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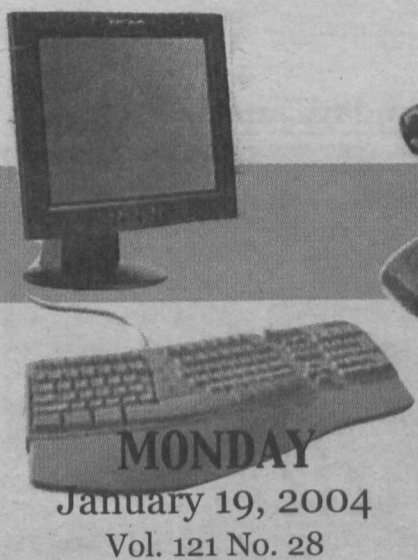
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UMaine's generations.
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Diemer sentenced in horse assault

Former student faces probation, fine following December ruling

By Kristin Saunders
Sports Editor

Former University of Maine student William Diemer, 20, of Old Town, is currently serving jail time after he pled guilty to cruelty to animals Dec. 31, 2003, in 3rd District Court in Bangor. He was sentenced to nine months in jail with all but 30 days suspended. Diemer was accused of sexually assaulting horses at UMaine's Witter Farm on Sept. 20, 2003.

In addition to the jail term, Diemer was sentenced to one year of probation and a \$500

fine. He is to receive court-ordered counseling, is banned from university property, and is prohibited from owning or possessing animals for the rest of his life.

A previous charge of criminal trespass was dismissed.

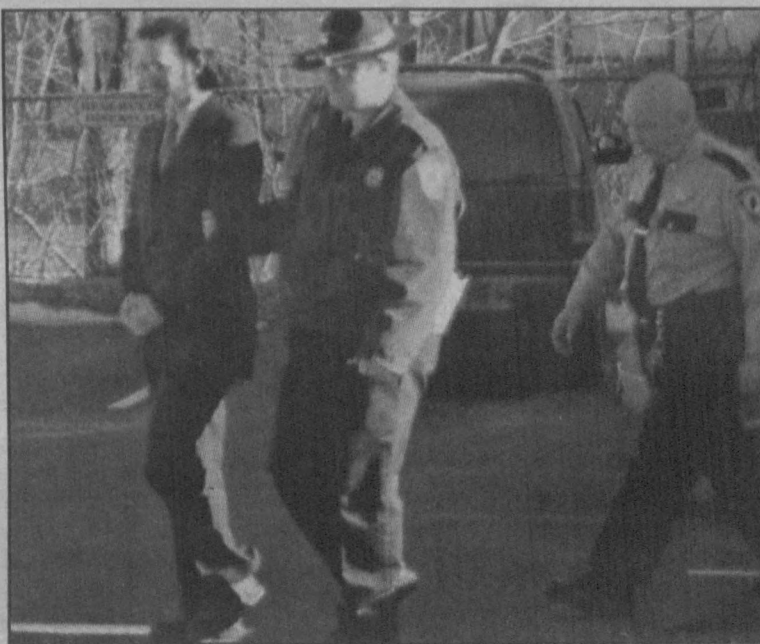
Diemer was summoned by UMaine Public Safety after he allegedly was caught sexually assaulting a horse on Sept. 20, 2003. He initially fled from the scene and later was identified through evidence from video surveillance cameras.

A report from UMaine Public Safety read in court

said that the videotape showed a man entering the horse stalls at 9:29 p.m., then fleeing when he was discovered by farm personnel at 9:56 p.m. The tape showed that he had been in three different stalls. Mops and buckets were also found in the stalls, and the buckets were found upside down behind the horses.

Two similar incidents occurred before 12 video cameras were installed as a safety precaution. A 20-year-old mare was sexually assaulted on Aug. 5, 2002, and an older mare was attacked in a similar manner in May 2003.

In both previous incidents, a foreign object was inserted



CAMPUS PHOTO • KRISTIN SAUNDERS

GUILTY — Former UMaine student William Diemer is escorted to jail after his Dec. 31, 2003, hearing in Bangor.

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Remembering a friend

Memorial honors UM psychology professor

By Angela Fiandaca
Staff Writer

Both tears and laughter were in order at the University of Maine's Maine Center for the Arts Friday afternoon. The auditorium was host to a memorial celebration for social psychology professor Dr. Michele Marie Alexander. About 200 people attended the event. They included family and friends from all over the country, students, faculty and colleagues who wished to pay their respects to a woman who was described as funny, sincere and real.

Alexander, 37, died in a car accident Dec. 16, 2003, in Glenburn. A Web site was set up in tribute to Alexander where her husband, Steve, included an essay about her last night at home and the accident.

The accident occurred as Alexander was on her way to bring her 11-month-old son, Camden, to UMaine's Child Center with gingerbread cookies she had made the evening before for his child care

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CAMPUS PHOTO • MELISSA ARMES

DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS — Mother-in-law Donna Alexander speaks at Friday's memorial service for psychology professor Michele Alexander, who is pictured in the background with her son, Camden.

UMaine Public Safety busts bike 'chop shop'

By Patricia Barry
Staff Writer

Four University of Maine students have been accused of stealing bicycles from the University of Vermont and selling the bike parts in Orono, totaling more than \$2,000 in lost property. On Nov. 23, 2003, Daniel Jassey, 19, Flann O'Brien, 20, and Mark Phelps, 18, were charged with four counts of receiving stolen property. Another student, Matthew Neives, 18, was charged with one count of receiving stolen property.

In early November, UMaine Public Safety received a tip from

students about the bike thefts, and investigated the case for approximately two weeks before executing a search warrant on Nov. 23, 2003, said Public Safety Officer Amy Nickerson, who began the investigation.

