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Listen as the UMaine Black Bear football team takes on the University of Northern Iowa Saturday, Dec. 8. The game will be broadcast on <http://www.unipanthers.com/broadcast/index.html>. The broadcast starts at 2 p.m., the game begins at 2:30. Good Luck!

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Team promises one more time

By Joseph Bethony
Sports Editor

As the crow, or in this case the chartered plane, flies, it's about 1,197 miles from Orono to Cedar Falls, Iowa in Black Hawk County in the Hawkeye State.

But make no mistake about it, one week after the University of Maine football team flew 1,673 miles to Lake Charles, La. (making the trip to Iowa seem like a jaunt down the road to the Bear Brew) to take on McNeese State in the first round of the Division I-AA football playoffs, the team has only a positive mindset about the travel.

"The travel conditions are good, the chartered jet is good, the hotel is good," junior linebacker Stephen Cooper said Wednesday. "So we have nothing to do but play."

Being from Orono, geographically near the middle of the state, the team is used to having to travel quite a distance to play road games. The team traveled to Virginia, New York, Boston, Rhode Island and New Hampshire to take on Atlantic 10 opponents during the regular season and was supposed to play in Fargo, N.D. on Sept. 15.

Playing so far away from home is something the Black Bears will have to grow accustomed to if the team is able to defeat the University of Northern Iowa, as senior linebacker Malik Nichols believes they will.

"Don't take down those signs [in the Maine Marketplace] because we're gonna be right back here again, you better believe it," the team's sixth leading tackler said at Wednesday's pep rally.

With a victory, the team would travel to either to Missoula, Mont. (2,160 miles), or Huntsville, Texas (1,752 miles) to take on the winner of the University of Montana and Sam Houston State tilt.

The Division I-AA football playoff seeding system was supposedly organized geographically this year, but UMaine seems to be the odd man out, having to travel enormous distances for every game, meaning that there will be fewer UMaine supporters in the stands, exposing the team to hostile, partisan crowds. Junior quarterback Jake Eaton, however, is not worried about facing such circumstances.

"The most important people

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The Black Bears are being cheered on by the young and the old alike. Matija Mamula, 2, of Carmel made the trip to Orono yesterday in order to lend her support to our football team. According to Matija's mom, she has been an avid Bears fan for a little over a year now.

Insiders compete for VP spot

Senator hopes for Sterling election

By Catie Joyce
Staff Reporter

Aaron Sterling, a third-year public administrations major and senator representing the College of Business, Public Policy and Health, is running for the position of vice president of Student Government in the up-coming elections. This is Sterling's first time running for an executive position.

"I want to be...vice president because I enjoy politics and representing my friends and classmates in Student Government," said Sterling, who is from Skowhegan, Maine. "There are several things that I think need to be changed and/or improved upon in Student Government, and I think I would be a good

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Gagnon wants to continue work

By Catie Joyce
Staff Reporter

Matthew O. Gagnon, a political science major and current Student Government vice president, is running for this position in the upcoming Student Government elections. Gagnon has held the position of vice president for a semester. He took Kamal Shanak's place at the beginning of the year after Shanak resigned. He also ran for the position last year.

Gagnon, who is from Hamden, Maine, joined General Student Senate one month after he got to the University of Maine and has been involved for the past three years.

Most of his platform is a continuation of the issues he has been working on in GSS.

One of these issues is to resur-

rect the University of Maine Organization of Student Governments, which was discontinued in the mid-1990s due to a lack of interest.

"This is a body of Student Government representatives from all of the University of Maine System schools. The body would meet to discuss issues that affect each university, and the system collectively,"



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person to see those changes through."



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THE WORLD BEYOND UMAINE

Record settlement awarded in discrimination case

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.— The Adam's Mark Hotel and Resort Chain has agreed to pay the largest discrimination settlement ever paid by a hotel company. The resort must pay \$1.1 million to Florida's historically black colleges and to hotel guests who believe they were mistreated during the 1999 Black College Reunion.

The settlement announced on Monday ends two embarrassing lawsuits against the company and halts the NAACP's boycott of the 24-hotel chain based in St. Louis.

Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth said the Adam's Mark settlement is the largest ever by a hotel company accused of discrimination.

The lawsuits contended that in 1999, black guests were unable to get luggage service or valet parking, pictures were removed from walls and a room service menu was altered to offer only fried chicken or BBQ chicken.

At a press conference in Baltimore, NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said, "This is a great victory not just for the NAACP but for the cause of civil rights in America."

Although the Adam's Mark chain asserts it did not discriminate against BCR guests, the company agreed to the settlement to end the controversy.

States slash education budgets

LOS ANGELES — Faced with a faltering economy that has worsened since Sept. 11, states are slashing education budgets

for the first time in years, threatening reform efforts in public schools and enhancing the likelihood of sharp tuition increases for public colleges next fall.

After years of steady increases, budgets for public schools across the nation this fall have been slashed by more than \$11 billion, according to a recently released congressional report.

The cuts threaten to derail some of the educational initiatives of the last five years, such as reduced class sizes, literacy programs and intervention efforts in failing schools, and add to the problems of parents of college students who already are struggling financially.

Congress released a report called Education in Crisis: The State Budget Crunch and Our Nation's Schools as part of a campaign to help grade schools and high schools by providing more money through the economic stimulus plan. The plan hopes to boost special education funding and require the federal government to cover most of the costs incurred by states in complying with the government's new testing mandate for third to eighth graders.

In many states, funding for public schools accounts for 40 percent or more of the budget, while higher education accounts for another 10 to 12 percent. Since these are among the largest items in states' budgets, education is especially vulnerable to cuts during a recession.

Israel targets Arafat, declares war on terrorism

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared his national war Monday as warplanes and helicopters blasted Palestinian

targets in the West Bank and near Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's headquarters in Gaza City.

The retaliatory strike, which Sharon suggested was just the beginning, followed a bloody weekend of attacks on Israeli civilians that killed 26 people — many of them teenagers and young children — and wounded about 230.

"This will not be an easy war," Sharon said, echoing President Bush's declaration of war against international terrorism after the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington. "This war will not be a short war. But we shall win."

Sharon laid the blame for the weekend's suicide assaults on Arafat, whom he described as "responsible for all that has happened," and in Washington U.S. officials pointedly said it was up to Arafat to stop the terrorist attacks.

Monday's Israeli targets included Arafat's helipad in Gaza and his office and police headquarters in Jenin, a center of Palestinian militancy in the West Bank that some call the "city of suicide bombers."

About 10 Palestinians were wounded in the attacks. The low casualty count is attributed to the fact that many Palestinians were sitting down to their end of the day Ramadan meals at the time of the attack.

Some U.S. officials viewed the somewhat limited Israeli attack as final notice to the Palestinian leader that he must curtail the actions of radical Palestinian groups and stop the assaults on Israeli civilians.

"It was a pretty dramatic warning to Arafat, but still a warning," said a senior administration official.

Stories compiled from Knight Ridder Tribune news service

Parking space

With December graduation and the end of the semester just around the corner there is bound to be a lot of activity in and around the residence halls. To that end, Parking Services wants to remind you about the university's policy regarding the use of fire lanes.

Vehicle use in the fire lanes is permitted under the following conditions:

A licensed driver, capable of moving the vehicle if necessary, attends the vehicle.

A single operator may leave the vehicle to use the outside phone to arrange for pick up or delivery to any building occupant. Operator must maintain visual contact with the vehicle and be ready to move it should an emergency arise.

Also, with the break coming up, we again want to remind those students who will be leaving their vehicles on campus to park in the following areas to help facilitate any snow removal:

Androscoggin Hall, Cumberland Hall and Gannett Hall residents should park at the athletic field end of the Stewart lot.

Knox Hall, Somerset Hall, Oxford Hall and Dorris Twitchell Allen Village residents should park in the front corner of the Orchard lot (closest to Oxford, DTAV and the Ornamental Gardens).

Aroostook Hall, York Village, York Hall, Kennebec Hall, Estabrooke Hall and Colvin Hall residents should park in the north end of the Aroostook lot.

Sigma Nu, Beta Theta Pi, Oak Hall, Penobscot Hall, Hancock Hall, Hart Hall, Stodder Hall and Balentine Hall residents should park in the north end of the Steam Plant lot (closest to the Alford).

If snow removal becomes necessary any vehicles left in lots other than those indicated above could be towed.

To commuter students and university employees: Please keep in mind that the Winter Parking Ban

is in effect. There is NO overnight parking in any staff or commuter lot unless a special overnight permit has been issued to you through the Parking Services office.

A special note to university employees: The majority of employee renewal forms have been mailed to your campus address. If you have not received yours, please be patient. This is a large project and we expect to finish the process this week. If you have not received your renewal form by Wednesday, Dec. 12, please call the Parking Services office at 581-4047 or stop by the office and pick up a form. Remember, your present decals do not expire until Monday, Dec. 31.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.

Upcoming events:

Dec. 3: College of Education workshop, Wells Conference Center, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. About 60 participants will be attending. Lots expected to be affected: Dunn lot and Gym lot.

Dec. 7: Industrial Advisory Committee, Jenness Hall, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. About 40 participants will be attending. Lots expected to be affected: Maine Center for the Arts lot.

Dec. 7: Middle Level Institute conference, Shibles Hall, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. About 20 participants will be attending. Lot expected to be affected: MCA Lot.

Dec. 10: Native American Program Commission Meeting, Wells Conference Center, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. About 20 participants will be attending. Lots expected to be affected: Dunn lot and the Gym lot.

Dec. 10: Soderberg Center Lobby, Jenness Hall, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. About 30 participants will be attending.

Dec. 14: Wes Jordan Recognition, Lengyel Gym, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Several hundred participants are expected to attend. Lots expected to be affected: Lengyel Gym lot and the College Avenue lot.

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Into the not-so-great blue yonder

By Erin Morgan
For The Maine Campus

It was like a scene from Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds." Flocks of fowl racing through the air, but in this scene, the birds were the ones dying. There were 12 deaths in front of the picture windows of Memorial Union before the mystery was solved.

Campus officials first had to identify the species of bird before they could determine if the recently sprayed hydroseed, newly planted vegetation, removal of the elm tree or other factors that contributed to the deaths.

"The University of Maine campus attracts a western bird called the Bohemian wax wing, which is very uncommon in the east," said Dan Harrison, a professor of wildlife.

This species of bird flies in very large groups and congregates here in the fall.

After extensive research, it was concluded that the hydroseed played no part in the death of the birds. However, poisonous berries from new vegetation could have caused the birds to become sick and eventually die.

"At Nutting Hall we have mountain ash and the berries will start to ferment, which will affect the birds," said William Livingston, chairperson of the Forestry Department.

Andy Jacobs, assistant project manager with Facilities Management, took the first group of dead birds to Hitchner Hall where autopsies took place.

"The reason for doing this was two-fold," Jacobs said. "I had to dispose of them properly and they needed to be checked for the West Nile virus."

Autopsies confirmed that none of the birds carried the virus and the berries did not cause them to become sick. The bird's bodies contained broken bones and ripped muscles throughout the chest area leading the researchers to believe that the birds died from blunt trauma from flying into the windows in front of the Union.

Witnesses reported that birds were flocking around the Union. The birds then took flight all at once, swooping in all directions. Apparently the birds confused some of the windows for blue sky and flew straight into them, an incident that is typical when large areas of glass are put up.

During the period between the two incidents, the elm tree in front of the Union was cut down.

"My first thought was that [the tree being cut down] was in relation to the bird incident; that



A Bohemian wax wing feeds on berries near the Union recently (above). These birds tend to fly in large flocks and come to UMaine each fall (below).

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they were trying to remove [the birds'] nesting place," Jacobs said.

However, the removal of the tree had no correlation to the bird deaths. The tree was cut down because it was infected with Dutch Elm disease. It had dead branches and could have spread the fungus to other elm trees on campus.

Questions rose regarding how to prevent other birds from flying into the windows. Decals of hawks have been taped to the inside of the windows of Memorial Union.

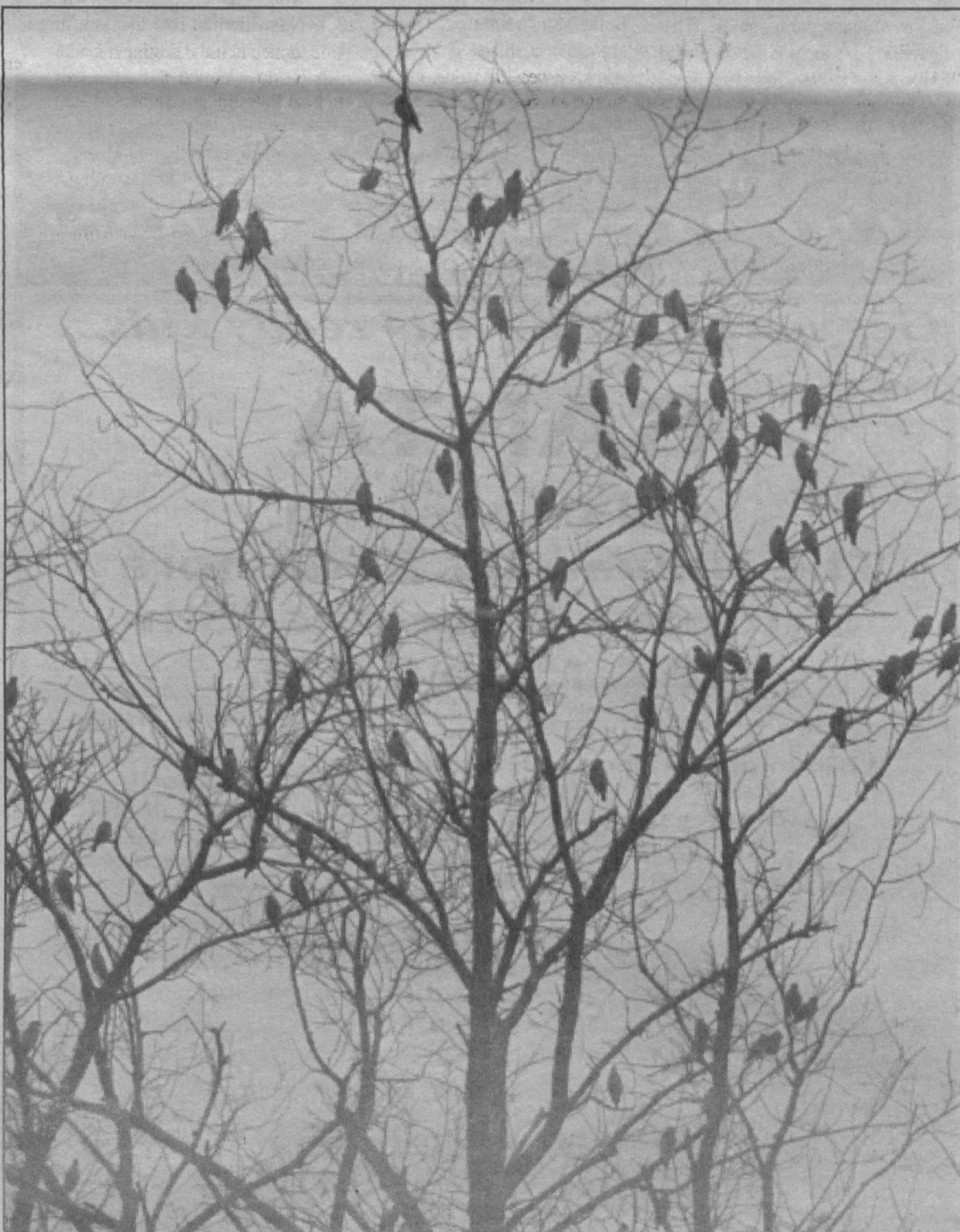
"The construction people put the decals up to deter birds from flying into the windows," said Lauri Sidelko, the outdoor program manager.

