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Road blocks lead to three OUI charges

Orono grant paves way for UM Public Safety 'check-points;' 350 drivers stopped

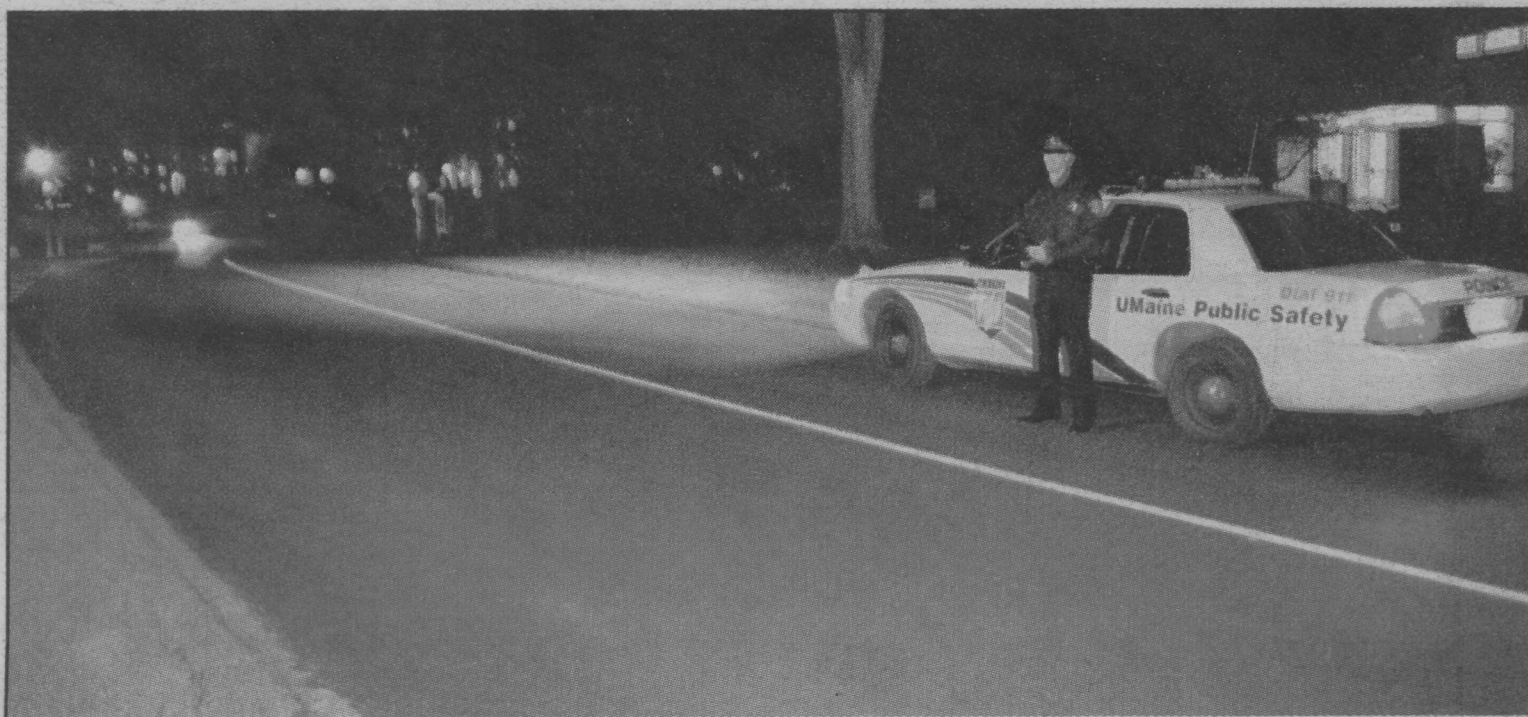
By Kristin Saunders
News Editor

About 350 drivers crossed through safety check-points Friday night when University of Maine campus road blocks were set to attempt to combat drunk driving.

UMaine Public Safety Lt. Jeff King said the department has seen an increase in Operating Under the Influence offenses this semester.

"We have seen double the OUIs and it's only three-quarters of the way through the semester," King said.

The check-points were made possible through a grant awarded to the town of Orono, who worked with UMaine Public Safety to implement them. Three check-points were set up Friday night with groups stationed at the entrance by the Alford Arena, Munson Road by Buchanan



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SAFETY FIRST — Officer Mark Coffey stands at the site of one of three road blocks set up Friday night. The unannounced road blocks were set up so Public Safety could ensure drivers were obeying driving laws. Out of the estimated 350 drivers stopped, 3 were charged with OUI. More road blocks are slated for the winter semester.

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Student soldier packs bags for Middle East

By Heather Cox
Staff Reporter

Many people watch the developments in the Middle East on television or listen to reports on the radio, but not as many listen knowing they could be involved in the situations described. For one University of Maine student and nearly 500 members of the Maine Army National Guard, that scenario became real when they received notice on Nov. 12 that they would be deployed in the next week.

Fourth-year student Antonio "Tony" Alonzo was deployed last Thursday.

"I had been expecting it for a while," Alonzo said.

A broadcast journalism major originally from Yarmouth, Alonzo joined the Brave Company of the 133rd Engineering Battalion on Dec. 6, 2000, for a six-year term. The battalion is based in Westbrook, and its members are combat-heavy engineers.

"I couldn't pass up the opportunities [the Army offered]," Alonzo said, describing the reason he joined the military.

"They offered to pay off my first-year loans and pay for the remaining tuition that I would incur while a student at UMaine."

Before being deployed last week, Alonzo had little knowledge of exactly where he would be going or even how long he will be there.

"I only know that we will be going to Fort Drum in upper New York and then somewhere in the Middle East," he said "We don't know



Antonio Alonzo

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A 'D' won't cut it anymore

UMS demands better transfer grades beginning Fall '04

By Pattie Barry
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine System's Board of Trustees unanimously approved the adoption of a universal credit transfer policy last Monday. The policy, which will be implemented in the fall of 2004, requires that all course transfers for credit from any school into the University of Maine System must have a grade of C- or better.

For the past eight years, the Board of Trustees has required that students who transfer from a school in the university system to another school in the system receive full credit for any courses graded a "D-" or better. Alternatively, students coming to a school within the university system from outside must have received a "C-" or better in order to receive credit for the class. Grade point averages do not transfer with the student in either case.

The old policy was likely designed help students who transfer to other schools in the university system, said Elsa Nunez, vice chancellor for academic and student affairs on the Board of Trustees. It did not work effectively, however, because transfer students were be able to take classes they might not have been prepared for, she said.

The new policy, which was

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Orono mulls over disorderly house ordinance to target repeat offenders

By Rick Redmond
Staff Reporter

Disorderly properties and what to do about them was the sole item on the agenda when 11 members of the Orono Town Council met last Wednesday.

The council drafted an ordinance on the first of October with the proposed purpose to "protect the health, safety, and

welfare of the residents of the Town of Orono by eliminating the proliferation of properties harboring occupants who disturb the peace and tranquility of their neighborhoods." The draft was sent to the Bangor law offices of Farrell, Rosenblatt & Russell to be revised by partner Thomas A. Russell.

Russell commented on several sections of the ordinance,

leaving it up to the town council to discuss and initiate possible changes or amendments.

The town defined a disorderly property as a residential property that has been documented by the police as having two or more disorderly events within 60 days, three or more within 120 days, four or more within 180

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**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.

• A free belay seminar will be held 6-8 p.m. at the Maine Bound Adventure Center.

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

Wednesday, Nov. 25

• Thanksgiving break begins.

Monday, Dec. 1

• Thanksgiving break ends

and classes resume.

• The Orono Bog Boardwalk will close for the winter on Dec. 1, possibly sooner if weather dictates. A limited number of special winter boardwalk excursions are being planned and will be announced on oronobogwalk.org about a month in advance. Groups wishing to arrange separate guided walks may e-mail Ronald Davis at least a month in advance on FirstClass or call at 866-4785 before 8:30 p.m. The boardwalk will reopen for daily public visits in May 2004.

• A card and board games night will be held 8-10 p.m. in the Coe Room of Memorial Union. Games will be provided or participants may bring their own. Prizes will be awarded throughout the night.

Tuesday, Dec. 2

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

• Chamber music will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in Minsky Recital Hall, part of the School of Performing Arts season.

• A "best of the best" Java Jive open mic night will be held 8-10 p.m. in Stillwater Canal Co. Pub. The winner of this acoustic competition will win a spot at next semester's Java Jive series.

Coming up

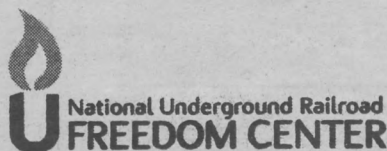
• Brent Elwood, Ph.D. will present an Anxiety Reduction Workshop 12:30-2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, in the Walker Room, 3rd floor of Memorial Union. The workshop will cover sources

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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New credit policy evens out transfer standards

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proposed by Joe Wood, the provost from the University of Southern Maine, received a unanimous vote from both the committee and board members. Wood said he pushed for the policy change because it is unconventional to transfer "D" grades with credit at other universities. With the current policy, students can transfer all of the credits for a "D" class, but no grade is recorded.

"If a student can take a 'D' grade into my institution, he or she should take the quality points with them," Wood said. "At USM, we've never accepted a 'D' grade from Harvard, and now we don't have to accept one from anywhere."

The new policy wasn't implemented until now because

of opposition from admissions offices at some of the universities in the system, Wood said. According to Nunez, no one on the board seemed to oppose the change.

"I think the new policy is fair, because it treats both groups of students equally, and it is important for [the University of Maine System] to have high standards," she said. "By not accepting D's [from UMS students], we are raising these standards."

Peter Reid, director of the office of Student Records, said he understands the reason for the policy change, but does not expect it to greatly impact transferring students.

"I'm not sure that it is going to affect that many students we get," Reid said.

Iraq business conference controversy continues

By Jackie Farwell
Assistant News Editor

Students, faculty and community members gathered at the University of Maine Thursday night to protest a recently postponed business conference about economic opportunities in Iraq, originally scheduled to take place in Scarborough on Nov. 13.

The university was to be a co-sponsor of the conference, along with the U.S.-Iraq Business Alliance and the William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce, a unit of the college of business.

"The issue is certainly far from dead, and our work is certainly far from over," said Greg Field, executive director of Portland-based Peace Action Maine, about the postponement.

Participation in a conference of business executives looking to exploit the spoils of war is symptomatic of the increasing corporate role of universities nationwide, including UMaine, according to professor Doug Allen.

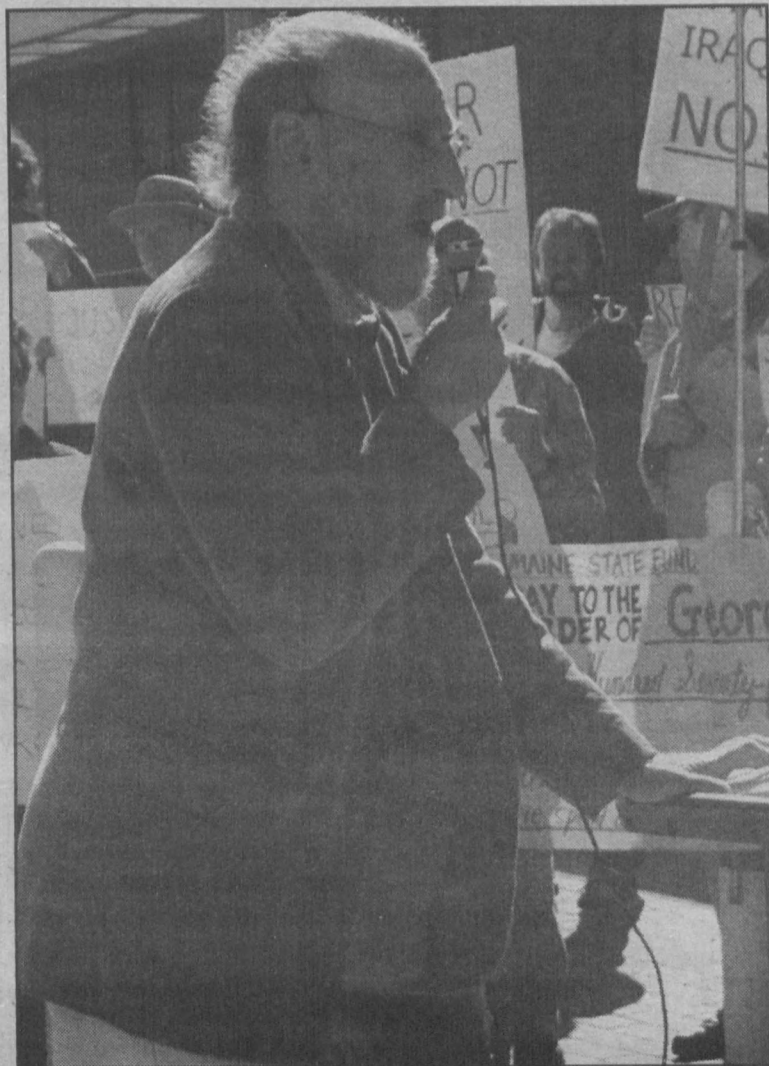
"[Universities] are seen as a good investment. We say our students are our number-one 'commodity,'" Allen said. "And to talk about us making a 'killing' over there economically is kind of obscene," he said, referring to lost Iraqi and American lives.

President Peter Hoff stood in defense of the university, arguing that the conference provided business students and faculty opportunity to observe and encourage ethical business practices.

"It's their job to teach people not only how to conduct business, but how to conduct it in sound, ethical ways," Hoff said. "These [conferences] are not like classes or seminars on campus."

Hoff said he was surprised to learn that few UM faculty members had been invited to the conference and does not promote the university's participation in Iraq's future economy.

"I would not pay \$850 of my money to attend," Hoff said of the conference registration fee. "I have no particular interest in the University of Maine or any



FILE PHOTO

SPEAKING OUT — Doug Allen speaks out against attacking Iraq last semester. Last Thursday Allen held a protest against the university sponsored Iraq Forum on Business.

subset of the University of Maine being involved in business ventures in Iraq."

Conference organizers and participants are clearly engaging in war profiteering, Allen said, countering Hoff's assertion that the conference is free of political agendas.

"Caspar Weinberger was the keynote speaker — what does that say? He was the hawkish secretary of defense under Reagan," Allen said.

Both men commended the more than 80 attendees at Neville Hall for debating UMaine's sponsorship of the conference, but issues concerning its participants and agenda have not been truthfully addressed, Allen said.

Field echoed the demand for greater accountability, specifically for U.S. policy-makers in Iraq.

"We need to see who is cutting the deals, and how they are

being cut," Field said. "Without transparency in these policies, we lose and the people of Iraq lose."

Involving the international community, specifically the United Nations, and establishing guidelines for Iraq's sovereignty remain unfulfilled goals, Field said.