Jassey, O'Brien, Phelps and Neives were apprehended by 12 officers soon after returning from UVM. The students did not have any bikes with them, but bikes and bike parts were discovered in their dorms. Public Safety seized four bikes with serial numbers matching those stolen from UVM, Nickerson

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Man summoned for graffiti offense in Hancock Hall

By Rick Redmond
Assistant News Editor

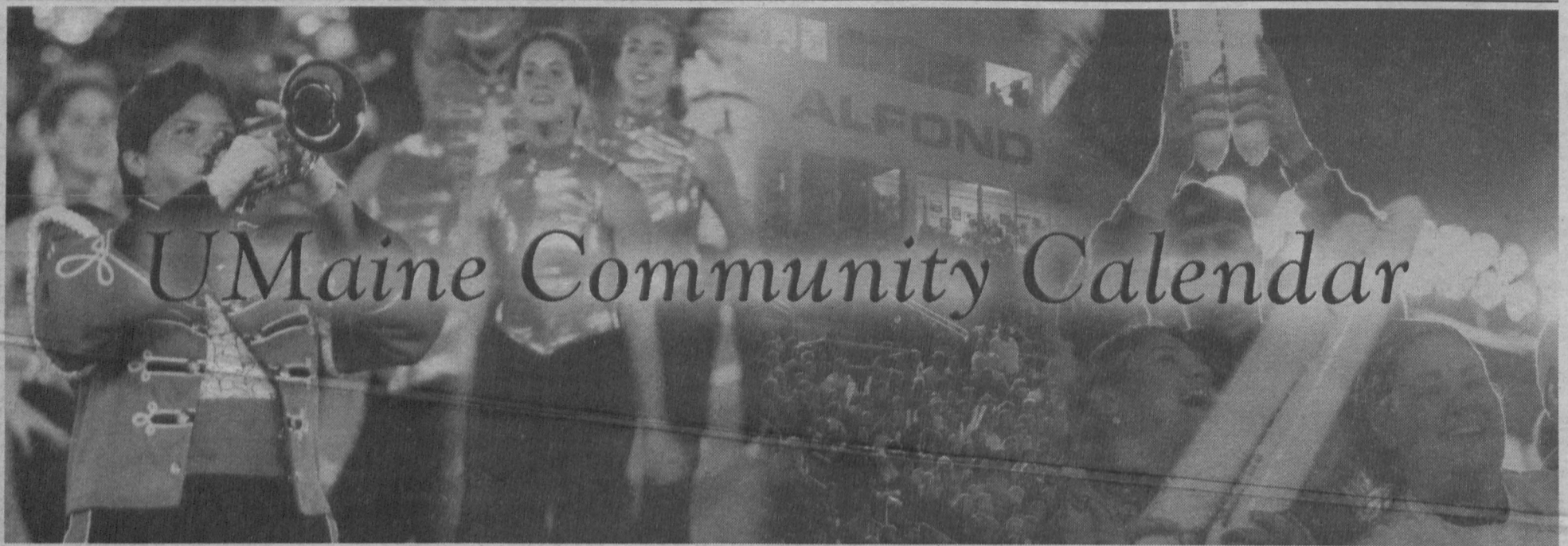
Police have issued a summons to a man believed to be responsible for anti-gay defamatory graffiti that appeared in Hancock Hall on Dec. 6, 2003. Shawn Barnes, 22, of China, Maine, was summoned Tuesday, Jan. 13, for class D criminal mischief by Kennebec County sheriffs on

behalf of University of Maine Public Safety.

Barnes, who is not a UMaine student, was visiting a relative who is a resident of Hancock Hall, and was charged based on statements from witnesses, according to Detective Chris Gardner of UMaine Public Safety.

Gardner said Barnes may

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UMaine Community Calendar

Monday, Jan. 19

- Classes are canceled in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- The eighth Annual "Keeping the Dream Alive Martin Luther King Day Breakfast" will be held 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. at Wells Commons and Conference Center. A keynote address will be given by Betty Trout-Kelly. Call Margaret Nagle at 581-3745 for information.
- Maine Bound will hold a free belay seminar at the Maine Bound - UM Outdoor Education Center 6-8 p.m. Call Paul Stern at 581-1794 for information.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

- The Career Center will sponsor "Resume Writing: New Techniques" as part of the Career Center's Job Search Workshop Series. This event is free and will be held in the Career Center in Memorial Union at 2:10 p.m. Call Patty Counihan at 581-1355 for information.

Wednesday, January 21

- The Career Center will sponsor "Resume Writing: New Techniques" as part of the Career Center's Job Search Workshop Series. This event is free and will be held in the Career Center in Memorial Union at 3:10 p.m. Call Patty Counihan at 581-1355 for information.
- "What Happened at Enron?," a faculty forum with John Mahon, Darlene Bay, Martha Broderick and others is being offered by the Business School 3 - 4:15 p.m. in the Devino Auditorium of the Donald P. Corbett Business Building. This event is sponsored by the College of Business, Public Policy and Health. Call Vicky King at 581-1968 for information.
- "Meet the Greeks," featuring all of UMaine's Greek organizations will be held 5 - 8 p.m. in the Wells Commons and Conference Center. Call Carole LeClair at 581-1793 for information.
- Maine Bound will hold a free belay seminar and Winter Gear Seminar at the

Maine Bound - UM

- Outdoor Education Center 6 - 8 p.m. Call Paul Stern at 581-1794 for information.
- Kickin' Flicks will present "Radio" at 7:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Donald P. Corbett Business Building. This showing is sponsored by Campus Activities and Events. Call Carole LeClair at 581-1793 for information.

Thursday, Jan. 22

- The Professional Employees Advisory Council (PEAC) will sponsor "UMaine News for the UMaine Community as part of the Brown Bag Lunch series. This event is free and will be held at noon in the Bodwell Lounge of the Maine Center for the Arts and Hudson Museum. Call Jason Baack at 581-4140 for information.
- The Hudson Museum will sponsor a celebration of the Chinese New Year at noon in the Hudson Museum. Call Gary Richmond at 581-1901 for information.

- The Career Center will sponsor "Dynamite Cover Letters" as part of the Career Center's Job Search Workshop Series. This event is free and will be held at 2:10 p.m. in the Career Center in Memorial Union. Call Patty Counihan at 581-1355 for information.

