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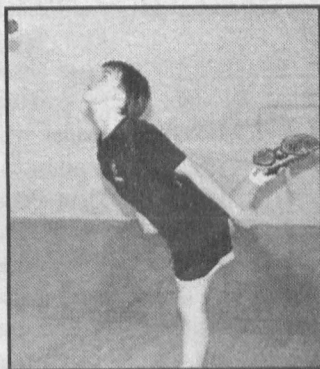
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Fair labor wins in UM Student Senate MPAC gains support for workers' rights campaign

By Catie Joyce
Head copy Editor

After two years of work, the Maine Peace Action Committee has reached a large goal in its anti-sweatshop campaign by getting the university to join the Workers' Rights Consortium. At Tuesday night's General Student Senate meeting MPAC took a step toward the goal, as GSS voted in favor of a resolution that gave the group \$500 for half of the annual dues needed to join WRC.

Originally University of Maine President Peter S. Hoff did not support the university joining WRC. Since UMaine already belongs to the Fair Labor Association, MPAC wants UMaine to belong to both workers' rights organizations, because, according to

"I will be able to wear [the UMaine] logo with pride knowing it was made with fair labor"

April Thibodeau, president of MPAC, each group has different strengths. FLA is larger and has industry representatives along with labor representatives where WRC is more independent, with university, student and labor representatives.

"We thought the FLA wasn't doing a good job," Anand Taparia, the treasurer of MPAC, said after the meeting. "And with the big industry representation it was far too much influenced by business and corporate interests to do a good job. Indeed, joining the WRC, we thought, will help ensure that we become sweat-free."

MPAC recently received an email from Mark Anderson, interim chief financial officer, saying Hoff had reconsidered and the university would join WRC if the Student Government gave half of the \$1,000 annual dues to "represent wider student support" for the campaign, Thibodeau said.

Tuesday night's GSS meeting was the most well attended Senate meeting of the year, as almost 50 students came to show their support for the anti-sweatshop campaign. About 20 students spoke in favor of joining WRC during the general good and welfare portion of the meeting.

Fred Nehring, a former senator, started off the student speeches by telling the Senate this is their opportunity to make a change.

Thibodeau then gave a speech outlining MPAC's work in its anti-sweatshop campaign. Over the past two years MPAC has had tables in Memorial Union, held information sessions and showed films to raise awareness of the issue.

MPAC collected over 1,000 signatures on a petition to make UMaine sweatshop-free. This semester they held a protest in front of The Bookstore and held a fashion show. They have also had meetings with Hoff and Anderson.

Thibodeau said joining WRC would benefit students in a number of ways by supporting a nationwide movement that allows direct student participation and provides internships for students as there are student seats on the WRC governing board.

Several more students urged the Senate to vote in favor of the resolution for ethical reasons and to represent the student body, citing the petition with more than 1,000 student signatures on it.

"Please have a voice," Olivia Mercier said. "Speak for all the people that worked hard on this. Please just vote for the students."

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Keep on swimming



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF

First-year student John Belanger signs a petition to "save Maine swimming." Members of the swim team, Zack Gray and Ryan White, sit at a table in Memorial Union Wednesday afternoon to help gather support for the team. The swim team will be there on Friday as well. Both the swim team and the men's soccer team have been rallying support after hearing that they may be cut for budget reasons.

Transportation solutions sought Studies to focus on parking, pedestrian concerns

By Meredith S. Holt
Staff Reporter

Most everyone had something to say about local parking and transportation issues at the University Town Meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Consultants working on the three transportation studies under contract with the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System were present to get input and reaction from those in attendance. The studies are in the beginning stages.

"We want to hear what your issues are, what types of change would you like to see investigated," said Thomas L. Gorrill, president of Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers, Inc.

The studies are designed to develop both short-term and long-term solutions to the current parking and transportation problems.

The three studies concentrate on Old Town, Orono, the University of Maine campus and the routes operated by The Bus.

The studies are known as the Stillwater Corridor Study the University Study, and the Transit System Study, respectively.

The Stillwater Corridor Study will be conducted by the Louis Berger Group, Inc. of Manchester, N.H., and could lead to new ways to access the university. The University Study will be conducted by a team of consultants led by Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers, Inc. of Gray, Maine. Tom Crikelair Associates of Bar Harbor will lead the Transit System Study.

According to the handout, "Overview of Transportation Studies," which was handed out at the meeting, the Transit System Study will re-examine the current routes and service levels and recommend practical redesigned routes and service levels for The Bus.

The first study is expected to cost between \$80,000 and \$100,000. The second study is estimated to cost about \$80,000. The third study will cost about

\$50,000. The Federal Transit Administration will fund 80 percent of the cost for each study, and local funds will pay for the remaining 20 percent.

Comments and suggestions from the audience dominated the meeting.

Aaron Sterling, the president of Residents on Campus, suggested banning first-year students from bringing cars to campus, an increasing number of green bikes available on campus through the Green Bikes program and improving lighting as possible solutions.

"One of the key elements to remember is that any one element relates to everything else," Sterling said.

Tom Crikelair of Tom Crikelair Associates pointed out that the red residential lots are mostly at the edges of campus. He suggested the possibility of moving commuter and faculty lots to the Steam Plant and other peripheral lots in order to centralize residen-

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GSS Notes

By Catie Joyce
Head Copy Editor

The following events occurred at the Tuesday, April 30 meeting of the General Student Senate:

- The Maine Peace Action Committee received \$500 to pay half the annual dues to join the Workers' Rights Consortium for one year. The resolution passed in an 11-3-2 vote after extensive debate and an amendment that created a 10-member committee to approve university contracts under WRC membership. Almost 50 non-Senate students came to the meeting to speak in support of the resolution.
- The Equestrian Team received \$700 for a horse show in Charleston, Maine in a 13-1-2 vote. This funding will come out of next year's budget.
- The Maine Outing Club received \$187.94 for tools needed to maintain their section of the Appalachian Trail in a 15-0-1 vote.
- An act passed 16-0-0 to re-partition Senate seating assignments to the most recent enrollment tally. Under the new assign-

ment there are 35 Senate seats: 12 from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; six from the College of Business, Public Policy and Health; five from the colleges of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture; Engineering; and Education and Human Development; and two from the Academic Career Exploration and Onward programs.

- An act passed 14-1-1 to amend SG financial policies to put \$25,000 in the emergency fund, instead of the current \$15,000. This sum was already allocated in next year's budget but needed to be written into the financial policies.

- Guest speaker Lt. Alan Storman of Public Safety spoke about Bumstock security and gave advice for next year's festival.

- Vice President of Student Entertainment Maggie O'Brien's report: Bumstock went well, all but one of the scheduled bands performed. O'Brien said they started under-budget and brought in money.

- Alumni Relations Committee

Chair Jon LaBonte's report: There will be a panel discussion on alumni relations. The panel will be made up of university administrators, including President Peter S. Hoff. They will discuss alumni fund-raising, the roles of alumni and students in campus advancement and development and the animosity and apathy of current students toward the administration. The panel will be held today at 3 p.m. in the president's conference room in Alumni Hall.

- Residents on Campus Representative Aaron Sterling's report: ROC is now taking nomination forms for the ROC awards. The ROC programming committee is sponsoring community service projects for residence halls during Maine Day. There is a committee being formed to revise the residence manual, which is currently only found online.

- Off Campus Board President Eric Conrad's report: More than 400 students attended the OCB community barbecue during Bumstock. Conrad wrote a report detailing the planning of the event and would like this to become a new Bumstock tradition.

The General Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in room 110, Little Hall.

Police Beat

UMaine
Public Safety

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

A man was arrested and issued multiple summonses following a series of occurrences in Kennebec Hall Saturday, April 27, at 7:20 p.m. Officers reported to the hall for a follow-up of an assault complaint. While speaking with hall staff, Louis Fournier, 23, walked into the lobby shouting profanities. He left and returned shortly with a beer. He then began banging on and kicking a dorm room door. Officer Jeff King approached him and attempted to arrest him for disorderly conduct. He struggled, but was eventually subdued. He was taken to Penobscot County Jail and issued summonses for disorderly conduct, refusal to submit to arrest and refusal to sign the summonses. An interview of a female resident, conducted by Officer Deb Mitchell, led to the issuing of an additional summons for assault.

Eight people were referred to judicial affairs following a noise complaint in Kennebec Hall Wednesday, April 23, at 12:15 a.m. Officers responded to the hall where they met with staff regarding a loud room on the second floor. They went up to the room and heard loud voices. They knocked and no one answered. Officers stayed in the area due to a suspicion of drug involvement. Other residents continually passed by the officers in the hall and the phone was heard ringing in the room in question, but still no one answered the knocking. After two hours, the fire alarm went off. The fire department arrived and was informed that the residents in this room still had not come out. Due to the alarm, the room was keyed into and evacuated. The five males in the room were identified, and some seemed intoxicated. After all residents returned to their rooms, loud shouting was heard

coming from the second floor. The five males from the room were referred for disorderly conduct and failure to exit building during an alarm. Three others were referred for disorderly conduct.

An officer was reportedly injured Saturday, April 27, at 11:45 p.m. While on patrol with a K-9 unit, a female public safety officer was apparently attacked by the police dog. The dog lunged at her while she was holding a flashlight searching a car. The attack caused a few small cuts and bruises. No serious injury occurred.

A man was questioned and consequently issued a summons following an incident in the men's bathroom of Fogler Library Monday, April 22. A male student recognized a man who had been staring at him through a hole in the partition between stalls during an earlier occurrence. He informed public safety. On Tuesday, April 23, at 5:30 p.m., officer Deb Mitchell and the complainant met in the library. The man accused of staring was identified as Ronald Blair, 61, an employee of the library. He was interviewed by Mitchell who then issued him a summons for violation of privacy. He was also given a criminal trespass warning not to enter any University of Maine property.

For the weekend of Friday, April 26, through Sunday, April 28, Bumstock weekend, the following occurred:

- 27 people were issued summonses
- 7 people were referred to Judicial Affairs
- 28 calls were alcohol related
- 17 calls were drug related
- 6 arrests were made
- 2 OUI arrests were made
- 2 arrests were made due to warrants
- 2 arrests were made for disorderly conduct

We need to decide if this \$500 is in the best interest of everyone."

Hill also accused some of the senators of supporting the resolution in order to secure votes for themselves next year.

"I am in opposition to this," Sen. Nate Thoms said. "I sympathize with the other 9,000 students that did not sign the petition. This is not an activity, not an event, not a club, it's a membership. I can't think of any other membership we pay for." He did concede to the proposal being a "reasonably noble cause" however.

"We just spent \$700 on a horse show," Sen. Erik Black said. "I think we can spend \$500 on basic human rights.

We've given a lot of money to a lot of student organizations that benefit less students than this."

The final roll call vote was 11-3-2 in favor of giving the money needed to join WRC.

"Personally I thought it was a very lively and intense debate," Taparia said. "And the final decision ... clearly showed that the Student Government represents the student community and respects their sentiments. Both sides had their arguments. The huge student support was a major factor."

Taparia said the real work has just begun.

"The committee has to be a good one and has to perform in order that our goal [for a sweat-free university] is realized."

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She said it would be "a real devastating blow to all student groups" if the resolution failed. "There are a lot of budget cuts, and people are becoming discouraged. This is an opportunity to unite the campus."

Another student said he would really like a reason to believe in his school. "This is an opportunity for me to believe in my school again instead of seeing it sell out."

"It's humanism and showing compassion for people," Katie Mann said. "It's only going to get bigger."

Sarah McClain urged the Senate to support the WRC because she said the FLA doesn't address the abuses of women. "UMaine has done a lot for women's rights, it needs to support women workers' rights too," she said. "This is an important stand we need to take on women's rights as well as workers' rights."

"I will be able to wear [the UMaine] logo with pride," Andrew Morse said, "knowing it was made with fair labor. This is in everybody's best interest."

The original proposal to give \$500 to MPAC failed unanimously, with one abstention, in SG's Executive Budgetary Committee. Thibodeau approached Sen. Sarah Knight after the EBC's decision, asking her to bring it up to the entire Senate for reconsideration. Knight said she was "under the impression there was a lot of miscommunication" between MPAC and EBC. Thibodeau said she was unprepared when she came before EBC.

Thibodeau said she felt EBC might have been under the impression that it was more of a political statement that wouldn't do much.

"But this is a substantial policy change," she said.

EBC was concerned with the university losing contracts, like the one it holds with Nike. However, Thibodeau reassured

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the Senate that universities rarely lose contracts by joining WRC.

After attending to other business, the Senate began to debate the WRC resolution. The Senate first voted to discharge the resolution from the committee to be able to vote on it.

Sponsored by Knight and co-sponsored by Sen. Ted Chernesky and Sen. Matthew Rodrigue, the resolution read "be it enacted by the [UMaine GSS] as follows: to allocate \$500 from unallocated [funds] for the 2001/02 fiscal year to MPAC. This funding will be used to pay half the annual dues to join the Workers' Rights Consortium for one year, after which, the contract will be assessed."

Sen. Jon LaBonte proposed an amendment that the Senate passed. The amendment created

a committee made up of four students, three faculty members and three administration members to approve university contracts under WRC membership.

LaBonte spoke in support of the resolution.

"I think this is a really important step for collaboration," he said. "Too often we complain there's not enough connection to the administration. This creative collaboration is the first step in forming a relationship with the administration."

"It's for the future of the student body, to gain future support of students," Sen. Scott Caton said. "It's another way of bringing in information, another resource. It will give the student body a larger voice."

Knight said she sponsored the resolution because "There were more than 1,000 student signatures on a petition. That's more participation than anything we've seen this year."

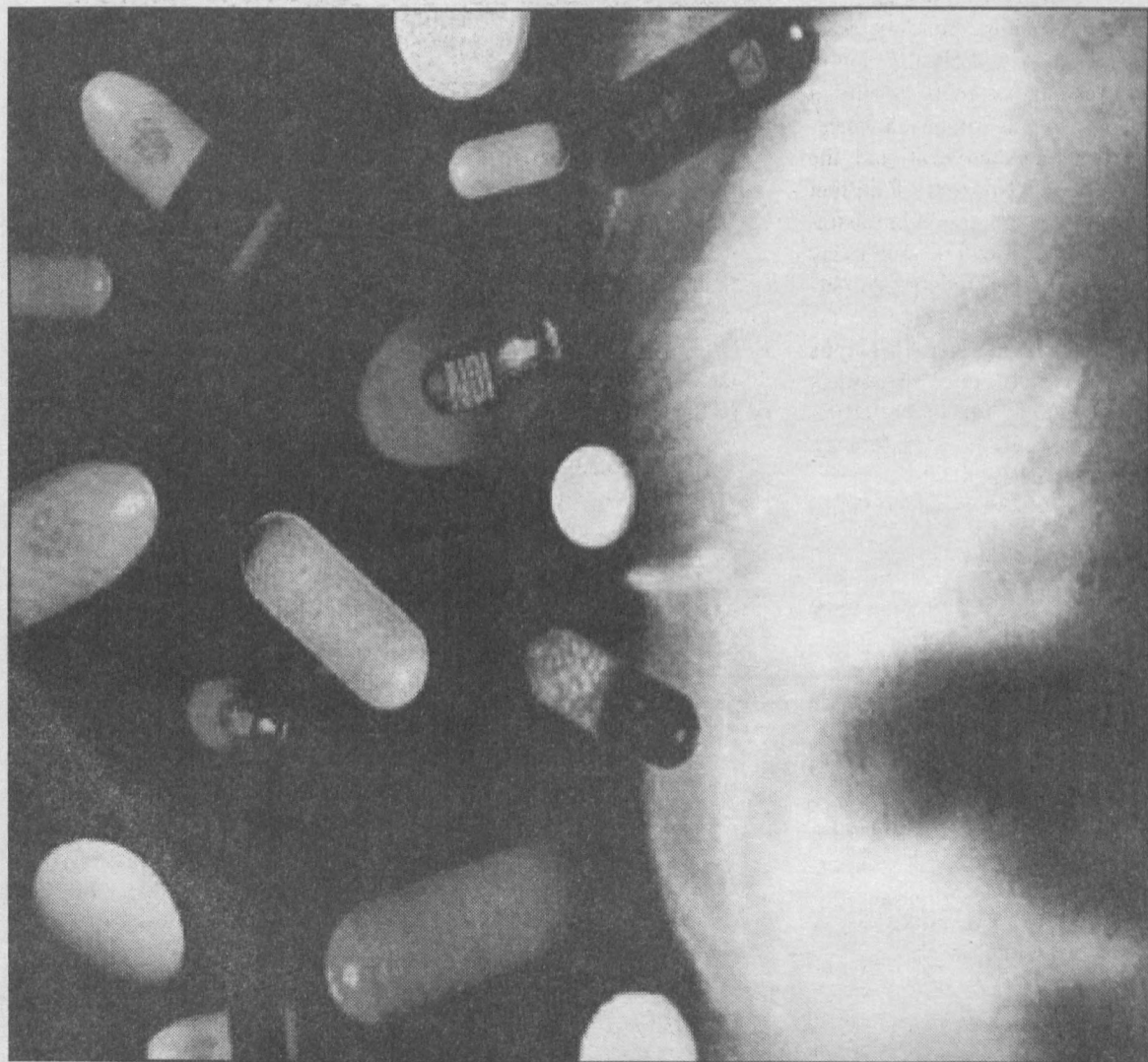
"I can't see a finer way to spend money than protecting human rights throughout the world," Rodrigue said.