Future government leaders in Iraq will be forced to honor business contracts now being established in Iraq, involving oil as well as public utilities such as water systems and electric power grids, Field said. That strategy is already provoking resentment of American imperialism in Iraq, as the country moves towards sovereignty, he said.

"What has happened in Iraq is tied to a global agenda," he said. "The Iraqi people have no control over their own economic destiny."

LEGAL Affairs



Attorneys David R. Miller and Ted Curtis

Q: This morning I discovered that my textbooks, cash, credit cards and ID had been stolen out of my vehicle. I'm concerned with the possibility of identity theft. What should I do about that?

A: We are sorry to hear that your belongings have been stolen, and you are wise to be concerned that your identity might be next. You should visit the following Web site: fightidentitytheft.com/. You will find discussion of the serious consequences when your identity is stolen, and it provides a variety of resources for learning about and combating the problem.

Identity theft is a growing national problem. Joanne Kellell, author of "Identity Theft Is a Very Real, Very Big Concern," writes, "the numbers are unbelievable: almost 500 people have their identity stolen in America every day. That's more than 176,000 people each year and the number keeps growing. On average, it takes a victim 12 months just to discover the theft. By that time, all kinds of credit and government records can be corrupted."

We spoke with Nathan Leach of the Consumer Credit Regulation Office in Augusta, who said "most victims first discover their identity has been stolen when they apply and are denied a loan, or when they order copies of their credit reports and notice fraudulent activities." Mr. Leach also mentioned that on Sept. 13, 2003, Maine passed a new law that entitles Mainers to receive one free credit report a year. The form to request free copies from the state can be downloaded at MaineCreditReg.org, or by calling 1-800-DEBT-LAW.

According to Mr. Leach, who has been a Financial Regulator for the State of Maine for the last 16 years, the appropriate process for dealing with identity theft is to notify the Federal Trade Commission and report the identity theft allegation. The FTC clearing house hotline is 1-877-438-4338. Of course, you should also contact local law enforcement — burglarizing a car is a serious offense.

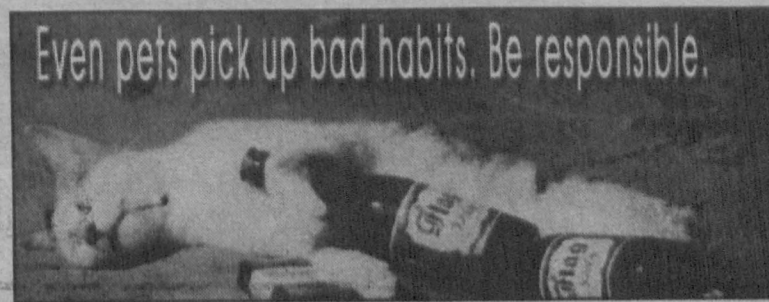
Mr. Leach said that consumers should avoid "keeping all their eggs in one basket" by not carrying social security and birth certificates in their wallets. Regarding the Internet, he said

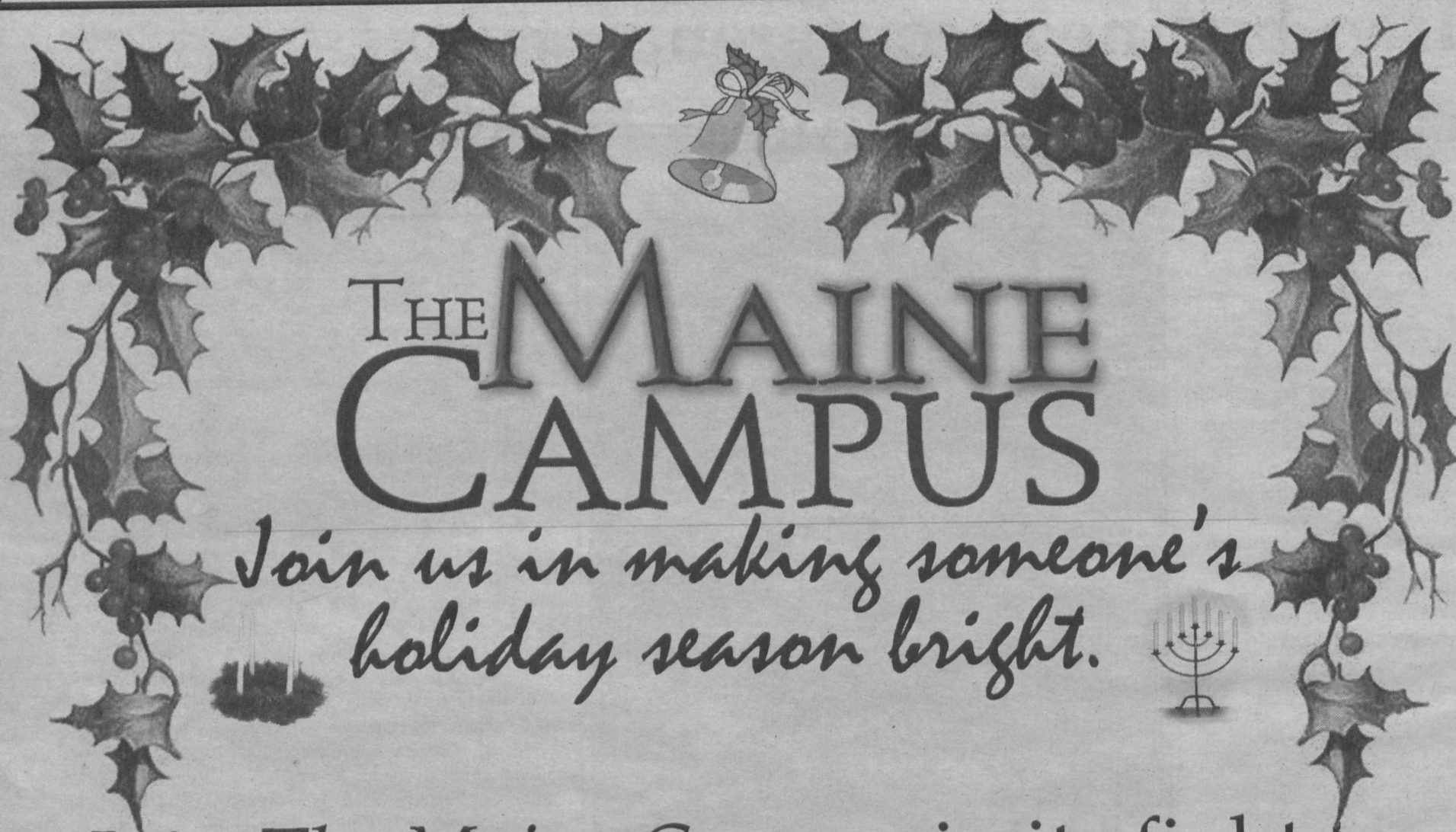
"sites are [generally] safe with the encryption used to jumble the numbers, however, one should only use sites that offer encryption and are known to be reputable. He added that "the majority of complaints placed with the Consumer Credit Regulation Office come from consumers who receive calls from criminals who try to get information by posing to be a business like a bank or credit card company. No legitimate business will call and ask for that information."

According to Bankrate.com, there are 15 must-know tips for preventing identity theft. Here are some of them:

- 1.) Keep track of your credit card receipts. Not only do many receipts have the credit card number printed on them, but this habit will make it easier to monitor your credit cards and help to find if a bill is missing or unauthorized.
- 2.) Purchase a shredder and shred everything.
- 3.) Never leave paid bills in your mailbox for the mail carrier to pick up. Drop them off at a post office box.
- 4.) If you're moving, contact all your creditors and give them your address changes immediately. You don't want credit information and new credit cards being delivered to the wrong address. Likewise, if your credit card expires and you don't receive a new one, call your creditor immediately.
- 5.) Protect your Social Security number. Only give your Social Security number when absolutely necessary.
- 6.) When shopping online, look for the Trust-e symbol or a Better Business Bureau online seal. These indicate the seller has been independently audited and deemed trustworthy.
- 7.) Only shop on Web sites that offer a privacy policy. Know how your personal information will be handled. Print out privacy policies, warranties, price guarantees and other important information.

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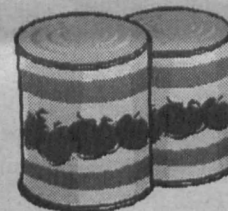
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State holds fate of dairy industry

By Diane Belanger
For The Maine Campus

Got milk? Don't bet the farm on it.

Maine dairy farmers are accustomed to waiting for the cows to come home. Nowadays, they also wait for politicians in Augusta to decide if the state's milk industry is worth keeping — and at what price. That decision also has ramifications for the University of Maine.

Maine's dairy industry has declined steadily in the past few years. In 1996, there were 650 dairy farms in the state. Today, the number is less than 400 and still dwindling.

Plummeting milk prices are a primary cause for the thinning number of Maine farms. Under the Northeast Dairy Compact, which expired in 2001, farmers were guaranteed \$1.65 of every gallon of milk sold. After the compact expired, their return on a gallon of milk fell to \$1.10. Decreased revenues and ensuing financial burdens have survivors discussing the sale of their farms.

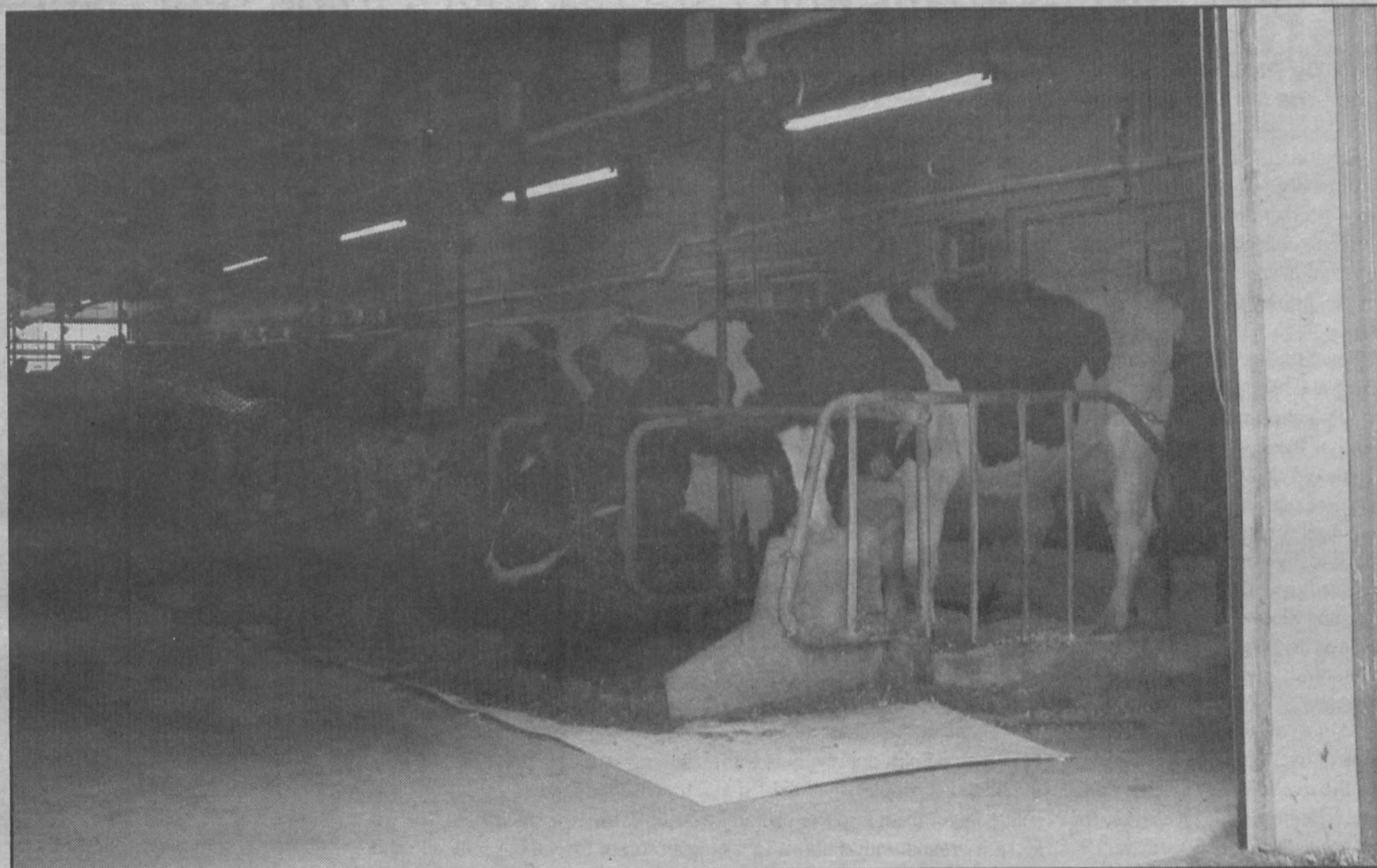
One theory states that after Sept. 11, 2001, with a weakened economy, fewer people were eating out.

"The consumption of fluid milk and cheese decreased—fewer pizzas and cheeseburgers," said Timothy Dalton, assistant professor with UMaine's Department of Resource Economics and Policy. "The shift to drinking soy milk and bottled water also decreased milk consumption. Now the U.S. has a surplus of cheese and butterfat, which drives down milk prices."

Another theory asserts that overproduction by large dairy farms in other regions is expanding into Maine, glutting the market and causing milk prices to fall.

"Farmers in Maine cannot compete with the large western farms," said Marcy Guillet, livestock program manager at Witter Farm. "We must preserve the small dairy farms, even though this is no longer the [state's] primary way of life."

Yet, consumers continue to pay high prices for a gallon of



CAMPUS PHOTO • HOLLY BARBER

MOO — Dairy cows feed at Witter Farm. State legislators now hold the future of the dairy industry after a steadily decreasing market.

milk.

"Across campus, the UMaine community consumes approximately 180 gallons of milk daily," said Martin Kahler, associate director of Dining Services, Marketplace and Retail Operations. "The University bids out to milk processors to ensure the lowest price. I have not seen a decrease on incoming prices as a result from the drop in amounts paid to Maine farmers."

So where is the money going? The Maine Milk Commission builds in minimum margins to protect retailers, but a ceiling on profits does not exist. The difference between the amount paid to farmers and the cost to consumers goes directly to processors and retailers — an estimated annual income of more than \$22 million.

Ron Cotterill, director of the Food Marketing Policy Center at the University of Connecticut, conducted a study that shows retailers are making excessive profits on milk. His study evaluated the impact of the Northeast Dairy Compact.

"Supermarkets not only raised the price of milk to

cover the cost of the compact, about three cents per gallon, they also increased the retail price, an additional 14 cents for their own profit, and attributed the entire 17-cent increase to the compact," Cotterill said.

Last spring, Gov. John Baldacci signed into law a plan that provided immediate relief for Maine's dairy farmers in direct payments totaling more than \$3.9 million through September, 2003.

