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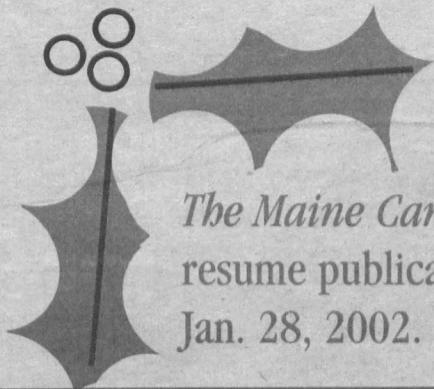
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All I want for Christmas...



Hannah Holland sits with Santa at the Bookstore on Dec. 8. Santa was played by Ryan Watts, a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

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No late-night library hours

Budget cuts, staff shortage end Fogler finals tradition

By Catie Joyce
Staff Reporter

Students planning on getting in a few extra hours of studying time at the university's library during finals week will have to plan on going elsewhere. Fogler Library will not have extended hours this semester for finals week.

For the past 12 years, the library has had extended hours over finals week. At one time the library remained open 24 hours and for the past few years the hours have been extended until 2 a.m.

The change is a result of the University of Maine's system-wide budget cuts and inability to fill library positions.

"Because of the budget cuts, right now seven positions are open [at the library] that we have not been able to fill. One of them is an evening position that would help to keep us open," Joyce Rumery, acting dean of Fogler library, said. "The evening position is the Library Assistant II position. This position along with the others are under the moratorium on hiring the admin-

istration imposed to address the problem of the budget shortfall." Rumery made the decision not to extend the hours around Thanksgiving when she talked with Doug Gelianas, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, but said she was still continuing to search for someone to fill the position.

"I had continued to try to see if we could get a position freed. It's been sort of an ongoing process," Rumery said.

The final decision was made Tuesday night after Rumery and Vice President and Provost Robert Kennedy discussed the issue.

"The cost simply couldn't be justified in light of actual usage, needed coverage by library staff to maintain extended hours and budget reductions imposed by the governor," Kennedy said.

Library workers were informed only last week that the library will be closed at midnight, its normal time, during finals week. They were told the cut in hours was due to the system-wide budget cuts. Some workers were disappointed when

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Bangor rejects rave plans

City's Civic Center imposes event curfew

By Jennifer Gundersen
Assistant News Editor

Bright lights and techno beats are just a part of the rave culture sweeping the nation. Yet, the rejection of a promoter's request to throw a rave at the Bangor Auditorium suggests that Bangor is not ready for the invasion of this subculture.

"Raves are the only parties I go to," Dorian Gates, a raver and amateur disc jockey said. "The parties are a big reunion every time. It's a place where family and friends get back together to have a good time."

However, recent decisions of the Bangor City Council have ensured no raves or parties, as

they are often called, will be held at the Bangor Auditorium anytime soon.

Last month, the council decided that holding a rave at the auditorium was an inappropriate use of the facility after John Cummings, a promoter from Holden, approached the city with the idea of throwing an all-night party.

"To my knowledge, a rave had never been held in a public facility before," said Mike Dyer, the director of Bass Park and the Bangor Auditorium. "[Raves] are usually in privately owned facilities, like abandoned factories," Dyer said. "I personally didn't feel that it was an appropriate use of the facility."

Despite the \$9,000 the city would have received in rent — 10 percent of the expected ticket sales to 3,000 people at \$30 a head — Dyer felt the expense to the city was not worth the rent.

According to Dyer, the promoter would have had to pay for added police protection, but the expense of prosecuting anyone arrested at the event would fall on the city.

"The city would have to incur the expense and the promoter would have no recourse," he said.

"I read the industry literature about holding raves," Dyer said, "and the other experiences were mixed at best."

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CAMPUS PHOTO • MARK DWYER

A rave called "Scream 3" was held at the Central Maine Civic Center in Lewiston, Maine, on Saturday, Oct. 27.

THE WORLD BEYOND UMAINE

Al-Qaida misses surrender deadline, cease-fire extended

TORA BORA, Afghanistan—A "surrender or die" deadline imposed on Osama bin Laden's routed forces expired Wednesday morning, but a cease-fire was extended by Afghan ground forces and a new round of negotiations began.

One Afghan commander said bin Laden's al-Qaida forces still were expected to surrender Wednesday.

"They will be carrying their weapons and will surrender them at the bottom of Tora Bora mountain," he said.

The commander's prediction could not immediately be corroborated, and no mention was made regarding the whereabouts or status of bin Laden himself.

The Afghan Islamic Press said that a new round of talks were under way and al-Qaida negotiators were demanding that their troops be allowed to surrender to officials of the United Nations in the presence of diplomatic representatives of their respective nations.

Meanwhile, a U.S. B-52 warplane dropped a number of bombs Wednesday morning on a canyon where bin Laden's forces were believed to be hiding, an apparent attempt to nudge reluctant fighters toward surrendering.

It was not known if bin Laden was among the large number of Arabs pinned inside the deep gorge on Tora Bora mountain. But many of his followers trapped there begged for a cease-

fire Tuesday and said they were ready to give up.

Man indicted for conspiracy in Sept. 11 attacks

WASHINGTON, D.C. —A federal grand jury Tuesday handed down the first indictment directly tied to the Sept. 11 terrorist hijackings, alleging that a French-Moroccan man conspired to kill thousands of people in attacks on New York and Washington.

Zacarias Moussaoui was indicted on six counts of plotting with Osama bin Laden, the 19 hijackers and other members of the al-Qaida terrorist network to crash commercial jetliners into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Four of the six counts Moussaoui faces carry the death penalty, including conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism, aircraft piracy, aircraft destruction and use of a weapon of mass destruction. Ashcroft said the Justice Department will determine later whether to seek the death penalty.

He also is charged with conspiracy to murder United States government employees and conspiracy to destroy property, which can carry penalties of up to life in prison.

Moussaoui, 33, aroused suspicions in August when he paid \$6,300 in cash to cover most of the cost of flying lessons in Minnesota but said he wanted to learn to steer aircraft but not take off or land. Federal agents arrested him on Aug. 17 on a visa violation, and a subsequent search of his belongings turned up knives, fighting gloves, a Boeing 747 flight manu-

al and other items similar to those the hijackers possessed.

Illegal immigrant smuggling network uncovered in Los Angeles

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Federal investigators have cracked a network of smugglers who used late-night runs by a Los Angeles-based bus company to transport thousands of illegal immigrants each year from Mexico to U.S. cities, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Monday.

The alleged conspiracy, said to have carried between 50 and 300 illegal immigrants a day into the United States since 1996, "is the largest smuggling case involving a commercial enterprise, at least in the history of the INS," Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner James Ziglar told reporters at a news conference with Ashcroft.

Thirty-two people were indicted in connection with the alleged scheme, including top officers and several drivers of Golden State Transportation of Los Angeles, which operates throughout the Southwest.

The 39-count indictment alleges that the company made much of its annual revenue by transporting undocumented illegal immigrants from the U.S.-Mexico border to cities such as Los Angeles, Denver and Yakima, Wash.

Court papers say passengers often would be hidden close to Golden State terminals and loaded onto buses just before departure, using fake names or no names on passenger lists. Buses would arrive and depart after mid-

Police Beat

UMaine
Public
Safety

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

A man was arrested and charged with assault and criminal misconduct Wednesday, Dec. 12, following a party in Hancock Hall. Officers were called to the third floor of the hall around 1 a.m. regarding a party that had resulted in a broken window in the hallway. Christopher Kimball, 19, a non-student from Rockland, Maine, was pointed out as the person who had broken the window. Officers Gean Fizell and Nelson Feero proceeded to question Kimball, who was intoxicated, about the incident. Kimball denied breaking the window, despite the fact that his hand was cut and bleeding. He then attempted to push Feero out of the way and leave the scene. Kimball was then arrested and taken to Penobscot County Jail, but was later taken to Eastern Maine Medical Center to have his injuries treated. While at EMMC, Kimball continued to be belligerent, at one point ramming into an EMMC security guard with his shoulder. Bangor Police were dispatched to the scene and Kimball was brought back to PCJ. Damage to the window is estimated at \$100.

Three summonses were issued following a prank phone call made to York Hall at 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5. A woman received a call from a woman claiming to be Officer Deb Mitchell, a Public Safety officer. The caller apparently said the woman needed to report to the Orono Police Department. She also said if the woman did not do so, a warrant would be issued for her arrest. The woman went to the department where she was informed that they knew nothing of the call. Public Safety then traced the call back to a house in Belfast where two women, who had previously attended the University of Maine, were found. The women were brought in for questioning where they admitted they had become bored and decided to make a few prank calls. As a result, Kimberly Meluren, 19, of Brooks, Maine, was issued two summonses for harassment by telephone and for impersonation of a public servant. Miranda Reilly, 20, of Belfast, was also issued a summons for telephone harassment.

A man received two sum-

monses following a series of incidents in the Stodder/Penobscot area Sunday, Dec. 9. At 12:45 a.m., Officer Nelson Feero heard someone banging on car windows in the Stodder parking lot. He then saw two men, one of which had bloody knuckles and a bottle of Jack Daniels whiskey inside of his jacket. The man, identified as Jacob Parker, 20, was issued a summons for possession of alcohol by a minor. At 1:10 a.m., a medical call was made out of Penobscot Hall. Officer Feero arrived and found a third floor window smashed out. Blood was seen on the window and on the floor in a path that led to the fourth floor. There Parker was found with a shirt wrapped around his hand and blood on his shirt. Parker was transported to the Eastern Maine Medical Center. He was also issued a summons for criminal mischief due to the broken window.

A summons was issued following an incident on Rangely Road at noon Sunday, Dec. 9. An officer stopped a maroon Oldsmobile Delta that had a broken brake light. The officer smelled marijuana outside of the car. The driver produced the remains of a joint and admitted that he had been drinking. He was taken to Orono where a test showed that the man had a .03 blood alcohol content. Because of the zero tolerance law his license may be suspended for a one-month period. The man, identified as Heath Bergmann, 19, was also issued a summons for possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

A window was broken in Penobscot Hall at 11:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6. Upon investigation of the window, it was found that someone throwing oranges at the window had caused it to break. Rind and pulp were splattered on the exterior of the window. The total cost of damage came to \$135.

A window was broken at the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house sometime between 5 and 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7. Eggs were found to have been thrown at the front door of the house, and a large mug was thrown through a back window.

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they heard the news and wanted to make sure students are aware of the change.

"Sadly, students' services, in this case, are the first to go," Loran Dosen, a library clerk and UMaine alumna said. "We should be concerned about that. I know there is a need to cut back, but what is that saying about services [on campus]?"

Dianna Goyette, student supervisor of circulation and a senior biology and pre-med major, is also concerned about the new hours. She wrote a letter to UMaine President Peter S. Hoff and Vice President and Provost Robert Kennedy expressing her concern. She has not received a response from either of them.

"If we are going to insist in closing at the regular time ... we most certainly need to make all of the students aware of this fact," Goyette wrote in the letter. "Or we will most definitely end up with many angry patrons on our hands. Many of the students take it for granted that the library will be open until 2 a.m. during finals week. Students might come to Fogler late during finals week, with plans to study until 2 a.m., only to find that the library is closed."

The library staff is not planning on doing anything to inform students of its new finals week hours.

"We will post the hours on the Web page and on the doors as we have done the past years,"

Rumery said.

Goyette also said other universities keep their libraries open 24 hours during finals week.

Fogler Library is the state's largest library and it serves the state's largest university, which is experiencing an increase in enrollment. The library is also seeing an increase in use.

"[Since] the Union has been open, people have seemed to come out of their dorms. We've seen more people in this area [of campus]," Dosen said. "The Union offers a space to work, but we offer photocopying, computers, references [and other resources] that people depend on at the last minute. A lot of people come in at the last minute [during finals week] to brush up or read over something that they read earlier in the semester that was on reserve."

Because janitors are there, the building will be heated and the lights on during the period of time the library would normally have been open during finals week. Dosen said she doesn't think that it would cost that much more to staff the library during that time.

"People are willing and able to work the overtime and are used to working it," she said.

Dosen also said that some of the student workers might count on the overtime for Christmas money.

"A lot of them lose regular work hours because of finals schedules and some like to pick

up that extra time during the night shift. There are close to 30 student workers. Some are trying to use up their remaining work-study hours," she said.

Many students are unhappy with the changed hours.

"Finals week is the most important week to have the library open til 2. It's when everyone is doing their studying," said Amber Wandell, a sophomore student-worker.

"I think it should [be open late]. A lot of people pull all nighters, sometimes I do. It's a convenient quiet place to go. I live in a fraternity house where it's not always easy to study," Cory Ouellette, a junior at UMaine said.

"As a student, and as the student supervisor of circulation at Fogler Library, I feel that it is very unfair that we will not be open until 2 a.m. during finals week...Students who study in groups rely on the library staying open late during the most stressful time of our semester," Goyette wrote in her letter. "Honestly, it is only two extra hours a night, for five days. The cost to have a few staff members here during this time is worth the cost; the University of Maine students are worth the cost."