However, not all of the senators were in favor of the resolution. Some senators expressed concern for an increase in prices for clothing and also felt that a lot of their constituents did not support this campaign.

Thibodeau said joining WRC does not usually raise prices of the merchandise.

"I haven't seen anyone [non-senators] speak against this," Sen. Chris Hill said. "Both sides need to be heard because there are both sides out there.

The hard facts on hard drugs



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Drug dealer tells real deal

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

"J," a former hard drug dealer, recently spoke on the whys, the hows and the ins and outs of dealing drugs in Washington, D.C. His primary focus was on ecstasy, crystal meth and acid, but he did admit to occasionally dabbling in the sale of other drugs.

He mainly dealt in club settings, but did have other "consumers" as well.

"[I dealt to] anyone that wanted it. During the week, I would do some private house-call type deals, sometimes to older people, sometimes to young."

He said that the average cost per pill of ecstasy, his primary drug, was \$25. He took only cash, and it was always payment first.

"I don't do IOU's," he said. His average earnings varied.

"It varies drastically, some weekend nights I could make up to \$2,000 alone in-pocket from a club."

Despite the money aspect of it, there is also a danger aspect, but J said he was never really worried.

"I never was [caught]. By the time I got big, I had a lot of power and say. People were looking out for me."

In regards to people getting hurt by his products, he said that he did show some compassion.

"If someone looks dead, I

won't give them any more," he said. "But, other than that, why cut off a client? I am a businessman. I give to the customer. I don't have to be considerate or concerned."

He explained that he always tested his product to verify that it was good, thus allowing him to not be concerned.

"Maybe one percent of what I deal is defective. I test my shit, I know it's safe."

He went on to tell of the importance of trusting your dealer.

"If you're going to do drugs, make sure you know and trust your dealer. There's a lot of creeps and dishonest men out there," he said.

In the event that one of his clients does get hurt, he didn't seem too concerned with it affecting him drastically.

"They take the risk when they buy the stuff," he said. "It's not like I have to worry about being sued."

Despite this negativity, he said his clients thought he was a "nice guy." He said this is because he actually cares enough to make sure that what these people are getting isn't any more risk than it needs to be.

"People will get this stuff no matter what. If people want to do drugs, they will. This way I know what they're getting is good. I know it isn't laced or poisoned."

One of J's largest clienteles was college-students.

"Roughly 50 percent or

more, I would estimate, were college-aged," he said.

J said he sold pills to students from Catholic University, Georgetown University, University of Maryland, George Mason University, Gallaudet University for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, American University and a few others.

He explained that he had many smaller dealers, primarily students, at various colleges that he sold to. This allowed them to take care of the distribution on the actual campus. This was due to the high level of risk and danger involved with selling on a campus as opposed to a club or house setting.

"I never step foot on a college campus with drugs. They come to me," he said.

J dropped out of the drug dealing business in February after more than four years directly involved as a dealer and more than two years before that indirectly involved. He said that there was no one particular reason why he dropped out, rather, it was just time.

"It was time. I was 26, had a good job and had no need to still do it. It was time to retire."

He has no regrets and said that he's proud of the way his work went.

"It was a good business. No one died from my stuff, I monitored my clients and I made a ton of money. Why would I regret that?"

Ecstasy, cocaine use increase on campus

By Kyle Webster
Staff Reporter

Cocaine, ecstasy and hallucinogens: These are not the types of drugs usually seen in the police beat or found at the University of Maine, but, in the past month, all have been found in various "busts" across campus.

It began last month during spring break when, in the early hours of Sunday, March 17, a group of people was caught sniffing what was later found to be crushed ecstasy in a fourth-floor bathroom in York Hall. As a result of this, three men were arrested and one man received a summons for possession of drug paraphernalia.

None of these men were students at UMaine.

The second incident occurred outside of Stodder Hall on Munson Road Wednesday, March 27, at 12:30 a.m. Two men were apparently attempting to

sell drugs to students in Penobscot Hall. They were tracked down and one of the men was arrested for carrying marijuana and a powder that he claimed was oxycontin. Tests later showed that the powder was actually cocaine. Neither of the two men involved were students at UMaine.

The third incident occurred throughout the day in Hancock Hall Wednesday, March 3. Sections of the hall were evacuated, members of the Maine and U.S. Drug Enforcement teams were brought in, and Scott Turner, 20, was charged with multiple violations.

These incidents seem unusual to UMaine, which averages a couple marijuana and alcohol summonses a week. There are rarely incidents dealing with cases involving the sale of and labs set up for the production of hard drugs. Yet, all three have occurred on campus in residence halls within a month of each other.

"I'm surprised that this type of thing is going on in a residence hall," said Austin Soule, a first-year resident of Hancock Hall. "It's dumb to claim that this sort of stuff doesn't happen on college campus, but I didn't expect it in the dorms."

The school administration does see this as a problem, but they are also looking at several solutions.

"[Hard drugs] have shown up, and there will be immediate prevention, heavy police force and staff training to support a full scale

response to it," said Robert Dana, associate dean for Students and Community Life.

No new actions or codes have been put into place or enacted since these recent occurrences. The present policy enforced by UMaine in relation to drugs is stated in the Student Code of Conduct, which says, "The possession, use, manufacture, or distribution of illegal drugs (heroin, cocaine, marijuana, LSD, steroids, etc.) is prohibited at any time on university property and as part of any university activities. 'Illegal drugs' does not mean the use of drugs under a valid prescription. Employees and students known to use, possess, manufacture or distribute illegal drugs are

liable to public law-enforcement actions and University disciplinary actions."

The type of "disciplinary action" that occurs is not directly specified, but, rather, "the severity of the imposed sanctions will be appropriate

to the violation," according to the Student Code. For example, Turner's punishment was expulsion from the university as well as two summonses from Public Safety, according to Lt. Mike Zubikj of Public Safety.

Hard drugs are growing in popularity on college campuses across the country. San Diego State has had recent busts involving cocaine, according to The Atztec, its student newspaper, and the University of Virginia also recently finished a yearlong investigation involving marijuana, ecstasy, LSD, opium and cocaine that resulted in the arrest of three students, according to The Cavalier, the University of Virginia's student newspaper.

A study done by the National Institute on Drug Abuse showed that the availability of heroin, marijuana, ecstasy and other "party drugs" has risen on college campuses by 11.3 percent from 1999 to 2000. They predict that it will rise even more in future years. At the same time, however, drug enforcement is likewise rising and becoming much tighter on college campuses.

At UMaine, these rises in drug availability are not being viewed lightly. According to Dana and Public Safety, the school is beginning to crack down on dealers and users much more than before and will continue to do so until the problem is solved, Dana said.

"The bottom line is, this is totally unacceptable here," Dana said.

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Know your options: Cutler offers emergency birth control

By Julia Hall
Staff Reporter

A birth control option that not every woman is aware of is available at Cutler Health Center at the University of Maine. Emergency Contraception, sometimes known as the "morning after pill," is an option for women who have had unprotected sex within the past 72 hours, or have been victims of sexual assault. Cutler was one of the first clinics to make Plan B, a new kind of EC, available to women.

"It's essentially side-effect free," said Bonnie Jackson, women's health practitioner for Cutler. "Plan B is more effective, and fortunately for UMaine students, less expensive than most other ECs."

According to Jackson, Plan B is 89 percent more effective than other forms of EC. Because it contains virtually no estrogen —

instead it contains a synthetic progesterin, levonorgestrel — side effects such as nausea, abdominal pain, fatigue and headache, which can occur in other forms of EC, are almost nonexistent in Plan B.

Jackson said that Plan B is available to women for a low price, \$5, if they are in need of help.

"It's hard enough for some young women to come and seek help. We try to be a friendly place," Jackson said.

While Plan B has only been available within the past couple of years, EC has been around since the 1970s, and it has been provided on the UMaine campus since its introduction by Yuzpe in the early 1970s, according to Jackson. EC is considered to be at least 75 percent effective at preventing pregnancy.

Jackson said EC should not be confused with Mifepristone, also known as RU 486, which is com-

monly known as the early abortion pill. Mifepristone is similar to an induced miscarriage with cramping and bleeding to expel uterine contents, usually within two to three days. It is not available at Cutler.

EC is different from the abortion pill in that it does not disrupt

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an established pregnancy. Though the mechanisms of the pill are not clearly understood, it is believed that EC interferes with ovulation or fertilization by alteration in the tube transport of sperm and/or ova.

EC is taken in two doses, one as soon as possible, the other twelve

hours later. The Plan B option is only two small pills of 0.75 mg tablets of levonorgestrel. Any emergency contraception should be taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex and should only be used in emergency situations. Jackson said that EC should not be considered an alternative to daily oral contraception.

"Emergency contraceptive pills are not as effective as routine contraception since their failure rate, while low based on a single use, would accumulate over time with repeated use," Jackson said.

Jackson said it is important for women to be aware of all their options, a sentiment shared by women's health clinicians and advocates everywhere.

The National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League declared March 20, 2002, "Back Up Your Birth Control Day," a day to raise awareness of

the benefits of EC among women, doctors and pharmacists.

"Women should [know] all of their contraceptive options, including emergency contraception. Most women do not know about EC because of barriers to access, limited information and politicians who would restrict their reproductive rights," said NARAL President Kate Michelman in a press release.

EC does not protect against AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases. Jackson said that while precautions should always be taken prior to intercourse, EC is available without judgment.

"Methods fail. Condoms break or people forget to use them," Jackson said. "We're not judging, we would rather these options be over-utilized than underutilized."

"I think I can sincerely say that we are advocates for women on this campus," Jackson said. "That's our focus."

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tial lots.

Another student expressed concern for the competition between cars and pedestrians. He said that safe areas for pedestrians to walk need to be better defined.

"Parking spaces seem more important than pedestrian safety," he said.

Scott Caton, first-year student and member of the General Student Senate, suggested that the study team look at the pathways created by heavy pedestrian traffic and consider putting sidewalks in those areas.

Eric Conrad, senior philosophy major and president of the Off-Campus Board, suggested creating speed bumps to slow down people driving through and around campus.

Conrad would like to see the university become a "walking campus," and hopes to get cars away from the center of campus.

Shannon Stanhope, third-year social work student and president of the Panhellenic Council, pointed out the effects of seasonal changes on transportation and parking on campus.

Stanhope suggested that the study teams compare the percent of commuter students with the percent of residential students. She also suggested combining residential and commuter lots so that student and staff parking are separate because their respective needs are different.

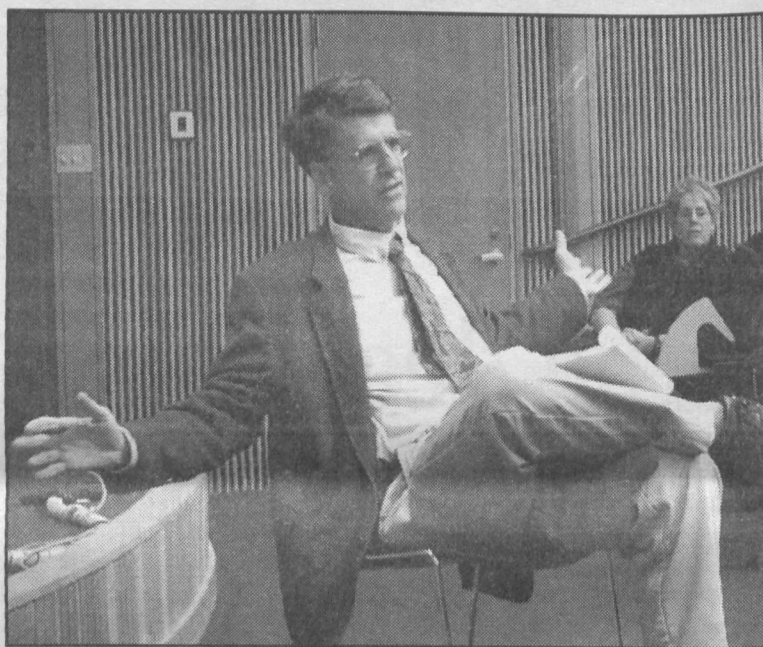
Sophomore civil engineering major Chris Parks brought up winter snow removal issues. He

questioned whether snow removal crews pay attention to cleanup of sidewalks, in addition to roads.

John Wallinga, a university employee, voiced the need for better access in and out of campus. He suggested a bridge out of the town of Bradley crossing the Stillwater River to help regulate traffic flow.

Shannon Martin, assistant professor of journalism and mass communication would like to see public transportation expand. Within her department, the faculty arrives and leaves at the same time, she said.

The discussion group closed with a thank you to Jonathan LaBonte for his help in organizing the event.



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Tom Crikelair fields questions at Wednesday's University Town Meeting. The meeting addressed student and faculty concerns about transportation on and around campus.



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Volleyball Tournament

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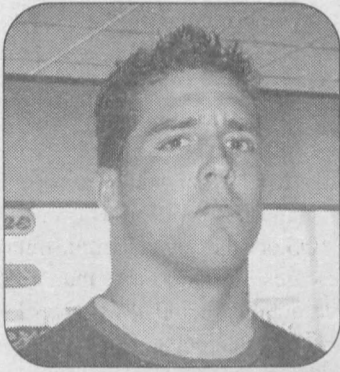
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How do you feel about wraps being removed from the Memorial Union Marketplace?



"I'm pissed because it keeps my meat wrapped. It's my sandwich I get every day."

John Gelsomino
Fourth year
New York



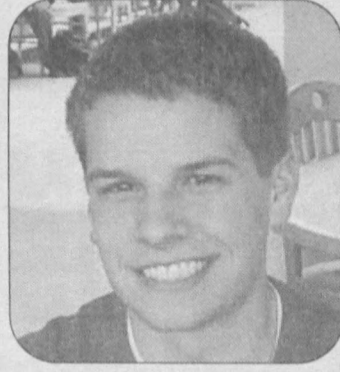
"A lot of people don't like it, but I don't care because I'm out of here in a few weeks."

Kim Tilton
Fourth year
China, ME



"That's really stupid! A lot of people like them and I don't think there is a point to that. It will just make a lot of people angry."

Micah Bolduc
First year
Winslow, ME



"I don't care because I don't like them anyway."

Nick Bouchard
First year
Fort Kent, ME



"I don't like it. Now I don't eat at Fernald's because all I ate was wraps."

Alex Lessard
Third year
Augusta, ME

Parking Spot

Parking Tip of the Week: Loading Zones. With the end of the semester in sight, resident students are starting to make preparations for moving out of their dorm rooms. Each residence hall has at least one designated loading zone that can be utilized by students as a convenient area to park when moving. During finals week, resident students may use these loading zone spaces for a period of up to 30 minutes at a time without a loading zone permit. If you feel that you will need to use this area for longer periods of time, please come by the Parking Services office to discuss your needs and obtain a temporary loading zone permit. Parking in a loading zone around the academic buildings still remains by permit only; a temporary permit should be obtained before using these spaces.

Enforcement officers will be monitoring the loading zones around the residence halls and will ticket vehicles left for longer than 30 minutes. Vehicles parked in a loading zone in all other areas on campus without the proper permit will continue to be ticketed and towed.

Upcoming Lot Events:

Friday, May 3 - Development Board Meeting, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Wells Conference Center. The Corbett lot will be closed from 6 a.m. until 3 p.m. Alternative parking is available in the Alford lot.