Naturalists recommended placing silhouettes of predatory birds in the windows in order to scare off other migratory birds. However, these decals are designed to be stuck to the outside of the windows, not the inside.

"We have to get a bucket truck in order to do that, so we have to wait for the ground to freeze because we just loamed and seeded the area," Jacobs said.

As for now, the temporary solution appears to be working.

Autopsies confirmed that none of the birds carried the virus and the berries did not cause them to become sick.



Wildlife refuge safe haven from hunters

By Joan Perkins
For The Maine Campus

Visitors who have never seen Alton's Hirundo Wildlife Refuge in spring or summer literally flock there by the hundreds in the fall.

"They swim the Pushaw Stream to get here," said June Larouche, the superintendent of the refuge.

Larouche anticipates the onslaught of birds and bucks every year at this time, knowing she can't ignore more than two decades of faithfully repeated history.

"We bought this land and built this refuge for the wildlife, for the sole purpose of protecting them. They know where they are safe," Larouche said.

Hirundo's history plays like the story line from the film "Field of Dreams" - "build it and they will come."

Hirundo first took shape in 1965 when June and Oliver Larouche purchased more than 350 acres along the Pushaw Stream where West Old Town meets the Alton border, just 6 miles northwest of the University of Maine.

The Larouche's christened their new refuge Hirundo, after the swallow family hirundinidae in 1976.

Visitors have been coming ever since.

Last year more than 2,000 people visiting Hirundo on Route 43, signing in and parking their bikes, ATVs, snowmobiles or cars at one of the refuge's public gates. That figure doesn't include the ones who

came in bunches, by bus, to enjoy Larouche's guided tours. Larouche enjoys them all, recruiting many to her volunteer corps. But she is obsessed with Hirundo's other visitors who prefer more covert ports of entry. They are harder to count, for they come and go at will, many creeping in or moving out under cover of darkness. Raccoons and otters, fishers and weasels, pine martens and mink all enjoy the freedom of Hirundo, along with countless birds and the occasional bear, moose or bobcat. These wild species, believed to outnumber human visitors to the refuge, are the ones the Larouches hoped would fill their fields with activity.

More wildlife are using the refuge all the time, with marked increases when summer surrenders to the chill of fall. According to Larouche that's when the refuge welcomes additional ducks and extra deer eluding the anxious triggers of autumn hunters.

"In the fall we put extra help on the trails and we always have NO TRESPASSING signs posted everywhere," Larouche said. "The hunters know not to come here."

There is no scientific study confirming that the local wildlife seeks the protection of Hirundo when hunting season starts. Wildlife professor Fred Servello considers this pattern consistent with behavior observed in other duck populations.

"It's certainly possible," said Servello. "Migratory waterfowl are more mobile. Their nature is

to move a lot and settle down where it is quieter."

Servello hesitates to substantiate a hunter-driven increase in the number of deer inside the refuge without a formal study of Hirundo's herd as a unique deer population.

Larouche is certain of what she has observed. Two decades ago she had a hunch that the birds and animals would come to escape the hunting season and her meticulous personal record chronicling 25 years of Hirundo history highlights the pattern and, for her, stands as proof positive.

"I've always kept a log, a personal record of anything unusual that happens around here," Larouche said. "The numbers of ducks and deer go way up in the fall when they come here to avoid the hunters."

Hunting and land development pressures have increased the number of animals seeking protection, so Hirundo continues to expand. The latest acquisition, made just last year, brings the refuge to 2,605 protected acres. In 1985, the Larouches donated Hirundo Wildlife Refuge to the University of Maine with the stipulation that it remain forever wild. Larouche rests easy on that score, knowing that her beloved animals will never be threatened inside the boundaries of Hirundo.

"I was born into this. I had my first teachings from my mother who was crazy about wildlife. Now I would like to be mother to them all," she said.

GSS Notes

By Catie Joyce
Staff Writer

The following events took place at the Tuesday, Dec. 4 meeting of General Student Senate:

- The appointment of Brian Newell as the new Legal Services liaison was approved. Newell is taking the place of Chris Kelley, who recently resigned as a senator.

- The New Media Society received final approval for official club status.

- Vice president report, Matthew O. Gagnon: A summit to resurrect the University of Maine Organization of Student Governments is in the works for January. Sarah Knight was appointed as the liaison to the other University of Maine System Student Governments.

- Vice president of Financial Affairs report, Amy Saunders: They have released their finance manager and plan to keep the money from this position for the office's budget. Three clubs gave back unused money to the GSS unallocated fund: Panhellenic Council, \$375; the Maine Outing Club, \$57.26 and the Maine Peace Action Committee, \$14.10.

- Vice president of Student Entertainment report, Maggie O'Brien: A letter is going to be written requesting a performance from the Barenaked Ladies, who have recently been performing free concerts on college campuses.

- Fair Elections Practices Committee report, Matthew Rodrigue: A candidates' meeting was held last Friday, Nov. 30 after all nominations had been turned in. Candidates are currently in the final campaigning stage. Information Technologies is getting set up for this Thursday's FirstClass elections.

- University System liaison report, Sarah Knight: She is making contacts with other UMS Student Governments and planning for the summit in January.

- Governmental Procedures report: They discussed level three clubs and found there is not a lot of information about moving between level three and level two. They are looking into better defining the steps.

- Public Relations report: They are researching an article for *The Maine Campus* about

Social Security number issues.

- Student Affairs report: A financial manager for the Student Government's health insurance company spoke on rising costs of insurance. They are looking into expanding the Legal Services office to include student rights issues.

- Ad hoc fees committee report: They are working on their FirstClass student poll and hope to have it out the same day as elections, under a different icon. They want to meet with the UMS Board of Trustees at their meeting in January.

- An act to investigate the university administration's treatment of senior faculty was proposed by Senator Fred Nehring.

- An act passed to amend the Fair Election Practices Committee guidelines to include the following guideline: no campaign advertising for a specific candidate can be displayed in the immediate vicinity of the Student Government office.

- The Gamers Guild received \$200 for its annual budget.

- The Tennis Club was allotted \$500 for tennis lessons for its club members.

- One thousand dollars was allocated to the Woodsmen Team for the purchase of safety equipment and tools for their competitions and practices.

- The Off Campus Board received \$4,700 for the purchase of equipment to print discount cards for off-campus students. The cards will be used for discounts at local businesses.

- Residents on Campus was given \$6,500 for its annual Quebec trip, open to on- and off-campus students.

- An act to urge the administration to review its arrest and detention policy for non-violent offenders was tabled again until the first meeting in January. This resolution is being held until a new Public Safety director is hired.

- Jessica Nickerson was nominated for a position on the Executive Budgetary Committee. This position was opened up when Chris Kelley resigned.

- Jenny Londot was nominated for the ad hoc fees committee.

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

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Cadets Bridget Regner and Virginia Catlin enjoy the reviving scent of coffee.

A UMAINE ROTC SENIOR'S WRITTEN JOURNAL

Volume 5 : Bridget gives thanks

Thanksgiving Break

When I sit here and think of all the things I'm thankful for, I realize that there are so many things I take for granted. I know that being able to get a college degree is a privilege that most people in the world do not have. As frustrated as I get sometimes with college and my extracurricular affairs, I should count all of them as blessings. I'm thankful that I have the use of my legs and that when I run during PT I can feel them. I'm thankful for the support I have of my family. I'm thankful I live in a country that allows me so many freedoms, particularly the freedom to worship God.

I fly three or four times a year and I would say that I'm experienced in maneuvering through airports and flying on airplanes. I'm not really scared to fly; it is still riskier to drive than to fly. I do think, however, that I will be even more alert when I fly home for Christmas. Although I am irritated by the thought that I can't have fingernail clippers, I am grateful for the great effort made to make this nation safer for all people. I think the best way to make this nation safer, is for people to make the extra effort to get to know their neighbors, after all this is the holiday season of love, joy and thanksgiving.

5 December 2001

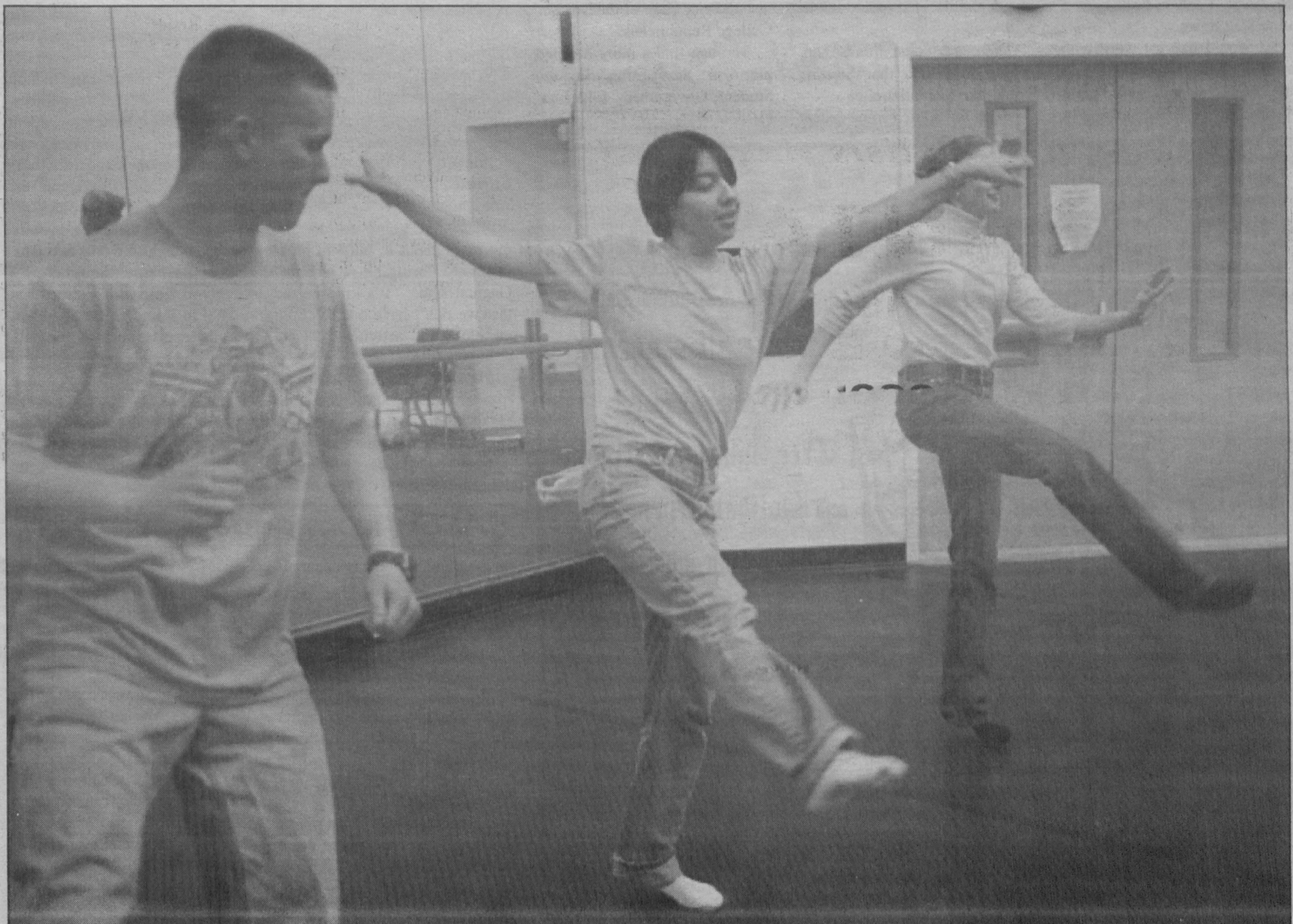
Dancing, it keeps me sane. Next semester, I have to take 20 credit hours, but I am making room for a dance class to keep me sane. I was talking to Major Marc Campbell about my schedule and I was thinking that maybe I shouldn't take my dance class because my schedule is so full. He suggested that I should take it, just for the mere fact that it is a great stress relief. I love just about any type of dance; currently I go swing dancing. Swing dancing was a big hit in the World War II era, and it's still a pretty popular activity. I go every Thursday night to the swing dancing club on campus. We meet in the dance studio at 7:30 p.m. and have lots of fun dancing and sharing moves.

Some of my ROTC friends go with me. Lately, there hasn't been much of a turn out, I think it's because its near the end of the semester and people have so much academic work. Hopefully I'll be able to keep going next semester.

I think the best way to make this nation safer, is for people to get to know their neighbors, after all this is the holiday season of love, joy and thanksgiving.

Front & Center

Cadets Brian Burbank, Bridget Regner and Virginia Catlin take part in the Swing Dance Club Thursday night in the 1944 building.



STERLING

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Government.

Sterling said he was involved with his high school's student council and was interested in similar groups on campus, such as ROC and GSS.

"That's the kind of stuff that I love, that I'm drawn towards. I came here as a declared physics major, but then switched to public administration because it's what I love to do and I hope to make it into a career," he said.

He said that for his first few years of college he didn't know Student Government existed, which is one of the things Sterling would like to change for the students.

"We need to let students know that there is GSS. There's not necessarily anything GSS does to advertise," Sterling said. "I went to a Panhellenic Council meeting and only two people could name a senator. That's a problem. Students need to know who we are and that we exist."

Another campus issue Sterling hopes to address if elected is the campus' lighting problem. He acknowledges this is a platform issue for candidates every year.

"Every year candidates kind of say they're going to work on this. They take a tour around campus, set up a round table discussion and nothing ever ends up happening," Sterling said. "I want to stop that cycle because I think it is a real problem."

Sterling also wants to address the Theatre Department's troubles. The Theatre Department is currently in the process of being re-evaluated and is in danger of being shut down.

"[I would like to] work with the theatre faculty, students and supporters, as well as Maine Masque to make the university

administration understand that the theatre major is an essential part of this university and it is unacceptable that [UMaine] would be without such a fundamental program," he said in his campaign write-up.

If elected, Sterling also plans to completely rewrite the finan-

"The financial policies are horrible. They're contradictory and easily misunderstood. I will see to it that the financial policies are revamped, not so that it will be more easy to get money, but so that it will be less complicated."

cial policies of GSS.

"The financial policies are horrible. They're contradictory and easily misunderstood. I will see to it that the financial policies are revamped, not so that it will be more easy to get money, but so that it will be less complicated," Sterling said. "Clubs have come up to me and said that they've needed money but haven't asked [GSS] because of how hard it is to get it."

The chief difference in Sterling's campaign from the other candidate's, he said, is the inclusion of the Theatre Department.

"A few people had mentioned that I should look into it and add it to my platform, so I did look into it and decided to add it," he said.

There are some things happening in senate that Sterling would like to continue.

"Matt has started some decent

stuff, I'll grant him this much," Sterling said. "Some things I'd like to do differently, some things I'd like to continue."

