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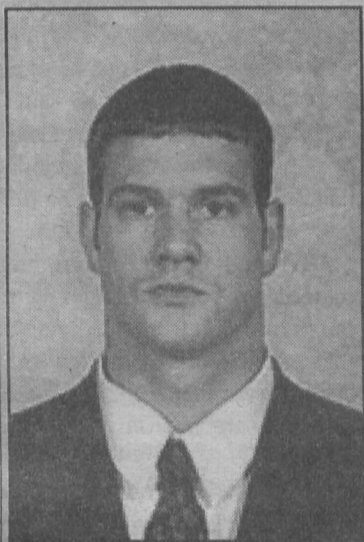
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## UMaine football team reacts to playoff berth



**Chad Hayes**  
Senior  
Tight End

The guys are prepared and we know what we have a great opportunity in front of us, one that this team hasn't had in a long time.

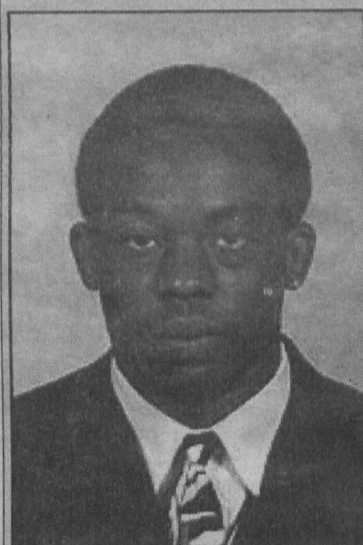
**Jake Eaton**  
Junior  
Quarterback

We know that this is a playoff-level team. Now we have to prove it to everyone else.



**James Henry**  
Freshman  
Running Back

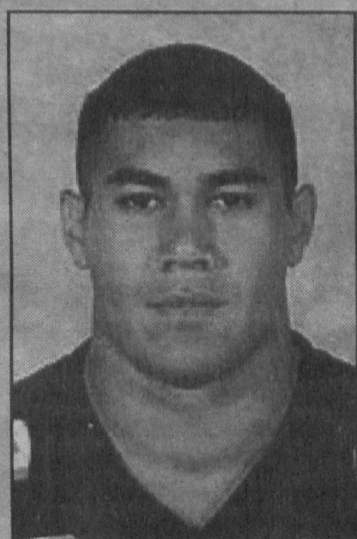
Being in the playoffs is a great feeling, but advancing to the next round would bring an even better feeling... we plan on approaching this game like we did every other game this season and just try and create opportunities that will help us win the game. It's important for us to not get complacent, but continue to do all we can do for each other to help come back to Maine with a W.



**Lofa Tatupu**  
Freshman  
Linebacker

We're excited. This is a tight team and we've worked hard all season to get where we are. We know how important this game is to everyone.

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## Every drop counts



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF

Dan Hodgkins, a University of Maine student, holds his arm up after giving blood Wednesday, Nov. 28. The blood drive continues today from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Wells Commons. Currently, blood supplies are low according to the American Red Cross.

## Hate crimes on the rise

By Julia Hall  
Staff Reporter

Tom Harnett, Maine assistant attorney general, discussed the rise in hate crimes in Maine at a meeting of the Greater Bangor Area NAACP Sunday, Nov. 25.

There have been more situations of harassment and hate crimes directed at people of Middle Eastern descent since the terrorists attacks on Sept. 11, said Harnett, who specializes in civil rights education and enforcement.

There have been several hate crime cases in the state since Sept. 11. In the case of State of Maine v. Leslie Holmes, the defendant allegedly assaulted the victim, who is originally from Afghanistan, for giving him a parking ticket. The defendant also made slurs directed at the victim's country of origin. In this case, the

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CAMPUS PHOTO • ANNE MALCOLM

Tom Harnett, the assistant attorney general for civil rights and education enforcement, spoke about hate crimes in Maine recently at the Wilson Center.

## Phi Eta Kappa alumnus arrested

By Kyle Webster  
Staff Reporter

A brother of Phi Eta Kappa fraternity house called police Tuesday, Nov. 18 in an attempt to get someone out of their house. The call resulted in one arrest, as well as a stolen vehicle claim, a foot chase, a false identification case and a search for a 19-year-old Brewer resident.

Officers Rick Ouellette and Mark Coffey received a call from

the Phi Eta house, located on College Avenue, at 6 a.m. The brothers told the officers they wanted a man removed from the house. According to the police report, the two officers met up with an Orono Police unit and together they entered the house. A man, identified by reports as Harold Rogers, 32, a non-resident who claimed to be an alumnus of the fraternity, was found in the house causing a commotion. Residents of the house

claimed that the man had been pushing people around, carrying on loudly and breaking multiple items.

When the officers approached Rogers, he acted in an extremely aggressive manner towards them, according to reports. The officers said they removed him from the house relatively easily, however, he would not leave Phi Eta's property. Rogers refused a number of times and then ripped

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## THE WORLD BEYOND UMaine

### Americans have most sex

NEW YORK — The United States is a sexual superpower — or so it says. Americans say they make love more often — and with more partners — than any other nationality, according to a survey by condom manufacturer Durex SSL International.

Durex said 18,500 people in 28 countries filled out a written questionnaire, which concluded people were having more sex, and starting younger than ever before.

The survey showed respondents averaging sex 97 times a year, up from 96 last year. But Americans bested all, by having sex 124 times a year with roughly 14 different partners, according to the survey's conclusions.

The Greeks claimed to have had sex the second most frequently — 117 times — followed by Croatians, South Africans and New Zealanders.

Worldwide, the survey found that 60 percent said they had sex at least once a week and four percent claimed to make love daily. One in 10 admitted they were virgins.

### Army on heels of bin Laden

TAMPA, Fla.— U.S. forces are "systematically" examining more than 40 laboratories and other sites in Afghanistan where chemical, biological or nuclear weapons could have been produced, a U.S. war commander said Tuesday.

"We will not leave weapons of mass destruction in that country," said Army Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the Tampa-based U.S. Central Command.

At the same time, he signaled that his forces were close to capturing terrorist leader Osama bin Laden, Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar and their top associates.

The search is focusing on two mountainous areas: One near Kandahar in southern Afghanistan; the other near Jalalabad and Tora Bora in eastern Afghanistan between Kabul and the Khyber Pass.

Two weeks ago, bin Laden was said to be near Kandahar, the encircled city that now represents the Taliban's last stand. The United States now believes he is in Tora Bora.

# Bandwidth problems persist

By Erin Morgan  
For The Maine Campus

Much to the annoyance of students and staff alike, connection speeds on the campus network have been slow this semester. The biggest cause of this problem is the availability of bandwidth, a representative of University of Maine Information Technologies said. Bandwidth is the speed of the transfer of data through a network in a specified amount of time. Due to the increased number of students on campus this year, the availability of bandwidth is rapidly decreasing simply because there isn't enough to go around. Earlier in October, there were problems with the dorm segment of the network. IT's solution was to partition that section off of the network in order to smooth out the flow of e-traffic.

The main problem is focused not only around the increased population of students on campus this year, but also the nature of the consumption of bandwidth. Those die-hard Napster, Morpheus and Direct Connect fans take up huge amounts of bandwidth. File sharing is the target problem for the increased bandwidth consumption. Students who do not intend to share files are also contributing to the problem because people around the globe can still down-

load files because file sharing programs are set for open/unlimited sharing by default. IT officials urge students to configure the settings on the file sharing programs to "unshare."

But implementing more bandwidth would not solve the problem. That process would be outrageously expensive, time consuming and wouldn't solve the problem at hand, Robin Shaler, IT help center coordinator, said.

Recently, IT has been collecting bandwidth usage statistics for each computer in the network in order to get a feel for what IT needs to change. IT officials said they are only monitoring the amount of data transferred to and from students' computers, not the content of the data.

"Currently IT is defining excessive usage as five standard deviations or more from the average bandwidth usage for the residence hall network. This turns out to be [about] the top one percent of users which [according to statistics collected recently] accounts for [about] 30 percent of the bandwidth for the residence hall network going in and out of state," Shaler said.

Shaler also said that IT will soon be monitoring and enforcing item three, "Respect for Shared Nature of Resources," of the UMaine Electronic

Communication Policy. Users who violate this policy will be penalized.

Students are in violation of this policy if they have any sort of file sharing server running on their computer. The other form of violation of this code is downloading multiple large files from an off campus source. Students who do this are eligible for punitive action.

"If you cannot find files locally, spread any downloads of large files from off campus sources over several days," Shaler said.

IT also stresses that not only does file sharing take up precious bandwidth, but it can also be illegal.

"If you download copyrighted material to your computer without permission from the owner of that material and you allow others to access that copyright material, you are not only violating UMaine's Electronic Communication Policy, you are violating federal copyright law," Shaler said.

IT has received notices this year from entertainment industry companies concerning users, sharing copyrighted material. When these notices are received, the user's access to the network is revoked. IT then meets with the student to discuss their conduct. Those who repeat this behavior are turned over to Judicial Affairs.



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# Alumnus joins Legal Services

By Aimee Dolloff  
For The Maine Campus

The Student Government Legal Services at the University of Maine recently joined forces with David R. Miller, who is associated with Theodore S. Curtis Jr. in the general practice of law in Orono.

Miller graduated from UMaine in 1993 with a degree in English and a concentration in creative writing. During this time, Miller's writing was published in Spoon Style and The Maine Review. The next year he returned to the Maine Law School in Portland and graduated in 1997 with a law degree.

Miller is originally from Orono and was inspired by his father, a local lawyer, to pursue a career in law. At the time, Miller was working two jobs just to pay the rent. He worked at Jasmine's Restaurant, which used to be located on Mill Street in Orono, and did landscaping for a local company. Miller decided he wanted to do something

"meaningful that would allow [him] to be more successful," and he knew that he didn't want to teach or pursue a career in creative writing.

Upon graduating from Maine Law School, Miller worked for the city of Bangor in the area of land use law, a concentration very different from the law he is practicing now. After helping Curtis with a client, Miller was invited to join Curtis' firm. Miller's current position includes providing legal services for students at UMaine, as well as other local clients. Miller began working with Curtis in October and describes his new position as that of a general practitioner. His current legal endeavors include trusts, wills, estates, criminal law, bankruptcy and more.

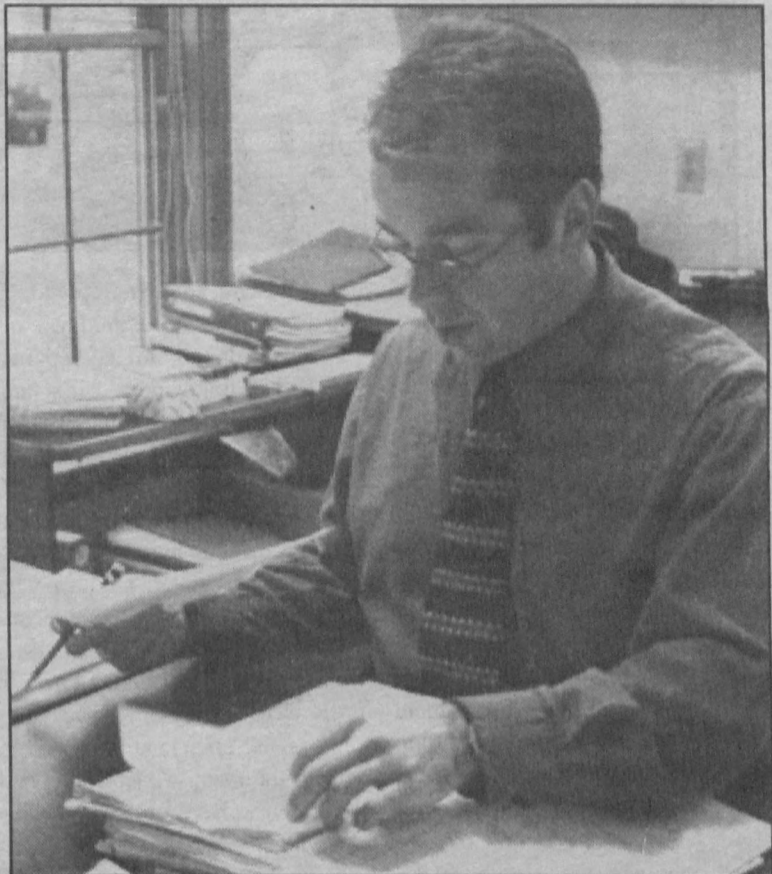
Though the practice of law is intense and many people tend to get bogged down in the legal profession, Miller said he "jealously guards" his spare time and likes to relax and get away from it all. He enjoys reading classic literature,

mountain biking, rollerblading, running, skiing and he has recently started taking guitar lessons.

Miller said he enjoys working with students at UMaine due to his close affiliation with the university. He said he is able to relate to and identify with students' problems and is comfortable working with clients close to his own age. Miller said his biggest concern is student rights.

"[I] want [students] to know their rights," he said. "[Students] can do things to educate themselves, but they lack some sort of a concise collection...a statement of their rights that they can understand."

The Student Government Legal Services office is in the process of moving and there is no estimated date of its reopening. Until the opening of the new office on campus, Theodore S. Curtis Jr. and David R. Miller can be reached at 34 Main St., P.O. Box 640, Orono, Maine 04473-0640, by calling 866-3033 or sending an e-mail to oronolaw@earthlink.net.



CAMPUS PHOTO © BRYAN MATLUK

David Miller, the new Legal Services lawyer and a University of Maine alumnus, reviews a personal injury case Tuesday afternoon.

# General Student Senate Notes

By Cattle Joyce  
Staff Reporter

The following events took place at the Tuesday, Nov. 27 meeting of the General Student Senate:

- Michael Benson was appointed sergeant-at-arms by Matthew O. Gagnon, vice president of Student Government. The duty of the sergeant-at-arms is to take people out of the room such as unruly and out-of-order senators or non-senators when a closed session is to be held.
- Lifelines was given final approval of official club status.
- Fair Elections Practices Commission report: The commission met Monday, Nov. 26 for the first time this year. Alex Arroyo

was appointed vice chair. It was discussed whether candidates posting campaign information in FirstClass folders was within the election guidelines and was decided it was. Student Government candidates are currently in a period of initial campaigning.

- Government Procedures report: They are looking into the financial procedures and policies of General Student Senate. They will meet with a newly formed club to get a club's perspective on the process.

- Student Affairs report: They planned a survey of students to find if there is interest in starting up a yearbook. They worked on publicizing student rights and determined to make a double-sided card with the rights on it and a Web site address for more

detailed information. They will try to have them distributed in new student orientation packets.

- Ad-hoc fees committee report: They are working on surveying students about student fees before the committee goes to the administration. They are developing questions to ask.

- Maha Sabawi, who is not a member of GSS, addressed the senate in a plea for math professor Henry Pogorzelski. He is in danger of losing a class he teaches, MAT 301. She urged senators to encourage people to sign up for the class and become aware of the administration's unfair treatment of senior faculty members.

- Two hundred dollars was allocated to the Woodsman team. The vice president reinstated this club this week because it missed the budget process last semester because of officer turn-over.

- The tennis club was in the same situation as the Woodsman team and was reinstated by the vice president this week. GSS also allocated \$200 to the club

for its annual budget.

- The Interfraternity Council was allotted \$400 to pay for food for the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic induction ceremony to be held at Wells Commons. The proposed resolution was amended from the \$300 Executive Budgetary Committee recommended to the initial \$400 the council requested.

- Chris Kelley formally announced that he is taking a leave of absence from GSS due to time constraints from other commitments. This means he will also give up his position as Legal Services liaison.

- Eric Conrad stepped down from his position as Orono Town Council liaison.

- Vice president Matthew O. Gagnon passed around his petition for the vice presidential candidacy. Each candidate must receive 75 signatures.

The General Student Senate meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. in Room 119 of Barrows Hall and is open to the public.