- The Frequency will hold a talent show 8 -11 p.m. in the Marketplace of Memorial Union. This event is sponsored by Campus Activities and Events and is free for students. Call Dail Moore at 581-1775 for information.

Submissions for the Maine Campus Community Calendar are free, and can be sent on FirstClass to Rick Redmond, or dropped off in the Maine Campus office located in the basement of Memorial Union. Please include all the important information about your event. Deadlines for submissions is 9 a.m., Sunday, for Monday publication and 9 a.m., Wednesday, for Thursday publication.

Maine Campus Personals

You: Gomez
Me: Morticia

You: Fred
Me: Wilma

You: Ellen
Me: Ann

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Former UMaine hangout resurrected in Union

By Liz Boardman
For The Maine Campus

After 18 months of hard work, planning and fundraising by the University of Maine's Class of 1944, a \$160,000 remodeling project has transformed the Stillwater Canal Co. Pub into the Bear's Den. The bar is complete and was opened for public use Saturday evening.

The vision for the Den began when Al McNeilly, a member of the class of 1944, toured Memorial Union and realized the popular Bear's Den, formally located on the first floor of the Union, was no longer present. He was later informed that the Bear's Den had to be taken out due to the expansion and renovation of the Union. McNeilly and the Class of 1944 then set out on a mission to bring back the Bear's Den, which had been a hot spot on campus for 50 years.

McNeilly and the Class of 1944 decided to theme the new Bear's Den as an old English style pub. Casteris El-Hajj of

WBRC Architects worked with Bob Cote from Sullivan & Merritt to create an intimate and cozy setting for students to enjoy.

The Den is furnished with an oak-paneled bar and dark wood on both the floor and ceilings.

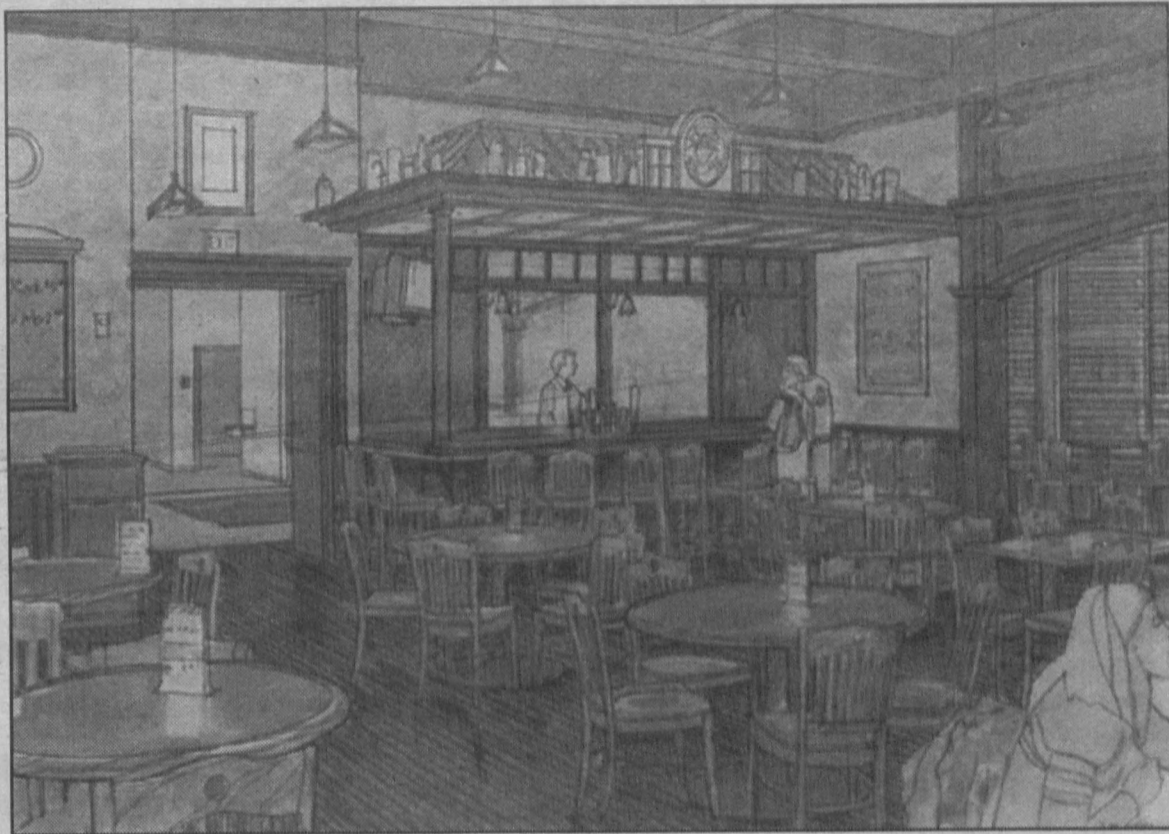
Although the Den has a new look, its menu will not vary from that of the Stillwater Canal Co. The Den will serve beer to customers of age, as well as munchies at the bar.

On-site work began on Dec. 15, 2003, while a significant quantity of off-site work was done. The Den is not completely finished yet, as a few finishing touches will be done over spring break.

"Approximately 85 percent of the project was completed over winter break and the other 15 percent will be completed over spring break," Cote said.

This project isn't the first the Class of 1944 has adopted.

"It has been a pleasure working with the Class of 1944; they are a very prominent class on campus," said Danny Williams, director of



COURTESY • WBRC ARCHITECTS

THE DEN IS BACK — An architect's rendering of the pub-style Bear's Den, which opened Friday. The bar replaces the Stillwater Canal Co. Pub.

the annual reunion giving at the Alumni Association.

The class of 1944 is also credited for the 1944 Building, as well as the

Buchanan Alumni House and the Bodwell Lounge, which were donated by Robert Buchanan and Russ Bodwell of the class of 1944.

"We [the Class of 1944] hope it is a place that the students will enjoy and everyone can take pride in," McNeilly said.