Students looking for a place to study late at night during finals week can go to the Union and use computers in its first floor computer cluster.

Public Safety avoiding the funding crunch
Campus police well-staffed

By Janice Dwyer
For The Maine Campus

UMaine students can go back to worrying about finals and leave Public Safety to worry about their safety. Public Safety officials said there are plenty of officers on campus to look out for everyone.

Despite budget cuts that have lead to a campus-wide hiring freeze, Public Safety interim Director Charles P. Chandler, Jr. said the performance of the department or the safety of the campus has not been compromised.

"The hiring moratorium has not affected the hiring of a director of Public Safety," Chandler said. "I believe this is due in large part to the search [for a director] beginning several months before the moratorium came along. Whatever the reason, I am extremely grateful."

Noel C. March was named as the new director of Public Safety last week and will begin work on Jan. 1, 2002.

Chandler said all of the other positions in Public Safety are

filled, which means students should not be worried about a decrease in the number of officers on campus.

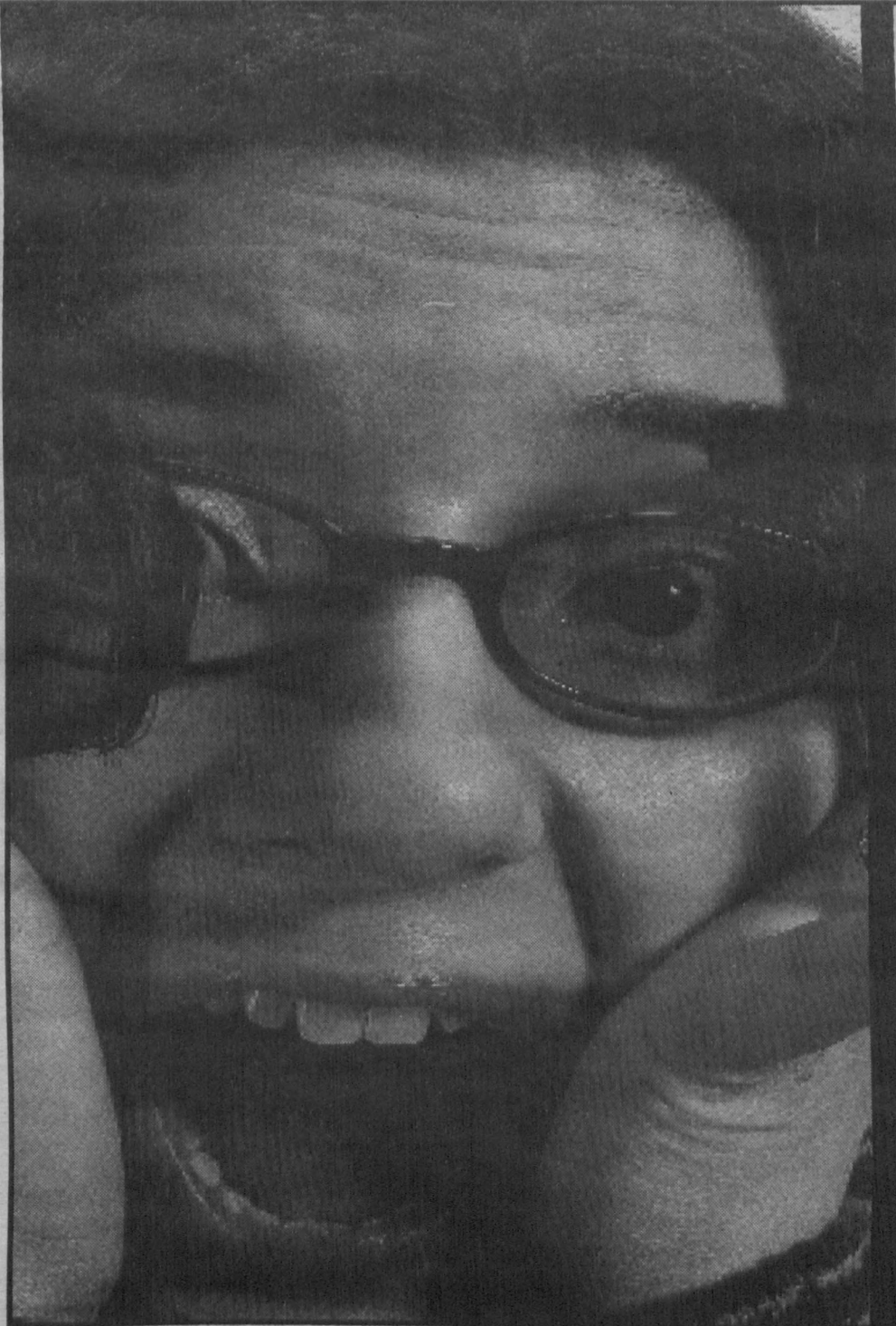
"There are as few as two and as many as eight police officers on duty at the same time, depending on the time of day and the day of the week," Chandler said.

For instance, Friday evening and Saturday morning from 8 p.m. until 4 a.m., there are eight officers on duty. But from 4 a.m. until 7 a.m. on those same days there are generally only two officers on duty.

In addition, he said Public Safety remains vigilant about campus security.

"We are also paying closer attention to the physical security devices that are around the campus," he said. "Our officers continue to be alert and aware, and make their presence known, which is a further deterrent [to crime]," Chandler said.

Public Safety also continues to offer personal safety classes to students and for residence hall programs by request.



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Writing Center stays afloat

Student aides have the "write stuff"

By Julia Hall
Staff Reporter

In 402 Neville Hall, students sit in pairs bent over an essay and discussing its contents in hushed tones. They toss ideas back and forth, clarify sentences and look at the written work from different angles. Before the essay leaves the room, it will have been revised, developed and polished by a trained writing tutor and the author. At the Writing Center, this one-on-one peer feedback is a vital part of the writing process.

"The conversation is the most important part," said Harvey Kail, director of the Writing Center and associate professor of English. "The goal is to provide the student with feedback on their writing that many professionals get."

The Writing Center staff at the University of Maine has been helping students improve their writing for 22 years. The center receives funding from the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Office of the Vice-Provost for Undergraduate Education and through work merit and work-study funding. At one point this semester, the Writing Center was in danger of losing its funding from the Office of the Vice-Provost, but Kail said the administration understands that the Writing Center provides an important service to University of Maine students. They got their funding back and so the Writing Center will not be shutting down.

"I think the administration is very supportive of the Writing Center," Kail said.

A group of 23 trained tutors and

interns work at the Writing Center and work with students individually on the grammar and style of their writing. Rather than simply editing their work, the tutors discuss ideas with the writers and together they look for ways the work can be improved. Every year, the Writing Center helps an average of 500 students, although around finals time the numbers seem to increase.

"We've been growing fairly steadily over the years," Kail said.

The papers brought to the center for revision are not limited to English papers. The subjects run the gamut of the curriculum offered at UMaine, from sociology to math to creative writing. The Writing Center helps both undergraduate and graduate students improve their research papers, stories or outlines.

Tutors at the Writing Center must complete the English Internship to be trained for the tutoring position. A professor must also recommend him or her as a good writer and listener. Kristen Curry, an education major who has been working at the Writing Center for three semesters, said the experience has been a positive one.

"I like the fact that it is not a 'proofreading' or 'editing' session, but rather a time when students realize their strengths and areas of their work that can be improved upon," Curry said.

Curry said that for the most part, students who come to the Writing Center realize that they will get to collaborate with one of their peers to improve their ideas, grammar, structure and

any other aspect of their writing they feel needs a little work.

The tutors even have the opportunity to go to regional and national conferences to learn more about peer tutoring. Meredith Gilbert, a senior art history major, attended the National Conference on Peer Tutoring and Writing in early November with Kail.

"It's really a great experience for the tutors," Kail said.

Gilbert said the conference, which was held at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., provided some new ideas for the Writing Center staff as well as perspectives on how other schools run their Writing Centers. She also said it helped her focus on her own writing.

"I get so wrapped up in helping others with their writing, sometimes I forget that first and foremost I am a writer myself," Gilbert said.

Since the center is not in danger of shutting down, Kail said he hopes improvements are in store for the future.

The Writing Center is currently open in the from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, but Kail said he hopes to open it up in the evenings next semester.

Anybody is welcome to take advantage of the Writing Center's services. A 50-minute meeting with one of the tutors is free, and whether you have a simple outline or a near-final draft, the Writing Center can offer some feedback. To schedule an appointment, call 581-3828 or stop by the Writing Center in person. If you are interested in becoming a peer writing tutor, contact Harvey Kail on FirstClass.

RAVE from page 1

According to the Bangor Daily News, "Scream 3," a rave held at the privately owned Central Maine Civic Center in Lewiston in October, attracted 3,500 people, but also resulted in 17 arrests, mostly on drug charges.

The use of "designer drugs," such as ecstasy and ketamine, were the reason behind 83 of the 85 arrests made at the 10 raves that have been held at the facility.

Dyer does not deny the existence of drug use at other events held at the Bangor Auditorium, however.

"I'm sure that at concerts like REO Speedwagon and Styx or Lynyrd Skynyrd, 50-year-olds reliving their youth will light up a joint," Dyer said, "but from seeing videotape from Lewiston there is a little too much relying on the designer drugs than enjoying a techno dance party."

But raves are not the only place people use these kinds of drugs, according to Gates.

"There are drugs everywhere. We can't get away from that and we can't deny it, but people use drugs at frat parties and other parties too. It is not just a part of the rave culture," Gates said. She also said she and most of her friends do not participate in the use of the designer drugs at raves.

In a decision made this week, the council followed in the footsteps of other publicly owned facilities, like Portland's Cumberland County Civic Center, and set a curfew for the auditorium to discourage the all-night parties. All events at the Bangor Auditorium must now be over by 1 a.m.

"I have been here for 18 years, and the only event to go that late was the launching of the

transatlantic balloon race [in 1993]," Dyer said. "Basically, [the ordinance] is just putting into writing a policy that was almost already in effect."

Gates and eight other ravers and amateur DJs who attended the city council's first meeting on the subject in November were not surprised by the outcome.

"We knew it wasn't going to pass," she said.

Gates said that even though she and her friends try to attend as many raves as possible, usually one every couple weeks, she doubted any of them would have attended one held at the auditorium.

"We support the underground scene," she said. "We don't usually go to big parties."

Gates also felt that the promoter misrepresented the rave scene.

"When the promoter said 'techno music sucks' we all looked at each other and laughed," Gates said. "He wasn't there for the people. He was there for the money."

Dyer seemed to echo the sentiments of the ravers about this promoter, but he also finds little value in the entertainment provided by raves.

"I feel like [raves] are a blatant rip-off," Dyer said. "It is not like we are delivering a band. It is a perception and an atmosphere being created and the only real beneficiary is the promoter."

Gates, however, said that raves are a lot more than lights and a DJ.

"To me it is very emotional," she said. "It's a time to get together, to gather with family and listen to music that is spectacular."

"It lifts me off my feet."

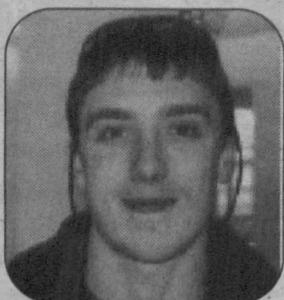
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What would you like most for the holidays?



"A couple more hours in the day to get things done."

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"A trip to Hawaii."

Ian Pillsbury
civil engineering
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"A hoverboard from 'Back to the Future' and G-squared."

Sarah Parvanta
broadcast news
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GSS Notes

By Catie Joyce
Staff Reporter

The following events took place at the Tuesday, Dec. 11 meeting of the General Student Senate.

- Out-going president, Pearce Paul Creasman, appointed vice presidents of student entertainment and financial affairs. Margaret O'Brien and Matthew Martin were appointed and sworn in to their positions, respectively.

- The Collegè Republicans revised by-laws and constitution were approved.

- Guest speakers Ted Curtis and David Miller of Legal Services spoke, handed out the office's monthly report for November and opened up the discussion for questions from the Senate.

- Platform speeches were given by each of the three candidates, Pearce Paul Creasman for president and Aaron Sterling and Matthew O. Gagnon for vice president.

- President Creasman's report: He met with ACAC, an environmental committee and discussed concerns on campus. He will attend the Faculty Senate meeting tomorrow and will bring to them a proposal to do away with the different types of parking lots. He hopes to get the Faculty Senate's backing in this issue. His goal is to make all lots open to everyone and then try to do away with some of the parking attendants. He said there won't be a need for them any longer, which could lower the cost of parking permits. He is currently getting statistics from the Parking Office. He scheduled a 10 a.m. cabinet meeting for today, which several cabinet members had a conflict with. He also said he does not support having the survey questions for student fees on the ballot because he considers them initiative questions. These questions were not

specifically brought up at Senate or approved by the members.