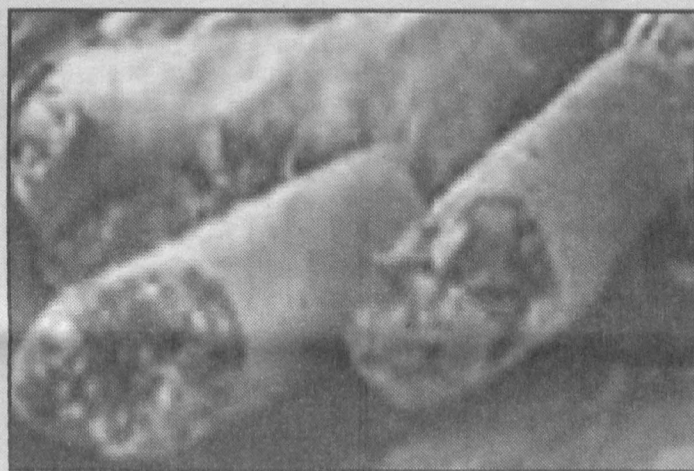
Wednesday, May 8 — Earth Sciences Teacher Workshop. The Global Science lot will be closed from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 9 — Penquis Cap's 35th Anniversary Meeting, 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Wells Conference Center. Expected number of participants: 300. Lots to be effected: Gym and Alford lots.

Thursday, May 9 — Maine Center Metal Products Association Dinner Meeting, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Wells Conference Center. Expected number of participants: 30. Lot to be effected: Dunn and Corbett lots.

Friday, May 10 — Downeast Support Systems Seminar, 3 p.m.-11 p.m., Donald P. Corbett. Expected number of participants: 350. Lot expected to be effected: MCA lot.

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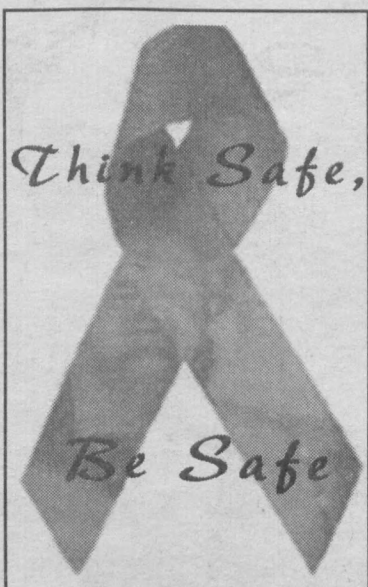
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What's News—

In Business and Finance

Economic Growth Sends Mixed Signal

The economy roared out of recession in the first quarter, but signs of fragility linger.

Profits are improving but remain depressed. Business pessimism is restraining capital spending and hiring. And the risk of higher oil prices due to turmoil in the Middle East clouds the outlook.

The economy grew at a 5.8% annualized pace in the first quarter, the fastest in two years. But more than half the growth came from businesses increasing production because they emptied warehouses and cut inventories so much last year. That will give the economy a boost only temporarily. The vitality of the recovery depends on a rebound in business spending on equipment, software and buildings, and that fell at a 5.7% rate in the first quarter.

Business spending—adjusted for changing prices—on high-tech equipment and software rose 10.3% in the first quarter, recovering a bit of last year's deep declines. But other business spending, particularly on transportation equipment and buildings, was off. And there are signs that weakness will persist; orders for capital goods fell in March.

Hewlett Loses Bid To Derail Merger

After an eight-month quagmire of proxy fighting, name calling and legal wrangling, Hewlett-Packard Co.'s \$18.6 billion plan to buy Compaq Computer Corp. is finally cleared for completion.

A chancery court judge in Delaware dismissed a lawsuit from dissident shareholder Walter Hewlett, son of an H-P co-founder, who had aimed to block the deal. In his decision, the judge wrote that Mr. Hewlett and his team "have failed to prove" claims that H-P withheld information from shareholders and perpetrated a vote-buying scheme.

Mr. Hewlett said he wouldn't appeal the dismissal and added that he would now do what he could to support the transaction.

Mr. Hewlett filed his suit after H-P's March 19 shareholder vote, contending that the Palo Alto, Calif., company had improperly coerced Deutsche Bank AG into switching a portion of its votes in favor of the deal. Mr. Hewlett also

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8,523,000

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alleged that H-P improperly hid its misgivings about how its integration efforts with Compaq were proceeding.

While the judge exonerated H-P executives, he wrote pointedly of concerns about potential conflicts of interest at Deutsche Bank in how it decided to swing 17 million of its votes in H-P's direction just before the vote.

EBay Rewards Chief For Bucking Trend

EBay Inc. awarded its chief executive a bigger bonus and salary last year as the Internet auctioneer boosted revenue while a downward economic spiral rocked other dot-coms.

Chief Executive and President Meg Whitman's 2001 bonus was 58% higher than the one she received in 2000—\$139,322 vs. \$87,914—while her salary was 15% higher—\$241,256 in 2001, compared with \$210,000 the previous year. Ms. Whitman held 750,000 unvested stock options at the end of 2001 with an estimated value of \$20 million.

Earlier this year, she donated \$30 million to Princeton University, which she attended as an undergraduate, for the construction of a new residential college that will bear her name.

EMac From Apple To Woo Colleges

Apple Computer Inc., moving to defend its position in education, unveiled its first personal computer designed exclusively for schools and colleges.

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Graduate, Already!

Colleges Study Ways To Solve Problem: Students Who Linger

By ELIZABETH BERNSTEIN

This May, 1,800 seniors from the class of 2002 will receive their diplomas from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. But finance major Lacey Pavliska won't be one of them.

"Everyone says you never want to leave college," says Miss Pavliska, who would have had to cram 21 credits into one semester to graduate on time. "Now I get to stay and enjoy myself."

Want to enroll in the "five-year" program? Get in line. From the University of Wisconsin to Baylor University, schools are getting tired of dilly-dallying students who take five and even six years to graduate. To get kids into their caps and gowns, schools are going on the offensive, taking such steps as granting tuition discounts and setting minimums for credits earned each semester. The latest tactic at the University of Iowa: asking new freshmen to sign a "contract" promising to get out in four years.

Educators say they have to act now because the ranks of procrastinating students keep inching up. According to a recent sampling by ACT Inc., 49% of college students take more than five years to graduate, if they do so at all—the worst levels since the education outfit

The Six-Year Plan

Below, some sample graduation rates. Figures are for 2001 seniors.

COLLEGE	% WHO GRADUATE IN FOUR YEARS	COMMENT
Clemson University Clemson, S.C.	38%	The biggest delay: students who can't decide on a major. (Some seniors try to come back a fifth fall just to get football tickets.)
Florida State University Tallahassee, Fla.	39%	The school has 36 new academic counselors, but had to close the new advising office in the gym because no one showed up.
Michigan State University East Lansing, Mich.	33%	The poor job market prompted a 2.5% rate drop last year, as some students who could have graduated opted to stay in school.
Pepperdine University Malibu, Calif.	71%	Students studying abroad their sophomore year still take core classes; they have two years to finish majors when they get home.
University of Wisconsin Madison, Wis.	40%	After students complained about being shut out of classes, the school said it would help students who would sign a four-year contract get the courses they need.

started keeping track in 1983. Between budget cuts, demographic swells and crowded classrooms, many universities say they just can't handle the growing number of hangers-on. Indeed, the National Center for Education Statistics expects the number of kids in college to jump 14% by 2011.

At Florida State, the four-year graduation rate has hovered at 39% for a decade. "We seem to be stuck," says Provost Larry Abele.

So are parents who have to keep footing the bill for all of that extra tuition. In Dallas, Bill and Linda Honker just discovered their son Tim won't be out in four at the Uni-

versity of Texas—and he's only a sophomore. He'll have to go to community college unless he picks a major soon. "We're not a bottomless pit in terms of being able to fund college," says Mr. Honker.

Late-graduating students, of course, are nothing new, but educators were hoping the roaring '90s might improve the situation. After all, an extended stay in college isn't good for anybody. Aside from crowding dorms and classrooms, dawdlers strain resources like health centers and may have a harder time getting a job or adjusting to post-campus life.

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Films Find Something About May

By JOHN LIPPMAN

The first weekend in May is not a holiday, kids are still tied up in school and it's still spring. So why has that date become the official start of the summer movie season—not to mention, one of the most coveted movie release weekends of the year?

Columbia Pictures moved early to claim May 3 as the opening date of its movie "Spider-Man," which it hopes will kick off a record year for the studio at the box office. Last year "The Mummy Returns" opened May 4, and did a stunning \$68 million over the weekend. That followed the opening of "Gladiator" May 5, 2000, which pulled in \$34.8 million on its first weekend.

Just a few years ago, such re-

turns would have defied industry wisdom, which dictated releasing the biggest movies adjacent to long holiday weekends or around the Christmas holiday.

But for some movie executives, the notion of a "season" for movies is dissolving. Movies are becoming "much more of a year-round business," says Tom Rothman, chairman of Fox Filmed Entertainment, which already has staked out May 2, 2003, for release of its popcorn sequel "X-Men 2."

As studios place more bets on "franchise" pictures—films with sequels—and other so-called event movies, there is such a big effort to space their release dates apart that they increasingly get pushed into unusual slots such as early May and early November, says Tom Borys, president of Nielsen EDI, which col-

lects and analyzes box-office information for the studios.

Hollywood stumbled onto early May—which it calls the "Twister" date—by accident. In 1996, Paramount had scheduled "Mission: Impossible" for release on May 22. Warner Bros. wanted its action flick "Twister" in theaters at least a full week before that, so it grabbed May 10. "Twister" opened that weekend with \$41.1 million at the box office, and went on to gross \$241.7 million.

"There's a period between Easter and Memorial Day that people are dying to see something new," says Dan Fellman, president of domestic distribution, Warner Bros. Pictures. "So if you open an 'event' film in a noncompetitive area, it will not only dominate the marketplace, but continue to run past Memorial Day and into the summer."

Graduate, Already!

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But educators say some schools may have only themselves to blame. Back in the '80s, many started allowing kids to take fewer classes and still get full-time financial aid. Other schools have begun tacking on credit requirements for more elaborate and popular majors such as computer science.

Dozens of schools are going on the offensive. At the University of Minnesota this fall, full-time students will be required to take at least 13 credits a semester. Down the road, the school is considering everything from making it harder to drop classes to insisting freshmen register for a year's worth of courses at a time.

Baylor University has decided to

appeal to wallets. Instead of the current pay-by-the-credit system, undergraduates will be able to take all the credits they want for a flat \$15,700 per year.

Results of some plans have been mixed so far. While the contracts at the University of Iowa have boosted four-year graduation rates 16% since 1995, only about half of the students who sign them actually finish on time. (The school says there's no penalty for breaking the contract.) Undergrads at the University of Texas at Austin are already griping that the flat-rate tuition plan won't work because it will be too taxing academically.

The Bush administration has proposed monitoring graduation rates more closely in its new long-

range plan. And while all the Advanced Placement classes high-school kids are taking could eventually help fix the problem, Department of Education Under Secretary Eugene W. Hickok says slow rates are "an important issue" for the administration.

Just about the only unworried party? The students themselves. Back at freshman orientation in 1998, Jenny Ferguson, 22, signed a four-year contract with the University of Iowa. But the Hawkeye went ahead and switched majors her junior year anyway—a move that meant she would have to breach the contract. "Our advisers told us to just sign (the contract) because if you didn't follow it, it didn't matter," says Ms. Ferguson.

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The computer maker launched a white one-piece desktop machine called the eMac, priced from \$999 to \$1,999, that resembles the original iMac introduced in 1998. The machine is designed to woo educators that are being courted with low-price PCs that run Microsoft Corp.'s Windows. Dell Computer Inc. has been particularly aggressive and last year surpassed Apple in shipments of desktop machines for education, according to some market researchers.

Apple built a lead in the market in the 1980s with its Apple 2 and Macintosh systems, and still has the largest installed base in schools. But Dell has been targeting the market with systems that are considerably more powerful than the original iMac but cost as little as \$600 excluding monitor, according to Giga Information Group, a market-research firm.

Judge Rejects Delay Of Andersen Trial

A federal judge in Houston rejected a request by attorneys for Arthur Andersen LLP to postpone the firm's criminal trial on obstruction of justice charges, which is scheduled to begin May 6. The request marked an about-face for Andersen, which had sought an unusually speedy trial from the moment the government's indictment against the firm was unsealed March 14.

In making the request during a pretrial conference hearing, An-

dersen attorney Rusty Hardin complained that a barrage of recent news reports about Andersen, some of which he charged were based on Justice Department leaks, had tainted prospective jurors' impartiality. A delay of six to seven weeks, Mr. Hardin argued, would enhance the chances of selecting jurors who hadn't been tainted by pretrial publicity and would allow Andersen a better opportunity to prepare its defense. The Justice Department opposed the motion.

Odds & Ends

Northwest Airlines and its pilots union tentatively agreed to extend the current five-year labor agreement by one year, postponing negotiations on a new agreement until industry conditions improve.

... Regulators in several states are investigating Qwest Communications International Inc. for striking secret deals with competitors who agreed not to oppose the Denver phone company's efforts to expand its long-distance business.

By Jay Hershey

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EDITORIAL

Sweatshop-free UMaine

Tuesday night's General Student Senate meeting was the most well attended of all Senate meetings this year and for good reason. At stake was a resolution that would give the Maine Peace Action Committee half the required funds necessary to join the Workers' Rights Consortium.

While President Peter S. Hoff was opposed to the union, due to UMaine's association with the Fair Labor Association, a national worker's rights organization, the Senate's approval is a long overdue step in the right direction.

The approval vote and the large attendance showed support for WRC, an organization that performs random investigations and gives workers the opportunity to complain about work conditions. In joining WRC, the university is taking a commendable stand against sweatshop labor and other unethical work practices.

The move also demonstrates the widespread university support for student-initiated campaigns. MPAC had been working on this project for two years, and until now, had been periodically shot down by the UMaine administration. In Tuesday's meeting, concerns about higher prices for UMaine clothing and losing contracts with major clothing companies were discussed; MPAC members said such situations rarely occur by joining WRC.

While events like this year's Anti-Sweatshop Fashion Show have called attention to a slew of unethical administrative decisions, the vote was decisively placed, and if carried through, will provoke real change in the university's business practices.

Although it is disappointing to note that some senators voted against the resolution, it is more heartening to acknowledge that more than 1,000 students signed a petition in favor of the union with WRC.



University welcomes smart kids

What's the point of the Honors College?

The University of Maine has decided, despite department and athletic cuts, several unfinished multi-million dollar construction projects, the elimination of December graduation and the weeding out of adjunct professors, to create an Honors College, starting next fall. Seems like a good idea to me.

Colvin Hall is being revamped to hold this new college, with new tables, chairs, a studio classroom (I don't know what that is, but it sounds expensive) and future remodelings of the upper floors and the basement.

AMY
BOWLER

OPINION EDITOR

No actual money amounts have been released yet, so perhaps all this will be done without any added expense to the university. But if history serves as any indication, students will be footing some sort of extra cost to make this happen.

Outside of budgetary concerns,

what's the point? Students in the Honors College will have to double major in another college — because "honors" is a fake major. "So, what's your major?" "Honors." Yeah, that's pretty specific. Good luck finding a job.

Not that I think the honors program is crap, but I do. I was invited to be part of the program when I got accepted to the university. I went to the informative "Welcome to the Honors Program" meeting, took a look around and made a run for it. Not quite my style. Sure, you get to

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Letters to the Editor

•Warmfront Rising

It's always great to see talent springing up from the roots of the University of Maine. One such rising talent is that of a band called Warmfront. Hearing their band play on the radio stations WMEB and WHSN made me want to check out how good these guys are live.

Last Saturday at Bumstock was the second public appearance the band has officially put on, so I had to take yet another peak because I hadn't had enough from the week before at Ushuaia. They sounded just as sweet live, maybe even sweeter than they did on the

radio. I was astounded to see how much energy the band put out on stage. They had a presence that made everyone in the audience feel like part of the show. Their vibe is so upbeat that it literally lifted up the audience into a great mood and many couldn't help moving to the flow of their music.

After the show I spoke with Adam Parvanta, the drummer for the band, and he mentioned that they are opening for 6gig in June. Two shows under their belt, and already opening for one of the biggest bands out of Maine, these guys have to be both pumped and talented. I just think it's great to

see such a positive energetic sound coming from a local band here at UMaine. Hopefully, after they become famous, everyone at the university will be able to say, "I knew them when."

Jason A. Saucier
Biology Major

•Not figured out

I just wanted to say a few things about the "Guys figure women out" article, if that's OK.

Amanda, I could not agree with you more about guys' problem figuring women out, it seems next to

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What were you thinking?

MARSHALL
DURY

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

At some point or another, we all greatly value our freedom as individuals to do as we please, when we please. However, there are those countless few who enjoy and somehow succeed in impeding on people's freedoms.

On April 28, a Californian high school vice principle, Rita Wilson, crossed the line of decency and personal freedom. It is reported that Wilson verbally forced female students of Rancho Bernardo High School to prove that they were not wearing "indecent underwear" at a school dance with a "blast from the past" theme.

