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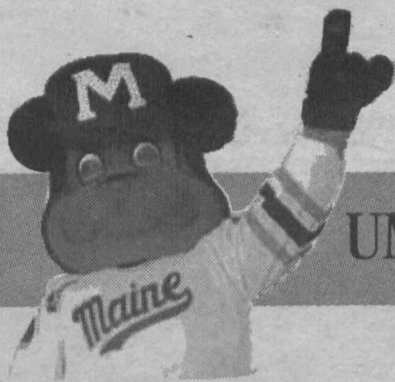
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Candidates face the student senate

Bode, Hepler, Mayo grilled by GSS on policy; Knight withdraws from race

By Heather Cox
Staff Reporter

Candidates for president and vice president of the University of Maine student body presented their platforms to the General Student Senate Tuesday night.

Two candidates, one running for each post, withdrew their candidacy at the meeting.

"These elections signify change and change is not something to be dreaded," current Board of Trustees Representative Sarah

Knight said in her speech. "Student government has opened up many doors for me."

Knight told the Senate that she has been presented with other opportunities and has had to choose between pursuing them or running for student body president.



Sarah Knight

"There's only 24 hours in a day and I can't do both," Knight said as she withdrew her candidacy. "Please believe me that this is not an easy decision to make. I do feel a duty to the students but I need to do this for myself."

Knight said she will continue to serve as the Board of Trustees representative to the GSS.

Kyle Webster, a candidate for vice president and style editor at *The Maine Campus*, also withdrew his candidacy at Tuesday's meeting.

"I would give you my stances, but in all

honesty you know I can do this job," he told the Senate. "[But] I am a member of the press, not a politician."

Presidential candidate Rebecca Bode was the first to give her speech to the Senate.

"I want to make it clear that I am not a joke and I am quite serious about this race," Bode said, commenting that because of her bi-weekly column "Sex with Jersey," in *The Maine Campus*, she has received feedback suggesting

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MEET AND GREET — Gov. Baldacci meets students in the hallway after his lecture Wednesday afternoon. Baldacci was part of the Guest Lecture Series.

Baldacci reminisces on college years

Governor visits UM, explores methods of battling Maine's brain drain

By Pattie Barry
For *The Maine Campus*

Gov. John Baldacci spoke to a full house Wednesday afternoon at the University of Maine. Students expressed concern over the economic development of northern, eastern and central Maine, as well as the changing demographic of the state.

Baldacci opened his 2 p.m. speech by reminiscing about his own days at the university, remarking how much the buildings have changed. He said he

still feels, however, that the quality of education is as good as it was when he graduated with a bachelor's degree in history in 1986.

"You've probably recognized, as I did as a student, that we are very fortunate [to have such good professors] because they are very dedicated to you, and they are trying to plant in you the seeds of opportunity to build a foundation of your independence and be in charge of your own destiny," he said.

The first issue Baldacci

addressed was the changing demographic of Maine. The census of the state is changing, the population is getting older, and young people are leaving Maine, he said.

"We need to recognize that there may be some things that we can do collectively," Baldacci said. "We can't change certain things, but we can at least plant incentives in certain areas where it may attract what I consider to be something that young people are really interested in."

An incentive to bring in

younger residents is the development of creative economy jobs in the state, including artisans, software designers, architects and engineers, Baldacci said. Because of the information age and access to high-speed Internet connections, many businesses can participate in commerce anywhere they want, he said. Business owners will be attracted to Maine because of the quality of life and work ethic, Baldacci said.

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President to stay at UMaine

University of Maine President Peter Hoff has informed officials of the University of Texas System that he is no longer interested in the presidency at the University of Texas-Arlington. Hoff has spent the past two days in Austin, Texas, meeting with the system's board of regents and exploring the possibility of becoming president of the 24,000-student university.



Hoff

"I am very honored to have received such a positive response from the board of regents and others involved with UT-Arlington," Hoff said. "It is a fine institution with many talented students, faculty members and staff members. After careful consideration, I have concluded that the state of Texas is not ready to commit the resources necessary to allow that university to advance in the way its proponents envision. I am very pleased to be continuing the work we are doing at UMaine."

Hoff has served as UMaine's president since August, 1997, a tenure that is the longest for a UMaine president in 38 years.

**Thursday, Nov. 20**

- A groundbreaking ceremony will be held at 9:30 p.m. at the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center, attended by Maine Gov. John Baldacci.

- A memorial service for Laurence A. Jones Jr., a 1992 UMaine graduate, will be held at noon near North Stevens Hall, in front of the Laurence A. Jones Jr. Memorial Tree. Jones' mother has established a scholarship in his memory, and the recipient will be announced at the service. The University of Maine Alumni Association and University of Maine Foundation will host the event.

- A \$1 climbing night will be held 3-10 p.m. at the Maine Bound Adventure Center.

- A pre-holiday sale will be held 4:30-9 p.m. at University Bookstore. All general books, insignia, books and clothing will be 30 percent off, and the first 500 customers will get a free gift.

- A free student film festival will be held at 6:30 p.m. in 100 DPC.

- "CATS — Now and Forever!" will be performed at 7 p.m. in Hutchins Concert Hall, part of the 2003-04 Maine Center for the Arts season.

- Alex Grab, Greg Fields and Beth McKillen will present "The University's Role in the Buying

and Selling of Iraq" at 7 p.m. in 101 Neville Hall. The lecture is offered by Peace Studies and the Maine Peace Action Committee.

Friday, Nov. 21

- A Sports Night will be held 8-11 p.m. in the Field House, featuring a volleyball tournament, swimming party and contests. The event is sponsored by Campus Activities and Events.

- A performance by Yamato will be held at 8 p.m. in Hutchins Concert Hall. The event is part of the 2003-04 Maine Center for the Arts season.

- An air volleyball tournament will be held at 8:30 p.m. in the Field House. Six players will be allowed to each team, and two six-foot sandwiches from Subway will be given away. The event is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, Alpha Gamma Rho, UMaine Athletics Department and Campus Recreation

- Senior Council will host a luau 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Ushuaia. The cost is \$8 for those 18-20 and \$4 for those 21 and over. For information, call Kate Trinward at 581-1701.

Saturday, Nov. 22

- CPR for the professional rescuer will be taught 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Maine Bound Adventure Center. The program is an American Red Cross certification

and costs \$65 to \$95. For information, contact Paul Stern on FirstClass.

- A performance by Athena Consort and the Black Bear Men's Chorus will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Minsky Recital Hall.

- Campus Activities and Events will offer a Karaoke Prize Night at 9 p.m. in Stillwater Canal Co. Pub.

Sunday, Nov. 23

- A casting call for 3-Leggedog Productions, an independent film company, will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Alumni Hall. All actors will be guaranteed credit and a digital print of the final product. Bring professional photos and a resume. Prepare a genre-specific one- to two-minute piece. Readers for two-person dialogue will be provided. Auditions will be held for the following short films: a situational comedy about four hunters in the woods, a thriller involving four friends and their relationships, and a drama about four waste-management workers coping with the realities of life. For information, call producer Erica Risberg at 944-1071 or elrisberg@msn.com, or production assistant Olney Atwell at 581-6698 or on FirstClass. Please leave name, contact information, and a preferred audition time.

- An Oratorio Society Concert will be performed at 2 p.m. in Minsky Recital Hall.

Monday, Nov. 24

- Richard MacKinnon, former head of the IBM Cambridge Scientific Center, will present "Defining Yourself: Living Your Life and Preventing Some Bad Things" at 2:10 p.m. in 115 DPC.

- Thanksgiving Turkey Bingo will be held 8-10 p.m. in Stillwater Canal Co. Pub, sponsored by Campus Activities and Events.

Coming up

- Brent Elwood, Ph.D. will present an Anxiety Reduction Workshop 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, in the Walker Room, 3rd floor of Memorial Union. The workshop will cover sources of anxiety and specific techniques to lower anxiety. Advanced registration is required. To register, e-mail Rex Norris on FirstClass or call 581-4145.

- "Developing and Maintaining Healthy Relationships" will be presented by Alan Butler, Ph.D. and Elaine Kasket, M.A. 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9 in the Walker Room, 3rd floor of Memorial Union. The workshop will explore the necessary ingredients in a healthy relationship, identify factors to help better understand relationships, and offer exercises to improve communication and deepen relationships with friends, partners and roommates. Pre-registration is required at least 24 hours in advance. E-mail Rex Norris on FirstClass or call 581-4145.

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UMS offices set to move to downtown Bangor

By Rick Redmond
Staff Reporter

The city of Bangor and the University of Maine System have made plans to relocate the UMS and chancellor's office from a business park near the Bangor International Airport to a single office building in the heart of downtown.

Formerly home to the W.T. Grant department store on Main Street, the four-story building may soon house 120 staff members of the UMS and chancellor's office under one roof for the first time. The first floor of the building is currently occupied by Epic Sports, which would remain in the retail space while the UMS occupies the upper three floors.

The move comes at virtually no cost to either the UMS or the city of Bangor because of a "swapping of equity," according to John Diamond, executive director of external affairs for the UMS. The property will be exchanged dollar for dollar, with the city of Bangor footing the bill for renovations to the W.T. Grant building and parking at the recently expanded Pickering Square parking garage. Bangor would acquire three buildings and land adjacent to the city's Maine Business Enterprise Park on Maine Avenue near the airport. The total compensation to the UMS for their more valuable land is estimated at about \$3 million.

Currently, the UMS is housed in a building more than 50 years old that was once a temporary military structure. The building was donated to the UMS about 30 years ago and has seen improvements over the years, but is nonetheless a temporary structure.

"It resembles the east annex on campus," Diamond said.

The move is practical and would help to bolster productivity among the staff, currently



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DOWNTOWN — The University of Maine System has swapped building space with the city of Bangor. UMS will move its offices to the top three floors of the building that houses Epic Sports.

housed in several buildings in Bangor and on campus in Orono, he said.

"The chancellor feels we can increase functionality of operation and streamline a lot of what we do by having employees all in one place," he said. "In addition, we'll be moving into a facility that's much more conducive to the type of work we do here."

Diamond also spoke on the chancellor's wishes to have the UMS become more a part of the community it serves.

"The chancellor is very interested in having the UMS much more engaged with economic issues with the state in education, but in private sector's and the state's economy as well," he said. "Being in the center of the third-largest city in Maine puts

us in the heart of the financial and commercial center for a large part of the state."

Bangor officials and developers are working to boost the city's economy and urban center and bring people into downtown.

"It certainly would be a nice injection of people into the downtown core," said Bangor Development Director Jonathan Daniels. "We've been pushing for a long time to bring people in. Anytime you can bring in 120 people on a daily basis ... they will certainly take advantage of resources like shops and restaurants. If you look at a map of downtown, all the streets either start or end right at that corner."

Attractions and amenities such as the Maine Discovery Museum, Bangor Museum and

Center for History, upgraded parking facilities and a newly revitalized waterfront area have drawn visitors and secured Bangor as host city for the National Folk Festival.

"All of that wrapped into a nice package has spelled a good amount of success for Bangor," Daniels said.

But not only the UMS and the city of Bangor are excited about the potential move. Local businesses that may be frequented by the 120 people relocated to the downtown area are excited about the prospect of new blood in the area.

"Oh yeah, we're looking forward to it," said Reed Gagnon, owner of Sweet's Market on Main Street in Bangor. "It should be a good increase for business.

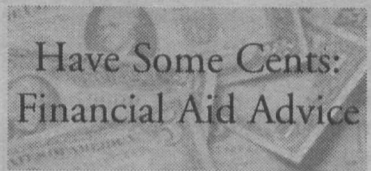
Even when 10 or 12 new people move into downtown we see an influx. With 100-plus new people walking by my store every morning, we're already thinking we may have to hire another person in the morning to help with coffee."

Bangor officials have not yet made definite plans for the property the city would acquire on Maine Avenue, suggesting only that it would be reserved for new businesses looking for existing structures, which Daniels said are in short supply.

"Companies come in looking for existing space and we just don't have a good amount of square footage," Daniels said. "Prospects are coming in every day who may be able to take advantage of this space."

Dealing with financial aid after dropping a class

By Kimberly Moores
For The Maine Campus



Editor's Note:

This monthly column is designed to address some common questions that are asked of the UMaine Financial Aid Office. If you have any suggestions for issues to be addressed, please contact Kimberly Moores via FirstClass. If you have any general or specific questions regarding your own financial aid, you may call the Financial Aid office at 581-1324, contact the office via e-mail at umfinaid@maine.edu, or come in to speak with one of the customer service representatives from 8

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. If you wish to sit down with an advisor, the office also maintains walk-in advising hours from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every weekday except Thursday. No appointments necessary.

Q. What if I have a question concerning financial aid but I'm in the middle of pulling an all-nighter and it's obviously too late to contact your office?

A. There are three ways in which students can find out information regarding financial aid without actually contacting our office directly. These are:

- WebDSIS: Students can see their personal financial aid information here, including their actual award packages, any documents needed in order for us to create an award, their loan eligi-

bility, a Stafford Loan application, and many other useful links.

- Our Web page: Go to umaine.edu, click on Current Students, and scroll down to Financial Aid. There are many helpful links on this page, including information about applying for aid, taking out loans, searching for scholarships, and various other topics that may be of interest to students.

- FirstClass: Not only do we have our e-mail address, we have an actual folder on FirstClass. This can be found by going into Campus Connection, clicking on University Organizations, and then scrolling down to Office of Financial Aid

Q. What happens to my

financial aid if I withdraw from a class or two later in the semester, once add/drop is over?

A. After add/drop is over, it is the University's policy to not refund tuition for any classes that students may drop; therefore, since students are still paying for the same number of courses upon which their aid was originally based at the end of add/drop, the aid already on these students' accounts does not need to be adjusted. If a student drops below half-time and has aid that has not yet been placed on his or her account, that student would only be eligible for that undisbursed aid under special circumstances and would need to contact us. Auditing courses does, however, impact financial aid, so please contact us when auditing a course.

Q. What if I want to completely withdraw from the University this late in the semester? What happens to my financial aid then?

A. There is a Federal Refund Policy program that will run after withdrawal notification that indicates how much financial aid a student has "earned" based on how long he or she was enrolled for that semester. Once this program has determined whether or not any aid must be retracted, the necessary adjustments will be made to the student's financial aid. These adjustments may result in an outstanding balance being owed to the Bursar's Office. Students who withdraw for fall will have all of their spring aid canceled and should contact us.