- Vice President Gagnon's report: Hallel, a Jewish students' club was reactivated. This club had been inactive since 1998. A going-away gift was also given to the VPFA, Amy Saunders, who will not be returning to her position next semester. The gift was paid for from the contingency fund.

- Vice President of Financial Affairs Amy Saunders's report: Matthew Martin, current treasurer of the Financial Affairs Office will be taking her place next semester. The Student Women's Association returned \$400 from last semester that was not used for its original intent. FAO has two candidates for the position of treasurer and will vote on them this week. The Executive Budgetary Committee will be taking \$1000 from their funds for a Christmas bonus for Student Government's two paid staffmembers of \$500 each.

- Vice President of Student Entertainment Margaret O'Brien's report: SE is working with the Campus Activities Board. CAB currently does Java Jive nights in the Maine Marketplace and has been approached by several local bands asking if they could play in the series. Some of the bands don't fit into Java Jive's atmosphere, so CAB has approached SE asking if they would be interested in having a Wednesday night series featuring local bands.

- Legal Services Liaison, Matthew Nowell's report: He met with Public Safety Officer Deb Mitchell to discuss hot spots for crime on campus. Mitchell told him crime statistics are available to students on the Public Safety Web site, but hot spots change as the student population changes. He also met with Ted Curtis of Legal Services who expressed his

optimism about the new Public Safety director, Noel C. March.

- Fair Elections Practices Chair Matthew Rodrigue's report: Candidates are abiding by the FEPC campaigning schedule. Elections will take place Thursday, Dec. 13, starting at 8 a.m. Results will be in by 1 a.m. Friday and posted on FirstClass. The swearing in ceremony for the new officers will be held in the COE room of the Union at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14. Pizza will be served. FEPC had full authority to decide on the survey questions being put with the ballot. They voted on the issue this weekend. They made it known, through an article in *The Maine Campus*, that the questions were part of a survey and not referendums.

- University System Liaison Sarah Knight's report: She contacted the presidents of all of the other University of Maine System Student Governments, sent copies of the resolution that created her position and requested copies of their by-laws and election and office turnover information.

- Old Town Council Liaison Jonathan LaBonte's report: He has contacted the Old Town Council manager. He is working on starting programs with the River Coalition for area high school and middle school students.

- Ad hoc fees committee Senator Sterling's report: They have five survey questions with the FirstClass ballots. They will use the information and statistics gathered from the survey when they go to the UMS Board of Trustees at their meeting in January.

- The Women's Rugby Club was allocated \$920 for two teams to play in a tournament at the University of New Hampshire. Maine Masque received \$1410 to attend the American College Theatre Festival in February. This resolution was amended from its original amount of \$550.

General Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in room 119 of Barrows Hall.

Student Government Elections

How to cast your ballot on FirstClass

Student Government elections will be held today on FirstClass. By now, a folder labeled "Student Gov't Elections" should have appeared on your desktop. To cast your vote, click on the icon. Information regarding the elections can be found by clicking on the "Student Government Elections" icon. Students wanting to find out more on presidential candidate Pearce Paul Creasman or vice presidential candidates Aaron Sterling and Matthew O. Gagnon can click on the "Candidate Bios" icon. For information about the candidates, their platforms and the survey questions that will be on the ballot, check www.maine-campus.com.

The survey questions are in regard to the ad hoc committee on student fees and how the committee should proceed in bringing the topic of student fees to the University of Maine Board of Trustees.

Students may cast their votes tomorrow between 8 a.m. and midnight. The results will be in by 1 a.m. Friday and posted on FirstClass. The new officers will be sworn in Friday, Dec. 14 in the COE room of Memorial Union at 6 p.m.

Noise ordinance to be enforced by police

New rule to affect noise violators in Orono, University of Maine

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

The Orono Town Council met Monday to discuss topics that affect not only the town, but the University of Maine as well.

One topic discussed was the issue of whether to implement a new, revised or at least enforced noise ordinance for the town.

Albert Dravidzius, the police chief of Orono, stood before the council and explained the need for a better noise ordinance. He said that certain parts of the present ordinance just are not enforceable and that those that are do not seem to be enforced.

He also said that any new

revision of the ordinance should address commercial businesses that produce loud sounds. He feels that these businesses should be tested to ensure that the decibel of the music does not exceed the set levels.

These tests were supposed to occur last June, however, it was overlooked.

Dravidzius explained that noise is one of the biggest problems in this town, and it is mainly due to the fact that not much is done about it. He said the police department plans to begin testing certain facilities and locations and hopes to finish by March or April.

One member of the council asked what would happen to locations that do not meet the new standard set for that area.

The councilor felt that locations, such as Sunshine Materials, that may make loud noises should not be penalized because it has been in town for so long.


Dravidzius responded by stating the law does not include a grandfather clause.

"Any sound that is found to be detrimental to the quality of life of people in the surrounding areas will be discontinued or lessened," he said.

He said that despite Sunshine Materials' age, if it is making unreasonably loud noises at unreasonable hours, they may be forced to close.

"If it's causing an uncontrollable disturbance," Dravidzius said. "I see the people of this community coming first."

She's a gang leader...



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The Powell family sits down together to eat dinner Monday night at Stodder Commons.

"The biggest house in the whole city"

A family of four calls residence hall "home sweet home," even for the holidays

By Julia Hall
Staff Reporter

The upcoming winter break means most residents will be packing up their belongings and

where they met, so they knew that they would be living with and meeting students who are interested in both learning and having fun.

The Powells say they wouldn't have it any other way.

commons attached to the building. The Powells usually eat dinner there during the week.

As a family, the Powells like to go to many campus events together. Last spring, the four of them attend-

They also enjoy swimming together at the Orono/Old Town YMCA and attend church regularly.

Maggie's favorite activities include reading, coloring, playing computer games and using her tea party set. She really wants to learn how to play pool. Nicholas enjoys playing "ball," pushing buttons and turning the lights on and off. Both children attend daycare at University Park, which gives them some interaction with children their own age.

"One thing that we worry about is not having a lot of other kids around," Kristen said.

Kristen was a stay-at-home mother last year and said it was hard to set up play dates with other children because their parents had nowhere to park. This year, the children go to daycare while Kristen attends classes and works in the Office for Student Organization and Leader Development. She is working towards getting her M.B.A. Jeff

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"We've given up a few things, like having a private entrance to our home and our own driveway, but in return we get to live in a house with 150 people who are really friendly and respectful to us and our kids."

vacating the dorms. However, not everyone will be checking out of the residence halls and heading home.

Four occupants of Stodder Hall are already home.

Meet Jeff and Kristen Powell. They live in Stodder Hall with their children, Maggie, 3, and Cole, 1.

Jeff and Kristen moved to campus in March of 1999 when Jeff took a job as an assistant director of Residence Life and Programs at the University of Maine. The small apartment in Stodder was available for them, and they were delighted.

"We've given up a few things, like having a private entrance to

They are pleased with the way the residents respect their children and quiet hours. They also say that they try not to get too involved in the direction of the hall and let the residence hall staff do their job. If they ever have problems with the level of noise, which they say isn't often, the students are quick to turn it down a notch if asked.

In return, the students in Stodder have embraced the Powells as the resident family. Every Halloween, the students open their doors as Maggie goes trick-or-treating to every room in her house. Last March, some of the students even set up a party

ed the Take Back the Night march.

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Last March some of the students even set up a party for Maggie's third birthday.

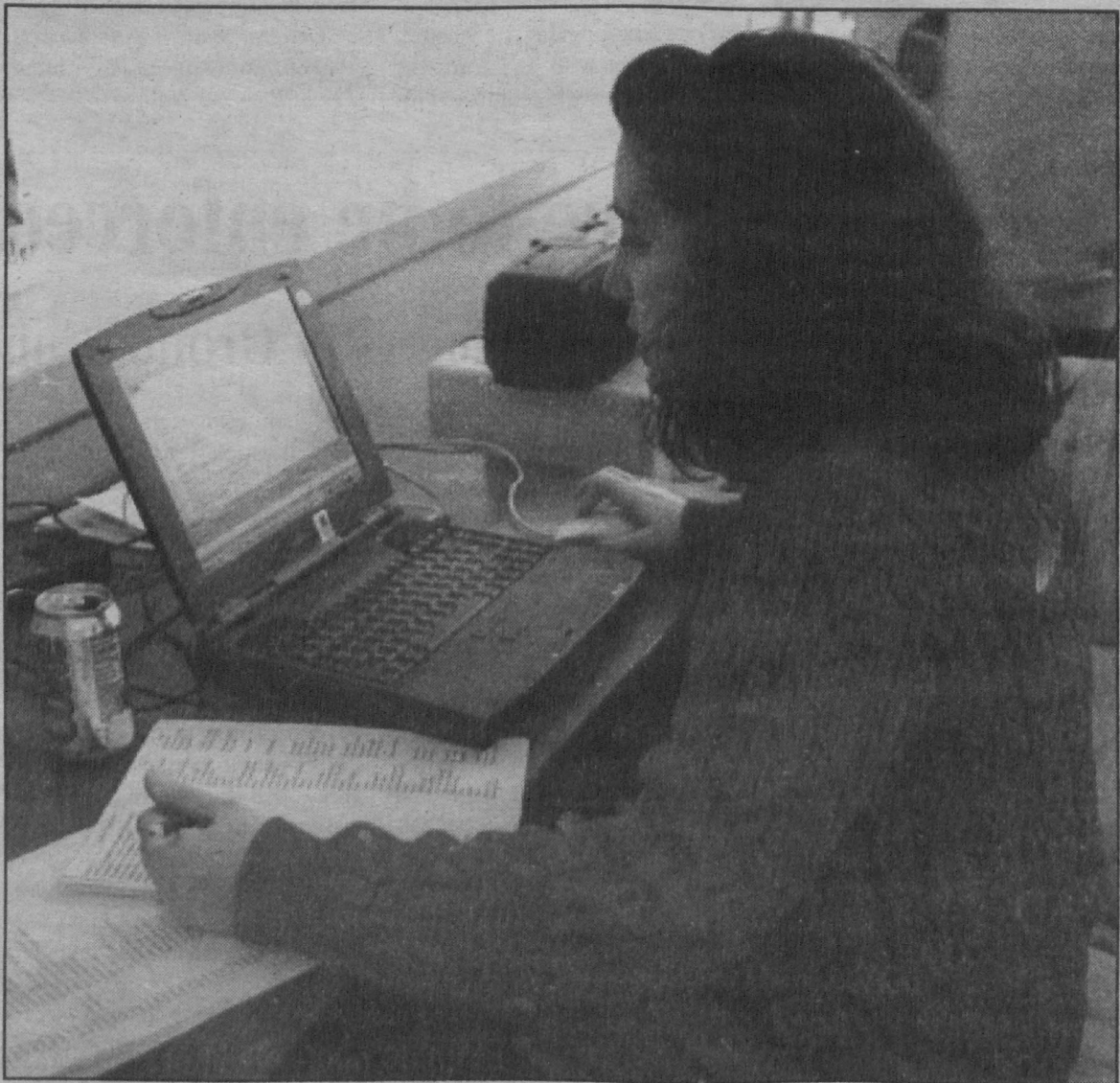
our home and our own driveway, but in return we get to live in a house with 150 people who are really friendly and respectful to us and our kids," Kristen said.

Jeff and Kristen say they were prepared for what living in a residence hall would entail. They were both hall directors at the University of Colorado in Boulder, which is

for Maggie's third birthday.

"This is our community," Jeff said. "The students are really friendly."

Living in Stodder is economically beneficial to the Powells, as well as convenient. Not only are Kristen and Jeff both close to their jobs, Stodder is one of the only dorms on campus with a



Kristin Powell catches up on work while her children attend daycare at University Park.

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is currently working on his dissertation for his PhD.

"I'm interested in how students become interested in politics," Jeff said.

The Powells are now getting ready for Christmas. Last week they took the children to see

Last week they took the children to see Santa Claus at the bookstore. Maggie asked him for roller-skates and a dragon.

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They are looking forward to a peaceful holiday at home.

Raising a family in a college dorm may seem a bit unorthodox, but for the Powells, Stodder Hall is their home. Even young Maggie appreciates her unique house. Recently, Kristen and Jeff took the kids on a drive looking at different houses in the area and Kristen said Maggie was proud because she has "the biggest house in the whole city."

And she certainly does.

(Above) Kristin Powell digs out some cookies and cream ice cream at Stodder Commons, while her son Nicholas, 1, tries to run off to Southside Market.

(Below) Kristin feeds her children, Nicholas and Maggie dinner. Meals are easy for the family, whose home in Stodder is attached to the commons.



The Parking Space

Parking Tip of the Week: Service vehicle spaces are reserved for University of Maine service vehicles or those vehicles that have been provided special service vehicle permits by the Parking Services office.