Finals week storm spurs safety debate

Administrators stand by decision
some say endangered commuters

By Mary Payson
For The Maine Campus

Every time students trudge through the snow, do a dance across an unnoticed patch of ice or walk into a classroom with red cheeks and eyes watering from the brutal cold, there's a small voice that says, "Why didn't I go to the University of Florida?"

Over the past two months, Maine has been blasted with sub-zero temperatures and snowstorms, weather that some students say is just cause to cancel classes.

A Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, storm should have led university officials to cancel finals, some commuters and residents say, but University of Maine administrators continue to defend their decision to keep UMaine open during the blizzard.

According to a Dec. 15 report by the Associated Press, Orono received 15 inches of snow from a storm that day, with wind gusts reaching 45 mph at times. Second-year resident Meghan Chute said the weather made for a miserable trek to class.

"As I walked to class it was sleeting, and I have never before felt I was walking through such inclement weather," she said. "It felt like somebody kept throwing handfuls of little pebbles right into my face ... it hurt. And I could barely see where I was walking."

The storm caused other Maine schools to close because of dangerous driving conditions, and when UMaine did not follow suit, many

students complained that the decision had jeopardized the safety of students.

UMaine President Peter Hoff responded to student complaints by sending an e-mail to various FirstClass folders explaining his position.

"We are a residential university, with thousands of students living on campus and thousands more in immediate proximity," the letter said. "The need to address the requirements of the majority of students, most of whom have already made travel plans and who have other commitments, was judged to be the overriding concern."

Psychology major and commuter Joy Sinclair decided to go a step beyond complaining to friends, and wrote a letter to local papers. Her letter detailed how difficult it was for her to get to her final on the day of the storm; she was forced to pay approximately \$25 for a cab ride because her car was plowed in, and public transportation was shut down because of the snow.

Third-year student Maria Mastrorillo said UMaine residents who did not have to drive to class were troubled by the weather.

"I had a friend who, while walking to class, found a girl in a wheelchair stranded on a patch of ice, trying to get to class," she said. "My friend helped her off of the ice and brought her to her class. I can't help but think of all those whom our university looks over when inclement weather occurs."

The university looked over its

non-traditional students as well, according to non-traditional student Deborah Fournier.

"I know, for me, that stressing about driving and worrying about kids that were home because school was canceled was only one aspect of the whole day," she said. Fournier said the extra stress affected her performance on her finals that day.

"It took me a solid two hours to get home and it was white-knuckle all the way," she said. "I think we're very lucky more people weren't injured or killed in the travel."

Some students agreed with the university's decision to continue classes.

"As a student on campus, I didn't have a problem with it," said first-year resident Benjamin Benwell. "Yeah, it was snowing, but how far is the walk, 100 yards? I wore proper clothing and was fine. I was glad they kept everything going, the quicker I get it done the quicker I got to go home."

Hoff echoed a similar sentiment in his letter to students, quoting UMaine Registrar Peter Reid.

"... rescheduling any of the finals would be close to impossible," the letter said. "Because of rules that limit students to three finals in one day and because of travel plans and other considerations, [Reid] thinks many students (and maybe some professors) would be unable to attend during a makeup period."

Mastrorillo disagreed, saying student safety should have been a higher priority.

"While I understand that it would be very difficult for the university as a whole to completely reschedule, it does not outweigh

the value of even a single human life," she said.

Some commuters and residents feel the university needs to have better plans for inclement weather in the future.

"Since I am not privy to all the workings of all the classes and finals on campus, it is hard for me to think of a way to solve that can of worms, but it should be something that is considered and planned for ahead of time, since this is Maine and hazardous weather does occur," Mastrorillo said. "Everyone should have a backup plan, including those inside the university."

Hoff stated in his letter that canceling finals was not the best alternative.

"Our decision to go ahead with final exams [Dec. 15] was not a snap judgment," the letter said. "It was made in consultation with the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Director of Facilities Management, and other campus leaders. We spent a good deal of time considering the alternatives for the scenario that presented itself this morning."

In a letter to Hoff, Mastrorillo said, "For though the wind carries the painful sting of chilling ice and places its frosty bites upon our bodies, we are crafted of living flesh. The student body needs the caring regard of those also of flesh, whose hearts have not yet frozen over."

Hoff responded, through his letter, that UMaine administrators remain conscious of the concerns of commuter students.

"We are very conscious of the safety issues for commuting students," the letter said. "We do not encourage anyone to take risks."

Fogler to e-mail overdue notices

In order to provide faster and more efficient service to its patrons, Fogler Library has begun sending first and second overdue notices, recall notices, hold pick-up, and cancellation notices via e-mail. Fogler will use a patron's e-mail address from student records and payroll. If none is provided, the above notices will be sent through regular mail, as will invoices and statements.

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For information, e-mail the Circulation Department at Fogler Library at circulation@umit.maine.edu.

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Professor dies in '03 Glenburn car accident

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teachers. Steve Alexander said that moments after his wife left their home, he received a phone call from her. He could not understand what he heard so he drove down the street. Steve Alexander wrote on the Web site that his wife was alive and unconscious when he got to her, and that her hands were in her lap angelically. He said she was not in pain, but appeared to be at peace.

"I put my arms around her and held her, and told her everything you would imagine I would - everything you want to say to her now. I held the love of my life for eternity," Steve Alexander wrote.

At the memorial ceremony Friday, Steve Alexander played a CD he had made along with a slide show that included nine songs representing memories of his wife. The songs included "Seasons of Love" from the musical "Rent" performed by Stevie Wonder. A week after the Alexanders saw the musical, Michele Alexander was diagnosed with cancer, which she beat several months later. A song played at the couple's wedding, "Suo Gam" by Chris Norman, was also played.

The slide show included photographs - old and recent - of Alexander and her family and friends. They were photos of a mother, a wife, a sister, a daughter, a colleague and a best friend.

A friend of the family, William Crano of Claremont, Calif., began

the ceremony.

"Although we celebrate with heavy hearts, we do celebrate," Crano said.