Presidential candidates face the student senate

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she was entering the presidential race as a joke. "I feel that my openness is a good quality for this job because it requires an open mind."

Among the issues Bode will address if elected, parking and lighting top her list.

"Although the University of Maine is considered pretty safe, as a female I don't always feel safe walking late at night," Bode said.

"Despite people's opinions of me, I'm here in front of you asking for your vote," Bode said.

"I think the students need a leader who can hear their voice," presidential candidate Cortlynn Hepler said.

Helping clubs to organize more effectively and lighting on campus are issues Hepler hopes to address.

"Despite persistent complaints, not enough has been done [about lighting on campus]," Hepler said. He said his comfort in working with the administration will help achieve his goals.

"The bottom line of my campaign is that I want to inform students," he said.

The third and final presidential candidate to present his speech was student senator Michael Mayo. Mayo said he thinks a good president should have the right combination of humor and experience.

"I'll admit I'm part joke, but I also have a lot of experience," he said.

Mayo said he joined the Senate because he felt "Student Government wasn't earning the \$35 I gave them," through student fees. He also said parking is one of the biggest issues he would tackle.

"It's time for a change," he told the senate.

Leif Bjelland was the first vice presidential candidate to speak to

the senate.

"After I discovered I was not a typical student on this campus, I tried to figure out who was," Bjelland said. "The answer is no one."

Bjelland said student senate is not operating at its full potential. He said the GSS is unknown to a lot of students; there are many open seats, and elections are usually run uncontested.

"The senate must let it be known that their members are no different than anyone on campus," Bjelland said.

Another area Bjelland would like to work on is dining services on campus.

"This is personally my beef right now because I love to eat," Bjelland said, adding that the food served is sometimes "inedible" and commons are not close to several dorms.

The state of classrooms and dormitories around campus are areas Bjelland would like to work on as well. He said the state of some classrooms is "downright disgraceful."

Current Senator Justin Brown was the final presenter.

"I have a sincere and honest desire to improve life [on campus]," Brown said. "This campus is filled with smart, talented students."

Brown would like the vice president of student organizations to work more effectively with student organizations if elected as vice president.

"This year we have a \$112,000 rollover," Brown said.

In order to address the lighting issue on campus, Brown would like the GSS to write a formal report to send to the administration so they have the means to fix the problem. He would also like to address the parking situation on campus.

"At the very least, I want to work with the administration to make sure

there are enough spaces," he said. Brown said he wants to negotiate a new legal services contract to save money while still maintaining the same level of service, and continue the student government newspaper program.

"I have the respect of the other senators, which I think is key for any president," Brown said. "It's time to go back to grassroots politics."

In a 20-minute question-and-answer period following the speeches, all five candidates answered questions about important issues to UMaine.

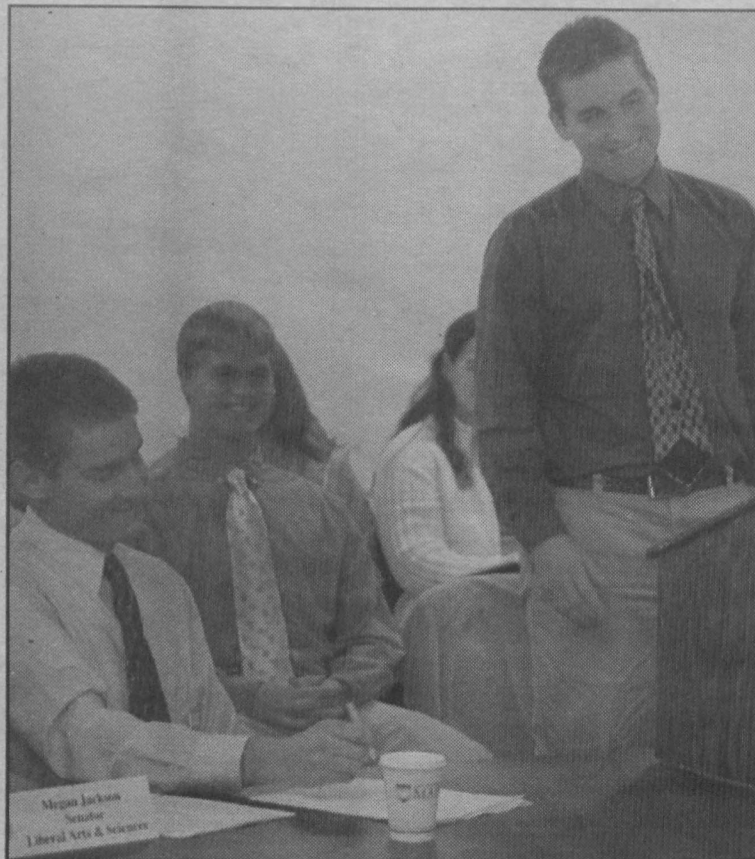
"A parking garage, while expensive, is feasible," Brown said, saying that the garage could be built one layer at a time. He said that instead of students paying the same price for worse spots, the price of permits could increase and students could, in effect, buy parking spots. He also said that although he personally doesn't like the idea, freshmen could be banned from bringing cars on campus for their first year.

"I've visited a lot of colleges, and parking here is a lot better than [students] think it is," Bjelland said. He said expanding the number of residential parking spots on campus will help the current parking crunch.

"Even though Leif's my running mate, I'm going to have to disagree with him," Mayo said. "Parking is a problem at every college campus. I don't want to be like every college."

Mayo's plan is to write a resolution commissioning a study on parking to find the problems and the best way to resolve them. The findings would then be taken back to the administration.

Hepler told the Senate that the university is already taking steps to address issues of parking, lighting, public safety, and other issues by updating their master plan. He said



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Q & A — Mike Mayo, student body president candidate answers questions from various senators, including Brigham McNaughten, left, Tuesday night.

the university's plan includes pushing parking to the perimeter lots and expanding walkways to make them more appealing to students walking from their cars.

"As president, I can't snap my fingers and make it happen," Bode told the senate. She said she would meet with the proper people and pressure them to make the appropriate changes.

GSS also welcomed three new senators, Sean Yoder from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and John Mitchell and Suphatra Paravichai, both from the College of Business, Public Policy, and Health. Senators also gave preliminary approval to the Order of

Omega and Kappa Omicron Nu, both Greek honor societies. The UMaine Tractor Club was given final approval.

Senators voted to suspend the policy calling for a 15-week probationary period for the Maine Channel, a student-run television station.

The Maine Channel has been running for five years and recently became a student organization. Executive Director Erik Cattelle said he fears the number of students participating in the group will decline and the community won't go to them for programming unless the club gets final approval and funding.

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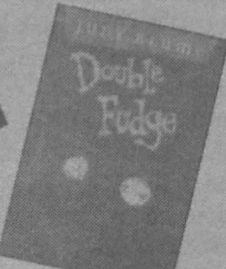
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The 2004 Camden Conference serves as the centerpiece of the course, with class sessions occurring in a compressed time frame to include three Saturdays: February 14, March 20, and April 3 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Additionally, students are required to attend the three day conference in Camden (Camden Opera House) on February 27 (8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.); February 28 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and February 29 (9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.). Tuition covers the registration fee for the conference. Select one course option for registration designation from the following options: HTY 398 (or HTY 499); POS 359; INA 201; PAX 398; or UST 300.

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Three hopefuls aim at vice presidency

By Heather Cox
Staff Reporter

Presidential and vice presidential candidates will go head to head in an informal debate today, answering questions from students in the Bangor room of Memorial Union. The debate is scheduled to take place from 11 a.m. to noon.

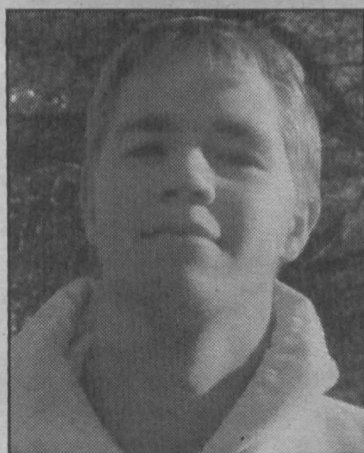
The student body will be able to vote for its next student body representatives on Monday, Dec. 1 electronically through First-Class. An icon will automatically pop up on the desktops of all eligible voters. An alternative polling station will be set up in the Student Government offices for those students who have problems voting on First Class or simply don't want to vote electronically.

The *Maine Campus* presented campaign information about the presidential candidates in Monday's edition.

Student Body Vice-President Candidates

Leif Bjelland

Running with Michael Mayo, Leif Bjelland is a third-year history major originally from Fairfax, Va. He said he is running for the position of vice president because he feels he could fulfill the job's duties effectively.



Leif Bjelland

"I have some first-hand experience at running Senate meetings and am confident that I would be able to make them run smoothly," Bjelland said. "I also think that there needs to be leaders in Student Government who better represent the majority of students here, but who would not lack skills and experiences that are paramount for this position."

Among the issues he hopes to

address if elected to office are inadequate parking on campus, poor dining services and the University Bookstore making large profits off of students. He said he will also attempt to address any issues brought forth by students.

"I think the main reason that I would be a good student body vice president is the hard work that I have learned both in and out of the classroom. I have had to prove myself to my teachers and fellow students scholastically, and my coaches and teammates on the practice field and in the weight room," Bjelland said. "I also believe that I can relate to the typical college student who is not an athlete or affiliated with organizations like Student Government, since I was neither of these last semester. I know I could lead Student Government in a better direction."

Before attending the University of Maine, Bjelland participated in Model United Nations and has been attending senate meetings for the last few months to observe how they are run.

Justin Brown

Hailing from Jefferson, second-year Justin Brown is double majoring in public administration and political science. He said he does not have a running mate because he has met with all of the presidential candidates and feels all of them would make worthy presidents.

"I have a sincere desire to help improve campus life here at UMaine for all students, and that's why I joined the General Student Senate," Brown said. "In the GSS, I have learned how to turn ideas into action, and I make sure the people around me have the resources to succeed. You can never be completely prepared for this job, but you can do certain things to help prepare yourself, as I have done."

Brown said he has numerous issues to address if elected vice president. He said he would like to see Student Government communicate and work with student organizations more effectively so the groups would be aware of the resources available to them and spend their budget money each year. Brown also hopes to ensure that the new legal services contract Student Government is negotiating costs less than the current contract while still main-

taining the same level of service for students. He said that by doing this, Student Government can save between \$50,000 and \$70,000.



Justin Brown

Other issues Brown wants to address include continuing the Student Government Newspaper Program, lighting on campus, parking, updating the Student Government Web site, as well as expanding their weekly newsletter. He wants to stress to faculty the importance of having book orders in on time and finding textbooks that will be used more than one semester or year so students can sell more books back.

"In terms of [being vice president of the student body], I have already had experience dealing with the administration, and I'm not afraid to approach them," Brown said. "I want to tackle the issues that I've addressed, and I want to tackle other issues that students have."

Brown has been a student senator for almost three semesters and served on most of the senate's committees. He currently chairs a committee that performs internal audits on Student Government. Brown said his professional attitude, sense of humor, willingness to listen and desire to help, coupled with his experience in Student Senate make him a worthy candidate.

Dan O'Brien

Dan O'Brien is a third-year biology major from Massachusetts and is currently serving as a senator in the GSS. O'Brien's name will not appear on the ballot on Dec. 1 for the post of vice president, as he is running as a write-in. According to O'Brien, there was a miscommunication between he and Fair Elections Practices Commission

Chair Erik Black. As a result, O'Brien thought he wasn't allowed to collect the 200 required signatures in order to run.

If elected to the post, O'Brien said he will try to change the duties of the vice president so the position does not hold too much power. The vice president also acts as the president of the General Student Senate. O'Brien would like to create a new position called "Moderator of the Senate."

"It will be this person's responsibility to run the weekly Senate meetings," he said. "I believe by doing so there will be less of an atmosphere that contributes to the idea that the Senate is 'run by one person.' Senators are the people who make the rules; executives are the people who run the corporation. I would like to make that distinction very clear." O'Brien also believes only senators should write resolutions and allocate money.

He said he would like to make the Senate a friendlier place.

"Right now, I feel like in the senate it is a battle," he said. "It seems to me that the executive officers — the ones who are making all the money in salaries — have isolated themselves in a position of power and that they have effectively made the senators much less important."

O'Brien said the Senate is a "gross waste of money," saying that of the more than \$550,000 the organization takes in every year from student activity fees, less than half of it ever makes it back to the students. He said the rest of the money is spent on the GSS office budget, legal fees, office salaries, furniture purchases "which the current executives will defend until the day they die," and a number of other expenditures like health and life insurance, travel budgets for conferences around the country, and personal secretaries for the president and vice president.

"I want to stop wasting students' money," he said. "Student groups on this campus are starving for funds. This is a sad fact but it is true: out of a budget of over half a million dollars, the amount of initial allocations to student groups was under \$7,000. There are over 40 student groups alone that I know of personally, and it is almost a crime that they are not all getting at least an initial budget of \$1,500 to work with."

Police Beat

UMaine Public Safety

By Ernest J. Scheyder
For The Maine Campus

Nov. 16, 12:20 p.m. — An officer on foot patrol on South Campus near Estabrooke Hall heard a loud tire squeal apparently coming from Munson Road. The officer called for backup and immediately walked toward the sound. While en route, the officer heard four squeals coming from a dark-colored pickup turning into the Balentine lot. The officer approached the vehicle, which had become stuck in mud and squealed loudly in an attempt to get free. The officer made motions with his flashlight and yelled at the pickup to stop. The officer then made eye contact with a passenger in the vehicle who alerted the driver. The driver put the pickup in reverse, drove onto the grass behind the lot, and proceeded to turn around, nearly hitting three other vehicles. As the truck turned to leave the lot, the officer stood approximately 15 feet in front of the vehicle in an attempt to stop the car from leaving. The pickup accelerated in the direction of the officer, forcing him to dodge out of the way.

The officer then heard cheers from residents at several residence halls encouraging the capture of the vehicle's driver, who drove back onto Munson Road proceeding north. An officer in a marked cruiser pulled the vehicle over and identified the driver as Alexander Herbert, 18, of Orono. The officer could smell liquor coming from the vehicle and noticed that the driver's eyes were red. Herbert failed a field sobriety test and a Breathalyzer test performed later indicated Herbert's blood-alcohol content was 0.13 percent. Herbert was arrested for operating under the influence and failure to stop for law enforcement. The passenger of the vehicle was allowed to leave.

