers.

Here's the usual scenario: when I walk into an executive board meeting for the United Bikers of Maine I am surrounded by mostly older men wearing black leathers and jeans. Tattoos and piercing are nothing out of the ordinary. I walk in and take my seat near the back of the Legion Hall where the meetings are held and begin to write notes. And then, one of them will see me and say "Hey darlin', how're you doin'" or call me "sweetie" and I will remember that they are some of the nicest people I've met in a long time.

So, this is probably the point where you're thinking, "Hey, who the hell is she hanging out with if she thinks bikers are sweet?" And, to answer that, take a good look at your friends. It's pretty likely that I

know one or have met one. I'm surrounded by college students and professors just like everyone else.

I think it comes down to a



Kimberly Leonard

Maine Campus Style Editor

basic discussion of stereotypes and how terribly wrong they can really be. I'm not going to bore you by going into the basic rant about stereotypes and how you're evil if you buy into them. People who give you that lecture are full of it.

My theory is that people only buy into stereotypes when they haven't experienced the lifestyle they are talking about. Case in point: Most people, when they hear I work for bikers, are mortified that a sweet, little college girl like me could be consorting with "that type." And what I tell people is that the bikers I've met have been more respectful, honest and kind to me than some of my professors have been. Sure, I am probably not going to go hang out with Ted and Sonny

— a couple Exiles I have had the honor of meeting — on a weekend but I have no problems working with them because I can respect their lifestyle.

What I cannot respect is a person who can't or won't make an effort to get to know the other guy. Sure, I'm probably a huge hypocrite who is guilty of stereotyping people but, then again, who isn't. The point is a kudos to those people who can look past preconceived notions to find a little more truth.

So as word to the wise, mostly for graduating seniors and incoming freshmen who are about to get slapped in the head with reality: Close your eyes and listen to a person's voice or look into a person's eyes before you make a decision about a personality or moral values. What you see and hear might just surprise you. And always keep a sense of humor. People who can't laugh at themselves and their preconceived notions get ulcers and inoperable brain tumors.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

PHOTOS BY ESTHER GRANVILLE

What are you doing this Maine Day?



Sarah Spicer
2nd year
Winterport, ME

"I am working 'A.O. Pie in the Face' in front of Sigma Nu to raise money for arthritis research."



Andrew Galinas
1st year
Madison, ME

"Im going to Acadia."



Ben Cracolici
5th year
Brunswick ME

"Going to a Red Sox game. Usually we clean the arboretum, but this year we're doing something fun."



Megan Small
2nd year
Oakfield, ME

"Going hiking."



Gunel Mirzoyeva
3rd year
Baku, Azerbaijan

"Writing papers."

Police Beat

By Nicole Brann
Crime Reporter

At about 2:35 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, Public Safety received a report of smoke in a hallway of Estabrooke Hall.

According to reports, upon arrival officers and fire fighters found the smoke was the result of a discharged fire extinguisher. Residents of the dorm were relocated to York Commons while Estabrooke was inspected. Residents were later allowed back into the hall, but residents of the wing where the extinguisher had been discharged were not let back into their rooms until cleanup was complete. The incident is currently under investigation.

Sometime between 4 p.m. Friday, April 20, and 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, a Magnavox VCR was removed from room 401 in Dunn Hall. The VCR is valued at \$200. Anyone with information should contact Public Safety at 581-4040.

Byron Beauregard, 18, was issued a summons on a charge of theft Wednesday, May 2, after a resident of Somerset Hall reported the theft of his backpack from the Hilltop Commons bag drop.

According to reports, the student entered the commons

at about 11 p.m. and left his bag in the lobby. When he returned at 11:50 p.m. his L.L. Bean bag containing a book, calculator, notebooks and other items was missing. Investigating Officer George Ash contacted the Bookstore concerning the theft and, according to reports, the book had already been sold back to the store.

Ash spoke with a male whose identification had been used to sell the book back, however, according to reports, the male stated that he had loaned his Maine card to someone else to return the book.

As a result, officers spoke with Byron Beauregard, 18, who admitted to taking the backpack and returning the book. He reportedly also admitted to returning to Hilltop Commons and taking another bookbag from the drop.

The second bag, which also belonged to a resident of Somerset Hall, was removed from the lobby, but none of the books were stolen. Total combined theft of the bags was about \$770.



LEGAL Affairs

BY TED CURTIS

By Attorney Ted Curtis

Q. Recently I played an intramural event that led to some a physical contact. I suffered a black eye, along with some humiliation. I would like to sue the other player for battery. Is this legally possible?

A. Unfortunately, when agreeing to join an intramural team or play in an intramural event, you are indirectly consenting to the "normal" physical contact associated with the game. This does not mean that unreasonable or excessive physical contact cannot be legally remedied. However, only the State of Maine can bring criminal battery charges against an individual. This is generally done through the District Attorney.

You could bring a civil assault and battery charge against an individual for damages incurred, such as hospital bills. Keep in mind that "normal" physical contact will probably lead to your case being dismissed in a court of law. I suggest having correct protective gear on before agreeing to play in any more intramural events and make sure your health insurance will cover any damages.

Q. I am a junior and have rats living in my apartment. I asked my landlord to fix the problem, but he refused. He stated that the rats were there because my apartment is dirty, which is far from

the truth. How do I get my landlord to rid my apartment of rats?

A. By law, all landlords in the State of Maine promise all rented dwelling units are fit for human habitation — that is, they are reasonably safe and decent places to live. This is called the Maine Warranty of Habitability. In your case, rats make your apartment unfit for human habitation. If a reasonable request from you has been denied by your landlord, court action may be necessary to remedy the problem. Before you try pursuing the matter in court you must first be sure the following requirements have been filled:

1. The adverse condition must be serious enough to cause your apartment to be unsafe or unhealthy to occupy.
2. The condition must not have been caused by you or your family.
3. You must have given your landlord reasonable written notice of the problem and then have allowed a reasonable amount of time for the problem to be fixed.

Remember to keep copies of all correspondence for your own records. Chapter 14 of the Maine Attorney General's Consumer Law Guide, available at all public libraries as well as our office, provides a form letter you can fill out and then mail to your landlord. It is also a good idea to send a copy of your letter to the local Municipal Code

Enforcement Officer. You have a right to ask the Code Enforcement Officer to inspect your dwelling for safety violations. You may find the Code Enforcement Officer will provide your best and fastest solution.

4. Your rent payments must be up-to-date at the time you provide written notice to your landlord.

If your landlord fails to remedy the problem, and the reasonable cost of repairing the problem is less than \$250 or the amount of your rent (whichever is greater), you can notify your landlord in writing of your intention to correct the condition. Your landlord then has 14 days to make the repairs. Otherwise, you may fix the problem, submit an itemized list of expenses and then deduct that amount from your monthly rent.

If the cost to fix the problem yourself is more than \$250, you may sue in Small Claims Court. In your situation, I suggest giving your landlord a written request and allowing a reasonable amount of time to remedy your rat situation. If your landlord refuses to comply with your request, you may want to consider Small Claims Court.

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.