He would like to continue working towards re-establishing the University of Maine Organization of Student Governments, something the current VP has started.

An ad hoc committee was recently created in GSS to approach the administration and discuss the increase in fees. Sterling feels this should be made a permanent committee.

"Fees are always an issue that is really contended with by students," he said. "If nothing else I'd like to at least get an understanding ironed out."

He'd also like to "increase the professionalism and streamline the workings of Student Government and [GSS]," he said.

"Most of what I'd like to do differently is in the senate, things senators are going to notice more than anyone else," he said. "Right now it's nothing for a meeting to go on for two or more hours. I'd like to shorten meetings."

Sterling is currently on the ad hoc fees committee and the Governmental Procedures Committee of GSS. He was recently chair of the Fair Elections Practices Commission, but stepped down in order to run for vice president.

Along with these duties, Sterling is involved with Peer Educators on a volunteer basis, the roller hockey club and the Black Bear men's chorus. He is also the vice chair of the UMaine College Republicans.

You can find a more detailed platform description in the Student Government folder on FirstClass.

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Gagnon wrote in his campaign write-up.

"From what I've been getting from other student government officials around the state, they are very into this idea," Gagnon said. "I'm planning a summit in January for it. I've gotten responses from every school in the system."

Gagnon said he would also like to increase the students' say on campus.

"I've met with the Faculty Senate and the president of the Association for Graduate Students," he said. "I'm setting up a process now, just getting my feet wet. I've made a lot of connections. I don't see this project going forward if I don't get elected."

Gagnon wants to continue his work with the Orono and Old Town Council liaisons.

"The people in the community don't like us very much. They view us as people who come in for a while, trash the town and leave," he said. "I'd like to set up something with the liaisons as an ambassador, for lack of a better word, to improve our image around the community. People really assume we got no love in the community."

GSS has also been working on making students and the administration aware of the possible dangers of using social security numbers for identification numbers. The administration is in the five-year process of getting a computer system that would allow them to use random numbers for ID numbers. Gagnon said he wants to follow up on this to make sure the administration continues with it.

Gagnon's platform also includes bringing back the student yearbook, which was discontinued in the mid-1990s because not enough students were buying it.

"I'm not going to do any promises about it, but I'm looking into bringing it back," Gagnon said. "It's kind of sad that we don't have one, with all the clubs and activities that are going on."

He also plans on working on some "cosmetic stuff" for GSS. He'd like to increase the professionalism of the senate. He said he has already taken steps toward doing this.

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[in the stadium] are the 60 people who wear the UMaine jersey," the Rutland, Vt. native said. "They're the ones who stick together, who are family. They're the ones who we rally around."

"Football is football, and we're gonna execute [no matter the circumstances]," freshman wide receiver Ivi Nwosu said.

Perhaps it's more fulfilling for a team to win in front of a jeering crowd that would like nothing better than to see the boys on the home team make a mockery of the opponents. It seems that head coach Jack Cosgrove thinks that it is.

"I instated the dress code last year, which is voluntary of course, but it makes us feel more professional," he said.

"I also want the senate to be a bit more ruly. In the past senators would talk out of turn and be unruly. This didn't look good to visitors who would come to the meetings," Gagnon said. "It's very important for us to act professionally and to be taken seriously. We should put on a good face for the university."

Another cosmetic area he's currently working on is meeting with the chairs of the 115 clubs under student government.

"They can't just flow through the process, [of receiving money from GSS]" he said. "Clubs don't know how to approach us, so I'm giving them a packet on that...And it's good to make contact and good to have dialogue."

He is in the process of giving out the information packets, seeing 15 to 20 clubs a week and he said he should be done with this by elections.

Gagnon differs from the other candidate, he said, in that he doesn't need training for the job.

"Aaron and I are actually friends," he said. "We used to talk about GSS all the time. I think my platform is a little more in-depth because I know the process."

Gagnon said he spends about 30 hours a week at his job as vice president, which requires only 10.

"I go through so many packages of hot chocolate because I'm in [the office] so much and need something to drink," he said. "I do it just 'cause I like it."

As vice president, Gagnon can't join any GSS committees. But in the past he was president pro-tempore for GSS, vice chair and chair of the Student Affairs Committee and served on the Public Relations Committee.

Along with these responsibilities Gagnon also works two jobs, one at Best Buy, the other as a lifeguard and swim instructor at a pool in Hamden. He also likes to play sports, such as football, rugby and tennis and is active in the UMaine College Republicans.

You can find a more detailed platform description in the Student Government folder on FirstClass.

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6:00-9:00 p.m.

"[McNeese] was as tough mentally and physically a game as I've ever been around," Cosgrove said. "I can't tell you how good it was to sing the Stein Song down on the bayou."

And the ninth-year coach of the Black Bears, who last Thursday predicted a victory for UMaine at a pep rally at the Maine Marketplace, told the crowd that gathered to send off his team so that they can overcome spanning the globe to bring home the program's second ever playoff victory.

"I'll see y'all here again next week."

WORD of MOUTH

If you could see President Peter S. Hoff wearing anything, what would it be?



Jaye Lance
sophomore, 20
journalism
Maryland

"Baggy jeans and a hooded sweatshirt."



Brandi Williams
junior, 20
elementary
education
Lisbon, ME

"He should dress up like Bozo the Clown."



Dom Mascis
junior, 21
theatre
Wells, ME

"It would have to be a yellow polka dot bikini."



Neils Knudsen
sophomore, 20
construction
management
Falmoth, ME

"A straight jacket."

Police Beat

UMaine Public Safety

By Kyle Webster
Staff Writer

Penobscot County Jail.

A man was arrested following a call made regarding a possible domestic disturbance in Knox Hall at 12:40 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30. Loud yelling was heard coming from a dorm room where officers found a man and a woman fighting. They were separated and questioned. The woman indicated that the man, identified as her boyfriend, Matthew Tassinari, 20, had pushed her and punched her a couple of times. As a result, Tassinari was arrested and charged with assault. He was transported to the

A man was reported missing by friends Friday, Nov. 30. The man, a resident of Oxford Hall, was reportedly not seen in his room or classes for at least two days. Officers immediately began an extensive search of campus and decided that the man had not been on campus at all during that time period. Officers began a search extended from campus to areas throughout New England. On Monday, Dec. 3, a friend reported that he had received a call from the man. The man had told him he had gone to Canada where he was

stranded on a mountain for a period of time. He is currently safe.

A summons was issued following an incident outside of Cumberland Hall at 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30. A man was seen leaving the hall holding a red plastic cup. Officers approached the man and determined that the cup contained beer. The man was asked to show identification, which identified him as Scott Kent, 19. He was then searched and 14 cans of Milwaukee's Best beer were found in his backpack. Kent was summoned for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor.

A computer and printer equipment were stolen between 12 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21 and the morning of Monday, Nov. 26. A NEDC brand computer, valued at \$850, was taken out of the computer cluster on the first floor of Boardman Hall. It belonged to

the Department of Engineering. A printer cable and two Epson printer cartridges, valued at \$70, were taken from the office of modern languages located in Little Hall.

Parts were taken from a vehicle parked in the diagonal parking spaces located on College Avenue across from the Beta Theta Pi house sometime between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26. The doors of a Black 1990 Jeep Wrangler, valued at \$500, were found missing. No other damage was done to the car.

A burglary occurred in Somerset Hall sometime between 12:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30. Someone took a GE DVD player, valued at \$125, and six DVDs, valued at \$115, from a dorm room in the hall. The case is under investigation.

Three bikes were stolen last

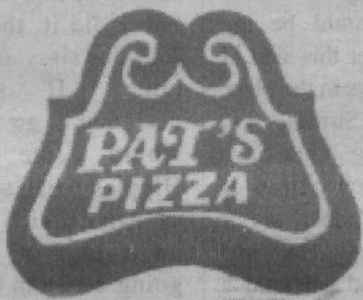
week. An unlocked Touring bike, valued at \$25, was taken from the Advanced Engineering and Wood Composites Center sometime between 12 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26. An unlocked Freespirit bike, valued at \$150, was taken from the bike rack in front of Knox Hall sometime between 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26 and 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27. A Raleigh bike, valued at \$75, was taken from the bike rack on the south side of Hancock Hall sometime between 8 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

An animal problem was reported in Penobscot Hall at 6:40 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30. A woman called concerning a 10-inch corn snake found in her room. The snake was caught and transported to Public Safety where it was held overnight.

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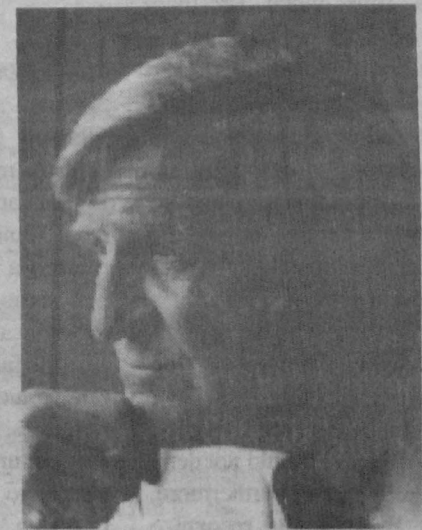
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EDITORIAL

Bury hero in Arlington

Charles Frank Burlingame III was the pilot flying American Airlines Flight 77 on Sept. 11. Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon with 64 people onboard. It is believed Burlingame helped divert the plane from its original destination—the White House—by literally fighting off the terrorists in the cockpit. In an FBI report released after the crash, it was revealed that the pilot died of injuries sustained before the plane hit the ground.

Burlingame's family has requested that he be buried in Arlington Cemetery in Virginia, an honor bestowed only on soldiers and their families. Burlingame flew jets for the Navy for 25 years, even serving several tours in the Top Gun fighter school, and technically would have been eligible for this honor if he had lived to the age of 60.

Spokesmen for the cemetery, which is controlled by the Department of the Army, say that Burlingame can be buried on the family plot alongside his parents, but Burlingame's widow would not be allowed to be laid to rest alongside her husband.

In effect, Arlington is denying full military burial honor to a man who gave 25 years of his life to this country.

At a time when President George W. Bush is labeling the events of Sept. 11 acts of war and attacks on freedom, Arlington's refusal to allow Burlingame full burial honors is disappointing. Further disappointment came to Burlingame's family when the request for a military jet fly-over was denied. The fly-over honor is reserved for those who die in combat. Apparently the Dept. of the Army does not believe Burlingame died in combat for his country. Arlington should not deny a hero a hero's burial. Furthermore, President Bush should recognize the legitimacy of the Burlingames' request; pass aside the age requirement for this man who died fighting for freedom.



Beware the chick flick

Know the warning signs of the dreaded movie genre

Who would have thought, after seeing the previews, "Coyote Ugly" would turn out to be a chick flick? Fifteen minutes into the movie, I knew I had just been duped. How can we not get our hopes up for what turns out to be a predictable crap-fest about a girl's inner strength and realization of her dream? Fear not, brothers, merely pay attention to the following rules:

- Don't trust a movie just because it says, "Produced by

MARK
MERCIER



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS so-and-so." Directors are pretty solid when it comes to genres: Action: John McTiernan, John Woo, Michael Bay; Horror: Wes Craven, John Carpenter; Comedy: Peter and Bobby Farrelly, John Landis.

Producers, however, are bastards of the movie industry. A producer can do any genre. Jerry Bruckheimer produced Coyote Ugly and, aside from the girly-girls, that was why I saw it. Damn him and his disloyalty, unless he was the man behind the water-pitcher sequence.

- Pay attention to the previews before the flick. Previews are shown before certain movies because the

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Letters to the Editor

•WREATH STOLEN

Just about one year ago Hannah Corbeil, a fourth-year forestry major, was shot to death in her apartment in Orono. In May, Hannah's friends and family planted a small flowering tree in her memory beside the Woodland Preserve alongside Rangely Road.

This fall the University Forests Office and the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture set out a bench for people to use when they visited the tree. Sunday afternoon, I placed a wreath there for Hannah and perhaps for her family to enjoy when they stopped at the tree. This morning the wreath was

already stolen. The wreath was not expensive but it was chosen with care and placed with emotion. It sickens me to think that there are people on this campus who think it is funny to steal from a memorial site. To those who stole that wreath, my utter contempt. To the rest of the UMaine community, please help us keep watch over a very special place, especially as we approach the time, so close to Christmas, when Hannah was killed.

A.J. Kimball, M.S., L.P.F.
Assoc. Prof., Forest Resources

•MPAC
If George Washington ever

bothered to heed the advice of the Maine Peace Action Committee (as reported in the Dec. 3 issue of *The Maine Campus*) and decided to stay in Valley Forge instead of going ahead, it would be the "Union Jack" all over this side of the Atlantic these days in the place of our "Stars and Stripes." We would all be singing "God Save The Queen" in unison instead of the "Star-Spangled Banner" in our Alford Arena. Thank God our Founding Fathers did not hold a forum in Philadelphia to "raise conscience" in 1776. Those guys simply could not afford that luxury.

V.K. Balakrishnan
Prof., Mathematics Dept.

A few new laws

Don't stop at cell phones

TRAVIS
COWING



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

In just a few short weeks people in most of this country will no longer be able to talk on cell phones while driving. The Senate passed this law, which will be enforced early next year because they felt using a cell phone while in an automobile is distracting and dangerous. I couldn't agree more. People in this country (especially old people and women) drive badly enough already and cell phones only increase their retarded navigation.

But hey, I figure if we're going to get rid of cellular phones, I have a few items that Congress might think about putting a halt to.

First, I hate it when a guy is driving in a truck and his girlfriend or wife sits directly beside him in the cab, even when no other passengers are present. Hey sister, there's only one reason you should be over there beside him, and it involves your hand on his crank. If you ain't yankin' his tube then you're just another passenger, so get your ass over by your own window and check out the scenery.

Second, if you're going to wear sandals, lose the socks, especially the white ones. Jesus never wore socks with his Tevas and if the son of God never did it, there's no reason for your sissy ass to be doing it either. If sandals were designed to go with socks they would come with a pair. Hippies wear socks with their sandals, which I don't really understand. I figure if your going be up in the woods hugging trees you probably would want some kind of protective boot. Grab some Timberlands and get your hippie ass out in

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Flicks

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distributors figure the people seeing a genre of movie will want to see other movies of the same genre. If you are seeing a film you aren't quite sure about and there is a preview for Hope Floats, well, you know where the emergency exits are.

- Ask yourself, "Is the movie about a girl and her dream?" Most chick flicks revolve around the female achieving some dream she doesn't believe she can do and it takes her man to convince her she has the strength. The subplots are usually weak and everything revolves around the female, and she gets everything she wants. Examples are the abysmal "Coyote Ugly" and the not bad "Save the Last Dance," which has a few strong subplots.

- The girl tells off a guy: Usually, in these chick flicks, there is a male character who acts inappropriately and is "told off" by a female in an embarrassing, usually public format. This is called "sass."

- Any movie with Whoopie Goldberg. This doesn't have to do with chick flicks, it is just a good rule to avoid the Whoopie at all costs.

- Bashful male characters who "prove themselves." Outside of a porno, the shy male character will only get some in a chick flick similar to the '80s rash of pity screws. Chick flicks always make a male character as sensitive as

an exposed wound, because women like to pretend that is what they are looking for. I have seen my "nice-guy" friends trampled on by women more times than I can count. I think they have those guys in movies to make the boyfriends watching feel guilty for something they might not be doing.