"This funding was a short-term process that the governor put in place to stem the red ink on farmers' books," Dalton said. "It was not intended to be a solution, merely a means to see the farmer through until policies could be enacted."

UMaine's Witter Farm received state subsidies, but the amounts did not fully cover expenses, Guillet said.

"Although Witter Farm is a teaching and research farm, cows must pay for themselves. The drop in milk prices has affected the budget, and the farm is considering selling some cows to recover the loss of income," she said.

The governor also formed a task force to research the

state's dairy crisis and to make recommendations. The goals were to maintain or increase the number of dairy farms, to improve cost competitiveness, to develop state policies that support dairy farmers and to create a price support system to insulate Maine farmers against price fluctuations.

"The findings are intended to provide long-term policies that address topics such as property tax relief on farmlands and generates an improved business climate," Dalton said.

But many Maine farmers don't want government money; they want to earn it from the marketplace.

"It's important for Maine farmers to develop sustainability via a niche market — making cheese to sell to neighbors and local farmers' markets," Guillet said.

Still, industry leaders maintain that there are viable solutions to historically low milk prices.

"Reinstatement of the Northeast Dairy Compact would be helpful, [as would] preservation of open spaces for agriculture," Guillet said.

"The value of land in Maine is increasing and [no longer affordable to] farmers. Houses are being built on formerly fertile agricultural land."

Dairy in Maine is a \$100 million industry and accounts for about one-fifth of all agricultural activity in the state. The dairy industry also acts as an anchor for smaller industries such as goat, sheep and equine.

"Farmers get animal feed from the same dealers," Dalton said. "Should dairy farming in Maine close its barn doors, the feed mills would shut down. Large animal and veterinary clinics would also close. Dairy is the cornerstone to other agricultural industries in the state."

The next legislative session is expected to debate the task force's recommendations. But, until a solution is found, consumers will continue to face inflated shelf prices while retailers profit from milk sales — and farmers struggle. Sustainability for Maine's dairy farmers and stabilization of milk prices are crucial to the industry's future. Otherwise, the "Got Milk?" question soon will be more than rhetorical in Maine.

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Former soldier wages collection campaign

Soccer balls, footballs and care packages to be sent overseas to troops

By Pattie Barry
For The Maine Campus

Reservist and former active-duty member of the United States Navy Shirley Benton is organizing a drive to collect soccer balls, footballs and other care package items for the armed forces overseas in Iraq.

Benton asked the University of Maine and area elementary schools for help collecting the items after a friend at the Pentagon told her he would be flying to Iraq with a USO show in December, hoping to bring six pallets of soccer balls and footballs with him on the plane. Benton exceeded her friend's request for help and decided to collect care package items, such as water guns, cards, candy, magazines, books and music.

"A lot of things we take for granted over there, and anything like that we have, well, they don't have," Benton said. "Reading, for instance, is like gold over there."

Having participated in Operation Desert Storm, Benton has firsthand experience about fighting overseas and being away from home. Her daughter is currently stationed as a helicopter mechanic in Tikrit,

Saddam Hussein's hometown. Benton often sends care packages to her daughter, who has been in Iraq since last January. Her daughter reports back that many other soldiers do not receive care packages, which is why Benton decided to include care package items with the sports equipment.

Lyn Dexter, who is coordinating the drive at UMaine, expects the items raised from the collection to dramatically boost the morale of American servicemen and women overseas. She said she has heard reports that soldiers were unable until recently to take showers or use toilets. Providing them with soccer and footballs will give them something to do in their free time, she said.

Benton has even higher expectations for the donated equipment.

"There are a lot of kids over there, and it helps our relations with the Baghdad people," she said. "If a soldier gives them a soccer ball and kicks it around with them, it looks better to the Iraqi people, and it helps boost [the soldiers' morale]."

Acceptable items include, but are not limited to, magazines, books, shirts, games, cards, balls, music, candy, water guns, toiletries,

party supplies, and non-perishable food items.

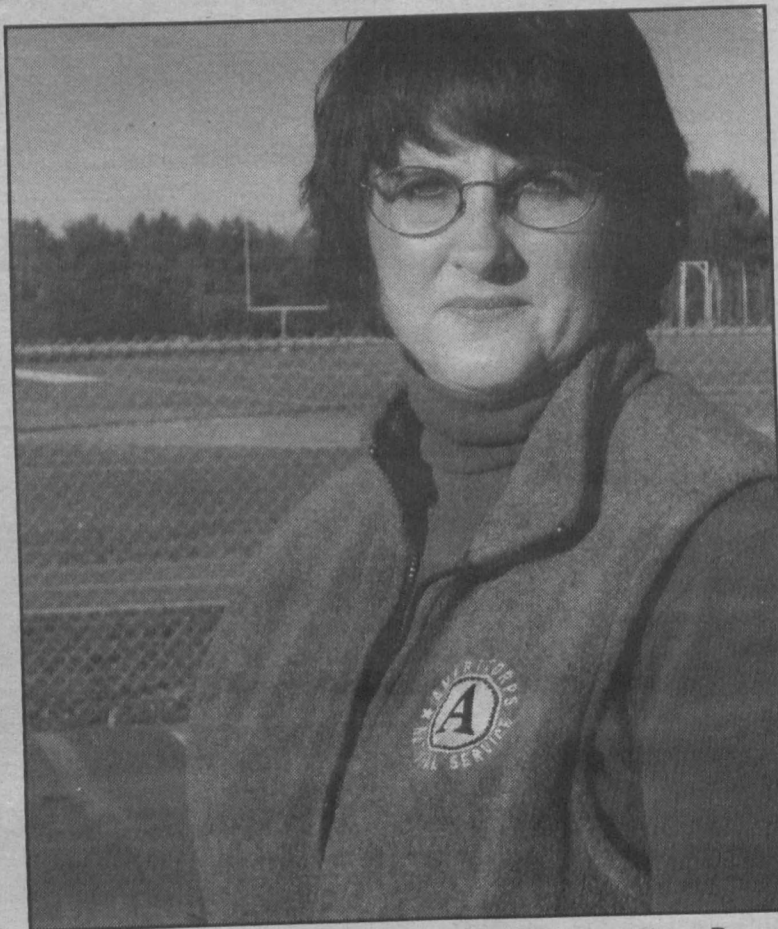
Both Dexter and Benton ask potential donors not to donate anything that might be considered pornographic. A People magazine would be acceptable, Benton said, but not the Sports Illustrated swimsuit edition. They also ask that no donations of pork or alcohol are made.

Benton remembered that when she was in Iraq 12 years ago, the servicemen were permitted to wear T-shirts while the women had to remain in their navy blue coveralls. Despite the heat, they still followed Iraqi customs.

Dexter said she has heard the average age of a service member right now is about 19 years old, the same age as many first year and sophomore university students.

"We all want to help somehow, but most of us don't know how because they are so far away," she said. "This is a small way that we can sort of extend our gratitude and the holiday spirit to the soldiers."

Items can be taken to the Office of Student Employment and Volunteer Programs on the second floor of Memorial Union before Thanksgiving.



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HELPING HAND — Shirley Benton, a former servicewoman and mother of a current servicewoman, is asking UMaine students to help collect soccer balls and footballs for the Armed Forces in Iraq. Benton says there is a lasting positive impression of servicemen and women who involve Iraqi youth in their fun, positive play.

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Student prepares for war

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the exact timeframe, but I have heard everything from nine months to 18 months."

Alonzo is a radio operator with the Brave Company. While in the Middle East, he will work on communications with convoys and the rest of the unit while they are out on missions.

With Thanksgiving and finals approaching, Alonzo said the timing of the deployment is unfortunate.

"The timing is abysmal," he said. "The holiday season is right around the corner, as is the end of the semester. I was hoping that they would wait until after New Year's."

In spite of leaving just weeks before the fall semester ends, Alonzo said he is trying to receive grades for what he has already accomplished in his classes.

"That's the best option I can hope for," he said. "Hopefully, when I get back I should have

about a semester of classes left [before graduating]."

Being deployed to a foreign country into potentially life-threatening situations does spur strong thoughts and feelings, Alonzo said. While he is nervous about his time in the Middle East, he is also a little eager, he said.

"There are times when I think this is a great opportunity," he said. "As a soldier, I will at least have a job that pays well, which is something that not all college graduates will have. At the same time, the very real possibility of getting shot at in 130-degree weather is not very appealing. If you watch 'Black Hawk Down' or 'Forrest Gump,' the soldiers that perform my job are usually the ones that get shot at."

Alonzo has not been going through the doubts and excitement of the last several weeks alone, however.

"I have received a lot of

hugs from friends and family," he said. "I have seen a lot of tears. It's amazing the type of support that I have received. You never really comprehend how many people know who you are or how many friends you have until something like this happens. It's kind of touching how many people wish you good luck."

Besides missing his family and friends, Alonzo said he will miss the more subtle aspects about his life in Maine.

"I am sure when I am over there I will be dreaming about a Maine winter, but I think the thing I will miss most will be the people that I care about—my friends, my family, my loved ones," Alonzo said. "In essence, it feels like you are about to put your life on pause for a year and a half, and you begin to wonder if the life you will be leaving behind is going to be the life that you will return to."

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Public Safety attempts to discourage drunk driving

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Alumni House and at the top of Rangely Road.

The check-points began at 10:30 p.m. and ended at 2 a.m., and were manned by eight public safety officers, five Orono police officers and four state police officers.

King said three OUI charges were handed out and the officers gave out one citation for illegal transportation.

King said the officers warned numerous drivers and passengers for regular violations that included unregistered or inspected vehicles, or seat belt violations, but refrained from taking action against such violations because, "we would have had numerous summonses."

King said the officers attempted to not hold up drivers. He said about a 10 second quick check over was performed on vehicles passing through the roadblock. He said it was very general. Drivers were only asked for their license, registration and proof of insurance if something was out of the ordinary.

King said he received positive feedback regarding the first ever check points.

"They [drivers] were very positive," King said.

One student was not as excited about the program.

Jason Arsenault, a third-year

new media major, was stopped at a roadblock on Rangely Road at 1 a.m.

"The officer looked over the car and myself with his flashlight," he said. "Then I was ordered to give up my license and questioned to where I was coming from. When I had answered to his satisfaction I was allowed to leave and told to drive slow."

Arsenault said setting up such roadblocks is "an excuse to interrogate law-abiding citizens."

"I felt that my rights were violated," he said. "While I want to stop drunk driving I am not willing to be subjected to such sneaky tactics in order to do so. I think these kinds of stops are perhaps legal, but certainly not just."

Arsenault said the student body should protest against such roadblocks, as police don't need reasonable suspicion to stop drivers.

King noted that the officers noticed an increase in taxi and foot traffic than normal during the roadblocks. He said a majority of the people passing through the check-points were students. He said about 95 percent of the drivers and passengers were students but also included faculty, other visitors and some students returning from work.

King said he hopes to continue the check-points in the future.

"It [OUIs] has been a concern for us," King said. "The deterrent is the fear of getting caught."

Disorderly tenants could pay up to \$1,000 in fines

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days, or five or more within 360 days.

Events qualifying as a disorderly include loud music, boisterous gatherings, excessive or loud noises, altercations on the property, and the arrest of occupants or their invitees for activities which constitute a crime or civil infraction.

Added to the ordinance by Russell was the term "and conviction," referring to the stipulation of occupants or invitees being arrested. Councilors were concerned about the lengthy process of the judicial system, which may take up to a year to convict a person of such an offense.

Russell found that the City of Portland has created a municipal lien on properties when police must respond more than eight times in a 30-day period, compared to Orono's proposed two or more calls within a 60-day period.

"The comparison we kept making was that if we allowed two in 60 days over the course of the year, how many times could the neighborhood be disrupted?" said Geoff Gordon, chair of the Community

Development Committee. "And we felt that two in 60 days is as many times as we'd want to have the neighborhood disrupted. On its face, it sounds kind of severe, but if you think about it in those terms ... If you're in the neighborhood, do you want to put up with a disturbance every two or three weeks? I

"Ninety percent of the people who live in this community do so without disrupting the community ever."

don't think you do."

Other councilors agreed, even after touching on the fact that Orono is a college town.

"Ninety percent of the people who live in this community do so without disrupting the community ever," said Councilor Terri Hutchinson.

Another issue discussed is the stipulation that a property classified as disorderly will only be inspected if up for regular code inspection. Orono Code Enforcement Officer John Robichaud suggested a required

inspection of disorderly properties regardless of whether they are up for inspection.

"You're trying to get at difficult properties, trying to eliminate a nuisance and send a strong signal that this isn't going to be tolerated," Robichaud said. "If the place is documented by the police chief as a disorderly property, then why not have them go through an inspection?"

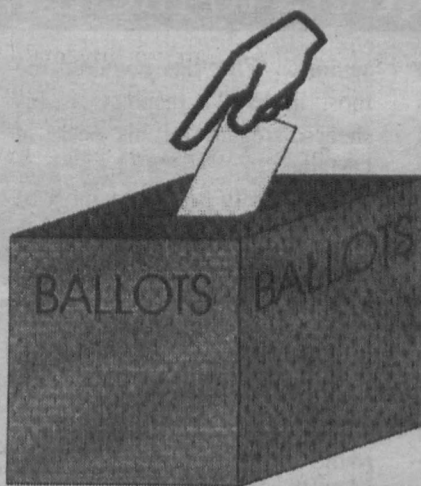
Other councilors disagreed, stating that random code enforcement has little to do with the issue and Robichaud's suggestions could border on harassment.

"What I'm saying is that if you have a problematic property, no matter what the classification is ... you want to show some strength out there that this isn't going to be tolerated," Robichaud said.

Civil penalties for violating any provision of the ordinance can result in penalties not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000. The violator may also be responsible for staff time, attorneys' fees and costs of the Town of Orono.

Final approval of the ordinance is pending upon another meeting and a public hearing, yet to be scheduled.

Vote for President and Vice President of Student Government



The election will be on Monday, December 1st, on First Class from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. An alternative polling place will be set up in the Student Government offices in the basement of the Union.

Questions? Contact Erik Black or Amy Grant on First Class

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Opinion-Editorial

Monday, November 24, 2003

EDITORIAL

Voting: the great debate

You've heard it a million times, but it begs reminding: your vote counts. On Dec. 1, you, the student, will be asked to decide who will be the University of Maine's new student government president and vice president. The influence each student has — literally at their fingertips — lies in a simple click. The elections will determine who will be the voice of every student on this campus. If you don't vote you have no place critiquing the administration you neglected to take an active roll in electing.

The truth is, UMaine students are given a chance to decide who will represent their wants and needs. If your opinions are important enough be posted in the student forum or talked about at dinner, then it should be formally conveyed in the easy voting process on FirstClass. Let the candidates know every opinion matters.

