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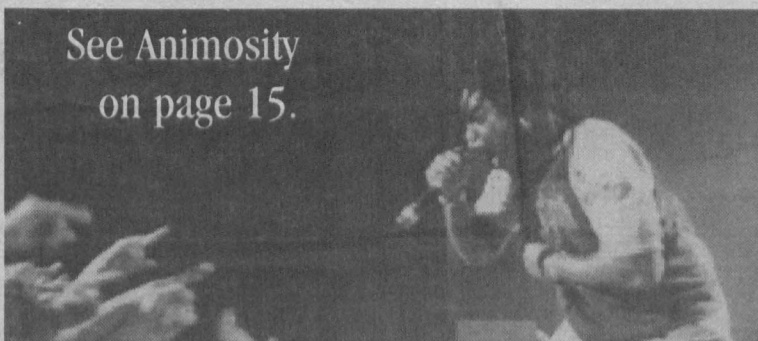
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Four-year-old dies from streptococcus

Child in preschool program at UMaine; Meningitis diagnosis is wrong

By Kelly Michaud
Editor in Chief

A 4-year-old boy in a preschool program on campus died last week from Group A streptococcus.

Nicholas DeSisto of Orono died Wednesday night, Oct. 31. He was a student in the University of Maine's Child Development and Learning Center, located in Merrill Hall, according to an announcement

released by the university Thursday.

The original suspected cause of death was announced to the community as bacterial meningitis, an infection of the fluid in the spinal cord and around the brain that is often called spinal meningitis. The university was notified that his death was not caused by meningitis Saturday.

After tested cultures for bacterial meningitis came back negative, the state medical examiner

ordered another set of cultures to be tested, Dr. Mark Jackson, director of Student Health Services at UMaine, said.

"Fluid was taken from the child's knee and it cultured positive, meaning the [streptococcus/GAS] bacteria grew," Jackson said Sunday. "It took two days for that to happen, that's why we weren't notified until Saturday."

The suspected cause of death, meningitis, was determined

when Nicholas was brought to Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor Wednesday. The diagnosis was based on his symptoms, Jackson said.

On Thursday, the Learning Center was closed and is scheduled to reopen today, following a thorough cleaning. The center was closed to give staff and families time to deal with the boy's death, rather than out of health concerns, university spokesman Joe Carr told the Bangor Daily News.

Nicholas was the son of William DeSisto, an assistant professor of chemical engineering, and his wife, Jennifer. He is survived by two brothers, ages 2 and 6. Nicholas played soccer and T-ball, attended Sunday school at the Church of the Open Door and belonged to a Bible study program at the Pilgrim Presbyterian Church, the BDN reported.

The Learning Center provides

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Web connection problems student-based

By Erin Morgan
For The Maine Campus

University of Maine students and faculty have been experiencing problems concerning access to the FirstClass intranet system. Issues range from denied login to a recent crash of the entire FirstClass system. These complications are interfering with access campus-wide and provoking concern over the system's reliability.

Many professors rely on FirstClass as a method of assigning homework and receiving assignments from their students. It is also an efficient way for students to communicate with staff, family, friends and each other.

"In my three years at the University of Maine, Information Technologies has never seemed to have it together," Rahul Kasat, a senior computer science major, said. "It seems that these so-called software problems that have led to all these FirstClass outages could have been avoided with a bit of forethought and planning."

John Gregory, executive director of Information Technologies, said there have been several performance inaccuracies from Sept. 24 until Oct. 1. In order to prevent further crashes, FirstClass was shut down multiple times during this 10-day span. Modifications have been made in an effort to reduce or eliminate technical glitches in the FirstClass system. He said the key to fixing the technical problems is to stick with a stable

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It's a small world at Culturefest

By Julia Hall
Staff Reporter



Students from around the world represented their homelands in the Field House Saturday afternoon with culinary offerings ranging from Chinese egg rolls to Austrian cookies. Here, Huimin Ma of the People's Republic of China, replenishes her food supply in the midst of brisk business.

CAMPUS PHOTO • FRED NICHOLS

Culturefest 2001 represented cultures from all over the world through exhibitions of talent, style and ethnicity. Culturefest was the culminating event of the University of Maine's International Week, a celebration of cultural diversity held Saturday, Nov. 3.

Karen Boucias, director of International Programs, spoke Saturday of the importance of events like Culturefest since they increase awareness of other cultures.

"A day like today is special, especially in recent times," Boucias said. "It brings together many cultures to exchange ideas."

The Alumni Memorial Gym Field House was packed with displays from countries ranging from Algeria to New Zealand. Each table displayed of ethnic traditions of different countries.

Native American and African drummers entertained the crowds with musical selections while Japanese calligraphers translated people's names into their iconographic language.

Many other countries' booths sold ethnic food and held events for children.

Cultural student organizations also had a chance to communicate their heritage. The display by the Muslim Student Association, a group trying to educate students about Islam, was popular with the crowd. The group said that a large number of people had stopped by to pick up a brochure or ask a few questions.

"Islam is in the spotlight right now," Hussein Elhaj, president

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THE WORLD BEYOND UMaine

U.S. airstrikes continue to weaken Taliban

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the Taliban is no longer able to function as a government and is fast losing its military muscle, but other senior officials said that dismembering the Taliban regime and isolating Osama bin Laden still requires major military advances.

Gen. Richard Myers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said new teams of U.S. special forces infiltrated Afghanistan in the past two days to help guide air attacks and assist opposition forces.

Afghan opposition forces in the northern part of the country, meanwhile, said they are preparing a major ground offensive to follow up the U.S. aerial assault.

FBI investigating anthrax case connections

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Federal investigators working on the anthrax case are expected to begin examining more than 20 truckloads of mail from Capitol Hill offices this week.

They hope to determine whether any of the letters match the anthrax-laden let-

ters sent to Senate Majority Leader Thomas Daschle, NBC's Tom Brokaw or the New York Post.

FBI agents will wear bio-hazard contamination suits to sift through the mail.

Investigators and public health experts have pondered whether there more contaminated letters exist or if other letters have been tainted on their way through the system.

Student visa policy under review

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — President Bush said last week that the United States will tighten its policies for issuing student visas and will begin to monitor foreign students more closely.

Officials have said that at least two of the terrorists who carried out the Sept. 11 attacks had overstayed their student visas.

A task force will focus on improving the Internet-based data collection system that helps Immigration Naturalization Services track foreign students.

Under the new system, schools will be required to report student information to INS and students will pay a \$95 fee to INS to defray the costs.

Compiled from Knight Ridder Tribune News service.

Whistles available to make walking safer Alert system available to women on campus

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

Another option for personal safety was introduced to the University of Maine campus recently when free whistles began being passed out to female students and faculty.

The whistles can be used when one feels threatened, becomes incapacitated by a sudden onset of illness or is physically attacked. Deborah Mitchell, crime prevention officer for UMaine Public Safety, introduced the whistle program. Mitchell is well known on campus for her safety programs, including the Campus Walking Companions and various self-defense courses. She said the whistle program is an effort to provide an additional alternative for Public Safety.

A few years ago the Campus Walkers began handing out small plastic whistles with their telephone number printed on it. Officer Mitchell took this idea and decided to make a major program out of it with much sturdier, louder whistles. Other colleges, including Bates College in Auburn, already had similar programs and helped UMaine create this program. The American Whistle Corporation, which provides whistles for most campus programs, was contacted and likewise assisted in the creation of the program.

The whistles are metal with a Maine Black Bear engraved at the top along with the phone

number for the CWC. The whistles come with directions for proper use of the whistles and a disclaimer on the consequences of misuse.

Despite the fact that this program is meant for positive reasons, there is always the possibility of misuse. Due to this, if someone is found misusing the whistles or "crying wolf," as Mitchell put it, the suspected offender would be referred to Judicial affairs. Other colleges that utilize this program have issued fines of up to \$75.

While it may seem that this program is purely positive, con-

"I'm not here to discriminate, merely to help those that I can."

trovery has sprung up because the whistles are only being given to women. Mitchell says this is because there are not enough whistles, however heated debates have occurred in the FirstClass Campus Conversations folder regarding this issue.

Since there are so few whistles to be given out, only the most at-risk populations can receive them, Mitchell said. Statistically women are much more prone to be victims of sexual assault, therefore the female population is more in need of these sorts of programs.

"It makes me angry, as a woman,

to have to have so many options, but it is a necessity," she said.

Mitchell did point out that if a male feels extremely threatened and does have extreme concern for his own personal safety, she would not turn them down and would give them a whistle.

"I'm not here to discriminate," she said, "merely to help those that I can."

The 2,500 whistles cost a little over \$2,500. The cost is being covered by the Safe Campus Project, which is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Violence Against Women Office. An additional 2,500 will be purchased at the beginning of next semester.

People who use this program, just like with any Public Safety program, are reminded that it is not foolproof. Some attackers may become agitated and more likely to harm a potential victim upon the use of a whistle. A user is asked to use her best judgment in all situations.

The program seems to be very successful thus far with over 500 whistles already given out.

"This program has proved very positive," Mitchell said, "most people really like the idea."

Any woman who would like a whistle can get one through the CWC, at the Public Safety building or through Rape Aggression Defense training. The next RAD class begins Thursday, Nov. 8, from 5:30 to 8:30 in the Doris Twitchell Allen Village Conference Center and is free to all women on campus.

Stolen items recovered



CAMPUS PHOTO • ANNE MALCOLM

One man has been arrested and others are set to go before a grand jury this month in regards to a string of car burglaries early in the semester. Some of the recovered goods, above, are now at the University of Maine's Public Safety building. Students whose cars were broken into between Sept. 1 and the middle of October can go to Public Safety and claim their property.

Where to vote in Orono and Old Town

University of Maine students interested in voting in the Nov. 6 election can do so on campus. The town of Orono will have a polling site at the Doris Twitchell Allen Village Woolly Room located on Hilltop at UMaine. The polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6. UMaine students who are not registered to vote in the town of Orono, regardless of their home state, can vote at that site.

Students who are not registered to vote at all, may register for the first time at DTAV. To register to vote, you must present valid identification and fill out a registration form.

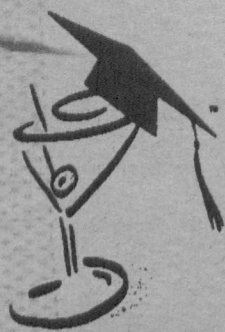
To receive an absentee ballot from your hometown, write or call your town clerk.

If voting by an absentee ballot, the ballot must be received by the town or city clerk by 8 p.m. on Nov. 6, Election Day.

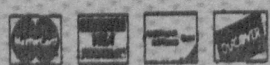
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issues," Faircloth said.

Other topics discussed ranged from gun control to taxes. Faircloth said he likes meeting with students in informal settings to engage in vigorous discussion of the issues.

"Politics needs to be revitalized by young people," Faircloth said.

Faircloth said he welcomes any help from the students in his campaign and hopes they will want to get involved. Christopher Harris, a senior English major and member of College Democrats, has already done so.

"Faircloth is very passionate about what he's doing and he has a clear goal," Harris said. "That will lead him far."

Faircloth is also getting backing from University of Maine alumni Stephen and Tabitha King, who have declared they will support Faircloth all the way to Congress.



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Gregory said there are plans in the making for a single campus provider encompassing the duties of IT and UNET, however, no official date has been set.

"IT now has one-and-a-half

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a nursery school and state-approved kindergarten to 40 children, ranging from 2 to 6 years old. It also serves as a lab school, providing supervised training and field experiences for 31 UMaine students, many of whom are early childhood and education majors, according to the university's announcement.

On Friday, state epidemiologist Kathleen Gensheimer said all people who had prolonged close contact with the child were being advised to take antibiotics for bacterial meningitis. Those at risk included family members, those who cared for him and children who played with him at the center, the BDN reported.

"We had to act on the worst possible diagnosis to protect people who may have been exposed," Jackson said.

By Friday, Jackson told the BDN that 47 students and faculty had been evaluated at Cutler Health Center and 25 were given

a one-time dose of the antibiotic Cipro, free of charge.

After learning about the true cause of death, calls were again made to the families of the children attending the Merrill Hall Child Development Programs and to the university staff and students who had direct contact with Nicholas.

Officials from the State Bureau of Health recommended that all direct contact have a throat culture. For cultures that are positive for growth of GAS, the state recommended a 10-day treatment of penicillin, according to a university announcement.

"Only those people, and we've contacted everyone of them, who were actually with the child, need to be tested," Jackson said.

Jackson said 25 people need to be screened, and as of Sunday, 12 had been tested.

"Everyone is OK and some of

the people had cold symptoms but we will find out if they have strep by doing the cultures," Jackson said. "The culture and penicillin are free of charge and there are plenty of alternatives for people who are allergic [to penicillin]."

GAS is a bacterium often found in the throat and on the skin. The bacteria is spread through direct contact with mucus from the nose or throat of persons who are infected or through contact with open wounds or sores on the skin. Most GAS infections are relatively mild but on rare occasions, these bacteria can cause other severe and even life-threatening diseases, according to a statement released by Jackson.

Nicholas died from a more severe form of the infection, streptococcus toxic shock syndrome. Pain is the most common initial symptom.

"The bacteria was growing and released toxins into his blood and it was those toxins that caused his blood pressure to drop and [Nicholas to] have bleeding problems," Jackson said. "This can be as quick as four hours or take two to three days. It really depends on how fast the bacteria grows and releases toxins in the blood."

"It is extremely rare and extremely unusual," Jackson said. "Only 300 cases were reported in 1999. The rest of the community is fine and nobody needs to worry."

The community was notified Thursday evening by e-mail of Nicholas' death, Carr said.

"My deepest sympathies go out to all family and friends in their time of anguish," wrote UMaine President Peter S. Hoff in the e-mail. "While the circumstances surrounding this death understandably cause anxiety, I am confident that state and

university health professionals are managing the situation appropriately."

A service of remembrance will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Open Door in Hampden.

Staff members from the UMaine Counseling Center (581-1392) and Employee Assistance Program (581-4014) are available for counseling services, as are campus clergy.

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A student fixes a Green Bike at a recent Friday afternoon repair session on the mall.

Students held to higher standard

Conduct code, judicial affairs judge students' actions

By Almee Dolloff
For The Maine Campus

While students are held to the letter of the law at the University of Maine, there is another code students are required to follow if they are to remain a part of the campus community. This is the Student Conduct Code, first introduced in June 1909 and still a force on campus today.

The original "Rules of Conduct" statement said, "A student is expected to show both within and without the university such respect for order, morality and the rights of others, and such sense of personal honor as is demanded of good citizens and gentlemen."