- Any film about a group of women. This seems obvious, but many people are fooled. No matter how hot the women are, if they are in a group on the cover, the film is about girl power, i.e.: "Steel Magnolias," "Fried Green Tomatoes" and, once again, "Coyote Ugly." There is the exception of "Where the Boys Aren't Vol. 7," which is most definitely a guy flick, or the best kind of chick flick.

- Sex scenes with the following: silhouettes kissing, legs intertwined, hands clasped or any shot that does not show gratifying nudity.

- Old mothers in chick flicks will die, no matter how much "sass." Cardinal rule.

- Improvised singing: perhaps the most deadly element. Girls, usually in PJs, using some sort of improvised microphone, like a hairbrush or toothbrush, dancing around and singing. Only the chickiest of flicks resort to this.

Consider yourself warned. God speed, brothers.

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the wilderness and save an eagle.

And how about the plots in a porno movie? Are they really necessary? I'm not watching "Going Deep 7" to see some great, Oscar-worthy dialogue. Quit talking and get to the screwing.

How about belly shirts on fat chicks? Hey, they're called belly shirts meaning if you have one, (a belly) you probably shouldn't be wearing one (a belly shirt). You wouldn't want to see my fat ass moseying around Orono with my gut protruding, so don't do it to me. After all, it's the flu season, honey...I don't need another reason to be sick to my stomach.

And let's get rid of these people who complain about rights for animals. These people get mad when someone

mistreats a cat but at the same time thousands of children get abused every day. Kids are getting beat and I'm supposed to give a shit that Felix didn't get his daily dose of Fancy Feast? Listen, assholes, if my dog shits on the floor then he's headed for a one-way flight via my sneaker. I don't care how cute the dog is. Snoopy is cute but if he dropped a deuce on my carpet I'd kick his ass. I'd probably drill that little Woodstock bird, too.

So hopefully Congress will look over these suggestions and give them careful consideration. It's time for me to go: I've got a cell phone call and my dog just shit on the floor.

Travis Cowing has three belly shirts and a cat.

Stop the County bashing

Dispelling the misconceptions: We don't all pick potatoes

AMY BOWLER



HEAD COPY EDITOR

Enough is enough. The County bashing must stop. For you out-of-staters, the County in question is Aroostook County (think north), known to all Mainers as "the County." Being from Presque Isle, the "Star City" of the County, I've been the target of ridicule and punch line of countless County jokes. Well, my friends, I've had enough.

I'd like to put an end to a few wide-spread rumors about the County. First, my parents are not related. Yes, we do have electricity and indoor plumbing. No, I've never picked a potato. Yes, I can read and write, as I am demonstrating now.

Granted, there are a few rumors and stereotypes that are true; perhaps they just need better explaining. Yes, we do get a month off from school to harvest potatoes. While some students

do participate (how the hell else do you propose we get them out of the ground?), a vast majority of us do not. In other words, we get a month-long vacation while the rest of you are taking tests and learning stuff.

And yes, I'm quite familiar with firearms. I suggest you take this into consideration the next time you start to make fun of me. But in all honesty, I think everyone should be experienced with guns for safety's sake. And while I'm an expert marksman, I've never shot anything alive.

And it's true: it gets pretty damn cold up there. But all that means is that we get more time off for snow days than the rest of you.

Consider this: You've heard of the County, right? You have a vague idea of where places like Caribou and Fort Kent are, right? Well, if you're from East Bumf*** or some random other place in southern or western Maine that I couldn't even begin to point to on a map, you have no right to County bash.

These are just a few things to consider next time you want to tell a "How many County boys does it take to screw in a light bulb" joke. Yes, we may boast the largest mullet population in the state, but we're damn proud of it.

Amy Bowler is a senior journalism major.

Tidings of comfort and joy

Time again for bad television and eggnog

JASON HOULE

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

The holidays are officially here. Welcome back to stuffing, eggnog, sugar cookies and big tall glasses of holiday cheer. Welcome back to a Thanksgiving dinner gluttony, a Christmas Eve spent with the family and a New Year's Eve to remember. But most of all, welcome back to all those little pet peeves lurking around every corner. Sure, we all have plenty to be thankful for, but with the traditional holiday joy comes an equal but opposing force: all those little annoying things that add up to enough to wipe Tiny Tim's famous utterance from his lips. "God bless us...everyone." We'll see about that.

Barring any charred turkeys or flaming pies, Thanksgiving can usually go off without a hitch. It's the day after Thanksgiving when it all begins. We call it "black Friday" as if it's one of the seven plagues, and maybe it is. If you're one of those people that brave the elements and leave the house on this day, you're crazy. By the time you manage to fight your way through the traffic and actually get to a department store, you're guaranteed a few things.

First, you're going to get your foot crushed by a rogue shopping cart and, if you're lucky, someone will slam into your classy Hyundai. So be careful. And then there are the Salvation Army collection bins. Do yourself a favor and give generously; bad karma is not something you need to start off the holiday season. So don't be a cheap bastard, throw them some paper or silver.

If you manage to make it through the day without losing a body part, go home. It's time to relax. Or is it? The television is

naturally your best friend, but for this time of the year it betrays your bonding trust. Welcome to the wonderful world of holiday programming at its worst. Minus my favorite seasonal celebrities "Rudolph" and "Frosty," the last thing I want to watch is "Christmas on Walton Mountain." As for the Macy's parade: who the hell watches that stuff anyway? Just how I want to spend my turkey day, sitting in the corner watching the boring floats and stupid little dancing people. That's worse than Chinese water torture. The only time I watched that was when I was seven and I was waiting for that goddamn Santa Claus float. After two years I realized it took the entire 29 hours for that fat man to show up and then I figured out he wasn't even real. How scarring is that to the developing mind of an impressionable child?

Don't even get me started on stockings. Am I the only one who still gets an orange in my stocking to this day? "Gee, Mom...I didn't eat it when it was sitting in the orisiper, I'm sure as hell not going to eat it now that its been at the bottom of a stocking I've had for 16 years."

Christmas trees...what a crock. I'm entitled to walk barefoot in a house I've lived in all my life, right? Not when there's a Christmas tree in the house. For the short time it stands in my house, it's the boss. Walking

through the living room is like navigating through a minefield. One false step and I have to pull another one of those needles out of my foot.

By the end of the holiday season the bottom of your foot has more unexplained red speckles than a loaf of your aunt's infamous fruitcake. And how many more times is your cat going to nestle up with the star atop the tree? It's funny the first time the tree crashes to the ground and you have to clean up the pine needle tinsel-strewn mess. Oh wait...no it's not.

With the recent inundation of American flags displayed, will it be so outrageous to see a flag bearing a red, white and blue themed Santa Claus along with Rudolph the patriotic reindeer? I sure as hell hope not, although it doesn't seem so far-fetched considering the skyrocket of marketing techniques exploiting Old Glory.

While seeing this in a snowy toy store window may brighten somebody's day, I know it would be just about enough to make me sick. Violently sick. You definitely won't see Uncle Sam replace the star on my Christmas tree this year.

All right, so maybe I'm not thankful. Or perhaps it's just an excess of bitterness. Most people who know me would probably agree with the latter. But looking in the perspective of the holiday spirit, let's not read this and somehow get offended. If you do get offended by some off chance...blow it off...please. Let's just take it for the weak attempt at comedy it was intended to be.

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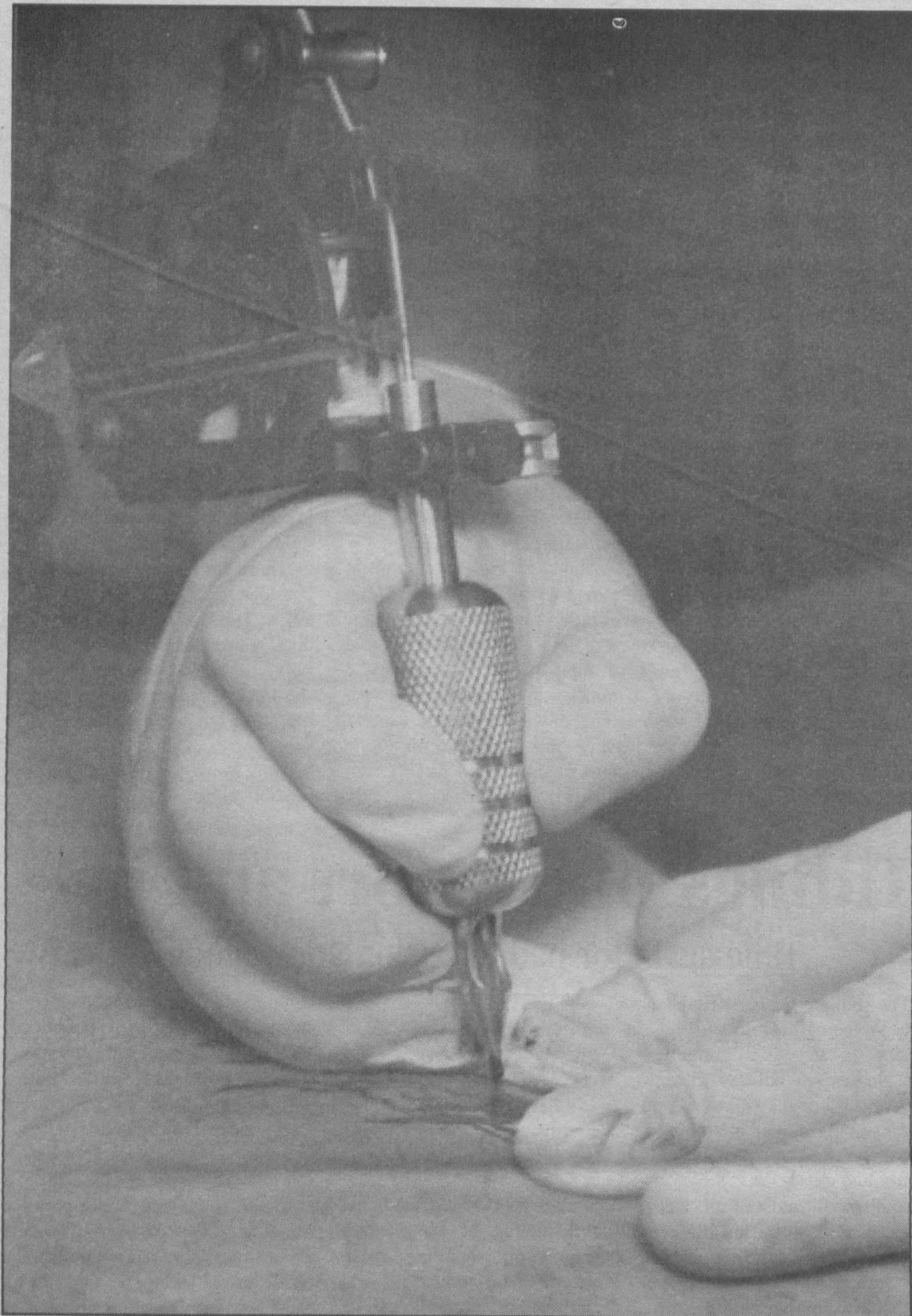
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Freshman Craig Fortier sits for a tattoo at Tropics North Tattoo & Body Piercing recently. This is Craig's first tattoo, and no, he hasn't told his parents about it.

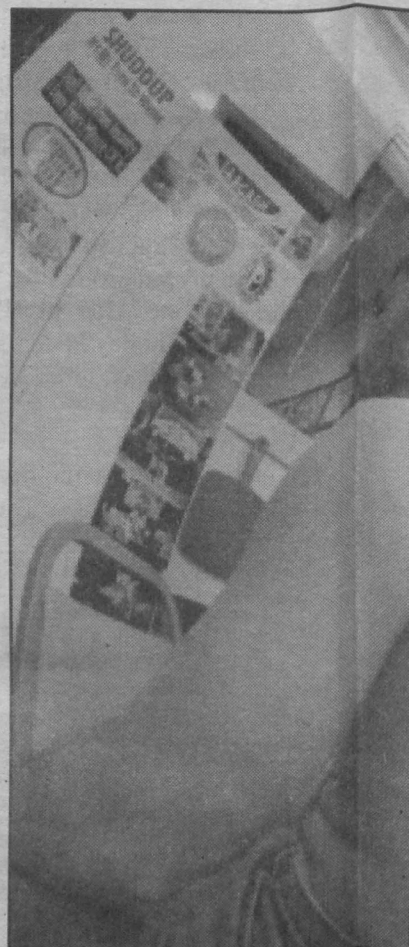
Used as an instrument of control for many years, tattoos now are regarded as fashion in western cultures. The puncture tattoo methods used today were developed to intricate levels by the Maori of New Zealand and the Japanese mastered the coloring technique. Banned in the Old Testament by Muhammed, and a Roman Catholic Council, some areas today still ban tattoos for the risk of transmitting diseases such as HIV, AIDS or hepatitis.

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By FRED NICHOLS

The needle used to outline the tattoo is actually made up of three smaller needles. To make a thicker line, or color in a larger area, tattoo artists use larger bundles of the same size needle rather than a single needle of a larger guage or diameter.



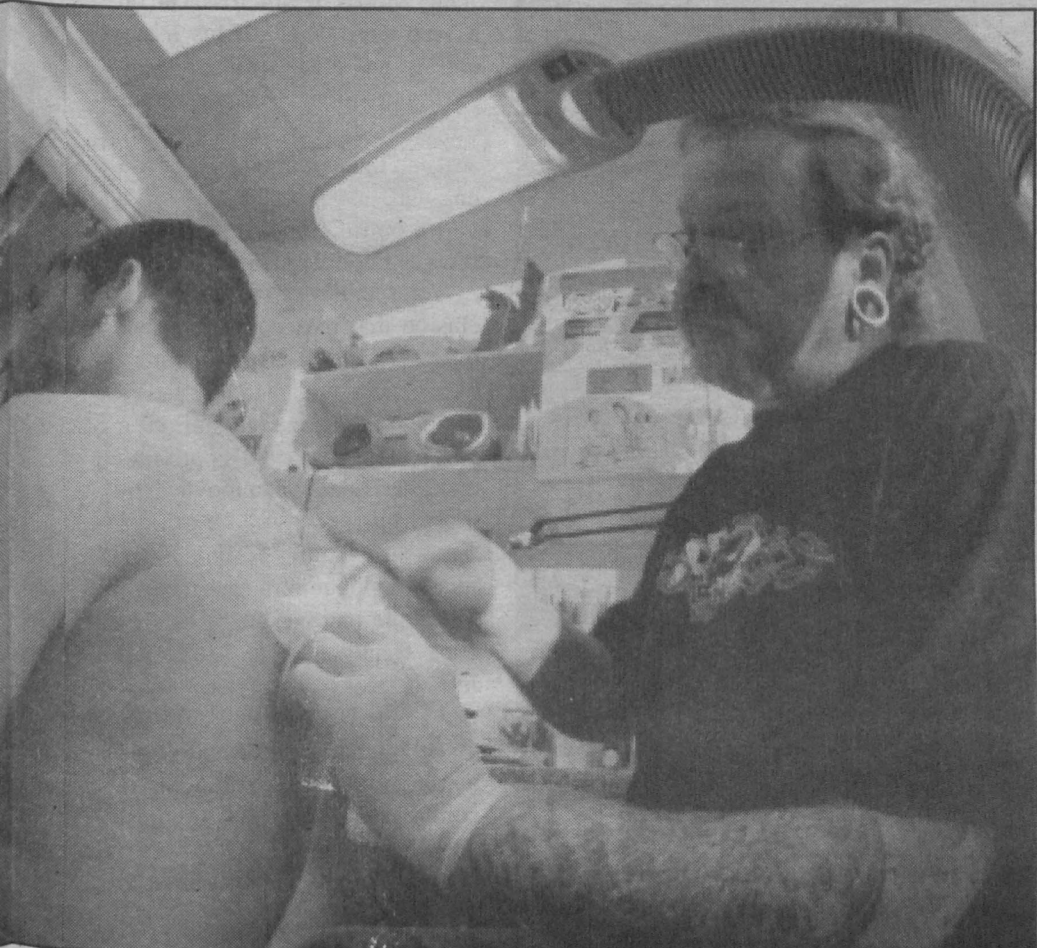
Fortier's roommate looks on as Brian McLaughlin works on the outline of his tattoo. His roommate also inquired about getting a tattoo during their visit.