Stopping student OUIs

Friday night, more than 300 motorists were stopped at check points around campus as part of a Public Safety plan to reduce drunk driving on campus. Though the implementation of this procedure has caused some students to voice disapproval, Public Safety deserves commendation for putting the best interests of students first in this action to promote safe driving.

Public Safety designed the program in response to a two-thirds increase in drunk driving arrests, and the UMaine community should applaud the officers for making an effort to protect students on campus.

The joint effort by the Town of Orono and community police may cost a small delay as police check licenses and assess drivers for intoxication, but it may also save lives that could be lost by accidents involving drunk drivers. In reality, this is an extra 10 seconds of a Friday night drive well spent.



Race card

Media's influence over public perception

DAVID
ATTEAN

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

As the state of Maine referendum election was approaching on Nov. 14, I realized that inappropriate statements within some of the media outlets — television, print news and radio — are a fact.

The CasinoNO! campaign had aired commercials stating the "Indian Casino" would be the most unregulated casino of its kind in the country. There would also be no local or state law enforcement in the proposed casino. Both assertions (and many subsequent ones) were lies used as scare tactics to influence the vote.

Just before the vote, WTOS 105 had aired a morning radio skit

about a white guy and an American Indian named "Squanto." In part, the white guy said "we stole your land — get over it." He then began to refer to the native as "Squinto," "Tonto" — along with many other derogatory names. The American Indian would only respond by repeatedly saying "my name is Squanto!" Who was that trying to appeal to, and what was that trying to accomplish?

WCH6 TV's weekend morning news in Portland referred to the casino proposal as "The Indian Casino." Prior to that, it was just called "the casino." I called the station manager and asked him "Why the change?" and how he would define "Indian Casino?" I would have preferred an honest answer but was unable to get any clear response.

On Nov. 9, WCH6 TV weekend news anchor Vivian Leigh told the weatherman that he was "pretty good with those Indian names." He did not respond. In Maine, "those Indian names" are

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Letters to the Editor

•I never agreed to pick up Lyall's tab

Cameron Lyall, a "Proud member of the [the University of Maine] ice hockey team," recently wrote a letter to the editor that was rude and unnecessary. His response was to Marshal Dury's article entitled "Hug me, I'm a cheater" and Dury's point was that student-athletes should not get special privileges in signing up for classes: i.e. freshman athletes being able to sign up for classes at the same time as all

seniors. What has bothered me most in Lyall's response is his sheer disregard for his peers at UMaine.

Repeatedly he insults most of the student body by stating "it's just that we are above people like Dury, and more important to the school" and "Exactly what Dury is...average. Sorry, but I never intended to be average in any point in my life." The arrogance found in this letter is astonishing.

First off, this is an educational facility. If it were not for the

"average" people here, or anywhere for that matter, Lyall would not be playing hockey. UMaine should first and foremost be a learning facility, and I suppose that a percentage of the student-athletes here need to realize this. They also need to be at least a little grateful for the fact that we attend school here and "pay for their tuition" as Lyall notes at the end. We are also the ones who cheer them on at a game.

Finally, don't call me average.
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How to be a patriot

One card at a time

ANTHONY
LAPLUME

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Scientists this week disclosed the possible discovery of a new species of whale. While I didn't quite approach that level of achievement, I got three credit card applications in the mail during the same week. This is significant because I also learned something. Bigfoot exists, and he's amphibian.

But seriously, the legal print from two of the three, Chase and Visa, indicated that collection of personal information was for the use of fighting against money laundering activities and terrorism. I had to check in the dictionary what the first one was, but the second one sent an immediate signal to my brain. I'm hungry, it said. Then it sent a second signal, and I realized I had in my possession concrete proof that we have learned from our experience of two years ago. We have indeed implemented steps to never again let such a thing happen. It made me feel warm and fuzzy inside.

Have you seen those commercials recently where there's a person talking, except it's clearly not that person's voice detailing adventures in credit spending? The point is that identity theft leads to ventriloquism, I think. Regardless, my discovery led me to question the third offer, the one curiously enough from the University of Maine Alumni Association, which featured no such disclosure. Should I be concerned that my school apparently doesn't care if Osama bin Laden surfaces in order to steal my credit card?

Or perhaps this is a case of a biased sampling. If it is, then perhaps what I really need is more than three credit card applications to appear in my mailbox. Then I can cross-examine each of them in a scientific study involving complicated math problems that feature odd symbols and impossible calculations that would challenge

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Race card

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Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Maliseet and Micmac. They are not hard to learn.

Putting aside political correctness, this is a matter of using — or not using — the same language when characterizing all human beings. The media ideally should use a sensible amount of tact because negative words and phrases can affect large numbers of people. It can hurt feelings and the damage goes well beyond emotional.

The author Gloria Yamato wrote an article entitled "Something about the subject makes it hard to name," and she explained the four forms of racism she sees: 1) aware/blatant racism 2) aware/covert racism 3) unaware/unintentional racism and 4) unaware/self-righteous racism. She later adds "racism is the systematic, institutionalized mistreatment of one group of people by another based on racial heritage."

I believe most human beings — including myself — have used negative language when referring to another race or group of people. We are exposed to it so much that it can be learned, and therefore can

be spoken and/or felt. In life, however, we have a choice of whether or not to embrace such language and thought processes as a part of our individual and collective human value systems. Change is usually more than possible. Most everyone knows what it is like to experience some form of bigotry and it does not feel good.

In Maine, as in other places, there has been some positive changes in recent decades concerning how people in general feel about people of other races. Most young people do not buy into racism as easily as some people of our older and past generations did. Ironically, the media — through movies, music, and television — have contributed to some of that change, yet still some of the media do not treat everyone the same. Maine's four indigenous tribes are historically related and have contributed a great deal to this country. All people, these tribes included, wish to be treated with respect as everyone else should be.

David Atean is a sophomore English major and a member of the Penobscot Nation.

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even Albert Einstein — who would obviously needs to be revived somehow so the experiment could feel complete.

Just think. My routine up to this week had been to simply discard these gifts from the gods of plenty, of what I can't say in a family newspaper. The allure was overpowering this time around. The Chase envelope boasted a recommendation by consumer-credit-cards-guide.com that read, simply enough, "Best Student Credit Card." The Visa envelope featured a clever Instant Message design: How could I pass on such a thing? The Alumni envelope had a window where a promised Free Gift Offer! turned out to be a sweatshirt that was lovingly embossed with the words "Your School Logo Here!"

Indeed, I was moved. I think I'll fill out all three applications. How could I possibly choose from

among such enticing options? It was a learning experience. I don't know how I can ever go back to the days where I threw this stuff away. By this time next year I anticipate becoming the proud owner of upwards of 100 credit cards, enough I hope to fund an expedition to find Bigfoot. In the event of failure, there will be other applications waiting for me, which I can fill out and then use the cards that arrive to pay off all the other bills.

And they said nothing good comes from spam. Right now, I'm feeling superior to those scientists. I hold in my hands the power of No Annual Fee. Now seriously, what beats that? Oh, right, helping to win the fight against terrorism, one credit card at a time.

Anthony Laplume is a senior English major.

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Let's hear it for Thanksgiving
Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down

- Turkey ... duh
- Mashed potatoes & gravy
- Watching the Cowboys lose
- Who can forget pumpkin pie?
- The indulgent but necessary post-eating nap

- Getting up at 3 a.m. to cook the turkey
- Sweet potatoes
- It wouldn't be Thanksgiving without a family fight
- Jumping the gun on Christmas decorations
- Grandma's Jell-o mold

Candidates speak out

MICHAEL MAYO



JUNIOR ECONOMICS MAJOR

The biggest change to student government, should I be elected, would be that the issues students care about would become the issues the senate cares about. This may sound simple, but consider this: at a meeting earlier this semester, the senate debated for over 20 minutes about the best way to thank the dining commons for lending us a punch bowl. I repeat, 20 minutes — and they were talking about a punch bowl.

Should I be elected, the senate would expand its reach beyond punch bowls. Should I be elected, we will poll students to identify their number one problem, and then we will devote ourselves to fixing it. A certain amount of time at each meeting will be designated to solving the problem. It could be student government's issue of the week, or issue of the month or issue of the year depending how long it takes to address the concern. We would not quit until the problem was solved. Once we came to a solution, we would hold another poll and move onto the next issue. Just imagine it: student government actually solving students' problems.

It is time for a change. It's time for student government to concentrate on the concerns of students. If you want someone who will change student government into a group that actually helps students, and someone who has the experience to pull it off, vote Mike Mayo for student body president.

Letters

I, like Lyall, do not intend to be average and that is why I am at UMaine as well — I too want to make something of myself. Do not underestimate me or any of our peers.

Rob Betz

Sophomore civil engineering major

•Commie profs

Why do the University of Maine professors hate America? In response to the Maine Peace Action Committee's scathing review of the Iraqi conference that was held, I think to truly be a communist requires one to be godless and hate capitalism. The only groups in the world today that are most closely aligned with the communist professors are the Muslim terrorists in Iraq and France. Both groups hate capitalism and Christianity

REBECCA BODE



JUNIOR ENGLISH MAJOR

I know that many of you are unsure of my capabilities, and may be in the dark about why I am actually running. I want to assure you that I am 100 percent serious about this candidacy, as well as confident in my abilities. Although I have not been a member of student government, that does not affect my ability to think as a student of this university, act as an icon for my fellow undergraduates, make decisions, and execute them. I also believe that since I have not been involved with student government, I am not biased to any particular sides, and can see the picture from a student's point of view.

I am easy to work with, learn very quickly, and am very open to ideas. I am running because I feel that I would be the best candidate for you, and I know that I am up for the challenge. When faced with pressure, I don't back down, and this has been apparent throughout this race. Despite people's opinions of me, I have stepped up to the plate, and pressed on with the election. I am the most down-to-earth candidate, as well as the one who is most concerned with listening to your ideas. My major areas of focus include lighting, filling the Director of External Affairs position, and making sure that student government continues to work for the students.

I have no master plan to dictate or run things my way. I want to accomplish what you want me to. I would be honored to be your representative, to serve you, the student body, the administration, the student government, and the community. You should vote for me because if elected, I know that you will be both surprised and satisfied with the quality of my work.

CORTLYNN HEPLER



SENIOR ECONOMICS AND PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

My platform is based on a triad of bringing more information to students, firing up student government to be more active, and listening to the students' voices.

To these goal's ends, I have already established a Web site, improvecampus.cjb.net, which has what I consider to be some of the key information students should have. My plan to make student government more active is by using current resources to increase accessibility. Examples are the Maine Channel, WMEB 91.9FM, and *The Maine Campus*.

From the beginning of my campaign, I have been out meeting students while passing out more than 800 flyers. The resounding voice that I've heard has helped me determine that my first job as president will be to fix campus lighting. By writing generous alumni and local businesses, I will put in the time and seek grants personally for this project.

The voices that I've listened to have also mentioned parking. I want to make the administration and Parking Services take more responsibility when there are lot closings and special events that conflict with student parking. My suggestion is something as simple as getting this information put on 581-SNOW, so that students can prepare accordingly.

I hope that people can relate to my platform and see that I am sincere in listening to the students' voices. I bring with me the experience necessary to perform this role, but more important, I bring with me the passion to be this university's next student body president.

If anyone has any questions, please e-mail me directly.

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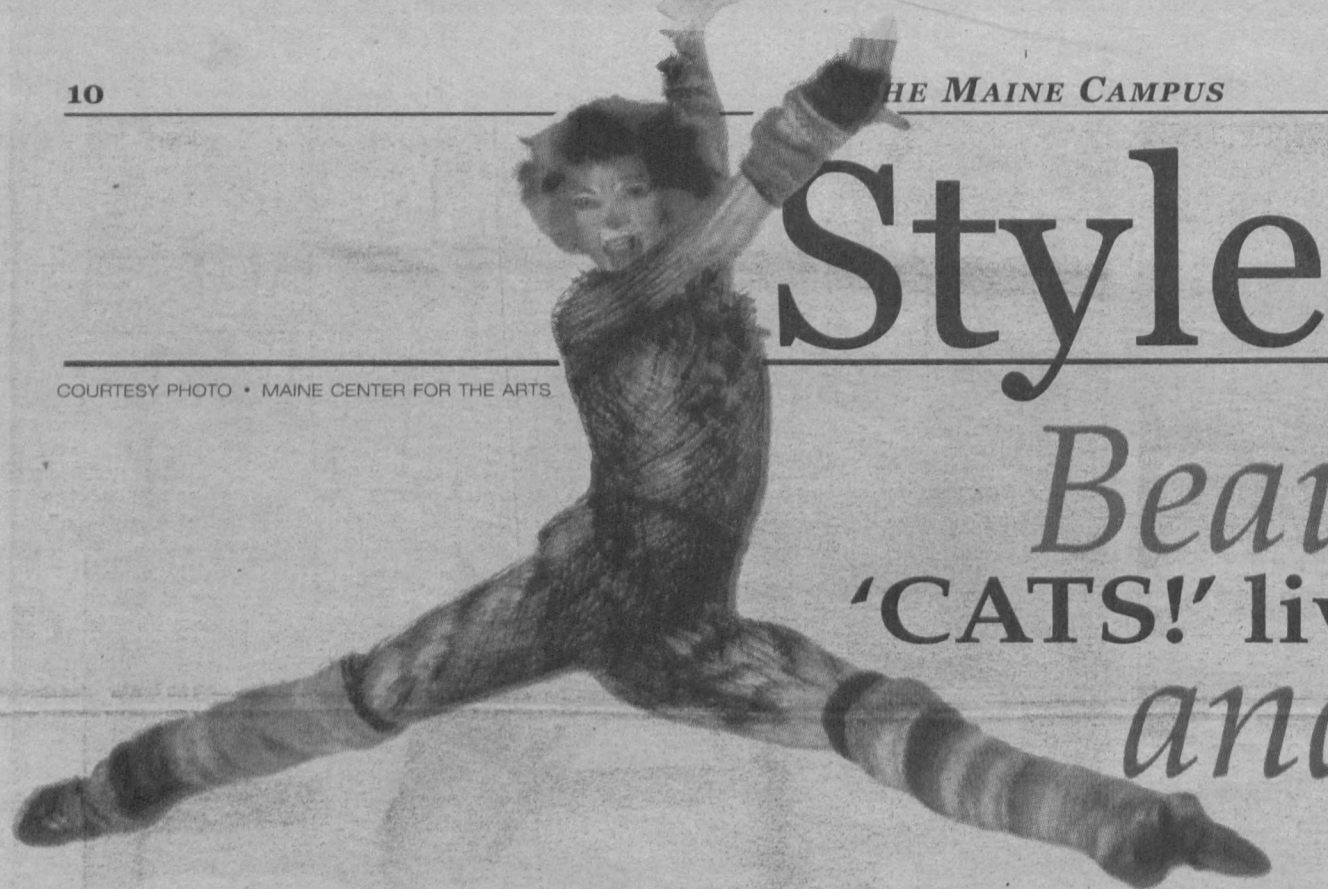
ment is moving away from Communism. So who is left to align with? Who really hates Christianity and the United States together? Muslim terrorists hate both for sure.