# 'Tis the season for philanthropy

Chi Omega is sponsoring "Bowl for Wishes," Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The bowl-a-thon is to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation, a national organization that grants wishes for children with life-threatening illnesses. Chi Omega is looking for teams of four or five to take part in the event, which takes place at Old Town Bowling Lanes on Center Street in Old Town. The cost is \$25 for two strings, shoes included. The first 50 participants will receive free T-shirts.

The Associated General Contractors, Black Bear Chapter, is sponsoring a Joy of Sharing Toy Drive. The drive will begin Monday, Dec. 3 and last until Tuesday, Dec. 11.

The AGC will have a table in Memorial Union at the Information Booth from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day of the drive. There will also be drop boxes available at the Information Booth, the School of Engineering Technology office in 119 Boardman Hall, at the main entrance of Fogler Library and in the College of Engineering office in Barrows

Hall. The AGC will accept any new unwrapped toys and take cash donations from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the table in front of the information desk at Memorial Union. The toys will be distributed to needy children throughout the state of Maine.

Xi Sigma Pi, the forestry honor society, will be selling Christmas trees outside Nutting Hall beginning Friday, Nov. 30. The annual sale is to raise money for the scholarships within the Forestry Department.

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# Police Beat

By Kyle Webster  
Staff Reporter

A man was issued four summonses following a string of incidents that led Public Safety to a Talmar Woods apartment Sunday, Nov. 11. Public Safety was informed by an unnamed party that a person living in Talmar Woods was storing multiple stolen items there. The following day, two Public Safety officers and an officer from the Orono Police Department went to the apartment to question the man. Upon arrival, the officers noticed a man inside the apartment grab a computer and run out the back door. The officers detained the man, who was identified as Eric White, 18, and did a consented search of the apartment. During the search, they recovered a Yamaha trumpet that was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on campus, and a bag of tools labeled "housing authority." The tools had been reported stolen from a truck parked in Orono. A box full of assorted drugs and drug paraphernalia, and a Monorail computer were also found. White was interviewed at the University of Maine Public Safety Building where he was issued a summons for receiving stolen property, illegal possession of a schedule drug, illegal possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a usable amount of marijuana. On Monday, Nov. 12, an officer returned to the apartment where he was able to recover a spotting scope that had been reported stolen from a truck parked on campus.

An arrest was made following a

criminal mischief complaint at Androscoggin Hall Saturday, Nov. 17 at 11:30 p.m. Officers reported to the hall following a call stating that a man had broken the glass on a fire extinguisher's casing and then ran from the scene. Upon arrival, officers learned that as the man ran out of the building he pushed a Residence Life staff member who tried to stop him. Someone identified the man as Ross Winter, 19, a resident of Knox Hall. Officers who were already in Knox regarding a noise complaint were sent to detain the man. Winter was found and seen to have fresh cuts on his knuckles. He was arrested on charges of assault and criminal mischief. A pat down produced a bag containing marijuana. He was then issued a summons for possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

Eleven summonses were issued following a party at the 30 block of York Village Thursday, Nov. 15 at 11:45 p.m. Officers responded to a noise complaint in York Village. Upon arrival they could hear very loud music coming from one apartment and multiple people were seen coming and going carrying bottles and red plastic cups. Two residents of the apartment, Steven Kay, 21, and Joshua Castonguay, 20, were issued summonses for furnishing a place for minors to consume alcohol. Samantha Schmoeger, 18; Jason Souzer, 19; Adam Maciaszczyk, 19; Matthew Young, 20; Justin Doyon, 19; Thursday Kim, 19; Ryan Barton, 19; Rachel Kennedy, 18 and Jason Brennan, 19, were each issued summonses for possession of alcohol by a minor.

## UMaine Public Safety

An OUI arrest was made after a car was pulled over on the Belgrade Spur Road Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 1:50 a.m. An officer heard a dragging sound coming from beneath a silver Audi. He then noticed the driver of the car was driving sporadically. The officer then signaled the driver to pull over. Empty wine and beer bottles were seen scattered on the floor of the car. Following a field sobriety test, it was determined that the woman, identified as Lauren Zetrouer, 24, should not be driving. She was arrested and taken to the Penobscot County Jail where they determined she had a .18 blood alcohol content.

A car was found tipped on its side in the Steam Plant parking lot Saturday, Nov. 24 at 2:55 a.m. The car, a Silver Hyundai Accent, was found sitting on its driver's side. A towing service was called, which put the car upright. An estimated \$3,000 in damage occurred. The Old Town Police Department reported a similar incident.

A burglary occurred sometime between Tuesday, Nov. 13 and Tuesday, Nov. 20. A man from the Pi Kappa Alpha house, located on College Avenue, claimed \$500 in cash was taken from a room in the house. The money was said to be house funds. This case is under investigation.

An unlocked white woman's bike, valued at \$200, was stolen while it was in front of the Memorial Gym sometime between 12 and 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14.

## Rats fed 40 proof to find scientific proof Study to test rats' brain reactions after alcohol diet

Meredith S. Holt  
For The Maine Campus

Kristy Townsend, a biochemistry major at the University of Maine, is researching the effects of alcohol on the circadian rhythms of rats for her senior honors thesis. She hopes to learn more about the neuroscience involved. Townsend's thesis will give her the kind of experience that she needs to attend graduate school to work on a Ph.D. in neuroscience.

She is working with Alan Rosenwasser, a UMaine biopsychologist; Carol Kim in the Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Molecular Biology; Dawna Beane and Mike Opitz. Townsend and her research team will test the protocol on the first rat this week, and the rest of the project will be underway in the following weeks.

"For understanding mechanisms, it is often very useful to look at an animal model that can be manipulated experimentally," Rosenwasser said.

The team added 20 percent alcohol to the drinking water of five of the 10 rats used in the study. They will keep track of their intake and will measure their blood alcohol levels at the end of the experiment. They will perform a biochemical procedure on the rats' brains to see if alcohol intake has an effect on the brain, Townsend said. The serotonin receptors being tested are found in the part of the brain that regulates mood, which is also the part of the brain where the circadian clock is located.

Serotonin may be affected by alcohol, she explained. The biochemical procedure they will use is called immunohistochemistry.

"[It] uses antibodies that target specific proteins and produce a color or fluorescent tag so that they can see relative differences in this specific protein between tissue samples," Townsend said.

The rats' tissues will be viewed under a regular or fluorescent microscope at the end of the experiment to look for changes in the serotonin levels between the control and alcohol-fed animals. The rats then will be euthanized humanely in order for their brain tissue to be tested.

"This is the first time that this procedure has been used anywhere to look at changes in a specific neurotransmitter in the suprachiasmatic nucleus with alcohol intake," Townsend said. "If a change is seen between the control brains and alcohol-fed rats, then it could be deduced that alcohol affects that aspect of our brain's neurochemistry, which could open the door to further studies about how alcohol affects our circadian rhythms."

Rosenwasser, who has previously shown that alcohol intake affects the circadian rhythms of rats behaviorally, may do additional work in this area, to see if the alcohol intake affects other neurotransmitters in the suprachiasmatic nucleus.

"From other research, we know that the alcoholics display abnormal circadian rhythms, in sleep, hormone secretions, body temperature," Rosenwasser said. "But we don't really know anything about the mechanisms by which alcohol might influence circadian rhythms."

The research done on rats could provide insight into the effects of alcohol on humans. All mammal brains work basically in the same manner, though some are more complex than others, Townsend said.

"The hypothesis is that chronic alcohol intake in rats will affect the levels of this receptor in the SCN," Rosenwasser said. "If so, this provides a possible mechanism explaining both the circadian rhythm disruptions and, possibly, also the mood changes that occur in alcoholism and alcohol withdrawal."

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## Hate Crimes from page 1

state obtained a permanent injunction under the Civil Rights Law.

In the State of Maine v. Jeffrey Saulnier, the defendant allegedly threatened the owner of the Bahaar Pakistani Restaurant in downtown Bangor. He told the owner that he "should go back to where he came from." The defendant threatened to kill the owner and others in the restaurant. A permanent injunction is in place.

The best way to try and decrease the number of these sorts of hate crimes is to educate people, Harnett said. While some hate crimes are reported, others are not, he added.

"For us to enforce civil rights law, we are only as good as the cases we know about," Harnett said.

Some cases are not reported because people might be afraid to come forward and admit that they were subject to a hate crime. A hate crime is a crime committed with a bias based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, nationality or other distinction. The civil rights law in Maine states every person has the right to do every lawful thing without harassment. Cases sent to the attorney general's office are reviewed individually and the state looks at the conduct and motivation of each crime to determine if it is a hate crime. The civil rights law is there to protect all people, not just certain groups, Harnett said.

"The civil rights law gives no special rights to any person. It covers every person," he said.

Harnett showed a video that was created to help educate people, specifically high school students, about civil rights and hate crimes. The video showed people from various races, religions and other minority groups talking about their experiences with discrimination and hate crimes. The video included images of Klu Klux Klan members burning crosses and high school students drawing swastikas on a Jewish classmate's notebook. Each of the examples occurred in Maine.

James Varner, president of the Greater Bangor Area NAACP, said a lot of people don't realize these crimes happen in Maine. He wishes that more people could hear about these situations, especially students at the university.

"We have problems on this campus. We need this kind of education," Varner said.

Harnett's presentation enforced the idea that hate crimes affect more than just the individual.

"Each case threatens us as a whole," Harnett said. "It's an affront on us as a society."

## AIDS day tribute



CAMPUS PHOTO © JULIE ALTENHOFF

Christine Olson, a third-year women's studies student, makes a square for the Peer Educators AIDS quilt in the Memorial Union yesterday. The quilt is in honor of World AIDS Day, which is Dec. 1. The quilt will be presented to University of Maine President Peter S. Hoff and displayed in the Union next week. Those wishing to make squares for the quilt may do so at the Peer Educators booth in the lobby of the Union today from noon until 3 p.m.

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Erin Mallat  
first-year  
music education



"It's wrong because it goes against the natural laws that govern the world and also you're taking away someone's individuality."

Kelly-Anne Rush  
junior  
social studies



"I think it's a good idea but I don't want things to get carried away with it."

Ross Poulin  
first-year  
undeclared



"Why the hell not? It would be cool to have four Mary-Kate's."

Jeremy Crockett  
third-year  
English



"I think it's inevitable that somebody's going to try it but I don't think it should be done."

Tiffany Daley  
sophomore  
biology

## Phi Eta

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off both his jacket and shirt and challenged the officers to a fight.

The officers described Rogers as a big man standing well above six feet and weighing more than 250 pounds.

Police reports then say a woman ran out of the house and intervened in the dispute. Rogers threw the woman to the ground and then picked her up in a bear hug, prompting officers to arrest him for assault. Rogers then ran from police down

College Avenue toward Orono. Officers from both UMaine Public Safety and the Orono Police Department followed him in a foot chase. The chase ended at a bank of the Stillwater River where Rogers took a fighting stance and challenged the officers again. According to reports, an officer from the Orono Police Department sprayed Rogers in the face with pepper spray. The officer said the spray had no visible affect on Rogers. He didn't

cough, sneeze or cringe.

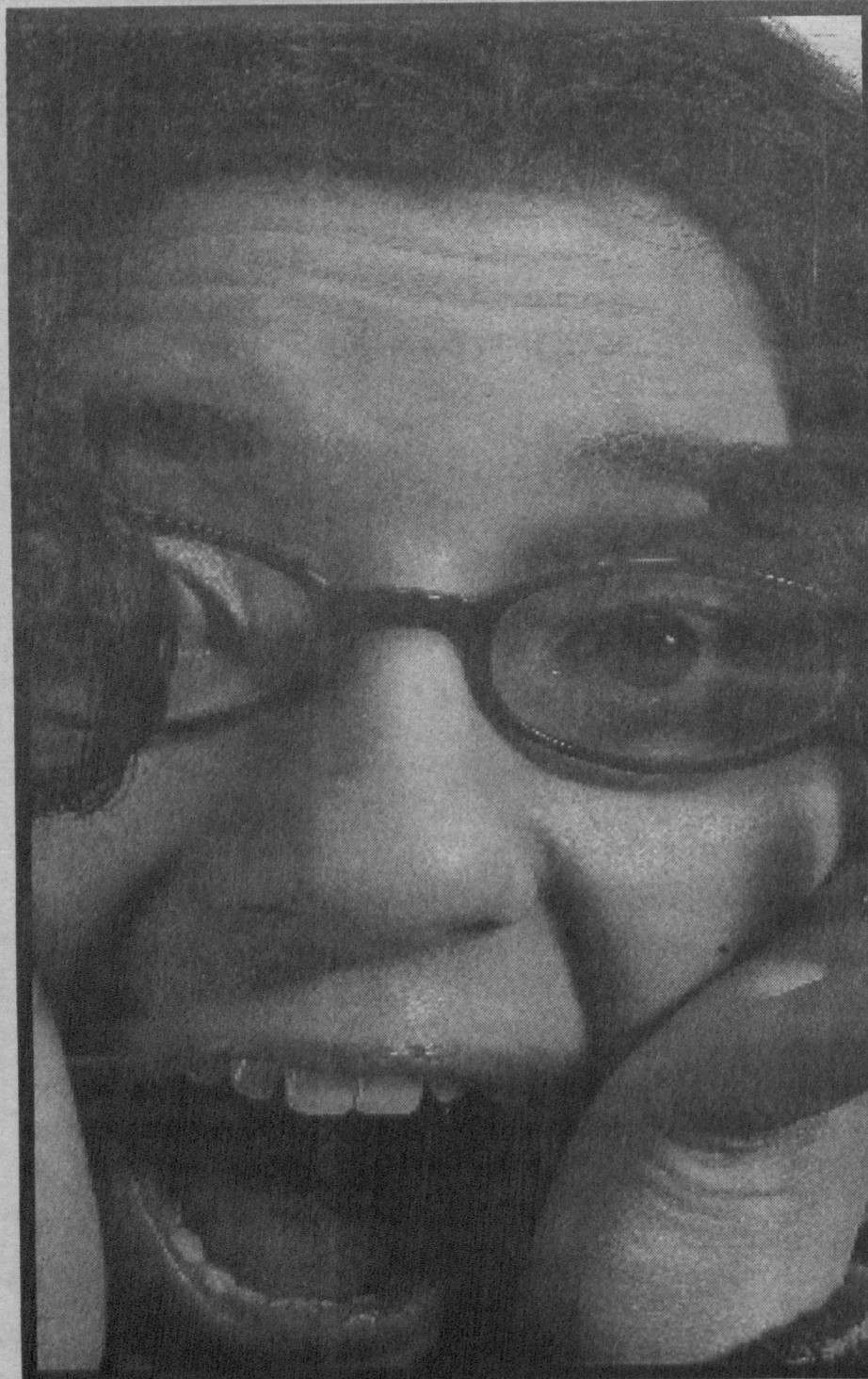
Rogers was later arrested and charged with assault, disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing and refusal to submit to arrest. He was transported to Penobscot County Jail.

Officers later returned to the Phi Eta house, where they were told that a woman had called claiming to be Rogers' girlfriend. She said Rogers had her green Hyundai Santa Fe and she wanted to get it back. Rogers

said he did not know where the car was. The officers decided the woman who Rogers assaulted at the Phi Eta house was probably in possession of the car. A theft report was filed for the missing car. A few hours later, the girlfriend called Public Safety saying she had found the car in Bangor. She asked that the report be cleared and reports say that she had no desire to press charges.

Later that night, the two offi-

cers involved discovered the woman Rogers assaulted had possibly given false information. She was identified as Carletta Willette, a 19-year-old non-student from Brewer. According to police records, officers discovered there was an active warrant out for her arrest due to a violation of probation. There is a continuing investigation underway for this case, and an active search is being conducted to find Willette.