He read a note from Alexander's husband, who sat in the front row



Michele Alexander

with his son. The note read that the couple had discussed what each would want after they died. Alexander said she wanted a big party and celebration. He also wrote that the ceremony would have been something she would have wanted, despite that Michele Alexander would have been embarrassed from all the fuss.

UMaine's Provost Robert Kennedy, a close colleague of Alexander, attended on behalf of the university.

"She was a rising star in every sense of the word," Kennedy said. "Michele was the epitome of the perfect faculty member."

Alexander served on several

committees on campus. She was the adviser for Psi Chi, the psychology honor society.

"Students who knew her, and especially the ones influenced, will affect the future of psychology with a little of her in every laugh and assistance given," James Clark, a fourth-year psychology major and president of Psi Chi, said in an interview.

"She was an inspiring woman who helped make Psi Chi what it is today," Arianne Russell, a senior psychology major and secretary of Psi Chi, said in an interview.

Providing more than just psychology research to her students, Alexander was a friend. She enjoyed her students calling her by her first name. Alexander used candy as an incentive in class, and used a Freud puppet for some of her lectures.

A colleague of Alexander read several evaluations students had written in favor of her over the years. Several comments included that Michele was upbeat, enthusiastic, funny and caring. "She's a keeper," one comment read.

One student said Alexander was the kind of teacher who made students want to change their major. Two similar statements were made by students from Ohio State University, where Alexander used to teach, who attended the ceremony.

"Because of her I have found my niche in life," Cindy Truex said.

Alexander also worked as a board member for four years for Spruce Run. She was described by

several speakers as someone always willing to work harder and give more of herself.

"Michele was an excellent scholar," said Wendy Wood, Alexander's dissertation adviser at Texas A&M. "She was a researcher of the first caliber. She was great in passing on her love for the field."

Alexander, originally from Dallas, Texas, attended Texas A&M, where she earned her B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in social psychology. She taught at Ohio State University before coming to UMaine in 1999.

Her Texas roots never seemed to leave her, according to family members and friends. Her father, Bob Grossman of Dallas, Texas, approached the podium and said, "Howdy, ya'll." He said that was the way he thought his daughter would have wanted him to begin.

Grossman said Alexander was no stranger to tragedy in her life. As a young girl, she lost one of her eyes in an accident. She had meningitis twice before the age of nine.

"Michele was a tough, strong person," Grossman said.

He told a story of an old 1949 Chevy he had given to Alexander as a young girl, and of her love of the car. He described a dream he had a couple weeks after his daughter's death, in which he heard a voice say to him, "I'm going to take that old Chevy and drive it through the pearly gates." He believed it was his daughter speaking to him.

"She would want to tell you, 'It was heaven on earth while I was

here with you,'" Grossman said.

Alexander's happiness and love of life was portrayed through every word her loved ones spoke during the ceremony. Each shared tales of laughter, fun, goofiness and even crazy college days of "almost breaking laws."

"With Michele there was never a moment that was trivial," said Marnie Tomasello, Michele's former roommate at Texas A&M. "There's not a single memory I have of my times with Michele that didn't involve laughter."

A friend of the couple, Sonja Sundaram of Prospect Harbor, described how she met the couple when their wedding was held at her inn. A torrential rain came into town, and power and water were lost. Sundaram said that within moments of the wedding ceremony, the sun came out and the rain stopped "like magic."

"It was really meant to be," Sundaram said.

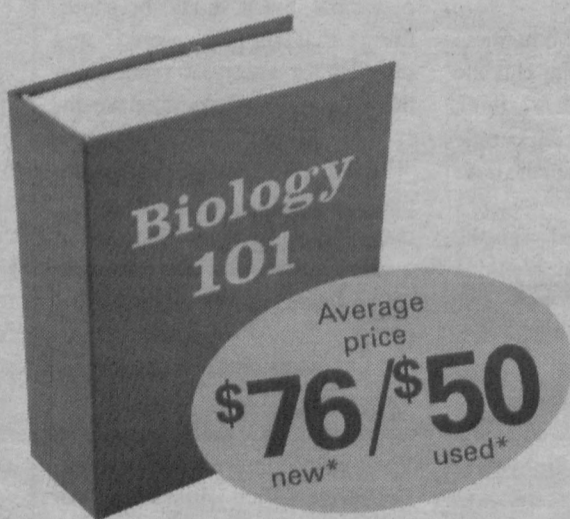
Sundaram spoke of how happy Alexander was to be a mother.

"Camden made her sparkle - and even brighter," Sundaram said.

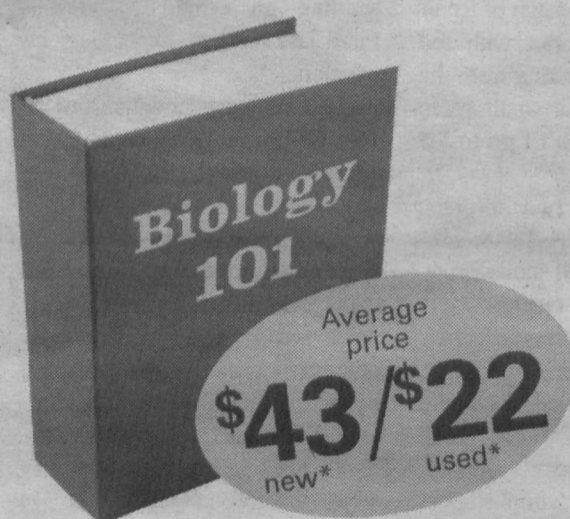
The ceremony concluded with everyone singing "Simple Gifts," a Shaker melody. During the song, Steve and Camden joined their family and friends in celebration of a woman who many will never forget.

"The short time I knew Michele, I feel blessed to have interacted, laughed, worked and been influenced by her," Clark said. "We are all blessed by her time."

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Realizing the dream

Two generations work to promote racial diversity on campus



CAMPUS PHOTO • HOLLY BARBER

HE HAS A DREAM — President of the local NAACP and former UMaine student James Varner said he would like to see the minority population at UMaine increase to at least 20 percent.