A group of your communist professors banded together recently to rally against the combination of new business interests in Iraq and a conference at UMaine. Unfortunately, they prefer the Iraqi people to be ruled by a murdering, raping band of Muslim terrorists than to have individual freedom, self-actualization and self-determination. It's too bad that UMaine professors have the ability to tell students what to think and that some students leave the classroom hating their country.

Philip S. Drew

UMaine Class of 1989

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Style

Beauty

'CATS!' lives on at MCA and Magic

By Aerin Raymond
For The Maine Campus

The lights go down and all of a sudden the crowd enters a large junkyard. Oversized tires and trash cover the stage. Slowly, cats creep and crawl to their marks.

Based on T.S. Eliot's 1939 book of poetry, "Old

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Book of Practical Cats," "CATS" uses his poems to portray a beautiful musical looking at the lives of a group of junkyard cats. Some of the songs are literally poems written by Eliot just put to music.

Previously, the musical ran for more than 20 years on Broadway in New York City before it was retired. Then in 1999, "CATS" opened again, beginning its tour in New York.

Thursday evening, the touring group of "CATS" came to the stage of the Maine Center for the Arts, performing for a sold-out crowd of young and old

alike. The opening number "Jellicle Songs for Jellicle Cats" explains most of the premise of the show — there will be a ball for the Jellicle cats, and at the ball, Old Deuteronomy will choose a cat who can be reborn. The show continues on, introducing a few of the important cats to the audience, such as the fickle rock star Rum Tum Tugger, Gus the Theater Cat, and Mr. Mistoffelees the Magician. The most notable musical numbers were "The Old Gumbie Cat," about a chubby cat who taught mice how to be proper rather than chasing them, and "Growltiger's Last Stand," a song about the pirate, Growltiger, and the love of his life, Griddlebone. The two sing a beautiful operatic piece, followed quickly by Siamese cats attacking them.

The cast's incredible sense of cats and how they move, along with their amazing dance numbers made for a wonderful production.

"Some of the vocals seemed off, but that added to the cat-like sound," Kate St. John, a junior history major, said.

In some of the original productions, during "The Naming of Cats," the cast would end on a few sour

notes, and a large shoe would be thrown onto stage as if it were from some poor neighbors window who was trying to sleep. This particular production chose not to do that, but you could still get a sense of the purposeful nature of the off notes.

"It was an exhilarating explosion of color and costumes," Michelle Reynolds, a junior journalism major, said.

From tabby cats to Persians, nearly every kind of feline was represented on stage, and for a few numbers some of the cats even dressed up as mice or roaches. The costumes were intricate and very well put together, somehow turning the human actors into their feline characters very easily.

"For the shows we've had [at the MCA] this semester, this is my favorite," Nicole Norman, a junior social work major, said.

After the final feel-good number of "The Journey to the Heavyside Layer," a song about the cat's version of heaven that they are sent to for rebirth, the crowd could be seen smiling and clapping. "CATS" left every member of the crowd feeling perfectly warm and fuzzy all over.

Yamato taps into primal rhythms

By Jesse Davis
Staff Writer

Music, comedy, culture. The Maine Center for the Arts had it all in one event this past Friday with the Japanese drummer group, Yamato. From the very

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beginning of the show, it was obvious why the MCA decided to bring the group here, and why so many people came out to see it. Yamato's fusion of high-energy entertainment and the taiko drumming style kept the audience transfixed on the stage. As the show began and the lights came up, the waves of percussive force that emanated from the stage were pure magic. The talent of the drummers was evident along with their strength, as they all had quite muscular arms from years of practice. Flowing from rhythm to rhythm, all were carried by the emotion held in each beat of the drum.

In one segment, performed by only two of the drummers, the crowd participation became,

itself, a part of the show. When it began, only one drummer was onstage, beating simple one-two-three-four counts on a drum and convincing the audience to repeat the rhythms he played by clapping. He would play and then stare at the crowd with a goofy grin on his face that you could not help but laugh at.

As he was playing one rhythm, another drummer walked up and began playing an extremely fast and technical rhythm. When he stopped, the original drummer frowned and looked down, and then walked off into the darkness. He returned several seconds later with a bigger drum. Everyone was able to see what would come next, as they took turns playing and then running off to grab a bigger drum.

By the end of the segment, they were playing at a speed only definable as "obscene," and when it was over, they were both rewarded with applause and cheers.

In another section, a lone woman sat in the middle of the

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CAMPUS PHOTO • TAMARA MONROE

TRUE MEN OF GENIUS — The Maine Steiners, the University of Maine's male a cappella group, perform in DPC 100 at their show on Friday. The group was joined by Renaissance, the female a cappella group, who also performed.

A cappella groups continue tradition of talent, humor at fall music concert

By Derek Francis
Staff Writer

Some things are consistently remarkable — Mom's cooking, David Bowie albums and the Maine Steiners. This past Friday and Saturday, the University of Maine

male a cappella group, the Maine Steiners, performed two outstand-

has at least heard of this group. In some circles, their following has become startlingly similar to that of boy band status. With their amazing vocal styling and corny brand of humor, the Steiners are guaranteed

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ing shows in DPC-100. Most everyone on this campus

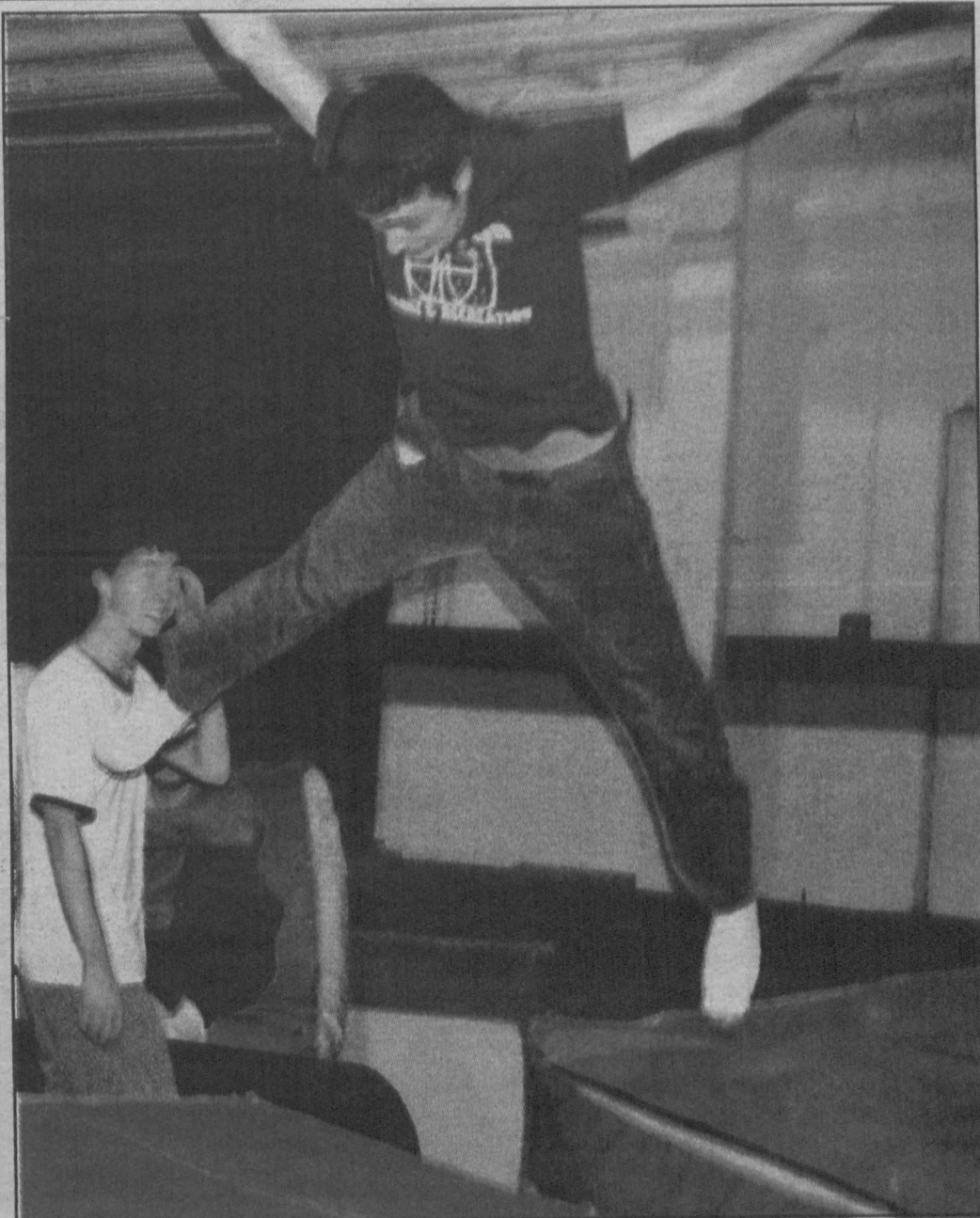
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CAMPUS PHOTOS • SARAH BIGNEY
LET LOOSE! — Matt Jackson, a sophomore mechanical engineering student, scrambles through the obstacle course at Campus Activities Board's Late Night sports event last Friday.

WHAT YOU MISSED THIS WEEKEND

CHITTY
CHITTY
BANG BANG
— Two members of Alpha Gamma Rho enjoy the racing cars available for use at Friday's Sports Late Night.



SPREAD EAGLE — A student jumps on two large mats set up at the Sports Late Night for acrobatics.



BELT IT OUT, LADIES — Members of the Athena Consort perform "A Ceremony of Carols" in Minsky Recital Hall Saturday evening.



BEAR TUNES
— The Black Bear Men's Chorus, with pianist Amy Maier, sang several seasonal pieces for a crowd Saturday night at their fall concert with the Athena Consort in Minsky.

'Commander' masters the epic genre

By Nathan Thoms
For The Maine Campus

Not since "Gladiator" have the substantial acting skills of Russell Crowe been fully harnessed in a film. Peter Weir, director of "Master and Commander: the Far Side of the World" (Rated PG-13), disrupts this trend with his skillful use of

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Crowe as the captain of a British warship in 1805, during the first Napoleonic War. The British warship, the HMS Surprise, under the command of Captain "Lucky Jack" Aubrey, was set to stop a French privateer ship, the Acheron. The two ships chase each other around the southern Atlantic Ocean and in doing so, provide an excellent look at what life was like aboard a 19th century warship. The harsh realities of the day-to-day grind, the fierce seas, the constant danger of attack and the political struggles involving the ship's leadership all make important contributions to this adventure story, which keeps the audience on the edges of their seats for the entire 138 minutes.

Like "Blackhawk Down," "Master and Commander" is more focused on the events and the crew, than on any single character. The director's efforts to reproduce the realistic environment in which a sailor of the British fleet would find himself during the early 1800s are evident from the picture's sheer volume of detail. Production designer, William Sandell, and set decorator, Robert Gould, successfully manage to recreate the 19th century British style of decoration down to the smallest possible



COURTESY PHOTO • IMDB.COM

O CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN — Captain Jack Aubrey, played by Russell Crowe, mans his ship, the HMS Surprise, in the new epic film, "Master and Commander: the Far Side of the World."

details. The attempt to portray the events realistically does not end there, as Weir has the actors covered in grime, grease, sweat and filth, in contrast to the traditional Hollywood attempts at glossing over the grittier elements of film settings. "Master and Commander" is more in keeping with the amazing work done by

Wolfgang Petersen in "Das Boot" than with the mediocre efforts in "U-571." Director Peter Weir further avoids Hollywood clichés by not engaging in excessive special effects during battle scenes, leaving out the dramatic fireballs that pervade the action genre, in favor

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Animé club looks beyond American cartoon borders

By Derek Francis
Staff Writer

Abnormally large eyes, bizarre humor, excessive screaming and, if you close your eyes during the fight scenes, it sounds a bit like porn — these are just a few elements of the typical Japanese animation film, commonly known as animé. Here on campus there is an entire student club devoted to this form of animated entertainment.

Animé has been a hot commodity here in the United States for many years now. It can be found on late-night campus cable almost any day of the week, specifically on the Cartoon Network and TechTV.

The group has been around since 1996, according to Patrick Eason, president of the UMaine Animé Club. Eason said he has been a fan of animé himself for about eight years.

The group meets every Friday night in DPC 100, or 100 Neville Hall if DPC is unavailable, at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. to watch animé series as well as feature films. Every Friday at 4:30 p.m. the club holds its meetings in the Wade Center for Student Leadership, located in the bottom floor of the Union. The animé club is also trying to organize trips during the summer to animé conventions in the area.

There are many types of animé, differing in various styles of art and emotion. Just like many live-action American films, animé covers all of the genre bases, including science fiction, action, comedy and even horror. While some of the more popular forms of animé are series that air on a weekly basis, feature films are also growing in popularity. Just as with American animation, there is a



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large variety of programming to enjoy.

"[Favorite series among fans include] Yu Gi Oh...the new Gundam series, [and] Cowboy Bebop," Eason said. "I would say that animé has changed greatly in just the past eight years that I have been following it, at least the animé that gets released here has. Eight years ago most of the animé coming out of Japan that we actually got to see was either really bloody or filled with sex. Sadly these things have been set in stone in some people's minds and they refuse to see any animé as anything else. Not only has the subject matter of animé changed, but also as technology improves

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I JUST WANT BANG, BANG, BANG — The Japanese percussion group, Yamato, performed at the Maine Center for the Arts on Friday. The group uses a plethora of drums to create musical rhythms and beats.