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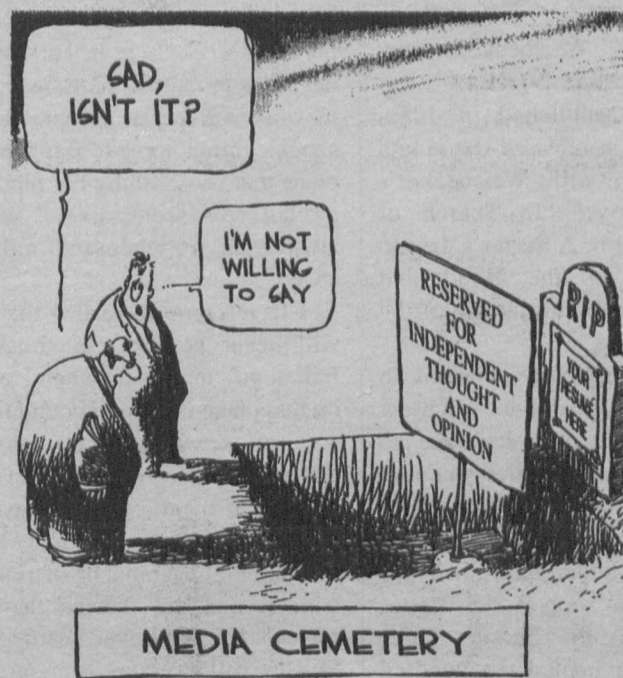


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by Joe Martin



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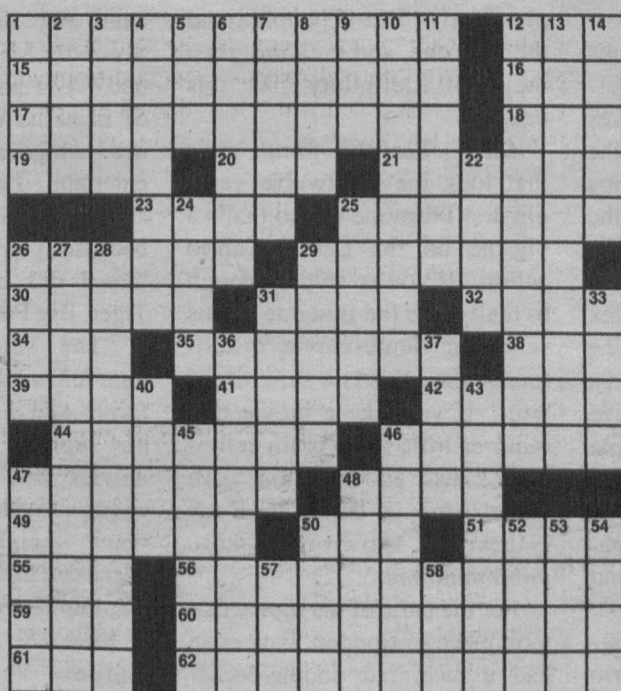
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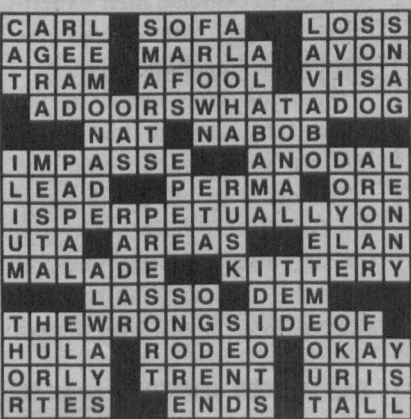
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Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

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Alan C. Weisbecker's first novel "Cosmic Banditos" was originally published in 1983. The book, re-released last month in tandem with Weisbecker's newest novel "In Search of Captain Zero: A Surfer's Trip to the End of the Road and Beyond," is a cult classic of the highest order.

When originally released in 1986, the book did not catch on. Weisbecker's publisher was so desperate to rid their warehouse of stacks of the novel that they sold him a hundred copies for less than a dollar apiece in 1991. As a way to support U.S. troops fighting in the Persian Gulf, Weisbecker mailed the hundred copies of "Cosmic Banditos" to random soldiers and asked them to pass it along when finished. Weisbecker received fan mail from troops well in excess of the amount of books he had sent out, so it seemed his novel had been well read and well received. It was not until 1998 that he would find out exactly how well received it had been.

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Turkish trip makes fond memories

By Domonic Potorti
Special to The Maine Campus

It is strange what one can become accustomed to. In these, my final weeks here in Turkey, I have begun that subtle transition to what will be an abrupt, rude shock coming home to Bangor, a place that was nothing but familiar but now seems like it will always be ten thousand miles away.

I have come to realize that I will never be the same husky Italian guy that I was when I got on that plane in Boston bound for Ankara, seemingly only days ago. That Domonic had never eaten goat meat. He had never walked the streets of Ephesus, comparable in grandeur of ruins with Rome and Athens themselves. He had never heard the Muslim call to prayer from more than a dozen mosques in a small, dusty town, all echoing across a valley to disappear with the last rays of the sun over the mountain that blocked a view of the Aegean Sea. He had never used a squat toilet. I think of that Domonic and I positively ache for him, and wonder if he could have dreamed of the time he was to have here. But he is gone.

The fingers that type this article are the self-same that

clutched the tickets to come here, the same that handled the fork and knife to masticate the crude airline food that made me more sick than any street food I have eaten here. Now they are nourished by Anatolia, with even my very cells owing their continued existence to a country that was my dream for so long. In that sense, Turkey

nature, and ultimately, the adaptability that put our species where we are now, but I don't want to believe that is purely a natural defense.

In becoming accustomed to my best friend here, I took him into my heart, not just into my consciousness. It is a far different thing than becoming accustomed to, say, eating lamb all

People can become accustomed to anything; from squalid, disease-infested squatter towns to torture, to being loved by someone and always thinking that that love will be there.

will never leave me. But if somatics are all that I worried about, what a shallow person I would be.

What I do know in this, a very fragile state, is that I will leave my heart and most of my soul in this country. People can become accustomed to anything, from squalid, disease-infested squatter towns to torture to being loved by someone and always thinking that that love will be there. I know that it is human

the time (which is definitely something that I became used to). In that sense, I have also taken this country within me, and nothing short of my own death will keep me from living each day in my homeland, the Land of the Stars and Stripes, with sweet memories of Turkey close at hand.

Now, with my return to "reality" imminent in but five weeks, I look to the past three months — my friends, the

things I have seen and the places I have gone — and of course I would give anything — not to have it be over. Yet, I have a life, a remarkably complete and fulfilling one, waiting for me to pick it up again at home, like a beloved, careworn sweater. Now, the new sweater I am wearing here seems so much nicer, but I have to give it back. It doesn't really completely belong to me. But I still have the receipt. The question is, when will I come to get it again? With my heart and soul all the way across the choppy, gray Atlantic, here in the crossroads of civilizations where nothing is lacking, I know that it must be soon.