Finals week is here and the Parking Services office does not want to add to the students' stress. Please be sure you are complying with the university's rules and regulations when you are parking your car on campus. Loading zones outside the dorms are available for use if you have the proper permit. Please visit the Parking Services office and obtain a temporary loading zone permit if you know you will be moving articles in or out of your dorm room. Parking in the fire lanes is only permitted under the following conditions:

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

For commuter students, overnight parking is not permitted in the staff and commuter lots due to the Winter Parking Ban. If you know you are going to be on campus beyond the midnight cut-off for those lots, please move your vehicle to the Hilltop lot to avoid getting a parking ticket.

Those students who will be leaving their vehicles on campus during the winter break must park in the following areas to facilitate snow removal:

Androscoggin, Cumberland and Gannett Halls residents should park at the Athletic Field end of the Stewart lot.

Knox, Somerset, Oxford and DTAV residents should park in the front corner of the Orchard lot. Aroostook, York Village, York Hall, Kennebec, Estabrooke and Colvin Halls residents should park in the north end of the Aroostook lot. Sigma Nu, Beta, Oak, Penobscot, Hancock, Hart, Stodder and Balentine Halls residents should park in the north end of the Steam Plant lot.

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

University Employees: Our office will be sending out the last of the employee renewal forms this week. We have experienced some computer problems resulting in the omission of small groups of employees. We have corrected the problem but there may be some duplicates. If anyone in your department receives a second renewal form, please disregard the second form.

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Afghan

States. Later on in the day, I was watching The Daily Show—which is the reason I got into journalism in the first place—and there was our president, George W. Bush, the leader of the most powerful nation in the world, saying, “I can’t imagine someone like Osama bin Laden understanding the joy of Hanukkah.” Now, we’ll grant that it was taken out of context, but unfortunately there is no context in this world that would allow that sentence to make sense. Not to point out the obvious here, but Osama bin Laden isn’t Jewish (has the president not realized this yet?) so, no—he probably doesn’t know the joy of Hanukkah. You know who else isn’t Jewish? The president.

My assumption is that the people of Afghanistan just might appreciate food a little more than Harry Potter Legos. Oh, but we’ve been doing that, right? Yes, we’ve been dropping MREs (the military’s Meals Ready to Eat) to them, which are probably

labeled in English. And then we get offended when they don’t want to eat them. I wouldn’t even know what to do with an MRE, let alone if it was labeled in a foreign language. Can we get a clue here? Pop Tarts and Slim Jims aren’t that appetizing if you’re used to eating rice and goat brains. Not to mention, we’re not exactly best friends here. If they weren’t a little weary of their sworn enemy trying to fatten them up I’d be even more concerned.

This whole thing has gone beyond ridiculous. Are we really so egotistical that we think sending Christmas presents to Muslim children is a good idea? But we get offended at pictures of kids squirting peanut butter into the street because they don’t know what it is. Or feeding Pop Tarts to their donkeys. If we really want to help the people of Afghanistan, we need to learn something about them first.

Amy Bowler is a senior journalism major.

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Merry Clitoris, Grandpa

Home for the holidays? I’ll pass.

TRAVIS
COWING



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

mom will like them.

Not to mention all the presents I need to buy. You tell me how the birth of Jesus correlates with buying my cousin Power Rangers and Legos. I’m buying that spoiled bastard two things this year: jack and shit. Then he tells me he wants a Harry Potter action figure. Yeah right, that little prick can kiss my Harry ass.

And now because of Jesus I have to go home and do the “family thing.” You know, open presents, giggle and build gingerbread houses. Then I have to try and choke down some potatoes and ham that my gram managed to completely burn the piss out of.

Not to mention I have to put up with my 91-year-old great-grandfather. You see, he got run over by a dog sled team when he was 11. Ever since then he’s had a speech impediment, meaning

he has trouble pronouncing some words. For instance, instead of saying Christmas he says “clitoris.” Needles to say, it makes for some interesting conversation while we’re sipping eggnog. Last year I had to sit and listen to my aunt explain what a clitoris was to my cousin ... that was a lot of fun. Hopefully next year we can discuss Santa’s G-spot.

Then I have to deal with my old man. Forget St. Nick, my dad celebrates with Jim Beam. Last year he was so loaded he woke up under the tree wearing two purple socks, an elf’s hat and his white skivvies ... that’s it. And apparently Santa left him a present too ... shit in his drawers.

At any rate, I hope you all have fun this holiday season. If you don’t ... well ... just remember it’s all Jesus’s fault. As I look out my window now, I can see houses decorated with lights and in the distance I can hear the faint echoes of carolers. Yup ... it’s beginning to look a lot like Clitoris.

Travis Cowing drinks a lot of eggnog.

Holiday

doesn’t matter if you bought it this year. Clean out your closet after the holiday and make some cash at Wal-Mart; it is far more profitable than book buyback. And it allows you a second opportunity at encouraging economic growth through spending.

Another important aspect of this season is the financial dependency that many businesses have developed. Holiday sales can often make or break a business. Sales encourage a stronger economy. A stronger economy encourages the stock market. The stock market encourages a stronger job market. The stronger the job market the better your chances are at paying student loans after graduation.

But if you really have a prob-

lem with how your holiday is celebrated, or if you have already maxed out your credit cards, then do something about it. Choose not to participate. Change your traditions. Find your spirit elsewhere. Encourage the university to put up a “non-denominational” tree as they have in past years. After all, cultural appropriation is how we came to have a Christmas tree. And we can certainly remain just as politically correct by calling it “non-denominational.” Perhaps a “non-denominational” menorah would be a nice change.

Take a moment to consider your hypocrisy this season, and rejoice.

Amber Williams is a senior journalism major.

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The zen of pooping

Stage fright encompasses more than just urinals

MARK
MERCIER



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

feeling “fussy,” is to try to expel everything in one ass-ripping push while simultaneously flushing the toilet and coughing to conceal the act.

Why the embarrassment? Just reading about this is probably embarrassing you. A trip to the bathroom should be a good time, like when you push and sort of force that dazed, half-grin onto your face. It should not be a please-God-don’t-let-me-make-any-noise stressful battle of wills. We sit on the toilet and pretend we are there for some higher purpose, then we hear “fffflppbbbl” next door and we giggle to ourselves, forgetting momentarily that the very same thing has escaped us at some point.

It’s even worse in the dorms. It’s a crap shoot trying to find a toilet that doesn’t have a beer can, bottle, pizza box, boot or roll of toilet paper stuffed into it. There’s also the distinct possibility that even if you are extra quiet, someone will recognize your shoes under the stall, know

who you are and what you are doing and tell everybody, “Hey! I just saw John in the crapper! He was taking the stinkiest dump ever!”

A friend of mine from elementary school once defined the fart as “an imprisoned turd screaming ‘FREEDOM!’” To me, the fart is the great equalizer. Bowel movements are to remind us that we are equal. Whenever you see some girl or guy and are amazed and intimidated by their beauty, athletic ability, intellect, or size, just remember that at one point, very recently, they have been on a toilet, squeezing so hard they were sweating, feeling as though their eyes would pop out of their skull, and gripping the handicap bar in the stall like it was the crash bar on a roller coaster. If you still want to talk to them after imaging that, it’s remarkably easy.

I have a friend who takes at least four to eight craps a day. He’s proud of that, as well he should be: he’s one of the happiest people I have ever seen because he never worries about “holding it in.” Live every minute inside that stall like it is your last. Who knows, it could change your whole outlook on life.

Mark Mercier is a senior English major.

Letters

the entire requested amount. I can only hope that these senators will continue to support the arts in their work throughout life.

Matthew Blake Small
Maine Masque

•BUDGET CORRECTION

I would like to clarify a statement that I made in Aimee Dolloff’s interview for the article she wrote in the Dec. 10 issue of The Maine Campus. I stated that over a 15-year period, the UMaine budget contained about the same money for energy costs. In finding my notes that I had taken and lost underneath my many course notes, papers, text books, lab books and crib sheets, the facts are not as precise as those I stated in the interview. Though what I did say was not

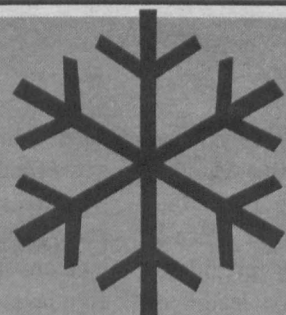
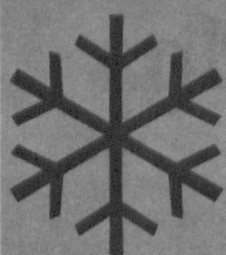
entirely inaccurate, either. Over the period from 1980 to 1999, the facilities management budget—which includes operation of the steam plant, “energy investigations” and utility services (oil, electricity)—went from \$1,927,378 to \$2,944,182, an increase of 153%. The Consumer Price Index, according to the Federal Reserve Bank, was 202% over the same period. The steam plant, by itself, increased from \$1,397,678 to \$1,464,945, an increase of only 104%, about half that of inflation. In dollar terms, energy costs for the Orono Campus did increase, but they actually declined in real terms over the same period.

Fred Nehring
Senator, GSS

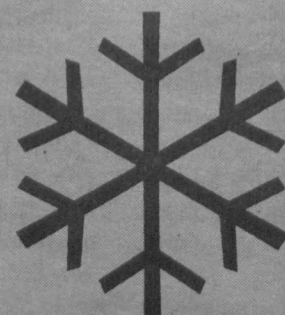
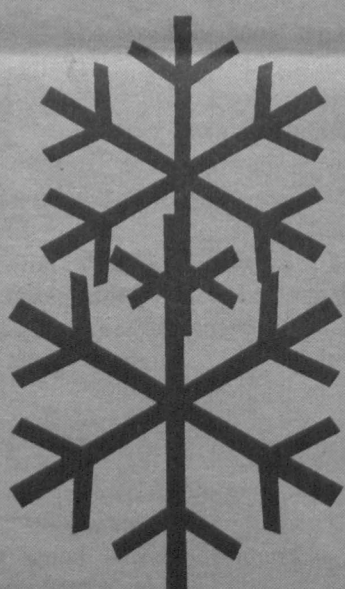
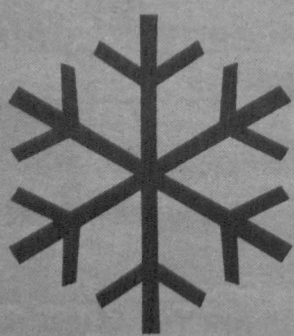
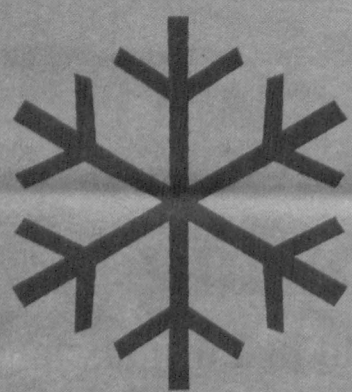
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There’s nothing quite like the embarrassment of being hunched over your knees while sitting on a toilet seat, clutching your buns together and biting your lip, worried that the person in the next stall or the urinal near you will hear the telltale “hunnnhh-plop” or “fffflppbbbl” and know what you are doing. You sit there, waiting for the person in the stall next to you to finish and leave. The saddest occurrence is when two people wait for the other to finish and leave so they can do their business. These people can sit there hours, waiting for the other to crack. What really kills these people is when some nefarious blowhard comes in, does a quick pee and washes his hands for five minutes, knowing the squatter is waiting for him to leave.

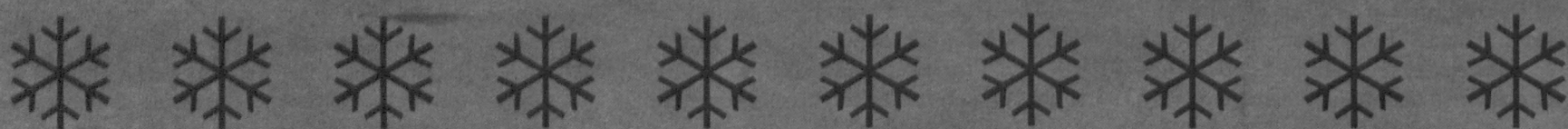
To this day—and I have been going to the bathroom for a long time—I still don’t want to make any noise while I am on the toilet. I’m sure this goes for everybody. You hope for a quiet ride so you can leave and people don’t have to know what you were really doing in there. Like maybe you were just blowing your nose, the theory being that if the door is closed there is no proof of what happened in there. My favorite technique, if my bowels are

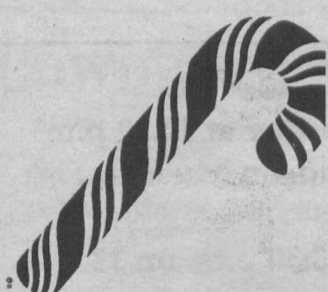


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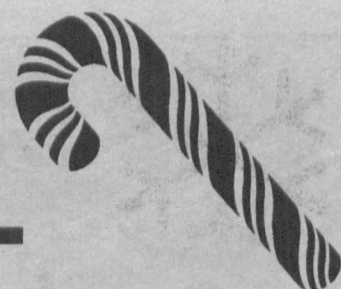


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DIVERSIONS



So, Roy, do you ever feel bad for judging people all day?
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BUT I GUESS YOU'RE TOO PESSIMISTIC TO SEE THAT!!