Yamato drums up beats, ancient rhythm

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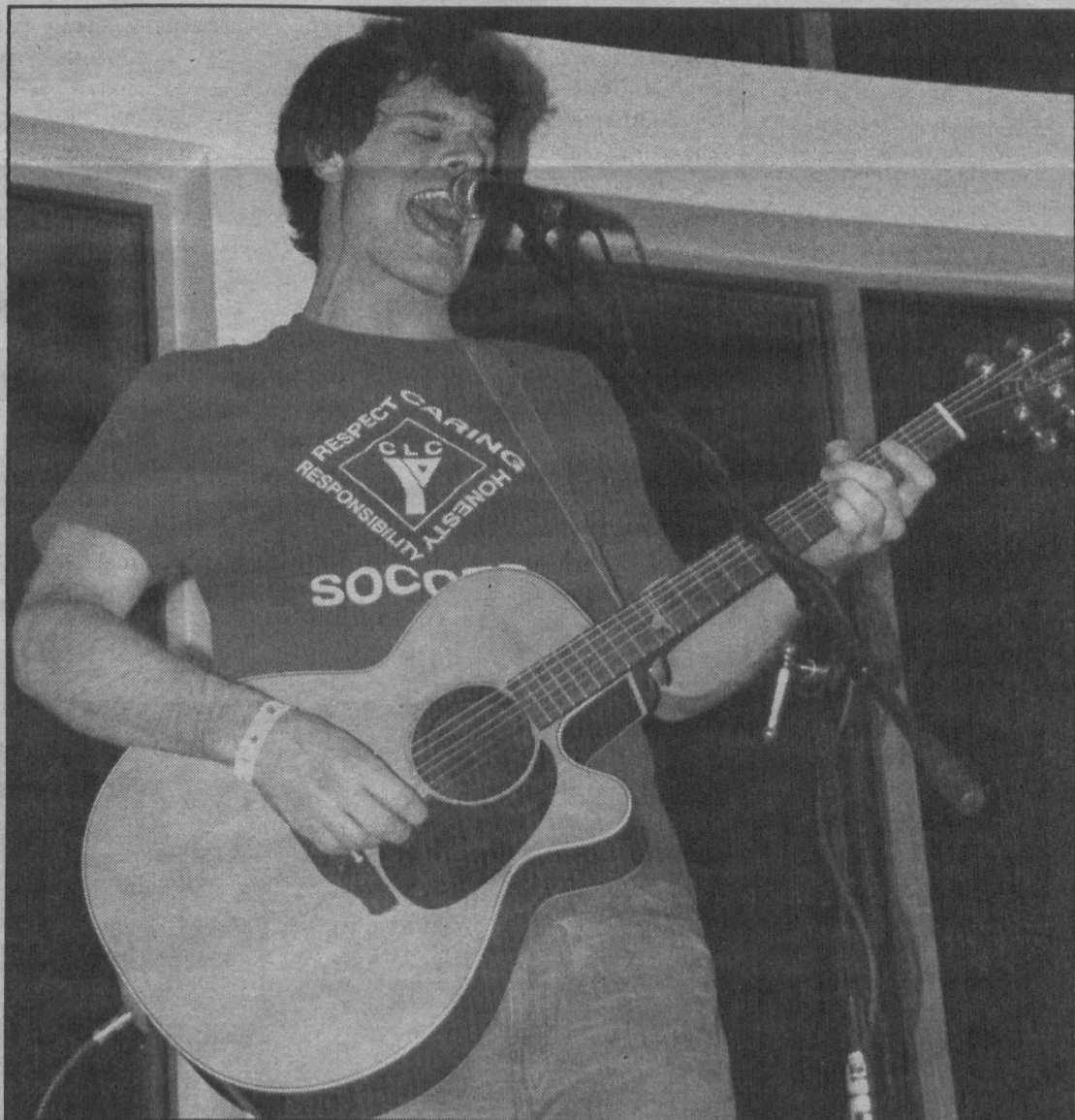
stage playing a shamisen (a type of Japanese lute). She performed a series of beautiful, oriental melodies. As the piece progressed, she was joined by two other women playing shamisen,

producing harmonies to move the soul. Finally, they were joined by the rest of the drummers, creating a musical tapestry both mind-blowing and sonically pleasing.

The energy exuded by every member of Yamato added with the excitement and awe of the

audience combined in an awe-inspiring mix. It was an evening of magic put to music through the use of rhythm, the most primal form of musicality ever created by the human race. In few words, Yamato is entertainment at its best.

Don't Stop



CAMPUS PHOTO • MELISSA ARMES

SINGING LOUD — Stoplight Rehearsal's lead singer Mike Mathien performed last Thursday night at the Stillwater Pub. Stoplight Rehearsal is one of the campus bands hoping for a spot at Bumstock.

Steiners shimmer, joke at fall concert

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to entertain any crowd, and this past weekend was no exception. They started things off with an amazing rendition of the song, "Shimmering."

While their singing talent is a given among those in the know, it must be acknowledged that their comedy is downright hysterical. Their show was full of shameless CD plugs and hilarious "Heroes of UMaine" ditties, that were a take off on the popular Bud Light commercials.

After a brief first set, the Steiners took a break and the ladies of Renaissance took the stage. Their singing ability is a force to be reckoned with. Over the past five years, Renaissance has changed and its caliber has evolved with them. The singers completely took the packed lecture hall by storm with their incredible voices. A definite high point of their set was their performance of Sarah McLaughlin's "Possession," lead by the absolutely stunning Kat Roy. Their standing ovation brought out a wonderful encore number.

"Renaissance is currently recording their first ever profession-

al CD in Blue Hill with Kokomanya Productions.

We are hoping to release our CD in early to mid spring; the name is to be determined," Caitlin Whalen, a member of the group, said. "We are also very excited about our recent acceptance to compete in the International Competition for Collegiate A Cappella, which the Maine Steiners took third place in last year."

The Steiners then came back on, all dressed down for their second set and ready to go nuts once again. Their energy is so contagious that it is impossible not to clap to the beat when the time is appropriate. At this time, the humor began to unfold in an uproarious fashion. The Steiners then managed to do something almost impossible by covering Sting's song, "Fields of Gold," and making it sound amazing.

For all who missed this past weekend's two performances of these two gifted singing groups, it's not too late to check out their current and upcoming CDs. The Maine Steiner's most recent recording, "Depth," can be found at University Bookstore. Both groups will have concerts again next semester.

Club enjoys Japanese animé

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so does the way in which animé is made. Frequently we are seeing more and more CG [computer generated images] in animé."

Whether a person is into ridiculously out-of-proportion animated characters, quirky humor, imaginative science fiction or just old-fashioned samurai fights, animé can fit a person's taste. Most people usually start off easy with movies like "Princess Mononoke" or "Ninja Scroll," or with television series, such as "Dragon Ball Z" or the infamous "Sailor Moon".

Japanese animé has strongly influenced American Animation, which die-hard fans of the latter genre might not notice right away.

"[Sometimes] people don't know what they are watching is really animé," Eason said.

For a change of pace from the typical Friday night movie, students are encouraged to join the club and enjoy weekly free showings of animé. But, be



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warned, they show animé in the original Japanese dialogue with English subtitles. One might just find oneself shouting out random Japanese phrases after a few viewings. It has been known to happen.

Epic proves Oscar-worthy

From **COMMANDER** page 12

of much more realistic explosions, damage and injuries. Russell Crowe shines in his role as Captain Aubrey in much the same way that he excelled in his role in "Gladiator." The audience is able, through this movie, to experience the same awe and wonderment as those of the period must have experienced upon

discovering all of the treasures in the New World. Peter Weir's directorial prowess enables him to sail "Master and Commander" into a level of distinction which will no doubt usher it into a place in the Best Picture category of next year's awards ceremonies. "Master and Commander" is one of the year's best films and certain to please audiences everywhere.

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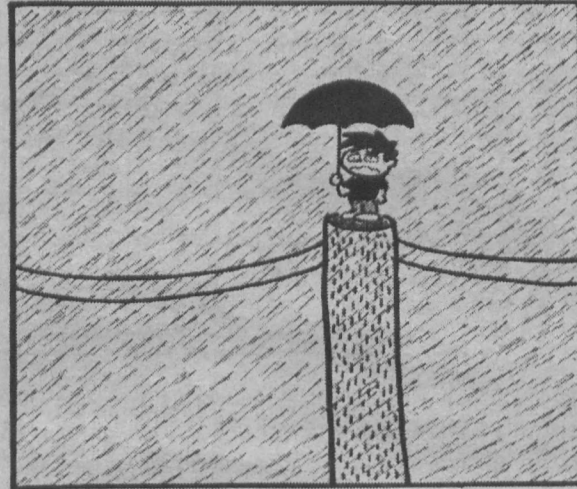
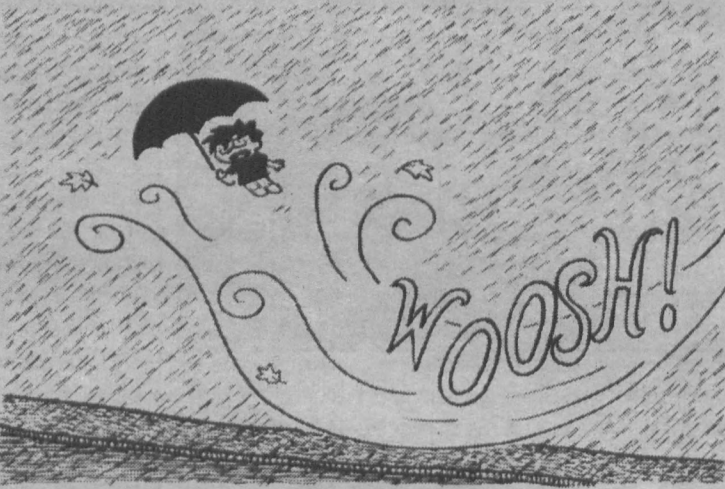
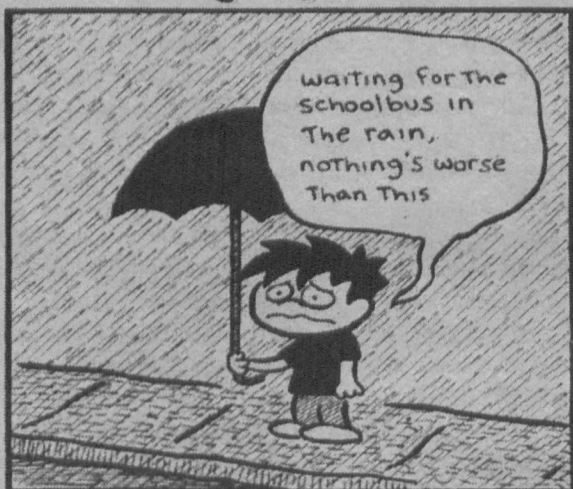


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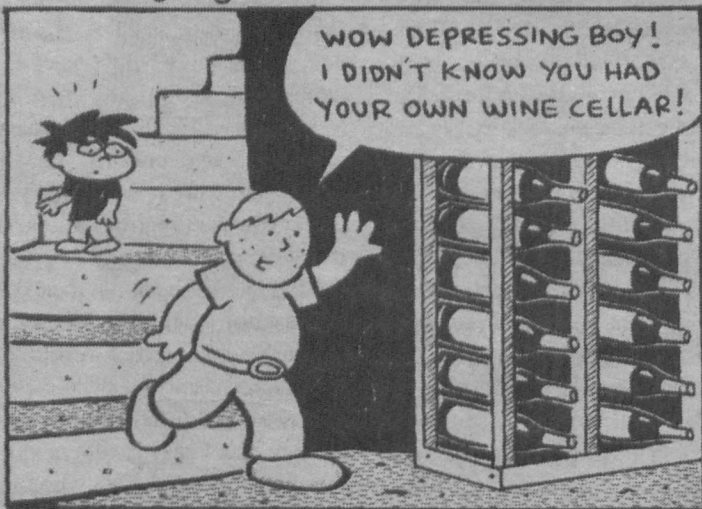
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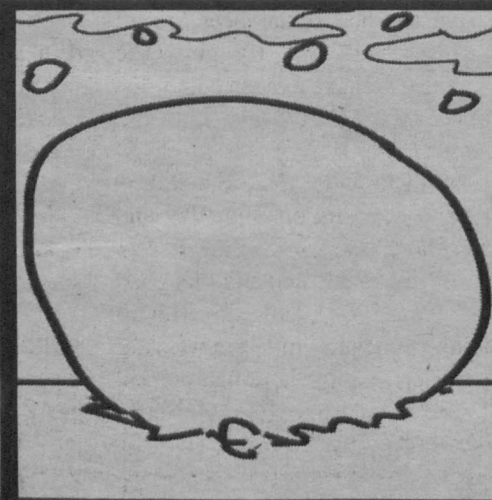
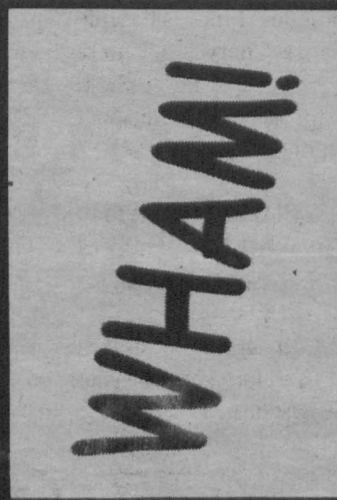
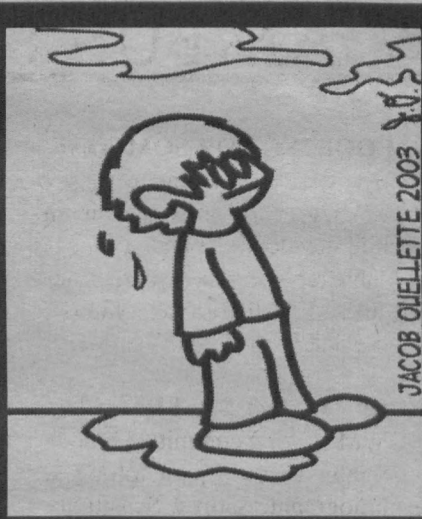
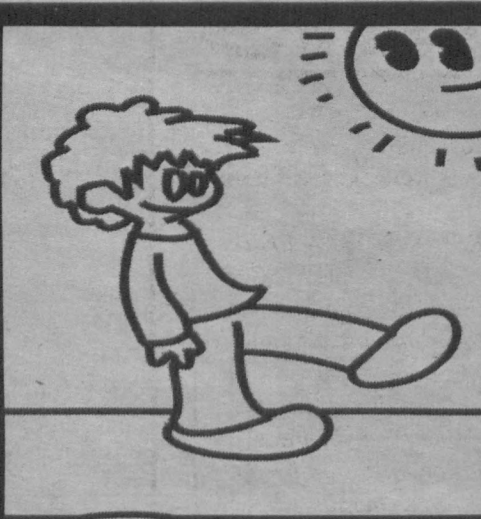
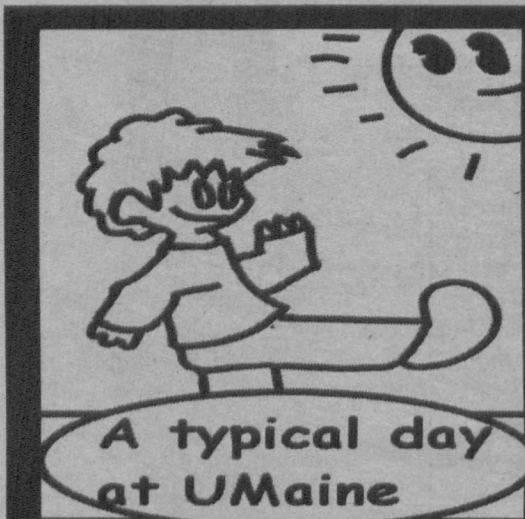
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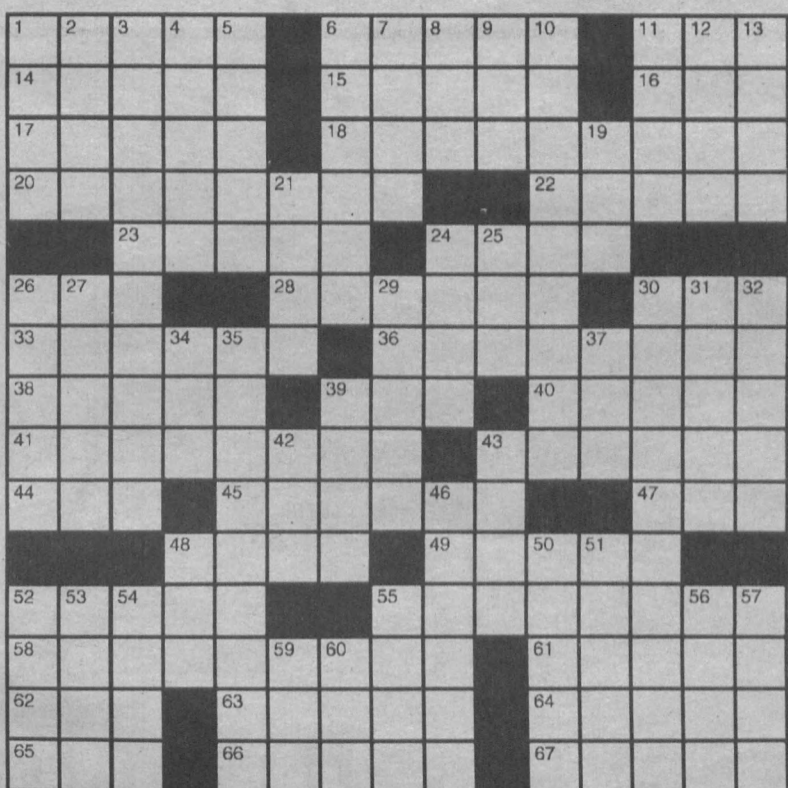
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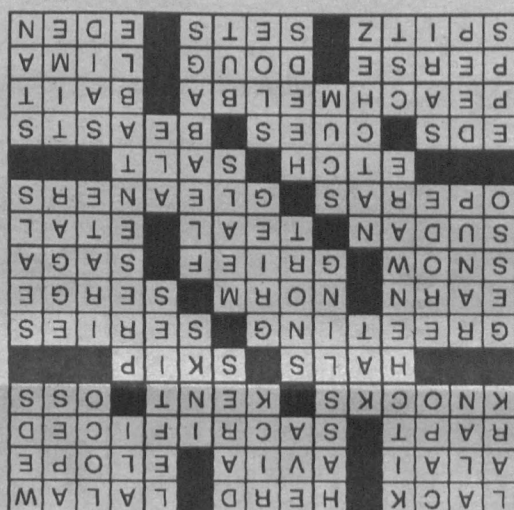
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SEX MATTERS