A thank you to all my readers — I hope it was as much a pleasure for you as it was for me. If you are interested in Turkey and would like to get to know more about it, try www.turkey.org, which is the official Website of the embassy. And I will always be available, at domonic.potorti@umit.maine.edu, as no doubt I will be positively thrilled to show you the 4.2 billion pictures I took and regale you with stories by the boatload. If that kind of thing doesn't scare you.

Allahaismarlidik (I leave you to God)

Dynamic duo muses over moron movie

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

He: The unofficial but clearly marked kickoff of the summer barrage of blockbuster movies started on May 4, with the release of "The Mummy Returns." Starring Brendan Fraser, this sequel of the 1999 hit returns all the crucial characters from the original in order to cash in big time.

And cash in is just what it does. Raking in over \$70 million in its opening weekend, "The Mummy Returns" looks to be posed to start the summer movies off with a bang.

Occurring nine years after the original, we find our heroes Rick O'Connor and his wife Evelyn taking care of their young son, Alex, in London. After a short intro with WWF superstar The Rock, "The Mummy Returns" wastes no time getting to the action. The O'Connors are soon face to face with crazy Mummy zealots and before you can say Ali Baba, the entire crew is whisked off to the deserts of Egypt.

She: As they're whisked off to the desert, you realize that this so-called sequel isn't too different from the original ... Yes that's right, they could be the same movie. Who are they fighting? A mummy. Yeah, the same nasty dude from the first one. There's a cute kid in this movie by the name of Alex played by Freddie Boath. The archeological duo has spawned a cutie! He's just as inquisitive and impetuous as the couple themselves and Rachel Weisz returns as Evelyn, Rick's wife. There are themes of reincarnation, danger, and love. Sound familiar?

He: You didn't like the original because Leo DiCaprio wasn't in it. "The Mummy Returns," like its predecessor is high on entertainment, low on intelligence. Fraser does his best to be Indiana Jones with a funny bone and director Stephen Sommers is wonderful at blitzing the audience's eyes with great special effects. On the whole, "The Mummy Returns" is just as good as "The Mummy" except for one problem. It is almost a com-

plete copy. But if people liked the first one, and they did, then they will definitely like this one.

She: For one thing, guys that look they're twelve years old don't turn me on, so that's a big no on the Leo DiCaprio action. If you're stupid enough to really like the first one in this series of dumb-movie installments, then this is a sure hit for you! If you like a movie that requires little to no brain activity, it's also good for that. An added plus is that The Rock makes the show even more mind numbing.

For the parts of the movie that took place in London, they even had a nice, red double-decker bus like in real tourist London! But did they even have those back in 1935? I didn't like Brendan Fraser in this movie at all. He was too cynical and dumb. But maybe he's like that in real life.

He: I guess someone doesn't understand what a summer movie is supposed to be. Let me explain it. First, it needs to be something you can escape into for a couple hours away from the

heat and the crazy tourists. Secondly, it doesn't have to make you ponder the existence of mankind or why maxi pads need wings, all it needs to do is entertain. Lastly, you walk out smiling, not clutching your head because you have a migraine, like I did exiting "Crouching Tiger, Big Fat Yawn."

"The Mummy Returns" is pure fun in Hollywood's simplest form. And during these next few hot months these big budget movies will keep us all sane enough to not go and bash out your neighbor's windows because it has been four weeks of hot, humid weather.

She: So basically, it's for morons. That's what I thought. Another great thing about the film for guys is that it has a couple of catfights. That should be enough to drag some of you there. I think the movie has already made the bulk of its money from this weekend, and I doubt it will become a summer hit. It just opened, and it does not have 3-month staying power. I hope the producers made their money back.

Center helps hundreds with writing

By Kate Milligan
For The Maine Campus

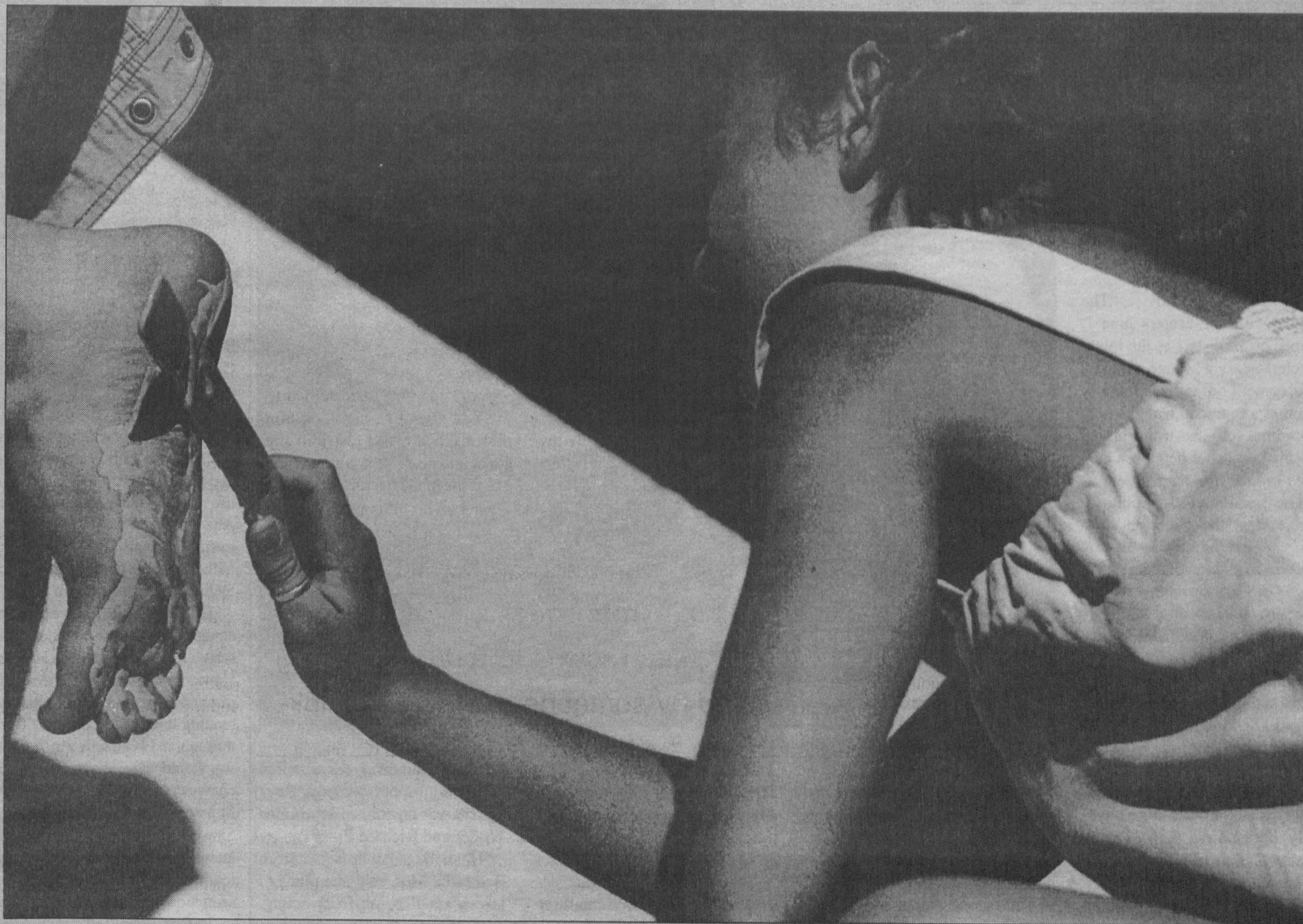
Between 400 and 500 students a year come in for a tutorial session at the University of Maine Writing Center, located on the top floor of Neville Hall.