The university's current Student Conduct Code was developed in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Today, the Student Conduct Code is used by the entire University of Maine System and is similar to that of most other state universities, yet only the University of Maine and the University of Southern Maine employ full-time conduct officers.

Every three years the codes are reviewed by Judicial Officers from all of the University of Maine System schools. According to David J. Fiocco, C.P.P., the new Director of Judicial Affairs. The Student Conduct Code was last revised by the Board of Trustees on May 22, 2000.

The Student Conduct Code lists 42 categories of violations, but allows that other actions may also be deemed violations.

According to the code, violations include, "Those activities which directly and significantly interfere with the university's primary educational responsibility of ensuring the opportunity of all members of the community to attain their education-

al objectives, or subsidiary responsibilities of protecting the health and safety of persons in the campus community, maintaining and protecting property, keeping records, providing living accommodations and other services, and sponsoring non-classroom activities such as lectures, concerts, athletic events, and social functions."

Fiocco said all students are treated equally under the code—athletes, members of the Greek community and other prominent students and organizations on campus—are all under the same jurisdiction and rules as everyone else.

Public Safety plays a large part in upholding the rules of the Student Conduct Code. Almost all of the referrals dealt with by Judicial Affairs come from Residence Life or Public Safety and the jurisdiction portion of the code gives the university the authority to prosecute actions that occur off campus.

"The Code of Conduct doesn't stop at the campus boundaries," Fiocco said.

Judicial Affairs considers many things when it decides whether or not to pursue an incident that occurred off-campus including the severity of the event, the relation of the victim and the proximity to campus where the incident took place.

A student accused of a violation must go through a three-tiered system. Students accused of being in violation of the code must attend a meeting with Judicial Affairs officer who determines the outcome of the case. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome, he or she may appeal to the Student Conduct Code Committee in writing. After that hearing, the student may appeal directly to the president or the president's designee.

However, an appeal at this level must be based on certain conditions, either a procedural error, the sanction given was inappropriate for the behavior and the punishment is too extreme, or if further evidence becomes available.

Fiocco estimated there were about 1000 violations of the code last year. Only twelve appeals went before the Student Conduct Code Committee.

According to Fiocco and statistics obtained from the Public Safety Web site, the most common violations of the code are drug and alcohol related. At times, Public Safety deals with some cases without consulting or informing Judicial Affairs.

"Student Conduct Codes are often portrayed as the bad guys who are always out to get someone," Fiocco said.

He said, however, that the Student Conduct Code is meant to be fair and educational.

Fiocco realizes that college students are bound to test their limits and said he hopes conduct codes will allow students to learn from their mistakes.

Fiocco recommends that students read the conduct code, so they will be aware of their rights and responsibilities.

"Ninety-nine percent of the students know what is prohibited conduct," he said. "It's pretty common sense...there's nothing in it that you wouldn't expect to find there."

The Student Conduct Code can be read online at <http://www.maine.edu/policy/cc501.html> and printed copies are available at the Center for Students and Community Life, Office of Judicial Affairs, on the third floor of Memorial Union or by calling 581-1406.

By Julia Hall
Staff Reporter

As long as the grass stays green, there will be Green Bikes. The Student Environmental Action Coalition is working on the mall every Friday to repair and paint the Green Bikes on campus and will continue to do so until the snow starts to fly. When winter does set in, it will be time to round up the bikes and put them away until next spring.

The Green Bikes Program, which has fostered a community biking system at the University of Maine, encourages students to leave their cars in the parking lot and pedal to their classes. SEAC works to try and reduce the pollution on campus. Another aim of the project is to reduce fossil fuel emissions.

"There's no reason to drive a car around campus," Lauren LeClerc, a member of the coalition involved in working on the bikes, said. "The bikes are an alternative transportation that is more environmentally safe."

The fleet of bikes has increased in number this year, currently boasting 48 one-speed, coaster-pedal-brake bikes. The bikes are community vehicles that can be used both on and off campus and are placed in public locations, unlocked, for anyone to use.

Matt Young, president of the SEAC, said it seems the number of bikes on campus has dwindled recently because they have been ridden into town and used there. Now that winter is drawing near, it is time to get all the bikes back on campus.

"We are beginning a campaign to have people bring the Green Bikes back from the surrounding communities so we can put the bikes away," Young said.

Almost 90 percent of the bikes are recycled and all of them are donated either from individuals or area bike shops.

Young said student response to the Green Bikes Program has been overwhelming this year. However, some safety issues have arisen. All bikes are now registered with Public Safety and Friday workshops have been implemented to repair any damage that may have been done to the bikes, since riding a damaged bike is dangerous and can cause more wear and tear to the bike.

Young says it's a shame when people damage the bikes. A lot of the damage occurs when people are too rough with them and do things like sit on the baskets. This causes the supports to bend into the spokes and it makes the bike unfit to be used.

"They are really just out there as a public service and if the losses are too high, then the program might not be resumed next



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GSS NOTES

The following events took place at the Tuesday, Oct. 30, meeting of the General Student Senate:

- The Celtic Studies Student Association received final approval of official club status. The club also was allocated \$200, the total amount each club under GSS is allotted for the school year for general use.

- The Upward Bound Alumni Association received preliminary approval for official club status.

- Ted Curtis and David Miller, of Legal Services, were guest speakers. Both offered their services to GSS.

- Vice president of Financial Affairs report: Student Government received the last installment of its funds, \$75,000, on Oct. 12, which makes its general fund \$131,000. Also, a scanner was purchased last week for the Student Government office for all Student Government members to use.

- Vice president of Student Entertainment report: The Amazing Marco, a hypnotist and alumnus of the University of Maine, approached Student Entertainment about performing a show for half price at the beginning of December. Also, Student Entertainment is looking for someone to head up the Guest Lecture Series.

- A committee is looking into starting up a students' rights handbook. They are considering visiting the residence halls to get input from students.

- An act was proposed to create a liaison between UMaine Student Government and the student governments of other Maine colleges and universities. This resolution will go to committee.

- The Maine Peace Action Committee was allocated \$400 for the printing of its newsletter.

- An act to allocate \$375 to Residents on Campus failed after lengthy debate. The money was to

allow four representatives of ROC to go to a conference for three days. There was much debate on this resolution regarding the amount of money the Executive Board Committee decided to allot. The EBC decided four people should attend the conference to save on travel and room and board expenses. An amendment was suggested to allot \$900 to allow a fifth person to go, but the amendment was not passed. This prompted more debate in which Matthew Gagnon, president of Student Senate, stepped down as mediator to enter the debate. Another amendment for \$650 was proposed and failed. The entire resolution was voted on twice without passing.

- A resolution passed objecting the use of students' social security numbers as student identification numbers. The purpose of this act is to call the objection to the administration's attention.

- A resolution was passed to create a delegation to send to the administration to discuss expanding the student fee setting policies to include student input.

- The resolution objecting the arrest and detention policy of students — who are currently taken to Penobscot County Jail following arrests — was tabled for four weeks until a new Public Safety director is appointed.

- A resolution to allocate \$1500 to Kappa Kappa Si for a trailer to move its band equipment was tabled for another week pending an insurance quote for liability from Student Government's insurance company and a letter from the Music Department explaining why it cannot fund the trailer. This resolution failed on its first vote and was later proposed to be reconsidered and was voted to be tabled. A guest speaker, John Ward of the local State Farm Insurance Company, spoke on the insurance liability issues of the trailer.

Graduates pledge offered

Students asked to be socially responsible

Jennifer Gundersen
Assistant News Editor

In her final months at the University of Maine, one senior is attempting to create a lasting impression.

Shanna Jackman, who will graduate in December, found out about the Graduation Pledge Alliance in her Introduction to Peace Studies class, and is now trying to implement the nationwide program here at Maine.

"It was just supposed to be a little project," Jackman said, "but as I started learning about it I realized that we could really do this here too."

The Graduation Pledge Project, found on over 100 universities nationwide, is an opportunity for seniors to take a Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility.

The pledge reads, "I pledge to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider and will try to improve these aspects of any organization for which I work."

"It is completely voluntary," Jackman said. "With all the stress that seniors have [taking the pledge] is not a big effort right now, but it will be an effort for them to keep the pledge going."

Jackman hopes to have the program running by December 2001 commencement and graduates who take the pledge will wear green ribbons during graduation ceremonies.

Jackman met with President Peter S. Hoff last week as part of the process to get the program approved.

"He is excited about it,"

19- and 20-year-old citizens the right to vote. It has been a great satisfaction personally that so many younger citizens have exercised the franchise, and I ask you to continue the tradition.

Orono and Old Town polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and the voting locations are as follows:

ORONO

Ward I (Precinct I)- American Legion Hall on Park Street

Ward I (Precinct II)- Doris Twitchell Allen Village, University of Maine

Ward II-Orono Municipal Building, Town Council Chamber

OLD TOWN

Ward I- Earland Sleight Building

Ward II & Ward III- Knights of Columbus Hall, Gilman Falls Avenue

Ward IV- French Island Community Center

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CAMPUS PHOTO • FRED NICHOLS

Shanna Jackman explains the details of the Graduation Pledge Alliance.

Jackman said, "and if we get enough signatures he said he would mention it in his commencement address."

"I have been overwhelmed by the support of people who say, 'just do it.'"

Jackman also hopes to personally speak during graduation about the importance of the pledge and the work she has done this year.

Aside for the challenge of set-

ting up the program, Jackman is also trying to find an organization to sponsor it next year. She hopes Phi Sigma Pi, the honor fraternity that she belongs to, will take on the pledge along with its other service events. She said, however, that the lasting success of the pledge will require involvement from many other campus organizations.

Jackman's goal is to get half of the December graduates to take the pledge, which is consistent with the number of students that take the pledge at other schools across the nation.

"President Hoff gave me some great ideas," Jackman said, "and I have been overwhelmed by the support of people who say 'let's do it.'"

LEGAL Affairs



Attorney Ted Curtis

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Tuesday is Election Day and a number of important referendum issues are on the ballot with six bond questions being posed. These bond questions ask for the approval to borrow and spend our state tax funds in a number of ways, ranging from providing housing for victims of domestic violence to making improvements to the state's public universities.

The amounts to be allocated are by no means trivial. The total monetary request for the six bond issues is more than \$146 million.

The interest rates which would be charged are as low as I can ever remember and, except for a faltering economy, the state's financial condition is quite good. All the bond issues are important, but especially worthy of support are Question 2, which may lead to crucial medical discoveries and will definitely provide jobs, and Question 4 and 6, which support education.

Voting is a privilege and a duty.

When I was a Maine legislator, it was my privilege to sponsor the amendments to the United States constitution and state's constitution to give 18-

bill that was more than 4 percent of total household income; or paid rent in 2000 that was more than 22 percent of total household income. Except: Elderly people do not need to meet this requirement when their income is below \$11,200, for those living alone, or below \$13,900 when living with a spouse or dependent.

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Legal Services of Student Government are provided by Attorney Theodore S. Curtis, Jr. and David R. Miller. Until the Memorial Union construction is completed, they may be accessed directly or by appointment at 581-1789 or 866-3033 or on FirstClass: Theodore Curtis.

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of the MSA, said. "A lot of people have questions."

Other events of International Week were inspired by the increased interest in Islam and the Middle East. The International Affairs Association sponsored a movie night Wednesday, Oct. 31, and showed "Gabbah," a film about a young Iranian girl.

Boucias said the events of Sept. 11 and the ensuing issues have increased awareness about

diversity.

"We have an opportunity to learn about other nations," Boucias said.

Culturefest ended with a talent and style show, which showcased songs and dances from different countries and cultures. Students also modeled clothing from foreign countries.

International Week and Culturefest were sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the International Student Association.

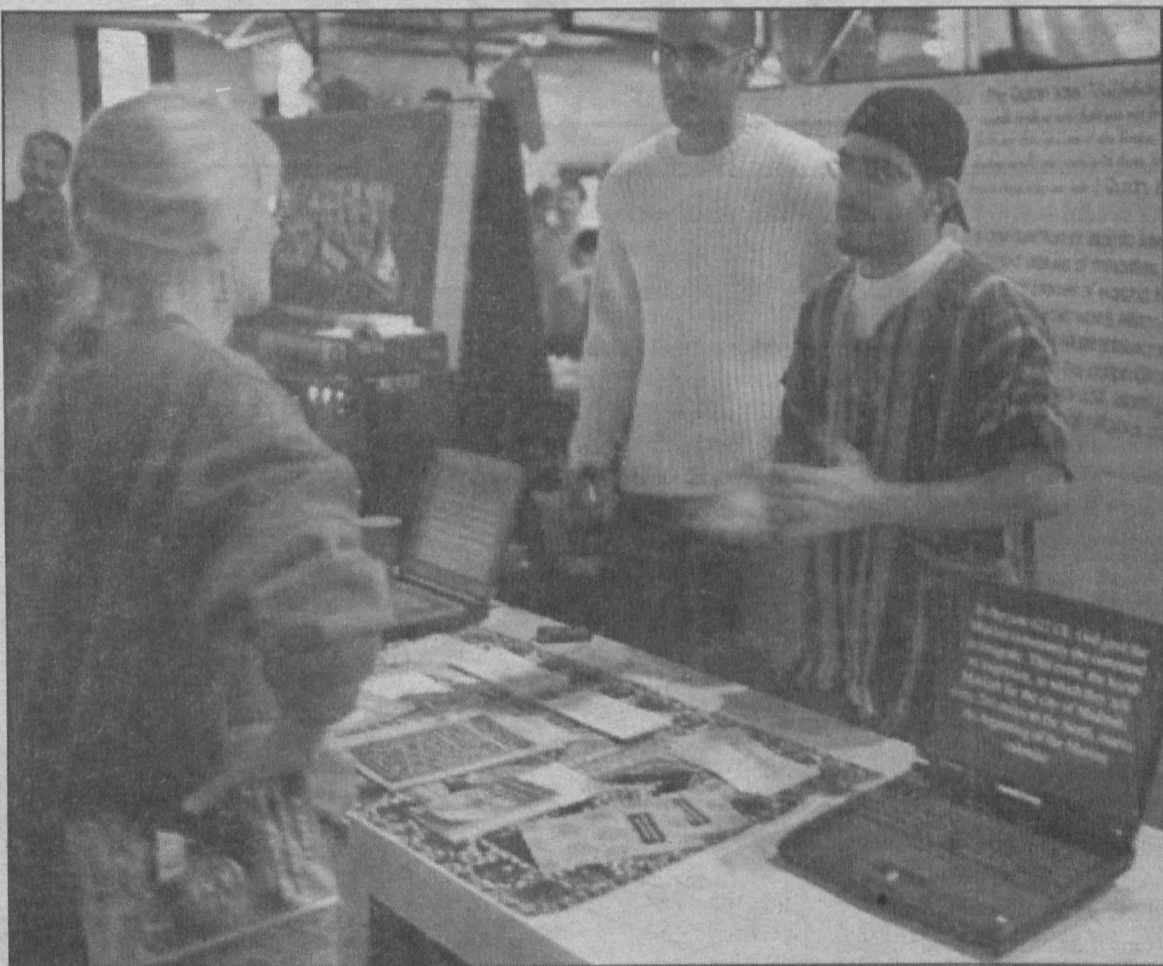
POLICE Community *Beat* Cops

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

From the Old Town Police:

A domestic disturbance was reported Wednesday, Oct. 17, on Wood Street in Old Town. A woman called the police regarding loud shouting coming from the upstairs level of a neighboring house. Upon arrival at the house, officers were informed that a man, identified as the boyfriend of the home's owner, was upstairs with the daughter's boyfriend. The first man apparently had a gun and was threatening to kill himself. The daughter's

boyfriend was trying to talk him out of it. After he calmed down, the man came downstairs. He sat down with the officer and began complaining about his life. The officer smelled the odor of a toxic substance coming from the man. After the brief conversation, he was transported to the hospital where he underwent psychiatric evaluation.