"Tipped" uterus might cause sexual discomfort

What does it mean to have a "tipped" uterus? My doctor told me this and gave me no indication of what this might mean for me down the road.

Female, junior

Dr. Caron's Response:

The uterus is held in the pelvic area by ligaments — sort of suspended in place. It is generally perpendicular to the vagina, tilting toward the bladder. However, one in every five women has a uterus that tilts back toward the rectum (hence the term "tipped"). There's no need to worry. This poses no serious problems but may cause discomfort in some positions during intercourse. In the old days, they would tell women this could lead to difficulty in pregnancy (conceiving, carrying or delivering a baby) — but this has not proven to be the case. I should point out that some have suggested that rear-entry intercourse positions may be more comfortable and may improve the chances of conception over the man-on-top intercourse position.

I have been in a relationship with a girl I have known for almost a year now. Our sex life is healthy but she says that I am not creative. She wants me to think up new ideas but I need help. Suggestions?

Male, freshman

Dr. Caron's response:

Let me begin by saying that since your sex life involves her, I guess I would ask her to participate in the creativity process and not expect you to be the one who initiates or creates the new experience. And what exactly does she

mean by "creative"? If she means she would like to try new positions, well... the Kama Sutra suggests there are 529 possible positions... so this may be a resource for you. My guess would be that your relationship has fallen into a pattern or routine where the newness has worn off... if it is the same old thing time after time, it's going to get boring. That's true with many things in life. For example, if you get excited about a new flavor of Ben & Jerry's ice cream and then proceed to eat it every day, the excitement will wear off and it will become boring. I imagine that whoever said, "variety is the spice of life" may have been referring to our sex lives. I think expanding one's definition of sex beyond penis-in-vagina is a good place to start. What else do you do in terms of touching and caressing one another? Varying the time and place of your sexual interaction can help add to the excitement and sense of newness. But as I said in the beginning, I think this task of being more creative involves both of you. Can you talk to her about ideas she may have to spice things up? Perhaps asking her what turns her on and where she likes to be touched would help. Maybe when you are in bed together you could ask her to show you. I believe that by communicating with each other, you will be better able to meet each other's needs. Best wishes.

Dr. Sandra L. Caron is a professor of human sexuality at the University of Maine. To submit a question to Dr. Caron or chat with your peers, visit College SexTalk.com. Copyright Sandra L. Caron, 2002.

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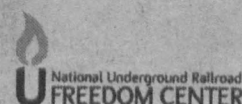
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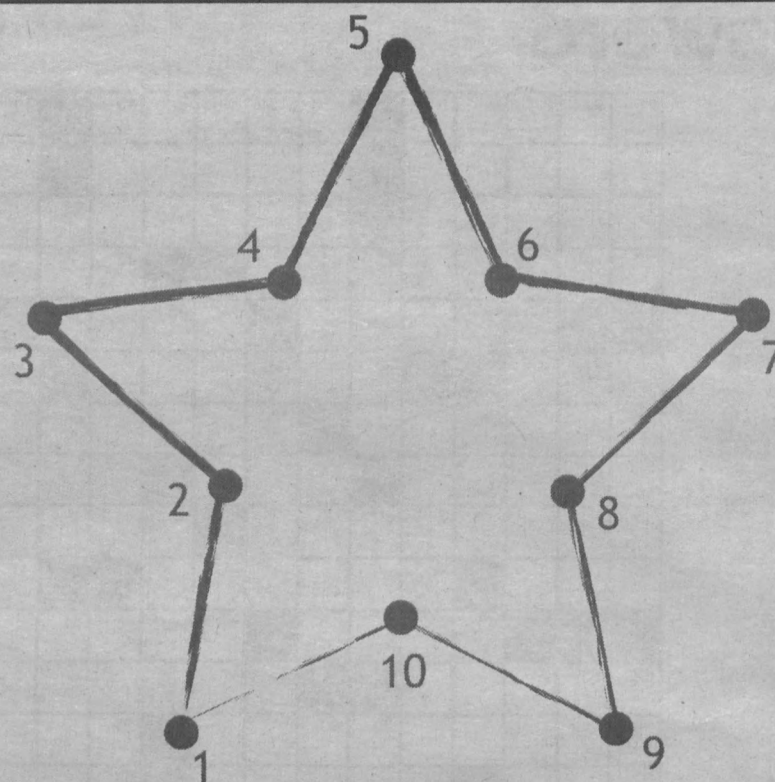
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MY PUCK — Black Bear forward Sonia Corriveau takes down a Friars player and collapses on the puck Sunday afternoon at Alfond Arena. UMaine won on Sunday but lost Saturday to Providence University.

Lady Black Bears take historic game from PC

Maine drops Saturday match by one goal

By Matt Hritz
Staff Writer

The proverbial monkey was lifted off the back of the University of Maine women's hockey team this weekend as the Black Bears defeated the Providence College Friars 3-2 on Sunday for the first time in school history. Maine lost on Saturday by a score of 2-1.

"That was the story of our season," UMaine head coach Rick Filighera said. "Started off slow, had a good second period, got punched in the mouth and came back and found a way to win plus dealt with every adversity you could think about in a game. This could be a real good point for us in the season. That's the point where we are trying to get over the top. This is a huge win for our pro-

gram."

In Sunday's penalty-laden game, the Friars got on the board first when senior defenseman Kelli Halcisak scored at 12:15 of the first period off an assist from freshman forward Karen Thatcher.

In the second period, the Black Bears tied the game at 1-1 when junior forward Cheryl White scored at 12:39 as Providence sophomore goaltender Jana Budgen tried to get back into position. White found a big empty net to score in.

Two minutes later senior forward Meagan Aarts scored in front of the net in her first of two goals of the day.

The Friars tied the game back up at 2-2 at 10:34 of the third period when junior forward Rush Zimmerman found the left side of the net for the goal. Senior

defenseman Meredith Roth and senior forward Darlene Stephenson assisted on the goal for the Friars.

Three minutes later, Aarts scored her second goal of the game and the game-winning goal off a rebound on the left side of the net. Senior forward Karen Droog and sophomore forward Morgan Janusc assisted on the goal.

Black Bear senior goaltender Lara Smart made 25 saves while Budgen stopped 16 for the Friars.

"I am happy for the women," Filighera said. "They deserved it. I hope they cherish it. This is going to be a special moment especially for my seniors for the first time we've ever beaten Providence. It's the number nine team in the country and we busted our butts for a long time to get to this point. So I am really happy for them."



SCORE — Black Bear Andrea Steranko slides into the net, taking out the Friars' goalie in the process. UMaine won the match 3-2.

In Saturday's game, Zimmerman scored the first goal of the game when she won the faceoff to the left of Smart and passed to Halcisak who fired a shot from the blue line. Zimmerman then tipped the shot past Smart at 3:45 of the first period.

About five minutes later Black Bear freshman forward Sonja Corriveau tied the game at 1-1 on a two-on-one advantage past senior goaltender Amy Quinlan.

In the second period, Halicek notched the game-winning goal at 11:04 of the period when the Friars had a five-on-three advantage. Roth and Zimmerman assisted on the power play goal.

There would be no scoring for the rest of the game as the Friars outshot the Black Bears 35-17. Smart made 33 saves for the Black Bears while Quinlan stopped 16 for the Friars and earned her first win of the season.

"You can not have the chances we get and not finish," Filighera said. "We did a lot of things well. I don't know what to say. I am very frustrated, because I am tired of losing 2-1, 1-0, 3-2, 4-3, and 5-4. Coming up one goal short hurts a lot more than it does when you are getting blown out because we are there. This team really needs just to figure out a way to finish around the net. We got to get some ugly goals, but I am happy with the effort."

The Black Bears will face Harvard on the road next Saturday at 2 p.m. before returning home to play a set with Northeastern on Dec. 6 and 7 at 1 p.m.



FULL SPEED AHEAD — UMaine's Morgan Janusc tumbles down with a Providence University player and loses the puck Sunday afternoon at Alfond Arena, en route to a 3-2 win.

Sports fans have a lot to be thankful for

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Thanks to Vin Baker, for giving up drinking and getting his life on track. The Antoine Walker-less Celtics are a disappointing 5-7 so far this year, but Baker's 15 points per game are one reason that they're not 2-10 instead. Besides that, it's always nice to see someone who had fallen off the proverbial wagon get back up and play well again.

Staying in the Fleet Center, thanks to the Boston Bruins whose 11-3-3-3 start is good for tops in the Eastern Conference. Their solid play has upped attendance and created a hockey buzz in Boston that hasn't been there in a few years. For us hockey fans, that is definitely something to be very thankful for.

A sarcastic thank you to ESPN for not bothering to put Saturday's outdoor NHL game between the Oilers and Canadians on TV. That was the most interesting spectacle the NHL has put out in years, and probably would've helped the struggling league get some attention. ESPN really dropped the ball, or the puck, on this one.

Thanks to the Black Bear men's hockey team that has posted a 10-2-1 record and is

ranked third in the nation by USA Today and USCHO.com. Many critics predicted a down year for Maine, but they've proven all the skeptics wrong. The Bears are 5-0, outscoring opponents 24-5 at Alford Arena and have given everyone on campus something to cheer about.

Finally, thanks to the fates, for creating Thanksgiving Day football. In the NFL we have a chance to see one of the all-time great quarterbacks, Bret Favre, play in what might be his last Thanksgiving Day game. Beyond that, each of our hometowns has a Thanksgiving high school football rivalry game. These games are community events that are especially important for college students. It gives us a chance to reunite with old teammates, friends, teachers, coaches, and mentors, and a reason to get out of bed on Thursday morning. Turkey Day high school football is one of the best and most looked forward to traditions in American sports.

Oh, and thanks to Dunkin' Donuts (and Starbucks) for providing the coffee, tea, and hot chocolate that will keep us warm while we enjoy the games.

Football loses to UNH in season-ending game

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for the majority of the game. Whitcomb ended up with 432 yards, and three touchdown passes to wideout Kevin McMahan in the fourth quarter.

But every time Maine came within two touchdowns, the Wildcats would answer with one of their own.

Maybe that is what enticed two women from the UNH staff to come on Maine's side of the field with more than 13 minutes still remaining in the game, and pilfer the musket, bringing it back to the Wildcat bench.

After Williams' touchdown, Harvey ran one in and McCormick notched a field goal. After two touchdown passes to McMahan early in the fourth, Paul McKinney found the end zone. And finally, after McMahan's last reception for a touchdown with 2:55 left, Harvey went untouched for a 35-yard touchdown.

Cosgrove said his team was just simply outplayed in every aspect of the game.

The Wildcats' defense, one of the worst in the league, held Maine to a possession time of just under 24 minutes, tallied six sacks, and tackled for a total loss of 50 yards.

Aaron Thomas and George Yasso, who both had eight tack-



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BEAR HUG — A Villanova player gets tackled by Black Bear Pete Richardson during the last home game of the season. UMaine fell to New Hampshire Saturday, ending its season.

les on the day, led the Cats defense.

The Maine defense was led by Brandon McGowan and Jermaine Walker, both ending

the game with 14 tackles apiece. The duo also ended the season leading the team in total tackles, McGowan with 85 and Walker with 83.

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Black Bears win one, tie one in Hockey East play

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the puck to sophomore Stephen Werner behind the net. Werner didn't set up for long as he found defenseman James Solon sneaking in between the circles unmarked. Werner got the puck to him for a one-timer that beat Jimmy Howard at 14:58 of the first period to give UMass the 1-0 lead.

UMaine had a great chance to equalize midway through the second when the team was awarded a penalty shot when a UMass defenseman closed his hand on the puck while standing in the crease. Coach Tim Whitehead chose to have his senior sniper Colin Shields take the shot, but Winer stopped his wrist to keep it 1-0.