"Almost every student who comes to the Writing Center indicates to us that the trip was well worth their effort," said Harvey Kail, Director of the Writing Center and Associate Professor of English. "We ask students to evaluate their experience in the center, and the response is hugely positive."

Students who come to the center for a tutorial first schedule an appointment, and are asked upon arrival to fill out a brief evaluation form, informing the staff about who they are and what they are working on. The student then meets with a peer

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Footprints



Creativity Happens

ABOVE: Freshman Heather Brydon applies yellow paint to the foot of Kevin Moon on the campus Mall as part of "The Happening" Friday afternoon. Moon then walked along a stretch of canvas leaving yellow footprints. RIGHT: Third year art major Aaron McKusick sketches a pine cone outside on the campus mall before "The Happening" Friday afternoon. CAMPUS PHOTOS BY MARK W. LIPCZYNSKI.



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Schneider gets primal in 'The Animal'

By Stanley Dankoski
Web Editor

Have you ever wanted to be a cop? Have you then realized you weren't the buff, coordinated specimen police academy look for? Then the next movie to star Rob Schneider of Saturday Night Live and "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigalo" fame is about you.

Except in this movie, "The Animal," due in theaters June 1, Schneider, who stars as the lowly file clerk Marvin Mange with law enforcement dreams, actually becomes a supercop with the help of animal organs transplanted into his body after he's been critically injured in a car accident.

The character's popularity then enjoys the attention of a new girlfriend, played by Colleen Haskell, of last summer's CBS hit show, "Survivor." Much to his dismay, Mange's animal organs then begin to take control of his body in the form of how the organs' original body would act in certain situations.

Both Schneider and Haskell fielded questions in separate online chats Friday, April 27, by college media on Allcampus.com.

"[This movie] was more physically demanding than 'Deuce Bigalow,'" Schneider wrote. "I got beaten up by an orangutan, I had to swim with a dolphin in water colder than the ocean in wintertime, and I tried to have a romantic interlude with a goat."

Haskell was asked what

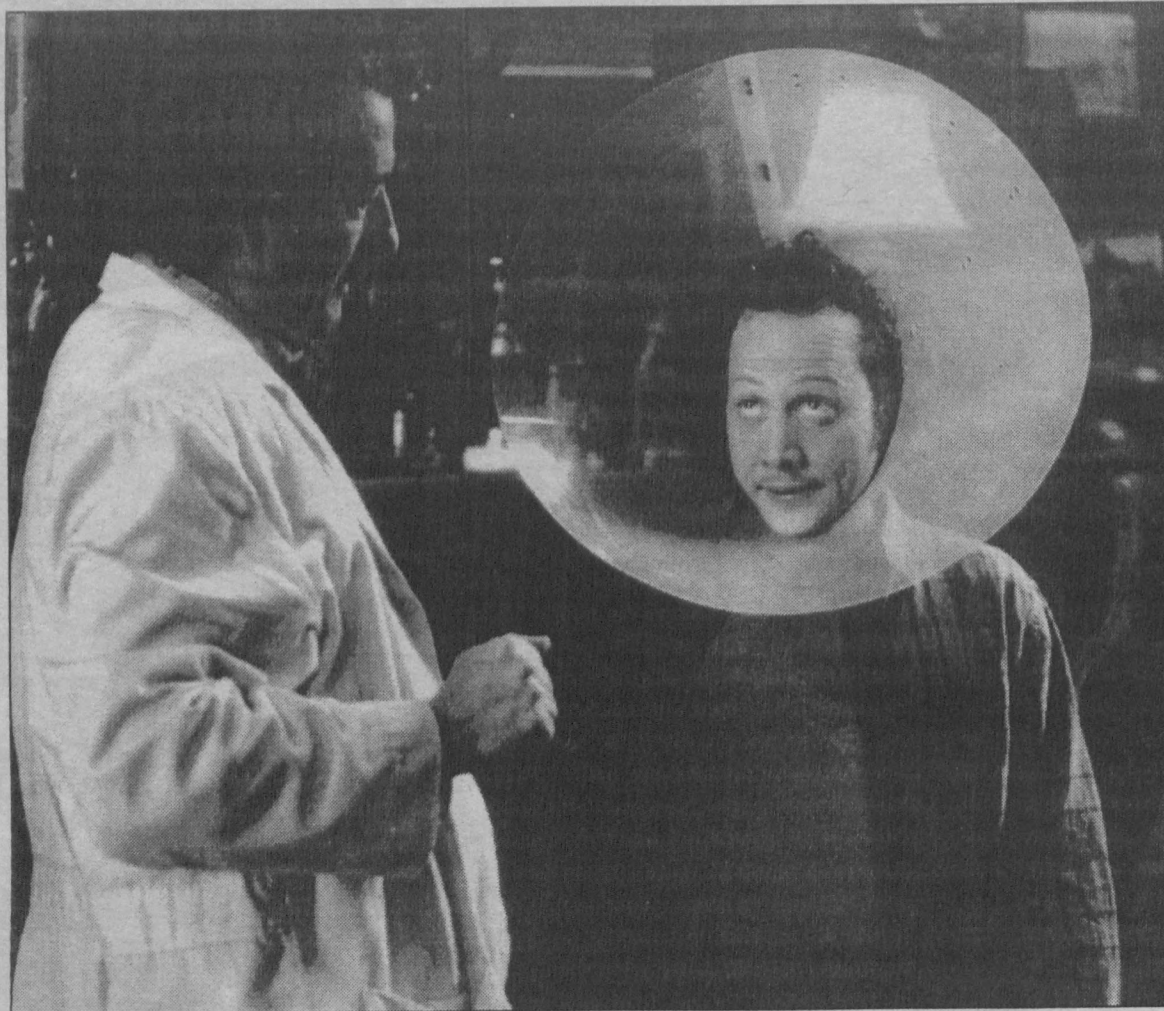


Photo courtesy of "The Animal."

attracted her to "The Animal."

"It was really refreshing compared to all the bajillion million dollar, rack 'em up, shoot 'em up movies," she wrote. "It's nice to just see a nice story. It's like a live action cartoon movie."

Schneider was asked how it was working with Haskell.

"She's America's Sweetheart," he wrote. "Men

AND women fell in love with her while making the movie at one time or another. She's like the sexy girl in class who knows it."

Schneider's comic influences have stemmed from "something completely different."

"Monty Python is the high watermark of comedy in the 20th century," he wrote.

"Anyone who disagrees with that is ignorant about comedy. Peter Sellers was a genius. I love Gene Wilder and Richard Pryor."