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# Snack machine snafus

## Proceeds benefit people who can't use machines

By Kyle Webster  
Staff Writer

Students who utilize the vending machines conveniently located throughout campus most likely have noticed the sign located above the dollar slot on these little snack stops. The machines, which are located in dorms, in Memorial Union, at the gym, in Alford Arena and even in some office and classroom buildings across campus, display the message: "Proceeds from this machine provides employment opportunities for blind and visually impaired Maine people."

This message is the result of a relatively new Maine state law that grants the Department of Labor's Division for Deaf and Visually Impaired priority to issue vending machines in state-owned buildings and on state-owned property, including state universities.

Within the past two years, the division moved onto the University of Maine campus and granted a bid to Athearn

Vending, a company out of Union, Maine, to place the machines in several buildings on the campus.

The division receives 20 percent of all proceeds and, according to Brenda Drummond, the administrator of Business Enterprises for the office of the Department of Labor's Division for Deaf and Visually Impaired, it is going rather well.

The one ironic discrepancy found within the program is the lack of any visually impaired equipped machines located anywhere, not only on campus, but anywhere in the state of Maine. It is almost impossible for a blind or visually impaired citizen, the people these machines are benefiting, to use machines without help from someone else.

Drummond explained that the vending machine business is one that is based on a variety of rotating products. If they were to use Braille, or any other means to help the visually impaired, it would be necessary to change the Braille each time they got a new

product or changed a product's row. This would have to happen at least once a month in a standard vending machine. "It's just not reasonable," she said.

Most students don't seem to have noticed this discrepancy, however, upon realizing it, many found it rather strange and ironic.

"It's like having a store benefiting people in wheelchairs," said Lauren Patchell, a first-year student, "and then just forgetting about the wheelchair ramp."

If any visually impaired or blind student desired to have accessibility to a vending machine he or she would need to call the office at (207) 624-5913 and a machine in close proximity to the student would be made accessible.

"We would be glad to accommodate and make the machine in a blind student's dormitory accessible. All that would require is uniformed rows that keep the same products at all times," Drummond said. "We could and would definitely do that."

# Sex roles examined in study

By Kyle Webster  
Staff Reporter

Keeping with the university's dedication to research, two anthropology professors are being sent to Australia in January to continue research they began while employed at the University of Utah.

The professors, Rebecca and Doug Bird, are continuing research that focuses on the Mardu Aboriginal people of the Western Desert region of Australia. Their research began in the summer of 2000, when they spent two months studying the people. They returned to the region this past summer for three months. Their research has been funded by The National Science Foundation and the LSB Leakey Foundation.

"They have very impressive NSF grants, which we're delighted by," said Henry Munson, chair of the Anthropology Department. "They're doing some outstanding research, and they've gotten a lot of attention."

The LSB Leakey Foundation is a San Francisco-based organization that awards more than \$600,000 in field grants annually. It was founded in 1968 by Dr. Louis Leakey and is entirely committed to research regarding human origins. Although the Birds are both assistant professors, Rebecca Bird has been asked to give a series of lectures about this project for the Leakey Foundation.

"It's not every day an assistant professor is invited to give

lectures at the Leakey Foundation," Munson said. "The fact that they made that invitation shows that she's already achieved national and international recognition that most assistant professors can only dream of."

The main focus of the research will be how gender relates to hunting and foraging strategies. This idea stems out of the hunting strategies practiced by both the Mardu men and women today. The Mardu women tend to deal with the hunting of smaller, easily caught animals, while the men focus on much larger animals that can take days to track down and kill. Rebecca Bird said she sees the male form of hunting as a means of gaining status in the community, since the larger game is usually shared throughout the community.

She also sees it as a means of demonstrating their tracking abilities.

"The men have cars and guns now, but there is still skill involved in tracking," she said. "For days on end, they can follow the animal and figure out what it did every single moment."

While this research may only focus on a small group of people, Doug Bird explains that it has significant ties with the larger body of anthropological research regarding the work men and women perform in different cultures.

"We're looking at basic clues about factors that influence

something as important as gender — the factors that make up what it means to be human."

This project will not be limited to just this one area. It will also touch on the changes the Mardu people have had to endure due to slight modernizations as well as the religious aspects of the culture.

One thing that Rebecca Bird expresses as an invaluable aspect to her research is its ability to be utilized in the classroom.

"Fieldwork is invaluable for giving you examples to demonstrate almost any concept you're teaching about," she said.

At UMaine she teaches courses on cultural ecology and theories of anthropology.

One hope that stems out of this project is the possibility of having University of Maine undergraduate students participate in the research as a sort of study abroad program. The Birds have applied for a Research Experience for Undergraduates Grant from the National Science Foundation's cultural anthropology division. If they receive this grant, one or two students will be able to conduct one or two month's worth of research in Australia.

This project will cover a broad range of issues and could benefit the world of anthropology, as well as the community here at UMaine. It officially begins with the start of the spring semester in January and Doug Bird said he expects it to continue through 2003.

# Bird-watching explorers return

## Undergraduates studying rural Canadian tundra display findings

By Julia Hall  
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine provides educational opportunities far beyond the classroom. Seniors Joe Deitz and Michelle Leclair, undergraduate biology students, spent several weeks in the Arctic this summer studying migratory birds, arctic foxes and other species that inhabit the tundra.

The students, along with their advisor, Professor Rebecca Holberton, made their way to the remote town of Churchill, Quebec, Canada, located on the western coast of Hudson Bay. Although a small town, Churchill is famous for its population of polar bears, beluga whales and is also a good place to view the Aurora Borealis.

Holberton has been going to Churchill for five years to study the different species of birds there. She advertised for two undergraduate students to assist her in the research and Deitz and Leclair, students in her endocrine class, received the chance to take the trip.

"It was a really cool trip to someplace I would never go otherwise," Leclair said. "I feel a lot smarter about ecology now."

Deitz and Leclair presented a slide show of their findings Wednesday, Nov. 28, to a group of first-year biology students.

Many slides contained pictures of the multitude of different birds they were able to observe.

"It was a bird watcher's paradise," Deitz said.

Deitz and Leclair were also able to use the opportunity for their capstone project. In addition to their research with the birds, they conducted their own research on arctic foxes. They even presented lectures on their findings to the public at the Churchill Northern Studies Center.

"The arctic foxes are very adapted and unique creatures," Leclair said.

Funding for their trip was completely covered by the Department of Biology Sciences, the Center for Learning and Excellence and the Churchill Northern Studies Center.

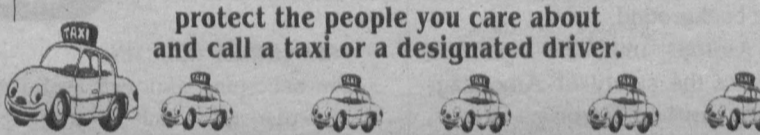
Holberton says that these sorts of experiences are invaluable for students.

"The campus needs to support this kind of thing," she said. "Students should really be encouraged to find out about these opportunities."

Deitz and Leclair both say the experience was a great way to learn outside of the classroom and encourage other students to speak with their faculty and find similar experiences.

"There are many opportunities out there," Leclair said.

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## EDITORIAL

### Anonymous detainment is unjust

More than 600 people are being detained by the United States government, according to an announcement made by Attorney General John Ashcroft on Tuesday. Those being held are under suspicion for events relating to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Ashcroft said that 104 people have been charged in federal criminal proceedings but only 93 names have been released. The other names are being withheld and the cases have been sealed.

While Ashcroft argues that he does not want to give Osama bin Laden a list of those he has detained, by withholding the names he and other government officials are ignoring citizens' civil liberties.

We cannot forget what happened during World War II when Japanese and German Americans were imprisoned because the country was at war and they fit the profile of our enemy. Civil libertarians are calling the government's actions "heavy-handed and verging on racial profiling because of its intense focus on Middle Eastern foreigners."

Many who have been imprisoned recently are citizens. They deserve to be treated like other citizens of this country and not singled out because of their ethnic background.

Actions must be taken to ensure the safety of Americans from further terrorist attacks. However, imprisoning U.S. citizens without so much as releasing basic information regarding their identity is a blatant violation of civil rights. Releasing 93 names out of 104 is not enough. Eleven people are having their identities withheld as they are tried secretly and, thus, possibly unfairly. As a country that is fighting right now for freedom, it is hypocritical to violate the civil liberties of U.S. citizens on our soil.



## Subconscious pants

### Pub-going subconscious cause of naked nightmares

We have no idea how truly powerful our brains are because we cannot totally control them. Proof of this can be gleaned from the underwear dream. You all know the underwear dream—you must have had it at least once in high school. You're sitting in class, maybe in the cafeteria, and all of a sudden you notice you aren't wearing clothes. During the dream, the moment between your realization of your exposure and everyone else's realization draws out forever. It is possibly the most excruciatingly painful dream

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there is.

Why does our subconscious brain, controller of dreams, put us through this? How in the hell does it convince us this is real? Do we honestly think we went through three periods of class without clothes and no one noticed? I don't care how far in

the back of class you sit, someone will notice you in your underwear. How can we believe that we actually left the house like this? I've headed for the door with no pants on many times—who hasn't?—but no shirt, no shoes, not even my backpack? No sir, I would definitely catch that. Yet, lo and behold, there we are in the cafeteria in our drawers trying to escape, red faced and using a tray to cover our naughty bits.

Our subconscious is constantly pulling these pranks. By controlling  
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## Letters to the Editor

### •SKALETSKY COLUMNS

I'm becoming annoyed at the blatant disrespect that Vladimir Skaletsky has been showing in his opinion columns. In his Oct. 29 column, his reference to members of Congress as President Bush's "bitches" is completely inappropriate. I openly admit that I voted for Al Gore in the 2000 election but I still support the president's decision to strike at the Taliban. Does that make me President Bush's bitch? The United States has the support of the majority of other countries in the world.

Does that make all of them President Bush's bitches? I'd like to see Mr. Skaletsky go before one of our ally governments and say that.

As if his disrespect for the government of the United States were not enough, Mr. Skaletsky goes on to write with a disturbing disregard for the truth. In his column on Nov. 12, he explains how the United States is starving the people of Afghanistan. His source, [www.workingforchange.com](http://www.workingforchange.com), "is a comprehensive Web site made up of resources for people with pro-

gressive [politically extremely liberal] values." This doesn't seem like the kind of description that would belong to an unbiased source of information. In a Nov. 1 interview with CNN.com, Lucas Van den Broeck, executive director of the United States section of Action Against Hunger, discusses the United States relief efforts. In a Nov. 7 article on CNN.com, "[United Nations] Security Council president, Ambassador Patricia Durrant of Jamaica, called on the Taliban not to impede the aid  
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## End of summer

A thank you note

AMANDA  
HEBERT



NEWS EDITOR

"You don't have to smile when you say thank you."

So, to God and to all of you, thank you. Thank you for all of the wonderful things in my life: for my family members who are still with me, for my friends near and far, for my body working the way it should, for the opportunity to learn and for the gift of constantly finding out how to love. But thank you equally for everything else: for family and friends who are no longer with me, for the hard lessons taught over and over, for pain and fatigue that have made me stronger, for good-byes that have made me welcome hellos and for fear that has made me appreciate my life. For all the things that have made me cry and grow, I say thank you, even if a tear rolls down my cheek.

If there were no tears, no fear, no seemingly endless dark pathways how could we hope to really see the light? I read somewhere once that "a body can get used to anything, even being hanged." This includes the good life, the American Dream. When summer stretches ahead of us with empty days of sun, warmth and freedom it is easy to take it for granted, to forget the school year, the harshness of both stress and Maine's winter weather.

For most of us, 20-some-things from relatively-secure American families, life had always stretched out before us in something of an endless summer. We all have seen rain and harsh weather sometimes, but for many of us sunnier days have always seemed to be just on the other side of the horizon, no matter how long they take to get to us. But winter hit New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania somewhere in the  
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## Thanks

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middle of this warm glow in a blizzard of ash, human lives, metal and fire. A biting, razor-sharp wind of fear froze the entire nation.

We were not frozen from movement—the millions of people who have given time, blood, care and money are proof of that—but today it seems that instead of light waiting to burst forth from the horizon, there are lingering clouds.

It is a frightening thought: the future is not as certain as we were brought up to think it was. But if this tragedy has taught me anything, it is that the darkness of fear brings the light of hope in to startling relief.

We were caught napping in the sun. Taking for granted family, friends, education, freedom

and safety. Two, nearly three, months later and hundreds of miles removed from the storm it is easy to nod off again. Easy to forget the feeling of fear and the stories of hope.

I still get tears in my eyes when I hear those stories of both fear and hope but I am trying to say thank you this week for both. But I do not want to limit my thanks to just this event. I want to remember all of the hard times in life to make the good times more special. I am trying to say thank you for tears, fears, pain and darkness because it is then that hope, love and laughter shine the brightest.

It is on the darkest nights that you see the most stars to wish upon.

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## Pranks

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the electrical impulses in the brain to the body, our subconscious can convince us of anything. That's how people with amputated limbs still get itches where there is nothing to itch. The subconscious fills in the blanks for us, making mere shadows spell out words or outline the bogeyman in some corner of a room. Our subconscious could just be messing with us, hanging out in some Olde English Subconscious Pub drinking with other subconsciences going, "Watch me make this kid think someone is in the room with him." An impulse here, an impulse there, and the kid is convinced he hears breathing and sees a figure in the shadows. The subconscious does this all the time to us in our sleep, convincing us that all these things are really happening when we are safely under covers.

Another way our subconscious plays tricks on us is with Freudian slips, making us say what we really mean deep down inside when we don't mean to say it. Maybe I like a girl but I don't need to replace "How are you doing?" with "Maybe you and I can get naked and roll around in peanut butter and bubble wrap." Our

subconscious has no sense of timing. Since when has it been so mischievous?

We need someone there while we are dreaming. "Hold it there, pants-less, where are you going?"

"I'm going to school," we would say.

"I don't think so buddy; you're swinging in the breeze."

But there is no guard and in our dreams we can be convinced to go to school nekkid, that we can fly or of a myriad of crazy other things. I bet if our brains spent more time retaining and analyzing information we would be able to read minds and be masters of interstellar travel. Instead, we only use 10 percent of our brain and the other 90 percent just figures out ways to make that 10 percent look stupid for its own entertainment. I refuse to give up control to my subconscious. I will make my subconscious work for me and then I'll stop uncontrollably crapping my pants. I mean...damn you subconscious brain, you win again.

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## Letters to the editor

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effort, saying that the Council 'deplored the looting of UN offices, and the Taliban's takeover of humanitarian relief sites, including food and supply warehouses.'" Looking at this information from CNN, doesn't it seem like the United States is dropping food into Afghanistan? Doesn't it also seem like Taliban forces are seizing the food and preventing it from reaching the

people? If the Taliban government is preventing food from reaching the citizens who need it, why shouldn't we strike at the Taliban? If we don't, will he blame the United States for not doing anything while the people are starved to death by their government?

*Scott Lerman  
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# Local music overlooked

UMaine bands play on and off campus to small crowds

Music. Everywhere you turn, music. On TV, on the radio, blasting from cars, over the speakers at Union Central, in the dorms. Everyone listens to music, from rap to reggae, rock to alternative, punk to ska, but somehow the music scene on campus is often overlooked. I'll bet you didn't know that there are several UMaine-grown bands playing every night here in Orono, from rappers UTC to classic rockers Smokin' Can, from metal moguls Soundbender to my band, Lesser Martyrs. The music scene on campus is an incredible one; unfortunately, few people know about it.