Nov. 16, 1:45 a.m. — Residence Life staff at York Hall alerted Public Safety of possible underage consumption of alcohol in a resident's room. An officer found two individuals sitting outside and could see someone in the room holding a can of Heineken beer. The resident told the officer the can was empty and granted the officer permission to search the room. The resident revealed numerous empty cans that had previously contained alcohol. When asked if drinking had occurred in the room, the resident admitted to consuming that evening. A more thorough search of the room revealed nothing suspect. Both residents were referred to Judicial Affairs.

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Bear baiting initiative targets 'unfair' traps

By Pattie Barry
For The Maine Campus

A typical fixture on the University of Maine campus is mascot Bananas the Bear. Seen on sweatshirts, banners, decals and even UMaine's new license plate, black bears are visible on campus. Now, due to a referendum going on next November's ballot, bears will be conspicuous all over the state in the next year.

Maine will be in the national spotlight because of a proposed ban on bear trapping, baiting and hounding. National organizations such as the National Rifle Association and the Humane Society of the United States are taking sides on the citizens' initiative, which is expected to have more signatures than any other initiative of its kind in the state's history.

The initiative calls for an end to the use of traps, bait and dogs for bear hunting, except in cases to protect property, public safety and research. The Maine Citizens for Fair Bear Hunting claim that the ballot item is not an attempt to ban bear hunting, but a call to stop the use of unfair hunting practices.

"From Fort Kent to Kittery, we found that the actual number of signatures gathered goes to show that the people of Maine do not want to be associated with those cruel and unfair killing methods," said MCFBH Director Robert Fisk.

George Smith, head of the

Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, disagrees, saying that national organizations like the Humane Society and Fund for Animals are trying to end all hunting.

"We use dogs to hunt everything from ducks to grouse to rabbits and bears," he said. "The traditional method of hunting uses lures, scents, calls, decoys, and in some cases, bait, but in all cases natural bait... They are picking on these methods because they think they can convince the public that they are unfair."

Fisk said his group is benefiting from its association with national groups, as does SAM.

"We are pleased to have respectful organizations like the Humane Society of the United States supporting us in what we are doing, and it is no different than the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine being supported by similar organizations like the [National Rifle Association] and Safari Club," he said. "We could not do this by ourselves, and neither could they."

Of the 27 states that allow bear hunting, 23 prohibit hounding and 18 prohibit baiting. Maine is the only state in which bear trapping is legal. According to the MCFBH Web site, the ability to hunt bears using these means attracts many out-of-state hunters looking for a guaranteed kill.

According to a Sept. 15 Bangor Daily News article, Maine has about 23,000 bears, which is the largest population

in the lower 48 states. Until recently, study data indicated that the bear population was rapidly approaching the maximum capacity of Maine's forests, but then growth stalled in 1999. Between 1982 and 2002, the bear harvests tripled, peaking at nearly 4,000 kills per season, likely due to a high number of out-of-state hunters coming into Maine, according to the BDN.

Officials from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, which tracks the Maine's bear population, claim the elimination of baiting will make population control difficult in the state. According to the department's Web site, hunting is the only source of mortality for Maine's bears once they reach adulthood. Recently, between 60 and 80 percent of the bears killed during hunting season were baited.

The MCFBH points out that baiting is legal in only nine states, while bear hunting is legal in 27 states.

"This action was originated 100 percent by Maine citizens," Fisk said. "We tried to take it to the Maine Legislature, but the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, under the influence of SAM, killed any bear bill so that it could never be discussed in the legislature."

Hunters are divided on whether such practices are ethical. MCFBH claims that a poll

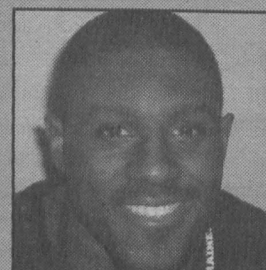
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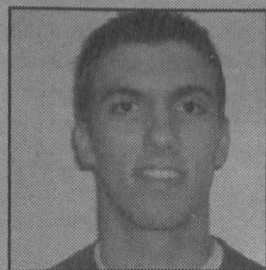
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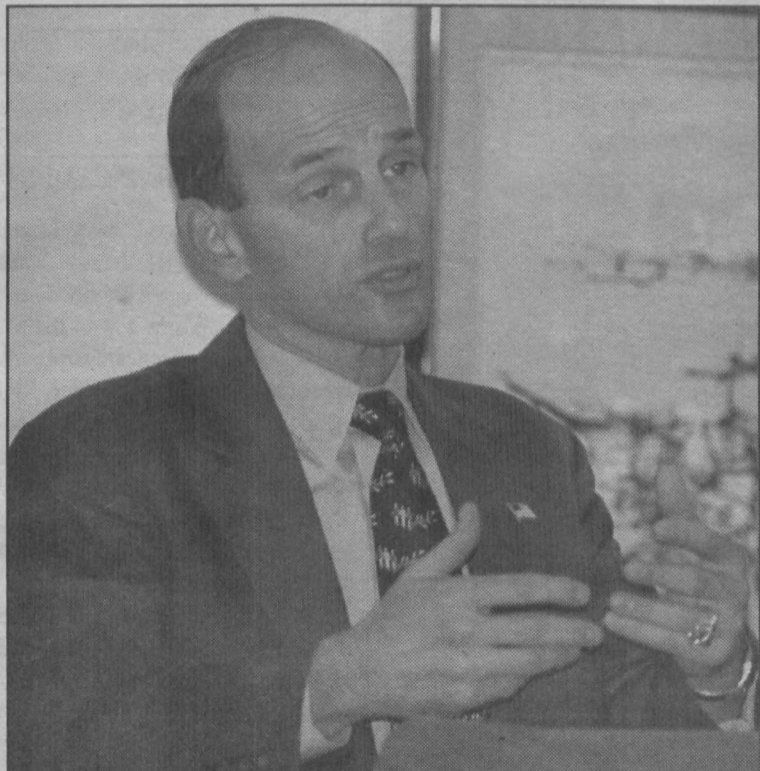


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Baldacci delivers speech on health care, education



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THE GOV — Gov. Baldacci addresses the UMaine community Wednesday afternoon with hopes of graduate retention in the state of Maine. Baldacci also spoke of his recent trade conference in Ireland.

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"The leading economic indicators [to raise the per capita income] are the education level of our communities over 18 and the amount of research and development that is expended per worker," he said, citing research from the state planning office.

Baldacci commended the university for being a leader in research and development, and said he hoped opportunities in that field that were available many years ago remain available.

"Our goal is that we want you to stay here," he said. "Not because you don't want to, but because you do and you are able to try out new things."

Baldacci also discussed some unique businesses developing in Maine, such as a company that markets hovercraft lawnmowers and a company that produces blueberry juice.

He said his administration is working to improve community involvement, college attendance and educated votership, all of which he said could be improved

by working on research and development, education, health care and business investment.

As for health care, Baldacci said the system needs to change, partly through working together with health care providers. Having the 10th-best health care is good, he said, but improvements need to be made.

Baldacci called for Maine citizens to "think globally and act locally," remarking on the first green-certified building being built in the state, the Governor Baxter School. Baldacci concluded his presentation by answering questions from members of the audience. One concern was the integration of southern Maine's economic development with northern, southern and central Maine. Baldacci discussed "Pine Tree Zones" in Washington, Aroostook and Penobscot counties, where 5,000 acres have been set aside for regional and local economic development. He called for an aggressive plan to reduce taxes in those areas and rebuild factories, such as Great Northern Paper.

Initiative may spark national debate

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of the members of SAM in the group's newsletter showed that 50 percent of its members opposed baiting. Smith said his organization's members have never been polled on the issue. Hunters, however, have spoken out against the practices.

"No one involved in this initiative is trying to eliminate traditional hunting in Maine, and this initiative does not target traditional hunting; in fact, many real hunters are in support of

this effort," wrote Boyd Johnson, an outdoor sports enthusiast, in an opinion column in the Sept. 30 edition of the Kennebec News Journal.

Despite opposition from some groups, petitioners still met with great success collecting signatures at the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 4. A lifelong hunter from Brunswick gathered more than 970 signatures from his polling station alone, which drew 1,281 voters during the last gubernatorial election.

"We did extremely well, not

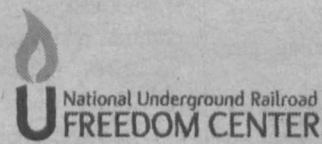
only in southern Maine, but in northern Maine as well," said Fisk. "We did incredibly well throughout the state, and it shows the degree of support we have against these cruel and inhumane practices."

The record number of signatures collected for the initiative doesn't faze Smith.

"They were very lucky; they had their people out there at an election that had a record turnout ... The Indian casinos got 100,000 signatures, but they were still defeated two to one."

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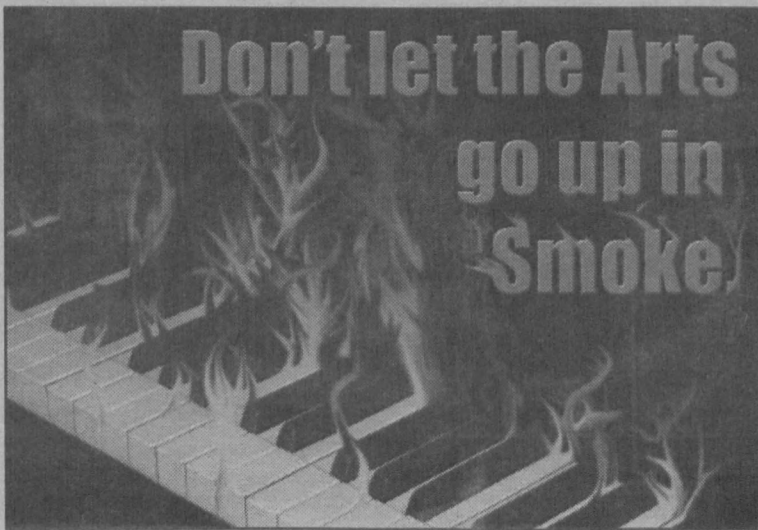


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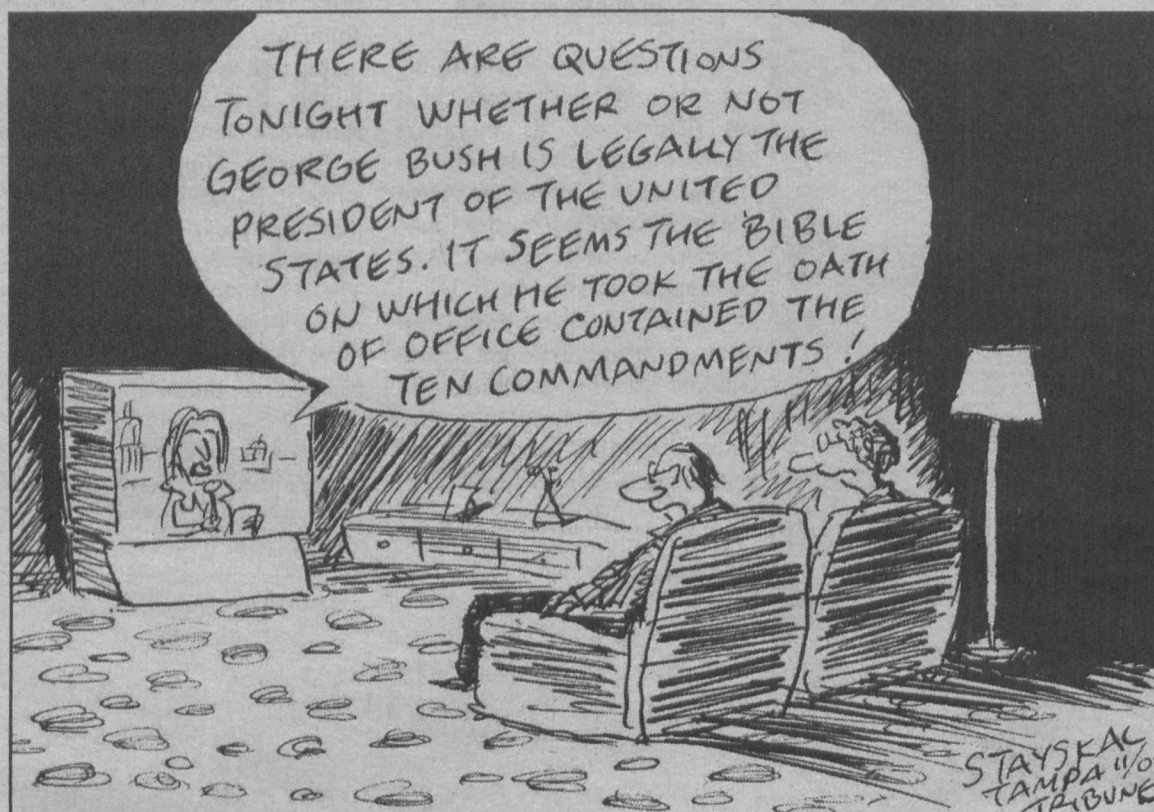
When President Bush, across the pond for a brief stay at Buckingham Palace, got wind of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's ruling that same-sex couples have the legal right to marry, his response was nothing less than, well, biblical: "Marriage is a sacred institution between a man and a woman. [The SJC decision] violates this important principle."

Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, not to be outdone by the President, offered that traditional marriage laws had "been so since the beginning of time. I stand with the great majority of people in our country who believe it should continue to be so, and I will work for that to be the case."

But in Boston, conservative complaint was drowned out by celebration that spilled into the streets. The court, which by a 4-3 majority ruled that the legal definition of marriage should be updated to include a "voluntary union of two persons as spouses," gave the state legislature 180 days to take action. It was unclear as of yesterday how Beacon Hill would respond; options range from a full backing of the ruling, to, in a worst case scenario, the advancement of a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

Nevertheless, the court's decision has sounded a wake-up call for continued change across the Northeast and the nation. At UM, where the sexual diversity alliance is particularly strong and influential, students might seek — with the Massachusetts decision as impetus — to further their fight for cultural awareness and legal revolution.