Haskell, who's from Bethesda, Md., said she plans to take a small break from acting, even though this was her first movie. The 24-year-old said she wasn't sure whether to stay in graphic design or movies.

Book

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"Cosmic Banditos" had stirred up so much interest in the Persian Gulf that returning Gulf War troops began seeking it out at home. Word of mouth among troops, friends and relatives led to a depletion of the limited first printing available in bookstores and caused rare secondhand copies, and copies signed by the author to skyrocket in value. It had become a cult phenomenon and had fueled rumors about the enigmatic author who had never penned a second book.

The enigmatic author was by this time engaged in a two-year-long road trip to the wilds of Central America that would make up the bulk of his second book "In Search of Captain Zero." Upon his return to America in 1998, a friend informed Weisbecker of the fury surrounding his book (used copies were now selling for \$300) and suggested a second printing.

The cult phenomenon surround-

ing "Cosmic Banditos" is easy to understand. The book is a masterpiece. The story, a drug smuggling, tequila drenched, laugh out loud, nihilist account of mayhem, carnage and quantum physics is impossible to put down. It is witty, insightful, hilarious and irreverent ... it is Chuck Pahlinuck, Elmore Leonard, Hunter S. Thompson and Albert Einstein rolled into one.

The tale is told through the pen of a down on his luck pot smuggler known only as "Mr. Quark." Quark is hiding out in the wilds of Central America with his dog High Pockets, a snake named Legs and a group of full-blown banditos led by his best friend Jose. How Quark came to be down and out is gradually revealed over the course of the novel as two stories, past and present, converge at a common point in Sausalito, California.

The past story involves pot-smuggling antics in the drug cartel underworld of Columbia, explo-

sive coke, weed and tequila fueled mayhem in the Caribbean and New York City, a boat named Don Juan, two rambunctious cohorts and a World War two aircraft flying junkie with a penchant for crashing. The present story involves a lot of quantum physics and a backwoods road trip to California.

How physics becomes involved in the story, and how it shapes the nature of the down and out Mr. Quark, is the main focus of "Cosmic Banditos." While physics may not qualify as light reading, it is hardly off putting in the context of the story. It is a perfect blend of outright disregard, destruction, complex scientific thought and the search for the meaning of life that make this book such a treasure.

"Cosmic Banditos" was out of print for far too long, and became a cult classic for good reason. Trust me on this: This is one of the best books you will ever read...if only you can find a copy.

Writing Center

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tutor to discuss what is to be accomplished during the session. Most tutorials last fifty minutes.

The Writing Center was started in 1978, with the peer-tutoring program launching in 1980. The peer tutors are predominantly undergraduates majoring in English. All tutors must complete ENG 395, an English internship requiring a faculty recommendation.

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Lauded film far from good

By Debra Hatch
Copy Editor

Small town life has been a traditionally popular topic for filmmakers to expound upon like in the 1971 movie "The Last Picture Show" directed by Peter Bogdanovich and starring Cybill Shepherd, Jeff Bridges and Ben Johnson.

This prequel to the 1990's "Texasville," which featured much of the same cast, is a long and drawn out trip into small time life in the dying Texas town of Anarene. For anyone who has lived in a small town, the concept of the movie is familiar, but far too melodramatic for its own good.

Drawing on the themes and cinematographic features of black and white film masters such as Howard Hawks and John Ford, the movie rarely draws on its own technique, making it tedious at times to weed through and boring to watch. Why we would care about any of the characters in this movie other than Sonny (Timothy Bottoms), and Sam the Lion (Ben Johnson), who learns about growing up in a dying town where friends are fickle and seduction is prevalent?

In fact, Shepherd's manipulating, manevolent character Jacy is simply looking for a chance to experience each shocking experience she can (all things shocking maybe?). In a small town where pulling the talk of the town to you makes you the center of attention and popular. Lauded as the only pretty girl in town, she ends up ultimately unhappy.

The death of the only beloved businessman in town, Sam the Lion, shows the downward spiral of despair and death that is looming over the town. Life lessons, the despair and the hard knocks affecting all high school kids and their teenage relationships and first loves abound in this overly ambitious movie which attempts to solve all problems without dealing realistically with them.

Compositionally, this movie is beautifully done and provocative and while the acting bridges on melodramatic and amateur, it can at times have actual breakthroughs in realism.

In true "Grapes of Wrath" style, the drama of the death of small town America and the end of an era are all provocative reasons this tedious movie earned 22 awards and nominations with two academy awards won by Johnson and Cloris Leachman (who played Ruth Popper, the movie show operator).

Lauded as an American classic, the movie has promise, but unfortunately took too long and too much drama to show its story. While it had promise, it also has a lot that needs to be worked out, making it a movie better left for watching on hot, dry nights in a small town where there's not enough to do.

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Sports column

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sport is that it opens up the doors for many other non-sports to start applying for "sport" status.

If cheerleading is a sport, then dance teams should be considered sports because they basically do the same thing. They perform for scores from judges and make nifty moves in unison, where cheerleaders throw each other up in the air in unison. There's really no fundamental difference.

Bodybuilding is just for people who have too much time and not enough self-esteem. No way is it a sport. It does require extreme abilities, although the actual contest is decided by whose muscles are most symmetrical. That's bogus.

Golf. Now this is where it gets tricky. Golf takes a small degree of athleticism, but it's a

precision game (notice I didn't say sport) that takes a lot of skill but there's no defense and there's no "race" aspect to it like track and swimming. It's only you and the course, three other people playing alongside and five hours of walking behind your ball. Now if the other people in your group could set up bunkers for you before you tee off, then maybe there's a defensive element, but obviously that's not realistic. I just can't be convinced that golf is a sport. Don't get me wrong, it's a great game and it takes a lot of skill, but it's just a game. If golf was a sport, then miniature golf would be too. There the same game, with different scales of courses and that's really where the line has to be

drawn. While you may see golf in the sports section, it's because there's no "games" section of a newspaper. But do you notice how it is usually the last thing on Sportscenter unless Tiger Woods is making history.

Powerlifting is similar to track and swimming where the "race" plays a part. In powerlifting, there's not a defense, but it's a test of skill where the strongest person wins. It takes years of preparation and should be a sport under the same reasons as track and swimming. I wouldn't advocate adding a defensive element to powerlifting, it's simple, but still true athletic competition.

Tennis. I think tennis is a sport and I think there is a defense, but I could see where

other people would debate whether or not there's a defense. In tennis, when you hit the ball far away from your opponent, without hitting it out of bounds, you're really playing offense and defense at the same time. You're being aggressive in getting the ball back as fast as possible, but you're being defensive by trying keep your opponent from doing the same. But calling tennis a sport does open up the doors to ping pong, which I hesitate to call a sport, but meets all of the requirements I think it needs to. So rather than walk the fence, we'll call it a sport.

Horse racing is a sport for horses, but not for humans. Horse racing is essentially track for the horses, but for the humans, it's

just a game. A contest where animals decide the outcome can't be a sport (this includes hunting and fishing). I was pissed when ESPN named Secretariat to the all-time greatest athletes list, ahead of many other greats.