Allow me to speak from personal experience for a moment. My band played various locations on and off campus last semester and also in Union Central on Nov. 13 as part of the Java Jive music series. We formed last year as freshmen, partly by chance (I lived across the hall from the bassist, Steve Paquette, in Cumberland Hall), partly because of connections (Steve Paquette had met our drummer, Steve Hay, at freshmen orientation) and partly because of my big mouth (lead singer Tom Cothran heard me blabbing to some girl about my "super groovy" band that needed a lead singer). Since we formed last year, we have trudged our way through bad shows and basked in the glory of good shows, and like many other bands in the area, provided a quality music scene to a campus

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that has no idea that the scene even exists. We, like every other band on campus, struggle to get our music heard, but the struggle proves to be a great one. The sad reality for most on-campus bands include crowds of anywhere from three to 50 people or even an empty room with no one listening but the burly sound guys.

So, what I will share with you in the remainder of this article can best be summed up as a flashing neon arrow pointing all you bored college students in the direction of a great way to spend a Friday or Saturday night in Orono. For example, Smokin' Can (a concoction of Pat Michaud's solid drumming, Nate Timmins' methodical bass licks and Erick Sweet's Clapton-style lead guitar and vocals) will be playing in December at the Bear Brew Pub. E-mail Patrick Michaud via FirstClass for information. Heavy, American Nightmare, The Untouchables (<http://artists.mp3s.com/artists/22/untouchables1.html>), Enemy Within ([www.enemywithin.net](http://www.enemywithin.net)), Tomorrow's Retro Future, Soundbender (<http://www.garageband.com/artist/soundbender>) and Jakob Cirell's band all play, along with

Lesser Martyrs ([www.lessermartyrs.5u.com](http://www.lessermartyrs.5u.com)) and Smokin' Can, locally on various nights in Orono. These are only a few names and dates; the on-campus music scene reaches much further and deeper.

Look hard enough and you will find fun, high-quality bands on campus; some mentioned above and others still hidden. Finding a pop princess may prove difficult; forget about hearing high-ego lead singers waxing idiotic about their latest Mercedes purchase. Instead you will find honest lyricists and serious musicians struggling to get their music heard.

Now, many of you may be saying, "Dan, you're talking crazy talk. I just don't believe you." Well, I can only urge you to drop in on The Java Jive open microphone nights on Tuesday evenings in Union Central. More often than not, you will find a lone guitarist on stage singing his or her own words and bravely putting their emotions on the line all for the sake of their music. Honest artistic expression, that's what I call it. In a day and age of jaded apathy among teens and adults alike, you can go be inspired by everyday UMaine students doubling as musicians and poets.

Now if you'll excuse me, I have to go watch the latest Britney Spears video on mute while blasting Jimi Hendrix from the stereo.

*Dan Cavallari is a sophomore English major.*

## Give the gift that prevents giving Voucher aids in shirking consumer obligations

Wal-mart reported its biggest day-after-Thanksgiving sales ever this year. If the idea of herds of obese proletariat lumbering with sweat pant-soaking enthusiasm to feed their paychecks to the man makes you ill, or if you're just cheap, then the gift exemption voucher is the solution for you. Just go to [www.adbusters.org/campaigns/bnd/toolbox/voucher.html](http://www.adbusters.org/campaigns/bnd/toolbox/voucher.html) and your loved ones are on their way to receiving a certificate that reads "[your name] is exempt from the exchange of Christmas gifts with [designated loved one] by order of the Buy Nothing Committee."

The Gift Exemption Voucher is part of Buy Nothing Day, a campaign started eight years ago in the Pacific Northwest. The concept is to leave the consumer herd for 24 hours, specifically during the stampede that is the day after Thanksgiving.

What is this preachy commie crap doing in the student newspaper, you ask? Well, the good news is that you don't have to be a socio-economic dissident to

designer underwear at the same time.

What's that you say? You like the idea of sticking it to the capitalist bourgeoisie? Then I suggest you go to [www.adbusters.org](http://www.adbusters.org) and read all you can about why consumerism is bad. Despite being often cheesy and heavy-handed, Adbusters remains at the forefront of fighting the materialist ideal through protest campaigns and satirical ads. Adbusters is not immune to criticism, but you can't say that they're just blowing smoke. Each year they approach ABC, CBS and NBC with their opt-not-to-shop TV un-commercial and the requisite amount of legal tender. Each year each network refuses to air it, claiming that it threatens "the current economic policy of the United States." When major media figures stonewall you from paying them to broadcast your message, you've got to be saying something interesting.

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use the voucher; you can just be poor. If you spent a little too much on beer this term, just return seven of those empty cans and you can pay the U.S. Postal Service to whisk off your official-looking gift-giving cop-out to the unlucky soul of your choice.

I know that for many of you gift giving is a profitable affair. After all, exchanging a \$15 ceramic kitten for an Xbox is not something to miss out on. Lucky for you, the voucher receiver will probably just assume that college has filled your head with a bunch of silly ideas and buy you twice as much home entertainment crap just to try and keep you from leaving your room and joining a cult. You get to pretend to have principles and wear

# COLLEGE SEX TALK

Question from a student at UNCW:

What does it take to keep my fiance from cheating online?

female, senior

Dr. Caron's Answer:

One place to start is to talk with him about his motivation for cheating online. Perhaps he sees what he is doing with another person via a computer as quite innocent. Whether it's in person or online, the reasons people cheat are varied and complex. Sometimes such relationships are motivated by a desire for excitement and variety. Some may be motivated to gain evidence that they are still desirable to others. In other cases people may be unhappy with their current relationship. If emotional needs aren't being met in the relationship, cheating may seem inviting. In some cases, having a relationship with someone else may provide just the impetus a person needs to end a relationship they no longer wish to be a part of. A person may also be motivated to cheat by a desire for revenge. It would be helpful to have that conversation with him and understand what he is thinking.

It will also be helpful to talk with him about the impact it is having on your relationship with him. The effects of cheating can vary. When the cheating is discovered, the betrayed person may feel devastated or overwhelmed by feelings of inadequacy, rejection, extreme anger, resentment, shame and jealousy. It is important to know that while some relationships in which a partner cheats end, it is possible for couples to move past the cheating and have a successful relationship. In some cases, the discovery may motivate a couple to search for sources of the problems within their relationship, a process that may actually lead to an improved relationship. If both partners are willing to make a commitment to the relationship, it is possible to rebuild the foundation. Trust and honesty are key components for a successful relationship. It will take time.

Finally, you refer to him as your fiance. This implies you are planning a long-term commitment. Perhaps he needs to be reminded that it's difficult to have a deep and meaningful relationship built on a major lie. In your case, it sounds like he says he is committed to you, but at the same time he is forming relationships with others online. If he truly cares about you then he needs to sort out what matters more to him, and whether or not he's ready for a single committed relationship. If he cannot sort out which one is more important to him — you or the online relationships — he probably is not ready for a committed relationship. The sooner you find that out, the better. Best wishes.

Question from a student at Michigan State University:

I feel that my boyfriend doesn't get into sex, or isn't turned on. What can I do to make it better?

female, sophomore

Dr. Caron's Answer:

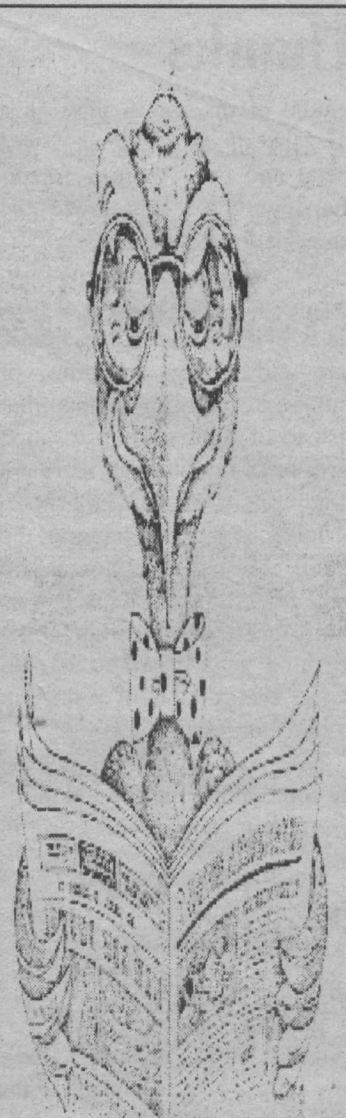
What do you want to do? It sounds to me like you may have a fine, platonic relationship. One where you enjoy being with this person, but you do not share sexual experiences. How does your boyfriend feel about this? Is this something he is happy with? I suggest you sit down together and discuss the relationship openly and see if you are in agreement.

It might be important to examine if your perception of his lack of interest has been this way all along, or if this is something that you see as a more recent change. That may help guide the conversation you have with him. If he refuses to talk about it, you'll have to think about your own needs and options. For example, is it worth it to stay in a relationship that is not meeting your needs?

I am interested to know if you have been together for quite awhile and this is something that you have observed over time. If so, it is important to recognize that anything that is routine, which happens over and over again in the same exact way, becomes boring or stale. Even sex. If this is your situation, you may want to talk about how you might spice up the relationship: changing your positions, places and times or adding little surprises, doing the things that used to turn you on that have now fallen to the side. It's important to find ways to vary your experiences — this means communicating and negotiating with your partner.

Finally, recognize that loving relationships thrive on mutual respect. I am not sure that you can make anybody feel turned on and interested because you're feeling turned on and interested. Generally, "turn-ons" for men include caring, touch, shared feelings and the interest in mutual respect. Best wishes.

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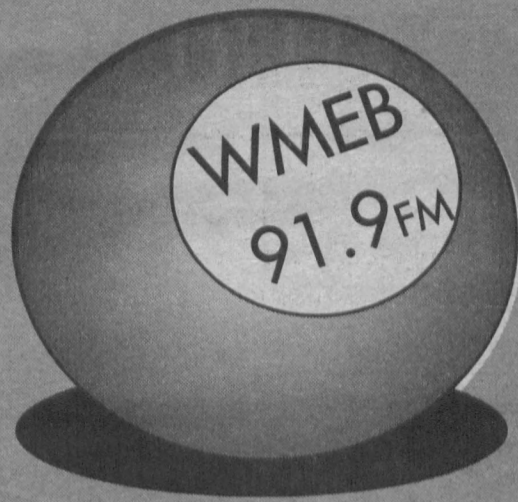
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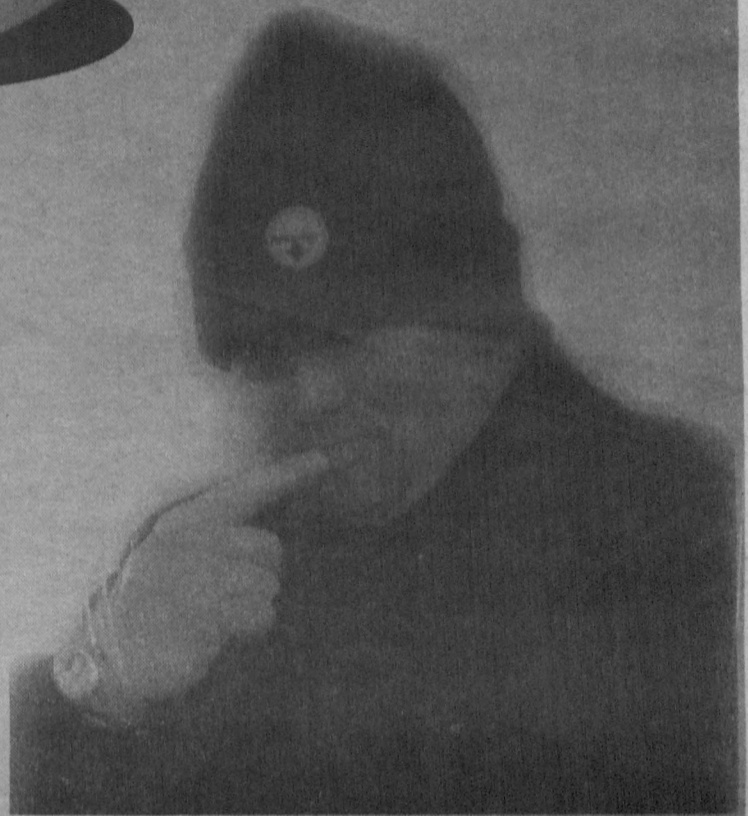


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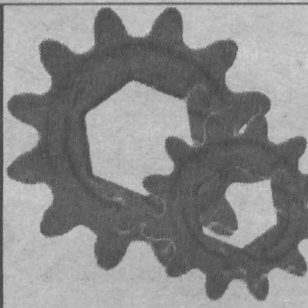
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## Pure Magic

“Harry Potter” shatters box office records, captures diverse audience

By Jason Houle  
For The Maine Campus

There comes a time for the imagination to flow to places of immense fantasy, make-believe and hearsay. Now is this time. Where words such as “Muggles” and “Quidditch” are of the norm, cast in a land of wizards and witches where the impossible is possible. This is the world of Harry

Potter. And to all of you overly sophisticated college types who

write this off as “just another kids’ book,” p’shaw to you.

The Harry Potter series, written by J.K. Rowling, is perhaps the most remarkable best seller in recent memory. And with the opening of “Harry Potter and

the Sorcerer’s Stone” in theaters all across the country this holiday weekend, the success looks as if it will only continue.

The film, which complements the first book in the Potter series, grossed more than \$90 million in its first weekend alone, shattering box office records.

“Sorcerer’s Stone,” which clocks in at about two and a half

hours, attempts to depict every little aspect of the book, from

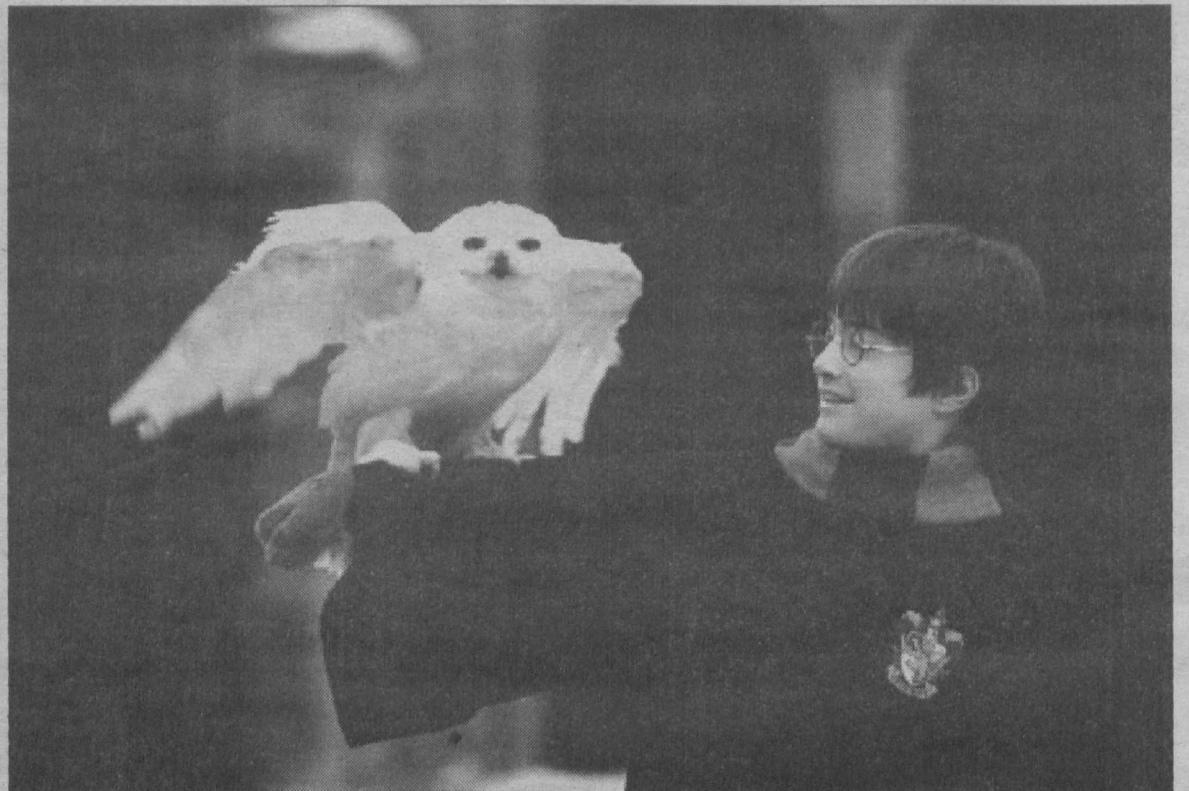
Harry’s

first Quidditch game to the dramatic final scene.