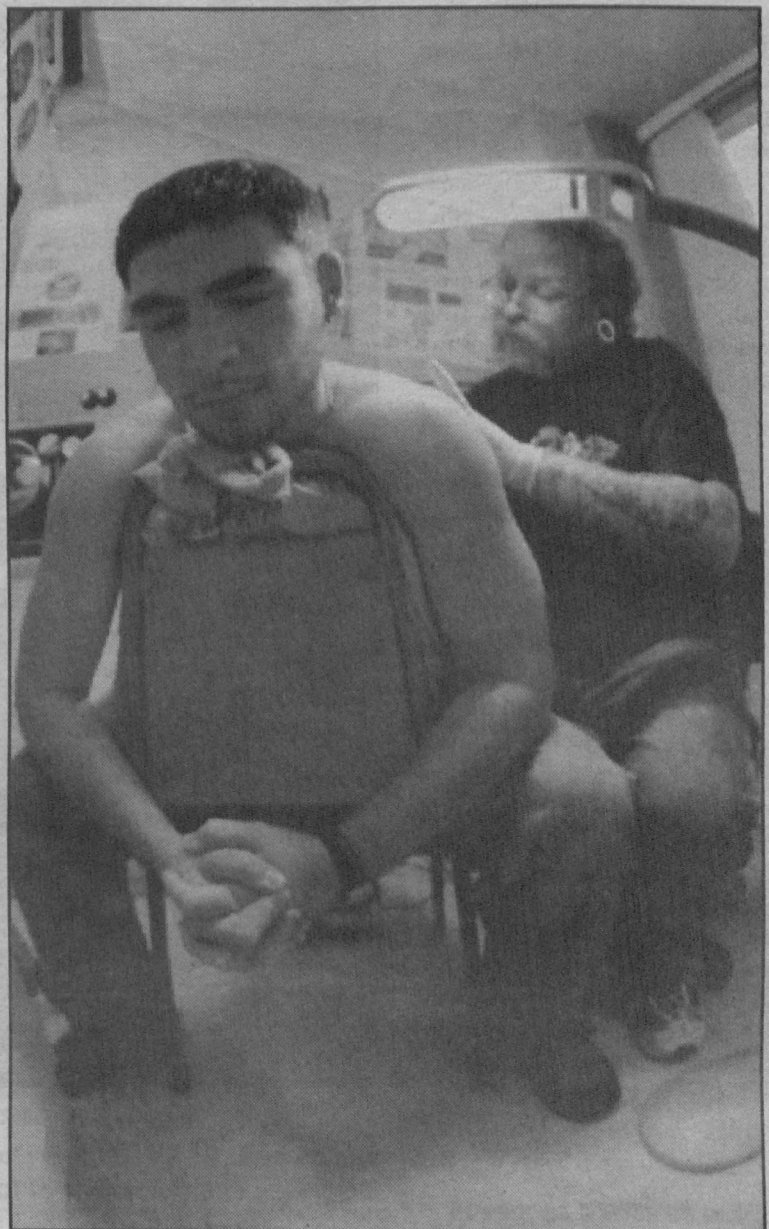


BODY ART: TATTOOS

Brian prepares the area Craig has chosen for his tattoo.



Fortier's knuckles get a little bit whiter as Brian begins coloring in the tattoo, with a much bigger needle.



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— Snow Ball Semiformal dance, 9 p.m. on Friday at Wells Commons.

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Restoring Bumstock's roots

New director wants to bring festival back to local level, plans to recruit area talent

By Nathan Webster
For The Maine Campus

Every spring at the University of Maine students look forward to Bumstock weekend. The two-day event allows students to relax, forget about their studies and be entertained by live music.

While most students haven't even given Bumstock 2002 a thought this early in the year, the Bumstock Committee is busy planning for every aspect of the event. The committee must coordinate the stage setups, security, food and even toilet facilities, not to mention the many musical acts that will be performing.

"Planning is going okay, we're getting the ground work done," said Nathan Shea, Bumstock 2002 Director. "We're trying to make sure everything will be running smoothly."

The committee plans to make the event different from what it has been in previous years. Last year, Reel Big Fish, a nationally-known ska band, headlined Bumstock. In previous years, other more mainstream acts such as Godsmack have played at the event.

"There will be no big stage and no big-name bands," Shea said. The committee plans not to try to bring people to the event with well-known acts, but instead with more homegrown appeal.

"Bumstock has always been a campus thing. Why not bring more focus back to the campus?" Shea said. "The point of Bumstock is to get bands out there and enjoy music."

The committee hopes to schedule more bands from the campus and surrounding areas than in previous years. In the recent past, Bumstock has focused only on the headlining acts. "We're looking for local and regional bands," Shea said.

The committee plans to clear up concerns that were issues at last year's Bumstock. "There was no 'chill' atmosphere last year. There was an overwhelming presence of security [personnel]," said Shea. "We're going to lessen security this year."

The source of many complaints last year was the \$10



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Big name acts like 3 Doors Down, who performed at last year's pre-Bumstock concert, will be passed over for a taste of local music at Bumstock 2002.

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Tom Thumb Blues

By Rachel
Kennedy



Staff Reporter

So what if you can't go on a handful of carnival rides; if you're a midget porn star, you can still ride a handful of other things. It's oh-so naughty.

The interest, nay obsession, of midgets has long been an intensely perplexing thing for me. I imagine them wanting, longing, to be as famous as Tom Thumb.

Apparently the demand for midgets is so over-the-top that there are even companies and organizations that rent midgets out for a couple of hours. People make a living and send their kids through college on the income that comes by way of renting out midgets.

But honestly, can there really be a demand for this form of "entertainment"? What would you do with a midget for a few hours? Dress him up in your doll's clothes? Act out some weird midget dominatrix thing? Well, apparently there are a myriad of possibilities.

"I need a midget for a friend to come to my school," posted Jenny Morris of Norcross, Ga. on a Web site. "It is for his b-day and he has always talked about having a midget run in to our third period class, sucking on my arm and then giving our teacher a hug. Oh, and he needs to be in a clown outfit. E-mail me back as soon as possible please!"

You see, I've come to the conclusion that midgets have got it made. They can have kinky experiences with bearded ladies in the circus and co-star in a porno alongside 1980's porn legend Lynn Lemay in a movie entitled "Muff and Jeff." Or at least that's the route Napoleon, a famous midget porn star, took.

People pay big bucks to produce freaky shit. "Muff and Jeff" is freaky shit. I don't know why, but I rented this porno, invited a bunch of friends and had a mini-party. Pornography connoisseurs are the greatest people.

Surprisingly, I didn't have to

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Contra fun alternative for dancers with two left feet

By Sarah Paul
For The Maine Campus

What are you doing at 7:30 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 8?

The answer is—learning how to contra dance.

On the second Saturday of each month the Marsh Island Band performs at the Orono Community Center on Bennoch Road, next to the post office. Joe Dupere, a computer programmer here at the University of Maine, has been the caller for the Marsh Island Band for three years now. For the first half hour Dupere holds a beginner session, where he teaches newcomers some of the dance movements that he will shout out when the contra dance begins at 8 p.m. He will walk

through the steps two or three times until the new dancer feels comfortable doing them.

"Contra dancing is really easy to learn," Dupere assures. "It's the only dance form that you can do if you have two left feet! The same eight or 10 steps are repeated throughout the dance. And it only takes about ten minutes to teach the beginner session. It's not like swing dancing where you have to take lessons for five weeks and you're still a beginner."

You must be wondering, what exactly is contra dancing? Contra dances are somewhat similar to square dances, but a lot more energetic and fun for all ages.

"Have you seen the English country dances that are done in Jane Austin movies?" Dupere asks. "Contra dances are similar

to country dances in that you have a partner and you move up and down the line repeating the same steps, but the music is much more lively and fast-paced."

With a partner, the dancers move up and down the "set" (line) in a "progression."

Phil Locke, a professor of mathematics at UMaine, organized the Marsh Island Band about 22 years ago. During the 1970s, there was a revival of the contra dance tradition in New England that developed along side of the "back to the land" movement. Currently, the Marsh Island Band is comprised of four members: Locke on fiddle, George Flink on banjo and concertina, Lowell Oyster on guitar

and Kim Lyons on piano. In past years, a few university students have played with the band.

There are several different types of musical arrangements that are played during the course of the evening including Irish jigs, various waltzes and couples dances, polkas and sometimes the foxtrot. Two traditional songs played at many contra dances are the "Grand March" and "Lady of the Lake."

The cost of one night of good, clean fun is \$6, which covers the rental of the space in the community center. Traditionally, contra dances were held in grange halls, which were by nature smoke-free and chem-free. The same thing goes for this Saturday night; it's certainly a great alternative for a

night of the weekend. You can attend by yourself or bring a dance partner if you choose. Most people wear comfortable clothing such as jeans, skirts, tennis shoes or sandals.

"It's fairly aerobic," said Dupere. "I always bring a change of shirts."

You may, in fact, be surprised how worn out you are by the end of the night.

So, don't complain about being bored and stuck in the same weekend rut. Bring your two left feet and a group of friends to the Orono Community Center this weekend. Joe Dupere and the Marsh Island Band promise a night of great music and swinging movement.

Have one for the girls

By Amanda Hebert
News Editor
and
Jennifer Gundersen
Assistant News Editor

You can call us the typical female drinkers: at Margaritas you'll find us sipping a frozen concoction of some sort. Stop at the Bear Brew and we'll

be sailing with Captain Morgan. We'll leave the beer (and beer breath) to the boys. But for some reason, blenders and Captains are missing from the Stillwater Canal Co.

Someone was thinking when they decided to put Sea Dog Raspberry Wheat Ale on tap. We're pleased with the cute bartenders serving up the brew, but agree that the shaggy white dog is cuter than any bar keep we've seen so far.

Sometimes you need to have one with the boys. That's where this

fruity and not too girly drink makes an appearance. Put the taste with the added bonus of a microbrew, making us look sophisticated and like we know exactly what we are doing, and we are two happy women.

This beer is light, with a hint of sweet. And the beer breath is a lot better than with something like Beast. It goes down rather smoothly, but don't try to slurp this down at a party, you'll do it a disservice and break the bank in the process.

This is a gossip with the girls beer. The pick label is proof this is marketed for the female population, regardless of whether we are watching football or discussing anything from world politics to who has hooked up with whom.

So next time you are in the Stillwater Canal Co., you'll see us discussing midget porn, Osama bin Laden, boys and drinking beer. And unless the bartenders improve, we'll be the ones gazing longingly at the puppy.



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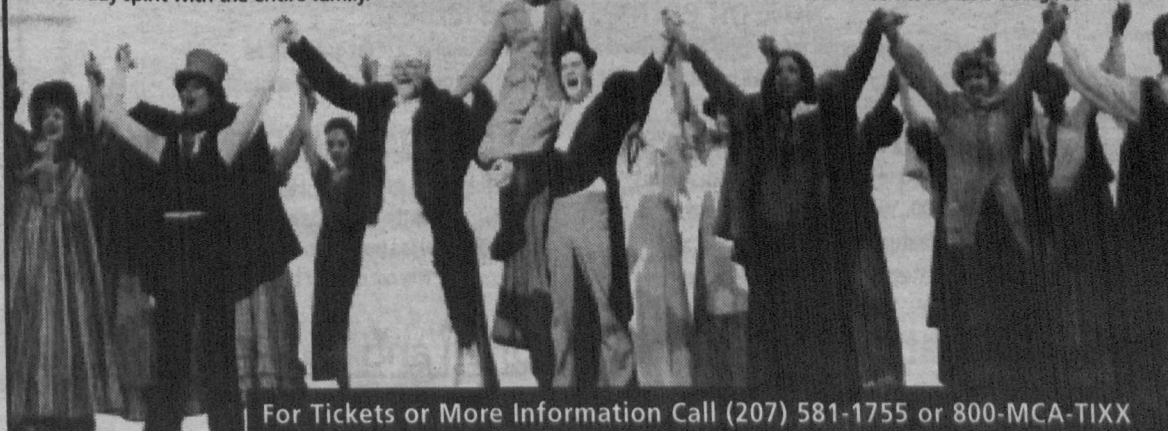
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Marko the Magnificent returns to old stomping grounds

Alumnus magician and hypnotist Mark Gagnon puts students under his spell Wednesday night in DPC

By Jess Bishop

For The Maine Campus
and
Matt Shaer
PCI Editor

Mark Gagnon, University of Maine alumnus, and former writer for the Maine Campus, has spent his years since graduation as "Marko the Magnificent." The amazing Marko was here last night to perform for his alma mater, showing off his skills as both a magician and a hypnotist.

After a few rote card tricks, Gagnon smiled up to the small crowd assembled in Donald P. Corbett Hall.

"If you come up and here and volunteer," he promised, "it's going to be like going to a party without a headache in the morning. For the next five minutes you'll be under hypnotism. It will be like a daydream, only a lot better. Five to six minutes of

hypnotism will feel like two to three hours of sleep."

Gagnon spent the next few minutes putting a group of volunteers into a trance. Although every volunteer did not remain on stage for the entire act, those who did were quite obviously in a deep hypnotic trance.

"Marko the Magnificent" then proceeded to put the volunteers through a variety of situations, from a ride on a humid school bus to a fishing trip at a local lake.

"What's your last name?" Gagnon asked a female student.

The student, who Marko had hypnotized into believing she had no last name minutes before, looked confused.

"My name is Heidi Lynn..." she paused. "Oh my god, I feel really stupid."

Gagnon was a student at UMaine in the early '80s. By the age of 22 he had already mastered many skills in both the magician and hypnotist trades.

At a very young age, Gagnon's interest in magic began. With the use of magic kits and the teaching of a close uncle, "Marko" slowly became a reality. By his early teenage years, he was already performing for small audiences.

By the time he enrolled in college, the small audiences had grown into large audiences and he was giving shows at meetings, parties and banquets. At that time his skills consisted of card tricks, rope illusions and apparatus magic.

When in school, Gagnon once said that he didn't think that magic was "the kind of life [he] wanted to lead for the rest of his life."

He was currently studying marketing and speech at that time. Little did he know that his career would soon form upon the beginnings of what he already had.