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Hussein Elhaj of the Muslim Students Organization speaks to Culture fest attendees about the Muslim religion.



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EDITORIAL

UMaine mourns

On Halloween night, Nicholas Desisto, a four-year-old from Orono, died of streptococcus. Most of us think of this as the bacteria that causes strep throat, but Nicholas died of a more severe form of the infection—streptococcus toxic shock syndrome.

Nicholas was the son of William Desisto, as assistant professor of chemical engineering, and his wife, Jennifer.

Our thoughts are with his parents and two brothers. It must be extremely difficult to lose someone who has so much life ahead of him.

To those who came in contact with him at the Merrill Hall Child Development and Learning Center, we know this must be a sad and frightening time for all of you. The University of Maine and Cutler Health Center are taking all appropriate and necessary measures to ensure that no one else becomes ill with streptococcus.

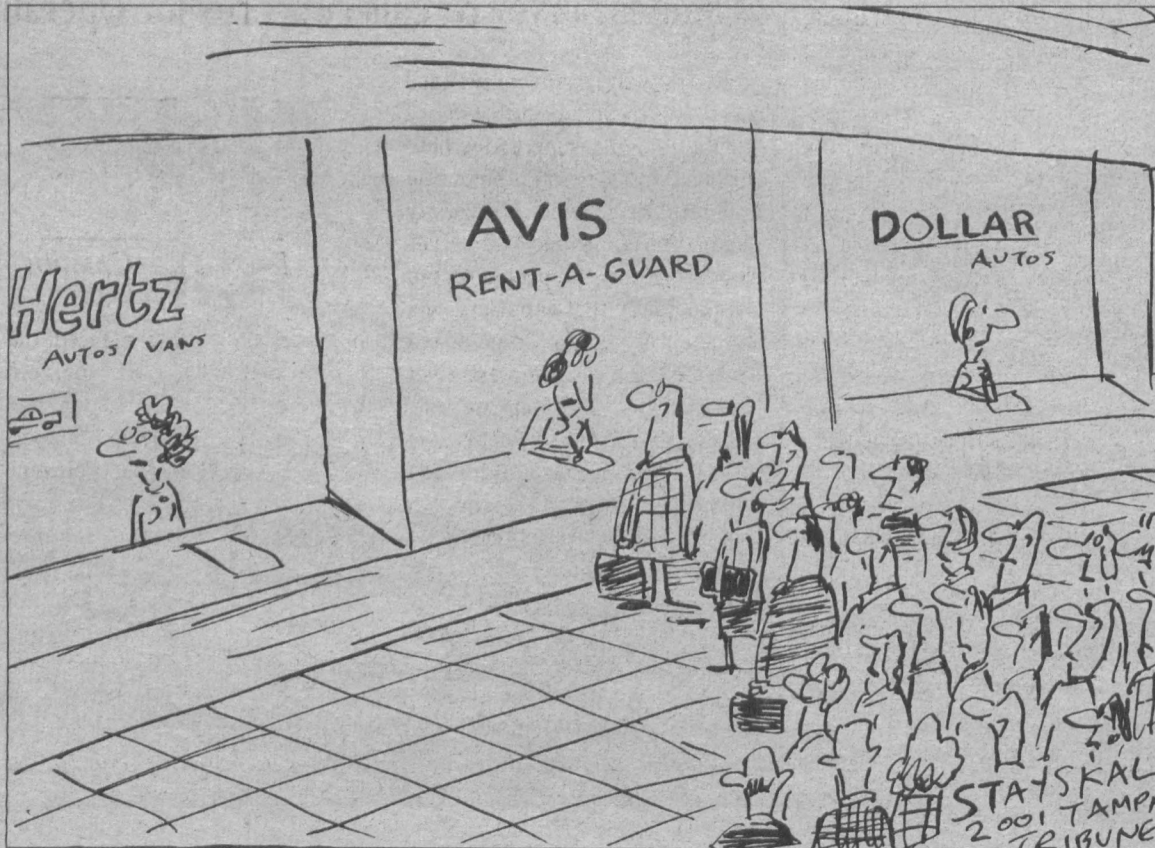
The university responded quickly to the original diagnosis of meningitis by giving 25 doses of antibiotics to those who were possibly exposed, free of charge.

Likewise, the threat of streptococcus has also been dealt with swiftly. All those who came into contact with Nicholas have been contacted and are being tested.

For everyone else in the UMaine community, the threat is minimal. The bacteria only spreads through direct contact with mucus from the nose or throat of persons who are infected or through contact with open wounds or sores on the skin of the infected individual.

The chance of a serious illness is small because most infections are relatively mild. On rare occasions, the bacteria can cause life-threatening and serious complications.

Therefore, there is little reason for anyone to panic. If you feel that you have been exposed, contact those at Cutler Health Center who are trained to help.



Blurring myth and reality

Americans left in dark concerning government actions in war on terrorism

From the moment they are born, Americans are inculcated with basic beliefs: that America is a democratic nation, that our freedoms are God-given and inviolable, that ours is a nation that allows diversity of thought and that all people are created equal. Most Americans, especially those born into affluence, hold those values as sacred and regard all doubt of their validity as blasphemy.

As our lives progress, however, the unfortunate reality sets in: our democracy, though

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FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

advanced, is far less infallible than we were led to believe. The anti-democratic practices exhibited by those in charge of the U.S./Afghanistan "war" only serve to reinforce what many of us fiercely refuse to accept: that in our nation, people are far from

equal and "justice for all" is a brutally deceptive illusion.

Take, for example, the government's swift crackdown on the flow of information out of Washington, D.C. As the war against Afghanistan rages on, very few facts are coming down from the government to the people. This is especially evident in the Justice Department's treatment of the 800 or so people detained in the aftermath of Sept. 11. According to Bruce Shapiro, 150 of the original 800 remain

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Letters to the Editor

•HUMAN LIFE ADVERTISEMENT

We, the Student Women's Association, are writing to you about the Human Life Organization's "Life is Full of Surprises" advertising supplement in the Oct. 25 issue of *The Maine Campus*. SWA acts locally on women's issues that we feel are threatened and this is one. We would like to address some false information provided by this advertising supplement.

Human Life states on page four that abortions increase breast cancer risks. "The New England Journal of Medicine" stated, in 1997, "the risk of developing

breast cancer for women with a history of induced abortions was not different than the risk for women without a similar history."

Human Life mentions the costs for fetal tissue but not the laws regulating this or the woman's consent. In 1993, the National Institute of Health formed the National Institute of Health Revitalization Act, which deals with the woman having the abortion done and her say in the fetus' remains. It requires that she be informed of her physician's interest, if any, in the research to be conducted with the tissue. It also prohibits a researcher from taking any part in any decision that would affect the

timing, method or procedure used to end a pregnancy made solely for the purpose of research. The power is in the woman's hands and the aborted fetuses are not taken alive for the research; many are born as stillbirths.

In closing we would like to remind the readers that everyday "34,000 children under five die from hunger or preventable diseases resulting from hunger" (Bread for the World). Would you rather see women making choices for themselves or even more starving children.

Bree Blalock
Leslie Blanchette

Forgotten cuisine

God would eat at Governor's

ANDREW
YOUNG

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

While reading last Monday's paper I was thrilled to see the editorial staff of this great publication taking one of the pivotal questions of our time head on: who makes the best pizza?

I examined their lineup and it seemed they had every local pizza joint covered—even Governor's, which is not primarily a pizza pushing establishment. But after a careful second's thought, I discovered the place I eat from the most, Despina's House of Pizza, is not listed. An outrage, I declared.

Please note: I mean no disrespect to Governor's by this. Governor's is a very fine establishment and remains my favorite overall restaurant. Low prices, large quantities and just damn good food make it the best place to eat in the world. If God came down to Earth to grab a meal, there's no doubt in my mind he'd go to Governor's. He could get a Fish Fry, a Nor'easter or maybe split a Federal Deficit with Jesus and St. Peter. Of course God would have to come down, as Governor's doesn't deliver ... yet. Which is why I don't order my pizza there, so this is all a moot point.

Despina's is simply the best place to order from for a vast plethora (good essay word) of reasons. Not only do they make pizzas, but also grinders, salads, gyros, subs and American fast food staples like burgers and mozzarella sticks. But the biggest reason to order from Despina's is the \$10.95 20-inch pizza, the likes of which I've yet to see anywhere else. It's an inexpensive 314 square inches of pizza goodness.

When I order something from Despina's the guy on the other end thanks me, to which I reply

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Cuisine

"no problem," in the great Alf tradition. The people are so very nice there or perhaps it could be that I gave the lucky driver a healthy 40 percent tip. The fact he didn't have a pen with him in no way took Despina's House of Pizza down in my eyes; there are many tragedies that may befall a pen in today's dangerous world. Besides, just the day before I had neglected to bring a pen with me to psychology class. Who am I to condemn the company a man works for who makes the same mistakes as I? I think imperfection makes things more realistic. It sends the message "Yes, I do work for the greatest pizza parlor in the area, but I'm no god ... just a simple man like you." It's quite similar to George W. telling the C- collegiate that they too can become president of the United States.

While I'm on the subject of foods lost and found, let me point out the dastardly omission of Surge from our campus. Surge is a Coke product, so why don't

we have it?

I have noticed a disturbing trend, though. I also cannot find this citrus-loaded soda with carbohydrates anywhere off campus as well. The Mellow Yellow now on tap in place of Surge is the subject of a blitz of advertising. I fear Coke is trying to make its original yet inferior answer to Mountain Dew "cool" again.

Surge was good because it was original. It wasn't trying to be a clone ... it was unique among a vast sea of carbonated wars. Pepsi had no counterpart, no Sprite/7-Up battle to wage. Instead, it seems Coke wants to re-establish the Mellow Yellow/Mountain Dew feud and sacrifice an original and superior creation in the process.

We must all send a message to Coke, and tell them Surge can co-exist. If the people rise up and call out for justice we can feed the rush again!

Andrew Young is a freshman journalism major.

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UMaine students enduring war

Campus survey reveals concerns for Operation Enduring Freedom

SALLY
CURRAN

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Recently the results of national polls have been informing us of our the undying support for both Bush and for "Operation Enduring Freedom." We, the University Green Party, found ourselves wondering how the people on our campus really feel about this war and about terrorism. Some of our members took it upon themselves to write up a questionnaire with five questions and set themselves up in Memorial Union for two days in a row. Anyone who was willing to stop filled out a survey. A total of 93 students chose to do so. We are not professional pollsters; we are just some students interested in finding out what you think and know. Without further adieu, here are the results:

Only 54 percent of respondents support "Operation Enduring Freedom;" 42 percent denounce it.

Seventy-seven percent of respondents did not believe the food packets the U.S. is dropping in Afghanistan are actually helping the innocent people there.

The vast majority of respondents get most of the information they know about this war solely from mainstream media outlets such as CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS, NPR and the New York Times.

Half the respondents believe the war in Afghanistan has at least "something" to do with U.S. interest in oil in the region.

Finally, we listed six famous political leaders and asked people to list which ones were guilty of committing terrorist acts in the past twenty years. Given that each person had the chance to mark as

many leaders as they pleased, the responses were: 81 percent believed Osama bin Laden had committed terrorist acts, 54 percent for Yasser Arafat (Palestine Liberation Organization), 53 percent for the U.S. administration, 40 percent for Gerry Adams (Irish Republican Army), 37 percent for Ariel Sharon (Israeli Prime Minister) and 33 percent for Mikhail Gorbachev.

In looking at the results of our survey as a whole we found that a few points were deserving of analysis. First, an overwhelming number of people get most of their information from mainstream media. This is disturbing, although not unexpected because in today's age of media mergers and takeovers, the companies that own the mainstream media outlets are for-profit multinationals that often have nothing to do with media in general (for example, NBC is owned by GE and ABC is owned by Disney). When broadcast and print media outlets have to run stories that don't criticize certain companies or specific parts of this "war on terrorism," stories that often miss the whole story or misrepresent certain sides are inevitable. We, the UMaine Greens, strongly advocate regularly accessing information from a variety of sources.

While the mainstream media generally does give the best up-to-the-minute reporting, alternative news sources often provide far more thoughtful analyses of current events.

Secondly, we found it interesting that more than 50 percent of respondents believe that during the past 20 years the U.S. administration has been guilty of committing terrorist acts. Perhaps this war on terrorism should also include a serious critical analysis of U.S. foreign policy and the negative effects that it has had on people around the world.

Finally, we would like to leave you with some of your own comments on being patriotic and winning the war:

"Being patriotic has been redefined as acting normal and going about our daily business."

"I honestly don't know how I feel about all of this. I feel it's wrong to hurt any more people, but the U.S. also just can't let this go."

"We are witnessing the continued cycle of violence."

"Winning the war would mean destroying all of the terrorist organizations and censoring all those who support them."

"I feel we need to annihilate most government and civilian populations serving the Taliban, otherwise this war is pointless."

"Winning the war on terrorism, to me, seems impossible. How exactly are we (the rest of the world) supposed to win over hatred?"

Sally Curran is a senior women's studies and Spanish major.

Halloween evil

The horrible truth of candy contents will shock you

RACHEL
KENNEDY



STAFF REPORTER

Forget the ghoulishly garished masks on grown-ups and the vilely vexed Vampire teeth on toddlers.

This past Halloween evil was neither on the face of the dressed-up pumpkin nor in the hands of the sluttish nurse. Instead, evil was pampering itself in the shadows of the moon's occupation and storing itself in the off-putting ingredients surely found in all Halloween candy.