But does it succeed?

After all, everyone knows that a film, no matter how well done, never does a well-written

...Rowling’s novels have something that many other stories in this day and age lack: a well-written and captivating storyline...



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“Harry Potter” grossed more than \$90 million at the box office its opening weekend, shattering previous records.

book justice. “Sorcerer’s Stone,” though, might be an exception.

“The movie did a great job of bringing the book to life,” said Nicole Davis, UMaine student and Potter enthusiast. “I don’t think they could have done a better job without making [the movie] unbearably long.”

And many audience members seem to agree.

“I’ve seen the movie twice, and I have to say that I’m amazed at what a good job they did following the book,” said Graham Parker, standing out Hoyt’s theater in Auburn. “When I saw the movie the first time, I was worried that I wouldn’t understand what was going on because I hadn’t read the book in over a year. But as I watched the movie, the entire

book came back to me. When each scene started I went ‘oh yeah, that’s what happened here in the book’ and of course I wasn’t disappointed.”

But can a story seemingly aimed at younger people pull in such a large audience? It seems that Rowling’s novels have something that many other stories in

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## “I don’t give a damn if you can’t get with me”

The Muddy Waters Tribute Band and Chris Thomas King tread new musical ground while keeping old tunes alive

By Jason Houle  
For The Maine Campus

In a night spent reminiscing about the past and bringing in the new, the “All Over Blues” fest took the stage at the Maine Center for the Arts Monday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. The show brought together the old and the young, The Muddy Waters Tribute Band and Chris Thomas King, encompassing diversity while at the same time celebrating one style: the blues.

The crowd was also diverse. Consisting of parents, grandparents and college students of both sexes, the show proved to be a family affair and the perfect event to ring in the coming holiday season.

Composed of vintage blues players, The Muddy Waters Tribute Band was the first to take the stage, bringing the once-empty set of mics to life and splashing a red and blue ambiance onto the stage from the

spotlights that shown above.

The tribute band, consisting of blues legends Luther “Guitar Junior” Johnson, Willie “Big Eyes” Smith, Calvin “Fuzz” Jones, Jerry Portnoy and “Steady Rollin” Bob Margolin, wasted no

King played on, ignoring the scene that he was probably far too used to—his style not being appreciated by many blues fans.

time in getting started.

“Everybody on this stage is a veteran,” Portnoy said before opening the set with a ripping harmonica solo.

As each band member was introduced, each respectively led

two to three songs, which focused on their individual talents, while at the same time letting each member shine. Their stage appearance was nothing short of brilliant; their inexperience in the large auditorium seemed to transform it, giving the air of a small Chicago blues club. The audience was wowed by the amazing solo talent of the harmonica,

guitars and crisp vocals of these five old men. Through their actions on the stage they looked and played as if they were brothers. It was an extremely powerful presence that showed dignity,

and demanded respect.

Throughout the night the men played their own original songs, and classic Muddy Waters, such as “Got my Mojo Working” and “Hoochie Coochie Man.” The set

was finished off with a standing ovation, an encore and a touching goodbye as hugs were exchanged on stage, the show marking the finale of their tour.

After a brief intermission Chris Thomas King ripped into his routine, surprising many audience members with an in your face hip-hop beat, proclaiming it as “21st century blues.”

“This is the 21st century blues

and I don’t give a damn if you can’t get with me,” proclaimed King as audience members left during the beginning of his set. “We shouldn’t be ashamed of the generation we are from, and we can be just as innovative as the generations before.”

King, who has produced nine albums and more than 100 songs, has been a pioneer in blues, entering frontiers no one ever dreamed, while at the same time staying true to the roots of blues. King’s eclectic set showed a treasure of originality and talent and deserved the same utmost respect of any other blues act of the evening.

King played on, ignoring the scene that he was probably far too used to — his style not being appreciated by many blues fans. King concentrated on the remaining members of the crowd, playing many old fashioned blues from the soundtrack of “Oh

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# "Noises off" to open on campus next week

By Diana McElwain  
For The Maine Campus

Misplaced props, forgotten lines and panicked exits and entrances: such are the joys of producing a play. "Noises Off," a British comedy by Michael Frayne explores the experience of trying to put on a sensational performance with sub-par actors.

This comedy will be opening in Hauck Auditorium on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m., and will continue through Dec. 15.

Directed by Sandra Hardy, an associate professor in the Theatre Department, the relatively small cast consists of the following: Tim Johnston as Lloyd Dallas, Brianne Beck as Dotty Otley, Dominick Varney as Garry Lejeune, Brianna

Geary as Brooke Ashton, Hannah Barth as Poppy Norton Taylor, Nathan Dore as Frederick Fellowes, Jasmine Ireland as Belinda Blair, Rick Solomon as Selsdon Mowbray, Matt Hurley as Tim Allgood and Jeremy Towle as Gerard.

As a play within a play, these characters struggle with Robin Housemonger's "Nothing On," which they are to take on tour across England. However, as time goes by, the "actors" disdain for each other, as well as the play, grows.

"Noises Off" consists of three acts that follow the characters through three months of production. The first act introduces the characters and the play that they are working on. The second act takes place backstage, giving the

audience a rare opportunity to see what really goes on behind that black curtain. The third act shows the disastrous results when the play is finally performed.

Dore, a theatre major, plays Frederick Fellowes, an actor who feels that "Nothing On" is his big break. Dore describes his character as "a bit of milk toast, with a bit of a temper that can reveal itself in desperate situations."

Dore says he has enjoyed working with Harding. "She knows comedy better than anyone I have ever had the opportunity to work with," he said.

However, putting on a production is not an easy task. "We're learning a lot, but it's wearing. The day in and day out work of rehearsals is really

exhausting," Dore said.

Fortunately, this tight knit cast is able to help each other through the trying moments.

"The cast has been able to pick each other up to a large extent, if someone's having a bad day, or if they're tired, and when we really get into the piece we forget all about everything else," Dore said.

When asked how the play will be received, Dore said, "I think it will be a success." Thanks to the efforts of Harding, in culmination with the Warren Center, more people will have the opportunity to experience this success. An American Sign Language interpreter will be at the 2 p.m. performance on Dec. 9, ensuring the play can be appreciated by all. As this is not common prac-

tice of productions at the university, efforts are being made to get the word out to the deaf community so that many can take advantage of this opportunity.

"I think it's a good idea," Dore said, "because, you know, day to day we don't think about the folks in society that aren't able to perceive as we do, but it's important to reach everyone in theater, in all the arts actually, and the fact that Dr. Hardy has brought interpreters on stage serves the double purpose of allowing deaf persons to enjoy the performance and remind those who can hear that there are a lot of hearing impaired people in the world that we never think about."

Tickets to "Noises Off" are free with a MaineCard.

## Online gaming fad a worthwhile distraction

By Gina Valenzuela  
Staff Reporter

Okay, the countdown has begun. It is now officially less than three weeks until finals. However, the work should have already started. "Should have" are the key words in that statement. But procrastinators are still in full effect and studying is far down on the to do list. So, college student to college student and one procrastinator to another, here is one other pastime to place far above the overrated activity of hitting the books... games.

In the age of the Internet, what better way to put off reading, researching and highlighting text than playing games online.

Forget about old-fashioned cardboard and little plastic pieces and the generic games that come programmed on the computer. Say good-bye to missing pieces, cards and boring Solitaire and Minesweeper. The online world holds so much more.

For all the board game lovers out there, hit Uproar.com and explore the board digitally. Game show lovers do not fret, this site features popular shows

such as "Family Feud," "To Tell the Truth" and "The Match Game." All these games are completely interactive; you play against thousands of Internet gaming addicts from across the world.

And of course, Uproar could not leave out the gamblers, so the site features a full array of slots and card games (don't worry, you don't need to bring any money.)

Uproar also offers bingo, tile games, puzzles, trivia and old fashion solitaire.

For all the arcade fanatics, check out [www.snood.com](http://www.snood.com). This Game Boy original, and addictive Tetris-type game has expanded to the Internet.

Sports fans, you can all run to EA.com and get your fill of bone crushing athletics. This site breaks into three categories, NHL 97, Pro 3-Point and NFL. In NFL EA features Madden 95, NFL trivia and Running Back Challenge, all free and interactive, of course.

Lastly for all the Wheel of Fortune watchers out there, surf to [Wheel.Station.Sony.com](http://Wheel.Station.Sony.com) to meet Vanna and Pat and take a spin on the wheel to win a fortune.

These are only a few suggestions, and by no means the limit of the Internet world. So skip the studying and give in to the distractions.

## Remembering through local art

Maine photographer documents heroes of September 11 attacks

By Angela Flandaca  
For The Maine Campus

Beginning Dec. 8, the Portland Museum of Art will honor the firefighters who risked their lives in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

"Ladder Company 3 FDNY: Photographic Portraits by Jack Montgomery" will feature about 15 black-and-white photographs taken at Ground Zero and Washington Square Park. A majority of the photographs are from a small fire station located in Greenwich Village including surviving members of Ladder Company 3.

According to the Portland Museum of Art, 12 of Ladder

Company 3's 27 members were killed in the rescue effort at the World Trade Center.

Though born in Glen Ridge, N.J., photographer Jack Montgomery has committed most of his time to the state of Maine. He graduated from the University of Maine School of Law and practiced as a lawyer in Portland. He began taking pictures 10 years ago while on vacation and has since studied photography at the University of Maine, Maine College of Art, Maine Photo Workshops and in Tuscany, Italy.

Montgomery now lives in Freeport, focusing primarily on portrait photography. Working exclusively in black-and-white, his subjects include both the young

and the old.

Past shows of Montgomery's have included portraits of Maine Holocaust survivors, dancers from the Portland Ballet and local townspeople from Freeport.

For his stunning work on his photograph "Two Girls by the Truck," Montgomery took second place at the international Golden Lights Awards in 1997. This particular portrait now resides in the Portland Museum of Art's permanent collection.

In addition, Montgomery's FDNY exhibit will be the focus of a fund-raising event on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Portland Museum of Art.

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# Sound Bites



**Kidney Thieves — "Phi in the Sky" (Warner Bros. Records)**

Kidney Thieves capture their rock trance niche with unrivaled oddity.

Guitarists Moni Scaria and Bruce Somers skirt traditional guitarist roles, instead finding their artistry by playing effects pedals. Drummer Sean Sellers only played hand drums on the album. And as the crown jewel, we find KT's dreamy vocalist.

Truth be told: I'm a sucker for electronica-infused rock acts with female singers. Free Dominguez (that's the actual name in the liner notes), KT's ambient frontlady, 180s from baby soft melodies to tight lyrical rants with finesse. Earwise, the girl is heaven. On the downside, Dominguez fails to raise the bar with her "I'm floating — can you feel it" lyrical topics, common to a lot of rookie techno.

The album has its moments of clarity: KT gives a catchy off-beat love anthem in "Spank," while they push the envelope with the eclectic synth pop on "Placebo."

Being only a six-track EP, "Phi" gets redundant - half of it taken up remixes of the unimaginative drum'n'bass single "Zerospace." Not surprisingly, the hopeful offering is just an appetizer for a full-length due in spring.

Bottom line: In line with contemporary electronica, but lacking dynamics in parts. - Anthony Saucier

**"The Wash Soundtrack" — Snoop, but y'all have to "kizeep it rizeel." —Brock Poulin (Interscope Records)**

"The Wash," the soundtrack of the upcoming Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg movie, lacks the luster the two rappers usually bring to their work.

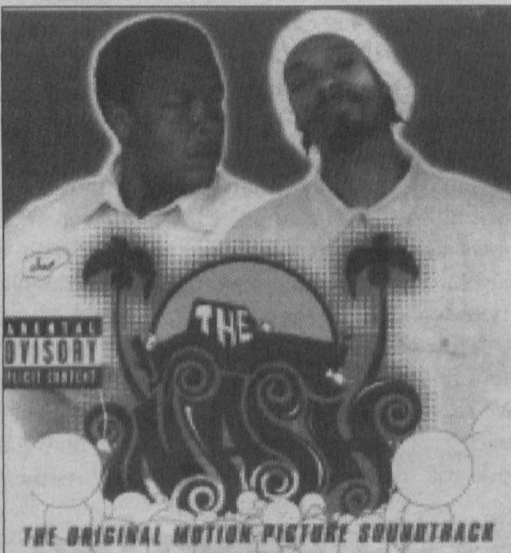
This totally mediocre soundtrack is a sign that the "gangsta rap" of the early '90s is slowly fading away. Although it does contain a few gems, the overall album seems to lack the appeal of its pop/rap counterparts (ex. Nelly, Ludacris, etc.)

Certain clips on the album do catch the ear, though. The addition of D12's "Blow My Buzz" was a nice choice for the album.

Eminem and company spit out the beats like they are getting paid to rile up parents of adolescents around the country. Wait, they are getting paid to do that.

Another track starting to get some airplay on radio stations is Dr. Dre's "Bad Intentions." But with the rest of the album's mediocrity, it would have been a wise idea for Dre to place this one on his next album.

All in all, it is quite a disappointing album by a much admired pair of rap's finest. The movie, hopefully, does a lot more to compliment this album, because there is definitely something lacking. Unless you are a hardcore Dr. Dre or Snoop fan, this album is not worth buying. Sorry Dre and



**Barenaked Ladies- Disc BNL — "Disc One 1991-2001" (Warner Bros.)**

This greatest hits album is just what one would expect from the Barenaked Ladies: upbeat, catchy and predictable. The songs are taken from their six albums released to date. The general public knows most of the songs, and one can sing along to most if not all the songs.

The exception to that are the two new tracks, "It's Only Me (The Wizard of Magicland)" and "Thanks That Was Fun." Both songs are your typical BNL songs however, so there's nothing new there.

"Lovers in a Dangerous Time" is the slowest song on this album. It lacks the typical buoyant tones of most of the Barenaked Ladies other songs, although it does pick up a little towards the end, but not to the

standard we expect from BNL. "Get in Line" has one of the catchiest beats on this new release. With the upbeat tempo and the funny lyrics at times, it gets stuck in your head quite easily.



"One Week" is the only number one hit in the U.S. to date by the Barenaked Ladies. The lyrics seem even livelier than they did the first time around on "Stunt" if that's even possible.

BNL's latest single released, "Pinch Me," also makes an appearance on this compilation of greatest hits. The line "I just made you say under where" will always get a laugh.

Bottom line: 8 out of 10 for the predictability of the sound of the two new songs. It's time BNL spiced things up a bit and played around with some different sounds. Other than that, this is a great collection of the songs we've all come to know and love from the Barenaked Ladies. -Erin Desrochers

ously placed on the "Superhits" album, among other favorites. The next grouping of songs came from "Insomniac," the highlight being "Walking Contradiction."

Contrasting its more peppy companions, "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)" eases into the mix with the slower pace and serious lyrics. No arguments allowed, "Nimrod" created Green Day fans everywhere.

"Minority," off of Green Day's most recent release "Warning," set the stage for the last set of Green Day tunes. With this collaboration, audiences can only wonder if another CD is in the works. Until then, "International Superhits" is sure to tide fans over, being that this CD is without a doubt the best of Green Day. -Jess Bishop



**Jorio — "Cyber Diva" (Decca Records)**

The undeniable trend in club music these days is an upbeat and at times spastically seductive techno. It makes you crazy with energy, like a savage dog ready to pounce the next time you feel your veins pulsate, mimicking the mesmerizing umf umf umf Umf that is "techno music."