By Ernest J. Scheyder
For The Maine Campus

James Varner lives in one of the whitest states in the union, but he is arguably one of this region's most dedicated proponents of racial acceptance. A community activist working for the integration of all persons, regardless of color, into society's fabric, Varner is active on the University of Maine campus and in Old Town,

1957 graduate heads local NAACP

where he now lives. His work on behalf of such groups as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Human Rights Coalition, and various community outreach organizations has enabled him to bring his message of unity wherever he goes.

Born in Jersey City, N.J., during the height of the Great Depression, Varner saw firsthand the effects poverty had on the human spirit. Over the course of his childhood, Varner moved several times, living in the Bronx, attending church in Harlem and eventually settling with his family in Princeton, N.J. While at Princeton High School, Varner distinguished himself as an exceptional member of the track team and a stellar student. His athletic prowess did not go unnoticed by colleges, particularly those in the south. Varner, however, had his eye on a small school in New England — the University of Maine.

"I love Maine," Varner said.

Unable to bear the financial responsibilities of a college education alone, Varner was awarded a full, four-year academic scholarship for college by the Princeton Rotary Club.

While at UMaine, Varner excelled as both a student and an athlete. He was a member of the track team, through which he made several records that still stand today. In the academic sphere, Varner was a double major in chemistry and education.

A gregarious and outspoken man, Varner said he had no trouble meeting new people and experiencing new clubs, including his time as the first minority brother in the Phi Eta Kappa fraternity. Varner was also actively involved in Army ROTC.

While in college, Varner met his future wife, Florence. They married not long after graduating in 1957 and now have four children. After graduation, Varner, who originally wanted to be a dentist, worked as a chemist at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital, before fulfilling his obligations to ROTC in the U.S. Army. Varner traveled many places with the Army, notably Guam, Okinawa and other Pacific islands. Upon the conclusion of his term in the military, Varner returned to science, working again as a chemist, this time for the State of New Jersey. Varner then entered a term as a science teacher in a local school district.

After already contributing so much to society, Varner decided to leave his teaching position and assume a full-time position as executive director of a non-profit community outreach program in upstate New York. While in New York, Varner managed services in more than 30 municipalities, seeing the positive impact that his works were bringing to fruit. Of particular focus were the lives and condition of minorities in the region he managed. He said he strived to present a positive role model for persons of all colors in the community.

"I've always been interested in race relations," Varner said.

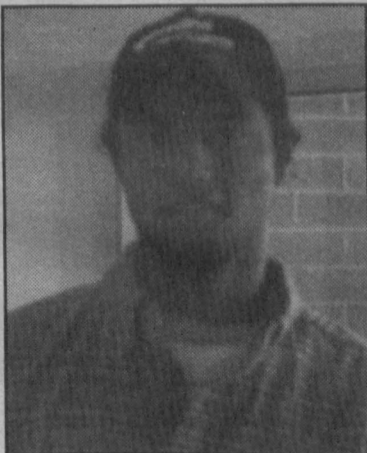
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By Ernest J. Scheyder
For The Maine Campus

While most students spend their college careers worrying about GPAs and extracurricular activities, Paul Groce has taken it upon himself to devote his time to an extraordinary cause.

First-year leads Black Student Union

A first-year student of Caribbean descent, Groce is the president of the Black Student Union. A double major in social work and political science, Groce recently became president of the group when the former president resigned due to personal issues. Under Groce's leadership, the



Paul Groce

group has recently focused on preparation for Black History Month during February. While Groce admits that the group is lacking concrete organization this year, he notes that it does enjoy a good number of faithful members.

For Groce, achieving the presi-

dency of the Black Student Union meant he could bring to bear his own personal goals for the group. He said he hopes to focus on events beyond Black History Month in an effort to diversify the group's offerings to the student body. He will be involved in the Black History Month Dinner on Feb. 20, which will feature a Caribbean theme this year.

One such area Groce feels needs to be addressed is the essence of Black History Month itself.

"We need to make history as colorless as possible," Groce said.

By focusing solely on black history during this time, members of other ethnic groups feel left out or not welcome, he said.

"I don't find [UMaine] to be discriminatory at all," Groce said,

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Investigation continues into similar Witter Farm assaults

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into the horse's reproductive organs with enough force to cause internal damage and bleeding, Public Safety Chief Noel March said in September. The horse involved in the Sept. 20 incident did not require medical treatment. A different horse was involved in each

incident.

Those incidents are still under investigation.

Judy Finchum of Witter Farm testified at Diemer's hearing, asking the court to use its power to ensure the harshest penalty, so Diemer would be punished under the full extent of the law.

"He should not walk among us, because he is the lowest of the low," Finchum said.

Diemer apologized to the farm and said he did not commit the first two assaults.

A class D crime, the cruelty to animals charge is punishable by up to a year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000.

Students charged with receiving stolen bikes

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said.

"We found four bikes, but we know there were a lot more than that," Nickerson said. In addition to the bikes found in the rooms, officers also found marijuana in the rooms of Jassey, O'Brien and Phelps. In one room, they also found psilocybin mushrooms.

Whether the suspects stole bikes from UMaine and sold them at UVM is uncertain. It is suspected that the men took the bikes from UVM and stripped them for parts on the way back to Orono, Nickerson said. Public Safety knows of at least one complete bike has been sold on this campus, Nickerson said.

"We are still investigating the location of the stolen bike from

UVM [which] we know was sold on campus," Nickerson said. "If the person who purchased the bike was willing to bring it to the station, they would not be looking at criminal charges. We are also looking for anyone else who might have [information]."

Jassey was a student at UVM last year, which may explain why the suspects chose to take bikes from that school, Nickerson said.

Nickerson wished to thank UMaine students for their help in the investigation.

"This was good teamwork, not only with the officers but with the students, because without their help, this case would not have been solved," Nickerson said.