Yes, brace yourself the biggest, most shocking surprise of them all: candy will no longer be fat-free.

I've gotten wind from several reliable sources such as www.youvebeenliedto.com that from now on candy will be packed with calories and fat and short on vitamins, mineral, protein, fiber and other nutrients. It will no longer be equal to working out seven days a week in the gym with Chyna, the super-jacked female pro-wrestler, or to getting your heart rate up with Richard Simmons, quirky exercise addict who likes the color pink.

From a friend to a friend: if you eat the bags of leftover candy, you will get huge. Hugo. Enormous. You will be a big chubby squirrel. Sayonara to the skinniness!

Let's face it, the chunk of time from Nov. 1 to Thanksgiving is deadly. Sometime between the

full moon on Halloween and right after Thanksgiving dinner, people will get fat, unhealthy and increasingly depressed.

"A pound here, another pound there. It all adds up, ruining the waistline and the best intentions," Nibler's survival guide to Halloween truth-tells on its Web site, www.sw.org/news/holidays.

So what can we do to keep our sanity and our health? Donate the leftover glucose-ghouls to places other than the office.

"Every year, it's the same ritual. People don't want to be tempted by candy at home, so they bring it to the office — where they are still lured to nibble at their desks ... many people can add as much as seven pounds because of party foods and celebrations. Instead, make it an office project to donate everyone's leftover candy to a school, a homeless shelter or a food pantry that serves the poor. These candies will be a welcome treat to many people who cannot afford them," advises Nibler's survival guide.

And do know that moderation is key. But I know, I know—once you've eaten half a bag of Reeces Pieces there's no viable way, just no way in hell you can leave the other half of them alone, cold and missing their relatives. Nods, they must join the others.

In anticipation of this big sheep-like folly, I've already pulled money out of tech stocks and into the health and fitness stocks of corporate America. Enjoy your candy, UMaine. But stay smart, stay smart.

Rachel Kennedy is a freshman English major.

Myth and reality

behind bars and one—a Pakistani man—perished in New Jersey. As Shapiro writes in a recent article in *The Nation*, "No charges have been filed, no hearings convened. The names of nearly all those still held remain classified, as do the reasons for their incarceration. Lawyers for some of the hundreds cleared and released have told reporters of questionable treatment of their clients—food withheld, attorneys blocked from access."

Even more shocking is the FBI's expressed, or at least implied, desire to use torture. According to Amnesty International, in the Oct. 22 edition of the *Washington Post* an "experienced FBI agent involved in the [Sept. 11] investigation," in discussing the use of torture, is quoted as saying, "It could get to that spot where we could go to pressure." As Shapiro notes, the options being discussed are

"...using sodium pentothal, or turning the suspects over to a country where beatings or other torture is used."

Not surprisingly, the government is revealing nothing about the prisoners and the details of their incarceration, and the possibility of torture suddenly gives the silence a chilling, dark overtone. Many questions remain unanswered: are the prisoners treated humanely? Have coercive tactics already been used during interrogation? Do the prisoners receive adequate medical care? (a prisoner in New Jersey died of a heart ailment—could this have been prevented?) In short, does the manner of their detention and confinement conform to basic democratic standards? These questions and many more remain unanswered and the until-now-incontrovertibly-democratic foundation of our nation is suddenly beginning

to crumble right before our eyes, the sound of its destruction drowned out by the endless clank-clank-clank of the machinery of war.

And so, we suddenly find our commonly-held beliefs about the U.S.A. obliterated by the slowly emerging truth. We find ourselves struggling to bridge the gaping chasm between assumption and reality, between what we once knew as real and what we are only now beginning to discover. Amidst the confusion, only one thing remains certain: this bridge must be built and traversed in order for us to finally escape the collective hallucination we once called truth—and allow future generations to do the same.

We must demand truth, before the line between myth and reality blurs and we lose our way.

Vladimir Skaletsky is a sophomore political science major.


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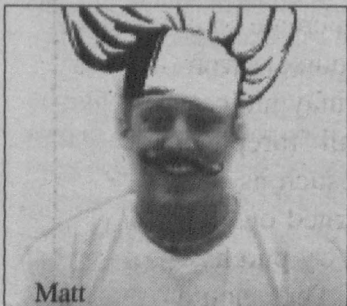
The Maine Campus Great Pizza Shoot-Out

Late one production night last week, as the computer keys tapped merrily away and the stomachs of *The Maine Campus* editorial board rumbled in unison, a brilliant idea was hatched. How could we, as poor, minimally paid journalists, obtain a free meal to sate our starving bodies? And then, a light bulb! Of course! Under the pretenses of a "Pizza Shoot-Out", a few quick calls were made to the leading pizza manufacturers in Orono and Old Town, promising publicity and free advertisement. VOILÀ! The cheese and sauce started flowing.

After a quick seeding system, to ensure each pizza restaurant was matched fairly, Sports Editor Joseph Bethony set up a three-round tournament bracket.

Below is the result.

For the next two weeks, in the name of free food, *The Maine Campus* will seek to bring its readers the finest in culinary review, complete with individual opinions from each member of the editorial board. In addition, the winner of each round will advance first to the semi-finals, then the finals, and finally, one proud pizza manufacturer will be crowned the Pizza King of *The Maine Campus*.



Matt

Johnny's: I really liked this pizza. Clean, neat and full of fresh toppings. For an underdog, Johnny's brings the game. And they sent us toys. (Tip to pizza parlors—send *Maine Campus* staff toys, and get good reviews. We can be bought.)

Pats: Fungus. Expect for the fungus, I'd be in love.

Bear Brew: Our staff was split here. Bear Brew makes an amazing, crispy pizza. It reminded me of a BBQ. This one would be perfect for the late night munchies.

Market Cafe: This pizza reminded me of frolicking among the shrubbery in an herb garden. OK, maybe not, but it was a very herbal experience. This pie tasted more like a salad than a pizza, but still, it was damn good.



Brad

Johnny's: Where's the grease? The cheese was actually dry and white, not the slimy yellow to which we pizza tasters are so accustomed. The pie had a light, homemade feel to it. Salami was a bad topping choice, but a tasty, simple pizza just the same.

Pat's: This combo was not the best showing from the local pizza mogul, but Pat's sweet, flavorful sauce and crispy crust make anything they call a pizza nearly impossible to beat.

Bear Brew: The brick oven contender was a greasy delight, with a sophisticated sourdough crust and savory toppings. A little messy to eat without a grease trap underneath, but what good pizza isn't?

Market Cafe: This turned my pizza universe upside down. With fresh-from-the-herb-garden toppings covering a masterfully-cooked cheesy crust, this slice of Caesar salad was mind-expanding. It's hard to call this pizza, but it was damn good.

FIRST ROUND

Johnny's

827-3848

Pat's

866-2111

Pizza Dome

827-6867

Angelo's

827-3222

The Market Cafe

827-3663

Bear Brew

866-2739

Brother's

866-2739

Orono House of Pizza

866-5505

SEMIFINALS

Pat's

Pizza Dome

The Market Cafe

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FINALS

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Kelly

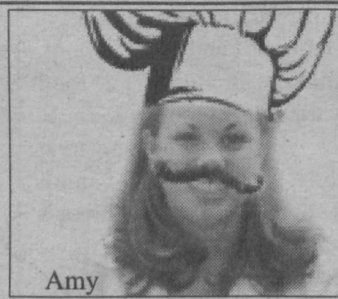
Johnny's: This pizza had great toppings — no mushrooms, a plus, and bacon, an even bigger plus. Not all the toppings were thoroughly cooked, but this pizza had very little grease. I preferred this one to Pat's, but I was out-voted.

Pat's: I usually love Pat's because of their herbed crust and perfect sauce, but the pizza we received was covered in fungus. That's right, mushrooms. I hate them. After picking off about two pounds, I

found the two other toppings, but the sight of all the mushrooms made the pizza, which did taste pretty good, hard to swallow.

Bear Brew: This was such a hard choice because I love brick oven pizza. The toppings were delicious and the cheese, with a hint of feta, was a great addition. The only downfall was the grease factor — the pizza soaked through the box.

Market Cafe: Surprising, imaginative, creative and absolutely delicious. I wasn't expecting a pizza that looked like a rabbit's feast when we opened the box, but the Caesar salad pizza tasted fresh and the dressing, cheese and crust were a perfect combination.



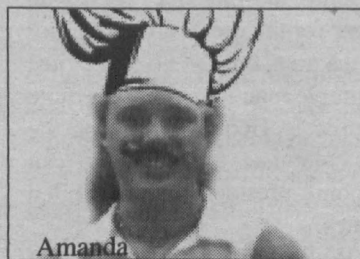
Amy

Johnny's: It was in fact a nice looking pizza with no grease at all. But it tasted like homemade pizza, thick crust and all, and that wasn't working for me.

Pat's: While salami is pretty gross in general and even worse on a pizza, it was spicy and good.

Bear Brew: So greasy, so good. The brick oven taste is fantastic, and for the record I voted Bear Brew over the grassy green Market Cafe pizza.

Market Cafe: So confused. Lettuce on a pizza? But honestly — very good, like a Caesar salad on a bread stick.



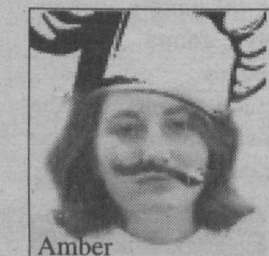
Amanda

Johnny's: This was by far the cleanest and prettiest pizza. But pretty does not mean good — there's no grease, but the toppings aren't cooked and they are falling off — it tastes OK though.

Pat's: It's Pat's pizza, the legend you hear about the first day of freshman year. Crispy crust, quality sauce and the extra-thick pepperoni. The only downfall was the wait, but that is always the way with Pat's. Got to go with the old faithful on this one.

Bear Brew: Had the competition from the Marketplace not been so tough, this would be a winner. The brick-oven crust is a great change, but it was so greasy it fell completely apart. Taste was wonderful, but the mess was terrible.

Market Cafe: When I saw this pizza I did not know what to make of it. It looked like, and was, a salad. Talk about a great pizza though, plenty of cheese, a nice change with the Caesar salad motif and no sauce. This might have to be my pick to take it all.



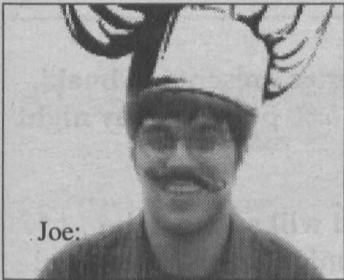
Amber

Johnny's: This pie had minimal grease and very fresh toppings. It tasted healthy and held together for the most part.

Pat's: A fair portion of toppings — mushrooms and pepperoni — and although the mushrooms did not taste as fresh as others, the seasoned crust and sauce more than made up for it.

Bear Brew: Brick oven pizza tastes best directly from the oven, but the variety of gourmet toppings made this pizza my choice for this vote.

Market Cafe: When rabbits dream of pizza, they dream of The Market Cafe, a white pizza that tastes like Olive Garden garlic bread heaped with mesclun mixed greens and Caesar dressing. It tastes like a healthy dinner as opposed to a greasy pizza.



Joe:

Johnny's: The bacon and lack of mushrooms made this pie. It actually tasted more like an Italian sandwich than a pizza. The vegetables, especially the green peppers and onions, were not cooked. They seemed to be afterthoughts, thrown onto the pie after it was cooked.

Pat's: Too many damned dirty mushrooms for my taste. But underneath it was classic Pat's fare — delicious.

Bear Brew: Go for the Midnight Stout, stay for the pizza. Incredible. On any other night, against any other pizza joint, this would win, hands down. The crust was slightly burned on the under-

belly, giving it a barbecue quality. Greasy and salty, but wonderful.

Market Cafe: No sauce, fresh greens, parmesan cheese and Caesar dressing. This was the antithesis of every pie I've eaten in my life. But this was great. It broke the shackles that confine most pizza joints and made pizza something new and fresh. Hands down the winner.



Anne:

Bear Brew: Toppings were good, however the sauce and cheese were very salty. Crust was cooked to perfection but a little greasy.

Market Cafe: Pizza was very tasty! Veggies were fresh and crisp. Caesar dressing added a nice finishing touch to the flavor of the pizza.

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COLLEGE SEX TALK

Question from a student at York College of Pennsylvania

After having sex, my partner often complains that she is sore in the area around the vagina, but she is constantly telling me that I am gentle with her. What is it that I could be doing wrong, or better yet, what is it that I could be doing right?

Male, Junior

Dr. Caron's Answer

Showing concern for your partner sounds like something you are certainly doing right! For many women, lack of lubrication can create soreness around the vaginal opening — typically felt after intercourse. I wonder if this is what is happening in your situation. If so, this may indicate you might want to spend more time on what some people call "foreplay" — or outercourse — other things besides just intercourse such as oral sex, genital touching or caressing. If she is sufficiently "turned on" but finds that her lubrication is not as much as you both desire, try purchasing a water-based lubricant such as Astroglide or KY Jelly. This should help decrease any soreness caused by lack of lubrication. If she still feels sore after intercourse, have her visit a health care provider for a gynecological exam. Perhaps there is a slight yeast infection building that is causing some irritation — this could be easily treated.

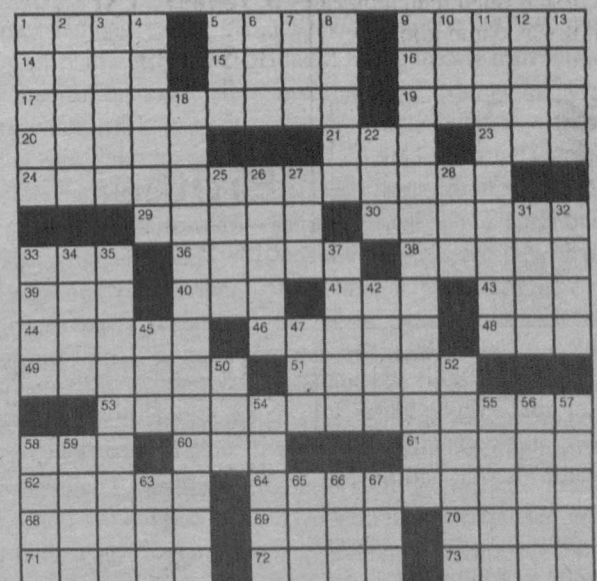
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Crossword

- ACROSS**
- In this place
 - Separate
 - Torn tickets
 - Above
 - Small combo
 - Painter Matisse
 - Packs heat
 - Ryan or Tatum
 - Waiting in the wings
 - Crow's cry
 - Picnic invader
 - SUV's ancestors
 - Irish
 - Iroquois tribe
 - Truck compartment
 - Cafeteria stack
 - Water pitchers
 - "Ben"
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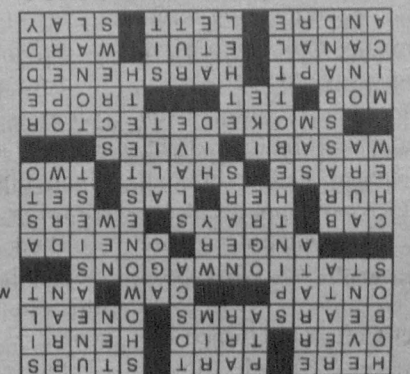
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 - Threaded fasteners
 - Lucy's landlady
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 - "Martha" or "Norma"
 - "I Am Woman" singer
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 - Mind the children



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Solutions



UMaine's Radio Station

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— The Maine Heritage video series presents "Abnaki, the Native People of Maine" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday night in Fogler Library.