But just as you can serve potatoes baked or mashed, so too it seems you can create a progressive trance groove: there are options.

Unlike a majority of artists who are filed under this genre— Paul Oakenfold, Vengaboys, NYC Underground — Jorio conjures up a blend of light techno, slightly whipped. Tying everything together with opera,

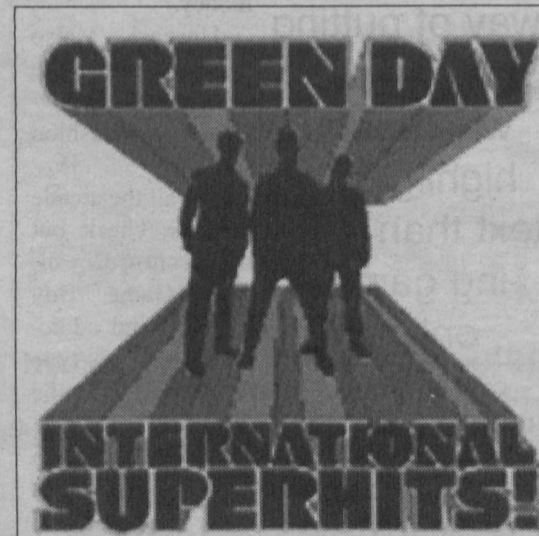
via opera singer Danielle de Niese, Jorio makes the CD sound like old-school electronica meets Charlotte Church. And who really wants to get a groove on with the Ms. Church's image in the background? Ah, no takers.

The track "Romance" is a shaky high with at least slightly interesting beats. But it sucks that a song takes two minutes before the song progresses into a strong climax.

Not that being new and creative—however you want to label the mix of slow techno and opera—is a horrible thing.

You won't get two slaps on the wrist for listening to Jorio's CD "CyberDiva," but then again a body cast isn't too nice now is it?

Bottom line: "CyberDiva" uniquely but unsuccessfully combines two different forms of music. I just don't know very many people who like their potatoes whipped. - Rachel Kennedy



**Green Day — "International Superhits" (Reprise Records)**

"Nice Guys Finish Last," "When I Come Around," "Waiting" — all the favorites are here. The biggest hits from Green Day's past four albums have come together in their 2001 release of "International Superhits." With 19 old songs complimenting two newly written songs, this album has a little bit of everything.

The two new songs, "Maria" and "Poprocks & Coke," start the album with an upbeat tune.

This is Green Day we're talking about, and you can tell it is their music by the time the second or third chord has been played. These two singles have promise and were unavailable until this record was produced.

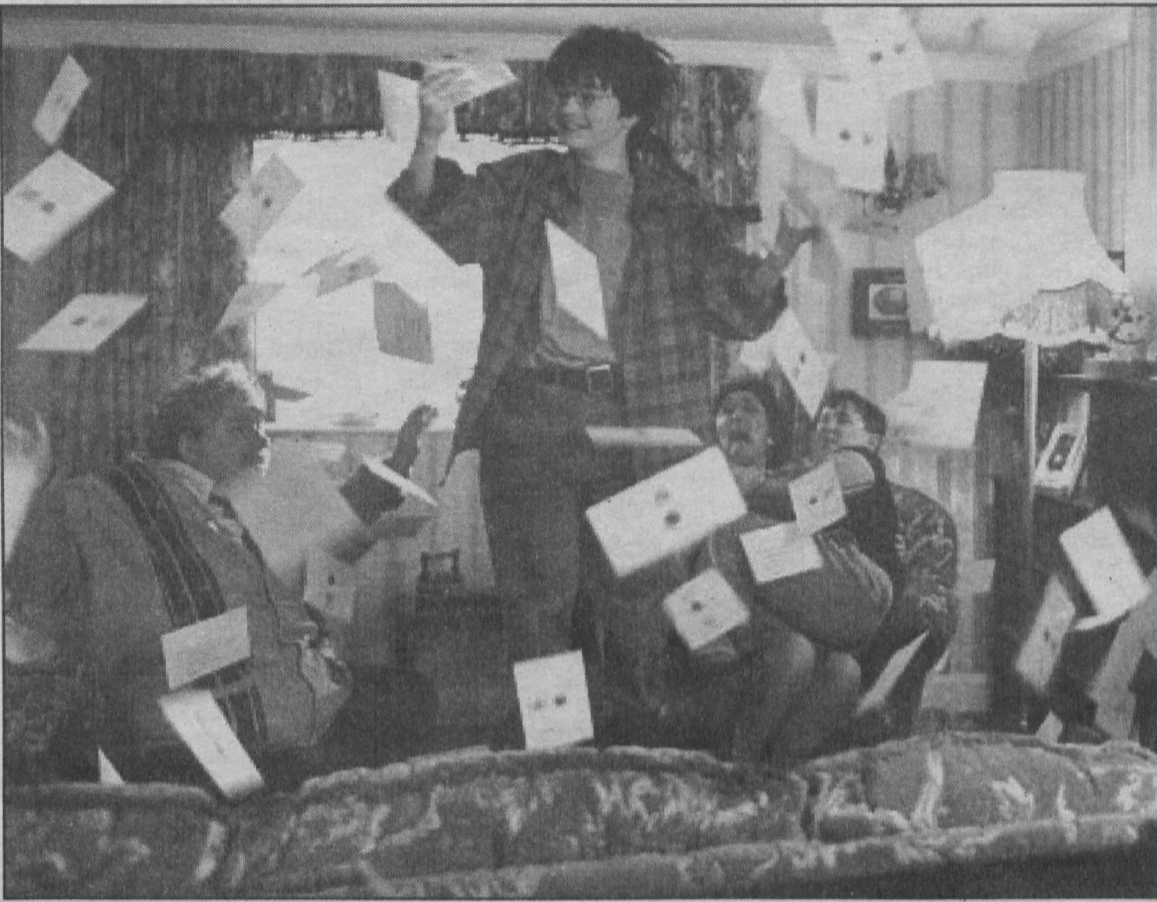
Excerpts from "Dookie" make up the first part of the CD. The smash hit "Basket Case" was obvi-

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**Harry Potter receives his letter of acceptance to Hogwarts.**

this day and age lack: a well-written and captivating storyline that has the ability to tantalize the imagination of young and old and girls and boys.

This gives Rowling a very large and diverse target audi-

ence that is always hungry for more, feeding the addiction and creating a Potter craze.

And to those of you who still insist, "Harry Potter? No way!" suit yourselves. But if you need to find me, I know

I'll be at the newest showing of "Sorcerer's Stone," with my face buried in popcorn, or hidden away in my room, my imagination buried in the pages of Rowling's books.

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Brother Where Art Thou," a film in which he starred as Tommy Johnson and appeared on the soundtrack. He also showed his modern influence, electrifying an old blues guitar solo, playing behind his back, under his leg and even with his teeth.

Again showing his roots, King grabbed a steel guitar from the rack behind him and began to tell stories. With each song there was a story to tell, and he told it with knowledge as the resonation

of the steel echoed through the large room. King finished off the night sampling a Muddy Waters song. For the audience that stayed, King was as moving as the group before him, as he received the second standing ovation of the evening.

As each remaining audience member exited the auditorium, it was easy to see through the looks on their faces why blues is such a strong influential force in music today.

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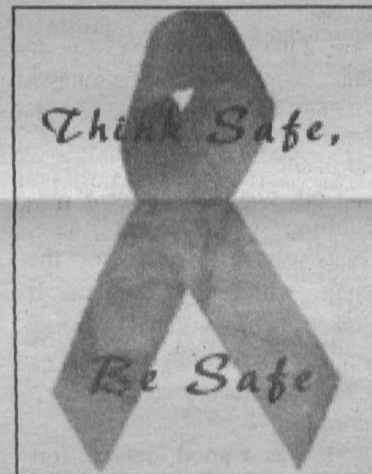
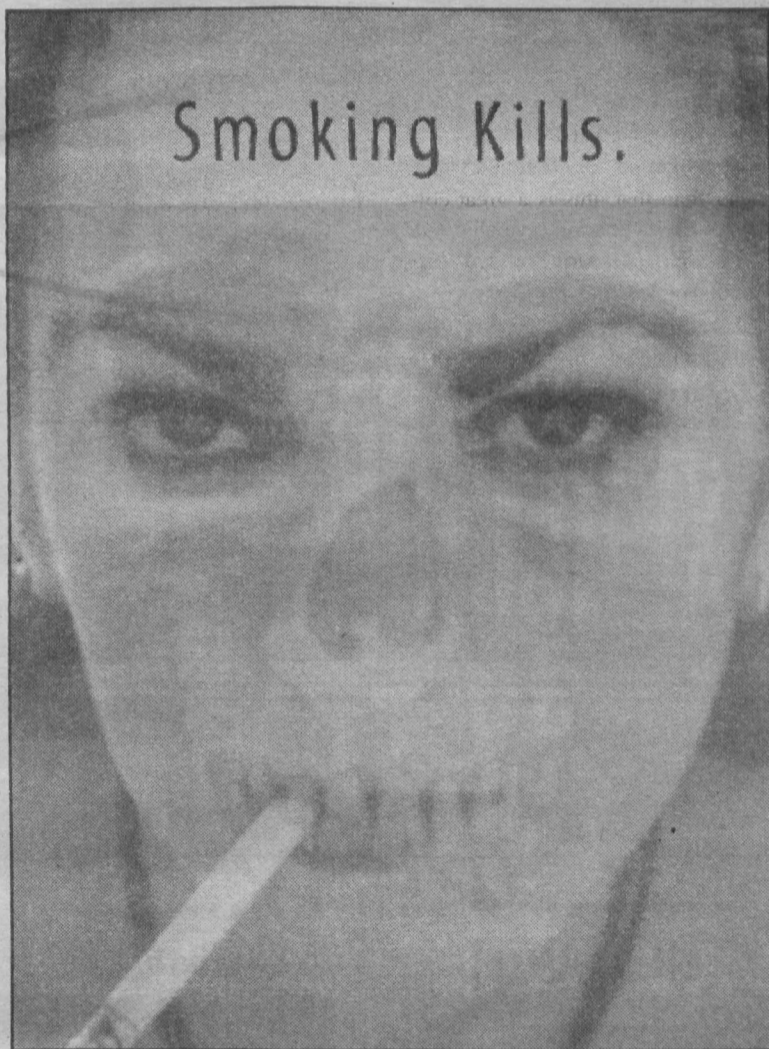
According to the Web site [www.ladder3fund.org](http://www.ladder3fund.org), this project is intended to raise money and donate every penny to the families of those lost from Ladder Company 3.

Montgomery's firefighter exhibit will also be featured at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art in Rockport, Maine on Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.

To contribute to this non-profit charitable fund, donators may

send a check made payable to The Ladder 3/ New York Firefighters Assistance Fund of Maine to Ram Trust Services, Suite 400, 45 Exchange St., Portland, Maine 04101.

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Is anyone else just completely tired of this Brady Bunch crap? I can't watch a Patriots high-light package on NFL Primetime without Chris "Combover" Berman making like 15 "Marcia-Marcia-Marcia" jokes, but anyway.

The fact is Drew Bledsoe almost died, literally, for this team and its fans, and it seems

neither cares. I've even heard that the Patriots brass is probably looking to move Drew in the off-season.

I hope everyone that's on the Brady Bunch-wagon, or the Partridge family bus or whatever it's called, gets ready for the backlash two seasons from now when we're still around .500, and Drew Bledsoe is quarter-

backing the Cowboys, Redskins or Bears deep into the playoffs.

Think Roger Clemens. Think he's washed up? Think again.

Drew will "Roger" us all and that's the truth. And as the saying goes, the truth hurts. It should be a pretty familiar feeling for the New England sports fan by now.

# UMaine bests Brown in OT

By Jeff Mannix  
Staff Reporter

The 4,219 fans who made their way to the Alford Arena for the game between the University of Maine Black Bears and the Brown University Bears on Nov. 21 got their money's worth.

Those fans saw an exciting 3-2 come-from-behind victory by the Black Bears.

Colin Shields ended the game 3:28 into overtime with a power play goal. Jason Wilson's hooking penalty 2:15 into overtime gave UMaine the power play. He took down defenseman Francis Nault in the slot in front of UMaine netminder Matt Yeats, who relieved starter Mike Morrison at 10:19 of the second period.

Martin Kariya dug the puck out of the corner to Shields. He got the puck to Peter Metcalf at the right point and he faked a shot and moved around a defenseman. Metcalf skated to the face off circle and ripped a slap shot. The shot beat Brown goalie Yann Danis, but the puck hit the cross bar.

That's when it went to Shields.

"At first, I thought the puck was in," Shields said. "I wasn't going to hit it, but then I figured I better make sure."

He said that he realized the puck hadn't gone in because of

the sound it made.

"It made a different sound," Shield said. "The cross bar makes a different noise than the back bar." The puck bounced in the crease after hitting the cross bar. Shields was crashing the net when he found the puck and batted it in for his 11th of the season.

Brown played a neutral zone trap all night that stifled the Black Bears attack for most of the night. They plugged up passing lanes and kept UMaine from completing long breakout passes the team is accustomed to.

Brown went on top early because of a good play off of the trap in the neutral zone. Mike Meech got a loose puck and fed Wilson. He moved in down the right wing, beating a flat-footed defender at the blue line. Morrison went down, and Wilson lifted the puck over him, just under the cross bar 2:49 into the game.

UMaine tied things at 7:08 of the first, off a faceoff. Tom Reimann won the offensive zone draw back to Dimitrakos. He skated around a defenseman and let a slapper go from between the circles. It beat Danis between his body and right arm.

Chris Legg put Brown back in front 2:41 of the second. He took a Jarrett Robertson feed in the middle of the zone. Nault wrapped him up, but he still was able to move in on Morrison and

put a shot on that beat him low, through his pads.

It took until the 9:15 mark of the third period for UMaine to tie things again. Gray Shaneberger brought the puck to right corner, where he was met by two Brown defenders. Robert Liscak joined the battle, and got the puck loose. Shaneberger grabbed the puck behind the net.

"I just came around the net and jammed it in," Shaneberger said. His wraparound went off Danis' stick and went over him for the goal.

Danis made 29 saves in the loss for Brown. Morrison made nine saves in the first 30:19 of the game. Yeats stopped 12 in the last 33:09.

UMaine coach Tim Whitehead was pleased with the play of both goaltenders. It was Whitehead's plan from the start to give both of his goaltenders half of the game.

"Both goaltenders were outstanding," Whitehead said. "Yeats was very focused off the bench, which is excellent. It allowed us to come back strong. I'm happy with both of them."

The win increased UMaine's record to 6-4-2.

"It was a good, gutsy effort by our guys to come back," Whitehead said. "It was an ugly win, but we needed one of those. There weren't a lot of pretty plays out there, but there were enough [for us to win]."

# Women's hockey ends road swing

By Matthew Hritz  
For The Maine Campus

The length of a hockey game is 60 minutes.

Playing a full 60-minute game is something the University of Maine women's ice hockey team (5-5-1 overall, 1-5-1 in ECAC conference play) hopes to accomplish sooner than later, according to head coach Rick Filighera

"The day they go out there and play [a full game] and believe they can get it done against anybody is the day we'll turn the corner," Filighera said.

After two losses against No. 6 Niagara a couple weeks ago, the Black Bears stormed back on Nov. 26 with an impressive 8-0 victory against division foe Quinnipiac (1-8-0 overall, 0-6-0 in ECAC).

Sophomore forward Karen Droog tied the UMaine record for goals in a game with four.

Sophomore forward Meagan Aarts tied another UMaine record with four assists in the team's first victory since a 3-0 shutout on Nov. 1 at Cornell.