The men will be arraigned in 3rd District Court in Bangor on Feb. 20.

Visitor may face hate crime charges

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also face civil charges due to the nature of the messages scrawled on the doors and walls of Hancock Hall.

"[The case] has been forwarded to the attorney general's office," Gardner said. "[Barnes] was potentially motivated by hate or bias, so they can move forward with civil action against Mr. Barnes."

The FBI's Uniform Crime Report defines a hate crime or bias crime as a criminal offense committed against a person, property or society which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity or national origin.

Hate crimes motivated by sexual orientation accounted for more than one-third of all hate or bias crimes in Maine in 2001, according to the Partners Against Hate Web site.

Hate crimes on campus do not happen often, but they do cause significant emotional stress to individuals targeted and the community as a whole, according to Barbara Smith, director of Residence Life and Programs,

"People think they're being funny, but it's mean to attack someone's identity," Smith said. "The whole community becomes targeted ... Our role then is to really sort of help a community heal and make individuals feel safe and com-

fortable and protected."

Most hate crimes that occur on campus are in the form of graffiti on doors and walls and often the vandal is not caught, Smith said.


Police are also investigating another act of vandalism in Hancock Hall that occurred on the same evening in which a fire extinguisher was discharged inside the hall. Police do not believe Barnes was involved, and believe the crimes were unrelated.

"We have developed some suspects, so we're still working on that investigation," Gardner said. "It's just difficult to get witnesses during break," he said.

Barnes is scheduled to appear in court on Feb. 20.

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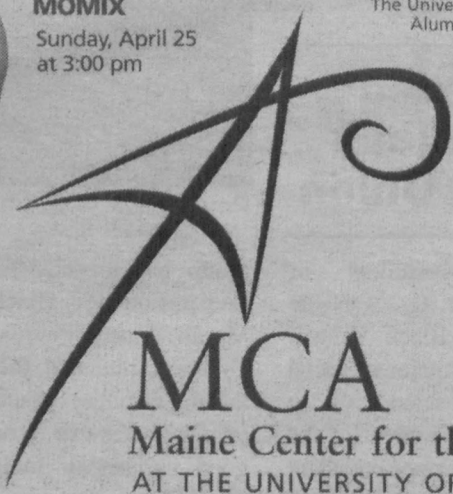
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Alumnus a resource for black students

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In all, Varner spent 19 years serving the community through his outreach efforts, but his activism didn't stop there. After leaving the program, Varner spent time working at high schools, advising black students at Drew University, and working with Earl Graves, the founder of Black Enterprise Magazine.

It was around this time that Varner received a call from the University of Maine asking him to return and focus on racial issues in Orono. Varner accepted and returned to his alma mater to assist a whole new generation of minorities, whom Varner

described as "fish out of water."

"Maine is an excellent spot to develop modules to address problems with race in this country," Varner said. "The educational system in this country is a racist system. Students are taught to be good, little, white male Americans. Black persons are taught to hate themselves."

Upon his return, Varner worked closely with the admissions office and other departments to ensure the equitable integration of all persons into university life. He served as adviser to the Black Student Union and, with help from students, formed the Bangor chapter of the

NAACP.

In all, Varner spent several years working with the university before officially retiring. His work, however, did not stop there. He continues to be active in various groups on campus and in the community, including the Maine Peace Action Committee and the Human Rights Coalition. He also teaches Intro to Black Studies from time to time.

"I'm on call to students in the black community," he said.

Varner stresses that there is still plenty of work to be done on the part of minorities at UMaine. The university could do more to attract and retain a greater racial

spectrum of students and faculty, he said.

"They can do it if they really want to," Varner said.

Varner said he would like to see the campus transform into approximately 20 to 25 percent minority students, saying it is unacceptable that white students do not have the chance to interact with students of other backgrounds while in college.

"I think the university is doing a great injustice [to white students] by not having them experience the real world," Varner said.

To accomplish this goal, Varner said a vice president for diversity or a similar position

could be established to address diversity issues. But, Varner said he doesn't see the rapid inclusion of minorities, specifically the 25 percent proposed population, happening anytime soon.

"This university is at the water, but they're not drinking," Varner said, referring to UMaine administration.

Despite the work that remains at UMaine, Varner acknowledges the positive aspects the Civil Rights movement had on this country and continues to press forward towards his goals.

"I think I'm really lucky," Varner said, looking back on his life of fond memories.

Orono Bog Boardwalk's first year exceeds expectations

A total of 15,560 visitors registered at the Orono Bog Boardwalk in 2003, according to Director Ronald Davis, which is more than double the expectations of the facility's management committee. The boardwalk closed for the season on Dec. 1, 2003, and will reopen in May.

"The boardwalk has become a major outdoor recreation destination in the Bangor area. It has attracted people from more than 15 other states and 15 foreign countries," Davis said.

Boardwalk success is due to the work of many volunteers and the Maine Conservation Corps, as well as the diversity of plant life and environments in the bog, he said.

"It is a quiet and beautiful place, and it can be a great learn-

ing experience," said Davis, who is also a University of Maine biologist.

The mile-long boardwalk starts off the East Trail in the Bangor City Forest and continues on UMaine land in Orono. To guide visitors through the bog, signs have been placed along the boardwalk, and a 16-page guidebook is available. It features facts about the boardwalk and the bog, as well as colored photographs of plants and flowers.

This past year, many Bangor area organizations arranged for free, expert-guided walks at the boardwalk. They included senior citizen clubs, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes, garden clubs and students. The program will be continued in 2004. To

arrange a guided walk, call Davis at 866-4786 before 8:30 p.m. at least a month in advance. The boardwalk is wheelchair accessible.

In addition, an expanded series of guided Saturday morning nature walks will be planned. In 2003, they focused on bog ecology, birds and their habitats, wetland destruction and conservation, bog plant life, peat bogs for kids and water flows in the bog and its environmental implications.

The boardwalk is a public service of its sponsors: the University of Maine, Orono Land Trust and the city of Bangor. A fund-raising campaign is currently underway to establish an endowment for boardwalk maintenance.