Although the phrase "student power" has long been relegated to the realm of cliché, the 18-25 demographic has consistently been shown to wield considerable power, both at the grassroots level and at the polls. The Boston decision has opened a portal through which Augusta — a city that prides itself on forward-thinking legislature — might follow: Cheers to a long-over due ruling, and with your help, may it travel north.



A rant-a about Fanta

The simple beauty of fruit-flavored soda

Each year, a series of marketing and advertising campaigns come out in an effort to increase interest, sales and visibility. Most companies go about these campaigns in a means to appeal to a certain demographic — with particular imagery and language. If your target is college men, you want attractive women, possibly scantily clad, doing something fun. If your target is middle-aged women, you want children and a sense of relaxation. Some of these campaigns are remarkably successful, while others fall extremely short and do nothing to help sales, if not hurting them.

One such campaign that completely bombed recently was the re-invention of Fanta in the

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United States. Fanta is a line of flavored sodas that are extremely popular in several nations around the world. Flavors include almost every fruit possible, including, but not limited to, banana, guava, star fruit and mango. For re-release in the U.S. last year, it was determined that only four varieties of soda would be offered. Strawberry, grape, pineapple and, of course, orange were all set up to be sold by the

gallon. To back this project up, the marketing genius behind it all created the Fantanas. This was a group of four women, each donning a different color, and thus a different flavor of Fanta. They included Nina, the strawberry red clad fashion freak, Calli, the orange leader of the group, LeeLee, the pineapple yellow brain of the group, and Raquel, the grape purple dancing queen. These women inhabited the island of Fantana, a fun-filled land of soda and pretty girls. To go along with all of this — as if that alone wasn't enough to guarantee success — were catchy rhymes that the four ladies would chant together after singing

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Letters to the Editor

• The athletic reality

I hope that this letter will open Marshall Dury's eyes to the real world of student-athletes.

Dury's view of student-athletes here in the University of Maine seems to be a little fuzzy, and I would like him to know that not all student-athletes get to register before the rest of their class. It's only the students who are in season.

This is done so that the athlete can schedule their courses around practice. Oh yeah, practice, that's a commitment that Dury may not know anything about. Whereas he may have to go to classes, and maybe hold down a part-time job, most of the student athletes here at UMaine have to do that and show up to all practices and games for their

respective sports team.

Also, I would like Dury to focus on these few words: excused absence. This means that an athlete does not lose class participation marks. So anytime a student-athlete has to miss class due to a game or an away trip, don't think she's getting out of her work. Most of the time, papers and assign-

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Contract killing

At education's cost

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FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Several weekends ago, I went back to my hometown — China, Maine — to visit with my family and friends. While I was there, I stumbled across a letter from the headmaster of my former high school, where my brother is now a sophomore: Erskine Academy. This institution is a private school, and the only high school within 20 miles of my house. The school is home to students from several surrounding towns without their own public high school, although many other students from these towns are given the option to go to less expensive schools on their town's dollar. The letter I read was about changing that very principle.

Apparently, the local school board had decided that they were tired of spending all that money to send local students to Erskine, and that same money could be better used to improve the town's K-8 schools. They had put a referendum on the ballot that would, if it had passed, allow them to create a contract with an area school to house China's high schoolers for the next 10 years. The school board members hailed it as a move that would allow them to increase the elementary schools' budgets without raising taxes, as they were sure to save a large sum of money.

What the board failed to mention was that Erskine would never be able to make a sufficient bid, as they wouldn't give one town a discount and couldn't survive on the type of tuition a contract would allow. This created two problems. First, the school cried out for help, claiming that without tuition from China's students, the school couldn't survive. This may be true, as China provides a large portion of the school's students. There is, however, a larger issue of choice.

Students in China and several surrounding towns have always been able to go to whatever high school they chose, usually without having to pay for it themselves. Had

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Soda

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"don't ya wanta? Fanta." "I'm so thirsty. I'm so hot! Gimme Fanta. Make it stop!"

How did this campaign not work? Four racially-neutral ladies promoting a sort of universal product that we can all enjoy. Some blame it's failure on the nation's inability to accept any previously universal product that did not start here. It's a sort of inherent ethnocentricity that backfired on Fanta, making people hate the idea of drinking what was first popular in third world nations. Others say it is a racist issue. They assume that the United States was unable to accept people who appear ethnically neutral. Still, other critics blame the soda's failure on the fact that Fanta just isn't as good as its competition. Minute Maid and Crush already dominate the fruit soda market, leaving little possibility for others to get a piece. Americans are also not always ready to embrace such non-traditional ideas as pineapple soda, no matter how hot LeeLee is.

All four actresses have since gone on to individual careers, coming out of their ethnically neutral roles to reveal themselves as three white girls and an African American. But still, no one seems to care. When this campaign was first launched, it was hailed for its genius and ability to appeal to most demographics, yet, it appealed to no one. The Web site is still up and the orange brand can still be purchased at some locations, but the ads have been pulled and the company claims they have no plans of future advertisement.

What was the purpose for this failure? Is it the fault of the consumers, as many people have claimed, or is it just not a good soda? For that, I do not have the answers. But I do know that "I want my Fantanas back for more. Bring them to me at my door." Don't you wanta?

Kyle Webster is a junior journalism major who enjoys the occasional pineapple soda.

High school

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this referendum passed, it would have effectively stripped these students of their right to go to a local school, instead forcing them into long bus rides and perhaps inferior schools. They would still be given the option to attend Erskine, but the families of these children would have to foot the bill. China may not be the poorest town in Maine, but there are still plenty of families whose children would want to go to Erskine. A large number of these families, however, would be forced to go elsewhere due to cost.

Luckily, the referendum in my town failed. Unfortunately, however, it's not an isolated incident. Erskine has had a number of local towns attempt to contract with other schools in the past few years, and it appears to be a growing trend. There are plenty of towns like China without their own public high school, especially in a rural state like Maine. More and more often, school boards and residents are bringing up the possibility of contracting rather than having tax

increases — albeit small ones to solve this problem. An aging electorate threatens more and more with each passing year to eliminate choice in favor of slightly improved elementary programs or, more importantly, a lower tax bill.

As college students, this issue might seem unimportant to some of us who don't have younger siblings or who live in a town with its own public high school. But it is important. Governments at every level are still struggling economically, and as long as that is true statement, our freedom of choice and our right to the best possible education will be in jeopardy. If you have a younger brother or sister, if you live in a rural area, pay attention to local politics. When you go home, read the local paper. Talk to your parents and anyone else you trust about what's going on. Don't let your town make the mistake that mine almost did.

Mike Emery is a freshman math and political science major.

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The value of a dollar

UMaine's unfair wage practices

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FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

and were \$7,000 below the national average." With benefits, we are expected to absorb the same increases as faculty when it is so painfully clear that we are underpaid and are barely making ends meet from the last premium increases. Employees in the private sector tend to pay higher premiums. However, our wages are significantly lower than the private sector.

One might wonder if all of this is because we do not have masters or a Ph.D. Experience on the job is sorely underrated in this system. Not only are we doing our jobs exceptionally well, but also we give the students and public the answers they need. We provide solutions to their problems, without the run-around or "passing the buck."

What does it show our students about the university's fair wage practices when support personnel hold two or three jobs to make ends meet? One might think it shows that hierarchy is alive and well in the University of Maine system and that respecting diversity is only for selected groups.

Ask students who they go to when they are having trouble registering for a class. They will probably tell you there is someone sitting patiently — during lunch hour — who is more than willing to help figure out what best suits their needs, whether it takes five or 50 minutes. Ask students who trained them and who entered

their time into PeopleSoft so they could get paid. Ask the senior citizen who helped them to get a parking permit and directions to the building they needed to go to.

Often when students come to UMaine, they are working their first job or are away from home for the first time. We teach them new skills. We lend a friendly ear and offer words of encouragement. We reach out to our students and the public, and we would not have it any other way. Putting a dollar amount on this type of customer service is nearly impossible, yet so crucial to the environment of any college system.

Is it because we are mostly women? Do the words "secretary" and "administrative assistant" mean that UMaine does not pay us well and does not recognize our contributions because we do not deserve it? It's hard to believe that this mentality still exists in the 21st century. Does the University of Maine want a system that creates resentment, low morale, low productivity and increased turnover?

It is all pretty simple. It is about being treated fairly. We want wage increases and benefits equitable to other employees and we do not want to wait one or two years beyond contract expiration to get it. We do not want what is left over. Our role in this system is equally important, and it is about time the system realizes this and does something to correct it.

Donna Buckley is a sophomore and has been employed at UMaine for 21 years.

Letters

ments have to be handed in early, and exams have to be taken before the rest of the class. Lectures: well you just miss those — try learning all the course information when you miss half the semester. So granted, some professors cut the athletes some slack, but it's well deserved. As for the injuries, I'm sure that if Dury was to one day fall of his computer chair and tear all the ligaments in his knee, his professor would probably give him an extension on that paper that's due the next day.

To Dury, please quit your whining about having to share your oh-so-special registration day with a couple of freshmen, sophomores and even juniors.

Linda Consolante
Junior member of the
UMaine soccer team

• **From a prof.'s perspective**
I greatly appreciated hockey player Cameron Lyall's "Letter To The Editor" in the Nov. 13 edition of *The Maine Campus*, which both lambasted Opinion

Editor Marshall Dury's column on varsity athletes receiving special privileges in registering for the next semester's courses and thanked Dury for paying his tuition. As a faculty member since 1986, I have repeatedly filled out the progress reports on varsity athletes in my classes twice a semester and have often responded to other inquiries from their special academic advisors.

In recent years I have met with advisees who, as varsity athletes, have their own special prior assistance in selecting the next term's courses, their own advocates, their own notetakers, and their own computer cluster. To my knowledge, none of these advantages are available to any other students. Before Dury's column appeared, I did not know of any priority given to varsity athletes — regardless of rank — to register for courses with seniors.

I, myself, drew the line when it came to allowing graduate history students — paid, presumably by the Athletic

Department — to take notes for varsity athletes in my introductory courses. Not only is this grossly unfair to other students, it is also a disincentive to athletes to take notes themselves.

This fall I had hesitated about again filling out the progress reports on varsity athletes precisely because other students don't receive similar monitoring of their academic records. Now Lyall has solved my dilemma. If he and other athletes are as bright and as talented as he says they are, presumably those varsity athletes in my classes hardly need my special assistance anymore. Better that I spend time helping what Lyall referred to as lowly "average" students like Dury.

I think it would be appropriate for the Athletic Department to respond to Lyall's letter as soon as possible. For now, my progress reports on student-athletes remain to be filled out.

Howard Segal
Professor in the History
Department at UMaine

Style

Percussion group stays right on beat

By Derek Francis
Staff Writer

The definition of a percussive instrument is broad.

"Percussion includes any instrument you hit," director Thomas Wubbenhorst said as he introduced the University of Maine's Percussion Ensemble.

The opening performance showcased this diversity. "The Song of Queztecotl," penned by Lou Harrison, was presented by an array of percussive instruments, some of which were more than unconventional. One person was playing a set of rice bowls while another performer played upon a set of polished automotive brake drums. Along with the more traditional drums, this eclectic group of instruments blended together into a wonderful sound. The rise and falls of this piece and the other pieces played that evening formed a musical arc that was almost literary. The music told a story all on its own.

"We're all here because we want to hit on something," Frances Ricker, a Percussion Ensemble member and first-year student, said.

And hit they did. All of the ensemble members played each piece with an intensity that made



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DRUMMER BOY — beats the drums for "Three Dances" under guest student conductor Ryan M. Parker at Tuesday night's Percussion Ensemble performance.

the performance enjoyable to watch. The performers looked like they were having a great time.

The snare drums took center stage for the performance of "Monticello," which sounded something similar to what one might expect to have heard playing on the battlefields of the

Revolutionary War. The drumming was loud and powerful and forced the concert-goer to take notice. The next musical piece was "Three Dances," composed by Jack McKenzie. The bellowing sound of the timpani drum rumbled throughout Minsky Recital Hall. Part of "Three Dances" gave the feeling of

someone being taken to his execution. Its almost bleak sound was as disconcerting as it was intriguing to hear. Finishing off the first half of the program was Carlos Chavez's "Toccata for Percussion Instruments."

"[Toccata] is a very standard piece," Wubbenhorst said.

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SEX WITH JERSEY

Shower much?



By Rebecca Bode
Staff Columnist

This article is especially written for the group of men on this campus that has been begging me to acknowledge this topic. After much discussion, we came to the conclusion that it was necessary for me to address the issue of proper hygiene. Well guys, I hope this helps. Something I think also justifies this article is the fact that I have noticed that a good one-third of the women on my floor do not wash their hands after using the bathroom. Seriously, my 5-year-old niece knows better than that.

So, not to preach, but here are a few things I think we all need to keep in mind.

Let's begin with the issue of keeping clean... down there. Naturally, all females have their own smell because the vagina is self-cleaning, so a good way to keep fresh is to simply wash with unscented soap and water. I don't know about those puff things that most girls use with the scented body washes. How good could you actually clean there with one of those things? I'm a Dial bar and washcloth girl myself, but I guess you have to do what works for you. It is no secret that a lot of girls worry about how they smell; according to 4woman.gov, 37 percent of women between the ages of 15 and 44 douche. Of these women, about half do so on a regular basis. But we need to be aware that douching actually makes the vagina more susceptible to bacterial infections because it changes the chemical balance of the vagina. These infections could also be spread to the pelvic organs. Research has also shown that douching could cause ectopic pregnancies or low birth weight, and also has been related to Pelvic Inflammatory Disease.

Another issue for females in the nether regions is keeping yourself safe during your period. Half of the cases of Toxic Shock Syndrome — a type of blood poisoning — occur from tampon use. Try and use the lowest absorbency for your flow, and also use sanitary napkins when possible. I think that is all the guys can handle about that subject, so for information, read the pamphlet on TSS that comes in every box of tampons. It is there for a reason.

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CONCERT SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 20

Stoplight Rehearsal
Stillwater Canal Co.
8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21

Maine Steiners
featuring Renaissance
100 DPC
7:30 p.m.

The White Stripes
Tsongas Auditorium,
Lowell, MA
8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22

A Perfect Circle
featuring The Year of the
Rabbit
Cumberland County
Civic Center
8 p.m.

Athena Consort and
Black Bear Men's Chorus
Minsky Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.