The Black Bears now travel to Hanover, N.H. to play a set of games against another powerhouse, No. 3 Dartmouth (6-1-0, 4-0-0), this weekend.

The Big Green are led by Carly Haggard who has nine goals and eight assists through seven games.

Dartmouth goalie Amy

Ferguson has compiled a 6-1-0 record, a 1.99 goals against average and a .885 save percentage.

In seven games this season, Dartmouth has outscored its opponents 30-14 and allowed only four goals on 25 power play opportunities.

UMaine will have to exploit all scoring chances and play well on power play opportunities in order to return to Orono with some wins, according to Filighera.

"We are very capable of beating the team," Filighera said. "It's going to be a matter of are we going to show up and get the job done."

UMaine will also have some acute injuries with which to deal. Junior forward Christine Lane left in the second period of the last game because she did not feel well and it is currently unknown if she will be able to play.

Senior defenseman Tracy Caridade is having trouble with her back, but is expected to play. Junior forward Cindy Biron will be out indefinitely due to a knee problem. Junior forward Nicole Munro is suffering from pain in her shoulder, but is expected to play this weekend.

After the Black Bears complete this weekend's games, UMaine will play 15 of the next 17 games at home, a place where the team has not played since Oct. 27.

"That's going to be huge for us," Filighera said. "We need to do a little home cooking and get the job done."

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Sophomore guard Melissa Heon goes for two of her 16 points in the Black Bears 79-67 defeat of Xavier University on Nov. 24. The Black Bears will take on George Washington University in the first round of the Rice Tournament in Houston, Texas on Friday.

## Schedule not any easier for women's hoops

By Eric Russell  
Staff Reporter

After playing four top 50 teams in its first four games, you would think things might get easier for the University of Maine women's basketball team.

Think again.

The Black Bears travel to Houston, Texas to play in the Gene Hackerman Rice Invitational this weekend. UMaine will hook up with Atlantic-10 Conference power George Washington University Friday, which is currently ranked No. 22 in the nation in the latest AP Top 25 poll.

But George Washington may not have anything left for UMaine come Friday. Tuesday night, the Colonials played the No. 2 University of Tennessee.

Head coach Sharon Versyp's club is 2-2, defeating Kent State University at the Augusta Civic Center, and rallying from 20 points down to knock off Xavier University in the consolation game of the Dead River Company Classic last Saturday in Orono.

"We have played four real solid teams so far, and to be 2-2 in those games is about what I expected in terms of wins and losses," Versyp said recently.

George Washington is the second Top 25 team UMaine has

played this season, having already lost to Southeast Conference powerhouse University of Georgia. First-year point guard Missy Traversi, who has been the catalyst for Versyp and leads the team in scoring, assists and steals, insists the tough competition is good for the Black Bears.

"I think when we get into our conference schedule, we'll be ready because we've played some top teams like Georgia and Xavier," Traversi said.

Traversi was named America East Rookie of the Week for the first week of the season, when UMaine trounced Kent State before losing to Georgia. She was also named to the Dead River Company Classic All-Tournament Team last weekend, after leading the huge comeback to defeat Xavier. She scored 22 points in just 19 minutes on Saturday, overcoming first-half foul trouble, as UMaine mounted a second-half surge that left the Musketeers baffled. The freshman from Attleboro, Mass., scored 19 points in the second half to seal up an impressive comeback win for the Black Bears.

As for the attention, Traversi takes it in stride.

"I don't like to think about it too much, I just try to go game by game," she said. "It's definitely exciting for me, but I know it can come and go."

Humble is a word coach Versyp likes to use to describe her rookie point guard.

"I recruit the kind of kids that are team players, and I keep them grounded. No player is going to get a big head around me," Versyp said.

UMaine's depth has been a key to the early season success. Players are beginning to settle into their roles, and unlike last

year, no one has to shoulder a heavy load. Still, the Black Bears are not completely healthy.

Junior forward Anna James continues to sit out, and won't be expected back until January. Fellow junior Ellen Geraghty has missed the last two games and will likely miss both this weekend. Freshman Kelly Manning continues to nurse a knee injury

and will be evaluated soon as to the severity, according to Versyp.

But the players who are healthy are getting the job done. Freshman forward Monica Peterson had a solid tournament last weekend, averaging 13.5 points and 9.5 rebounds per game, and joined Traversi on the all-tournament team. Sophomore guard Melissa Heon continues to show her offensive skills, averaging 12.8 points per game, second to Traversi.

Even more impressive is that the Black Bears are playing well without standout play from the two players who carried much of the load last season, sophomores Heather Ernest and Julie Veilleux. If they return to the level they were at last season, Versyp may have quite a formidable team and she feels confident Ernest and Veilleux will get there.

"Whether players are sitting out or on the floor, they are always cheering for each other," Versyp said of her team's camaraderie. "They want what is best for the team and I think everyone understands their role very well."

Traversi shared her coach's feeling on the locker room atmosphere.

"With this team, I instantly felt comfortable," she said. "They look to me to lead them, and they respect my play. The warmth I have been getting here is really nice."



Senior guard Tracy Guerrette celebrates during the fourth quarter of UMaine's victory against Xavier. Guerrette, who finished with 15 points in 28 minutes, and the Black Bears overcame a 20-point deficit to defeat Xavier.

## UMaine brings winning streak to UMass, UNH

By Jeff Mannix  
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine men's ice hockey team will bring a three-game winning streak into some important Hockey East contests this weekend.

The Black Bears (6-4-2 overall, 2-1-0 in Hockey East) extended that winning streak in a 3-2 comeback overtime win against Brown on Nov. 21 at Alford Arena. Colin Shields scored his 11th goal of the season in the extra session to win it.

"It was a good, gutsy effort by our guys to come back," UMaine interim head coach Tim Whitehead said. It was UMaine's first win in a close game. Their previous five wins had been by lopsided scores.

"It was an ugly win, but we needed one of those," he said. "There weren't a lot of pretty plays out there, but there were enough [to win]."

UMaine will look to parlay that success into two important conference games this weekend, against the Massachusetts Minutemen in Amherst, Mass. tomorrow night, and the New Hampshire Wildcats in Durham, N.H. on Saturday.

Coach Whitehead believes that it will be to his team's advantage to be able to prepare in similar fashions for both teams. UMass and UNH play on large ice sheets. The sheet at the Mullins Center in Amherst is 200 by 95 feet, while the sheet at the Whittemore Center is a full-size Olympic rink, 200 by 100 feet.

"We won't have to make many adjustments from Friday to Saturday night, because we're preparing similarly for both games," Whitehead said. "Right now, all we're thinking about is the [UMass] Amherst game, because that's the first one."

UMass is a young team, much like UMaine, but most of the inexperience is upfront, where there are seven new additions to coach Don Cahoon's lineup. But, the Minutemen make up for it with an experienced defense corps and strong goaltending.

Minuteman senior goalie Mike Johnson will take a 167

minute, 51 second shutout streak into Friday's game, after consecutive shutouts against Vermont and Dartmouth. His record is 6-4-0, with a 2.18 GAA and a .912 save percentage.

The defense is solid, led by two veterans from Finland. Junior Samuli Jalkanen (2-4-6) and senior Toni Soderholm (0-6-6) are the anchors, while junior Kelly Sickavish (0-2-2) provides another veteran presence.

Despite inexperience at forward, the Minutemen have three veterans leading the way. Junior Tim Turner leads the team in scoring with five goals and five assists. Senior Martin Miljko (4-5-9) and sophomore Thomas Pock (4-5-9) also provide depth.

"They are a better team than they were last year," Whitehead said. "They've got eight freshmen in the line-up pretty consistently, so it provides us a new challenge, because we won't be familiar with some of them."

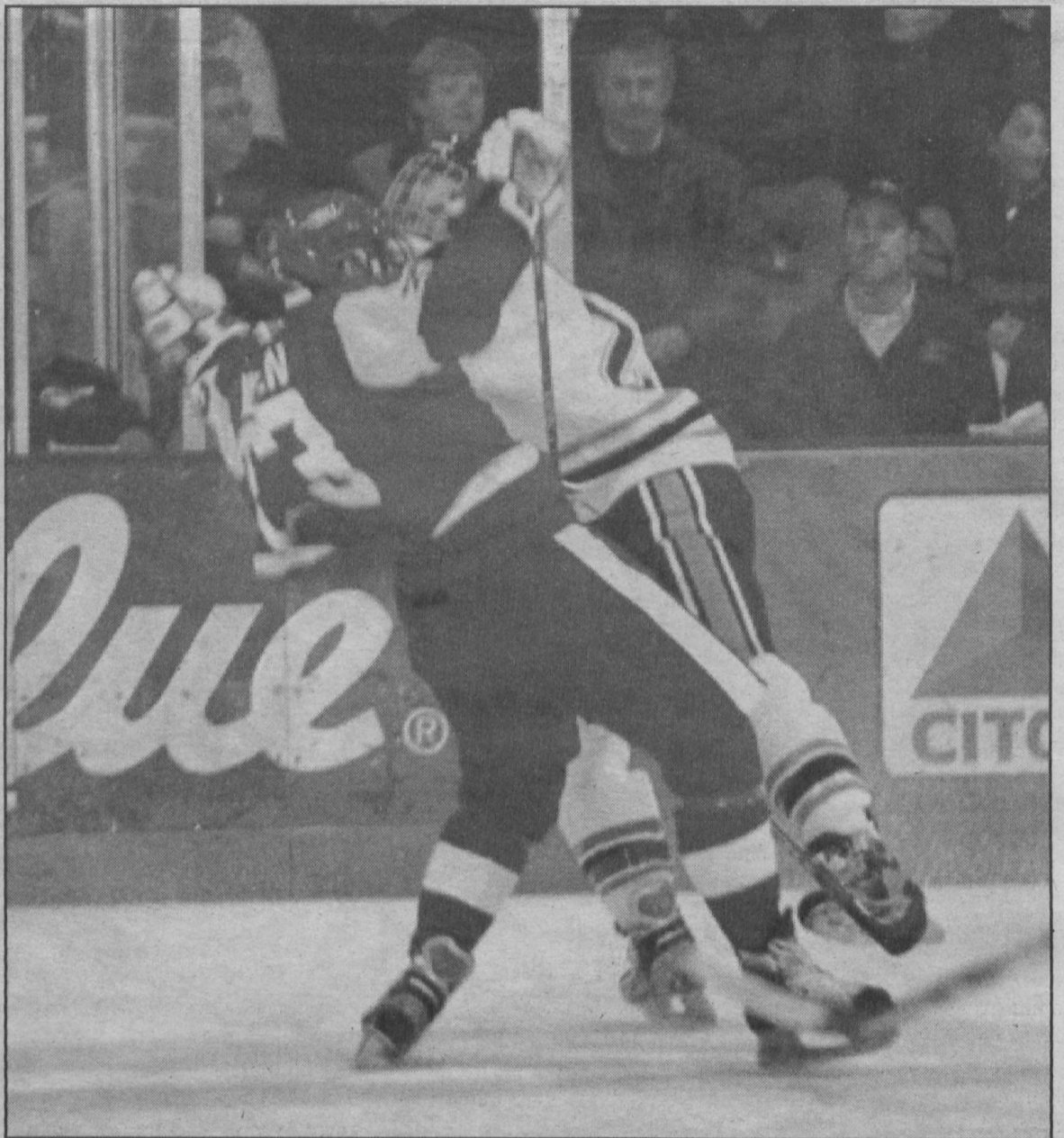
UNH will, as always, be a difficult place to play. The Wildcats are 7-2-2 overall and are tied for first place in Hockey East with a 4-1-2 mark. UNH is coming off probably its best performance of the season on Sunday by defeating previously unbeaten Denver at the Whittemore Center, 5-2, outshooting them 35-19.

"They are well coached and they come to play every game," Whitehead said. "[UNH is] a fun atmosphere for college hockey. We'll have our hands full with them, but we're looking to improve and play well."

Senior Darren Haydar leads the conference in scoring with seven goals and 13 assists for 20 points in the 11 games. Junior Colin Hemingway (8-9-17) is always dangerous and freshman Sean Collins (9-8-17) has been arguably the best rookie in Hockey East through the first month of the season, along with Shields.

Coach Dick Umile's Wildcats also are strong along the blue line. Junior Garrett Stafford (1-4-5) and sophomores Mick Mounsey (0-4-4) and Mike Lubesnick (0-2-2) lead the way.

UNH's two goalies have filled the void left by departed All-



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**Junior Tom Reimann puts a solid hit on Boston University sophomore forward Mark Mullen. Reimann and the Black Bears take on UMass-Amherst and New Hampshire this weekend.**

American Ty Conklin. Senior Matt Carney has seen the bulk of the action, posting a 5-0-2 record, 1.67 GAA and a .923 save percentage. Sophomore Michael Ayers has also played well, with a 2-2-0 record, a 2.52 GAA and a 902 save percentage.

As for UMaine's goaltending this weekend, Whitehead says that's still very much up in the air.

"You can anticipate both [Matt Yeats and Mike Morrison] will play this weekend," he said. Both played in the game against Brown. Morrison surrendered both goals, stopping nine shots, while Yeats stopped all 12 shots he faced. "We haven't finalized it. Both guys are playing well, and they're making each other better."

According to Whitehead, it is likely that Chris Heisten will be cleared to play. He has missed the last three weeks with a shoul-

der burner. Robert Liscak is questionable with a flare-up of his knee from last season, but he is also expected to play. Todd Jackson's separated shoulder may keep him out of the line-up again this weekend, but Whitehead is "hopeful" that he

will be able to play.

In other men's hockey news, Greg Moore, a native of Lisbon, Maine and player on the U.S. National Development Team, has signed a national letter of intent to attend UMaine in the fall of 2002.



A near miss in the first period of the UMaine and Boston University game on Nov. 9. The Black Bears dropped the game 3-2 in overtime.

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# New America East era begins

By Lucas Peterson  
For The Maine Campus

Turnover in sports is a harsh reality.

As the America East conference kicks off its 13th season of NCAA Division I basketball, the make-up and climate of the conference has changed dramatically. Gone are perennial contenders Delaware, Hofstra, Drexel and Towson, who left to join the Colonial Athletic Association.

Enter in three unknown state universities from New York and this season has the makings of one to remember.

No one can predict exactly how this will affect the mid-major conference this season, but nearly everyone involved believes the changes will be positive for the long-term health of the league.

"I think anything can happen in the future, and I think that's exciting," said America East Commissioner Chris Monasch, who begins his fifth season.

Numerous changes have taken place during Monasch's tenure. The conference expanded and restructured its staff and moved the conference headquarters to Boston.

Tom Brennan has seen many changes during his 15 seasons as head coach at the University of Vermont. Brennan began coaching the Catamounts when they were members of the now defunct ECAC North conference. With two America East Coach of the Year awards to his credit, coach Brennan is confident the changes will be positive for the remaining schools.

"I think for a school like us...who have never won [a conference title], there's that sense that 'Hey if things go right, we can be a championship team,'" said Brennan, who was the featured speaker at America East

Basketball Media Day held at Matthews Arena in Boston.

Brennan said he looks at the new make-up of the conference optimistically.

"Obviously we're not as pretty as we were with those people going," he said. "But, I think there is a solidarity with this group. I don't think anybody's leaving or looking to leave. And we always had that hanging over our heads the last couple years."

Drexel, Delaware and Hofstra represented the conference in the NCAA tournament eight of the last nine years. Drexel garnered the lone tournament win during that stretch in 1996, upsetting fifth-ranked Memphis. Even with that success, the southern schools were looking elsewhere.

The new dynamics in the conference have also brought the men's tournament back to the northeast. Boston University and Northeastern will serve as host schools for the tournament in 2002 and 2003. The format of the tournament remains unchanged, with all the opening round games at the host site. The championship game will be at the home court of the highest remaining team.