Now, personal thong preferences aside: What the f**k was Wilson thinking? What made her think she had the right to force the girls to expose themselves in front of classmates, teachers and police officers at the door? I know. It doesn't even seem like real news — it's almost fake.

Amazingly, Wilson didn't stop with underwear. She is also reported to have checked some male students' toga-style costumes to make sure they were wearing underwear. Wilson didn't even stop with the guys. Some of the girls were choosing to go all out with the 1970s theme. Wilson, using her supreme intellect, decided it was fair to pull down the shirts of some female students to make sure they were wearing bras.

Obviously this woman is going to resign or be fired, but that is not the point. Wilson crossed the line — BIG TIME! She infringed upon the rights of her students, even publicly humiliating them.

Civil rights are granted to us, as Americans, upon birth. When someone violates these civil rights, action must be taken. In my opinion, Wilson should be fired and a lawsuit is completely understandable.

I've tried working it out in my head: How did Wilson think what she was doing was permissible? Even if the school had a dress code for the dance — which

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Honors

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graduate with honors, which looks cool on your resume, but is it worth it? To complete a degree, or whatever it is, in the Honors College, you have to take two more classes, in addition to the current workload for the Honors Program. Hell, I couldn't even complete a minor. A ploy by ol' UMaine to keep students here as long as possible? I think maybe.

"The university is making a push to bring in good students," said the program's director, Charlie Slavin. Okay, first — that hurts. And second, what is the university telling these kids? "Hey, come and sign up for our new fake college

which you can't really major in, but you can spend lots of money on extra classes and possibly not graduate on time because of the extra workload! Yeah!"

Again I ask: What's the point? While Mom and Dad will be proud of you for graduating with honors, albeit several years late and only after they had to remortgage the house to pay for it, all you end up with is two undergraduate degrees — and one of them is in nothing. I know for a fact there's a better way to spend your college years.

Amy Bowler is a senior journalism major.

Rights

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would be ludicrous — Wilson still had no right to force these girls to partially undress for her. What is she, a pedophile?

I'm not going to question the system that hired her. I'm not even going to question why some of the girls actually submitted to the undressing. I'm going for Wilson. I've heard of conservative morals but come on! This woman is like a modern day Hitler for this San Diego high school. She believes the perfect student body has no opinions, no individuality.

What harm could be done in allowing a female to wear a thong to a school dance? It's a thong! You know your society has too much free time when the infrastructure of the education system

is limiting the type of underwear its students wear. Really folks, what is going on?

Why was Wilson even allowed to continue doing this? Police and other teachers guarded the entrance to the dance while Wilson was doing her "undie checks" at the door. What were these police officers doing?! Let alone these other teachers.

I've heard of injustice. I've seen indecency. I've even witnessed absurdity. Rita Wilson and her "anti-thong" policy, however, lead the contest for most disgusting and obvious violation of personal freedom. It's not a question of right or "thong" — it's about civil rights.

Marshall Dury is a sophomore journalism major.

Letters

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impossible for us. That dictionary does seem like utter bullcrap, because I think women and the acts they commit and words they say are totally undefinable. Without a doubt I'll bet a guy wrote that damn dictionary, and I think he is trying to make us all look bad. I don't think we will ever understand women, not because you girls are too complex or hard to understand, but because we have to over-analyze everything you say or do and put such diverse and complicated meanings behind these acts and words.

For the most part, my girlfriend of more than a year and a half and I have a pretty damn good understanding of one another. We really haven't had a major fight since the start of our relationship. I don't know if that's because we just plain understand each other or if she is just a very simple and easy to understand girl. It's probably the second one.

I truly don't know why us guys

have to make things twice as hard they actually are, it's probably because we are so simplified. I mean you ladies had us figured out way back in the Stone Age when a nice looking woman walked by some guy in a tight little sabertooth tiger-skin skirt. Automatically the woman looked back and saw the guy's mouth wide open and drooling, staring at her ass and she knew exactly what he wanted. But if you could write an article that could give us a hand in trying to attack the multiple and constant misunderstandings of our opposite sex, it would be greatly appreciated by men everywhere, for sure. But I could not agree with you more. We've learned how to fly, go the speed of light, even build the atomic bomb but somewhere down the line during the process of evolution, we just didn't develop the knowledge of women.

Adam Shaw
Guilty on the account of being a male

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The diary of a squatter

You think you know...

ANGELA FINADACA
LINDSAY SCHIEPP

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

This is the diary of three room-less soon-to-be juniors with the objective of getting a room in Oak Hall. You think you know, but you have no idea.

4:20 a.m. — The music starts. Jess: "Angela, is that your alarm?" Three girls roll out of bed.

4:40 a.m. — We arrive — 12th in line. Apparently 4:20 a.m. wasn't early enough. To our surprise, two girls had been sitting here since 10 p.m. Monday night, decked out in hats, mittens, blankets, pillows and sleeping bags. We settle in for our long morning.

5:25 a.m. — A game of Go Fish gets out of hand.

6:15 a.m. — Fifteen helpless victims join the pack. It's definitely cold; our toes are falling off.

6:30 a.m. — Lindsay: "Oh my God, there's a guy!" Our knight in shining armor finally unlocks the door. A herd of ruthless, freezing and homeless students bust through the doors of Wells Conference Center. We set up camp for another five hours.

7:55 a.m. — We're beginning to make friends, yet we remain cautious because this is every man for himself.

8:00 a.m. — We are fearful to

get up to use the restroom because of the evil-eye stare we keep getting from everyone around us.

8:30 a.m. — We're glad there's no such thing as seniority on this campus, otherwise we'd have missed out on all this fun.

8:39 a.m. — Someone informs us that it's National Honesty Day. Lindsay: "I hate leopard print pillows!" Jess: "This is the most boring experience of my life. I hate school." Angela: "Now, this is what college is all about."

8:45 a.m. — The laughing fits begin and random conversations start. Angela: "What?!? You've never seen 'Jem and the Rockers'?" You were deprived!"

8:55 a.m. — Angela: "People hate us cause we don't stop laughing!" Lindsay: "Why? It's just funny!" Jess: "This sucks."

9:30 a.m. — "Bullshit!" It's just a card game right?

9:45 a.m. — Some freshman rolls in and tries to cut in line. We

girls aren't having it. Time for another evil stare down.

10:15 a.m. — A man in uniform walks by. Jess: "They've called in the Marines! I told you, this is serious."

10:30 a.m. — A devious conversation emerges ... Jess: "Let's steal their schedules so they can't sign up for a room!" Lindsay: "Yeah, and their MaineCards too!" Angela: "Okay, this is getting out of control."

10:45 a.m. — Angela: "Look at those people cutting in front of us and going up the stairs! What the f**k?" Lindsay: "They're just R.A.s, it's okay!" Jess: "Woah, that was a close call."

11:05 a.m. — Mad dash for the stairs.

11:25 a.m. — Waking up at 4:20 a.m. paid off — we all got the rooms we wanted. That wasn't so bad. I mean, we're juniors and we got to sit here in the freezing cold, get pushed around by room-hungry students and all for only seven hours. This has been a good time.

Angela Fiandaca is a sophomore journalism major. Lindsay Schiepp is a sophomore English major.

University lab animal abuse

PETA uncovers disturbing treatment, pleas for USDA help

Congress is now poised to vote on an amendment to the Farm Bill that may forever exclude 95 percent of animals used in laboratories from any legal protection. The amendment was introduced by outgoing Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., as a favor to medical research trade groups, who have fought the inclusion of mice, rats and birds under the Animal Welfare Act, the only federal law offering even minimal protection for animal used in experiments.

But even as Helms was claiming that rats and mice needed no protection and that "a rodent could do a lot worse than live out its lifespan in research facilities," an undercover investigator for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals was documenting neglect and abuse of mice and rats at a university in Helms' home state.

The PETA investigator took a job as an animal care technician at a laboratory at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, last October. During the next six months, right up until April 17, she witnessed a disturbing and callous disregard for the suffering of thousands of mice and rats caged and used in a variety of experiments.

She found mice and rats crippled by enormous tumors, nearly as big as their bodies, and hunched over in obvious pain, sick from undiagnosed illness, which were never seen by a veterinarian or humanely destroyed. One veterinarian, instead of euthanizing a suffering mouse, told our investigator:

MARY BETH
SWEETLAND

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"He might be dead by tomorrow."

Mice who were supposed to be instantly killed by neck-breaking often survived — and were tossed in a box inside a refrigerator along side dead mice. Partly paralyzed, they sometimes crawled pitifully among the dead bodies, their heads twisted to one side, in agony from the careless neck-snapping. Some technicians killed mice by cutting their heads off with scissors.

Mice with two or three litters — sometimes more than 20 mice — were crammed inside a single plastic box about the size of a shoebox, even though university regulations say that no more than one litter may live in one cage.

Our investigator complained again and again to her supervisor, to the staff veterinarians and even to the university's Animal Care and Use Committee. Their response? On one occasion, they reprimanded her for reporting "too many" sick animals.

One supervisor told her that the experimenters are supposed to follow strict guidelines in animal care, but because the regulations are never enforced by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, the university or by any government agency, the experimenters do whatever they want — even neglecting or hurting the animals in their care.

If mice and rats were included in the Animal Welfare Act, U.S. Department of Agriculture inspectors would have oversight powers. They could make unannounced inspections of this laboratory at least once a year to see that mice and rats (and all animal used) had adequate caging, veterinary care and humane euthanasia.

Last year, USDA had already agreed to include mice and rats under the Animal Welfare Act, and many research organizations supported that decision, among them the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine, The American Association for Laboratory Animal Science, Procter & Gamble, Scientists Center for Animal Welfare, Johns Hopkins University Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing and DuPont Pharmaceutical Co.

The animal experimentation trade groups, including the National Foundation of Biomedical Research, that have convinced Helms that millions of animals should be denied this modicum of protection under the law, have for years fought any and all improvements for animals used in laboratories. They are way out of line with a nation that is increasingly conscious of humane issues.

Rats and mice may not be as attractive as cats and dogs, but they suffer every bit as much when they have their heads cut off with a pair of scissors. Helms needs to step out of the way and let the USDA do its job.

Mary Beth Sweetland is a member of PETA.

DIVERSIONS

By: Liz Jarrell
For The Maine Campus

Taurus — (4/20-5/19)

It seems that certain someone you've had your eyes on is beginning to return your gaze. This person is waiting for you to make the first move, so don't be afraid to approach him/her and ask to get together sometime.

Lucky days: 1, 15, 27

Gemini — (5/20-6/20)

You might want to consider refraining from some of your flirtatious tendencies this week. You could be attracting some unwanted attention, so try to hang low for a while and make sure that certain people are not getting the wrong impression.

Lucky days: 4, 18, 26

Cancer — (6/21-7/21)

You are in those beginning stages of getting to know someone new, and you love every minute of it. Look forward to a very special relationship with this certain someone, whether it is a passionate romance or a deep friendship.

Lucky days: 2, 12, 22

Leo — (7/22-8/22)

You are greatly enjoying the relationship you have with that special person and don't want to have to say goodbye at the end of the school year. Do not lose hope for this summer ... you might just be seeing him or her more often than you anticipate.

Lucky days: 6, 20, 31

Virgo — (8/23-9/21)

Feeling down about your current love situation? You might want to pick your head up, because someone you would least expect is beginning to take an interest in you. Approach this person casually and see what can develop.

Lucky days: 9, 21, 28



Libra — (9/22-10/22)

What looked to be a possibly rough semester is beginning to turn out all right. You have met a new group of people that you enjoy spending time with, and you are enjoying just chilling and taking it easy. Look forward to seeing a lot of these people this upcoming summer.

Lucky days: 3, 16, 25

Scorpio — (10/23-11/21)

You have been hanging with that someone for a little while now, and you are unsure of what your label is. Don't worry for long, it seems this person is experiencing the same confusion and will be approaching you soon. You will definitely like his/her idea.

Lucky days: 2, 13, 23



Sagittarius — (11/22-12/20)

You feel frustrated and irritated with that friend/special other in your life right now, but are unsure as to whether you should approach them. They have noticed the unrest between you, and will say something soon. Everything will be smoothed out in no time.

Lucky days: 9, 16, 30

Capricorn — (12/21-1/19)

You really care about that special someone in your life, and wish you could show him/her just how much you really do. The end of the school year is a perfect opportunity to do something really out of the ordinary and to say goodbye in a special way.

Lucky days: 6, 20, 25



Aquarius — (1/20-2/17)

You are acing all your classes, and you are not even worried about any of your finals. Tons of people are coming to you for help with schoolwork, and you love being able to help them out. Be careful not to blow off any of your tests, you might wish you hadn't.

Lucky days: 1, 13, 26

Pisces — (2/18-3/20)

You are greatly enjoying living up the single life, and have gotten to know a number of different people by doing so. Have fun, but be careful not to let it go too far ... be carefree yet responsible.

Lucky days: 8, 14, 29

Aries — (3/21-4/19)

So many guys/girl, and so little time. You have your eyes on two people in particular, and you can't decide who you would like to be with. The end of school is fast approaching, so your best bet might just to keep it casual for the time being.

Lucky days: 13, 20, 26

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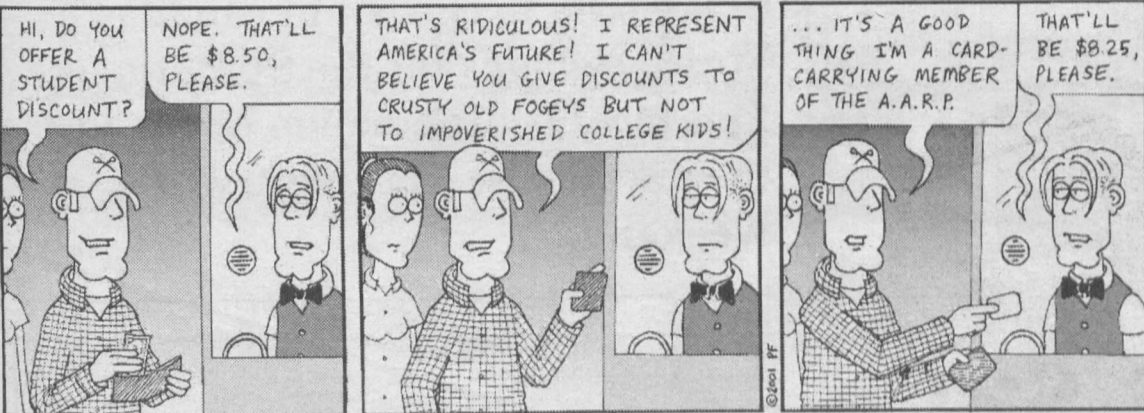
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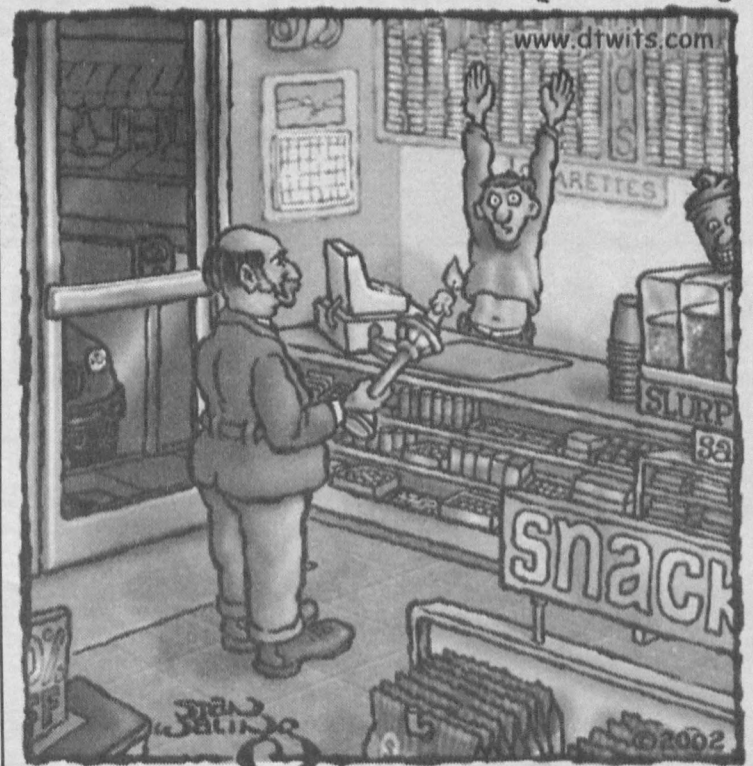
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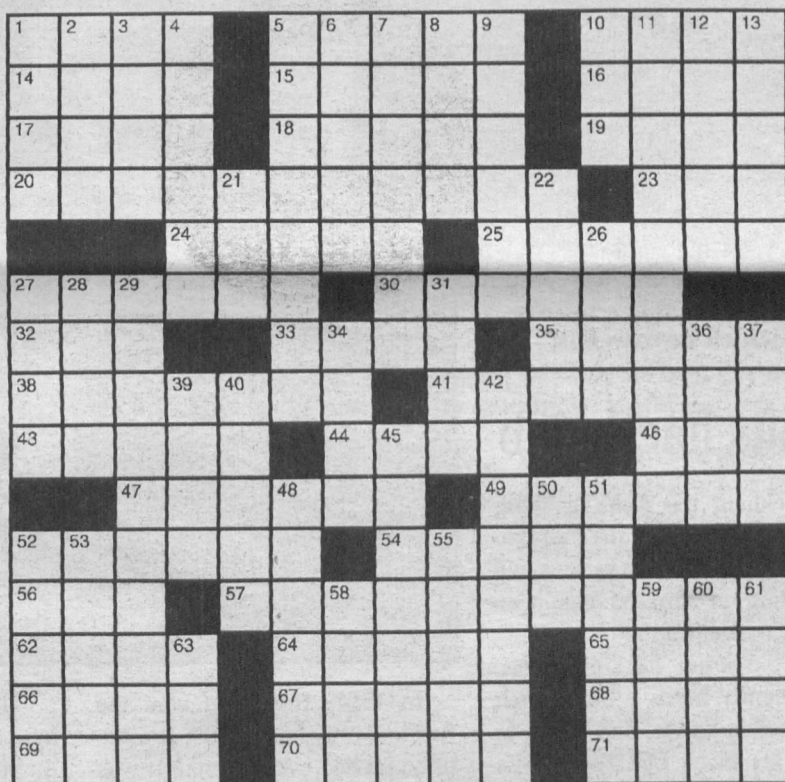
DITHERED TWITS by Stan Waling



Colonel Mustard on the loose.