I'M BEGGINING TO UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE SINGLE...
I WAS JOKING!
WHY? WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

Dr. Roy by Paul Ezy

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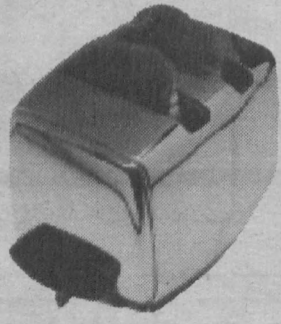
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One movie to rule them all

First installment of "Lord of the Rings" trilogy due in theaters next week

By Jason Houle
For The Maine Campus

With the recent popularity of fantasy novels turned blockbusters, J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings" proves to be the focus for the next poised celebration of the mythical creatures of Tinsel Town, and promises to cast out Harry Potter and his band of witches and wizards out of the limelight and into the dungeons.

"The Fellowship of the Ring," the first installment of Tolkien's classic appears in movie theaters across the country on Dec. 19. With a star-studded cast, a glut of special effects and a classic storyline, "Fellowship of the Ring" looks to be the last true holiday blockbuster of 2001.

For those of you who are not familiar with "The Lord of the Rings" series and need a bit of a crash course on the basic plot, (The Lord of the Rings is an all-powerful ring; it is the "One ring to rule them all.") Set in the fictional world of Middle Earth, "The Fellowship of the Ring" is the story of the hobbit Frodo Baggins, played by Elijah Wood, whose quest is to destroy the ring with the help of a fellowship of eight others, therefore preventing it from falling into the hands of the dark lord Sauron, played by Sala Baker. The ring, which is a source of immense power, is given to Frodo by his uncle. Frodo then takes the ring to a council, and they decide the only way to prevent the ring from falling into the wrong hands is to destroy it. And the only way to destroy the ring is by throwing it into the fires of Mount Mordor, Sauron's seat of power. Wood is supported in his role by such star power as Liv Tyler and Sean



The movie adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkiens "Lord of the Rings" opens in theaters across the country next Wednesday.

Astin.

Peter Jackson, a New Zealand director who is best known for his work with "Dead-Alive," "The Frighteners" and "Heavenly Creatures," took on

the task of directing the highly expensive "Lord of the Rings" series.

The three "Lord of the Rings" films, each of which will be released in 2001, 2002

and 2003 respectively, were all shot and completed at the same time. The first of its kind, the project took 14 months and

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Local musician remembered fondly by peers

By Rachel Kennedy
Staff Writer

The uncoiling legacies of great men are footprints on a sandy beach that can't be washed away through all of tide and time. John Johnson of Bangor, music major and friend of the UMaine community, passed away at age 44 on Nov. 12 after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Developing a love for music at an early age, Johnson gener-

ously shared his passion and knowledge of music with others—he was always more than willing to be that helping hand.

"John was a friend to us," said music major Christine Lamare. "He was a father figure in the way that he would help us learn not only in the classes, but also in life situations," Christine Lamare, music major said.

Even in death, his selfless sincerity, exemplary humanity and love of music will forever be cherished by those who were fortunate enough to befriend him.

"John Johnson was a great guy. He always had a desire to learn and be the best person possible that [he could be]," Lamare said, "his love for music and his [strong] attitude were unsurpassed even to the end. It was something we could all learn from."

Those close to him are quick to point out his perseverance and unbreakable spirit throughout his battle with cancer.

"It was amazing to see how much he kept on pushing. He kept on saying that he was feel-

ing better and that he was going to kick this thing in the butt," Kevin Mania, a music major said, "[I can remember] after his first operation he was unable to play guitar for a while so he started playing more Jazz piano. I jammed with him one day during the summer, we were trying to get through a solo section and he was playing the chords under the solo, messing up all over the place and he just had the biggest

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Warm Christmas thoughts

By Joseph Bethony



Sports Editor

When was the last time you got what you really wanted for Christmas? Or more importantly, do you remember the year you really did want that one thing (damn store was sold out of Tickle Me Elmos) and you didn't get it?

Well, I do remember (of course I do, or why else would I be writing this...and no, I'm not bitter about anything). It must have been 1985 or '86, or maybe it was 1987. Or perhaps it was sooner (but really I do remember it) and a then 108-year old Ronnie Reagan was in the White House (doing what, nobody knows) and Strom Thurmond was in his mid-80s and still going strong. A sassy Rudy, from the Cosby Show, captured the nation's imagination.

And I wanted an Optimus Prime. Yeah, that's right, the Transformer guy, I think that he was the truck thinger (who happened to only be the second-coolest Transformer behind the boombox with the bird in his chest that turned into a tape. And I think the tape played the latest hit by Run-DMC, but that's only speculation). But I didn't get it.

Damn, was I let down. Again, remember, I'm not bitter.

This year though, I'm older and more mature and I want different things for Christmas than I used to want. Unfortunately Ashley Judd is getting married soon to Dario Franchetti, so I'll go to the next thing on my list. (Again, not bitter, but why in the hell would she want to marry a Scottish guy who is really an Italian. If she wants to marry a guy with an unusual name I would rather she hook up with Fernando Valenzuela (boy could he throw a screwball)).

So, Santa how about when you're traversing the earth on Christmas Eve, you drop off a good Hollywood movie for us good boys and girls to watch (with all apologies to "Ocean's 11." Why cast Julia Roberts? Unless the thieves are plotting to steal some teeth out of her John Merrick-esque head then I'm not going to watch).

Maybe Santa's already read my letter (I've sent four) and

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Cowing: "I will continue my outrageous columns as long as I can"

By Erin Desrochers
For The Maine Campus

Unless you've had your nose in the books for the past two weeks, you've most likely heard about the controversy surrounding Travis Cowing, a local comedian and columnist for *The Maine Campus*. Protesters recently gathered at Wells Conference Center where Cowing was performing his stand-up comedy act. The Maine Times ran an editorial calling Cowing's columns "artless, thoughtless and unworthy of the debate they have sparked."

Cowing has written numerous articles for *The Maine Campus*, including "What the hell is an izzo?" "Did you do your homework for PMP 101?" and "No need to meet the parents."

Originally from Milo, Cowing attended art school in Portland after high school. Cowing eventually decided he disliked the difference and decided to move to the University of Maine—a destination closer to his Milo home.

Currently an art major, Cowing is trying to get his degree in physical education and says he will probably remain at UMaine for a long time to come.

"My children will be graduating before I do," Cowing said.

Cowing was originally approached last year about stand-up comedy by a representative from Channel 2 who had read a Cowing column in *The Maine Campus*. The rep, who was organizing a story on the controversy Cowing was stirring up, asked the columnist to take a shot at stand-up in Portland.

Cowing took up the challenge. While Cowing performed well, he was disquali-

fied from the contest by running over the allotted amount of time. However, he was asked to come back as a regular comic, something that doesn't occur frequently.

Now, Cowing performs regularly at clubs in Portland. His show consists of "a little of everything with a cynical touch." Cowing pokes fun at growing up in a small town atmosphere here in Maine with jokes like: "People can relate because if you're from Maine chances are you're from a shit hole town like me."

Regarding the ongoing and current criticism of his writing, Cowing said, "I enjoy the negativity to tell you the truth. If I can anger a group so much that they protest and put up signs then I think that only adds to my notoriety. I'm sure there were people at my show that didn't like my humor, but they wanted to be there to see what I was going to say. In that situation I'm really the winner. Likewise, if I anger someone so much that they write a letter to the editor, that's great."

Cowing says he has no plans to tone down any part of his columns or live stage shows.

"I will continue my outrageous columns as long as I can," Cowing said. "Which will be until someone stops me or someone kills me. And believe me, the chances of me being killed are increasing. Probably by some big bull dyke."

Cowing freely admits he doesn't believe his columns are right for everyone.

"If you want something intellectual, there are plenty of other important stories in *The Maine Campus*," Cowing said.

According to Cowing, his articles and stories are so far over the top that he finds it difficult to understand why people take them so seriously. He said that



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Travis Cowing performs at the Maine Campus/WMEB funded concert in Wells Conference Center last month.

he pushes them so far it's impossible for someone to take them for face value.

Cowing actually won an award while in high school for his writing. His grades in college in writing and English classes have always been exceptional.

But as for putting that writing ability to some "good" use?

"Leave important literature to Steven Hawking," Cowing said, "Let me write about the puck sluts."

Although Cowing's friends and family now support his comedic endeavors, it hasn't always been that way. When he started out his parents were worried it would reflect badly on them, and were a bit embarrassed. That has changed now Cowing said.

Cowing's mother keeps a scrapbook of his column work for him.

Cowing's dream is to attend a comedic improvisation school in either Los Angeles or

Chicago, schools where the regular comedy show "Saturday Night Live" picks most of their comedians. Since he was a child, Cowing has dreamt of fame and having a reoccurring role on Saturday Night Live.

Cowing's preparation and innovation routine is fairly simple. The comedian said he simply sits in front of the computer and thinks "What would make people laugh and say, 'I can't believe he just said that?'"

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Java Jive showcases new campus talent

By Gina Valenzuela
Staff Reporter

For those of you who weren't in Memorial Union's Stillwater Canal Co. Pub Tuesday night, man, you missed a show! The Java Jive's open mic action was in effect with 10 performers/groups giving it their all.

The room began to fill around 7:45 p.m. and by 8 p.m., there was hardly a seat open. In fact, listeners choose to stand or pour out into the next room to hear the music that flowed from the stage.

The band the Green Bikes got the night going with its "loud, fast music," as lead vocalist and guitar player Erik Schwab described the group's work. Norm Charest on bass said it's kind of a "punk" sound. These guys have hopes of landing a space in one of next semesters Java Jives, possibly Bumstock or the Battle of the Bands.

Lee Hunter on drums kept the beat flowing as they began with a song by Homegrown. Despite the technical difficulties of being the first to perform, such as sound and microphone balance, Schwab had to deal with a string breaking on his guitar. But that didn't slow the group down. Schwab quickly tied a new string on while Charest put out a few tunes on the bass.

These guys really know how to play to a crowd and it showed. Once they broke out in Green Day's "Paranoid," the audience was hooked. By the time they began Adam Sandler's "Hanukah Song," everyone was cheering. Schwab really had a connection with the people as he joked and played up the technical problem situations. The

guys were happy with their performance, or "pumped" as Charest put it.

An original songwriter, Josh, followed with a beautiful acoustic piece. His soothing voice really portrayed the emotion of his words. However, it was a tough changeover for the audience from hearing hard music to something more calming.

Next, Nate Moyer and Josh Frye, both on acoustic guitar, with Jon Mason as lead vocalist, hit the stage. Mason described their music as "classic acoustic sound" and it showed with their first song, "Stairway to Heaven."

Moyer and Frye, both with five years of experience on the guitar, did an amazing collaboration on this piece. Their experience and expertise showed as they hit every note perfectly and in balance with one another. Mason did a nice job of vocalizing this classic song, but his singing really took over in The Eagle's crowd pleaser "Hotel California." The majority of the pub was singing along softly or mouthing the words, and the crowd showed their appreciation with the loudest response a performance received all night.

Following the guys, Adrienne jumped on stage with his guitar and vocalist, Shannon. He started off with a little patriotic speech about the recent events, which led into a song both he and Shannon wrote. It was a very spiritual and emotional piece that was accented by her Jewel-like vocals. Shannon's goosebump-raising voice was amazing and truly beautiful, supported by Adrienne's skillful guitar playing.

Their second piece Shannon wrote for her Peace Studies class, and Adrienne had worked on put-

ting it to music. It was a powerful song saying to "stand up" and fight for what you believe in, because all individuals, not just "leaders," make change. This was not the first time these two had worked together and it definitely showed.

Calm and cool, Andy Matson stepped up to the mic with the stage name "Somebody." Both of his songs "Phoenix Rising" and "September Change" had a Tori Amos sound to them. What Amos does with her piano, Matson did with his vocals and acoustic guitar.

Eighth up was Eliza on vocals, with songwriter and guitar player, Adam. Eliza's sweet voice portrayed Adam's song of a young broken heart and mimicked Jewel's voice when singing "You were meant for me."

Andy Hicks brought a new

flavor to the show with the song he wrote about the times and kids in "1995." It brought a little nostalgia to the audience along with a different sound.

This night was a nice break before all the stress of finals. Chair of Java Jive, Bridgette Coneely, organized Java Jam as

part of the Campus Activities Board. With the help of Keith McCoullough and Benny Heiss on technical arrangements, Bridgette pulled off a great night of free flowing music. Next semester, the Java Jive will be held in the Stillwater Canal Co. Pub every Tuesday night at 8 p.m.

'Tis the Season



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Santa made his rounds of the commons yesterday, distributing gifts and candy. Commons staff from across campus put diners in a holiday mood with lights, decorations and seasonal food.

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granted my Christmas wish.