After graduating in the mid-'80s, Gagnon took his interest to

new heights and began even larger performances with more numerous and difficult stunts and tricks. He expanded his knowledge to include the mystifying illusion of hypnotism, and continues to use the mind-controlling phenomenon.

Today, Gagnon's business has built upon itself even more. He teaches both magic for an entertainment value as well as a "magic for education" program. His hypnotism programs include both aspects and present useful information such as substance abuse, safety awareness, self-esteem and many more, which leaves the audience enriched with not just the amusement quality of the show but also something important to think about.

Gagnon also uses his experience in marketing and sales to promote products for corporations and in trade shows.

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Over the course of his stint as Marko, Gagnon has performed at numerous hospitals, festivals, restaurants, malls and schools. Some colleges in the area who have seen the magnificent Marko are the University of Vermont, Plymouth State, Dartmouth and, of course, UMaine.

Marko the Magnificent can be reached at 802-476-3874.

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charge for non-students, when Bumstock has been widely known in the past as a free event to all. "There's no charge this year," Shea said.

Funding was a major problem last year. "The budget was overspent last year," Shea said, which was a reason for last year's fee. Bumstock is funded through UMaine's Student Government and the committee has only a limited budget.

"We're hoping for a stipend from Student Government for \$40,000. This year we're trying to cut costs but still have fun," Shea said.

The committee is also looking for student groups instead of outside businesses to supply the event's vending. Food and drinks must be supplied as well as clothing, souvenirs and other products.

"We want to encourage student groups to become part of Bumstock. It's a way for student groups to get their names out there."

Shea would also like to see more students get involved by being a part of the Bumstock Committee. The committee meets Mondays at 4 p.m. at the FFA Room in Memorial Union. The time and location are subject to change next semester.

Any musical acts wishing to

play at Bumstock should send their CDs, tapes or press kits to: Bumstock Director, University of Maine Student Government, 5733 Memorial Union, Orono, Maine 04469.

Students wishing to make suggestions about Bumstock are encouraged to e-mail Nathan Shea via FirstClass at Nathan.Shea@umit.maine.edu. Comments can also be posted on the FirstClass Bumstock message board, which can be found by clicking on the Desktop icon The Campus Connection, then Student Organizations, then Student Entertainment.

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convince anyone to join in the festivities. I didn't coax anyone into watching a mini-male have sexual relations with an industrial-sized female. I learned something that night that I will keep with me forever: say the words "porn" and "midget" in the same sentence and you're golden.

But this is what I don't understand: Do those who like these types of films fantasize about having chance sexual encounters with people who reach, at best, the outskirts of your middle region?

Speaking of enigmas in the porno world, why do they always keep their shoes on during intercourse? Why do their male counterparts name their penises "Mr. Rabbit"?

Regardless, at the start of the big event the TV screen was tattooed in a sparkling "z" for Zane Entertainment, the producers of "Muff and Jeff." And as it came

spinning across the screen, one of my friends turned to another and remarked teasingly, "Keep the sausage in the package!"

"Muff and Jeff" started innocently enough. A little sucking here, a little oral there. All the while, my female cohorts were yelling, "Show his package! If they don't show it, then I want a refund!" As if on cue, camera one answered this request for us. Now satisfied, we became bored because there was too much oral and not enough penetration. Same routines. Same extremely hairy midget with the two-inch member. Frankly, I'd rather use a vibrator.

It was just gross. But I guess you don't rent a midget porno to get off. You rent it to laugh and to yell out obscene and hilarious one-liners such as, "Look at her roast beef curtain!" and "Oh my! He's been reading his Cosmo!" It's all in good fun.



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DMB, "Live in Chicago" (WB)

The Dave Matthews Band has done it again. Their latest ensemble, "Live in Chicago," is yet another typical collection of past songs from an electrifying concert.

Bringing together old hits with semi-new ones, this new hit CD is not out of the ordinary for DMB. Having, in past years, compiled basically the same type of CD, "Live in Chicago" is no different than all the rest.

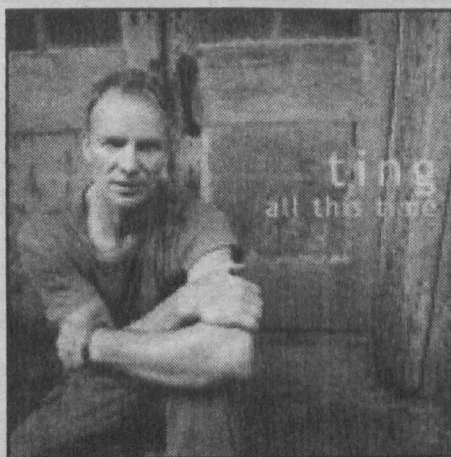
Held Dec. 19, 1998 at the United Center in Chicago, this particular concert incorporated long-standing songs from earlier CDs, such as "What Would You Say?" and "Crash Into Me." More noteworthy and recent

songs included "The Last Stop" and "Stay (Wasting Time)."

Adding an encore of "The Christmas Song" and "All Along the Watchtower," this concert appears to have been quite the show. With the latter song being one of the best live versions this band performs, people can't help but bust out a note or two to the rendition on this CD.

Though somewhat expected, this latest CD is nonetheless impressive. An incredible sound that goes straight to your soul, this music is practically unclassifiable. No doubt, "Live in Chicago" has something for every DMB fan.

— By Angela Fiandaca



Sting, "All This Time" (Universal)

Yet another Sting album hits the shelves this December. Only this time, he is re-releasing some of his older and newer work. The album was recorded live in front of a small studio audience on the sorrowful day of Sept. 11. The CD, and specifically the track "Fragile," was dedicated to all who died on that day.

Old Police favorites include "Roxanne" and

"Don't Stand So Close To Me," but don't seem to be pulled off in the same climatic way.

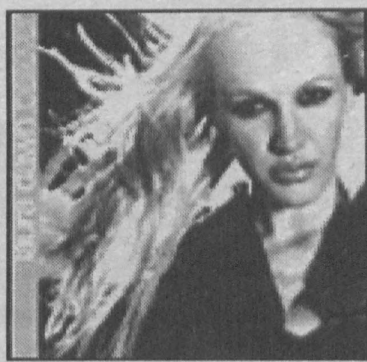
This Sting release seems to be some of the mellowest material he has produced. Listening to songs like "Roxanne" will leave the listener waiting for a punch line.

Sting incorporates many musical styles as usual. This time he partners up with trombonist Clark Gayton and trumpeter Chris Botti for a classic jazz sound on some tracks. On other tracks, one can't help thinking, hmmm, this is gospel.

Die-hard fans and easy listening fanatics alike will enjoy this musical smorgasbord of sounds. Listen for this album at a dentist office near you.

Bottom line: Sting again shows his musical diversity and expertise, but fails to fulfill the listener whose taste developed in 1986.

—By Schuyler Dean



Laura Dawn, "Believer" (WB)

Laura Dawn's new release, "Believer," is a mix of everything from slow ballads to pop to heavy punk rock that blares from the speakers with a panicked intensity.

Laura Dawn was once a member of Fluffer, an "all girl punk art band." Born and raised in Pleasantville, Iowa, Dawn moved to New York City at the age of 21. This experience with the city seems to have shaped the person she's become today, as her songs tell stories of expe-

riences she's had in her life since she moved to the Big Apple.

"Free and Lonely Life," the first track on the album, is mostly guitar music, which is done quite nicely. There were a lot of words and ideas thrown into this song that made it feel longer than it's four and a half minutes.

On the more punkish side is "The Old You" in which Dawn sings of a friend she lost to cocaine. The song takes on an angry tone in the beginning, with almost an accusatory undertone, and ends with a more remorseful feel.

"Nothing to Me" is a slower ballad and is quite short. In the lyrics, she's reaffirming her faith that's gotten her this far. This song ends rather abruptly as the more obnoxious aptly titled "Party Girl" begins.

The title track of this album, "Believer," has a light punk sound, unlike "Jump Into the Fire," the last track on the album.

"I Would" is a soft pop-like ballad in which Dawn sings about changing her life to keep someone from leaving.

In "Last Song," which is a very soft and sad ballad, Dawn cuts ties with someone in her life by proclaiming she'll never write another song again about that someone.

Overall, this is a great first album for the now solo Laura Dawn. The downside is that parts of the lyrics are quite repetitive, which makes the songs seem much longer than they actually are. There is a great span of music types in this album, however. From the slow ballad "Last Song" to the upbeat rock song "Jump Into the Fire," Dawn's "Believer" is worth listening to at least once. Bottom line: 8 out of 10.

— By Erin Desrochers.

Dubnicks, "How To Be Cool" (PNK)

Are you tired of all the same old rubbish in the music industry today? Tired of wimpy lyrics and redundant beats? Well your search ends here. The Dubnicks, and their first full length album "How To Be Cool," breaks the typical stereotype and splashes a bit of brains into the scene.

At first listen, the Dubnicks could be written off as just another pop-punk/emo piece of trash in the industry today. But upon closer inspection it's rather apparent that there's something deeper and more intelligent in the music. Consisting of thoughtful lyrics and well

thought out bridges and solos, lead singer/guitarist Phil Dubnick shows off his smart

the dubnicks



tunes with a degree from the infamous Berklee College of Music.

While the album does show some thought, at the same

time it lacks originality and style. The album, like many others in the industry, has many tracks with that same old blink-ish sound, and the intro to "Strip Mall Beauty Queen" nearly mimics Shawn Mullin's "Rockabye."

Comparisons aside, the music sounds great. The songs are poppy, catchy and great for those sing-alongs that accompany long road trips. With this attractive combination of melodic sound and smart edgy lyrics, it's easy to see why Phil and his two fellow Dubnicks are well on their way down the road of success.

— By Jason Houle

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ished his career third on UMaine's all-time rushing list with 2,842 yards.

His ability to pound defenses has been said to open up the air for junior quarterback Jake Eaton, but last week it was the other way around. Eaton was intercepted twice and had his fair share of balls dropped by his receivers, but launched 37 attempts, completing 13 for 175 yards, keeping the Cowboy defense off English.

Eaton has a 132.8 passer rating this season and has completed 55 percent of his passes, spreading the ball around evenly. Stefan Gomes, who has 64 catches and 895 yards up to this point, had seven receptions for 108 yards last week.

The Black Bear defense had an exceptional game last Saturday, intercepting two passes. Both came at critical points in the game, and the defense limited McNeese to only 113 yards of total offense in the first half. Cooper had 12 tackles to lead UMaine and senior defensive back Lennard Byrd made eight tackles. Lofa Tatupu and Jarrod Gomes had seven apiece.

"They really have a 'bend but don't break' type of philosophy. Every time that they needed a stop they went out and got one," Cosgrove said of his defensive unit.

"When times get tough it seems like we pull closer together and make the big plays when we need to," Byrd said of his teammates.

Starting safety Dave Cusano, second on the team with 64 tackles, is listed as questionable for this Saturday's tilt. If he's not able to go, Cosgrove is more than satisfied going with Gomes.

"Jarrod stepped in [against McNeese] without missing a beat," Cosgrove said Monday. "He's a good football player. Don't forget Jarrod has almost 50 tackles this season."

Defensively, UNI is led by standout linebacker Adam Vogt. Vogt is the first Panther to win conference Defensive Player of the Year honors since 1994, when Andre Allen won his sec-

The game is on

What was previously in doubt is now official: Saturday's Division I-AA football second round play-off game between the Black Bears and the University of Northern Iowa is going to be broadcast locally.

WABI (Channel 5) will broadcast the game, which begins at 2:30 p.m., from Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The NCAA notified the station on Tuesday that its bid to broadcast the game had been accepted, according to Wednesday's edition of the Bangor Daily News. WABI was the only station in Maine to submit a bid to broadcast the game and will split the satellite transmission with stations in Portland and Presque Isle to help keep down costs.

The decision over whether WABI would broadcast the game was not announced until Wednesday's edition of the BDN because the station had some difficulty finding materials and a crew to work the game.

Part of the problem for WABI, according to the paper, is that the station is already broadcasting UMaine hockey games on Friday and Saturday night.

ond straight. Vogt is also the fourth UNI linebacker to win the league's top honor, joining current head coach Mark Farley (1985). On the national level, he was named a finalist for the Buck

Buchanan National Defensive Player of the Year Award, for which Cooper is also nominated, for his 114-tackle season. Casey Tierney also had a fine season for the Panthers with 97 tackles.

Seven different Panthers have intercepted at least one pass this season. Brent Browner had five interceptions to lead the team during the regular season, adding another versus EIU, last Saturday.

The Panthers are averaging 198.8 yards rushing, the most for the team since 1998, and 145.1 yards passing. UNI had 245 yards on the ground last Saturday and will be led again by a potent backfield tandem of Adam Benge and Richard Carter.

Benge, a 189-pound slasher, had a monster game against EIU carrying the ball 29 times for 177 yards and four touchdowns. On the season Benge has topped the coveted 1000-yard mark with 1087 on 190 carries.

Carter, a bullish type of back, sees the pigskin far more than most second backs do, carrying the ball 180 times this season for 833 yards and six touchdowns.

The UNI passing game is back on track after a midseason injury to red-shirt freshman Tom Petrie forced the Panthers to go to backup Griff Jurgens. When Jurgens took over, UNI went back to the run game, allowing him to work into things. His 16 completions in 29 attempts for 235 yards last Saturday overshadows a conservative game plan down the stretch.

Jurgens has had some capable hands to throw to. His favorite target has been wide receiver Jake Soliday. Soliday caught six balls for 122 yards last week and has 45 receptions for 669 yards this season. Ryan Hannam, a 6-foot-3-inch, 250-pound tight end, also figures prominently in UNI's passing scheme. He finished the season with 34 catches for 335 yards.

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games, they will put themselves in a huge hole with a conference record below .500.

UMaine interim head coach Tim Whitehead knows that this weekend could be a deciding factor down the road.

"We're looking at it as a great opportunity," Whitehead said. "We've got a good hockey team coming into our rink. But, we've got home-ice advantage this weekend. We know that the fans and the students will be giving us that extra boost and that will be important."

It is Wear White Weekend at Alford Arena. All fans in attendance are asked to wear white in support of the Black Bears.

"We feel this is an opportunity to move up in the standings and give ourselves a nice holiday," Whitehead said.

These are the last games for Maine until they play on the weekend of Dec. 29 in the Florida Everblades College Classic in Estero, Fla.

Beating the Eagles will not be easy.

After struggling out of the gate because of key graduations like three-time Hobey Baker finalist Brian Gionta and All-Hockey East goalie Scott Clemmensen, along with the early departure of captain-to-be Brooks Orpik, forward Krys Kolanos, who scored the overtime goal to give BC the national championship last April, and last year's Hockey East Rookie of the Year Chuck Kobasew, the young Eagles have rebounded by winning six of their last seven games. They are currently in a tie for third in Hockey East with a 4-3-0 record (8-5-1 overall).

Despite the losses, the Eagles still have lots of scoring punch up front, which is shown in their first line.

Sophomores Ben Eaves and Tony Voce are the scorers of the line. Eaves leads the team in points with 23 (8 goals and 15

assists), while Voce has tallied 11 goals and 11 assists for 22 points. Junior A.J. Walker is the third man on this line, totaling four goals and five assists for nine points.