"Traveling [to Boston] for the tournament is just another bright spot," Brennan noted.

This change may help level the playing field.

Since 1996, the men's tournament has been held at the Bob Carpenter Center in Delaware. The southern schools filled the Carpenter Center and created a home-court atmosphere that the schools in the north could not match. With the site moved to Boston, it will be much easier for fans from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont to attend the tournament.

"I think it's very wide open," Brennan said. "I was like 2-22 at Drexel. We just couldn't win there. But now, there isn't anywhere else we're going where I

say to myself, 'We can't win there.'"

The departure of Delaware, Drexel, Hofstra and Towson left America East with only six member schools. Monasch and his staff began searching for replacements long before the four schools made their announcement official. The tedious process took Monasch on the road to visit the universities and colleges with the potential to join America East. The search narrowed to three and the University of Albany, Binghamton University and Stony Brook University were added.

But, Monasch is quick to add, not until they met all the criteria.

"It's not guesswork. You want schools that philosophically are comparable. That deals with the size of the school and what they're about athletically, academically.

"Do they have the appropriate budget? Do they have the right facilities? What's their leadership about?"

"These three schools all rank very high in these areas."

Brennan and University of Maine head coach John Giannini are not very familiar with the new schools, but said they feel the new teams will be great additions.

"Our players and our fans will soon see that those SUNY schools have big campuses, with great arenas," Giannini said. "They have as good a situation as anyone in the America East or better."

America East conference play begins in exactly one month, and after all the changes, the new faces and the new schools, conference leaders say they feel the future is bright.

"Long term," Giannini concluded, "I really think those New York schools are going to be very good and we're going to get back to being one of the better mid-major conferences in the country."

# Coming Up

Friday, Nov. 30

Women's basketball vs. George Washington at Rice Tournament - Houston, Texas

6 p.m.

Women's hockey at Dartmouth

7 p.m.

Men's hockey at UMass-Amherst

7 p.m.

Men's basketball vs. Lamar

at Coca-Cola Spartan Classic - East Lansing, Mich.

8:20 p.m.

Swimming Hosts Black Bear Invitational

6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1

Women's hockey at Dartmouth

4 p.m.

Women's basketball vs. Rice/UNC-Greensboro at Rice Tournament - Houston, Texas

6/8 p.m.

Men's basketball vs. Michigan State/IUPUI at Coca-Cola Spartan Classic - East Lansing, Mich.

6/8:20 p.m.

Football at McNeese State

NCAA I-AA Playoffs

7 p.m.

Men's hockey at New Hampshire

7 p.m.

Swimming Hosts Black Bear Invitational

10 a.m./3:30 p.m.

## Recreational sports news and intramural results

By Nicole Goulet  
For The Maine Campus

Maine Bound's kayak rolling clinics will be on Dec. 2 and Dec. 9. Basic Mountaineering will be on Dec. 8 and Dec. 9.

The last Maine Bound class of the semester will be a wilderness first aid course in December. For information contact Maine Bound at 581-1794.

Intramural Update: In the fraternity swim meet, Beta Theta Pi won overall with a score of 80.

Phi Eta Kappa came in second with a score of 79.

In the dorm/independent division, Hydroponic won the meet.

Visit the Recreational Programs Web page at <http://www.ume.maine.edu/~recinfo>. It offers up-to-date information on aerobic classes, events and deadlines, club information, Latti Fitness Center hours, skating hours at Alford Arena, Wallace Pool rec hours, bike and ski trails, open rec hours, intramural events, Fitness 2000 events and the latest news.

## Swim teams host invitational

By Kevin Gove  
For The Maine Campus

Bring together a bunch of Canadians, a few Bostonians and some Black Bears, add water and what do you get?

A University of Maine athletic tradition.

The UMaine men's and women's swimming and diving teams will host the third annual Black Bear Invitational Friday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Stanley M. Wallace Pool.

The meet features America East member Boston University

and five Canadian schools competing in the two-day event. The University of New Brunswick, Dalhousie University of Nova Scotia, McGill University, University of Sherbrooke and Laval University will make the trip to Orono.

The McGill men's and women's squads won the team titles last year.

Both Black Bear squads finished second.

The UMaine women are 3-2 after five dual meets this season while the men are 2-3. Both teams fell to Yale last Monday, the women's team dropped a

181.50-110.50 decision, while the men fell 181-99. Both teams also lost to Boston University, breaking both team's winning streaks, the previous Saturday.

The Invitational is the final meet for both teams before they begin winter break training in North Palm Beach, Fla. Jan. 7.

Friday night competition begins at 6 p.m. All events are timed finals and will be measured in meters. Saturday's events will be swum in yards. Second day competition starts at 10 a.m. and resumes at 3:30 p.m. after an afternoon break.

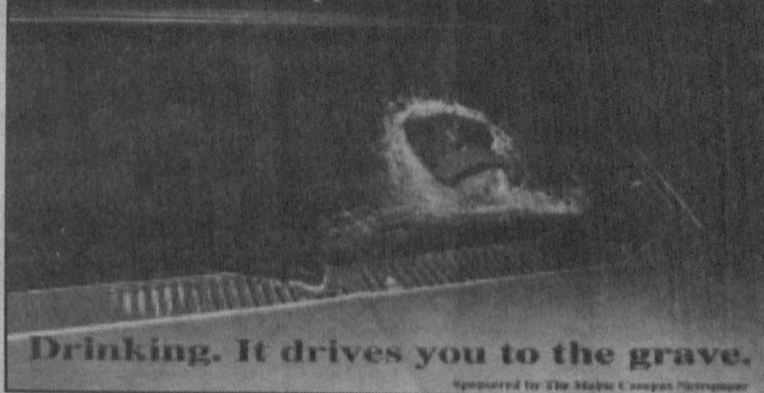
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"To say that I'm surprised or disappointed would be an enormous understatement. This team has no idea how to win a basketball game."

— UMaine men's basketball coach John Giannini after his team, now 0-5, lost to Delaware State 60-52 on Nov. 20.

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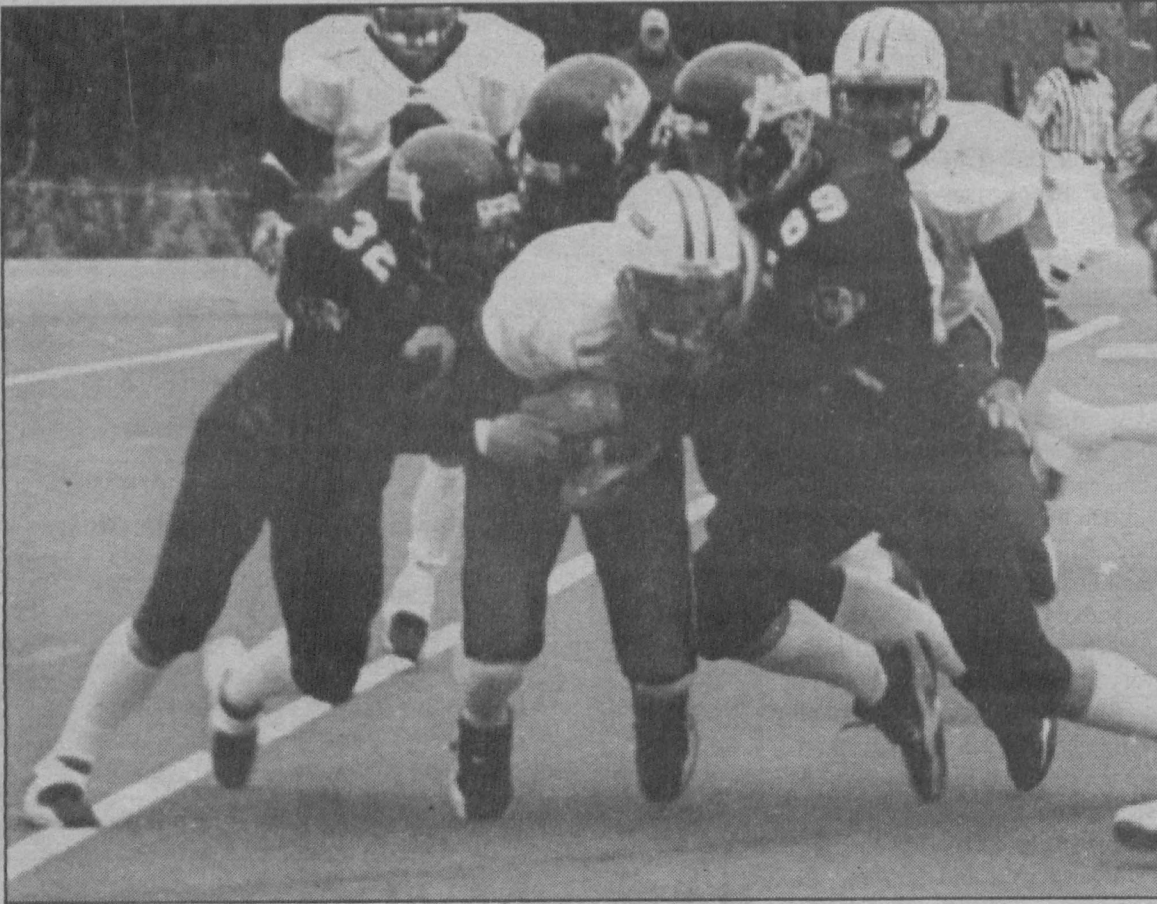
# Next stop: Lake Charles

## Black Bears to take on McNeese in playoffs

## Waning moments

By Ryan Waning

For The Maine Campus



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF

The University of Maine football team will take on McNeese State this Saturday night at 7 p.m. The game will be played in Lake Charles, La.

By Ryan Waning  
For The Maine Campus

The regular season closed with a bang for the University of Maine football team even though it had the week off.

Villanova's loss to William & Mary on Saturday created a logjam of four teams at the top of the Atlantic-10, giving UMaine a share

"This has been a long time coming for Maine football supporters, in that this is the kind of thing that really rewards them."

of its first league championship.

Then, on Sunday, UMaine was rewarded for an 8-2 campaign by receiving an at-large berth into the NCAA Division I-AA football playoffs. This Saturday in Lake Charles, La., perennial power McNeese State, the No. 10 team in the country, hosts the No. 16 Black Bears, marking the team's first playoff appearance since 1989.

"This has been a long time coming for Maine football supporters, in that this is the kind of thing that really rewards them," head coach Jack Cosgrove said. "Whether it's the parents of the players who have been so supportive of their sons, to the local people that have been great supporters of our program, we feel really good about doing this for them."

UMaine has dropped the three postseason games the team has played in the 111-year history of the program.

UMaine has won the only meeting against the Cowboys, which took place in Orono on Oct. 2, 1999, 35-7. UMaine scored 35 unanswered points and McNeese turned the ball over nine times. Junior quarterback Jake Eaton finished the game with 226 passing yards and three touchdowns.

McNeese, coming in with a record of 8-3, will look to the ground game to set the pace for the offense. The Cowboys average 191 rushing yards a game, with

two backs who will see significant time. Aaron Pierce leads the team with 641 yards and is followed by Vick King, who has 592 yards, 211 of which came last weekend against Jacksonville State.

The passing attack is modest. Quarterback Slade Naigle threw for 1,193 yards this season with 12 touchdowns and 12 interceptions, while completing nearly 60 percent of his passes.

UMaine's defense has been shutting down the opposition's weapon of choice all season long. UMaine surrenders about 321 yards of total offense a game, while allowing opponents to score

20.3 points per game (which translates to 203 total points, 133 of which came in three games).

The Black Bears have a gang mentality on defense, swarming to the football on every play. Although the linebackers and safeties put up the gaudy tackle numbers, such as Stephen Cooper with 95, Dave Cusano with 62 and Lofa Tatupu with 55, the big men up front are the straw that stirs the drink. The play of Dan Joslyn, Dennis Dottin-Carter, Amos Hall, Brendan Curry and Damon Boinske has allowed the linebackers the freedom to get to the ball carrier.

"They've done it for us all year long," Cooper said of the front five.

The Cowboy defense features some big hitters of its own. The safety tandem of Hadley Prince and Joe Judge finished with 185 tackles between them, 98 and 87 respectively. McNeese ranks third nationally in total defense, giving up only 253.6 total yards per game, and 15th in scoring defense, surrendering 17.5 points per game.

But they will have their work cut out for them, as the Black Bear offense seems to get stronger each week. Royston English, who finished his UMaine career third on the Black Bears all-time rushing list with a total of 2,842 yards, has rushed for at least 113 yards in the team's last four games, averaging nearly 164 yards per game over that span.

Junior quarterback Jake Eaton has taken advantage of English's running performances, taking

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pressure off his receivers to the tune of 2,198 passing yards and 19 touchdown passes. Eaton has also rushed for six touchdowns.

He has spread the ball around quite well. Wideout Stefan Gomes finished the regular season with 60 catches and cohort Paris Minor followed with 52. Senior tight end Chad Hayes has made his catches count, catching 28 passes on his way to scoring seven touchdowns, both UMaine tight end records.

Coach Cosgrove says the team isn't done yet.

"We haven't finished our season yet. Hopefully there are better things in store. When you get into a tournament situation you have to rely on your best players. We like to think we have a number of [the] best players."

## Cosgrove, Cooper garner nominations

Coach Jack Cosgrove was recently announced as being one of the nominees for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award. The award is presented annually to the top coach in Division I-AA. The winner is chosen by the division's sports information directors and selected sports writers who cover the division.

Cosgrove is in his ninth year at the helm of UMaine football. He was selected as Atlantic-10 Coach of the Year in 1996 following a 7-4 campaign. The team's eight overall wins are the most since 1989. UMaine had never won

seven conference games before this season. Cosgrove is 35-29 in his last six seasons.

Standout linebacker Stephen Cooper was also named a finalist for the Buck Buchanan award, given to the top Division I-AA defensive player. The award is named for Junious "Buck" Buchanan, who played for Grambling State University from 1959 through 1962. Cooper is sixth in the Atlantic-10 averaging 9.5 tackles per game and has 95 overall. He also ranks fifth in the A-10 with 17.5 tackles for a loss.

Tom Brady won the NFL's Player of the Week award Tuesday for his exquisite performance against the New Orleans Saints this past Sunday. Brady threw four touchdown passes and no interceptions.

A great performance, but questions still remain about Drew Bledsoe. Drew looks less Calista Flockhart-ian every week, which, to me, is the truest sign of his health. Now that Bledsoe is healthy, doesn't he deserve an opportunity to man the helm of the new and improved Pats?

The decision to name Brady the starter over Drew has been hashed and rehashed so often that it could probably be found in Nate Newton's car.

But the facts are easily read.

First, the offensive line is healthy and blocking well. This, by itself, should be more than enough reason for Pats fans to wonder. Drew spent last season and the early part of this one running.

No, make that plodding for his life.

Don't take that the wrong way. I'm not criticizing him for not being more mobile. I don't remember his lack of mobility being a problem for anyone when we were in the Super Bowl.

Secondly, there is Antowain Smith. He's not exactly Tony Dorsett, mind you, but he is the answer to many prayers prayed by fans watching Kevin "Small Hands" Faulk attempt to hold onto the football. I know Kevin is a distant cousin of wonder back Marshall but I also know a raptor when I see one, and this guy has tiny-ass arms.

Smith, on the other hand, (rim shot) is a bruiser. As the season progresses he is gaining the respect of the defenses he faces. Drew, who has not had a respectable running game to complement him since Curtis Martin swam to Tunatown, can return to the days of feasting on an overanxious secondary that has crept up to stuff the run.

Lastly, a few question mark players have turned exclamation marks. David Patten is a great example. Before this season Patten couldn't catch a cold, but things have turned around for him and apparently it's all because of Tom Brady.

Brady and his Bunch.  
A man named Brady.

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