I know some people consider everything a sport that's in the Olympics, but the huge problem with that theory is there's no football, which is arguably one of the best sports out there. Some don't consider anything a sport except baseball, basketball, hockey and football. There are different realms, explanations and ways to elevate a game into sports status. Golfers, bodybuilders and cheerleaders—sorry, what you do takes skill, but they just aren't sports.

Softball

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throw was wild, allowing both Kelly and Taylor to score, giving Maine a lead it didn't relinquish. Maine went on to the 5-2 victory. Freshman pitcher Angela Douglass picked up her first collegiate win with a four inning effort. Candace Jaegge pitched the final three innings in relief without giving up a hit to get credit for her first save of the season.

Maine came back to Orono to finish off its season with a pair of doubleheaders with America East foe Hofstra on Saturday and Sunday at Kessock Field.

In the opener, the Black Bears started quickly, getting a single from Sara Asadoorian. She advanced to third on a throwing error by Hofstra's shortstop Lindsay Sawyer, allowing Lauren Dulkis to reach base. The bases were loaded when Kelly Blois hit Erica Sobel. Amanda Stevens drove in Asadoorian with a sacrifice fly. Dulkis scored on a

Karen Sherwood single later in the inning.

The Pride got one run back in the fourth inning, but Maine came back with two more in the bottom of the fifth. Dulkis led off the inning with a single, then advanced to second on a wild pitch. Sobel singled and then Leigh Ann Hlywak reached on an error, loading the bases. A wild pitch brought Dulkis home and the other two runners moved up. Stevens singled to drive in Sobel and give Maine their final 4-1 cushion. Senior Carrie Green picked up her fourth win of the season in the circle for the Black Bears.

The second game was much tougher for the Black Bears, as Hofstra pitcher Shannon Luther did not allow the Black Bears' bats to get going.

Shannon Hallaway gave Hofstra the lead in the top of the second when she homered for the eighth time this season to lead off

the inning. Hofstra put up two more in the fifth inning. That would be all they would need to beat the Black Bears 3-0.

Luther only gave up one hit in the win. Maine's Candace Jaegge pitched 5 1/3 innings for Maine and took the loss.

Both of Sunday's games turned out to be a microcosm of Maine's season: close, but not quite enough for the win.

Hofstra jumped out front of the Black Bears with two runs in the second and another in the fourth. Maine answered back in the bottom of the fourth inning as Blois struggled to find her control. She uncorked three wild pitches, each allowing a Maine runner to score, which tied the game at three.

Hofstra went back out front in the top of the fifth, but Maine answered again in the bottom of the sixth. Maine tied the score at four on a pinch-hit single by freshman Nicole Taylor.

However Hofstra exploded in the top of the seventh inning for four runs, highlighted by a two-run double by Mari Shepard to help win the game 8-4.

Alexis Alcantara pitched three innings of relief for Blois and picked up the win. Maine's Carrie Green pitched for the final time in a Black Bear uniform, and pitched six and a third innings in her 12th loss of the season. Green ends her career at Maine with a 37-31 record.

Sunday's final game was a pitcher's duel of the finest caliber between Hofstra's Shannon Luther and Maine's Ashley Yuhas. The game went to extra innings scoreless. No one was able to score until the top of the ninth inning when Hofstra finally unloaded on Yuhas for four runs, only one of which was earned.

Maine couldn't answer in the bottom half of the inning and was defeated 4-0 in nine innings.

Yuhas pitched well for eight and two-thirds innings but dropped the decision. Luther once again got a shutout victory.

Maine finished the season with an overall record of 12 wins and 41 losses. That sets a new record for most losses in a single season. The old record was 34, which was set in 1990. Maine's America East record was 6-20.

Despite the setbacks this year, Maine softball has a lot to look forward to for next season. Maine will return the entire team except for pitcher Carrie Green. Ashley Yuhas and Candace Jaegge both had great campaigns this year, and Angela Douglass has shown promise as well. The fielding got better as the season went along, as did the hitting, which was the weak link for Maine all season.

With one season under the belt of this young team, there is nowhere to go but up from here.

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Track teams run at America East meet

By Kelly Brown
Track Reporter

The UMaine's men's and women track teams competed in the America East Championships held in Dedham, Mass last weekend. The men placed third with 133 points while the women took fourth place with a total of 105 points.

The men's 4x800-meter relay team led the way for the Black Bears as they placed first with a time of 7:47.45, while the 4x400-meter team took second place.

In individual events, Derek Davis led the men, taking first in the high jump, beating out his nearest competitor by four inches. Ryan Harkeland captured a first place finish in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:54.32. Scott Godsoe took third in the long jump with a leap of 21'12. John Lewis earned third in the 100-meter dash, while teammate Joel Evans finished third in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 54.85, missing the school record by just .05. Andre Dubois placed fourth in the shot put. Derek Semple took home a fourth

place finish in the 400-meter dash. Also placing for the Black Bears was Jared Coulston with a fourth place finish in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles and Dave Cusano with a fourth place in the shot put as well as fifth in the triple jump.

It was a record setting meet for the women as Vanessa McGowen not only took home a first place finish in the 800-meter run, but she also shattered a school record that was previously set by Charla Harrie. Julie Williams tied a school record for the hammer throw with a mark of 158 feet, three inches. Angela Pulcifer finished right behind Williams in the hammer throw with a toss of 156 feet seven inches. The 4x800-meter team also set a new school record with a time of 9:22.7. Freshman Katie Page continued the record setting as she broke her own school record in the discus throw with a mark of 13 feet, six inches. Meg Muller placed second in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles as well as finishing fourth in the 100-meter high hurdles.

Lakers show true colors in playoffs

By Michael Perkins
For The Maine Campus

The Los Angeles Lakers are not the same team they were a month ago and for the Portland, Blazers and now the Sacramento Kings, it has become painfully obvious. They're not having the same problems they were as a team and it is showing in the playoffs.

The Lakers have already swept their west coast rival, the Trailblazers and are now playing in the second round where they are already a game up on the Kings. The Blazers' season, however, is over after a pitiful three-game series in which Los Angeles utterly dominated the Blazers, outscoring them by 44 points and dominating the boards, out rebounding them by 33.

"To be able to sweep a team, I think it sends a message to everybody else around the league that we're for real," Kobe Bryant said after the April 29 series win over Portland.

All that was being said about the Lakers a month ago had little to do with them winning games, but was more about who on the team wasn't getting along with who. Kobe hates Shaq, Shaq hates Kobe. But it seems now that Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal and the

rest of the Lakers have moved past their personal differences and are ready to defend their NBA Championship. The Lakers have won 12 games in a row now, winning their last eight games of the regular season, sweeping the Blazers in three games, and now winning their first game of this second round series versus the Kings on Sunday.

If you're looking at a calendar, the Lakers haven't lost a game since April 1 and that is going to add to the confidence of any team, never mind a team as strong as this one. "Everyone is on the same page now. We have a mission," O'Neal said about his Lakers.