Maine Steiners featuring
Renaissance

100 DPC
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 23

Oratorio Society
Minsky Recital Hall
2 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

Every Time I Die
Ushuaia

Wednesday, Nov. 26

Vacationland
The Asylum, Portland
9 p.m.

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Good, actually

Curtis presents new comedy

By Derek Francis
Movie Critic

Every once in a while a movie comes along that makes you feel as though you are a better person for watching it. "Love Actually" is that type of movie. It is impossible to leave your seat after watching this film without feeling all warm and happy inside. That may sound cheesy as hell but no film this year has encompassed such a non-jaded portrayal of love in all of its forms while still maintaining a sense of reality. This movie will make you wish that you were in love and, if you are in love, it will make you feel like the luckiest person in the universe.

Richard Curtis, who brought such wonderful films as "Four Weddings and a Funeral," "Bridget Jones' Diary" and "Notting Hill," brings his British charm yet again with "Love Actually." This ensemble cast of stars from both the U.S. as well as the U.K. tells interwoven tales of romance as well as heartache. The opening line of the film sums up the entire movie quite nicely,

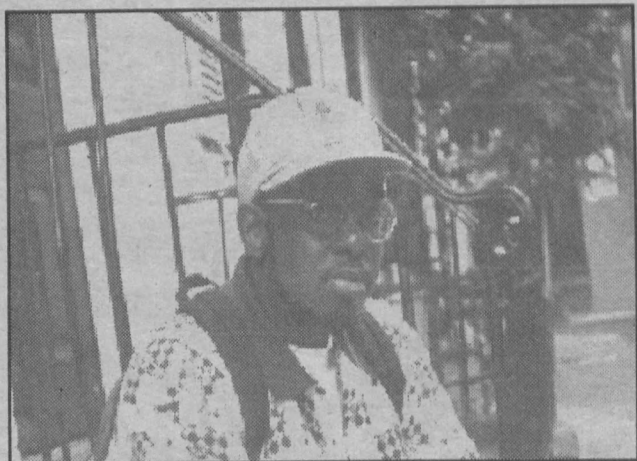
"Love actually is all around us."

The beauty of this picture is its simplicity. There is no twisting plot or huge revelations, just a straightforward portrayal of our desire as human beings to love and to be loved. Contrary to other films, the star-filled cast does not bog down the film with egos. Each actor, from Liam Neeson to Colin Firth to Laura Linney, adds to the incredible momentum that this film builds as it moves along.

A bit disjointed at first, the confusion as to what is going on dies down fairly quickly as we get to know each character and their situation. Among the many sub-plots within this film, stand-outs included the ones involving Neeson and Hugh Grant. Neeson is a recently widowed stepfather who wants nothing more than to help his stepson get together with a schoolmate the boy has a crush on. To call this tale "sweet" is like calling Rush Limbaugh "sort of a bigot." Another wonderful narrative tells the story of the British Prime Minister — played by Grant — who falls in love with one of his

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Musical Multitasking

J-Live finds his own voice in a crowd of copycats

By Andre Sirois
For The Maine Campus

If one was to flush the toilet bowl full of the hip-hop crap of today there would be some floaters. Those resilient musical turds, defiant at heart and determined by nature, w beat the clockwise vortex that tries to funnel them into the deep abyss of the watered-down underground hip-hop genre. These floaters eventually find that they must fend for themselves and grip every piece of porcelain so that they don't become another skid mark at the bottom of the bowl. Although J-Live, and his music, are no pieces of crap, this may be the most suitable metaphor to explain his passage into underground stardom.

The year 1996 was the butt end of hip-hop's golden era, a year that gave birth to a lot of today's most talented and credible emcees. The up-and-coming mic fiends in 1996 were old enough to appreciate the likes of Big Daddy Kane and Rakim, while also garnering fresh influences of the early '90s' word smiths. J-Live released his first single that year — a genre classic — "Longevity," off the album *Braggin' Rights*, which may just describe the artist's staying power.

"If that song is a classic like so many describe it then straight out the gate I carved myself a spot in Hip-Hop history," J said in a phone interview recently.

His uncanny ability to drop narrative rhymes coupled with dashes of humor and acerbic metaphor is how J-Live paved his own road. J's cultural upbringing in Harlem, N.Y. is thoroughly represented in all of his songs, but it was his appearance in *Source Magazine's* "Unsigned Hype" in 1995 that catalyzed his career and led to the drop of his debut single.

Jumping ahead eight years to present day, everything in New York, America and even the world is different. People have evolved, society has changed and hip-hop has progressed to an epoch over-flooded with artists and goons alike. So, where does J-Live fit in?

Well, he's moved from Harlem to Philadelphia, left Coup D'etat and just dropped his new EP *Always Will Be*, an album totally mixed, produced and engineered by J, himself. J has left his job as a teacher and, according to the artist himself, "Hip-hop is my nine to five...Right now I just gotta teach through my music."

With all the creative duties of the new EP on his shoulders, J faced the possibility of musical cloning.

"The challenge was to make sure there was still that same level of variety," J said.

"The fact that I'm talking about not the same thing on every song, the beats have to reflect that," J said.

For everyone who was wondering what the end result is, J said, "You come up with eight different tracks that people can hopefully relate to in their own way."

Relating to the rhymes and beats on *Always Will Be* should not be hard as it serves up treats that should satiate any taste. J-Live speaks to the real people and avoids the gimmicks and cliché hooks that have inundated mainstream rap. Joints, like "Walkman," relates to the people who can't bump music in their Escalade since they don't have the boomin' system or even a car. Emcees and poets alike will find acquiescence in "9000 Miles," a J-Live described cut that "is kinda like an introspective joint about the whole writing process when it comes down to being a fan of the music as well as an



(Above) ON THE MIC — J-Live performs one of his universal rhymes that have led to his notoriety.

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(Above) STUDIOUS — J-Live, a man who has made a name for himself in the underground hip-hop scene, works on one of his critically acclaimed joints.

the basic downfalls of signing to a major.

"And the second verse is, you know, kinda like the moral of the story. What happens when you deal with major labels is you have to be careful when you pick who you roll with," said Live.

Always Will Be truly showcases J-Live's ability to rhyme, produce and even scratch — he started out as a DJ and the Live part of his name refers to getting the crowd live — and J splendidly avoids sonic redundancy here. If you looked at J's musical career as a shelf of books, he said that *Always Has Been* and the new EP, "are the bookends of my career so far."

The life of a dookie is short, stinky and laden with peril. Although the latter may be true for J-Live, his career is nothing but long-lasting freshness. So go ahead and try to flush this man, I guarantee he'll be popping back up with enough fresh music to kill the nastiness of even the rankest toilet.

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Connecting through the six degrees of Friendster

By Tony Reaves
For The Maine Campus

Hey you, hipster jackass. You probably thought you were pretty "deck" in your hometown, where you had to drive an hour to the nearest Salvation Army for ironic clothes, only to go to school where no one "got it." They thought your Guns n' Roses "Appetite for Destruction" tour shirt meant you actually listened to GnR.

Now you're in college, where you're not the only one with obnoxious Weezer-style black glasses and so-lame-they're-cool mutton chops. You need to keep up. You'd better be on Friendster.com, just like you'd better have pitchforkmedia.com bookmarked.

Friendster.com, for all my "fin" readers, is a completely meaningless Web site where you meet new people through your connections to existing

friends. You write out an elaborate profile for yourself, where you can be completely honest (using the word "postmodern" at least once) or ironic (perhaps pretending you like nu-metal).

In addition, you can post

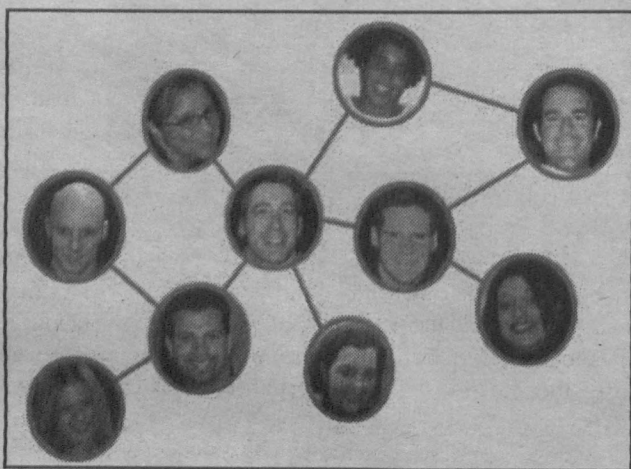
poster in the background.

One interesting facet of Friendster is your personal network. When you look at someone's profile, you can see how you're connected to them through a six-degrees-of-Kevin

Bacon system. To be in your personal network, there cannot be more than three people connecting you with any person, limiting you to friends of friends. The downside is that people will know that the singer from the Strokes isn't really a friend of a friend of yours.

You also get to list your interests, music you like and favorite movies. Of course all of this assumes anyone cares that you love John Waters movies. Each interest, movie and musical artist becomes a link to search for more users. Look - 35,000 people in your personal network also like Johnny Cash.

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multiple pictures of yourself to impress the other hipsters. That means you won't have to decide between a picture with you in that sweet '80s track jacket and the picture of you in the fur coat wearing aviator sunglasses. Just for good measure, you can throw in a picture of you with your so-deck John Wayne



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OLDER MEN HAVE MORE FUN — Harry, played by Alan Rickman, and Mia, played by Heike Makatsch, share a moment in the new romantic comedy, "Love Actually."

'Love actually' sincere

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aides. The highlight of this story is not whether or not he gets the girl of his dreams but instead when he stands up to the wily President of the United States (Billy Bob Thornton) in an impromptu speech during a press conference.

There are too many wonderful tales in this movie and some will endear themselves to some people more than others, but there is only so much space for an article. "Love Actually" contains so much positive emotion, but it's not all hearts and puppy dogs. The dark side of love becomes all too visible in one of the stories about a middle-aged family man who begins an affair with a co-worker. This sad account only added to the film's authenticity.

Of course, every movie has its flaws. The film ran a bit long for the depth of story it contained. There was about an hour and 45

minutes worth of story stretched across a two-and-a-half-hour movie. Like I said before, the beginning seems disjointed and perhaps even confusing. Although that passes, it made it a little difficult to get into the movie right away. Also, it was a tad bizarre that all of these people were connected somehow. Yes, I know we're all connected in some creepy way but in this movie some things seem more convenient than random.

Aside from minor complaints, "Love Actually" is a film that warms the soul in a manner that few films ever do in this modern age of computer special effects. Sure, it doesn't cover any new ground just simply crosses old territory with a passion that translates perfectly to the moviegoer: Love is indeed all around us. Just look around you in everyday life. Yet few people actually take the time to appreciate it.

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"Isley Meets Bacharach"
Ron Isley and Burt Bacharach
Dreamworks Records

In a work many would say has been a long time coming, former member of musical group the Isley Brothers, Ron Isley, and world-renowned musician, Burt Bacharach, have teamed up to release the collaborative work *Isley Meets Bacharach*. Isley, who sings all of the songs, and Bacharach, who plays piano and directed the small orchestra, brought back many old favorites, such as "Alfie," "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head" and "Make It Easy On Yourself."

It had been Isley's longtime dream to work with Bacharach, trying to cover one of his songs with the Isley Brothers until it was broken up by Bacharach himself when one of them tried to change the lyrics.

Throughout the album, Isley's voice croons and

swoons with a texture that could only be called silk, turning every song into a masterpiece.

As for Bacharach, he worked incessantly on the album, directing the orchestra to a wonderfully mellow and soft sound that meshed perfectly with the songs and the vocals. His ability on the piano has not faded with the years, and each time he plays a note, you can feel the emotion behind it.

When examining Bacharach's devotion to the project, one need look no further than the liner notes, which include the entire background of the album.

When two masterful musicians come together to cooperate on any project, the result is as with this album: breathtaking.

-Jesse Davis



"Real Talk"
Dave Hollister
Dreamworks Records

Talented R&B and Hip Hop musicians are very hard to find these days. Hell, good music is hard to find — but Dave Hollister's album, *Real Talk*, is definitely good music. Released from Dreamworks on Nov. 11, the album features Hollister's smooth vocals, which spread out every day life. They are smooth and silky throughout.

Sweet harmonies decorate this album, most notably on one of the best tracks, "Never Gonna Change." Hollister certainly knows the beauty of layered voices and a slow base and drum beat. The kind of song you might slow dance to, "Never Gonna Change" is reminiscent of all the other slow R&B hits you may have heard, but with a soul that makes it different than all the rest.

The title song, "Real Talk," is another of the top tracks on the album. Again, slow beats combined with Hollister's amazing voice create an awe-

some slow song. It is quickly upstaged by the number six track, "Reason with Your Body." Though lyrics like "your mind may not understand what your body needs," could be insulting if taken the wrong way, you can't help but feel loved listening to this song. The lyrics speak of a guy wanting to work with his girl to make her happy.

R-N-Ha guest stars on track seven, "Winning with You." His rapping style gives him a unique sound that is interesting to listen to even if you are not usually a fan of rap. Again, even if rap is not your thing, the song itself will have you tapping your toes and wanting to get up and dance.

This being Dave Hollister's fourth album, he has definitely got the process of compiling good music down. Hollister's album, *Real Talk*, is full of heart and soul, and definitely worth listening to.

-Aerin Raymond

Keeping clean for love

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But just as women need to clean carefully, so do guys. No one likes sweaty junk, so shower first if you expect some action. To all the guys out there who still have their foreskin intact, you need to be even more efficient in cleaning down there, or else the build-up of potentially harmful bacteria, called smegma, could occur. In the online article "How Smegma Serves the Penis," Joyce Wright writes, "In its fresh state, smegma is a wholesome and functional lubricant, but if allowed to accumulate in the foreskin cavity, it becomes changed into an unpleasant, unhealthy and bad-smelling substance." The article also says, "As an American doctor recently stated, the uncircumcised male is becoming a rarity in our society." Thank God for that, is all I have to say. The idea of pulling back some skin and finding something called smegma festering is not what I would call a turn on.