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 - 5 Fishing basket
 - 10 Leather punches
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 - 16 Singer Diamond
 - 17 Queue
 - 18 Giant with 100 eyes
 - 19 Run in neutral
 - 20 Routes
 - 23 Short sleep
 - 24 Off. skill
 - 25 Bug
 - 27 Disquiet
 - 30 Events with fixed outcomes
 - 32 Actor McKellen
 - 33 __ Nostra
 - 35 Disappeared gradually
 - 38 Contains in a box
 - 41 Change a picture holder
 - 43 "JFK" director Oliver
 - 44 British pianist Myra
 - 46 Yang's partner
 - 47 Provo resident
 - 49 Whitecaps
 - 52 Where attachments are attached?
 - 54 Wheat or oats
 - 56 In the style of
 - 57 Durkheim or Mannheim
 - 62 Insects
 - 64 Singer Tucker
 - 65 Choral voice
 - 66 Brainchild
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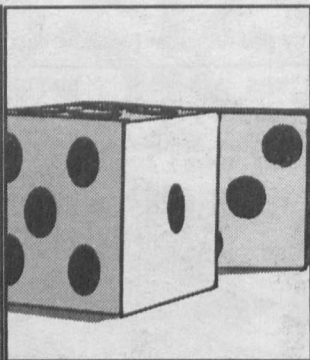
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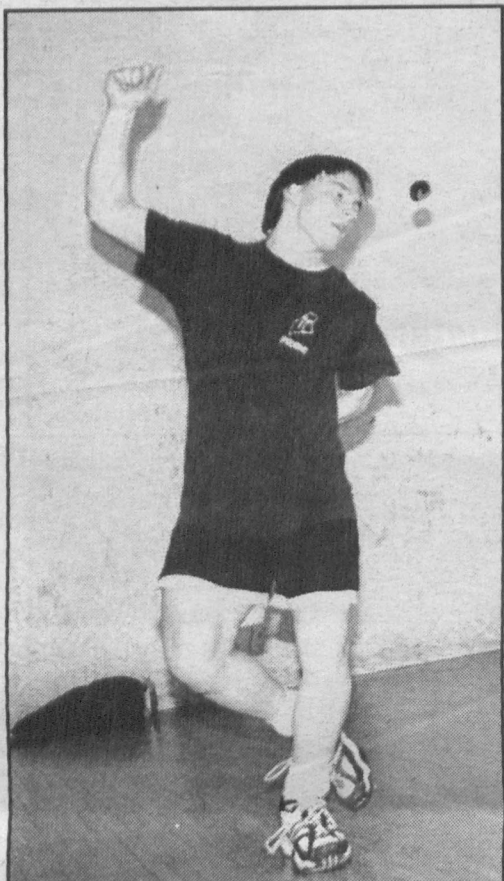
The Maine Campus strongly advocates the return of the wrap sandwich to eateries across campus.

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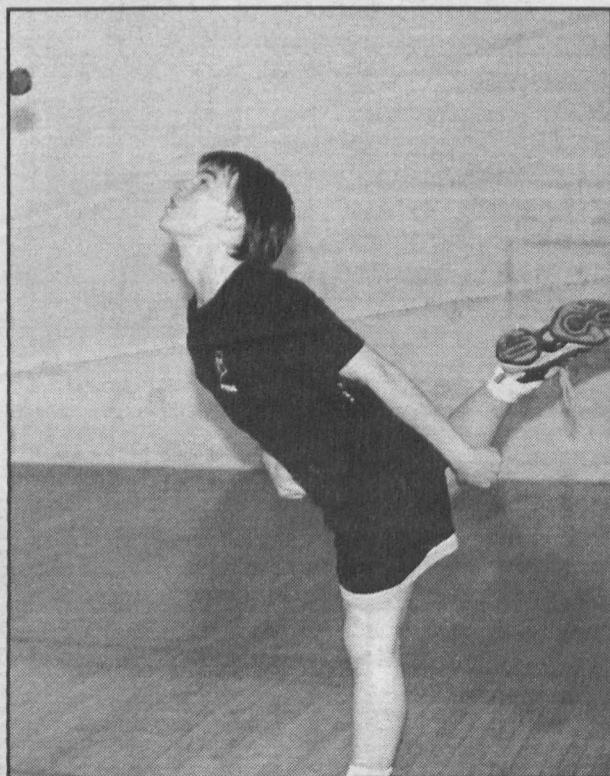


Make sure to check out Monday's *Maine Campus* for the Spiderman Spectacular. The movie opens in theaters across the country this weekend.

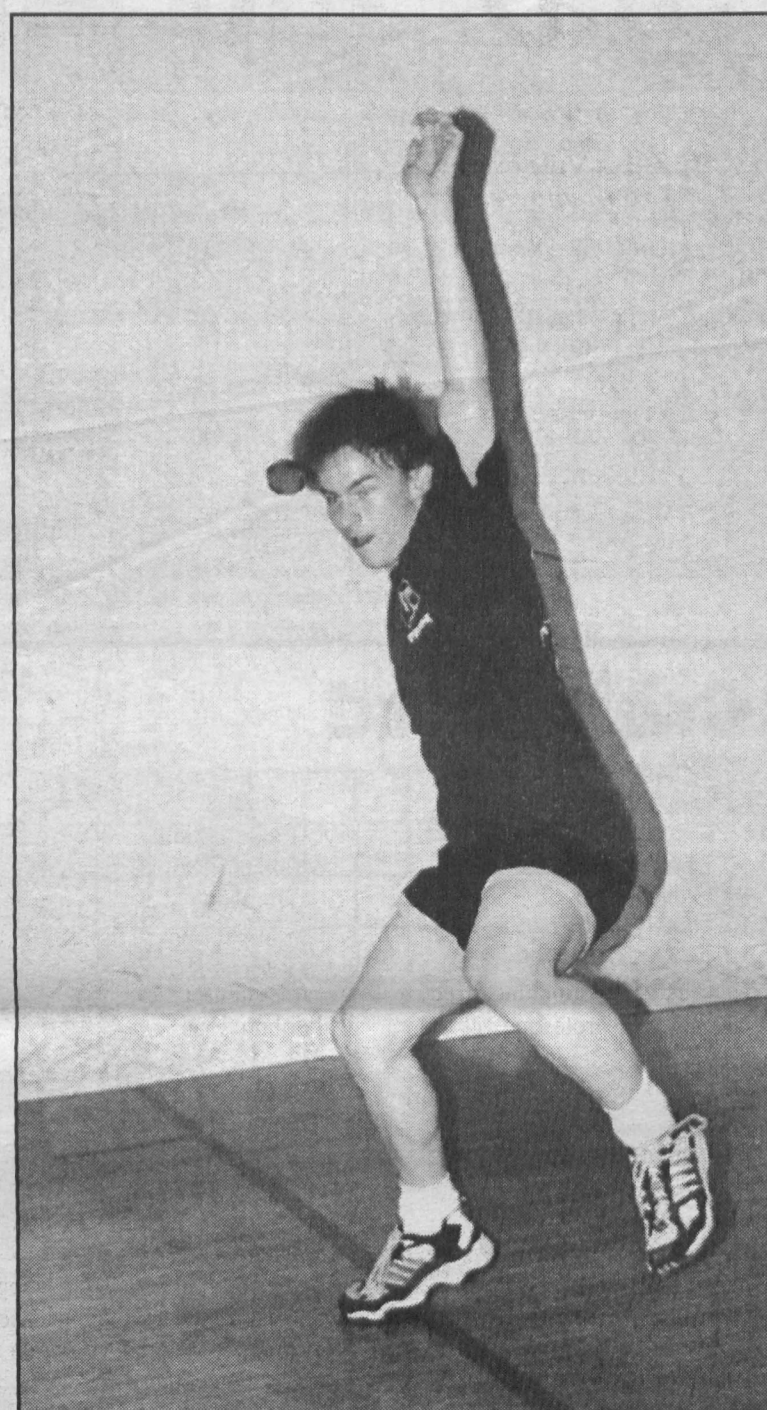
A boy and his sack



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Charles Brickham, a second-year student at the University of Maine, practices his hacking skills with the Hacky - Sack Club on the racquetball courts Tuesday. Brickham is a brown-belt in Shotokan Karate, which he says has improved his hacking skills.



Brown belter organizes hardcore campus hack club

By Nathan Webster
For The Maine Campus

The only sounds that can be heard in the racquetball court are the shuffling of sneakers and the sound of a hacky sack being kicked back and forth.

Charles Brickham catches the footbag (the hacky sack's official name) on the back of his neck, and then proceeds to let it roll off his shoulder. He catches it on his knee, bounces it back and kicks it away again all in one swift motion.

Sound difficult?

Brickham, a second-year electrical engineering major with

a math minor, is the founder of the University of Maine's Hacky Sack Club.

"I asked around and a lot of people were interested," said Brickham, who formed the club last semester. "Quite a few [students] hacky sack."

Anyone who attended Bumstock last weekend had a chance to catch a glimpse of Brickham in action.

"I love Bumstock," Brickham said. "It's a lot of fun."

During the weekend, he would "hack" with anyone willing to join his circle. Brickham played about 15 hours total during Bumstock, and eight hours straight on Friday, he said.

Brickham has been hacking for seven years. For the past two years, he has become serious and according to him he has been "really concentrating on tricks."

On top of his "hacking" skills, he currently holds a brown belt in shotokan karate, and hopes to attain his black belt soon. His martial arts background becomes very apparent when he shows off his kicking, spinning, balancing and jumping skills with the footbag. His moves are like those of a kung fu master.

"[Hacky sacking] offers good fitness, and you can do it anywhere," Brickham said. "I also like impressing people," he added with a smirk.

In 1998, Brickham won the first and only hacky sack competition he had ever entered. It was an impromptu contest that was held at his former school, Stearns High School in Millinocket, Maine. He won the contest with 44 consecutive "hits," or moves — a personal record for him at the time.

Brickham's personal record now stands at a solid 239 hits, a number which he intends to improve.

The Hacky Sack Club meets in racquetball court number three in Memorial Gymnasium every Monday and Friday evening from 4 to 6 p.m. According to Brickham, attendance at the meetings has been as many as six people.

This attendance though, has recently dwindled to only two others besides Brickham. He blames the end of the semester

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Young writers camp carries on with Orono tradition

Rachel Kennedy
Staff Reporter

Mom knows best.

So this summer, little Johnny's getting the opportunity of a young kid's lifetime — he gets to participate in a camp that develops composition skills during the annual Young Authors Camp.

The Young Authors Camps have run for the past four years

in Orono. Other camps were started more recently and are now located at the Benton Elementary School and at the Cape Cod Hill School in New Sharon. The UMaine and Benton sites will run July 15 through 19, and the New Sharon program is scheduled for July 22 through 26.

Part of the Maine Writing Project community outreach offerings, the camps are for those students entering grades three

through 12 who enjoy writing. The Benton program is for students entering grades three through six, and the New Sharon camp is for grades four through six. At all program sites, sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

"Kids are grouped by age... We work with students who want to improve their writing, i.e. we are not for reluctant writers, but we do a variety of activities to assist and develop the writing of any child who has the

interest," said Jeff Wilhelm, UMaine professor of literacy education.

Those enrolled receive extensive one-on-one attention from extremely giving teachers. Participants are encouraged to develop their own writing preferences while exploring others as well.

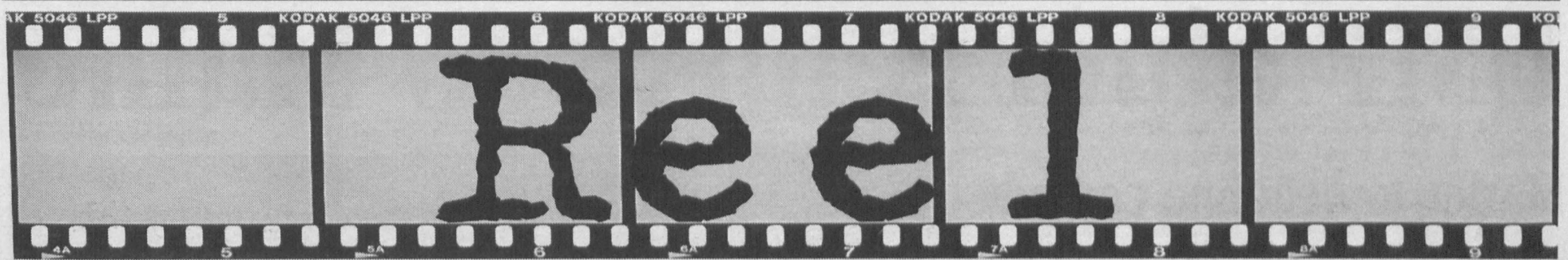
"We work on both expository and narrative writing, and some groups also work on poetry," Wilhelm said. "We do a lot of

work with electronic forms of composing, desktop publishing and the like, and always publish an anthology of student work."

The anthology is an all-inclusive collection of the participants work. They also receive a T-shirt and daily snacks to help nourish their little literary geni.

"We see [the program] as a way to promote writing, help students get published, develop student interests and needs as

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Diaz and pals far from 'Sweet'

By Gina Valenzuela
For The Maine Campus

If I wanted to see a flat-chested, scrawny body run around in saggy underwear, I'd hit up a junior high boys locker room.

But director Roger Kumble thought otherwise. Apparently, after Kumble's successful direction of "Cruel Intentions" he felt the need to make a sequel titled "The Sweetest Thing." Because believe me, Kumble has nothing but cruel intentions for his audience. It is nothing but torture to sit through this 84-minute flick. The only reason I sat through the entire movie was the notion that it must get better.

I was wrong.

Nancy Pimental, writer for the hit cartoon "South Park," was the creator of this piece of trash storyline. Her attempt at a comedy slash romance was less than successful. Pimental tried to combine the grotesque yet funny jokes from "South Park" into a script supposedly empowering women sexually, yet trapping them in the generic search for Mr. Right. Humm, definitely a contradiction in terms.

The result was less than humorous or entertaining sexual commentary between the main character, Christina, played by Cameron Diaz, and her girlfriends played by Christina Applegate and Selma Blair. This story would have been better told with Diaz starring in cartoon

form on "South Park" than in real life.

In fact, the only theme this movie successfully portrays is Diaz's love for herself. Throughout the movie she is obsessed with her own image and solo dance routines. Diaz knows the "Sweetest Thing" in the movie is herself.

As for the comedy, while I did laugh, it was only because of how stupid the scenes and lines were. And I don't mean "Dumb and Dumber" stupid where there is actually humor — I mean stupid as in truly obnoxious.