O'Neal showed he was the one in control on Sunday against the Kings with 44 points, 21 rebounds and seven blocked shots. Kobe was no slouch himself with 29 points, making baskets when it was vitally important for Los Angeles. The rest of the Lakers combined for 35 points, further proving the fact that when Kobe and Shaq are playing their "A" game you can chock up another win for the Lakers. "They were not doubling me, so I just tried to take the high percentage shots," Shaq said. "Close to the basket, I'm going to take those shots all night. Whatever they throw at me, I'll be ready. They're

probably going to double me a little more quickly."

"Shaq saved the day time and again by getting all those offensive rebounds," teammate Brian Shaw said. "They're going to have to figure out a way to combat that."

And Brian Shaw is right, if the Kings don't find a much more effective way to defend Shaq, you can consider this series over in four games. "I thought we played a pretty good game for not having any combat for a week, Shaq was the dominant player out there today, without a doubt," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

"The guy is unbelievable," Kings coach Rick Adelman said. "He's big, he's strong, he's quick. He really has learned how to play to his physical talents."

Both Vlade Divac and Scott Pollard tried to keep Shaquille under wraps, but they came up short against the larger, stronger, more talented O'Neal.

Sacramento has never won a championship and is playing in the second round of the playoffs for the first time in 20 years. Game two will also be played in Los Angeles at the Staples Center and then the series will move to Sacramento for games three and four.

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Game 2 Sunday

Vermont received a strong pitching performance from starter Jeff Dixon in the 4-2 win. Dixon, who stands an imposing 6-foot-8, struck out nine and allowed only four hits. Freshman Mike MacDonald took the hard-luck loss, dropping his record to 5-2. MacDonald's numbers on the day were very similar to Dixons, seven innings, four hits and six strikeouts.

Coach Paul Kostacopoulos was impressed with Vermont's pitching.

"They pitched well," said Kostacopoulos after Sunday's games. "We faced three pretty good pitchers (Dixon, Robinson, and Andy Kummer) and won three out of four."



UMaine freshmen (from left to right) Virginia Blake, Carrie Korth and Jennifer Wittman huddle under a blanket for Saturday afternoon's cold and overcast baseball game at Mahaney Diamond. CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK W. LIPOZYNSKI

The Black Bears rallied in the sixth with a one-out pinch hit double off the bat of Mike Ross.

Ross was stranded at second. Maine loaded the bases in the seventh with two outs, but Dixon got Mike Livulpi to line out to center to end the game.

"We just got to keep our heads up and keep playing like we've been playing," said Kostacopoulos, "because, I

think, we've won 12 out of our last 15 ballgames."

Game 1 Saturday

Rusty Tucker continued to dominate opposing hitters, tossing a three-hit shutout in the opener. Tucker is now 7-1 on the season and lowered his league leading ERA to 1.09.

Freshman shortstop Mark Reichley and Aaron Young drove in runs in the 2-0 win. Third baseman Matt Reynolds tripled in the fifth and scored on Reichley's single.

After taking three of four over the weekend, Coach Kostacopoulos's philosophy is simple.

"Each game you want to improve upon the last game," said Kostacopoulos.

Game 2 Saturday

Simon Stoner improved to 6-2, pitching six innings and scattering seven hits. Matt Truman pitched the seventh to notch his fourth save of the season. Senior Keith Genest singled with two outs in the sixth to drive in the winning run for Maine. Hamblen had two hits for the Black Bears.

Maine is solidly entrenched in second place in the conference, two games behind Delaware. Northeastern heads north to Mahaney Diamond to end the regular season. The Black Bears are looking forward to playing their rivals.

"We are always in a dog-fight with these guys," said Hamblen. "We just want to go out and shut them down."

The Huskies come to Orono for a Friday night 7 p.m. game, a double header on Saturday and a single game at noon on Sunday.

"It's going to be fun," said Kostacopoulos. "We've won 33 games and just want to keep this great season going."

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Towson coaches showing skepticism towards move

Tigers heading to Colonial next year

By Derek Turner
The Towerlight

TOWSON, Md.(U-WIRE) —When rumors began circulating on campus last year about a possible America East merger with the Colonial Athletic Association, coaches around the Towson Center were understandably skeptical about the move.

As time passed, the merger proposition faded and Towson, along with Delaware, Hofstra and Drexel, made the decision to leave America East completely, in favor of the CAA.

Now, with the final transition plan in place, some skepticism remains about Towson's ability to excel in a more prestigious conference.

"The coaches initially weren't in favor of it," head men's tennis coach Tom Meinhardt said. "But we soon found out it was irrelevant. The decision was going to be made by the president and I think Dr. [Hoke] Smith was influenced by [Athletics Director] Dr. [Wayne] Edwards. The idea of playing William & Mary and Virginia Commonwealth was more alluring than playing some schools that people here don't relate to as much, the Hartfords and the Northeasterns."

Head men's soccer coach Frank Olszewski said it is human nature to question change, but he said that he sees the move as being a positive one for both the university and its athletic programs.

"I think sometimes, when you don't have all the information you need, sometimes there is the fear of the unknown and the comfort of where you are," he said. "Under the direction of Dr. Smith and Dr. Edwards, it is no question a move in a forward direction. That can only be positive."

Much of the concern has been generated by the fact that CAA teams, in virtually every sport, play more difficult schedules than those Towson has played as a member of America East.

And the Tigers have played to mixed results in America East. The men's lacrosse team Saturday won the school's only America East championship thus far in the 2000-2001 school year.

The CAA features numerous schools with greater resources and athletic budgets exceeding that of Towson, which leads some coaches to believe the first few years could be difficult ones.

"It's a challenge," Meinhardt said. "There's no doubt about it, because the power rating of that conference is much higher in most sports than America East. We

will have trouble, initially, winning championships. They have a lot of well-established schools with a scholarship-base much stronger than ours. We're going to take our knocks for a few years, not just tennis, probably all sports. The good part is if you do well in this conference you get a lot more respect. We've been looking for that for years."

That respect is precisely what has eased some of the skepticism and made the coaches begin thinking about taking the athletic program to a higher level.

Olszewski said that there are at least five perennial top-25 teams in the CAA, and though the soccer program will not begin play in the new conference until 2002, he has already seen the move generate excitement in his recruits.

"The incoming recruiting class for 2001, they were anxious to begin this fall, they were very excited about that possibility," he said. "There's that name recognition. There are a lot of factors. One recruit called it 'the icing on the cake.'"

In a bit of a different boat is Tony Seaman, the head lacrosse coach.

His team just won its first America East title and is currently ranked ninth in the nation.

The newly formed CAA lacrosse program will include Loyola, Villanova and Sacred Heart, along with the other defecting America East schools.

Many CAA schools have lacked men's lacrosse programs, but Seaman is hopeful that the new alignment will generate enough excitement for them to start lacrosse programs, should they get the opportunity.

"The hope is maybe we can expand the game a little bit so some of the other teams in the conference will pick it up," he said.

Towson lacrosse is currently at such a high level in recruiting that the CAA name plays little role in enticing young players.

Seaman is extremely pleased with one facet of the move in particular, however; the better geographic relationships between the schools.

"I don't ever again want to drive for 10 hours on a bus to play Vermont," he said.