Prior to Christmas Day, "The Lord of the Rings" is released. The biggest movie this side of a geeky English kid with glasses? Maybe so.

Then on Christmas Day, "Ali" opens with Will Smith, the biggest ham this side of Babe the pig, as the greatest. Oscar buzz has surrounded the film and Smith's performance, which he has called the peak of his career as an actor.

Michael Mann, who has directed many "guy films" (though none with Linda Lovelace), began his career directing Miami Vice and the original Hannibal Lecter film "Manhunter." Sorry, there was no point to that tangent, other than to drop the "guy film" and Linda "Deep Throat" Lovelace into the same sentence. Score.

Then there's "A Beautiful Mind" with last year's best actor Russell Crowe. But did he really have any competition? He was up against a friggin' volleyball.

So during your break take in a movie or two. And if you don't like my suggestions then wait for the summer sequel to "Dude, Where's My Car?"

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smile on his face. He looked over and said with a little bit of a laugh in his voice, "there is always next time." You could tell that he lived through his playing; he looked happiest with an instrument in his hands."

Friends share their fond, lasting stories and memories of John with the community and with each other.

"I will never forget the afternoons he and I spent jamming at my place," Tom Painter, jazz guitarist and a friend of Johnson's said. "He always played from the heart, and was a real inspiration. I will miss him terribly."

Mania remembers the inspiration Johnson had on others.

"He was such an inspiration to me as a player and as a person," Mania said. "We all cared about him and were all upset that something could happen to such a great person."

Johnson leaves behind his wife of 21 years, Stephanie Johnson and daughter, Emily. Although the funeral has passed, donations may still be made to the Calais Free Library, 3 Union St., Calais 04619, where John served on the Board of Trustees for several years.

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For more information or to receive and application, contact Scott Wilkerson, UMaine Sustainability Officer, at 581-3300x3 or email scott.wilkerson@umit.maine.edu. The application will soon be available at First Class desktop/The Campus Connection/Univ. Organizations/Sustainability Program.






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\$350 million. A large chunk of the enormous sum of money went to the eye-popping special effects, sets and battle sequences, brought by the ever improving and increasing use of CGI, or Computer Generated Imaging. Such special effects no doubt are necessary to bring Tolkien's fantasy to life. His immortal words brought to life through modern digital technology.

With such an influential and legendary series being brought to a movie theater near you, the controversy is high strung, leaving even the surviving members of the Tolkien Estate with "no comment" on their lips. But temper-tantrums aside, the truth is that although in the past Hollywood has made some highly disgraceful text-to-screen projects, the future has been looking up with the success of films like "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

It is films such as these that are noted for their close followings of the novel and highly accurate and breathtaking action sequences. And with speculation that much of Tolkien's original dialogue will be used, along with a digitally enhanced Middle Earth, The "Lord of the Rings" series looks to be nothing short of a "hats off" to a great novel and greater author.

Weezer, Tenacious D visit Portland

By Julie Altenhoff
Asst. Photo Editor

Whether an avid Weezer fan or just looking to experience nostalgia from those middle school days when you listened to Weezer's "Blue" album over and over, Tuesday night's Weezer concert offered entertainment for all. Weezer performed at the Cumberland County Civic Center with opening bands Jimmy Eat World and Tenacious D.

Arriving at the show there was a line wrapping around the entire building with hundreds of people waiting in the freezing cold. Once inside, thousands of more fans attempted to push their way toward the front.

Jimmy Eat World, an up-and-coming band from Arizona, started off the night with a handful of songs from the "Bleed American" album and some off the early "Clarity" album. The crowd all joined in to sing their new hit "Bleed American." They effectively got the crowd revved up and ready for the night.

Next, Tenacious D brought some crazy antics to the stage. Tenacious D features Jack Black, an actor who has been seen in "Shallow Hell" and

"High Fidelity," and Kyle Gash. Some of the audience favorites were the songs "Wonderboy" and "F*** Her Gently." They received a lot of laughs during the song "Spiderman," when a man dressed in a Spiderman

costume came on the stage jumping around.

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Weezer provided a lively set list including seven songs from the "Blue" album, which seemed to be a favorite among the audience. Weezer opened with a new song called "Death and Destruction." Performing both old and new favorites, they played a total of 19 songs.

When Weezer came out on stage and sang "Buddy Holly," the whole audience sang along. The band ended with "Surf Wax America" and Jack Black and Kyle Gash of Tenacious D surprised all by coming onstage in just their underwear.

This show, which brought an end to the tour, was the first time any of the three bands had played in Portland.



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Rivers Cuomo, the lead singer of the alternative band Weezer, played to a Portland crowd last night.

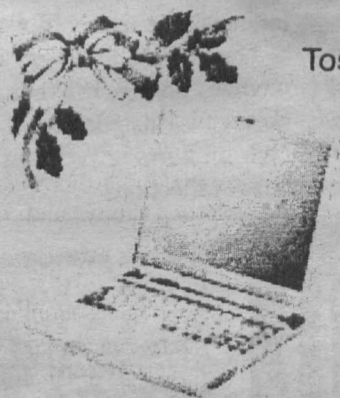
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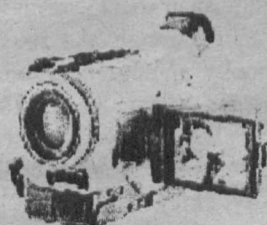
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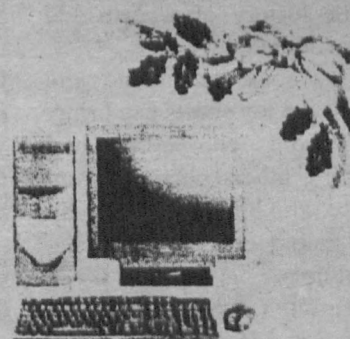
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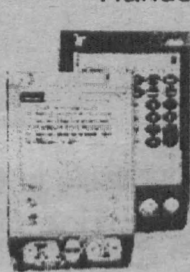
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Men's basketball:

Despite a 45-point performance from Errick Greene, the University of Maine men's basketball team had its two-game winning streak snapped in Norfolk, Va., Tuesday night, falling 84-81 in overtime to Norfolk State.

Greene connected on 15 of 27 shots from the floor and made 13 of 14 free throw attempts in 43 minutes of action.

The senior's point total was the second highest in UMaine men's basketball history behind Jim Stephenson's 54 point effort against Colby on March 3, 1969.

Justin Rowe slammed home the rebound of a Greene shot with 0.5 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at

71 and force the overtime. The Trojans out-scored UMaine 13-10 in the extra period to get the win.

Norfolk State (3-6) held a 40-31 lead at halftime shooting 59.3 percent during the first 20 minutes of play. The Black Bears held the Trojans to just 11 field goals in the second half while converting on 15 of 29 attempts after halftime.

Rickey White scored 14 points and had three steals for UMaine (2-7). Freddy Petkus added 10 points and six rebounds for the Black Bears.

Norfolk State was led by Terrance Winston with 35 points and Darryl Towe with 21 points.

Volleyball:

University of Maine senior volleyball star Leah Voss added

another accolade this week to her already impressive resume, being named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association Northeast Region All-American Team. The 6-foot-1-inch outside hitter from Gettysburg, Pa., led the Black Bears to their first America East playoff appearance this season, and tallied a conference tournament record 27 kills as UMaine upset top-ranked Towson University in the first round.

Voss was previously named America East Conference Player of the Year for her efforts, leading the league in digs and ranking in the top 10 in three other statistical categories. She garnered All-Conference First-Team honors in both seasons she spent at UMaine, after transferring from Baltimore County Community

College-Catonsville before the start of the 2000 season.

She currently holds numerous Black Bear single-season and match records.

Voss was the only America East player to be named to the Northeast Region Team.

For a complete listing of all regions, visit <http://www.avca.org/collegiate>.

Track and field:

The University of Maine men's and women's track and field teams took on the University of New Hampshire in Orono on Saturday afternoon, with the men's squad placing first and the women's contingent taking second.

The Black Bear men bested University of New Hampshire by a score of 107 to 74, with Brett

McIntire leading the way with first-place finishes in the 200-meter dash, the long jump and the triple jump. Nate Holmes added two first places; six other Black Bears also finished in the top spot in their events.

UNH was led by Greg Hillson, Brian Harmon and Mike Puzzo with firsts.

The UMaine women, who lost by a narrow margin of 100 to 96, were led by Vika Rybalko, who took first in the 60-yard dash, 200-meter dash, long jump and triple jump. Staci Short, Meg Muller and Angela Pulcifer also had first-place finishes for the Black Bears.

UNH used a balanced attack as nine different women came out on top in their respective events.

Book provides intriguing look at women in sports

By **Mechelle Voepel**
Knight Ridder
Newspapers

Think sports is big enough to belong to everyone? Both genders, all ages, every race, any body type?

Then *Game Face: What Does a Female Athlete Look Like?* is a book you should examine. It provides, in pictures and text, an eclectic history of women and girls in athletics.

It's a book for anyone who has felt the joy sports can bring, both from competing and watching others compete. And anyone who believes sports can be a shared experience among all cultures.

Journalist Jane Gottesman wrote *Game Face* in collaboration with photographer Geoffrey Biddle. Many of the

photographs in the Random House-published book have been chosen for an exhibit that's been at the Smithsonian's Arts and Industries Building in Washington, D.C., since June.

Starting next year, the exhibit will travel across the country, including a stop in Salt Lake City for the 2002 Winter Games.

Media outlets from USA Today to NBC's "Today Show" have done features on the book and exhibit an irony considering it was the media's neglect of women in sports that prompted Gottesman to begin the research that led to her project.

"People have asked me, Did you expect this to be so big? Gottesman, who secured sponsorship from MassMutual said.

Financial Group for the exhibit. "I did feel like there

was definitely an audience. There was a lot of discontent about coverage, a lot of truths that were being subverted. I thought people are going to respond to this.

"I couldn't stay with newspapers, magazines or TV to do this. The art world was the arena that really had its finger on the pulse of society. But who would think it was so cutting-edge to show women playing sports and having athletic abilities?"

Gottesman spent several years searching through and selecting the book's photographs, some of which date back to the late 1800s.

The cover is of Brandi Chastain celebrating her winning penalty kick in the 1999 Women's World Cup final. And there are other well-known athletes in the book, including the photo Gottesman calls one of her favorites, Chris Evert and

Martina Navratilova playfully arm-wrestling.

But this is unlike any collection you've ever seen, because so many of the pictures are not of the famous but the commonplace. People who look like the girl next door, your grandmother, even you.

"The book can be kind of a shield for girls, a protection for them," Gottesman said. "A girl who likes sports can look at it and see there have always been a lot of people like her."

While women's athletics does indeed have a much longer and richer history than is commonly thought, the fact that so much of it has not been chronicled both-

ered Gottesman and fueled her desire to do *Game Face*.

A young sportswriter at the San Francisco Chronicle in the early 1990s, she was puzzled and dismayed by both the lack of coverage of women's sports and the way they were presented when they were covered.

"Some of it was 'benign neglect,' some of it was more deliberate than that," she said. "Whatever the reason, it was not reflecting the reality of women."

Game Face from an elderly woman taking off her roller skates to a daredevil girl flying high on a swing provides a different reflection.

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Sophomore Colin Shields living up to the hype

By Jeff Mannix
Staff Reporter

University of Maine sophomore Colin Shields is having a rookie campaign to remember. He was highly touted as a fantastic goal scorer, but no one expected what has transpired.

Shields has scored 16 goals in his first 16 games at UMaine, a total that leads all players in NCAA Division I men's ice hockey. He also leads the nation in power play goals with eight.

"He's worked very hard," UMaine interim head coach Tim Whitehead said. "It's not an accident. He's worked extremely hard, particularly on his shot."

Whitehead is also pleased with how Shields is rounding out his game.

"He's improving his defensive game," Whitehead said. "He's had his highs and lows, but he's improved, and that gets him on the ice more. It helps him be a threat on the offensive end and his skating helps us on the penalty kill."

Shields is very pleased with how well he has started this year.

"As I look back on the first 16 games, I wouldn't have figured that I'd gotten off to such a good start," he said. "I certainly didn't expect it. But the team is playing well and that's contributing to my personal success. Everyone is contributing and that's the most important thing."

Shields was awarded the Hockey East Rookie of the Month for November for his six goals and four assists over the month and he was the Hockey East Rookie of the Week for his three-goal performance in two games against Boston College last week.

Shields is humble when talking about the awards, trying to focus on the team.

"It's good to get awards like that, but it's all about the team here at Maine," Shields said. "The team is winning. The most important thing to me is contributing to helping the team win."

One other fact that makes Shields success so amazing is that he has not played in hockey games on a regular basis for a full season. Only 36 hours before he was scheduled to play in his first game as a Black Bear against North Dakota last October, the NCAA ruled him a transfer student, forcing him to sit out the season. He was enrolled at a junior college in Cleveland, Ohio while he played junior hockey there.

"That was definitely the toughest year of hockey that I've had," Shields said. "It was certainly a big shock, because it happened so late."