Hollywood Reporter and E!Online estimated that Diaz would be paid close to \$15 million for acting in this flick, putting her up at the same level with Julia Roberts and Meg Ryan. If Diaz actually sucked that amount out of Columbia Pictures — good for her — bad for them, because there was definitely no acting done on her part.

Instead, Diaz was able to practice her favorite pastimes of



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In Cameron's Diaz's newest flick, "The Sweetest Thing," the "Charlie's Angels" star cuts loose with a minimal amount of clothing.

prancing around in her panties and making crude attempts at dancing. However, if she truly wants to be up there with Roberts and Ryan, I suggest she invest that \$15 million in acting classes.

By the way, does Diaz require all her contracts to state that she must appear in her underwear at least once in every movie she

stars in, and that she must be able to gyrate her hips?

Let's see, in "Something About Mary" she is seen in her window standing in her underwear, and dancing with the cast during the credits. In "Charlie's Angels" she boogies around in little boyish cartoon undies on her bed and in a club. And now,

appearing in "The Sweetest Thing" she spends two thirds of the movie dancing or in her underwear. What is her deal?

So if you have time to kill and money to waste, I suggest gambling rather than sitting through this flick. And if you are a die-hard Diaz fan, I'd really re-evaluate your ideas of entertainment.

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for the lack of participation. According to Brickham, people are just too busy with school-work.

At the sessions, Brickham says the group "stays away from knockout." "Knockout" is a game where players try to knock each other "out" of the circle by performing a few moves and then kicking the footbag hard at another person. Brickham explained that in games of knockout, he is soon the only player left.

"We try to keep a happy atmosphere, and try to keep it so everyone is working on something," Brickham said.

The Hacky Sack Club folder can be found in the "All Student Orgs/Groups" folder on FirstClass. Brickham invites all comments and suggestions, and urges anyone even remotely interested to attend the meetings.

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writers, and as a way to promote electronic literacies," Wilhelm said. "[The] teachers are all former fellows of the Maine Writing Project and are therefore exemplary teachers and teacher leaders."

Friday, May 3 marks the Young Authors Camp annual reunion. Held in Jeness Hall, the reunion is a way to come together in harmonious support of the Maine Writing Project and its extensions. According to Wilhelm, the reunions are lots of fun and are always well-attended.

For information on the Young Authors Camp, please get in touch with one of the various site contacts: UMaine, Theresa McMannus, (207) 581-2438; Benton, Darlene Armstrong, (207) 474-6847; and New Sharon, Brenda LaVerdiere, (207) 645-5330.

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UMF alum returns to Maine

Marley to headline comedy show with Cowing, Hamm

By Jason Houle
Staff Reporter

It'll be a one, two, three punch for Maine comedians next Friday night.

On May 10, at 8 p.m. comedians Bob Marley, George Hamm and the University of Maine's own Travis "Bull" Cowing will take the stage at the Maine Center for the Arts.

Marley, who is widely considered to be Maine's premiere comic, is a native of Portland and a graduate of UMaine Farmington. Now a resident of Los Angeles, Calif., Marley, along with his trademark Maine accent, has had a taste of Hollywood life and made his way through comedy clubs all across the country.

"I like Bob's style a lot — he's a high energy comic," Cowing said. "He doesn't really tell funny jokes — he actually tells very funny stories."

Marley, who is infamous for his local Maine humor, tells these stories in part about his days at Deering High School, the Maine Turnpike and ever so poignant local supermarket advertisements.

"This week at Shaws — surprise the whole family with a sirloin steak," Marley said on his comedy CD "All New Stuff."

"I got thinking about that folks — if your whole family is going to be surprised by a sirloin steak, you better get them out of the house a little more often. The

only way my family's going to surprise me with a sirloin steak is if my mother jumped out of the living room naked with it strapped to her ass."

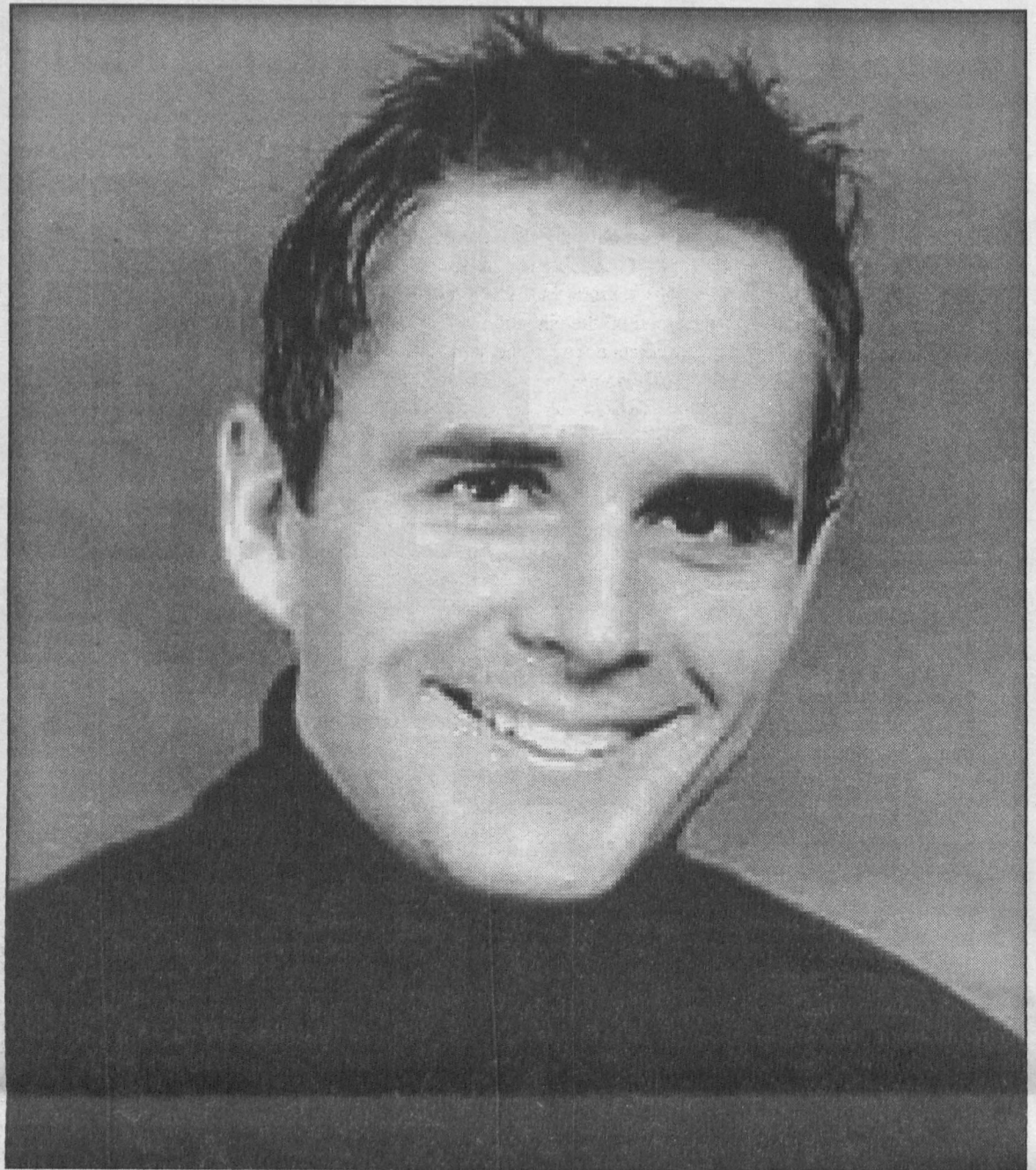
Besides his extensive comedy experience of more than 4,000 shows, Marley has starred in multiple movies, including the incredibly underrated flick "Boondock Saints," opposite Willem Dafoe. Marley has also made appearances on David Letterman and in commercials, starring as the Keystone Light "Bitter beer face boy."

Despite being called "Hollywood's best kept secret" by the Los Angeles's prestigious Laugh Factory, Marley has not forgotten his home state, with four CDs full of strictly Maine humor. Marley stands as an inspiration for many local comics.

Hamm, who will be performing Friday night in addition to Marley and Cowing, has toured the comedy circuit around the country. Hamm has opened for such acts as Cheap Trick and Harland Williams and, like Marley, has had experience in the film industry.

"I've learned a lot from guys like Bob [Marley] and George Hamm in the short time I've been doing stand-up comedy," Cowing said.

On the whole, Cowing is more than happy to hit the big stage with Marley, an opportunity he has had in the past, but never on such a



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scale.

"I'm very excited to be able to step on the stage at the Maine Center," Cowing said. "As a kid I remember coming here to see guys like Steven Wright and George

Carlin, guys who are legends in the comic field. To be able to grace the same stage as them, especially so early in my comedy career, is something I've always dreamed about doing. I'd just like to thank

Bob and his staff for allowing me to do so."

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Ground breaking play includes audience participation

By Liz Jarrell
For The Maine Campus

Audience participation was the focal point for student Jay Skirletz's production of "Life During Wartime," an innovative new play performed last Friday at Hauck auditorium.

"Life During Wartime," is the story of Tommy, a home securities salesman, who soon becomes involved in a passionate affair with Gale, company client and divorced mother with a teenage son.

Tommy soon encounters moral conflict when he learns that his boss, Heinrich, has arranged for burglaries at some of the company-protected homes, hoping that an increased crime rate will increase the community's want and need of his home security systems. Tommy is given the option of participating in Heinrich's deceitful plan, or simply continuing business as if he has no knowledge of the ploy occurring right under his nose. While the storyline of the play does not sound out of the ordinary, this tale is told in a far from

conventional manner.

Skirletz had known for a long time that he wanted to put on this production — and in an unusual way.

"After the tragedy of Sept. 11, and the national response to that, I saw that fighting something was not the same as solving it," Skirletz said. "We can fight our fears with Heinrich's home security [in the play], and homeland security for our nation, but that's not really solving the situation. I felt the audience was in the same position as Tommy."

Skirletz wanted his audience to become a part of the production, putting themselves in Tommy's moral dilemma, and sharing in the inner turmoil. He achieved this vision by incorporating multi-media interaction that many theater-goers had probably never experienced before.

Skirletz divided the back wall behind the stage action into three sections, each with two large projector screens. He used these screens to project images of people during war, famine, drought, as well as other examples of human

suffering.

Some of the screens included quotes and statistics as to the sad plight of the world as far as education, war, death, etc. are concerned. There were more than 300 slides, all of which were shown continuously throughout the show's duration, allowing the audience to lift Tommy's inner turmoil from the context of the play and apply it to the human condition as it exists worldwide.

In addition, the audience was given 26 laptops, thanks to the Department of Education, and participated in a chatroom in which they could comment on the action of the play. The combination of this live audience participation, along with the harsh reality presented through the slides, enabled theater-goers to not only fully experience the play itself, but to also examine themselves and society.

For the most part, Skirletz believes this goal was achieved.

"Hearing comments from the audience, some found the multi-media overwhelmingly distracting, but others found it helped them

grasp the full picture," He said.

Not to say that the going was all smooth.

As with all shows, there were some difficulties encountered, although most were solved by closing night. Skirletz said the sequencing of the slides seemed to pose the main problem, as their timing made them difficult to read or see. Other technical difficulties included converting the chatting formats for the laptops, and solving interface problems with the chatroom. However, these minor glitches were soon solved, and the play proceeded flawlessly by its ending night.

Skirletz believes the pioneering multi-media production was a success as far as what the audience got out of its meaning.

"On the whole, I think it worked well. I want to thank UNet, A, and the College of Education, as well as my own Theater/Dance Department for making it possible to do a fairly adventurous and successful experiment," Skirletz said.

He added that they enabled his audience to consider the bigger picture, to determine their position

within the world frame and ponder the inner workings of the individual.

Jay Skirletz has been selected by the student theater organization, the Maine Masque, to participate in the group's seasonal production. Next spring, Skirletz is hoping to help them put on a contemporary version of a living newspaper.

This genre of theater began in the Soviet Union in which actors acted out the current events to an illiterate society, enabling people otherwise in the dark about news and current events to understand what was going on around them.

Always one to step out of the mainframe of theater, Skirletz would like to put on such a contemporary production, taking documented information and converting it to the stage.

Some of the documented issues being considered for production involve the global environmental situation, as well as the sometimes muddy vision of Constitutional rights.

Anyone interested in participating can contact Jay Skirletz on FirstClass.

Second annual film festival on campus

By Chris Barter
For The Maine Campus

The Second Annual University of Maine Student Film Festival was a celebration of the gritty, hilarious, shocking and entertaining well-spring of creativity that is independent film.

The Film Festival, held Thursday, April 25, in Donald P. Corbett Hall, featured four short films ranging between seven and 17 minutes, with numerous short skits in between. There was also an encore presentation of a longer film that appeared last semester at the first Student Film Festival, directed by the festival's organizer Paul Ezzy.

Right from the start, before the films even began, the festival's emphasis already appeared to be on comedy. While the audience drifted in and out during the half-hour before the festival was slated to begin, the screen cycled through a slideshow presentation satirizing the familiar "factoid" time-killer that plays in theaters before the movie starts.

This parody not only told trivia facts about the movies, but also parodied the insipid cinema time filler it imitated.

Although nearly all of the films, including the shorts, were great, the ones that stood out did so because of their raw shock value or the hilarious use of parody.

There were a few good shorts, most of which were directed by Paul Ezzy. Among the best of his skits was "The Mask of Zorro Two," which was two minutes of trailers, buildup and critical acclaim for this movie, which ended up being only a

couple seconds long, leaving Zorro to simply pick up his mask, saying "Oh, there's my mask."

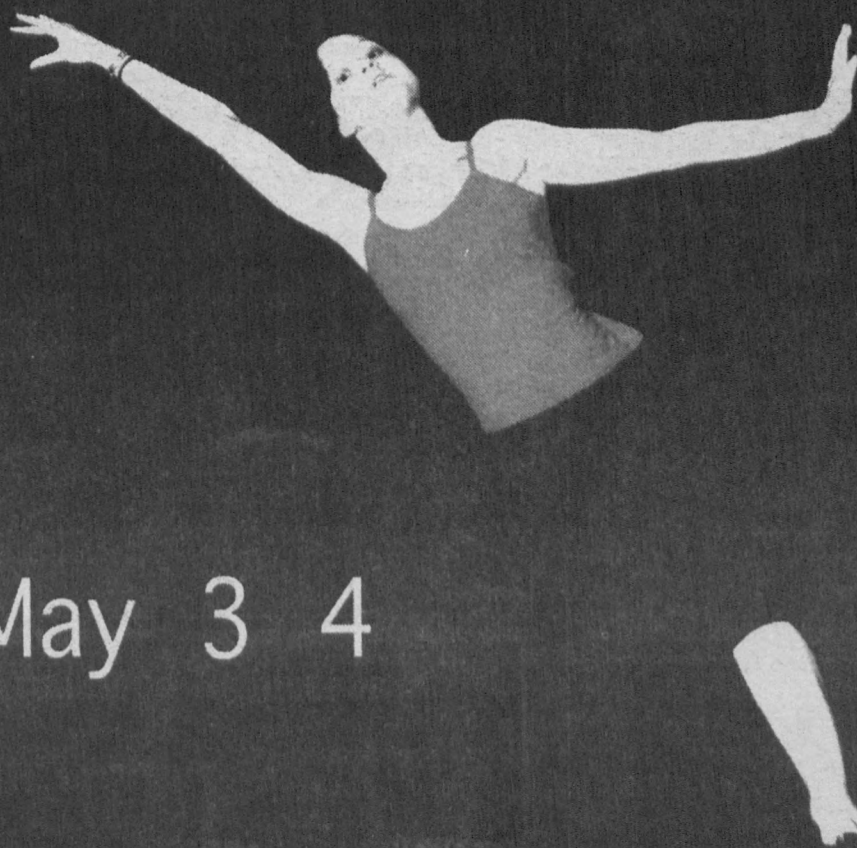
Another of the festival's prominent directors, Adam Kuykendall, showed a skit broken into two parts which involved someone "cutting down" and decorating a man like a Christmas tree, and later discarding the poor confused man in a heap of abandoned trees.

One of the better long films, entitled "Gatismo" and directed by Sarah Kennedy, played out as a silent film reminiscent of old-school 1920s cinema. It was said that the film's idea came from a dream, and its creation was merely for a Spanish project. The end product was a somehow simultaneously disturbing and funny movie in which a troubled man misinterprets the way in which to play "cat" in charades by mauling a nearby man like a leopard mauling a gazelle.

Not all of the films were comical, however. One of the better long films was a poignant tribute to composer Astor Piazzolla directed by George Kebche. This seven-minute elegy for the tango composer featured moments of Piazzolla's life, both cinematic and still frame, over the backdrop of his music, which added much depth and feeling to the film.