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Red Sox Review

By Kris Healey

Boston returned from a six-game west coast trip Monday tied for first in the American League East with a 19-13 record. After one win against American League-leading Seattle, the Red Sox dropped a season-high three straight games in a row before taking two at Oakland.

Boston ace Pedro Martinez won a series opening game in Seattle and a series closing game at Oakland en route to racking up a 4-0 record on the year. Impressive play also came from utility infielder Jose Offerman who jacked two home runs at Oakland helping to end the series on a positive note, as well as Red Sox slugger Manny Ramirez who continues to impress fans with a .400 batting average after 120 at bats.

The Red Sox begin a critical home stand this week against Seattle and Oakland. With first place in the AL East a virtual crapsfoot, it is essential

that Boston manage a strong showing against Seattle and a sweep against the weaker Athletics.

Toronto, tied with Boston in first place has the same record as the Sox in their last ten games at 5-5 and the Blue Jays are facing the same opponents as Boston this week, but in reverse order. Poised and ready to strike in a close second place, are the defending World Series champs. At 19-12, and only a half game out of first, the Yankees begin a six-game home stand this weekend against AL Central leading Minnesota and the non-threatening Baltimore Orioles.

The next six days in the AL East are critical, and will likely see lead changes and shake-ups. Strong showings by the Boston pitchers Hideo Nomo, Frank Castillo and Tomo Ohka are needed to assure a good series with Seattle. Nomo opens the series against Seattle southpaw Jamie Moyer who

has amassed an impressive 5-0 record for the most winning team in Major League Baseball. Home field advantage should aid the Red Sox, as they are 11-5 on the year at Fenway.

A strong showing at home this week could be the key to Boston maintaining momentum until the return of key players like Nomar Garciaparra, Bret Saberhagen and David Cone. Emerging on top of the division at the end of this week will make life easier for the Red Sox until the end of the month.

A lot can happen in the AL East between now and May 22, but if the division looks anything like it does today, the end of May should be very exciting. Between May 22 and June 3 the Red Sox will face Toronto and New York six times apiece. The groundwork for that showdown will be laid down over the course of this week.

Lacrosse, Rugby have busy home weekend

By Nicole Goulet
Rec Sports Reporter

Men's Lacrosse

Saturday, May 5, the University of Maine men's lacrosse team competed against Husson College at Alford Stadium. Maine cruised to a 6-2 win. Joe Fasolino, Brian McAllester, Eric Langlois all scored goals and Dave Wisniewski completed his hat trick in the last 10 seconds in the game. Tom

Feldhusen had an assist and led strong defense along with Curtis Franz and Michael Brockett.

Women's Lacrosse

On Saturday, April 28, the UMaine women's lacrosse team played Northeastern at Alford Stadium. Maine played strong right from the beginning. Both teams were evenly matched and the game went back and fourth in goal scoring. Jackie Martin scored five goals while Robin

Bottrill scored three. Sadie Faulkner and Loren Bowley led the defensive units. Northeastern won the game 12-10.

Rugby

The UMaine women won its tournament against Colby, Bowdoin and Farmington this past weekend. There were a total of six games played overall in the tournament. Colby came in second behind first-place Maine, Bowdoin in third, and Farmington came in fourth.

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Black Bears prep for Huskies, playoffs

By Lucas Peterson
Baseball Reporter

The University of Maine clinched a spot in the America East tournament by winning three out of four games against Vermont over the weekend. The Black Bears swept the Catamounts on Saturday, winning game one 2-0, and game two 3-2. Vermont recovered on Sunday and earned a split, losing the first game 2-0, but winning the second game by a final of 4-2.

Maine improved its record to 33-12 and at 17-7 in America East is firmly holding down second place in the conference.

First baseman Jon Hambleton hit a towering home run in the first game on Sunday to tie with Joe Drapeau for the team lead with 11. The senior said the team was happy with their performance.

"Overall, it was a great weekend," said Hambleton. "They were four close games and we just missed winning the last one."

Game 1 Sunday

The Black Bears received yet another excellent outing from starter Mike Collar, who tossed a six-hit shutout. Collar, a freshman from Scarborough, improved his record to an incredible 7-0. The right-hander struck out seven batters

and kept the Catamount hitters off balance.

Hambleton provided the power, belting a solo monster home run during a strange at-bat in the second inning. He

appeared to be hit on the hand on a pitch by Vermont starter Brian Robinson. After a brief discussion, it was ruled the pitch did not hit Hambleton. Later in the at-bat, he cranked

his 11th home run of the season. Right-fielder Aaron Young drove in the other run for the Black Bears.

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Softball goes 2-5 in final week of losing season

By Jeff Mannix
Softball Reporter

The University of Maine softball team played its final five games of the regular season last week. The softball team opened

the week playing at Crafts Field in Waterville against their Division III rivals, the Colby White Mules. The week before, Maine hosted another Division III team, Bowdoin, and lost 3-2. Against the White Mules the

result was different.

Headed into the top of the fifth inning, the Black Bears were down 2-1. Maine second baseman Rachel Kelly started a rally by singling down the left field line. Nicole Taylor followed with

a pinch-hit double, moving Kelly to third. Erin McCabe then dropped a sacrifice bunt. Colby pitcher Steph Greenleaf tried to throw out Kelly at the plate, but the

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Maine first baseman Katie Churchill scoops the ball to put out the Hofstra batter. CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK W. LIPCZYNSKI.

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Sports Editor

Definition of 'sport'

Producing the sports section has been a trying task this year. Each day brought a new surprise. This week I started to give the "sports" segment of being a journalist an inquisitive look — wondering what is a sport and what isn't. It's the ultimate question for sports fans, what exactly is a sport?

In the hierarchy of the athletic world, the best thing to be is a "sport." Everything else that isn't a sport is just a "game."

I think in order to be considered a sport, a game has to have an offense and a defense, although there are a few exceptions to this rule. An offense is the mechanism used to score points, but the defense needs to have the opportunity to prevent them from scoring. Baseball, basketball, hockey and football don't even need to be discussed — they're all sports. What about track and swimming? They are the exceptions to the rule. They don't really have defenses. Runners can't trip their competitors down the back stretch but they're sports, just a different type. The best athlete at a particular skill is the one who makes it to the finish line first. They could best be described as old-fashioned sports. But consider this, how great would swimming be if it had a defense? Swimmers would be able to swim over to the next lane and hold the competition underwater for 10 seconds while the ref would count the same way when a boxer is laying on the canvas. That would be great, but I guess they call that water polo. Imagine the Olympics with all the heated rivalries in international swimming.

What about boxing, cheerleading, bodybuilding, golf and power/weightlifting, are they sports? Yes, no, no, no, yes. Boxing qualifies because it's based on pure athleticism and meets the offense-defense rule.

Cheerleading doesn't meet the offense-defense rule. It's just hard to call something a sport when smiling increases your chances of winning. And you always have to be skeptical when judges decide the final outcome, unless it's something like boxing. Boxing is a more primitive sport, like track, and there's always the knockout factor where on boxer can end the match with one punch. The problem with calling cheerleading a

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