Freshman Dave Spina (4-7-11) and senior captain Jeff Giuliano (4-6-10) are also keys up front for coach Jerry York's Eagles.

If there is one weakness on the team, it is defense. They are inexperienced at the position, with only two upperclassmen. Sophomore J.D. Forrest is dangerous because of his offensive skills (4-8-12). Junior Bill Cass (1-3-4) will provide veteran leadership, while freshman Andrew Alberts (0-4-4) has been impressive early.

BC is strong in goal. Like the Black Bears, BC has two strong goaltenders who usually play in a rotation. Junior Tim Kelleher is 5-2-1 with 2.72 GAA and an .874 save percentage. He has shutouts in his last two games. Freshman Matti Kaltiainen, a fourth round draft pick of the Boston Bruins, has a 3-3-0 record, a 2.66 GAA, and an .895 save percentage.

Whitehead says that both goalies play a different style, but that UMaine still has to focus on themselves.

"We've got to be aware of the differences, but we really have to focus on our own game plan and executing that."

Whitehead also says he will emphasize protecting the front of the net this week, after the game-winner at UNH was scored because UMaine didn't protect the net in the second and third periods.

Whitehead was very non-committal about his goaltending situation for this weekend's games.

"We haven't finalized anything yet and won't until Thursday," he said. "But both (Matt Yeats and Mike Morrison) are playing well again, so there's a good chance that you'll see them both."

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Gray Shaneberger sees success on and off ice

By Jeff Mannix
Staff Reporter

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It is what Gray Shaneberger strives for, both on and off the ice.

Success off the ice was something Shaneberger was used to before the season began, but now he is having much more success on it because of a new role, more playing time and his work ethic.

"I try to be the hardest working player on the ice," Shaneberger said. "I've finally found my role as more of a checker. I tried to be more of a puck handler in the past, but I've realized that my role on this team is to be a checker and dig for loose pucks."

His new coach, Tim Whitehead, likes Shaneberger's style of play and physical presence.

"I've been very pleased with how Gray is playing on the ice. He's playing within himself," Whitehead said. "He's playing the role he should be playing, which is a defensive power forward. As a result, he's getting offensive opportunities. He's been excellent on the penalty kill, and he's a great checking forward. He's contributed offensively by driving to the net and winning loose pucks and he's been very consistent taking the body. He's really helping the team."

Whitehead feels that he is filling a role that needed to be filled.

"Any team needs different types of players to win," he said. "You can't have a team of all skill players or all physical players. You need to have a mix to be successful, and he is bringing something to our team that we really need."

Not bad for a kid who was red-shirted his first year and who was used only sparingly during his freshman and sophomore seasons as a player.

But Shaneberger has come into his own in his junior season. He already has two goals and three assists for five points in 11 games. Last season, he had only three points in 14 games. One more point this year will equal his point output for his first two seasons in a Black Bear uniform.

The native of Sewall, N.J. said his role has changed a lot since he came to the University of Maine. He asked to be red-shirted by coach Shawn Walsh upon arriving at UMaine in the fall of 1998.

"I had just turned 18 when I came here," he said. He played junior hockey for the Philadelphia Jr. Flyers, but told Walsh and assistant Grant Standbrook that he wanted to take the year to get used to the college game. He thinks that year helped him immensely.

"I had great guys to learn from," Shaneberger said. "Steve Kariya, Ben Guite, Cory Larose, those guys taught me a lot, as did coach Walsh and coach Standbrook."

He was brought in as a face-off specialist and has seen his role change from a puck handling



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"He's been excellent on the penalty kill, and he's a great checking forward. He's contributed offensively by driving to the net and winning loose pucks and he's been very consistent taking the body. He's really helping the team," coach Tim Whitehead said of Gray Shaneberger.

defensive forward to the banging power forward role that he now enjoys under interim coach Whitehead. His size, 6-foot 4-inch, 225 pound frame certainly helps.

Lack of playing time was a frustration for him for the past two seasons, but sticking with his work habits and finding his role have helped.

"I really needed to find my role on this team," Shaneberger said.

Success on the ice may be new to Shaneberger this season, but success in the classroom him is nothing new.

The junior natural resources major has won the UMaine Scholar-Athlete Award twice and received the Dale Lick Academic Achievement Award, given yearly to a player from the men's ice hockey program. He also has been named to the Hockey East All-Academic Team for the past two seasons. Last year, he ended up with highest grade point average of any student-athlete in Hockey East with a 3.82, giving him the Top Scholar Athlete Award. He was the Black Bears' first recipient of that award in its 10 year history.

"I'm extremely proud of that honor," Shaneberger said. "I feel that focusing on class helps me focus on the ice. If I'm having trouble in a class, I'll think about it a lot and it will distract me when I play hockey. So I try to do as well as I can and work hard on my studies so I can focus on playing hockey when the time comes."

Whitehead believes that his focus on academics helps him on the ice as well.

"I have a lot of respect for him," Whitehead said. "He has

his priorities off the ice as well. He takes his academics seriously. He has things in perspective, and that's important."

Shaneberger will graduate on time this spring, something which was a goal when he entered school.

"My parents will be here to watch me walk across the stage, so that will be a very proud moment for me."

Of course, that means that his hockey future at UMaine and

beyond is in doubt right now, but Shaneberger is no hurry to decide what to do about next season yet.

"I'll wait and see how this season goes. I'd like to come back and have the chance to play if I can," he said. To do that, he will have to become a graduate student so he can use his final year of playing eligibility.


Playing professional hockey is up in the air for Shaneberger right now as well. No one knows what

the future will hold for Shaneberger. But for this year, he will be a key emotional leader for the Black Bears and will show steady improvement as the season unfolds.

"Everyone who comes here dreams of playing at the next level," he said. "But I'm focusing on my education, and doing well with that so I can have something to fall back on just in case hockey doesn't work out."

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Offensive line key to Black Bears' success

By Ryan Waning
For The Maine Campus

Seven wins in the conference: a Black Bear football first. A share of the Atlantic 10 conference title. A 1,335-yard rushing season for the team's starting tailback. A 2,373-yard passing season for the team's starting quarterback. A playoff berth and a victory.

And oh yeah, the offensive line only gave up 26 sacks this year.

"They make my job that much easier. I would never have had the season I've had without those guys," senior tailback Royston English said of the offensive line.

This season has been like no other in Black Bear football history. Predicted to finish eighth in the A-10, this was a team filled with question marks.

The offensive line lost two starters at the end of last season to graduation. Even though they had four linemen returning who saw playing time the season before, no one outside of Orono really had any idea how good this group, as a unit, would be. Zack Magliaro, Matt Hammond, Pete Richardson, Mike Leconte, and John Kmety.

The group has played musical positions all season long.

Magliaro (6 feet 3 inches, 300 pounds) is the captain, one of seven seniors on the team. He's the "old man" and only senior on the offensive line and is looked to for the leadership his game experience brings.

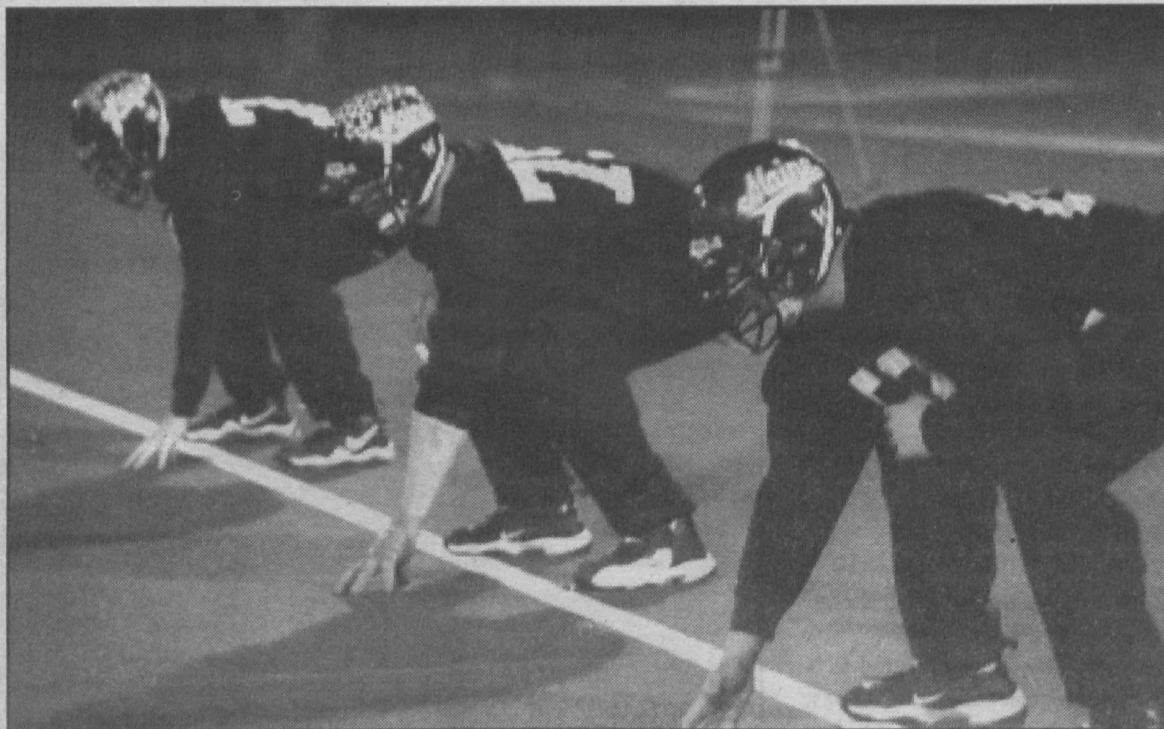
"[The younger linemen] play like fifth-year seniors out there," Magliaro said. "Being the old guy on the line they do come to me and ask questions sometimes."

Richardson (6 feet 5 inches, 310 pounds) was a preseason All-Conference selection last season but missed the last seven games of the season with an injury. His return has given the group another solid anchor with which to build around.

Hammond (6 feet 4 inches, 292 pounds) and Kmety (6 feet 2 inches, 282 pounds) are both gaining valuable experience as sophomores. So is Mike Leconte (6 feet 3 inches, 276 pounds) as a freshman.

The injury bug bit early when center Brian Williams, the expected starter, was lost for the season. Then Ben Lazarski went down forcing more changes.

Even the very durable Zack Magliaro missed some time but the



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOOF

Sophomore Matt Hammond (far left), sophomore Pete Richardson (middle) and freshman Ben Lazarski have been three of the anchors for the UMaine offensive line. The line, with only one senior, has yielded 26 sacks this season.

unit has not missed a beat. "We have been a very tight knit group through out this season," Hammond said. "When we have had injuries, our players were able to trust one another to step in. Some of the guys have had little, nagging injuries the whole season, they just play through the pain. I wouldn't want to be with any other bunch of guys, they all work so hard."

The relationship between a running back and his linemen tends to be friendly, as evidenced by what English has said, but here we've got a near love-in.

"I love blocking for the guy; he makes our job seem easy," Richardson said. "Plus he always seems to thank us for everything he has accomplished. I don't know many people who work harder than he does on the field."

"We don't worry about not getting any articles written about us, we just want to see Royston's picture in the paper running over somebody else," Magliaro said.

Which the o-line has seen plenty of pictures of English in the paper, running over opponents. English averaged 5.0

yards per carry during the regular season and gained more than 100 yards in his last five games.

All the success that the Black Bears have had starts with the offensive line. Coach Jack Cosgrove has said that his team's philosophy, since day one, has been to run the football. And the offensive may carry them to that goal.

"This has been an amazing season and I don't want it to end," Richardson said. "The whole team is working together toward the same goal: a national championship."

Women's ice hockey returns home to play Wayne St.

By Matthew Hritz
For The Maine Campus

Home is where the heart is. That heart will finally be back at the Alford Arena as the

University of Maine women's ice hockey team (5-7-1 overall, 1-5-1 in ECAC Eastern play) begins a nine-game home stand after playing its last nine games on the road. This weekend the Black Bears face

Wayne State (3-10-2) of the Great Lake's Women's Hockey Association.

"It's such a relief to know we finally do not have to load that bus for yet another weekend on the road," sophomore forward

Meagan Aarts said.

The Black Bears ended their nine-game road swing last weekend with two losses against No. 3 Dartmouth College.

Despite the losses, head coach Rick Filighera couldn't praise his team's effort enough as the Black Bears overcame many obstacles. UMaine was able to overcome being behind, being beat 6-0 the night before and having the tying goal disallowed with four minutes left in Saturday's game.

"I am so proud of my team," Filighera said. "I think that's the best they have ever played in the program against the elite and it bodes well in what direction we are going in."

Wayne State is led by freshman Kelly Zamora, who has six

goals and seven assists.

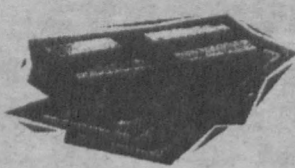
"We are going to see [Wayne State] collapse on the goal and we're going to have a tough time getting pucks through," Filighera said.

But obstacles and injuries won't deter this team from making an impression in front of its home fans, especially if the team plays with intensity, according to the starting goaltender.

"We need to come out and have a good first period, and an even better second period, then finish with a spectacular third period," senior goaltender Amanda Cronin said. "We tend to come out flying, then slow down in the second and then kick back in the third. We need to eliminate this approach."

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Veteran sophs stepping up

By Eric Russell
Staff Reporter

The term veteran usually applies to a player who has been around awhile; someone who has seen her fair share of action.

Sophomores do not usually fall under the veteran category, but the University of Maine women's basketball team defies the rule by boasting three "veteran sophomores."

The sophomore trio of Heather Ernest, Julie Veilleux and Melissa Heon all saw significant action a year ago, and this year that experience is paying dividends for second-year head coach Sharon Versyp.

"As sophomores, I don't think of us as young," Ernest, a pre-season All-Conference choice, said. "We went through a whole lot last year, and I see us more as

veteran players now."

The youth of this year's team has often been the topic of conversation, especially when things aren't going smoothly. But the team, which includes five first-year players, doesn't want to use that as an excuse.

"I think we are young, but you will never hear us blame anything on that fact," Heon said.

"A lot of the mistakes we have been making in games I don't think have to do with our youth," Veilleux added.

UMaine heads to Deland, Fla., this weekend to take part in the Lady Hatter Classic, the teams' third tournament in as many weekends. The Black Bears are currently 3-3 after splitting a pair of games last weekend at the Gene Hackerman Rice Invitational in Houston, Texas.

After scoring 15 points in the season opener, Ernest had been mired in a small slump, scoring just eight points combined in her next three outings. But the 6-foot-1-inch forward from Farmington has since picked it up, averaging 13 points during her last two games, and recorded her first double-double of the season with 11 points and 10 rebounds in the win over University of North Carolina-Greensboro. Ernest notched 17 double-doubles in her rookie campaign, but she said she doesn't worry too much about the pressure to duplicate last year's success.

"If anything, I put the pressure on myself," Ernest said. "I go out every night and try to play well, but sometimes it just doesn't happen."

Heon, a shooting guard, often hailed as the team's top perimeter defender, has gotten attention this year for her increased offensive output. Heon, who averaged less than six points a game last season, has reached double figures in scoring in four of six games so far this year, including all three Black Bear wins. She is tied with first-year guard Missy Traversi for the team lead in scoring, averaging 11.5 points per game, and also leads her team in minutes played (31.3 per game) and free

throw percentage (.889).