Shields tried to use the year to his advantage, once he realized that he couldn't play.

"I tried to look at things positively. I had to focus on this season and work hard," he said. "It takes a while to get back in game shape. Practices aren't the same, because the competition isn't the same as in games."



CAMPUS PHOTO • SCOTT SHELTON

Sophomore forward Colin Shields has scored 16 goals in 16 games for UMaine and was recently named Hockey East Rookie of the Week after scoring three goals against Boston College. One week earlier, Shields was named Hockey East Rookie of the Month for November.

Shields says that he has felt some pressure from being highly touted as a scorer when he arrived in Orono, but he deals with it well.

"There's always pressure there," Shields said. "I don't know whether sitting out last season put more or less pressure on me. But I always put a lot of pressure on myself. I knew that I had to get off to a good start. I wanted to prove to people that I

can play."

That, he certainly has done. He is being talked about as a strong contender for Hockey East Rookie of the Year, and possibly even a nominee for the Hobey Baker Award for college hockey's most outstanding player.

"I think it's a little premature to be talking about those things," Whitehead said with a chuckle. "But, if he works hard,

he'll be consistent. That's why he's so good. He trains hard. If he stays healthy and trains well, good things will happen for him."

Part of that success also comes from his linemates. He plays with Michael Schutte and Martin Kariya, who were Maine's most prolific offensive threats at the end of last season. Each player on the line accentuates the others' talents.

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...Cubs ownership continues to do their part in bringing fans back to the ballpark, one by one. Early last week, large green tarps were put up above

Wrigley's left field wall every foot or so to discourage area people from watching games from their rooftops.

Isn't that nice of them?

So, by my count, that makes the score baseball owners: 6,239,987, fans: 0. America's pastime? Cha-ching! Cha-ching!

"Our line compliments itself," Shields said. "Marty is a great skill player. He's got great vision and great speed. Schutte is a big guy who uses his size really well. He handles the puck well and goes hard to the net. The lines got a little bit of everything."

What makes Shields success even more amazing is where he comes from.

Shields is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, not exactly what you would call a hot-bed of hockey talent. But, his lineage helps him. His father was a professional hockey player and coach in Scotland, his mother was a figure skater and also coaches the sport.

"I didn't start playing hockey until I was nine years old," he said. "I started skating when I was young, because my mom was coaching."

He was a figure skater until he picked up hockey.

Shields took to the sport quickly, becoming one of Great Britain's best young talents. He has played for the British Junior National Team in the World Junior Championships on three separate occasions, and last April, he played for the British National Team in the International Ice Hockey Federation's Pool B World Championships in Slovenia.

"That was an unbelievable experience," he said. "It gave me a good chance to play in some games, measure myself against some older guys and get some confidence back."

"You lose confidence so easily when all you do is practice. That helped me. It gave me a bridge between the second of last season and this season."

His team finished second in the tournament because of goal differential. Had Great Britain won the tournament, it would have qualified for this year's Pool A World Championship Tournament. Pool A includes the powers of international hockey, like the United States, Canada, Russia and the Czech Republic.

Shields, whose draft rights are owned by the Philadelphia Flyers, will play for them again this April, once the Black Bear season is over. He said that he would like to help qualify for Britain for the 2006 Olympics.

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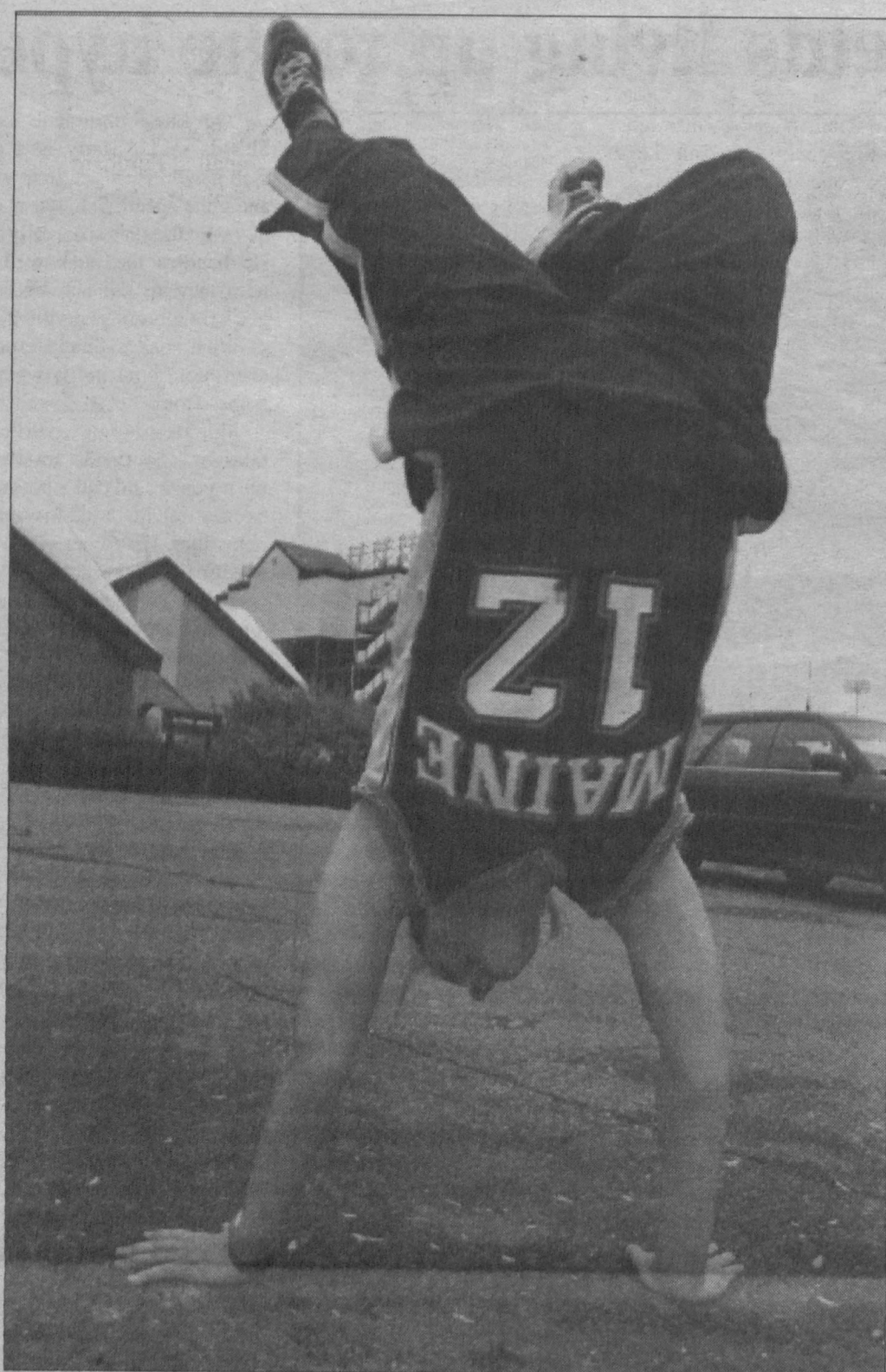
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Senior forward Tracy Guerrette, from St. Agatha, Maine, earned a scholarship at the beginning of her sophomore year after joining the squad as a walk-on as a freshman.

UM hoops senior links past, present

By Eric Russell
Staff Reporter

As one of only two seniors on the women's basketball team, captain Tracy Guerrette was here when the 1998/99 Black Bear team upset Stanford in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Three years later, Guerrette and this year's team are trying to make some more history.

"I want to represent what UMaine has built over the years and help the underclassmen understand the tradition of the program," Guerrette said.

The 5-foot-9-inch guard from St. Agatha, Maine is one of the remaining links between a great Black Bear team and a young team trying to prove it can get the UMaine program back to the prominence it once held.

Guerrette certainly knows all about the UMaine tradition. She remembers coming down from northern Maine when she was playing for Wisdom High School, to watch fans fill up Alford Arena for women's games. Guerrette also spent summers here, attending basketball camps put on by former UMaine coach Joanne Palombo-McCallie.

"It was always a dream of mine to come here," Guerrette said. "Other schools were interested in me, but in the back of my mind, I only wanted to come here."

Unfortunately, when she graduated from Wisdom in 1998, UMaine didn't have a scholarship remaining for the high school star. Still, Guerrette was asked if she wanted to come in as a walk-on, and she never hesitated for a minute.

"It was such an honor just to come here, I felt so much pride," Guerrette said. "It wouldn't have mattered if I rode the bench all four years."

She hasn't done much bench-riding. In fact, as a walk-on freshman, Guerrette started the first three games of the season. It didn't take long for Guerrette to convince the coaches what she already knew: that she belonged here. She saw action in 23 games during her first collegiate campaign, and experienced one of the great triumphs for the UMaine program: a win in the NCAA tournament. Guerrette recalls the first time she stepped on the floor at Alford Arena before thousands of fans.

"It was nerve-racking, but also very exciting," she said. "I didn't have as much pressure because I had a lot of experienced players around me."

Guerrette was awarded with a scholarship at the beginning of

her sophomore season, a testament to the hard work she had put in the year before. She didn't start any games in 1999/00, playing behind the talented backcourt of Amy Vachon and Kristin McCormack, but she did see action in 27 of the team's 31 games.

That UMaine team was the last to make it to the NCAA tournament. The Black Bears lost to University of North Carolina, 62-57, in the first round, and also lost a successful coach in Palombo-McCallie.

Guerrette entered her junior season with trepidation. The team was shorthanded, having lost several players to graduation and others to injury. The team also had to deal with new head coach Sharon Versyp.

Guerrette was picked as a captain in 2000/01, responsible for teaching a young team what she had learned already, that UMaine was a winning program. But she was also learning a new system and adapting to an increased role.

"With coach Versyp, everybody plays," Guerrette said. "She doesn't recruit players that are going to come in and sit on the bench."

Many thought last season's team was the first in a rebuilding stage, but Versyp's Black Bears managed to stay competitive, finishing 9-9 in America East conference play. There would be no seventh consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament, however, as UMaine lost to University of Hartford in the America East tournament.

Still, Guerrette was a big part of the team's success, starting 23 of 28 games and leading the team in assists (93). She scored a career-high 22 points in a big win at Vermont on Feb. 4.

A captain for the second consecutive year, Guerrette has had to adjust once again. Last season, she logged many of her minutes at the point guard position, which is not her natural spot. This year she has been coming off the bench to provide solid shooting and defense.

"I also look to provide some leadership and poise on the court, because this really is a young team," Guerrette said.

She scored 15 points in UMaine's big comeback win against Xavier this season and notched 11 points off the bench in a win over University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Her minutes are down from last year, and she isn't starting as many games, but Guerrette is doing what she can to help her team win. And hopefully, when tournament time comes in March, the team will look to her as the experienced Black Bear.

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Wolf heading to Olympics

By Matthew Hritz
For The Maine Campus

Raffi Wolf's dream is about to come true.

Her dream of playing hockey for her native-country Germany, which will make its Olympic debut in women's hockey, will be fulfilled at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. The team qualified after coming in fifth at the 2001 World Championships.

But being in the Olympics is not the only thing that the 5-foot-7 inch senior forward is looking forward to.

"I am looking forward to the experience," Wolf said. "If we could win the bronze medal that would be great. If not, I still have the memories of the event that nobody can take away from me."

In preparation for the

February Games, Wolf trained and worked a full-time job over the summer. She also lifted weights and did cardiovascular workouts.

Wolf has kept in contact with her German teammates. One of her linemates played in Canada last year.

Raffi will meet with her fellow teammates on Dec. 26 and will train until the beginning of February.

Wolf's teammates here at UMaine couldn't be more proud of her competing in the 2002 Olympics.

"I am excited for Raffi and envious as well," sophomore forward Karen Droog said. "It's exciting that somebody from our team will be playing in the Olympics. She is a determined player. She deserves to be there representing her country."

Security is no worry for Wolf

as her team plans on marching into the stadium in Salt Lake City for opening ceremonies.

"No, I am not worried anymore," Wolf said. "It should be pretty safe and if I look at it this way you would think that you are not safe anywhere. If something happens it could happen anywhere."

The Germany women's hockey team is a young developing team that plays hard, but needs seasoning according to faceoff.com.

Germany will be in Pool A, which includes Canada, Sweden and Russia.

Wolf will get to play her first game against the United States, but doesn't have mixed feelings about playing against the country where she attends college.

"There won't be any different feelings at all because it's a game," Wolf said.

Coming Up

Saturday, Dec. 15

Women's basketball at Fordham
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Sunday, Dec. 16

Women's hockey vs. Harvard
2 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 22

Women's basketball vs. Rhode Island
1 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 23

Men's basketball at Massachusetts
2 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 29

Men's hockey vs. Ohio State
Everblades Classic - Estero, Fla.
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 30

Men's basketball vs. Brown
1 p.m.
Men's hockey vs. Cornell/Northern Michigan
Everblades Classic - Estero, Fla.
4/7:30 p.m.