Another thing that could help keep you cleaner and possibly more comfortable is shaving your pubic hair. The idea itself makes a lot of people skeptical because they might think the area will hurt or itch after. The reality is that it can be a

lot more comfortable and appealing to the opposite sex if the hair there is at least trimmed. There are several different levels to this: all of it, some of it and most of it. What you do down



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there depends on your preference and the preferences of your partner. Some guys like when women shave everything off, yet others think it makes them resemble a 5-year-old. It's all a matter of opinion. One

thing I would suggest to guys is to not shave their testicles. Do you really want to show them off that much? 'Cause we don't want to see them. Besides, it'd be a big bummer if you cut yourself while shaving there. Ouch... Speaking of which, I hate when guys complain about how tedious it is to shave their faces. Hello, have you seen the terrain we have to cover down there?

On to facial hair...ladies, you have to do something about the upper lip. Wax it, Nair it, bleach it - do something. Guys, your facial hair and your chest hair, just like your pubic hair, is up to preference. One thing that is important to get rid of, however, is neck hair. That's something that often goes overlooked, but actually looks really gross if not properly maintained. Another area to maintain is nose hair. Here's a tip — if you can lick it, trim it.

If you're looking to attract a member of the opposite sex, you might want to keep these things in mind: fresh breath and body odor, hair maintenance, and proper sanitation. Although it may seem like these are common facts, a surprising number of us apparently need a little reminder. It's vital to scrub-a-dub-dub if you're looking for love.

Variety enhances percussion show

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Despite this description, "Toccata" did not sound standard at all as it spawned an absolutely wonderful percussive presentation.

The second half of the program began with what was arguably the finest piece of the evening. "Trio Per Uno" was performed by three members of the ensemble. What took place was unlike anything the audience

had ever seen, as what could best be described as an enormous drum apparatus, was placed on stage. A pyramid of cymbals was placed on an enormous bass drum with much smaller drums attached to it. The three performers proceeded to play the piece with a fury that was very exciting to watch and rightly deserved its following standing ovation.

"My Lady White" was the last piece of the evening.

"[My Lady White] is [a piece] written for one person and we split it into nine [parts]," Wubbenhort said.

It was a three-part song performed almost exclusively on percussive keyboards, a xylophone-type instruments. Its sound was otherworldly, transporting the spectators on a soothing, and even magical, journey. The soothing sounds were a perfect way to end an already entertaining evening.

Friendster caters to hipsters, allows irony

From FRIENDSTER page 12

The real fun begins when you search for someone with one of your interests and learn just how wide your personal network reaches. You're only a few friends away from a bisexual schoolteacher in Oregon, a Chicago record store clerk with

a faux hawk and a totally PoMo Hampshire College sophomore who all listen to Belle & Sebastian.

If you're going to use Friendster to advance your hipster image, here are a few tips. First, claim you play guitar. It doesn't matter if you really do. Don't use dramatic Web cam

pictures unless you want to look gothic (read: not deck). To avoid confusion, don't mix honest profile items like Aesop Rock with ironic ones like Peter Dinklage. Finally, you should have signed on back in the summer — any later than that and you're a poseur who never had any cred to begin with.

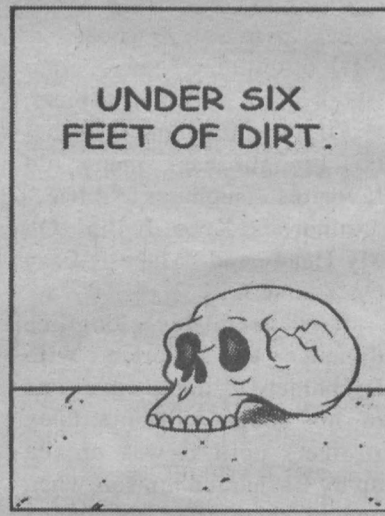
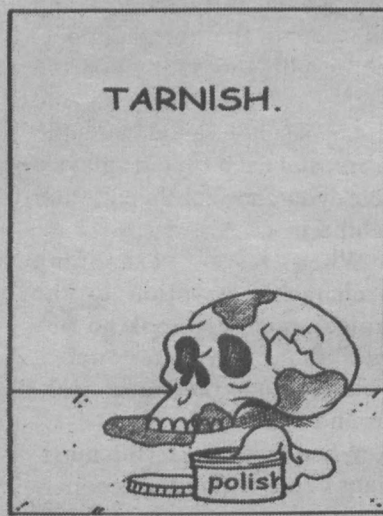
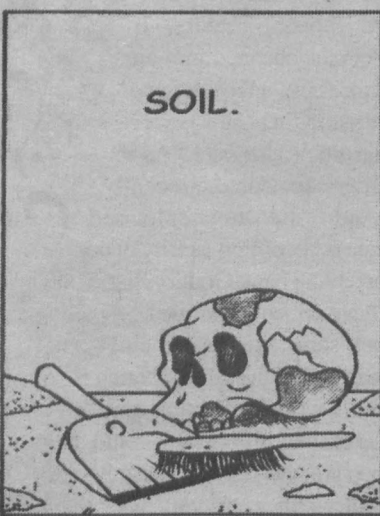
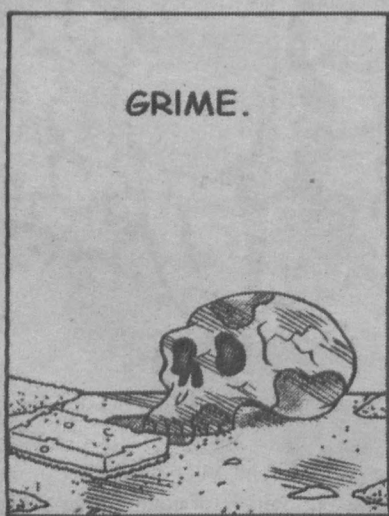
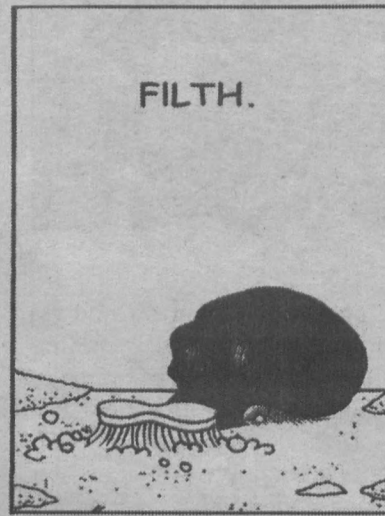
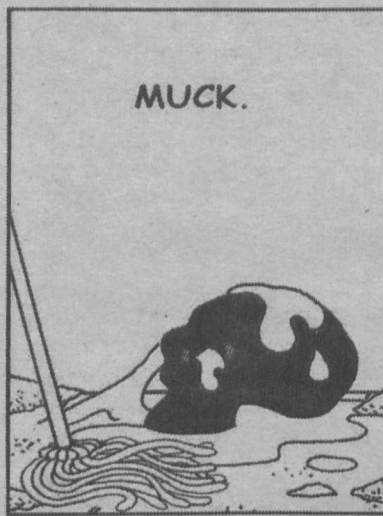
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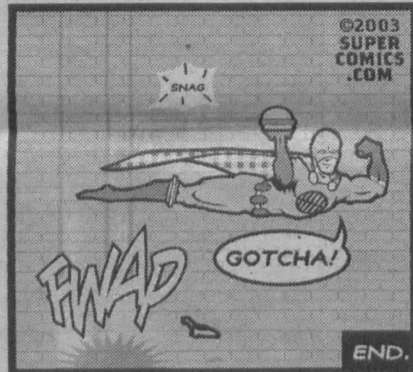
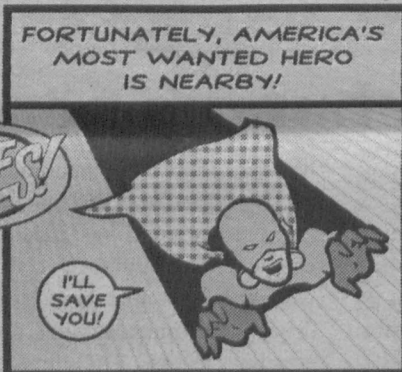


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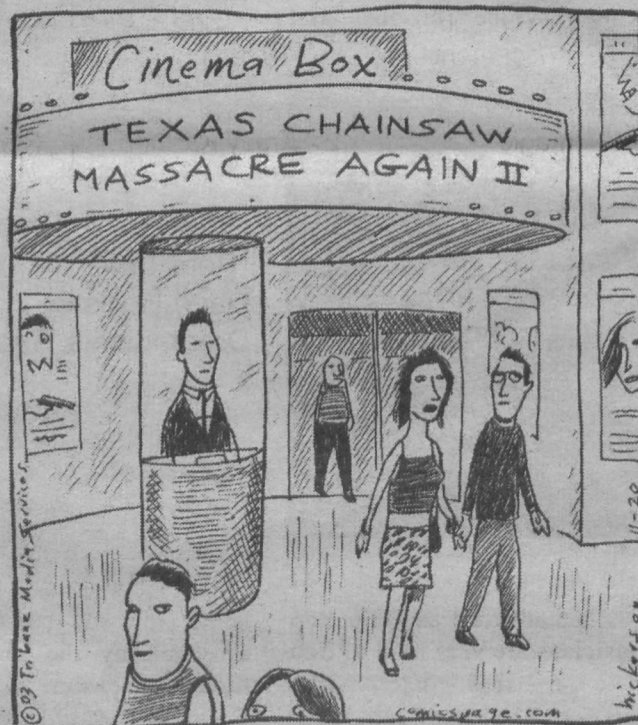
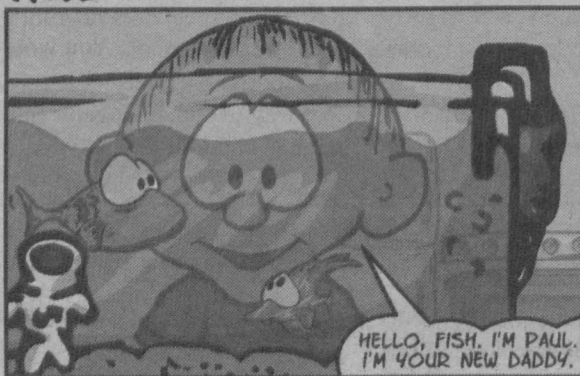
CAPTAIN RIBMAN in Falling In Love

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"Maybe the answer is to stop selling chainsaws in Texas."



"That's our son, Billy ... or, as we know him ... The Human Stain."



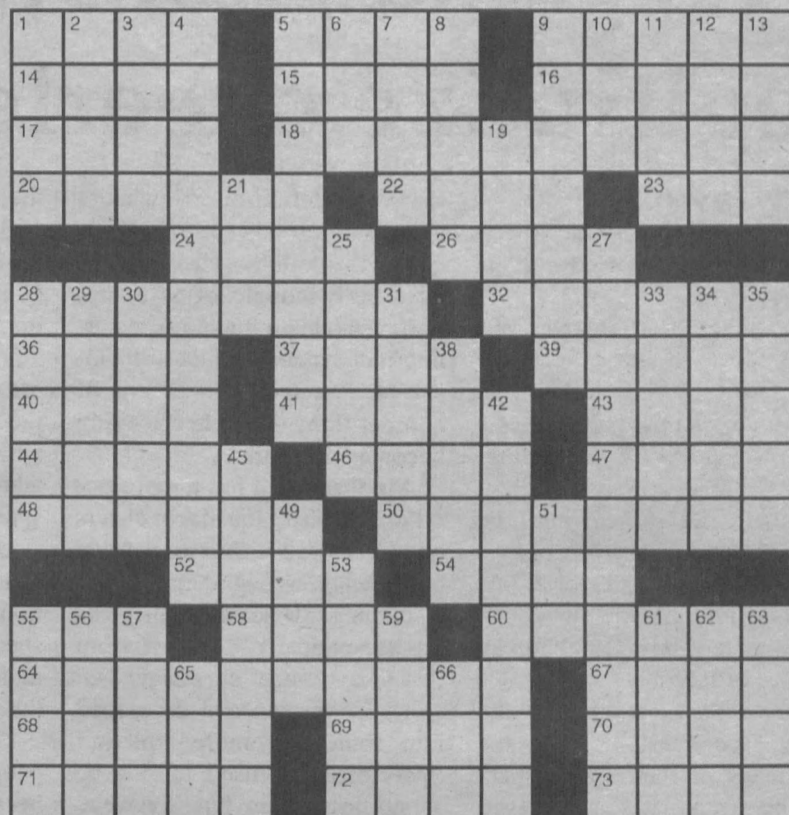
"Our clientele is usually limited to scruffy old infantrymen ... Kind of nice to see a fly boy for a change!"



"Excuse me, Ms. Krabber ... but can I please be transferred over to the School of Rock?"

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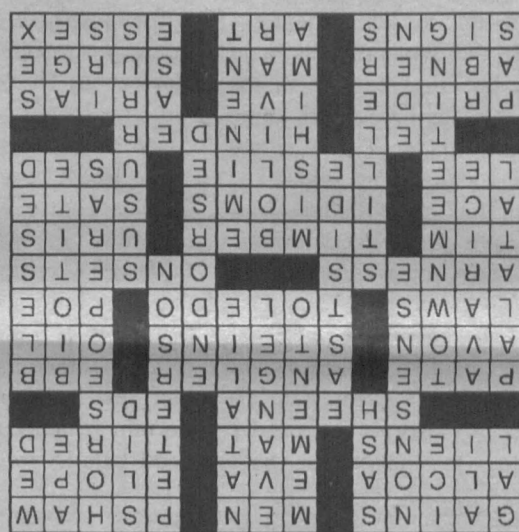
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Solutions to previous puzzle



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HOROSCOPES

Don't sweat the confusion, Scorpio

By Liz Jarrell
For The Maine Campus

ful not to lead on anyone while you are making your decision.

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.

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 him/her. He/she has noticed the unrest between you, and will say something soon. Everything will be smoothed out in no time.

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 do. With the holidays only a little more than a month away, you have plenty of time to plan something really out of the ordinary that will show exactly how much you care.

Aquarius
(1/20-2/17)

You are acing all your classes, and couldn't be doing better. 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 in the near future; you might wish you hadn't.

Pisces
(2/18-3/20)

Someone new has entered your life, and you quickly find yourself spending more and more time with this certain person. You two could have something very special, so don't be afraid to let him/her know of your interest. You definitely won't regret it.

Aries
(3/21-4/19)

So many guys/girls, and so little time. You have your eyes on two people in particular, and you can't decide whom you would like to be with. Be care-

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.