The Black Bears were able to tie the score with 41 seconds left in the second period when Michel Leveille found Greg Moore in the neutral zone with a breakout pass. Moore split the UMass defense, broke in and wristed a shot passed Winer to tie the score before the second intermission.

The Minutemen got the better of the chances in the third period, and Howard had to come up big a few different times. His biggest save came with 10 seconds left in regulation, when UMass won an offensive zone faceoff clean back to defenseman Thomas Pock, whose slapshot was kicked aside by Howard.

UMass got the only two shots on net in the overtime, both midway through the period in a flurry. Howard made a save on Mike Warner and then had to dive across the crease to make a tough save on Kevin Jarman to keep the tie.

Howard finished the game with 22 saves, while Winer stopped 24 for the Minutemen.

Saturday's game started much the same way as Friday's game for UMaine. The first shift of the game saw plenty of opportunities for the Black Bears, but David Cacciola made a few nice saves for Providence. After a Mike Lundin shot from the point was blocked out of the zone, Bill McCreary beat Jeff Mushaluk to the loose puck. McCreary fed it to Tony Zancanaro, who one-timed the puck passed Frank Doyle just 54 seconds into the game to give the Friars a lead.

Junior Ben Murphy tied it at 11:35 of the first on a shot from the corner. Cacciola had trouble handling the shot, as it glanced off his glove, his arm and the paddle of his stick



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A LITTLE MOORE — UMaine forward Greg Moore gets a nudge from a Northeastern player and falls to the ice during the last home game. The team won 3-2 at Providence this Sunday.

before finding the net. Murphy's goal was unassisted.

The Black Bears took their first lead of the game on the power play at 6:45 of the second period. Troy Barnes slid the puck to Shields at the left point, where he one-timed a hard shot toward the net. Moore was camped in front and tipped the shot in for his seventh goal of the season, making the score 2-1 UMaine.

In the third period, Providence tied the score at 5:42 on the power play when Stephen Wood grabbed the puck after Chris Chaput won an offensive zone faceoff to him. Wood slapped the puck by Doyle for the tally.

The Black Bears grabbed the lead for good on a great individual effort by reigning Hockey East Rookie of the Week Luciano Aquino. Aquino skated on to a loose puck and used his speed to create a two-on-one. Aquino waited for both the defenseman and goalie to commit to him as

brought the puck near the crease. Aquino found Prestin Ryan who pounded the puck into the open net for his third of the season at 13:05 to put UMaine up 3-2.

Immediately after the play, Aquino was drilled by Providence forward Jonathan Goodwin, who was assessed a five-minute major and a game disqualification penalty. Aquino was injured on the play and did not return to the game.

Doyle staved off the final Providence flurry and preserve the win for UMaine. He made 25 saves in the win, while Cacciola stopped 25 in the loss.

The Black Bears are now 10-2-1 overall and 5-2-1 in Hockey East, which is good enough for a three-way tie with UMass and New Hampshire atop the league standings.

The third-ranked Black Bears are off until Dec. 5 and 6 when they will play a two-game league series at Merrimack.

Florida Seminoles punch out UMaine

Men's basketball slated to play Monday in Daytona Beach match

By Matt Conyers
Staff Writer

On Friday night the University of Maine men's basketball team got introduced to one of the finest players in the Atlantic-10 Conference. Tim Pickett, a Florida State Senior, who is figured to be a dark horse in the Conference Player of the Year battle, put on a strong display of his talent for the Black Bears.

In Maine's season-opening match, the Black Bears fell to a talented Florida State team that was able to finally run away with the victory late into the match. Pickett led the Seminoles with 18 points and spark the Seminoles who were tested for much of the game by the underdog Black Bears. Florida State punched out the Black Bears 69-49 in front of an energetic crowd that filled the Tallahassee Leon County Civic Center.

The first game of the regular season for Maine served as a homecoming for two of the Black Bears' most versatile stars, Jermaine Jackson and Eric Dobson. Both players hail from Florida — Jackson from Pahokee and Dobson out of Immokalee. Jackson, the junior college transfer, paved the way for Maine totaling 12 points on the evening. Along with Jackson, sophomore Kevin Reed and senior Eric Dobson contributed greatly to a Maine offense that struggled throughout much of the evening. Reed chipped in nine points, seven rebounds and five steals and continued to emerge as one of the Black Bears' key players. Forwards David Dubois and Joe Campbell each scored seven points and pulled down six boards down.

The game started with lots of hope for Maine as the team jumped out quickly on a surprised Seminole's team. Ludmil Hadjisotirov made Maine's first bucket of the year when he drained a three pointer for the early advantage. The three would set the pace for a game that often saw

Maine set up from behind the arc. Relaying on the three-point ball is a trait the Black Bears became reliant on throughout the preseason and continued to count on at the beginning of this game. The Black Bears would trail by only five points for most of the half, thanks to a defense that stagnated the Seminoles' attack. Florida State finally snatched a 36-28 lead at the end of the first half that served as the Seminoles' biggest advantage of the game.

Much of the second half would unravel like the first with Maine playing catch up to a faster Florida State program. The Black Bears were able to slice the lead to a 38-34 score early on in the second half. However Pickett and the Seminoles would strike back with seven unanswered to garner an 11-point lead. The advantage was enough for the Seminoles, who would go untested for the rest of the game. In the final five minutes of the game, Maine was outscored 14-5. The Black Bears would finish the game shooting 57.1 percent from the field, while Florida brought down a 69.2 percent shooting percentage.

The Black Bears will try and recover from their disappointing outcome against Florida State with one more appearance in Florida. Maine remains in the Sunshine State for a Monday match in Daytona Beach for a game with a weaker Bethune-Cookman Wildcats. On Nov. 28, Maine will return home for its home-open where it hosts the University of New England in the Maine Invitational Tournament. The tournament will be played out at the "Pit" in Memorial Gym which serves as one of New England's most difficult venues to play in. With a closed-in arena, where the fans sit above the court, Maine will greatly welcome the return home after a road trip that will prove to be one of the Black Bears' tougher tests for the first part of the season.

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Giving thanks to the sports gods

By Matthew Williams
For The Maine Campus

As we enter the last week of November, students are packing up and heading home to see friends and family and enjoy a hearty Thursday afternoon meal. What better time than now to reflect on this fall and think about a few things that sports fans have to be thankful for.

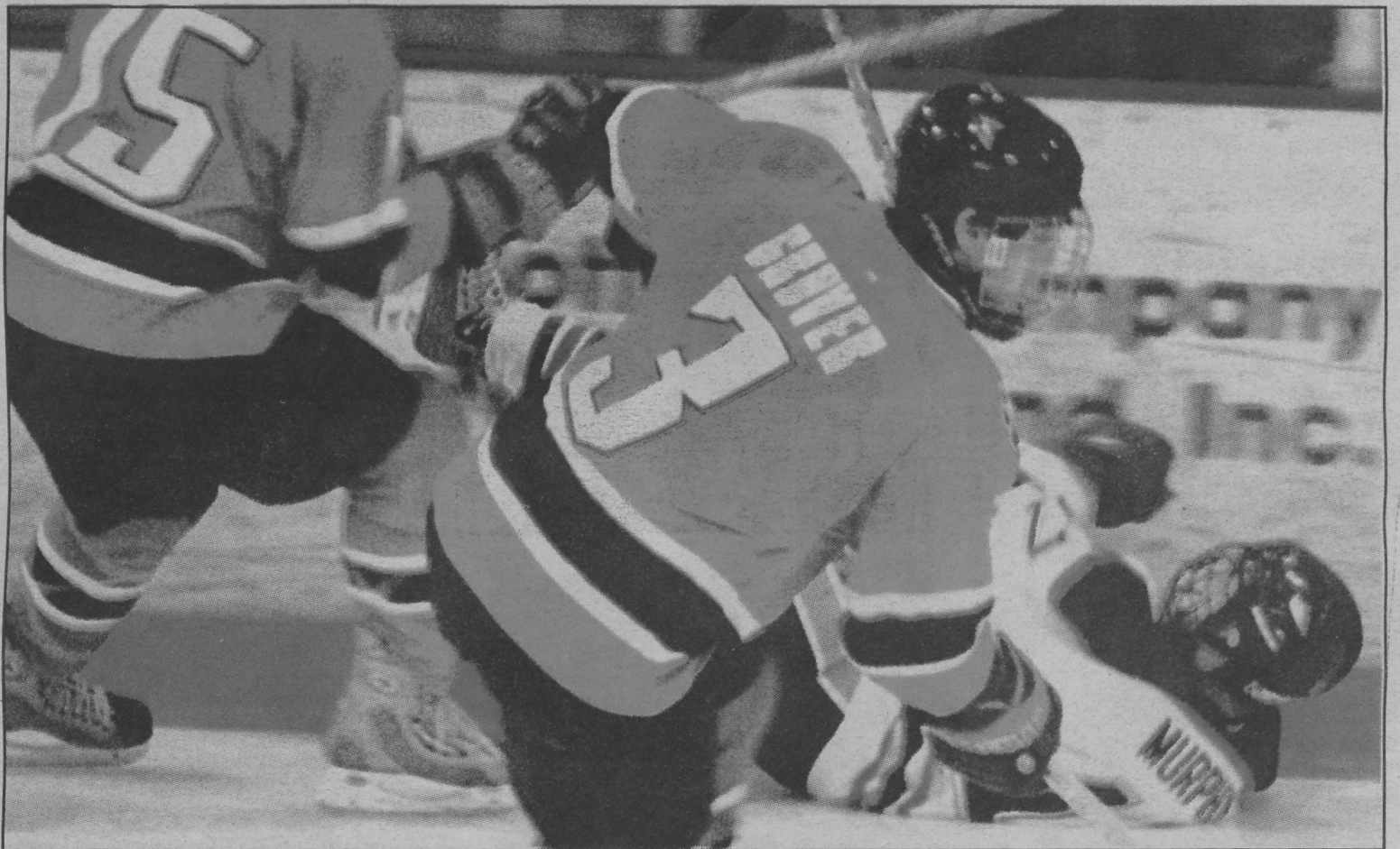
First, thanks to the Boston Red Sox, whose postseason run was the most exciting thing many New England fans have ever seen. Once again, the Sox Nation's hopes and dreams were dashed in heart-breaking fashion, but you might say, that in a way a new generation of fans experienced first-hand what it truly means to be a fan of the Boston Red Sox. My heart was broken, but I still wouldn't have had it any other way.

Thanks to the Black Bear men's and women's soccer teams, and field hockey team, who brought UMaine some glory this fall with appearances in their respective America East tournaments. The women's soccer team posted the most wins in program history. A well-deserved congratulations to those three squads.

Thanks to the New England Patriots, who salvaged the lives of many local sports fans with their 9-2 performance. Things looked bleak after game one, but the team got it together and a win next week against the Colts will almost guarantee them a first-round bye in the playoffs. There are no stars or selfish players on the Patriots, just hard-nosed football men who get the job done on Sundays.

Thanks this year's senior class of Black Bear football players. This year's 7-5 mark may have been less than expected, but these seniors' four year run is the best in school history by far, posting 27 wins in the last three seasons, including two in the post-season. This is a senior class that has laid the groundwork for a great football legacy here at Maine, and their efforts should not be overlooked.

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CORNERED — UM junior forward Ben Murphy falls against the boards during the last home game against Northeastern. The team defeated Providence this weekend 3-2.

UMaine tied for first in Hockey East

By Jeff Mannix
Staff Writer

The University of Maine men's ice hockey team had a strong weekend on the road, garnering three of a possible four points in Hockey East

play. The Black Bears tied 1-1 at the University of Massachusetts Friday night, then beat Providence College 3-2 Saturday.

At the start of Friday's game at the Mullins Center in Amherst, Mass., the Black

Bears came out of the gates putting plenty of shots on sophomore goalie Gabe Winer, but were unable to beat him. Dustin Penner and John Ronan had the best chances early, both hitting the post less than ten minutes into the game.

The Black Bears' inability to score early came back to bite them when the UMass Minutemen took the lead late in the period. Craig McDonald led a rush into the zone, sliding

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ENDGAME

Football drops heartbreaker to UNH in season finale

By Erinne Magee
Staff Writer

The Black Bear football team didn't close its season the way it had hoped.

This past Saturday, the Bears fell to UNH by a final score of 47-27, smothering the slim chances the team had for a large bid to the playoffs.

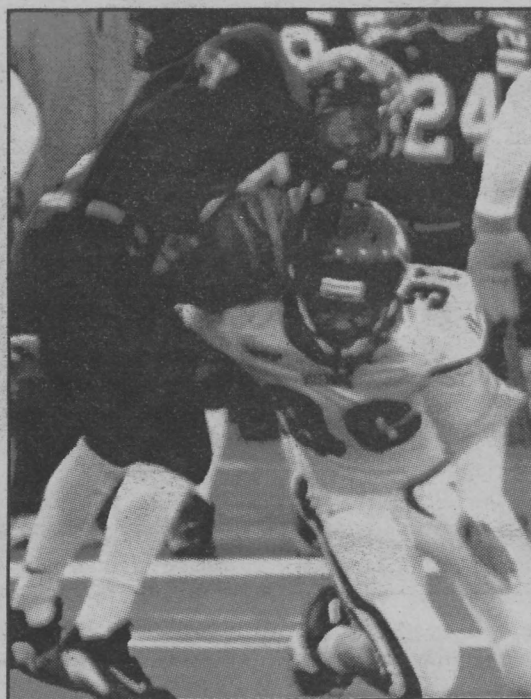
The loss made it the first to the Wildcats in four years, allowing New Hampshire to take ownership of the Brice-Cowell Musket.

The Maine fans were dumbfounded as the Wildcats took a 24-0 lead heading into halftime.

"We haven't had anyone move the ball on us like that this year," Coach Jack Cosgrove said.

UNH mixed up its attack against the number one defense in the conference, taking 130 yards on the ground, and 190 in the air at halftime.

Of those 320 yards of offense, R.J. Harvey had a 46-yard touchdown run, and both David Bailey and Joe Kreider caught touchdown passes from Mike Granieri.



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GOTCHA — Arel Gordon attempts to advance the ball for the Black Bears. UM ended the season on Saturday, losing to New Hampshire 47-27.

Connor McCormick also added a field goal and three extra points in the first 30 minutes of play.

On Maine's side, quarterback Ron Whitcomb, who has been on the mark all year, wasn't, early on in the game, completing just six of 16 pass attempts in the first half, and rushing for negative yardage.

"It's all about execution," Whitcomb said. "They came out to stop our running game. We needed to pass, and I didn't get it done."

In the second half, Maine began to answer as tailback Marcus Williams started the third quarter off with a score.

It was a fourth-and-one, and Williams took the ball to the end zone from the New Hampshire 20-yard line.

Williams carried the ball only half as many times as he usually does, and ended up with 45 yards.

"Any offense that becomes one-dimensional is easy to defend," said Cosgrove.

Maine stuck with the passing game

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