The encore presentation of one of last semester's favorites was another of Paul Ezzy's films, "Batman: Again." This forty-five minute parody of a Batman movie not only brilliantly captured the cheesiness that is the Batman franchise, but also pulled off a great "Matrix" parody, all in the context of campus life at UMaine.

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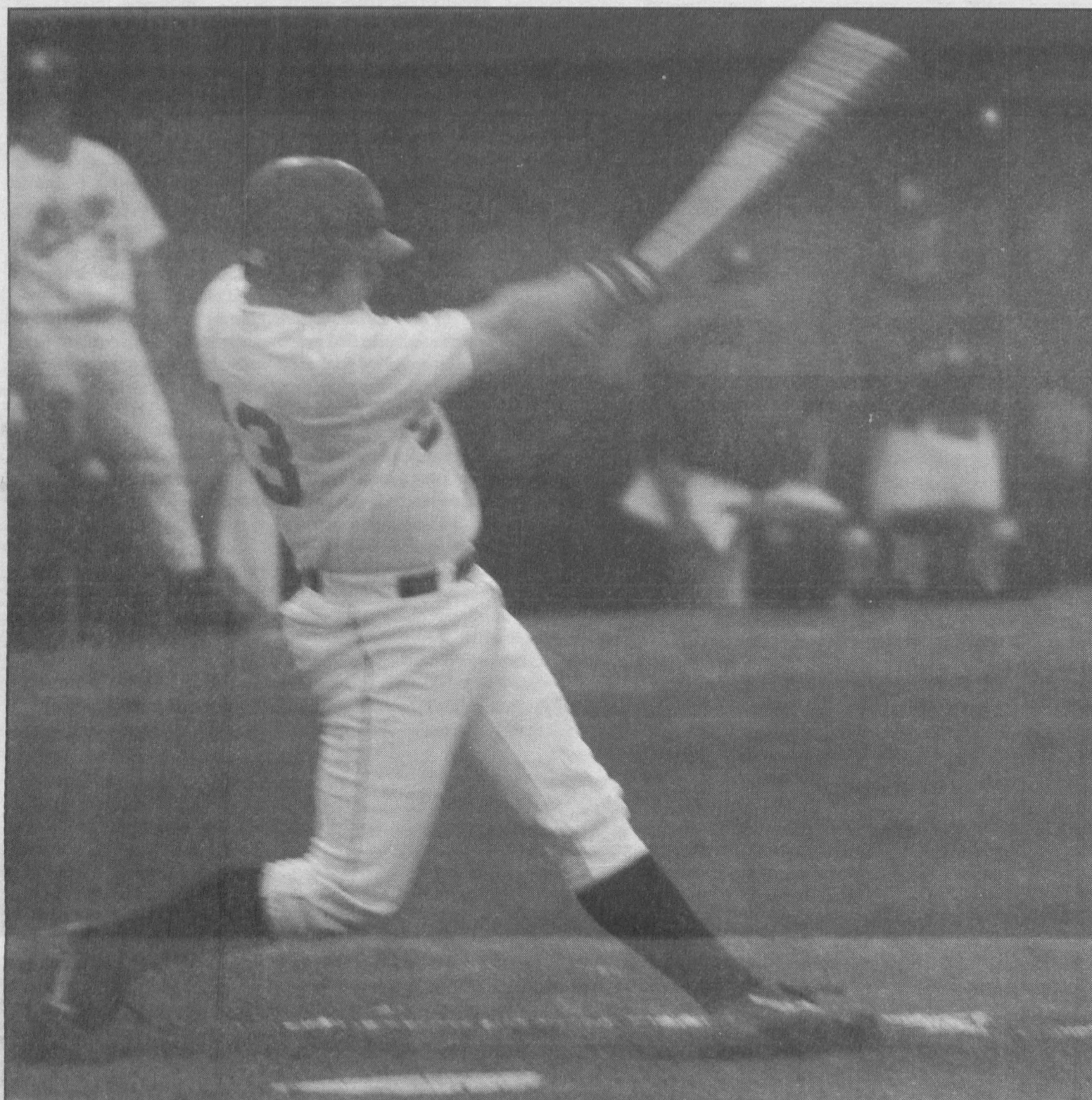
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CARLTON

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UMaine junior Jesse Carlton, who survived testicular cancer in 1999, had surgery to have a pre-cancerous tumor removed in February. He was back for the beginning of the season.

pinch hitter. Carlton started 16 games in 2001, hitting .290 with two home runs and 13 RBIs. A hamstring tear sidelined him for the rest of the year.

This season Carlton is hitting .278 with five home runs and 17 RBIs while splitting action at first with Tobin.

Because of all he has over-

come, Carlton was named as a co-captain for the 2002 season.

"He has been an inspiration to the whole baseball team and to anyone who knows him," said teammate Brett Ouellette. "He makes everyone around him a stronger person."

"If someone hadn't told me what happened, I never would

have known," Tobin said. "The most impressive thing that he has done in my eyes is convince me that nothing was ever wrong with him."

Carlton's count stands at one ball and one strike against Albany. Mazzola has given up two hits so far on this snowy, cold Sunday morning game.

Mazzola's pitch is in the strike zone and Carlton swings. Foul tip. Strike two.

Carlton had checkups every month to make sure the cancer had not come back.

But since he had gone three years with no problems, the checkups were scheduled to every three months.

A checkup Carlton had was over Christmas break and it revealed an enlarged lymph node that required surgery. He wanted to put the surgery off until the end of the season, but his doctors advised him to have the pre-cancerous tumor removed. He had the six-hour surgery in Boston on Feb. 1.

The only lasting reminder of the surgery is a 15-inch maroon scar running down from his sternum. But Carlton missed little time on the diamond this year.

"I was frustrated at first, thinking I don't know if I can deal with this again," he said. "I might have missed the first game or two, but I was right back there for the beginning of the season."

Carlton is ready for the next offering from Mazzola. He has two strikes, so he'll be swinging at anything close to the strike zone.

The pitcher is taking too long, however, and Carlton calls time. He steps out of the batter's box to adjust his batting gloves. He takes two more measured swings. No trace of emotion.

He puts his left foot back in the batter's box and grinds that foot in the dirt. He's ready for the pitch.

No matter the result of this at bat, Carlton has all the respect his teammates can offer.

"Jesse is a good friend and to see him go through all the things that he has just makes you not take your health and abilities for granted," said Joe Drapeau, Carlton's roommate. "Jesse is walking proof that you can overcome almost anything if you work hard enough."

"The one thing that he inspires in me is never to give up on what you want to do with your life," Tobin said.

Carlton's at bat against Mazzola ended with a pop-out to the shortstop. It's not the kind of happy ending that you'd hope for from a kid who has survived cancer, but he takes it all in stride.

"There's nothing you can do about this," Carlton said. "All the stuff that's happened to me has been out of my hands. It's just how I choose to deal with it that I have control over."

"As the cheesy saying goes, 'it's day by day.' That's how I take things."

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Baseball team to face grounded Hawks this weekend

By Ryan Waning
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine baseball team will stay home for a second straight weekend to play a pair of doubleheaders against the University of Hartford at Mahaney Diamond.

The Black Bears are 26-12 overall, with an 8-4 America East conference record, putting the team one game behind the first place Catamounts of the University of Vermont (9-3). Hartford is 12-23 overall and 4-8 in America East.

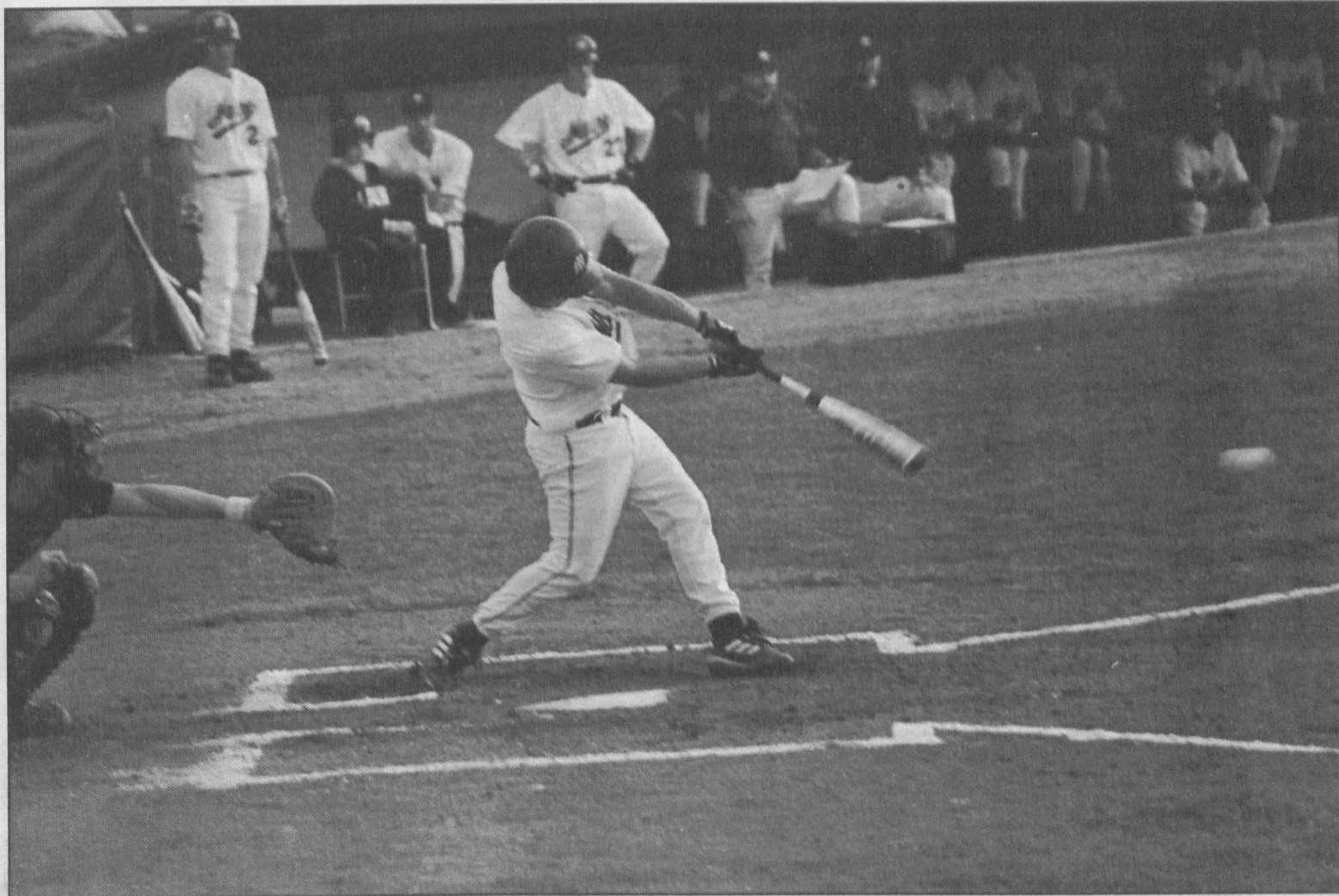
Hartford is coming off of a 1-3 weekend performance against Northeastern and is mired in a 2-8 record in the team's last 10 games. The problem for the Hawks this season has been poor pitching, low-lighted by a conference high 7.65 team ERA. But the team has had little problem at the plate. The Hawks own a .297 team average that rivals only UMaine's conference-high .328 clip.

For the Black Bears, the most important part of the pitching staff is not the knockout 1-2 punch that is Mike Collar and Mike MacDonald, it's the two men that UMaine will send to the hill in the third and fourth starter roles.

"It's been a tough spot for us all season," UMaine coach Paul Kostacopolous said. "Laganere has steadily improved as our three, but after that, we really don't even have a fourth starter. We've trotted a handful of different guys out there."

After another solid outing last Sunday against Albany, Rich Laganere has run his record out to a respectable 5-3, but he still has a bloated but dropping ERA of 6.37. But as coach Kosty said, Greg Creek and Adam Lebel have gotten three starts each while Paul Bruder has started five trying to nail down the fourth starter spot.

Offensively, the Black Bears



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF

The University of Maine baseball team will play four America East Conference games against the University of Hartford this weekend in Orono. The Black Bears currently sit in second place in America East, one game behind league leader Vermont. Hartford is 12-23 and 4-8 in America East. Hartford has the highest earned run average in America East, giving up 7.65 earned runs a contest.

have an emerging star in Simon Williams. Still uncaught with 15 stolen bases, Williams leads the team in runs scored with 49 (16 ahead of his closest teammate, Mike Ross). Williams, with seven home runs, is one behind Joe Drapeau for the team lead. He is hitting at a scorching .392 pace, good enough for third on the team.

Alain Picard continues to hit the ball as if he has something personal against it. Although his 28 game-hitting streak was snapped against the Vermont Catamounts, leading to a 3-22 slump in the short term thereafter, his average still stands at .400 with 16 doubles, five home runs and 41 RBIs.

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Tyson training in Maui

By Michael Hirsley
Chicago Tribune

MAUI, Hawaii - Mike Tyson insists that training for his June 8 heavyweight title fight against Lennox Lewis is rigorous despite the calm surroundings on this lush Pacific island.

"I've been uncomfortable all my life, why shouldn't I enjoy this?" he asked of his \$1,500 per night oceanfront villa.

Tyson recently moved his training camp from Phoenix to Maui and earlier switched trainers to Ronnie Shields.

He said he respects Lewis as "more athletic" and "more of a consummate fighter" than other big and tall opponents such as Razor Ruddock and Frank Bruno. But Tyson said he intends to attack the champion from the opening bell.

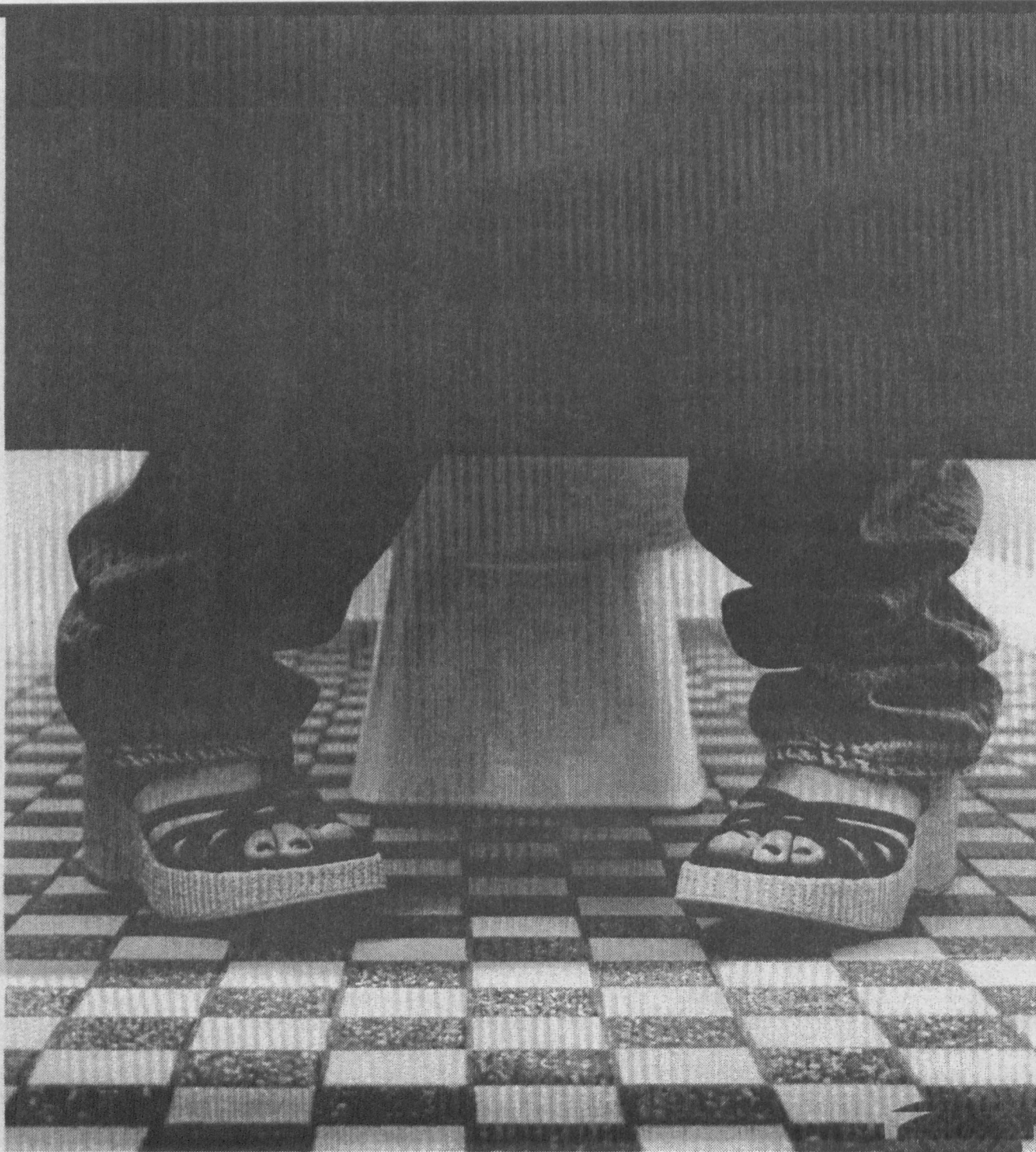
"My main objective will be to be professional, but to kill him," Tyson asserted in an often blunt, at times self-deprecating, hour with reporters.