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.

Cancer
(6/21-7/21)

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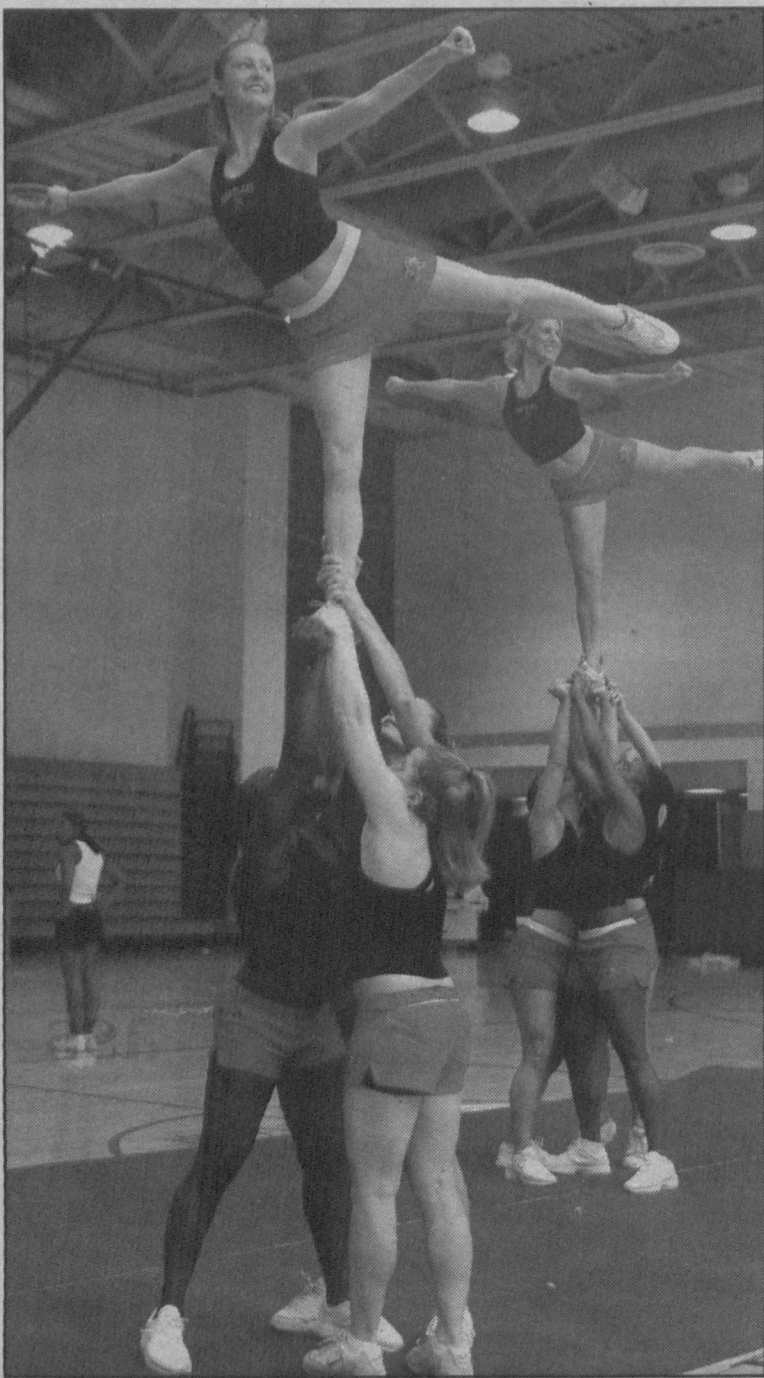
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FLYING HIGH — The University of Maryland's competitive cheerleading squad practices for competition at College Park, Md. Cheerleading is now an official sport that counts toward the university's Title IX requirements.

Maryland first state to legitimize cheerleading

By Bryan O'Keefe
Knight Ridder/Tribune
News Service

University of Maryland sophomore Lauren Spatz is an athlete just like any other Terrapin sports competitor. She spends four days a week practicing, while another three days are devoted to weight training. She faces the same challenge of juggling sports and academics. She even receives scholarship money from the university to help offset the cost of tuition.

But unlike most athletes who rarely face questions over the legitimacy of their sport, Spatz and her teammates are nagged with that very question all the time. Spatz is a member of the university's competitive cheerleading squad, which recently was named a sport by the school's athletics department.

With the change, Maryland became the first college in the nation to recognize cheerleading as a sport under Title IX and offer financial scholarships. The decision has raised some eyebrows as to what exactly constitutes a sport and whether cheerleaders fit the description.

"This is very much a part of our lives, just like any other sport (and its athletes)," Spatz said. "It requires physical ability and we compete with other teams. That's

the very definition of what a sport is."

Traditionally, cheerleaders have been thought of as a support mechanism for sports teams, not independent athletes themselves. But with the advent of competition, cheerleading becomes the main event.

Maryland still has a more traditional "spirit" squad that cheers on sidelines, but the competitive cheer team was given a higher status in part because their goals are dramatically different from that of traditional cheer squads.

"It has grown and developed into something more athletic," Spatz said. "It used to just be supporting a team, but now we're out for ourselves. We want to win on our own instead of just cheering others."

While giving Spatz and her peers the opportunity to compete ignites a debate over the definition of a sport, it also raises passions about Title IX, the 30-year-old law banning discrimination based on sex. Even though the law's intent was noble, it has become controversial in college athletics.

Title IX critics have claimed that the law is a burden and forces unfair cuts in men's sports just to achieve parity. For example, the Independent Women's Forum, which has long championed Title IX reform, claims that

the law has led to the abolition of 350 male sports teams — ranging from fencing at Northwestern to ice hockey at the University of Illinois.

By making cheerleading an official scholarship sport, the university remains in compliance with Title IX and also can add additional scholarships for men's sports.

Spatz said she doesn't think Title IX was the main motivation behind the change, but that she is happy to see the entire athletics department grow with the move.

"It's a little upsetting when people say they did this just because of Title IX. We know that wasn't the primary reason because we were already in compliance before this," Spatz said. "But if my receiving a scholarship means that some more men will also receive scholarship money, that's great."

University administrators defended their decision and said Title IX was just one aspect of why making cheerleading a sport makes sense.

"These statements that cheerleading is not a sport come from a lack of knowledge," said University of Maryland Associate Athletic Director Dave Haglund. "Anybody who attends a competitive cheerleading event gets a totally different look."

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Man-to-man defense powers basketball team

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point advantage.

"We just wanted to go out there and jump on them from the get-go," said point guard Eric Dobson.

The talented junior college transfer logged 11 points and six rebounds on the score sheet. Along with Dobson, Ludmil Hadjisotirov and Joe Campbell added 10 points in the victory. Campbell, a local hero from Bangor snagged an impressive five steals during the game to lead both teams. Rounding out the six double-digit scorers was the preseason game star, Jermaine Jackson. The Black Bear guard contributed 11 points on the night.

Maine, who mainly used a man-to-man defense, helped to force 24 Sports Power turnovers. Also standing out on the stat sheet was an impressive 12-13 from the foul line. This was a positive sign considering that Maine struggled from the strip for much of the 2002-2003 season. The Black Bears also shot 37 percent from three point

range and 46.2 percent overall.

Sports Power USA was led by former Washington State forward Kojo Mensah-Bonso and Jeremiah Hamlett, who each tallied 20 points. Fans also got a chance to see former Maine assistant basketball coach, Ed Jones, lace up the sneakers for four points and four boards.

As the game finished and the stands began to empty, it was clear the Black Bears' next opponent would bring a different style of game to the court. Led by a highly regarded coach in Leonard Hamilton, the Florida State Seminoles promise to be one of Maine's toughest opponents all year. The Seminoles are a dangerous team that could shake things up in the powerful ACC Conference, which usually dominates headlines across the country. Leader Tim Pickett could give a run at Player of the Year honors for the conference. The Black Bears will face off against the Seminoles on Friday at 7 p.m. in Tallahassee, Florida.



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ALMOST — Black Bear Dustin Penner dishes a shot on goal last Friday night in Alford Arena, en route to a UM victory over Northeastern University 5-2.

Bears to face off with UMass

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home Friday, but then lost Saturday at home to UMass 3-2.

"It will be a challenge for us," Whitehead said. "They have great goaltending. They have had players emerge from average players to elite players, much like we have. It will be a challenging game."

One challenging game plan that the Friars threw at UMaine last year that the Bears could not seem to beat was a neutral zone trap. Whitehead thinks this team can better deal with it than last year's team.

"We've faced it already a couple of times in different situations and

handled it pretty well," Whitehead said. "It's always tough when a team traps against you, because you can't take many risks. You have to be smart with the puck, and we've been smart with the puck this year. But we'll certainly be tested in that area."

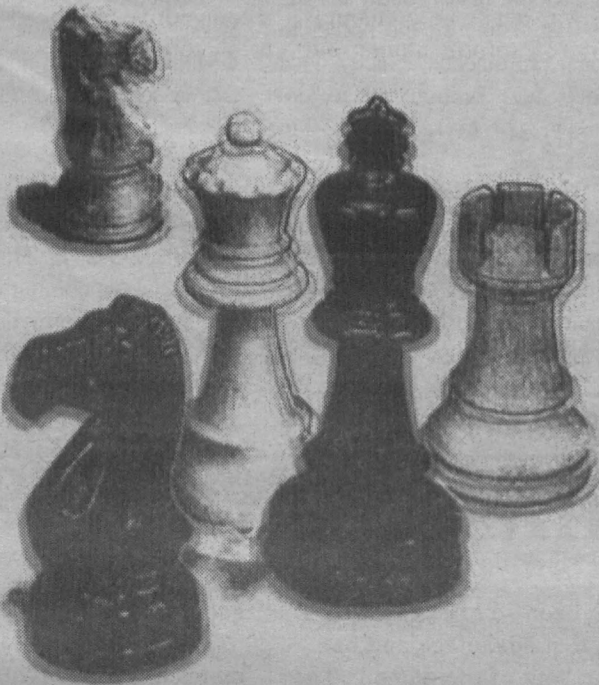
The Friars have the current Hockey East Player of the Week, sophomore forward Torry Gajda. He scored three goals and one assist in last weekend's games, bringing his totals to six goals and seven assists for 13 points on the year. Other important forwards include Peter Zingoni (7-5-12), and Jonathan Goodwin (4-8-12).

Providence has plenty of strength on defense as well. The group is led by senior Stephen Wood (4-4-8) and has plenty of depth including senior Jason Platt (1-1-2) and junior Jeff Mason (2-1-3).

Sophomore Bobby Goepfert has seen the majority of the time in net, with a 6-1-1 record with a 2.72 GAA and a .908 save percentage, but don't be surprised to see junior David Cacciola, who is 0-2-1 with a 1.48 GAA and a .953 save percentage with one shutout this season.

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UM hockey heads south for two

Bears to play Providence, Amherst this weekend

By Jeff Mannix
Staff Writer

After gaining two wins last weekend at home, the University of Maine men's ice hockey team has to head back on the road for two Hockey East games this weekend. Friday night, UMaine will take on the ninth-ranked Massachusetts Minutemen at the Mullins Center in Amherst, Mass., then head to Providence on Saturday to face off with the Providence Friars at Schneider Arena.

UMaine freshman Luciano Aquino is coming off of his best weekend as a Black Bear, scoring twice against Northeastern and dishing out two assists against UMass-Lowell. For his efforts, Aquino became the second UMaine player to be named the Hockey East Rookie of the Week this season. The other was defenseman Mike Lundin two weeks ago.

"Luch is really emerging for us as a player," UMaine coach Tim Whitehead said of Aquino. "He seems to be getting more comfortable each week. We're starting to utilize him on the power play, the penalty kill, four-on-four situations. These are situations freshmen don't usually find themselves in, but he's worked hard to deserve that opportunity."

Aquino's two new linemates last weekend, junior center Derek Damon and senior right wing Colin Shields, have helped make the transition.

"You have to be happy playing



ON MY FOOT — UM freshman forward Josh Soares gets caught between a referee and a Northeastern player during the Friday night game on Nov. 14. The Black Bears improved 9-2-0 with a win over UMass-Lowell on Sunday.

with those guys on your line," Aquino said after Sunday's win over UMass-Lowell. "They are two of the best players in college hockey."

"When you play with two guys like Damon and Shields, that makes the adjustment easier," Whitehead said. "For some reason, they clicked right from the start of the weekend."

There's no word on whether the line would be kept together for this Friday's game at UMass. The Minutemen are the most up-and-coming team in Hockey East, as UMaine found first-hand last season in the Hockey East quarterfi-

nals, when UMass became the first team to beat UMaine in a quarterfinal game at Alford Arena on March 6, and then completed the sweep the next night advancing to the Hockey East Semifinals for the first time in program history.

Whitehead isn't sure how much of a revenge factor there will be for his team.

"We have a lot of first-year players, so it's probably not as significant to them," he said. "But for the guys who were here last year, this is the team that knocked us out of the Hockey East playoffs. We want to go in there and work hard. It will be a good challenge, but we want to

prove to them that we are a good team."

So is UMass.

The Minutemen, coached by Don Cahoon, in his fourth season, have started to turn the corner to national prominence, exactly what Cahoon was brought in to do. UMass is 8-2-0 overall and 5-2-0 in Hockey East.

UMass has a legitimate Hobey Baker Award candidate in senior defenseman Thomas Pock. The Austrian, who is a converted centerman, has flourished since being switched to the blue line last season. This year, Pock is leading the team and the conference in scoring

with eight goals and eight assists for 16 points.

"He's become an elite player in our league, if not the top player," Whitehead said of Pock. "He's making a great case for himself to be the Most Valuable Player. He's certainly a player we need to pay extra attention to on the ice."

Other key defenseman for UMass will be sophomore Marvin Degon (1-7-8) and senior Nick Kuiper (1-2-3).

Up front, UMass may be missing its best player in junior Greg Mauldin. He has four goals and six assists for 10 points, but has missed the last two games with a leg injury. It is currently unknown whether he will suit up or not.

"I really respect him," said Whitehead of Mauldin, who tried to recruit him to play at UMass-Lowell while he was the coach there. "If he does not play, that's a big plus for us. But we are going to assume that he is playing, and that's what we're preparing for."