— The Campus Activities Board will sponsor the Maineionaire game at 8 p.m. tonight in the Memorial Union Crossroads lounge.

Steiners show a success



The Maine Steiners performed Thursday night in Hauck Auditorium.

CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF

A cappella group introduces new members, new songs in first show of season

By Jess Bishop
For The Maine Campus

It all started with Matthew Blake Small telling us about a friend on a drag circuit in Texas, a "manish-woman" maid named Cindy. Asked to introduce the popular University of Maine men's vocal group, Small, as a former member, knew just how to pump up the audience.

Last Thursday, Nov. 1, the Steiners took to the stage at Hauck Auditorium. The a cappella group brought with them not only a few new members and a few new songs, but also the same energy and enthusiasm that students here have enjoyed ever since the Steiners arrived on campus in 1988.

With this year just beginning, and many concerts still to come, the Steiners are the best they ever sounded, according to Small.

The Steiners began the evening in red, white and blue shirts, singing many popular radio tunes as well as some new songs, including "Everything You Want," by Vertical Horizon, and "Falls Apart," by Sugar Ray.

The eldest member of the Steiners, Jeff Sewell, sang "If You Could Only See," which appears on the Steiners' 2000 album "Bust It."

One of the newest members, Ryan Gould, was featured in the Steiners' version of "Black Balloon" by the Goo Goo Dolls. It was easy to tell that not only Gould, but also additional new members Dennis Boyd and Nick Caler, have already found their part in the group.

When they concluded their

first set, the women's vocal group, Renaissance, took over. Renaissance performed two songs including "Never Gonna Get It" featuring Lori L'Italien. The women's group, only in its third season, has a promising appeal and a unique sound.

After another introduction by Small, in which he prodded the audience to scream like teenyboppers, the Steiners came back onstage, this time in sharp shirts that caught the audience's eyes immediately.

Each member was introduced individually and out of the crowd came the Nate Bates Fan Club, wearing T-shirts bearing his name, and shouts of "Spanky!" aimed at member Adam Scarpone.

"Fields of Gold," featuring Tom Clark and Jake Pelletier, was a crowd favorite. Following that performance was a short presentation by vocal percussionist Ben Feeney.

Next in the lineup was musical director of the group Dave Janes' original, "Breakdown." At the end of the song, an extremely tall and leggy blonde (a disguised Small) ran onstage to maul Janes. After getting an autograph, the screams and smile turned into a frown and Small shouted, "Oh my gosh, you're not Keith Luhmann!"

The remainder of the concert included both new and old songs, many of which will be featured on the next Steiners' album, to be released in February 2002.

Included in the mix was Koelker singing "If I Am," a popular radio tune, and "Depth," an original written and sung by Sewell.

The final song of the night, a

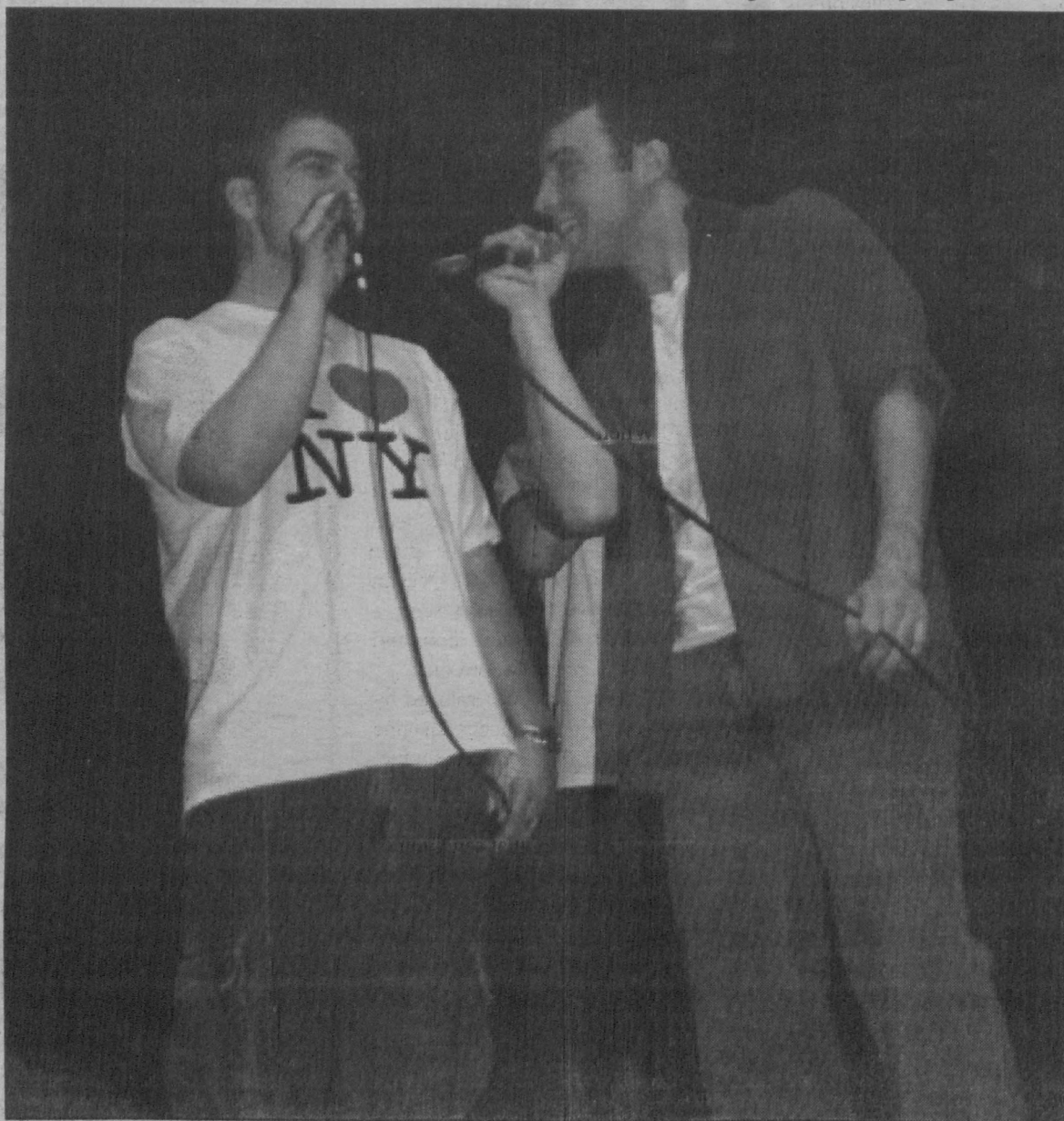
Billy Joel tune, "Lullaby," was sung by Dominick Varney. His clear and pristine voice wowed the audience, and the instant the last note had been sung, the crowd was on its feet. The standing ovation prompted the Steiners to sing one last song.

"Promise," featuring Nate Bates, kept the crowd clapping for minutes after it concluded.

The concert was a success, exactly as every other Steiners event is, and the members exited the stage looking content and pleased with their performance.

The student body can now only anticipate the next Steiner performance, and the release of their new CD.

Until then, Steiner fans will have to be content to wait for the moment when the Steiners will again be in the spotlight.



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Seniors Nate Bates and Merritt Janes sing "Unsigned Letter" by Chris Guines.

Uncle John's satisfies throne trivia urges

By Joseph Bethony
Sports Editor

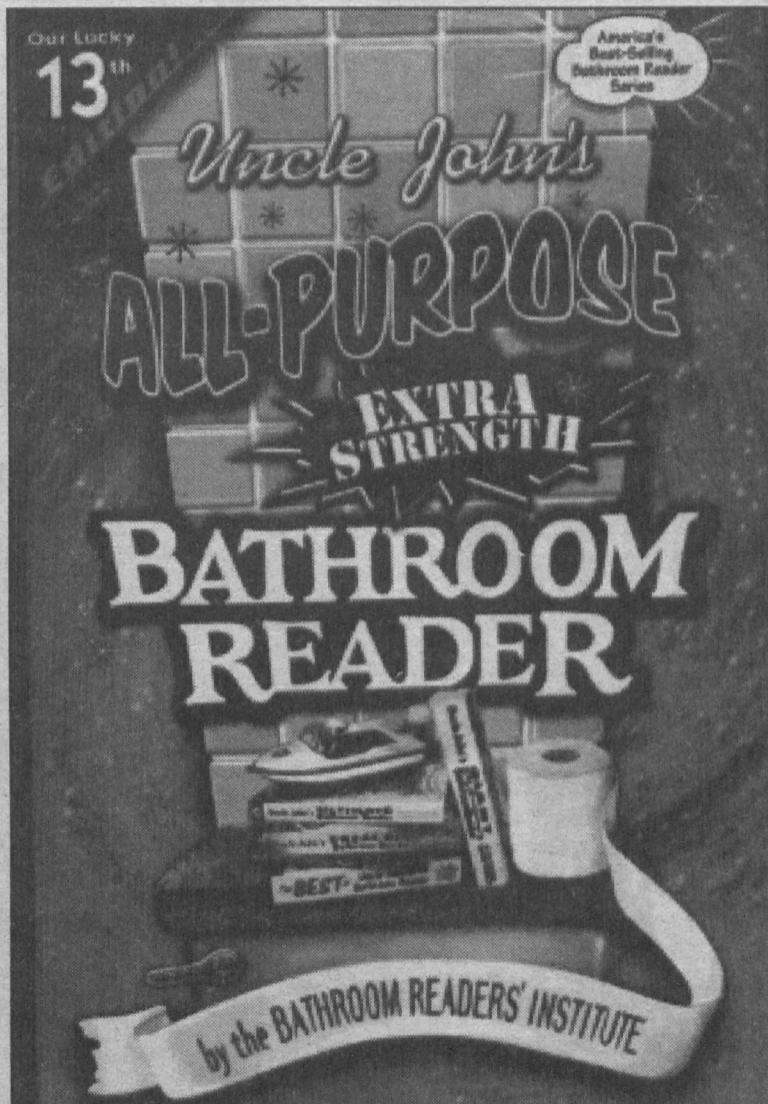
The problem of what to read while on the can that Crapper built has plagued mankind for centuries; or, at the very least, since the invention of the toilet.

Magazines and books are more than functional as on-the-pot literature. But after you've made countless trips to the loo, the content in them gets kind of stale. Are the readings broken up into manageable bathroom-journey sizes? And what happens when you've eventually read them cover-to-cover?

Enter Uncle John. In 1988, John Javna, writer or contributor for "Prime Time Proverbs," "Behind the Hits," "It's a Conspiracy," "50 Simple Things You Can Do To Save The Earth," and "The Amazing Bubble Book," solved these problems when faced with less than compelling bathroom reading. Javna compiled short stories and facts about history, science, trivia, pop culture, sports and entertainment into one book for that special room.

He formed the Bathroom Readers' Institute that same year and his first book, the 224-page "Uncle John's Bathroom Reader," was published in December 1988, to the delight of reading-starved toilet sitters everywhere.

"All of our articles straddle the line between legitimate history and what people commonly call trivia," Uncle John writes on his Web site. "Our aim is to make the world of trivia make sense—to give it some meaning. So it's entertain-



ment that's fun and educational."

One of the newest offerings from the BRI is "Uncle John's All-Purpose Extra Strength Bathroom Reader." It is the 13th such book from the Ashland, Ore. staff.

The stories in the book are divided into short, medium, long ("for extended visits, when something a little more is involved") and extended ("for a leg-numbing experience") length articles, depending on the time you want to devote to sitting on the throne.

Quick, random facts grace the bottom of each page. Examples of such haphazard trivia include:

"President John Adams was so short and fat that his nickname was 'His Rotundity.'"

"Dogs are mentioned 14 times in the Bible. Cats aren't mentioned even once."

"More than half of all the bones in your body are in your hands and feet."

Or, "What does Pinnacho mean? It's Italian for 'Pine Head.'"

Have you ever wondered the origin of the word nightmare ("mare is an Old English term for demon...that descended on the sleeper")? You can find the answer on page 179. Do you know how carrot cake was discovered? It's in the book on page 189. Want some profound sayings from Homer Simpson or Friedrich Nietzsche? Check out pages 28 and 267.

Where else can you discover the origins of Tarzan, Dracula

Bar Harbor brew fills fruit ale niche

By Brad Prescott
Opinion Editor

Bar Harbor Brewing Company's Blueberry Ale is a unique offering in the realm of fruit-flavored beers. While the majority of fruity beverages are distinctly sweet, often overpowering the bitter qualities of an ale, Bar Harbor's attempt at mixing fruit with alcohol results in a more sophisticated flavor.

Dubbed "America's Original Blueberry Ale," the brew tastes well-crafted upon first pour, when its deep reddish hue is revealed. A pleasant blueberry aroma tickles the olfaction and, in bringing glass to mouth, taste buds are treated to a full-bodied ale coupled with blueberry overtones.

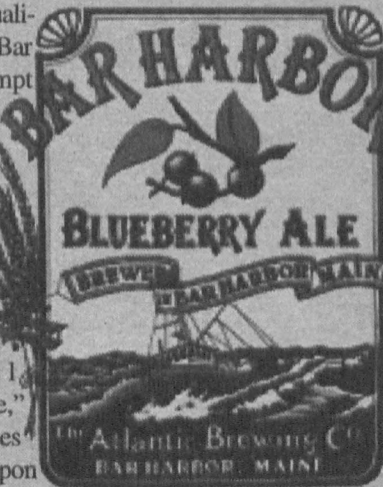
Uncharacteristically bitter among its sweet fruit-beer competitors, the Bar Harbor Blueberry is an ale first and does

not compromise the key components of a finely-wrought beer in the name of fruit appeal.