He expects Lewis' intentions to be equally bad in the ring. Asked if he believes Lewis is afraid of him, he responded quickly: "I don't think Lennox is afraid of me. I think he thinks I'm afraid of him. I'm going to show him differently."

Jay Larkin, senior vice president at Showtime, which will co-produce the pay-per-view telecast of the Memphis bout with HBO, was among those who checked in on Tyson. With the Pyramid sold out for a \$19 million gate, the fight could be boxing's top-grossing event depending on pay-per-view sales.

But Larkin says he'll remain anxious until the bell rings.

"We have a countdown clock in our office," he said. "It shows the days, hours, minutes and seconds until 11 p.m. EDT June 8, when the bout is expected to start."



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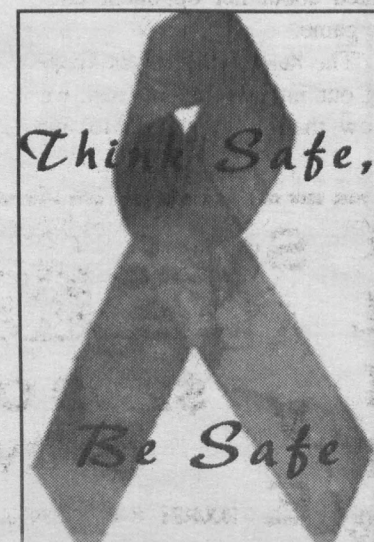
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three innings to notch the first save by a UMaine pitcher this season.

The White Mules actually matched the Black Bears hit total of four, but poor defense and wild pitching kept Colby out of the game from the start. Three errors in the third inning led to two unearned UMaine runs as the Black Bears built a 4-0 lead. Colby coach Dick Bailey said he was relatively happy with his team's play.

"It's great to play a Division I school like this to end our season," Bailey said. "We had a lot of fun and I tried to get all of my pitchers some experience playing against this kind of competition."

Amy Lisavich got the start in the circle for Colby and although she didn't give up a hit, she yielded three runs on two walks, one hit-by-pitch and three wild pitches. Lisavich was chased in the third and took the loss for the White Mules to fall to 1-5 on the year. Shannon Emerson relieved Lisavich and gave up three Black Bear hits in the third. Toni-Lynn Robbins and Annette Caswell combined to allow one run over the final three innings for Colby.

UMaine coach Deb Smith talked about her opponent after the game.

"The hardest thing was keeping our intensity up because we know they were not up to our

level as a team," Smith said. "We wanted to take the game seriously, but we also wanted to have fun and it was nice to be able to get a lot of players into the game."

Both coaches emptied their respective benches as a combined 28 players saw action Wednesday. UMaine added its final run in the bottom of the fifth inning on a solo home run by senior Leigh Ann Hlywak. The opposite field blast by the third baseman was her America East-leading 11th of the season.

Colby coach Bailey had to start the game without the luxury of two starters, a testament to the difference in the two team's levels of play.

"Katie Hurd and Michaelyn Bortolotti had classes late in the afternoon and had to drive themselves, so they missed the first part of the game," Bailey said. "Classes come first at Colby."

Merchant said Wednesday's game was a good chance for her team to work on some things and get ready for the weekend with Binghamton. Smith agreed and said her team is ready.

"Binghamton is a scrappy team, but they are not going to overpower anybody," Smith said. "It should be a decent matchup for us and ideally, we would like to win two on Saturday and be able to relax and have some fun on Sunday with our seniors."

IOC suspends the French judge

By Phillip Hersh
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - In a decision that was surprising only because of its severity, the International Skating Union on Tuesday handed three-year bans from all ISU activities to a French figure skating judge and the president of the French Ice Sports Federation for misconduct in the pairs event judging at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The punishments given to judge Marie-Reine Le Gougne and federation President Didier Gailhaguet also bar them from participating in the 2006 Winter Olympics, nearly a year after the suspensions end April 30, 2005. Most previous ISU judging suspensions have been for only two years.

Attorneys for Le Gougne and Gailhaguet said they intend to appeal.

The decision came after a two-day, closed-door hearing in Lausanne, Switzerland, by the 11-member ISU council, of which Gailhaguet is a member. He participated only as a defendant and now has been suspended from the council.

"We are more than confident we took the right decision," ISU President Ottavio Cinquanta said.

Sources have told the Tribune the International Olympic Committee pressured the ISU to sanction Le Gougne and Gailhaguet.

"I think there were pressures operating on the ISU to justify the result in Salt Lake City," Max Miller of Salt Lake City, one of Le Gougne's attorneys, said Tuesday night from Paris.

Gailhaguet and the defendants' attorneys left Lausanne

before the decision was announced.

"Mr. Cinquanta made the unilateral decision of a dictator," Gailhaguet said by telephone from Paris. "He asked the IOC for permission to award a second gold medal because there was cheating, and he had to find someone guilty."

"I am not inclined to be a martyr. I do not accept this decision, and now we will go to a real court."

The first appeal must be to the ISU appeals commission. The case could then go to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, an independent tribunal based in Lausanne.

Le Gougne was one of five judges on the nine-judge panel who placed Russians Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze first in the decisive free skate. Four days later, after hearing testimony that Le Gougne said she was pressured by Gailhaguet to vote for the Russians, the ISU decided to give a second gold medal to Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier.

Le Gougne later recanted, saying she accused Gailhaguet under duress after being physically and psychologically threatened by other judges and skating officials. In the statement announcing its decision, the ISU council said it sanctioned Le Gougne for choosing the Russians on Gailhaguet's instructions, "although in her opinion the pair Sale/Pelletier from Canada presented a better program," and for not immediately reporting that Gailhaguet had told her to do so.

Le Gougne has maintained she chose the Russians on merit.

Gailhaguet was sanctioned for

instructing Le Gougne to vote for the Russians, a charge he denies.

"I will swear before the Lord I never did that," he said.

Several French judges recently have written the ISU to say Gailhaguet similarly pressured them in the past. Excerpts from a letter Gailhaguet wrote to three French judges in 1993, outlining strategies to gain favor for French skaters, was published in the Feb. 28 edition of the French magazine Vsd.

Le Gougne's attorneys contend the ISU hearing was stacked against her because of problems with disclosure of evidence and witnesses.

While the ISU called the hearing "a disciplinary procedure ... under the same procedures as ordinary ISU council meetings," it paid travel expenses for 12 witnesses who testified against Le Gougne and Gailhaguet. It did not compel the four other judges who voted for the Russians to testify, nor did the ISU pay for defendants' witnesses, only one of whom came to the hearing.

Miller cited the testimony of pairs event referee Ron Pfenning of Hyannis, Mass., as typical of the disclosure issues.

"He showed up with a letter we had never seen in which he accused the five judges who voted for the Russians of being not honest," Miller said. "(Pfenning) used abusive and insulting language about those judges."

Miller said a witness against Le Gougne, Jon Jackson of San Francisco, "entirely fabricated his testimony, in my opinion. Three people testified he was not (in a position) to hear what he testified to."

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Softball team plays non-conference tune-up



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UMaine sophomore infielder Sara Asadorrian tosses to first base during Wednesday's game against Colby.

By Eric Russell
Staff Reporter

As the University of Maine softball team prepares for a weekend battle with America East rival Binghamton University, the Black Bears took a break from their conference schedule to host Colby College Wednesday afternoon.

The Division III school out of Waterville, Maine was greeted by some different competition as UMaine blanked the White Mules, 5-0, behind the combined pitching efforts of freshman Jenna Merchant and sophomore Nicole Taylor.

The Black Bears improved to 23-28 with the non-conference victory and head into the weekend needing at least two wins over Binghamton to clinch the fourth and final conference play-off spot.

"I don't know much about Binghamton really," Merchant said after the Colby game. "All I know is they are going to lose four games this weekend."

Merchant picked up the win Wednesday, her 17th of the season, while rendering Colby hitless through four innings. Taylor came on in the fifth and pitched

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Waning moments

By Ryan Waning

Staff Reporter

I just made a major online purchase that will change the way I watch NFL football on Sundays forever. After making my way onto the Buffalo Bills' Web site and hitting the team shop, I came away with my prize — a Drew Bledsoe jersey.

Just to get my credentials out of the way, I've been a hardcore New England Patriots fan since I came out of the chute, never once letting Leonard Russell or Hugh Millen shake the confidence I had in my boys.

One particular season, one that everybody with a fresh-from-Footlocker Patriots puffy jacket and visor should remember, we got it fed to us week in and week out by anyone who happened to show up at the stadium. One weekend, we lost to The Doobie Brothers, who after selling out Foxboro stadium the night before, decided to hang around the next day to kick a little ass.

Anyway, Scott Zolak was at the helm of the team and we were bad. I spent the entire season wearing a Patriots T-Shirt with the new Elvis head logo on it. When we won the only game that we would win the whole season (the Colts?), I professed a belief in the shirt and its power to bring the team luck.

I wore it on draft day when our new savior was drafted and I hung my hat on a big lead-footed pocket passer from Walla Walla named Drew Bledsoe.

Everyone laughed, but I waited.

I laughed a couple of years later when Bledsoe had the team in the Super Bowl.

Anyway, like most idiots, I spilled something on the shirt while watching a Pats game. I needed to save it, so I scrubbed the hell out of it with a stain pre-treater stick.

The stain didn't come out after the first washing so I did it again.

After a few dozen attempts to wash it out, the stitching on the sleeves and collar began to fray.

If you've yet to see a grown man cry, I have a videotape of the day we had a funeral for the shirt, look around for me.

By Joseph Bethony
Sports Editor

Try explaining pressure to University of Maine junior Jesse Carlton.

To the UMaine baseball team's first baseman and designated hitter, surviving a bout with testicular cancer three years ago and a recent surgery to remove a pre-cancerous tumor have given him a new appreciation for what passes for pressure.

Pressure isn't platooning with junior Pat Tobin for playing time at first base.

Pressure isn't batting with runners at first and second base with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning in a tied game.

Today Carlton isn't stressing out by batting in that situation. Albany pitcher Jeff Mazzola, who has owned the Black Bears all day, is ready to throw the first pitch. Carlton steps in the batter's box after taking a couple of measured practice swings.

He takes a cut at the first pitch and hits a high foul ball, over the visitor's dugout on the first-base line.

Strike one.

Near the end of January 1999, Carlton knew something was wrong with his body. He had a swollen testicle but initially dismissed it, thinking that it was a byproduct of playing the demanding catcher position. The freshman didn't dismiss it for too long, going to Cutler Health Center for the initial diagnosis. From there he was referred to Eastern Maine Medical Center.

"I knew something was up and I had to get it checked out," Carlton said. "Being an 18-year-old athlete, at that stage of your life, you think you're invincible."

Carlton missed the entire season after having surgery in Bangor on Feb. 5, 1999.

He turned 19 on Feb. 27, in the midst of an intensive round of chemotherapy. For the next three months he would do five eight-

hour sessions of chemo, rest for two weeks and then do another week.

Baseball was his refuge through this. When he felt well enough, Carlton was the bullpen catcher for the Chatham A's of the Cape Cod League.

But the chemotherapy got to be too much for Carlton. Kay Carlton, Jesse's mother, recalled that her son decided he had enough of feeling sick.

"He said, 'this is killing me,'" Kay Carlton told the Bangor Daily News earlier this month. "He didn't finish the chemo. He couldn't function. He really made his own decisions there."

If baseball was a refuge for Carlton during chemotherapy, a former member of the Chatham A's also served an important function in Carlton's life. Anaheim Angels pitcher Scott Schoeneweis stayed in the Carlton home when he played for the A's. And the next year, before beginning his sophomore year at Duke University in 1993, Schoeneweis was diagnosed with testicular cancer.

Carlton would talk with Schoeneweis once a month while he was undergoing treatments. Schoeneweis would tell Carlton what to expect and answer any questions he had.

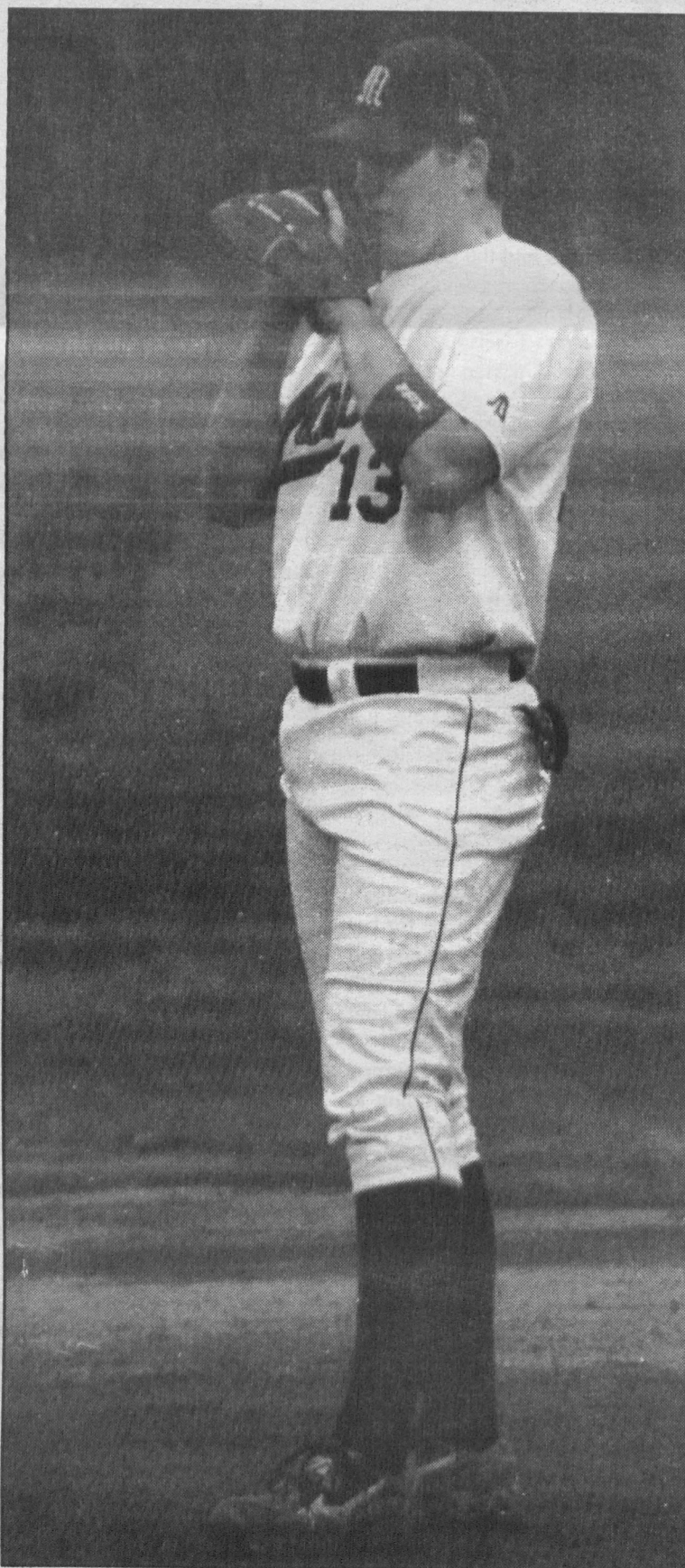
"You can talk with other people who went through cancer surgery and other people who went through chemo," Carlton said. "But a young person who dealt with the same type of cancer and beat it and was out playing in the same sport helped me."

Mazzola gets another ball from the umpire, and is ready to throw the second pitch to Carlton. He checks the runners on base and delivers. The pitch misses the strike zone.

Ball one.

Carlton redshirted the 1999 season. He played in 14 games in 2000, mostly seeing action as a

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UMaine junior first baseman Jesse Carlton is batting .278 with five home runs and 17 RBIs this season.