Women's hockey faces Harvard

By Matthew Hritz
For The Maine Campus

The end of the semester is inching closer and closer and many University of Maine students will probably be relieved to have some much needed time off from the daily grind of schoolwork.

The UMaine women's hockey team (7-7-1 overall, 1-5-1 in ECAC East play) shares those same sentiments, especially after a semester that saw them play nine consecutive games away from Alford Arena, including some emotional games in the past few weeks.

"I am definitely relieved after our long stretch on the road as well as the vast amount of schoolwork that has piled up," said sophomore goaltender Lara Smart of the upcoming break.

But before the team takes 19 days off, it will have to face No. 10 Harvard this Sunday at home. The Crimson (5-6-1 overall, 3-1-1 in ECAC Northern play) will have played

two midweek games before facing the Black Bears. The key for UMaine will be to attack a possibly tired Crimson team, sophomore forward Meaghan Aarts said.

"The key points for this weekend are to come out flying and put pressure on Harvard from the beginning...let them know we're not a joke and we are good and ready to play," said Aarts.

One of the players who the Black Bears will need to put that pressure on is the nation's second-leading scorer, freshman Nicole Corriero, who has 15 goals and six assists for 21 points.

Over the past weekend the Black Bears defeated Wayne State (3-12-2) 4-3 and 6-0 to get back to the .500 mark. Although UMaine did get the sweep there weren't many happy feelings coming from the Black Bears about the wins.

"The whole team, including coaches, was disappointed in our games this weekend," sophomore forward Karen Droog said. "We didn't come prepared to play and were fortunate to come out

with the two wins."

The team lacked enthusiasm and passion in their performance over the weekend, according to head coach Rick Filighera.

"I was very disappointed in their enthusiasm," he said. "We have to get that to a different level. That has to come from them and their love of the game."

On the injury front, junior forward Cailee Heggstad has some soreness in her knee, but it is currently unknown if it will prevent her from playing this weekend.

Several Black Bears received awards for their play last weekend against Wayne State. Droog was named ECAC Player of the Week for scoring two goals in the first game of the series and figuring in all of the scoring in Sunday's 4-3 win. Freshman Andrea Steranko and Smart were both named to the ECAC weekly honor roll. Steranko earned a hat trick last weekend and Smart made 43 saves in two wins including her second career shutout.

Rec Sports

By Nicole Goulet
For The Maine Campus

Think you know sports?

A new event through Recreation Programs will see if that is true.

There will be a preliminary test on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Union.

Participants will individually complete a 60-question paper/pencil test. The test is divided into four sections of 15 questions each consisting of the following four categories: football, baseball, basketball and miscellaneous (all other sports).

The questions may deal with collegiate and/or professional sports.

Only those who have taken the preliminary test on Jan. 29, are eligible for the tournament of champions.

The top eight scorers will advance to a tournament of champions on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Union. The tournament of champions will be drawn in advance of and

contestants will be seeded based on test scores.

The head-to-head competitions will involve two questions per contestant from the same four categories as the test. Questions will be alternated between competitors. Ten points will be given for a correct answer.

Opponents can steal questions after an initial incorrect answer for five points.

The contestant with the highest score will be declared the winner.

Any current University of Maine student or UMaine employee is eligible to compete. But only students are eligible for the tournament of champions.

Top test scorers and the winner of the tournament will be awarded an Intramural Champion T-shirt.

Check out the Rec Sports folder for spring intramurals and deadlines.

Intramural update: Oxford defeated Hart Corps 2-0 to win the Coed B Volleyball playoffs.

Hellas defeated Andromeda 2-1 in the Coed A Volleyball playoffs.

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points, respectively, to round out the double digit Black Bear scorers.

"I think Melissa Heon not scoring for us and getting into foul trouble really hurt us," Versyp said. "She's been our most consistent player and is a spiritual leader."

Heon, a sophomore guard, came into the game leading the team in scoring and minutes

played, but was limited to only 12 minutes Tuesday night.

The Black Bears did look impressive on the glass, especially at the offensive end, hauling down 18 offensive rebounds and scoring 21 second chance points. Peterson had six offensive boards and many of her 12 points came on putbacks.

Guard Courtney Lewis controlled the Dartmouth offense,

scoring 15 points and dishing out a game-high nine assists. Katie Skelly and Jamie Librizzi each added 12 for Dartmouth, before fouling out late in the second half.

UMaine travels to New York this Saturday to take on Fordham University before returning home to host University of Rhode Island Dec. 22 in its final non-conference game.

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Waning moments

By Ryan Waning

For The Maine Campus

...Did you hear the Browns signed Chris Akins on Tuesday?

You probably remember Chris as the guy who yelled back at his coach on national television a couple of weeks back. You know, Chris Akins?

Randy Moss? Nope.

Cris Carter, Terrell Owens?

Wrong again, twice.

If you don't see where I'm going, let me connect the dots for you. The difference between Chris and those three brats, who screamed at both teammates and coaches alike under the watchful eye of network cameras, is that they are superstars.

Chris Akins, however, sucks. Young players take note, that kind of behavior is only acceptable if you score touchdowns.

...I wrote in this column last week that Royston English had only fumbled once this season. Last Saturday, he did so a second time without even taking the field.

In the Black Bears season ending playoff loss to UNI last Saturday, Royston stood on the sidelines and watched the game, nursing a bruised foot.

Not a broken foot.

Not a sprained foot, sprained ankle, sprained toe, Achilles tendon or arch.

Now, maybe there is something I don't know about the specific injury, but as a football fan, don't you just sort of expect a football player to play the biggest game of the season with a bruised foot or otherwise.

The ability to play through pain is one of the ways players judge each other. I've had my share of bruises. Right now, I'm typing with a damn nasty one right on my index finger. Initially, I thought my column would be a little short this week because I can't type very well, but I realize that it's the last issue before break—a big one—so I'm pushing on for the good of the team.

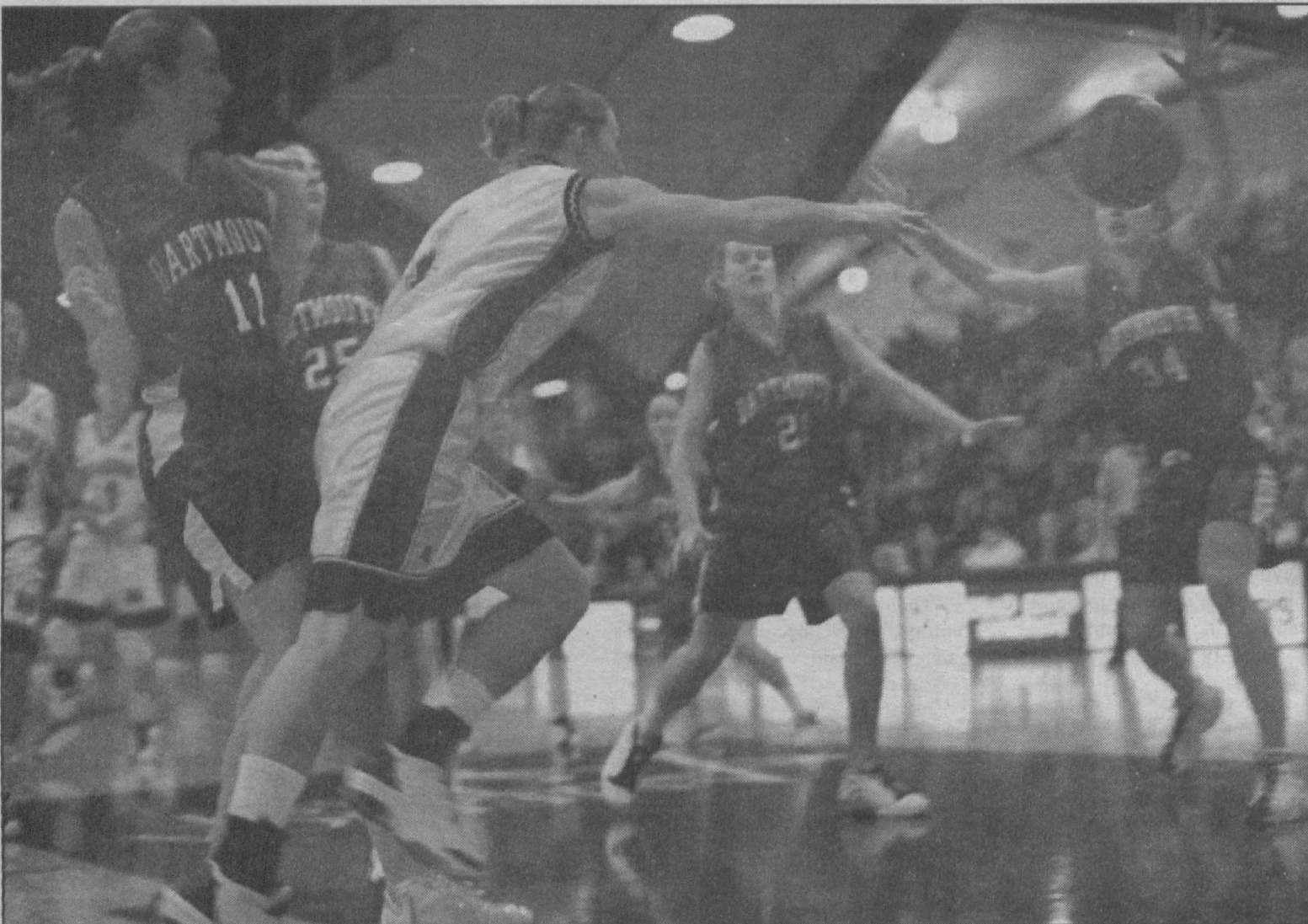
But then again, I'm no football player.

...After he was traded to the Mets on Tuesday, ESPN analysts were calling Roberto Alomar the best second baseman of the last 25 years.

The best what?

The best at making fun of an umpire's retarded son? Doesn't anybody in this fading republic remember Ryne Sandberg?

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UMaine sophomore guard Melissa Heon passes out of a crowd in the Black Bears 81-72 loss to Dartmouth Tuesday night. Heon picked up two assists and five fouls in 12 minutes of action. The Black Bears next hit the court Dec. 15 at Fordham.

Free throws the difference for Dartmouth

Big Green hit 31 of 37 freebies in 81-72 women's hoops win

By Eric Russell
Staff Reporter

Any basketball coach will tell you how important it is to hit free throws. Unfortunately, for the University of Maine women's basketball team, it was Dartmouth College making free throws Tuesday night.

The Big Green made 31 of 37 at the line on their way to an 81-72 victory over the Black Bears before a crowd of 1,704 at Alford Arena.

"It's very seldom that you can have five players scoring in double figures and lose, but it came down to free throws, and that's where they beat us," UMaine coach Sharon Versyp said.

Versyp got solid contributions from many players once again, but the Black Bears could not overcome Dartmouth's success at the foul line, headlined by Katharine Hanks, who made 12 of 15 free throws and finished with a game-high 24 points.

UMaine fell to 5-4 on the season, while Dartmouth improved to 4-2.

Dartmouth coach Chris Wielgus attributed her team's success to a second-half defensive switch that left the Black Bear offense flat.

"We went to a 1-3-1 zone and put our big players on the perimeter, inviting Maine to

shoot over us," Wielgus said. "They were having a hard time so they were forced to put the ball on the floor."

Down for much of the first half, the Black Bears managed to take a slim 40-39 lead into halftime. The first-year point guard tandem of Missy Traversi and Kim Corbitt led the way in the first 20 minutes, scoring nine and eight points, respectively.

But it was Dartmouth that set the tone in the second half, with the help of its tough zone defense, jumping out to a 61-51 lead with just more than 10 minutes remaining.

"We said at halftime, if they were going to beat us, it would be off the dribble," Wielgus said.

"We struggled reversing the ball against their zone," Corbitt said, "and we had trouble recognizing the diagonal passes. We didn't do such a great job attacking and penetrating."

Instead of pulling together as a team in the second half, Versyp said her team played like individuals.

UMaine would rally to pull within three, 71-68, with 1:21 remaining, but Dartmouth made its final six free throws, and the Black Bears couldn't capitalize on their own scoring chances.

"We didn't have the energy tonight, which was a shocker for me," Versyp said.

UMaine was returning home

after having success on the road the past two weekends, and, in the first half, appeared eager to play in front of local fans. But Dartmouth had other plans, leaving many of the players frustrated.

"It's sad. I'm sad because these fans come to watch us play and we stink. We don't want to, we love the fans. It's just embarrassing," sophomore forward Heather Ernest said.

Ernest was perhaps the only bright spot for the Black Bears in

the second half, scoring 13 of her team-high 17 points. Ernest, who also pulled down eight rebounds, has averaged 15 points per game over her last five, after enduring a slow start to her sophomore campaign.

Sophomore forward Julie Veilleux added 13 points and first-year forward Monica Peterson had 12. Traversi and Corbitt were quiet in the second half and finished with 11 and 10

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Sophomore forward Julie Veilleux puts up a shot amid a sea of flat-footed Dartmouth defenders.