The result of the synthesis is a good beer, though too heavily bodied to supplement with fruit. Given this heaviness and the complexity of flavor in the Blueberry Ale, it was displeasing with food, rather acting as a snack in itself.

Despite the unbalanced weight of the ale, its flavor was still superior in the fruit-beer genre. But like all fruit beers, the craving for such a treat is rare and consumption tiring in large quantities. The 22-ounce serving pushed the boundaries of my tolerance and I soon found myself craving a more traditional brew.

The Bar Harbor Blueberry Ale is unique and well-made. If you get the 22, however, share it with a friend.



and the submarine?

This bathroom book can be an entertaining diversion from the work you have at hand. "Uncle John's All Purpose Extra-Strength Bathroom Reader" is a source of never-ending random tidbits, weighing in at a svelte 504 pages. Pick one up and you'll never be wanting in on-the-can reading material or the knowledge that miniature golf was one of the few

industries to turn a profit during the Great Depression.

Read it straight through, cover-to-cover or flip randomly, you decide. But the fact remains that when you're through with "Uncle John's All-Purpose Extra Strength Bathroom Reader" you'll have so much knowledge that you'll never lose at trivia or Jeopardy! again. This is because you know that lonely parrots can go insane.

A term paper solution Questia.com provides resources to students, professors for a price

By Jason Houle
For The Maine Campus

Let me paint you a pretty little picture. It's 11:59 p.m. on Sunday night. You have a term paper due at 8 p.m. Monday morning. Your MaineCard has exhausted eight cents at a time for hours on end, and the photocopier hates you. The clock strikes midnight. The library is now closed, and guess who doesn't even have enough sources to write a fairy tale?

Is it time to put your head between your legs? Well, maybe if you're into that sort of thing. But for everyone else, there's a new solution.

Enter Questia.com. Labeled an "E-library," Questia.com pools resources from all over the Internet, and nearly every periodical and reference book ever published.

Brainchild of Harvard Law Graduate Troy Miller, Questia was the result of frustration with libraries, and the availability of their

material. Open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, anytime is a convenient time to visit this on-line library.

"When I was in college, the library was often closed when I wanted to use it," Miller, CEO of Questia, said. "When it was open the books I needed were often missing or checked-out. Questia provides every student with a college library in their room and no book is ever checked out."


For those of you perplexed by this technological wonder, imagine Fogler library's search engine, URSUS. Questia is very similar to this service, but instead of giving you call numbers that send you on an all day scavenger hunt through the stacks, simply click on the title, and the resource is there in front of you, right at your fingertips. Gone are the days of skulking through Fogler, as if you're on a quest for the Holy Grail, or in search of Black beard's lost treasure.

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Pagans seek to erase historical stigma

By Gina Valenzuela
Staff Writer

The word pagan has held a negative connotation since the rise of Christianity and the fall of the Roman empire.

More than 2000 years later, a group of students at the University of Maine are attempting to erase the stigma associated with the religion.

The Pagan Campus Organization (PaCO) was first organized in 1998 as a means for UMaine students interested in paganism to meet and discuss issues with like-minded peers.

Throughout the past few years, however, PaCO had all but withered out as members graduated. The group stopped holding meetings, and began communicating only through its group's FirstClass folder.

Yet recently the Pagan Club has been reincarnated with the help of a group of new members.

The organization was "reborn, with really the name being the only thing in common we have with the old incarnation of PaCO," said current President Joe Gunn.

Currently there are 25 members on the mailing list and close to 50 students with the PaCO conference on their desktops. Gunn is supported by his Vice President Harmony Dodge, Treasurer Eric S. Taylor, and Secretary Tony

Zanatta. Last year's President, Kathleen Worcester, acts as the unofficial liaison to other campus groups.

The new PaCO has been transformed from a stiff structured organization to one more open minded and fun.

"[We are] part discussion, part awareness, part support," Gunn said. "We serve as an outlet where either pagans, pagan allies or those questioning their path can gain support and strength in an open yet secure forum where their opinions concerning their path/faith are respected."

Gunn added that it's important to realize that paganism encompasses a broad range of religions.

"There is no one classification for paganism simply due to the fact that it is a religion that's polytheistic," said Gunn. "For our purposes, a pagan is someone whose religious or spiritual path or beliefs don't necessarily fit into the so-called 'Big Five' religions of the world: Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism."

Various practices fall under the term pagan. The practice or belief in witchcraft, Wicca, shamanism, druidism, neo-pagan, pagan reconstructionist, numerous Native American spiritual paths and countless agrarian and/or tribal-based religions throughout the

world are all addressed by PaCO.

Since paganism is so diverse, no pagan's beliefs are exactly the same. For example, the Wicca/Witchcraft pagans tend to be very Eco-conscious. Other pagans are pacifists while others serve in the military. Some pagans are pro-life and some are pro-choice; some are globalists and some are isolationists. Pagan is a limitless term that can be molded and formed into something that represents what each and every individual believes.

According to Witchvox.com, there are 287 pagans in the state of Maine. Two hundred and twenty-six of those are adults, 57 are teens, and four serve in the military. However, this is just a rough estimate of those that have chosen to voice paganism as their religion.

Or as Gunn says, "many [people] are still in the broom closet."

PaCO welcomes all people to its weekly meetings every Wednesday night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the chapel on the third floor of the Union.

They also have coffee meetings on Fridays at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Union's Maine Marketplace.

For information about PaCO, see the folder under campus student organizations.

Folklore center offers native story collection online

By Nathan Webster
For The Maine Campus

Are you interested in checking out Native American folklore but don't have the time to track down books about it? Well, if you can get to a computer, check out the University of Maine Folklife Center's first online publication.

"Northeastern Folklore VI: Malecite and Pasamaquoddy Tales" is a collection of Native American folk tales that was first published in book form in 1964 by the Northeast Folklore Society as a collaboration with the UMaine's English Department.

However, thanks to modern technology, it can now be found on-line at the Folklife Center's Web page, www.umaine.edu/folklife.

"There's no fee, and anyone who can get on our Web page has access," said Pauleena MacDougall, associate director of the Folklife Center.

The Center decided to publish the collection on-line because of its popularity and because it has been very hard to find, as it has been out of print for years.

"There is a demand for it and

people would like to see it, but printing is expensive," MacDougall said.

So putting the collection on the Internet was the natural choice, although putting a printed work on the Internet isn't easy.

"Putting it in digital form and

"The stories are oral literature that were passed down. Students collected the story and put them on tape."

editing it took a lot of work," MacDougall said.

The publication is a large collection of ancient tales from the Malecite and Pasamaquoddy Native Americans.

"The stories are oral literature that were passed down [through generations of the tribes]," MacDougall said. "Students collected the stories and put them on tape."

The tales were then written down and published in book form. This was done under the supervision of now-retired UMaine professor Sandy Ives.

"The stories revolve around cultural hero Kluskap," [also spelled Gluskabe and pronounced "gloos-cap"] said MacDougall. "They're stories that tell people how the world was made, and how people should behave. They're similar to Biblical stories."

Can folklore enthusiasts expect more online publications from the Folklife Center? That depends on how much response there is to the "Malecite and Passamaquoddy Tales," according to MacDougall.

"One that I might [consider] is called 'Folksongs from Maine,'" MacDougall said.

"Folksongs" is volume VII from the Northeast Folklore Society. Also being considered for on-line publication is volume XII, "Cree Tales and Beliefs." Both books are popular and hard to find.

UMaine students and faculty can check out the story collection if they are interested in Native American culture, or even if they just want to read literature laced with adventure, mysticism and wit.

"People should read these stories if they want to know about Native Americans," said MacDougall. "[But] they're also really great stories."

Belting it out



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF

Renaissance singer Lori L'Italian sings EnVogue's "Never Gonna Get It" at the Steiners concert Thursday evening. Renaissance, UMaine's female a cappella group, sang two songs at the show.

Graffiti artists enter world of art, fashion

By Audra D.S. Burch
Knight Ridder
Newspapers

The writing is on the wall: Graffiti, the loopy scrawl of the underground, has bubbled its way into mainstream pop culture.

Making an unlikely journey from the illegal decoration of subway cars and highway overpasses to art houses to the clothes on our backs, the sprayed, spattered look has become legitimate in the elusive world of hip.

The work of graffiti artists (or "taggers," as they sometimes call themselves) has fashionably defiled Louis Vuitton's spring

bag collection, doodled onto stylish jeans, splashed onto T-shirts and pajamas. Corporate-meister IBM followed the trend by stenciling graffiti-esque ads on pavements around San Francisco.

And home designers, taking their cue from the streets and the closets, are offering graffiti-laden goods for normally tame kitchens: plates, cups and placemats, even china.

The bold letters and logo trend appeals to the punk rebel in some of us, and the yearning for youth vibe in all of us.

"When you talk about what is incredibly IN these days, graffiti is at the top," says stylist Mario Vergel, whose clients include Gloria Estefan and Jon Secada.

UNBRIDLED ANIMOSITY



CAMPUS PHOTOS • ANTHONY SAUCIER



QUESTIA

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Questia quickly became one of the most credible resource sites on the Internet, including in its resources publications by Stanford, Columbia and Oxford University Press.

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Full of charisma and nu metal bombast, Sevendust rolled into the State Theatre in Portland Thursday night. Frontman Lajon Witherspoon made no efforts to hide from the spotlight as his cohorts seemed more comfortable hiding in the shadows. The band is currently on tour with Onesidezero in support of its newest release, "Animosity." Above: Witherspoon gets a little fired up during "T.O.A.B.," the first single from the new album. Left: Witherspoon shares a tender moment in a bona fide Judas Priest T-shirt.

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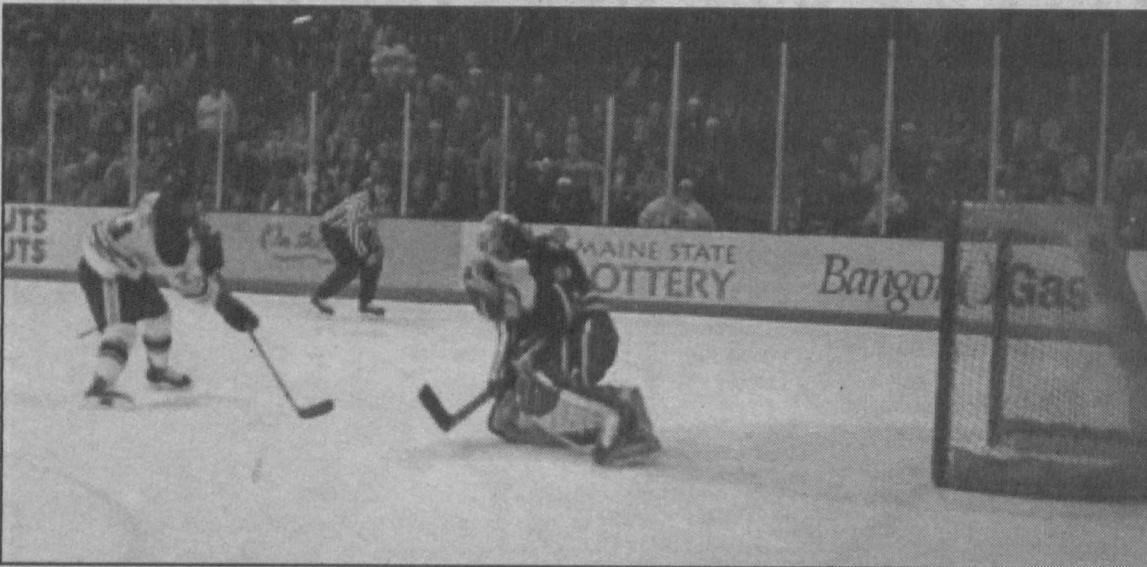
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MEN'S HOCKEY

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CAMPUS PHOTO • FRED NICHOLS

Colin Shields slips the puck by UMass-Lowell goalie Jimi St. John putting Maine up 2-1 in the first period.

net. He left the puck for Dimitrakos who tried to move the puck to his stick but it hit his skate and went in front of the net. Reimann was there to poke it by St. John at 2:05.

"That goal put us on our heels," UMass-Lowell coach Blaise McDonald said. "We failed to capitalize on a good opportunity and they scored 12 seconds later. We had trouble finding any rhythm."

"I thought that was a turning point in the game," UMaine coach and former River Hawks head coach Tim Whitehead said. "It swayed things in our favor."

UMaine's next goal put the River Hawks away for good.

Dimitrakos faked a shot from the left face-off circle to freeze St. John. He slid the puck over to Robert Liscak in the low slot for a one-timer on the power play at 9:07.

"I was going to shoot until I saw their defenseman turn his back on me," Dimitrakos said. "I knew that all [Liscak] needed to do was redirect it."

Freshman defenseman Matt Deschamps made it 5-1 at 5:48 of the third when he slammed home his own rebound after St. John made a diving save.

UML made an attempt at a comeback with two goals from Ed McGrane at 7:54 and 13:53, but it was too little, too late.

Reimann completed his hat trick with an empty net goal with 52 seconds remaining.

"There were three times when I was in the right place at the right time," Reimann said. "My line-mates set up well tonight."

"We beat a very good hockey team tonight," Whitehead said. "We played well from start to finish. I like those guys and I like how they compete, but we were able to hang on and finish it."

UMaine (3-3-1 overall) is 1-0-0 in Hockey East and will host conference rival Boston University at Alford Arena on Friday. The Black Bears will also host Sacred Heart of the Metro Atlantic

This Week

Thursday, Nov. 8
Women's basketball vs. NWBL All-Stars
Exhibition • 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 9
Men's hockey vs. Boston University
7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10
Football vs. Massachusetts
12 p.m.
Women's hockey at Cornell
2 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Albany
4 p.m.
Women's cross country at NCAA Qualifier
at Franklin Park TBA
Men's cross country at NCAA Qualifier
at Franklin Park TBA

Sunday, Nov. 11
Volleyball vs. Northeastern
1 p.m.
Women's hockey at Cornell
2 p.m.
Men's hockey vs. Sacred Heart
4 p.m.

This weekend in UMaine sports

Field hockey:

Northeastern University defeated the University of Maine, 2-1, in the semifinals of the America East Championship at Sweeney Field on Friday.

The Huskies took the lead with 20:12 left in the first half, on a goal from Sarah Broderick.

UMaine notched the equalizer

with 24:53 left in the second half, on Jen Johnstone's eleventh goal of the season.

America East Defensive Player of the Year Kelly Williams scored the game winner with 5:06 remaining.

Swimming:

The UMaine men's and women's swim teams each

earned victories at Vermont on Saturday. The men won 165-128 while the women won 146-111.

The 200 medley relay team of Krystal Fogler, Katrine Alcaide, Stephanie Smeitana and Griffin O'Connor won with a time of 1:54.83.