Also expect a lot from sophomores Chris Capraro (3-9-12) and Stephen Werner (2-4-6). Werner was selected to play for Team USA in the World Junior Championships, along with UMaine's Greg Moore and Jimmy Howard this year.

In net, the Minutemen will likely go with sophomore Gabe Winer. This year, he is 8-2-0 with a 2.33 GAA, and an .886 save percentage and one shutout.

UMaine's other game will be against the Providence, who beat UMaine twice and tied them once last season. One of the wins was the Friar program's first win at Alford Arena since 1989.

This season, coach Paul Pooley's Friars have started 6-3-2 overall, 2-3-2 in Hockey East. Providence is coming off a weekend where it upset then second-ranked New Hampshire 7-4 at

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Boston Bruins need a leader

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Providence Bruins of the AHL. He is definitely a fan favorite and upon his return the Bruins' fans will definitely be getting their money's worth. He will be greatly missed this weekend when Boston plays the Capitals, Flyers and Blues. They need to handle the enforcers on these teams or the scorers that

have been so effective will lose that advantage and be taken "out of the game." The Washington Capitals have Brenden Witt, a nasty defenseman who loves hitting and fighting and that is why he is in the lineup. The Philadelphia Flyers have Donald Brashear and Keith Primeau two premier fighters in the game. They both will make big hits to get their team back into a

game if they find themselves trailing. Finally the Blues, a more feisty team with Doug Weight, Pavol Demetra and Scotty Melanby get goals however they can.

The loss of Stock may prove critical this weekend in handling these bullies of the NHL but the way the B's are playing they may be able to just point at the scoreboard, smile and skate away victori-

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Black Bears ready to take on Seminoles

UM heads to Florida State to open the season Friday

By Matthew Conyers
Staff Writer

On Monday night the University of Maine men's basketball team got one last tune up prior to its Friday night duel with Atlantic Coast Conference power Florida State. It was a game that gave coaches and players one last chance to retool their squad before being thrown into the rigors of a tiresome 27-game regular season schedule. But the opponent on this particular night was not hailing from some powerful major conference but instead was a team composed of former college stars. With a well-balanced scoring attack, Maine closed out the preseason with a 99-73 victory against Sports Power USA.

The match saw a plethora of scorers contribute solid numbers for the Black Bears as they coasted to the exhibition win. The Black Bears' scoring attack saw six different players finish in double digits. Leading the way for Maine in the points column was senior Mark Flavin, who totaled 16 points on the game. Along the way the senior forward snatched five boards. Flavin later said the team looked more comfortable with the addition of more minutes.

"We did a great job bringing the ball up the court and getting it in there," said Flavin, who scored 12 of his points in the second half.

Along with Flavin's stellar play the Black Bears worked off of sophomore Kevin Reed's inspired play. Reed, an All-America East Rookie team

member last season, added 14 points for Maine. While adding those baskets he grabbed five rebounds and five assists on the evening. The continued success of the sophomore standout bodes well for the Black Bears, who will need solid play from the guard if they wish to make a run for the America East Title.

After the game Maine Head Coach John Giannini said he was pleased overall with the team's performance. Giannini also commented on his team's improved performance from the previous match against the Connecticut Stars. "I think tonight's effort was more consistent than the last game" said Giannini.

Maine, who will be using a four-guard system throughout the new season, used the game to polish up on their new strategy. Reaping the most benefits from this new system were David Dubois and Flavin. Dubois finished the contest with eight points and six rebounds.

The Black Bears jumped out early in the match thanks to Reed, who catalyzed the Bears' 12-4 lead. The Black Bears held Sports Power USA scoreless for four minutes at the opening of the match. Sports Power USA was unable to grab the lead for the rest of the game. The closest they would get was 15-9, as the Black Bears used smooth passing and a fast pace to wear down their opponent. Maine would begin to run away with the match toward the middle of the second half posting a 27-

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TWO POINTS — Black Bear Jermaine Jackson dishes in a basket over a Connecticut Stars player during the Nov. 7 exhibition game. UMaine won its final exhibition game Monday night 99-73.

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Football team fired up over musket

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play the position."

"I hate to think what might have transpired had we not had a kid with his ability arrive on campus in August."

Arias said the biggest adjustment he had to make was getting used to the speed among college athletes compared to that of high school athletes.

Arias and the Bears hope to carry its success to Durham, NH on Saturday when they face the 4-7, 2-6 Wildcats.

Cosgrove describes the team as a compilation of the teams Maine has played over the course of the season as far as the different formations the team uses on offense.

"They probably have more guys with their hands on the football than any offense in the conference," he said.

The Wildcats' defense is led by Chris Robinson, who is averaging over 11 tackles per game.

As for Maine, look for a couple of players to move up in the record books.

Junior tailback Marcus

Williams needs just 25 more yards to move into third place for most yards rushed in a career, and 182 yards to touch the 3,000-yard mark.

Freshman quarterback Ron Whitcomb needs four passing yards to be the eighth Black Bear to post a 2,000-yard passing season, and one more touchdown pass to tie for fifth most touchdown passes thrown in one season.

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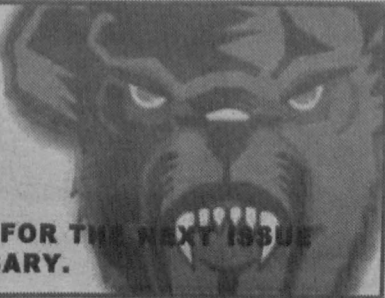
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Bruins lack a leading goon

By Eric Gullickson
For The Maine Campus

As the Bruins prepare for their games this week, they will have to take the message sent from their biggest fans and go into some physical games without their best enforcer.

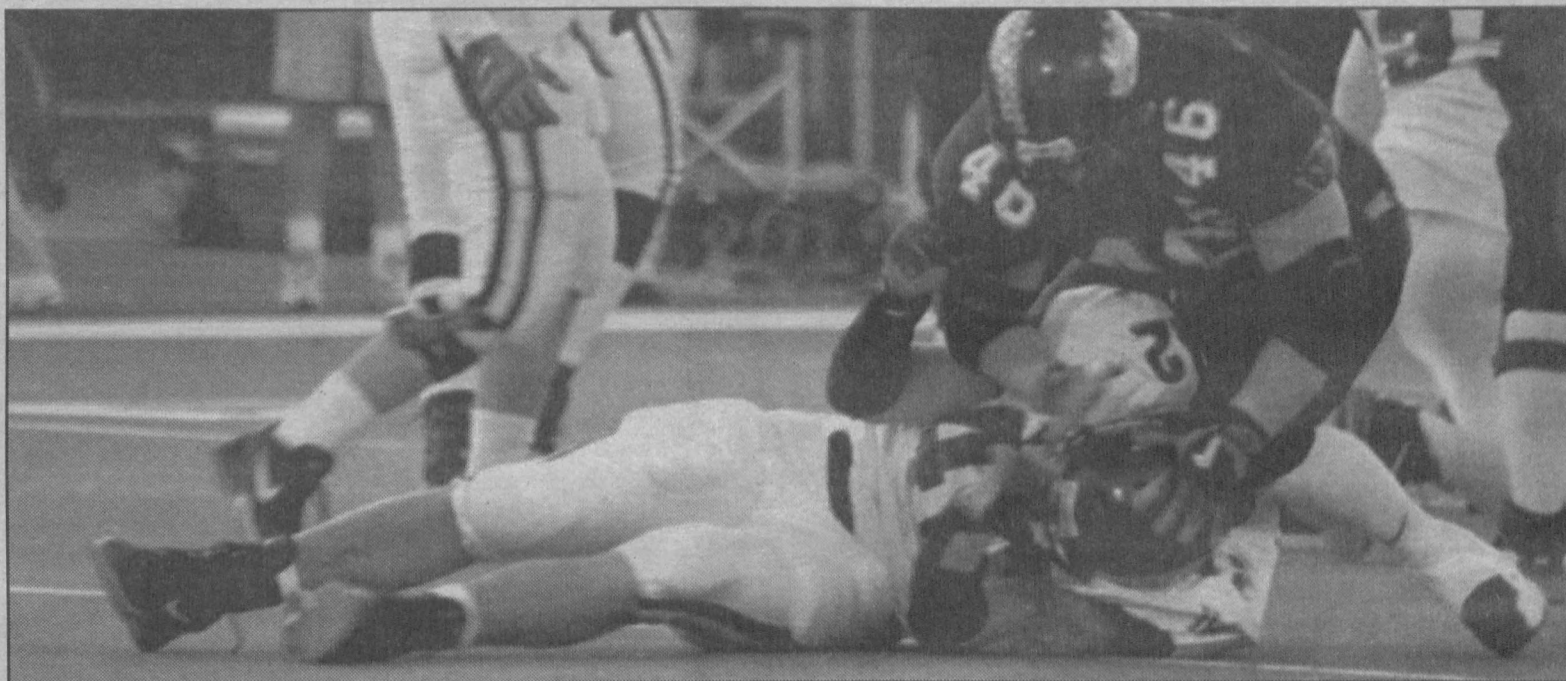
Saturday night was the last Boston Bruins game, but the post-game show on Saturday wasn't a review of the game. It consisted of a concert by the Boston-area punk band Dropkick Murphys. The band may be recognizable for its songs "The Spicy McHaggis," "Bar-room Hero" and its rendition of "Amazing Grace." The band also plays in the annual St. Patrick's Day ceremonies around the Boston area.

This rock group has something in common with its city and with the students here at the University of Maine in that the members are die-hard Bruins fans. They rent a section for fans and give out tickets to their section at their concerts. This section is similar to the Black-Hole at Oakland or the Dawg Pound at Cleveland. Only the rowdiest of rowdy fans can sit there.

On Saturday, the band played a little rendition during the second intermission which must have worked, because the B's were victorious. During the post-game concert at the Fleet Center, some of the Bruins' players, still flying high from their win, became rock stars too. Brian Rolston and a few others grabbed a guitar and hopped on-stage with the band and rocked the house. However, one aspect of the Bruins is missing this season that will be on the minds of the fans who are worthy of sitting in the Dropkicks' section.

The rowdiest of rowdy players, P.J. Stock, has been absent this season. Stock is a scrappy player who loves to fight and will drop the gloves with anyone in the NHL. He is back to the minors for a stint joining our former Black Bears Peter Metcalf and Robert Liscak on the

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TAKE THAT — UMaine senior Michael Zyskowski tackles a Villanova player en route to a 14-10 Black Bear win in the team's last home game of the season.

FOR THE FLINTLOCK

By Erinne Magee
Staff Writer

The last game of the regular season, and possibly the last game until next fall, has great importance to the University of Maine football team.

Maine travels to conference rival New Hampshire for the 53rd "Battle for the Brice-Cowell Musket."

The .65 caliber flintlock musket was jointly donated by the UNH and UMaine alumni chapters of Portland and was first awarded in 1948. For the past three years, the Black Bears have had it in the locker room.

"We want to keep it that way," said Head Coach Jack Cosgrove. "We have a pretty prominent spot in the locker room for it. We certainly don't want to not have that on display in there."

For the seniors, it's a unique situation because there hasn't been a group, in the modern era, to have four consecutive wins over

UNH. The seniors will also be playing to be the first group of Black Bears to manage three consecutive eight-win seasons.

**"If we end up 8-4
and someone asks us
to play some more,
we'll throw our hands
up and say let's go."**

"If we end up 8-4 and it's the end of our season, we've done what we could do," said Cosgrove. "If we end up 8-4 and someone asks us to play some more, we'll throw our hands up and say let's go."

The Black Bears are coming off a 14-10

win over Villanova last Saturday - a win that kept them on the bubble as far as playoff hopes go.

Manauris Arias was also named Rookie of the Week by the Atlantic-10 for the second time this season because of his efforts on Saturday.

Arias had a 48-yard touchdown interception to put the Bears up early in the second quarter.

"It feels great earning Rookie of the Week twice in one season," said Arias. "When I came into the season I didn't know that I was going to even play a role for the team, let alone start, so earning the award twice goes to prove that hard work pays off."

The freshman cornerback from Union City, NJ, got his first start in the 44-21 win over Hofstra in the second game of the season.

"He's really played very well," Cosgrove said. "He's a composed kid, he's mature on the field, he's instinctive, and he knows how to

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Women's hockey struggles at home

By Matthew Hritz
For The Maine Campus

With the six-game road trip now complete, the University of Maine women's hockey team returns home this weekend after sweeping the Boston College Eagles last weekend 3-2 and 3-1. The Black Bears will face off against the defending Hockey East champions, the Providence College Friars (2-3-2).

"We didn't bring our A games this past weekend, but were fortunate enough to come out with two wins," senior forward Karen Droog said. "We definitely needed these wins to boost our confidence. Providence is a very strong team, and we are going to have to play our best to compete with them."

Over the weekend, Droog also

earned a milestone by scoring her 100th point on an assist of freshman forward Kate Sunstrum's goal in the first period of the game last Saturday. Droog was also named Hockey East player of the week for assisting on four out of the Black Bears' six goals this past weekend.

"I am very proud of my career here at the University of Maine, and wouldn't trade my experience for anything," Droog said. "Achieving 100 points has been awesome, but I never could have done it without my teammates."

"I think that is fantastic," UMaine head coach Rick Filighera said. "That is something special for any player to produce 100 points in four years. She has really developed her whole game. She should be

ecstatic about having that. Not too many people can say they were a 100 point person for their program."

Droog and her teammates face a tough task this weekend as they host the Providence College Friars, a team that they have never beaten in team history.

"It is going to be a big challenge for us," junior forward Cheryl White said. "Although we haven't had very much success against them in the past, the games have always been very close. We have always been able to play with them, and we have a stronger team this year so we should be able to pick up some points."

Offensively, the Friars are led by junior forward Rush Zimmerman (three goals and four assists) and senior defense-

man Kelli Halcisak (three goals and four assists).

In net for the Friars is sophomore Jana Budgen who has a 2-3-2 record with a 2.44 goals against average and a .892 save percentage.

The Black Bears will face off against Providence on Saturday and Sunday at the Alford Arena at 1 p.m.

"We can beat anyone we play this year and we can lose to anyone we play this year," Filighera said. "This isn't little league anymore. This is Division I hockey. All the teams are better. All the players are getting better and right now it's a dogfight. Right now if you show up ready to play and you are there for 60 minutes and you do the things necessary, you'll have a chance to win every game in our league."