"Defense will always be there for me," Heon said, "but offensively, I worked on my game a lot over the summer, and the coaches have been working with me as well."

Veilleux also suffered a short cold spell following the Black Bears' opening win over Kent State, but like Ernest, she has responded with two solid back-to-back efforts. Veilleux, a 6-foot-1-inch Augusta native, led UMaine with 16 points in last Friday's loss to nationally-ranked George Washington University, and also chipped in with nine more on Saturday. She is averaging 7.8 points per game on the season, and leads the team with 14 offensive rebounds.

"I don't just go into games looking to score, so if I'm not shooting well, I need to look for other ways to help the team," Veilleux said.

UMaine will face the host Stetson University Hatters on Friday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Stetson has a record of 2-3 and has faced UMaine only once in school history. The game, however, was a memorable one, at least from a UMaine perspective. In the 1989 Lady Hatter Classic, the Black Bears rallied in overtime to defeat Stetson, 86-78, while the two teams combined for an NCAA record 36 points in overtime. The current Stetson team is lead by senior Eboni Long, who averages 15.2 points per game.

On Saturday, Dec. 8 UMaine and Georgia Southern University will square off at 4 p.m. The Lady Eagles are 2-4 after losing to the University of Georgia Tuesday night. The Black Bears also lost to the powerful Bulldogs earlier in the season. Georgia Southern is led by senior guard Alie Rousseau (14.2 ppg).

UMaine returns home to host Dartmouth College next Tuesday, Dec. 11 and after that have just two non-conference games left before league play begins.

"We know we can compete with some of the best teams in the nation, and that has given us confidence," Ernest said.

COLUMN

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on Sunday just to avoid NFL pre-game shows. I'm looking to you good readers of *The Maine Campus* to help me feel normal, if only for a minute or two.

Here it is: Which NFL preview show do you watch and why? Which do you like the least and will avoid like a public toilet seat?

Finally, if you could roll one

NFL pre-game analyst in powdered sugar and put him in a cage with rabid raccoons on PCP, which one would it be? Selected responses will be re-printed in a future column.

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Men's hockey vs. Boston College
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Women's basketball vs. Stetson
at Stetson Tournament - Deland, Fla.
7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Track vs. New Hampshire
12 p.m.

Women's hockey vs. Wayne State
1 p.m.

Football at Northern Iowa
NCAA I-AA Quarterfinals
2:30 p.m.

Women's basketball vs. Georgia Southern
at Stetson Tournament - Deland, Fla.
4 p.m.

Men's hockey vs. Boston College
7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 9

Men's basketball at Sacred Heart
2 p.m.

Rec Sports

By Nicole Goulet
For The Maine Campus

The men's volleyball team is looking for members. Practice times are on Mondays from 7:30 to 10 p.m., Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Thursdays from 7:30 to 10 p.m. For information contact Kurt Milligan on FirstClass.

Blade Society practices on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the all-purpose room at the Memorial Gym. Contact Crystal Carr via FirstClass for information.

The women's rugby team is planning for their spring season and practices are planned to begin in early to mid-February. They will be held from 10 p.m. to midnight in the Field House two to three times a week. The team will be holding a meeting

upon returning to school for all veteran and prospective players.

The season will begin with a 7's Tournament at the University of New Hampshire in February. The team will also be going to Savannah, Ga., for spring break for the Savannah Shamrocks Tournament. In April, the team will be participating in the Beast of the East Tournament in Providence, R.I. In May they will either have a tournament of local teams on campus or we will be traveling elsewhere for a tournament.

E-mail Molly McLaughlin on FirstClass for information. No experience is necessary to play.

Maine Bound's next kayak rolling clinic will be on Dec. 9. Basic mountaineering will be on the weekend of Dec. 8.

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Sports

Saturday's second round playoff game for the UMaine football team will be broadcast locally on WABI (Channel 5). The game begins at 2:30 p.m. See story on page 16.

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Black Bears looking in the mirror

UMaine and University of Northern Iowa similar on both sides of the ball

By Ryan Waning
For The Maine Campus

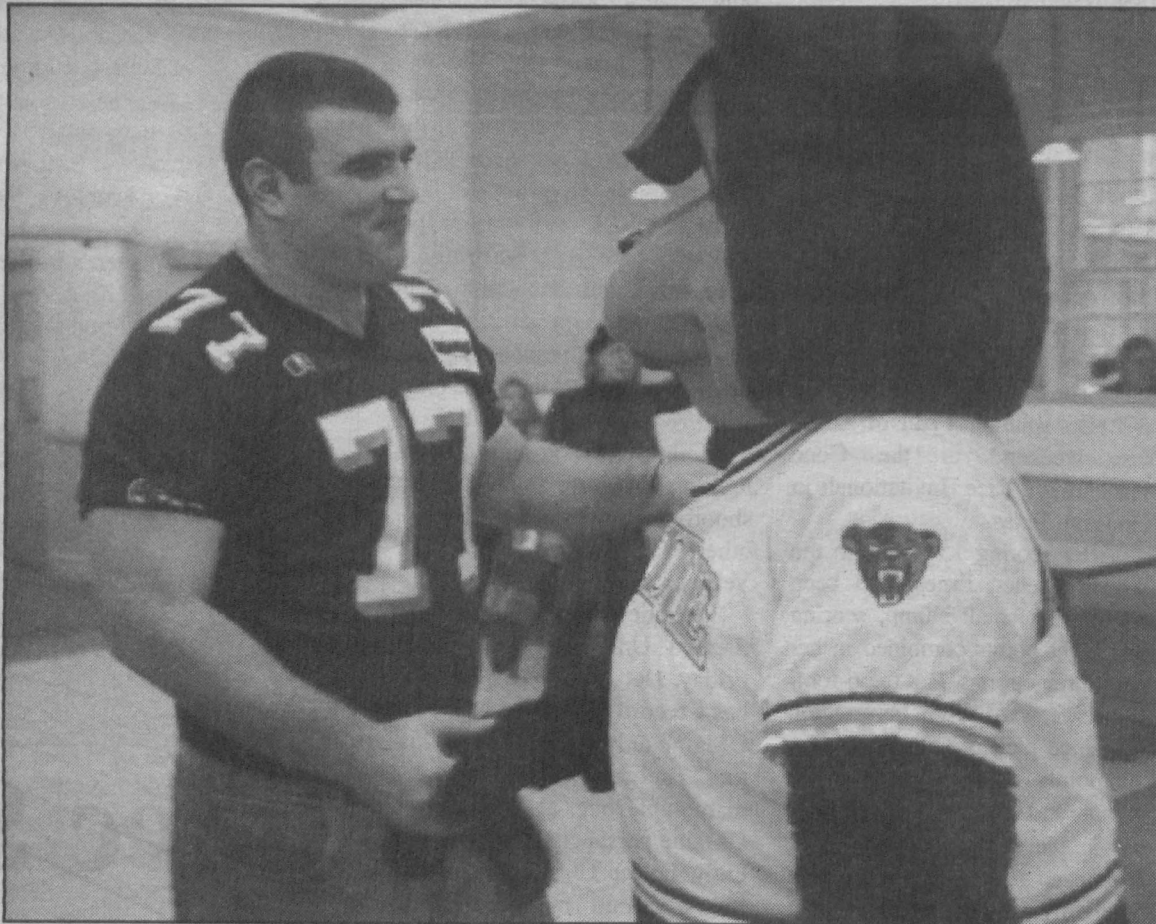
The Black Bears will continue what has arguably been the best season in the history of the program against the University of Northern Iowa in the second round of the NCAA I-AA football playoffs Saturday afternoon in Cedar Falls, Iowa. But University of Maine head coach Jack Cosgrove will not change his team's preparation following the first postseason victory in the 111-year history of the program.

"We [won't] change what we're going to do that much," Cosgrove said this week. "We have [matchups] that we'll be looking for, but our philosophy has been the same since day one—run the football—and it's been working great for us."

The Panthers, No. 6 in last week's Sports Network poll, are 10-2 after a 49-43 win at Eastern Illinois last Saturday, and join the No. 16 Black Bears as the lone road teams to win first round games.

For the first time since 1996, the Panthers received an automatic playoff bid by winning the Gateway conference for the 10th time in school history. At home, Northern Iowa is 8-2 all-time in playoff games and was undefeated at the UNI-Dome (5-0) in 2001.

UMaine is coming off the first



Senior offensive tackle Zack Magliaro greets fellow big man Bananas T. Bear prior to Wednesday's pep rally in the Maine Marketplace. UMaine takes on the University of Northern Iowa this Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

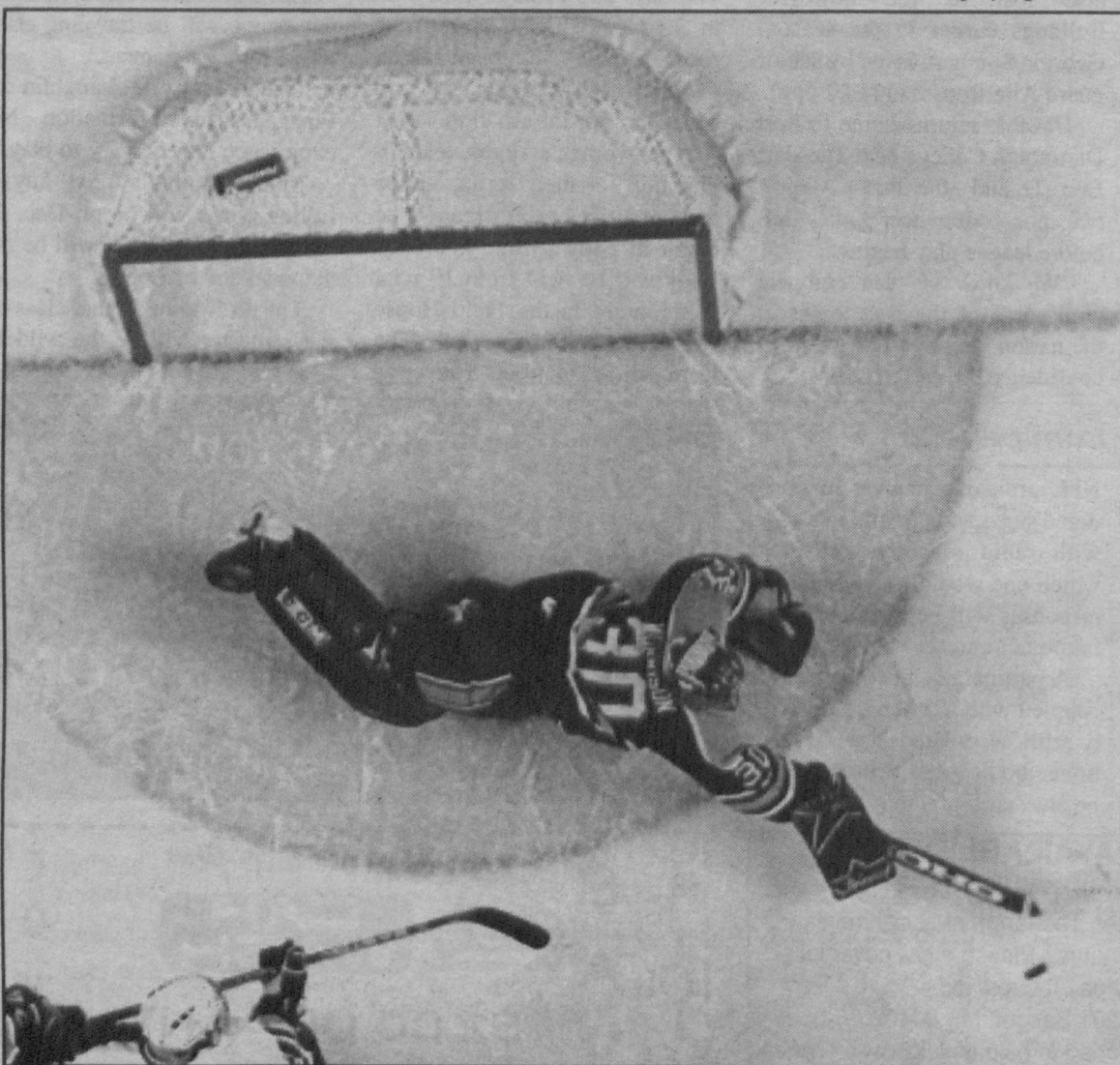
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playoff victory in the history of the program after going 0-3 previously, losing in 1965, 1987 and 1989.

This is the first meeting between the two teams that like to control both the pace and the clock by emphasizing explosive ground attacks. Junior line-

backer Stephen Cooper still feels that the Black Bears match up well with the Panthers on defense.

"Defensively we match up with anybody," he said. "And if the defensive line is playing well then the whole team is playing well."



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UMaine interim head coach Tim Whitehead said recently that both goaltenders, senior Mike Morrison (pictured above against UMass last weekend) and senior Matt Yeats, are likely to see action this weekend against defending national champion Boston College.

Waning moments

By Ryan Waning

For The Maine Campus

...The announcement of the four finalists for the Heisman Trophy was delayed a day, increasing the amount of time I had to wait to still not give a sweet shit about it.

Even in a world with prom queens, "my child is an honors geek" bumper stickers and Cable Ace awards, is there a more worthless, less coveted award in existence? It's like being on the cover of Sports Illustrated for your entire career.

When you come right down to it, it's almost the kiss of death for a quarterback. In this year's crop we've got four guys up for the award screaming Andre Ware or Charlie Ward or Gino Torretta.

The list is longer than the list of medications that it takes to keep Joe Pa running, and this year we'll add another name to the list.

If I were Joey Harrington, Eric Crouch, Rex Grossman or Ken Dorsey, I wouldn't show up to the presentation. It may seem rude, but it just might save their NFL lives.

...Anyone else notice that Bryant Gumbel is barely ever actually on Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel?

...Royston English has carried the ball 258 times this season and only fumbled once (Sept. 22 against Hofstra).

Think about that.

That is a monster workload of tough, between the tackles carries. English is not exactly the type of back who gets around the corner and looks for the sideline.

Also, as running back, when you carry three to five guys on your back trying for more yardage, someone will, assuming you're about to fall, rip at the ball with both hands trying to make it pop out.

Saying he gets a steady diet of contact would be an understatement. English gets a double order of it, with fries and a Coke every single game.

...How come Shaq never sends back the response cards to celebrity Jeopardy! or Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

I know why and you do too, so lets just laugh about it and move on.

...I'm looking for some responses here so hop on your computers and e-mail me or sharpen your little pencils and do it the old fashioned way. I know I can't be the only one who tries to sleep until exactly 12:58 p.m.

UMaine Senior tailback Royston English rushed for 144 yards on 33 carries against the third-ranked defense in the country last week, his fifth consecutive 100-yard game. English fin-

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BC Eagles take flight at Alford

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To say this weekend's upcoming series for the University of Maine men's ice hockey team against the defending national champion Boston College Eagles is important would be an understatement.

UMaine will host BC at Alford Arena on Friday and Saturday night in two crucial early season Hockey East contests. UMaine is 7-5-2 overall and 3-2-0 in Hockey East after their win at Massachusetts and loss at New Hampshire last weekend. UMaine will not play another Hockey East game until January after these two.

If UMaine wins both games, the Black Bears can climb as high as third in the conference standings. But if they lose both

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