The men were led by the 200 medley relay team of Brian Forestall, Jon Dewitt, Dan

Donahue and Elbert Blanchard that captured first with a time of 1:45.52.

Women's soccer:

UMaine did its part in vying for an America East postseason berth by beating New Hampshire 1-0 on Friday.

But the Black Bears, at the mercy of conference rivals, fin-

ished seventh in America East with 14 points, one place out of a playoff spot.

Men's soccer:

UMaine lost its final two games of the season by a combined margin of nine goals.

The team dropped by a 3-0 margin to Hofstra on Friday and lost 6-0 to Drexel on Sunday.

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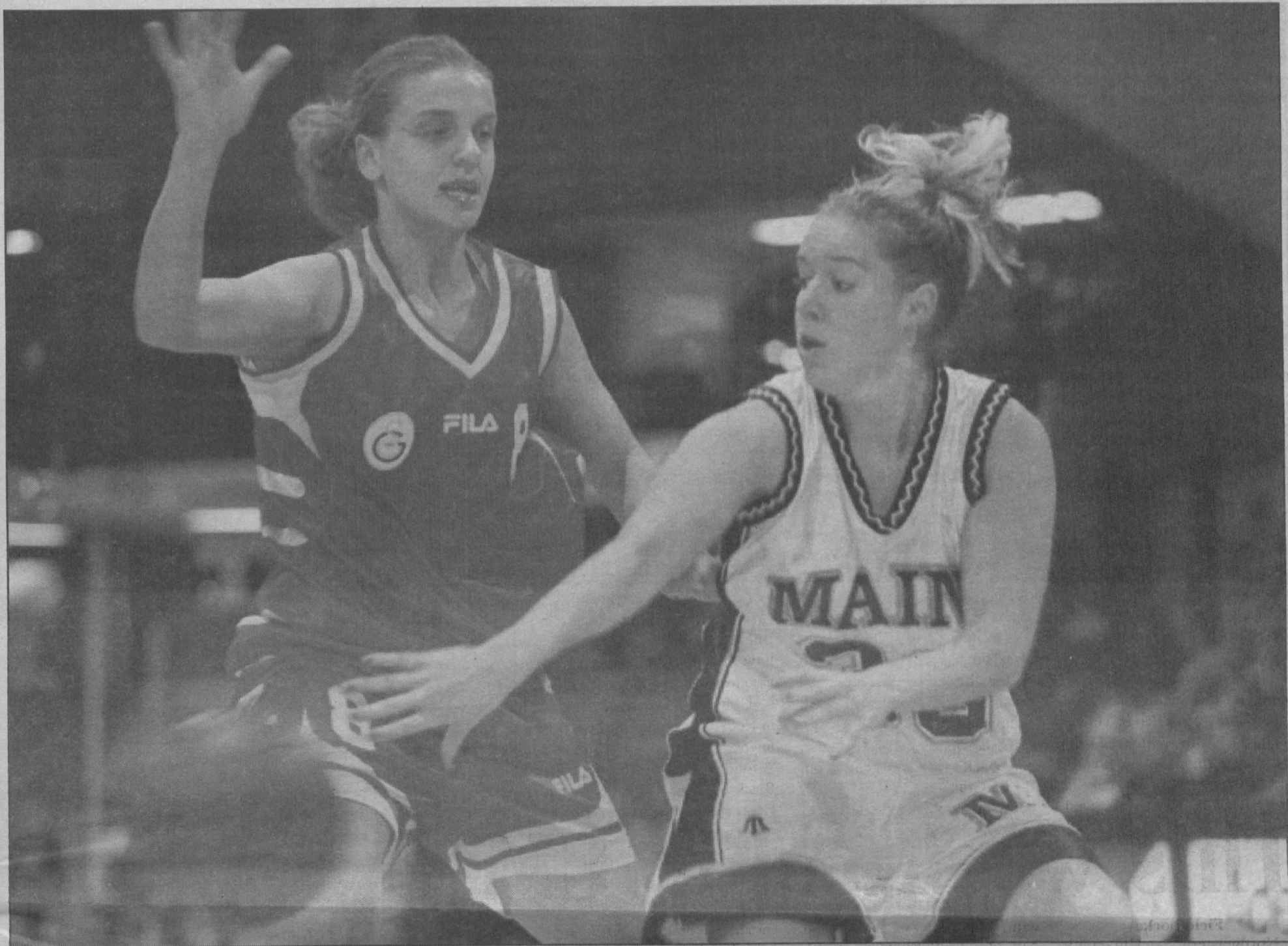
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Women's basketball team drops exhibition opener



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Ellen Geraghty centers the ball during UMaine's exhibition game against Galatasaray, a visiting team from Turkey. UMaine lost 62-55.

By Eric Russell
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine women's basketball team showed its youth Friday night, committing 22 turnovers and 24 fouls while losing to Galatasaray, a club team from Istanbul, Turkey, 62-55, before a crowd of 1,509 at Alford Arena.

The good news is, it was only an exhibition match. Like all pre-season matches, second-year head coach Sharon Versyp saw it as a learning experience.

"We learned that we have quite a bit to work on in the next couple weeks," Versyp said. "Our defense was terrible. We weren't fundamentally sound. We worked hard but with no purpose."

The Black Bears did, however, display some depth in the losing effort, with nine players logging significant playing time. For much of last season, UMaine didn't have nine players on the team. But for Friday's game, three players, Anna James, Pam Cruz and Kelly Manning, didn't even dress.

But despite UMaine's depth, Galatasaray proved to be quite a challenge for the youthful Black Bears.

"They had some good shooters and they were organized, I could tell just watching them warm up," Versyp said. "I would much

rather play a team like that than a team we could just walk all over."

UMaine took a 32-28 lead into halftime, aided by a 15-2 run midway through the first half. Sophomore forward Julie Veilleux had nine points before the break, but failed to score after that.

Galatasaray opened the second half with a 13-2 run of its own to take a 41-34 lead with 14:24 remaining. Celen Kilinc, a 27-year-old forward, had four baskets during the run and finished with a game-high 21 points.

The Black Bears closed with three points, 49-52, with 2:51 remaining after a three-point play from sophomore forward Heather Ernest.

But that was as close as UMaine would get because Galatasaray made eight of 12 free throws in the final three minutes to seal the victory.

"We didn't keep up our intensity for 40 minutes," first-year guard Missy Traversi said. "There were times when we were just standing around."

Traversi, a 5-foot-7-inch guard from Attleboro, Mass., seems to have inherited the point guard position. She tied senior guard Tracy Guerrette for the team-high in minutes with 30. Traversi had five points and two assists before fouling out with 17 seconds remaining.

"Traversi does a nice job at the point for us," Versyp said. "I like the way our offense flows when she is in the game."

"I didn't expect to see this much time to be honest, but I'm definitely happy to be able to help the team in any way," Traversi said.

One bright spot for the Black Bears was the surprising play of senior center Eva Moldre. She scored 11 points to tie Ernest for the team-high and pulled down a team-high eight rebounds.

"I feel much healthier than I have been in previous years," Moldre said. "I worked out all summer."

The hard work seems to have paid off for Moldre, especially on the offensive glass where UMaine held an 18-8 advantage.

"Moldre did a great job for us," Versyp said. "She crashed the boards offensively; she had putbacks. She was really the true spark for us."

Ernest managed 11 points, nine in the second half, and seven rebounds while nursing shin splints. Guerrette had 10 points and led the team with five assists.

Galatasaray was led by Kilinc's 21 points, she also pulled down 11 rebounds. Guard Tugba Tasci was 7 for 11 from the field and finished with 19 points and five assists. Guard Esra Sencebe was 8 for 11 from the line, hitting five

crucial free throws down the stretch and had 12 points.

UMaine was outshot from the field 45 percent to 36 percent, and Galatasaray had an 11 point advantage from the free-throw line.

The Black Bears have one more exhibition this Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

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Volleyball earns tournament berth Women's ice hockey gets point in Providence

By Eric Russell
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine volleyball team defeated Stony Brook University and University of Hartford this weekend to clinch the fourth and final America East playoff spot.

UMaine improved its record to 14-11 (7-5 in conference) and assured itself of finishing with at least a .500 record. The team will be playing in the conference tournament for the first time since volleyball returned to UMaine in 1999.

"I don't see it as an extraordinary accomplishment, I thought this team was capable of it," head coach Sue Medley said. "But we're proud of it, that's for sure. This is a very hardworking team."

The Black Bears dominated Stony Brook on Sunday in every facet of the game, outhitting the Seawolves and recording six more blocks. Earlier this season, it took UMaine five games to defeat the Seawolves, but the Black Bears disposed of Stony Brook 3-0 (30-25, 30-22, 30-18), in Orono. Blocking was one of the keys Medley attributed to her team's success this weekend.

"I thought we dominated both

matches with our blocking," Medley said. "Our team was incredibly focused, and we were able to execute our game plan."

UMaine seniors Leah Voss and Adrienne Poplawski led the way on Sunday with 12 kills apiece. Voss chipped in with a match-high nine digs and Poplawski led the team with three service aces and six block assists.

Sophomore setter Cheryl Elliott had 45 assists against Stony Brook to quarterback the UMaine offense. She has been solid all season, ranking second in the conference in assists per game with 11.67. First-year right-side hitter Carmen Gabriel continued her impressive rookie campaign with 11 kills and just one attack error. She also contributed seven digs and four block assists.

Stony Brook entered the weekend just one game behind the Black Bears, but lost to University of New Hampshire on Saturday to ruin any chance of catching UMaine for the final playoff spot. The Seawolves dropped to 11-18 on the year, 4-8 in America East play.

The Black Bears defeated Hartford on Saturday, 3-0 (30-22, 30-25, 30-24).

Voss again led the team with

18 kills on Saturday and also added 10 digs. Gabriel had a match-high 16 digs to go along with eight kills and four block assists. Elliott had 44 assists and five block assists, and Poplawski chipped in with seven kills, nine digs and a team-high six block assists.

Hartford freshman Stephanie Volckers, who leads the conference in kills, pounded out 21 kills in the losing effort. Hartford dropped to 6-15 on the season, 2-9 in conference.

UMaine will host Northeastern University next Saturday at 4 p.m., and the University of Albany on Sunday at 1 p.m. before it heads to the conference tournament on Nov. 17 to 18.

Currently, Towson University, Northeastern and New Hampshire hold the top three playoff spots. Whoever finishes No. 1 will host the tournament. Medley said her team is going to focus on next weekend's matches and go from there.

"Our focus has always been one ball at a time, one game at a time, one match at a time," Medley said. "We are going to take care of business next weekend, and then we can start thinking about the conference tournament."

By Matthew Hritz
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine women's ice hockey team started its nine-game road trip on the wrong foot but ultimately managed to salvage a point from its weekend series with the No. 5 Providence Friars.

The Friars defeated UMaine 7-2 on Saturday. But UMaine skated to a 2-2 tie on Sunday with Providence College.

UMaine took the lead Sunday when freshman forward Rebecca Culver scored at 2:25 in the first period. Freshman Andrea Steranko and junior Cailee Heggstad tallied the assists on the goal.

The Friars tied the game at 6:51 in the first period when sophomore Meredith Roth scored the game-tying goal on a pass from junior Jenn Butsch.

The Black Bears took the lead back less than five minutes later when senior Kelly Nelson scored her first goal of the season.

UMaine held the lead through the second period before Providence tied the game with 9:45 remaining in regulation when junior Danielle Culgin scored off a rebound. Darlene Stephens and Roth assisted on the Culgin goal.

Providence outshot UMaine 22-21, including 1-0 in the overtime session. Sophomore goaltender Amy Quinlan made 19 saves for the Friars, and

UMaine's Amanda Cronin made 20 stops.

In Friday's game, Providence scored three goals in the second period to break open a scoreless game that the Friars ended up winning 7-2.

Providence junior Jenn Butsch scored off an assist from Roth only 34 seconds into the second period. Roth then scored a goal of her own on a power play at 6:25.

At the 18:14 mark of the second period, Providence sophomore Sarah Youlen scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal, UMaine was scoreless after two periods but went on to score two third period-goals.

After two Friars' goals in the third period, UMaine got on the board at 8:41 when Karen Droog scored on assists from defenseman Kelly Nelson and forward Cindy Baron.

UMaine scored 56 seconds later when defenseman Tracy Caridade scored on assists from Nelson and forward Meaghan Aarts.

That would be all the scoring for the Black Bears. Providence went on to score two more goals.

Providence outshot UMaine 32-20. Providence goaltender Amy Quinlan made 18 saves and Dawn Froats and Lara Smart combined to make 25 saves.

Next weekend the Black Bears travel to Ithaca, N.Y. to play Cornell University on Saturday and Sunday.

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out to close the deficit to 20-7.

UMaine immediately took back the momentum when English shook free and raced 73 yards to the end zone to close out the scoring for the Black Bears.

The Black Bear defense imposed its will on URI's option attack. Rhode Island came in to the contest averaging more than 250 yards rushing per game. But a solid defensive strategy limited the Rams to only 89 yards on 52 attempts.

"We played tough inside and forced them outside," UMaine head coach Jack Cosgrove said of the defensive effort.

UMaine's defense filled the gaps so well up front that URI was forced to abandon its dive plays and focus more on the pitch, becoming predictable in the process.

Rhode Island completely

threw out its original game plan in the second half trying to catch up. URI quarterback Vince Nedimyer put the ball in the air an uncharacteristic 30 times, completing only 10 of his attempts.

URI's standout running back David Jamison capped a meaningless fourth-quarter drive for the Rams with an eight-yard scamper. Jamison turned in a below average performance accumulating only 76 yards.

The win was the Black Bears first over a ranked opponent on the road since a 39-27 win at No. 8 Delaware on Oct. 31, 1998.

The team plays its final home game of the season Saturday, Nov. 10, when the University of Massachusetts visits Orono. UMaine finishes the season with rival New Hampshire the next weekend.

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signed a three-year deal to manage the Houston Astros last week. The man, who belongs in the National League because he's always managed like that, got the respect from Houston in the form of a long-term contract that he couldn't get in Boston.

It was a no brainer for the

Astros, really. Jimmy is a manager who gets the most out of his team, even if it happens to be a collection of first basemen and stiff-left fielders. I hope he hires John Cumberland. Tomatoes would grow pretty well underneath that Texas sun, don't you think?

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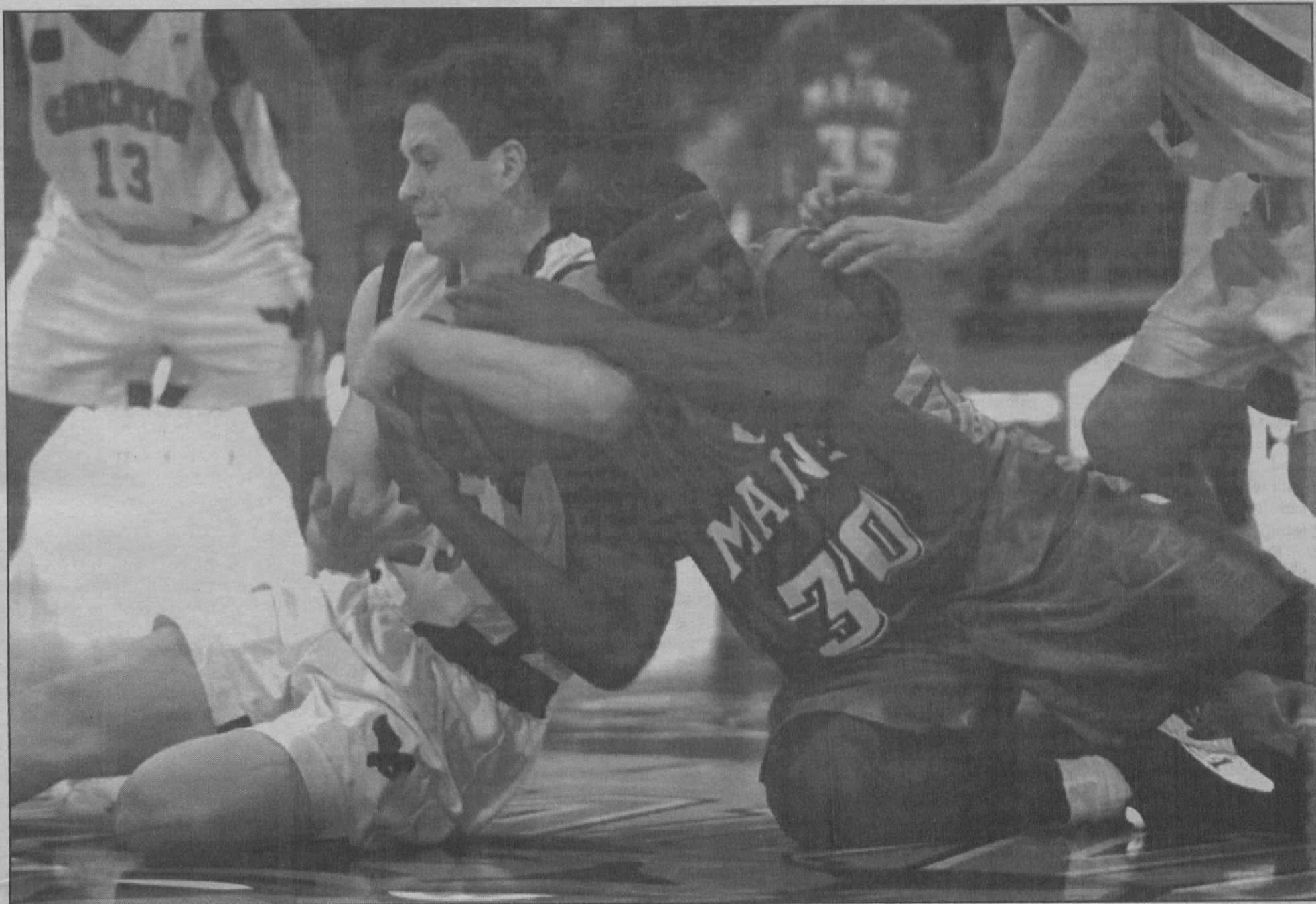
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Men's basketball team splits exhibition matches



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UMaine's Errick Greene dukes it out with Paul Larmand of Carleton University for the ball in exhibition play Thursday night. Greene went on to score 14 points in Maine's 64-56 win over the visiting Canadians.

By Lucas Peterson
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's basketball team split two exhibition games at home this past week.

Sunday's 73-70 loss to the G.T. Express showed that UMaine has a lot of work to do before the regular season opens Nov. 12 at Arkansas.

UMaine trailed by three points at halftime but led by as many as eight in the second half. The Express, led by 6-foot-10-inch center Kevin Shand, trailed 66-60 with 5:15 left in the game. Shand scored a game-high 26 points and helped the Express reel off an 11-0 run late in the game to take control.

Coach John Giannini was visibly upset after the game.

"It would be very difficult for us to play worse than we did today," coach Giannini said. "We have to figure some things out."

Rickey White provided the lone bright spot for the Black Bears. The 6-foot-4-inch swingman scored a team-high 21 points and was active on the offensive glass. He led the team with seven rebounds.

"From the beginning, I think we came out flat," White said. "Coming down the stretch, we didn't play with heart. We didn't play hard."

The Black Bears committed 23 turnovers and gave up 43 points in the first half. The latter is not the mark of a good defensive team, said center Justin Rowe.

"Defensively, we're supposedly accrediting ourselves as being a very good defensive team," Rowe said. "To let a team [score 43 in the first half] is disappointing to the whole team."

The Black Bears had a chance to tie the game with less than five seconds remaining, but Clayton Brown's three-point attempt came up short.

UMaine teams have traditionally played well in exhibition games, using the games as a tune-up rather than a learning experience, according to Giannini.

"This is a team that has to learn about itself," Giannini said. "I need to learn about this team. We have to slow the game down and make it more comfortable for us and play to our team strengths."

In Thursday night's exhibition game against the Carleton University Ravens, the Black Bears faced a team that returned most of its starters from a successful season.

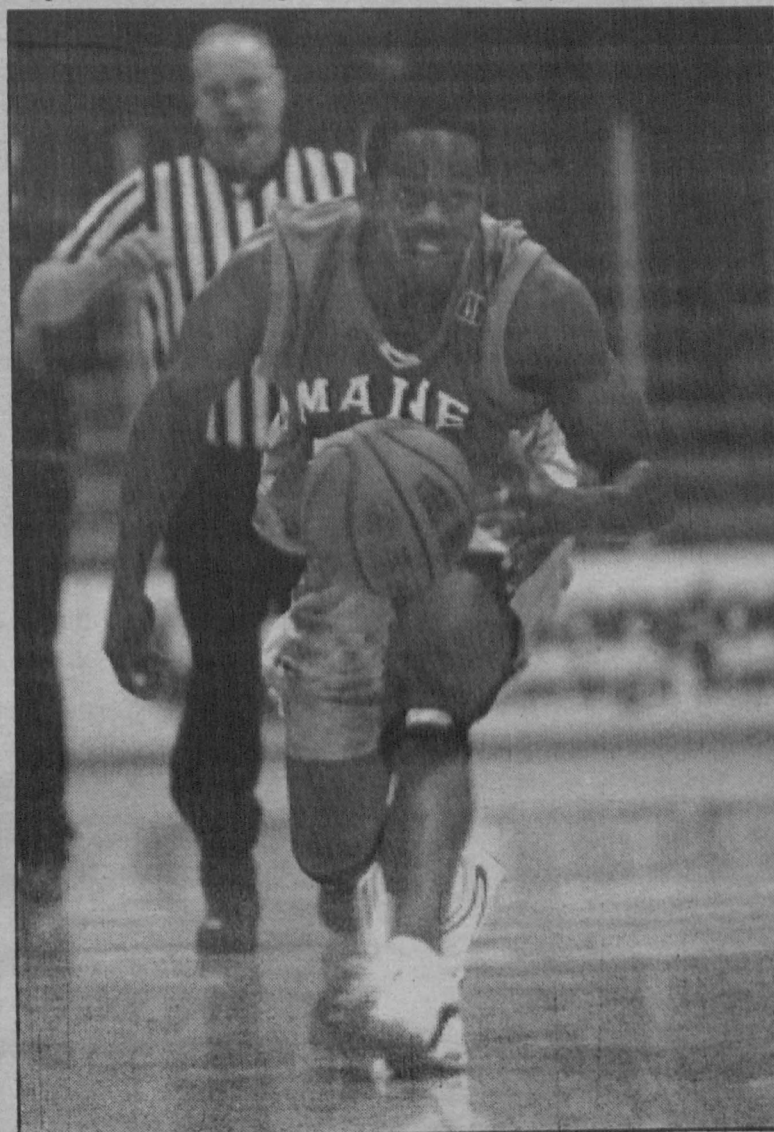
The two teams battled before UMaine pulled away in the second half on its way to a 64-56 win.

UMaine played without the services of two of its newest players, Justin Rowe and Ricky Green. Rowe and Green are expected to play substantial minutes this season but both

were suspended for the game for unspecified violations of team rules. The suspensions proved to be beneficial in some respects, according to

Giannini.

"It forced us to use different combinations, to play our freshmen a little bit more, and to force our older players to really extend



Derrick Jackson chases down a loose ball on the sideline Thursday night. Jackson was credited with two steals on the night.

themselves the way they may have to [in order] to win some games this year."

UMaine reeled off a 9-0 run to close out the first half, leading 34-29.

Senior Todd Tibbetts and freshman Freddy Petkus drained three-pointers, erasing a Carleton lead, which grew to as much as eight points, with 5:54 remaining in the half. Petkus, who sprained his ankle during the first week of practice, scored 13 points.

The Carleton defense forced UMaine to rely on its perimeter shooting by playing a tight, packed in zone. The Ravens held UMaine to 41 percent shooting.

"That was a real basketball team we played," Giannini said. "It was a great learning experience."

Errick Greene led UMaine with 14 points and chipped in with 10 rebounds. The versatile Greene played point guard most of the game for the short-handed Black Bears. Greene is expected to see time at both guard positions, as well as small forward. Greene said playing the exhibition game short-handed was experience.

"This was a good test for us," Greene said. "From my standpoint, this was a great learning experience."

UMaine opens the season Nov. 12, at Arkansas in the opening round of the preseason National Invitational tournament.

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— The Arizona Diamondbacks won the team's first World Series, defeating the New York Yankees 3-2 in game seven Sunday night.

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Hockey team opens conference play with win



Chris Heisten centers the puck, leading to a Tom Reimann goal in the first period of UMaine's 6-3 defeat of UMass-Lowell.

Tom Reimann nets hat trick in 6-3 victory against the River Hawks

By Jeff Mannix
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine men's ice hockey team must have been happy to be home.

The Black Bears returned to Alford Arena after four tough road games in the past two weeks and handed UMass-Lowell its first defeat with a 6-3 victory Saturday night.

The Lucas Lawson, Tom Reimann and Niko Dimitrakos line led the Black Bears in the win, totaling eight points. Reimann scored a hat trick, Dimitrakos assisted on three goals and Lawson added two assists.

"We played well," Dimitrakos said after the game. "No one was

playing selfish with the puck and good things happened."

"My line-mates played well tonight," Reimann said. "We played well in practice this week, and we brought that into the game. We clicked."

Reimann's first goal, at 12:26 of the first period, tied the game at one. Dimitrakos had a rush down the left wing in transition. He passed the puck to Troy Barnes at the point and he ripped a wrist shot to the front. Reimann tipped it by goalie Jimi St. John.

UMass-Lowell had taken the lead only two minutes earlier while the teams skated three-on-three. Jerramie Domish blocked a Cliff Loya shot and the puck caromed to the other end. UMaine goalie Mike Morrison came out of the net to poke it

from Domish. His clearing pass hit Domish, who had a wide open net and his fourth goal of the year.

Morrison said that even though he gave up the goal, he would make the same decision in the right situation.

"I can't hesitate," he said. "That's a rule with all goalies, if you hesitate, you don't go. I waited that split second, and I still could have had it, but he made the right move."

UMaine took the lead for good at 18:20 of the first. Peter Metcalf's clearing pass off the boards went behind the UML defense where Colin Shields was. He broke in on St. John and wristed a shot over St. John's shoulder to give the Black Bears a 2-1 lead with his seventh goal

of the year.

The next goal proved to be the turning point.

Early in the second period, UML's Dan Fontas had a clear shot

"We played well in practice this week, and we brought that into the game. We clicked."

at an open net while Morrison was down, but his shot went wide. A UMaine breakaway resulted when a long clearing pass went to Lawson and he brought the puck behind the

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Football team downs Rhode Island 26-14

By Ryan Waning
For The Maine Campus

Good football teams win big games on the road.

The University of Maine Black Bear football team proved that it belongs in the top tier of the Atlantic-10 after a decisive 26-14 victory against the No. 9 Rhode Island Rams on Saturday.

UMaine improved to 6-2 (5-2 in the A-10); the Rams fell back to join UMaine in the crowd near the top of the standings at 7-2 (5-

2). UMaine has five conference wins for the first time since 1996.

"It was a huge football game," UMaine coach Jack Cosgrove said. "Our guys responded. Our senior leaders really took charge of this game. They played on Saturday and the coaches watched. It's up to them."

Senior tailback Royston English led UMaine with 213 yards rushing on 29 carries. Junior quarterback Jake Eaton threw for 142 yards and two touchdowns on 11 of 23 passing.

Junior linebacker Stephen Cooper again made his presence felt defensively, recording 10 tackles, three for losses. Freshman Lofa Tatupu, making a start at linebacker, recorded nine tackles and two-and-a-half sacks.

The Black Bears never trailed in the contest. Things started quickly for UMaine when Eaton connected with wide receiver Stefan Gomes on the sideline for a 41-yard touchdown at 6:41 of the first quarter.

After UMaine's defense recovered an errant pitch by

Rhode Island senior quarterback Vince Nedimyer, Eaton found his other standout wide receiver, Paris Minor, for a 29-yard touchdown pass nearly four minutes later. That score made it 13-0 in favor of UMaine.

The Black Bears went up 20-0 after a 10-yard English touchdown run in the second quarter, before Rhode Island managed to finally get on the board. Unitas Todd recovered a blocked punt and punched it in from 27 yards

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Waning moments

By Ryan Waning

For The Maine Campus

...I have not watched a Sunday night football telecast on ESPN for almost two years for one reason: Joe Theismann.

In the crowd of oddities and freaks that are former players turned color analysts, Theismann has what is possibly the most annoying characteristic: delusions of grandeur.

He was a great quarterback, but it gets a little old when he compares his release to Dan Marino's for the 23rd time in the first half or how his decision-making ability was like Joe Montana's.

The truth is everybody knows someone like Theismann, someone who is talented at what he does and isn't afraid to let you know it. But, most importantly, this person makes you feel like a jackass about it.

If I find myself cracking up when SportsCenter reports that, once again, Lawrence Taylor has violated his probation for getting pulled over dressed like a woman snorting a line off of Marv Albert, I don't judge. I simply remember a time when LT was just the guy who ripped Joe Theismann's leg clean off like he was a shabbily-made Ken doll.

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