University of Maine responds to dairy task force recommendations

The University of Maine Agricultural Center has created a Dairy Task Force Response Team to develop and deliver educational programs in support of Maine dairy farmers. This team will be coordinating educational programming and applied research that will help Maine dairy farmers survive in challenging economic times.

The recent Governor's Task Force on the Sustainability of the Dairy Industry in Maine included members of this team, and the final report highlighted several areas of need to be addressed by UMaine.

The 10-member team will

include representatives of UMaine's research and public outreach segments. They will work with the Maine Department of Agriculture and the Maine Dairy Industry Association, which represents the state dairy community, and several agribusinesses to identify high priority issue areas.

"The response team is excited about the programming possibilities," said Gary Anderson, extension professor and team coordinator.

The Maine Agricultural Center has provided a \$10,000 budget to support the team with its work.

The team has members from

UMaine Cooperative Extension offices statewide and from departments within the Maine Agricultural and Forest Experiment Station. Their expertise includes animal and veterinary science, food science, agronomy and farm business management. They will cover several areas of dairy management including nutrition, reproduction, mastitis and milking management, calf care, business management and the use of records to make business decisions as well as crop production, weed control and development of value added enterprises.

BSU leader focuses on similarities

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speaking of the atmosphere towards persons of varying ethnic groups in Orono.

He did say, however, that he would like to see a greater emphasis on multicultural issues by university administration. Groce suggests more lectures for the public regarding black and other minori-

ty issues. He also feels UMaine could benefit from having an African-American Studies department, calling it a "positive step."

Groce said that at the end of the day, however, what we have in common is far more important than what sets us apart.

"You can't put your emphasis on diversity ... Commonality is

the most important thing," he said.

In the future, Groce plans on working as a social worker in the inner city or as a political lobbyist for children and minority issues. In his time remaining at UMaine, Groce plans on remaining an ardent supporter for issues that relate to minorities and the university community.

Fire and ice



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A Thursday night fire in the Masonic Hall building in downtown Bangor was still ablaze inside the ice-entombed structure Friday night. Five fire departments attempted to save the 136 year-old building, which a wrecking ball reduced to a pile of rubble Friday night.



Firefighters continue to combat the smoldering historic site which was home to the Masonic Temple Association and learning center. Officials suspect the fire may have started in the boiler room.

EDITORIAL

A storm spoiler

Let it snow, let it snow.

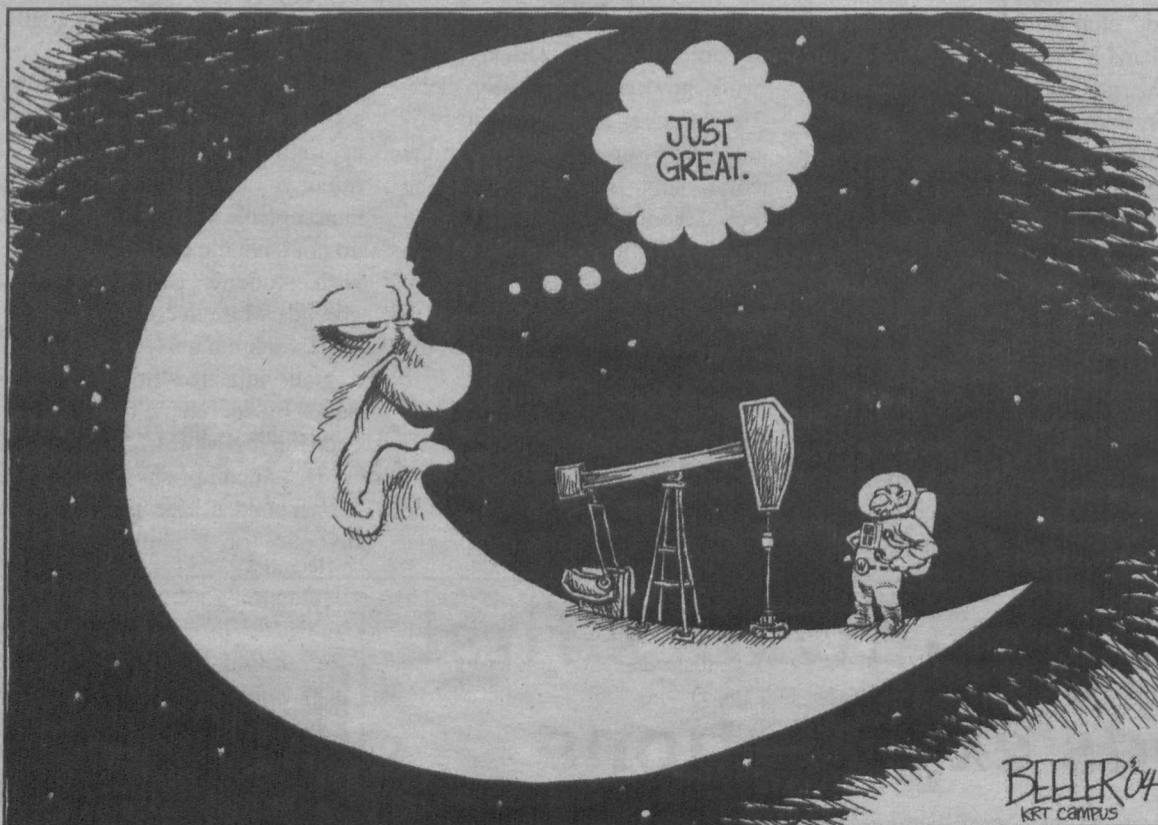
On Monday, Dec. 15, the first day of finals week, a Nor'Easter swept through Maine, leaving the campus here at Orono buried under quickly accumulating snow. By noon the roads were icy if they were navigable at all, and though the plows worked through the afternoon, there was little relief from the harsh weather.

The storm eventually passed, but debate over the way in which it was handled by the University administration has not. At stake is what some students feel is an issue of endangerment — UMaine officials had knowingly put commuters at risk by not canceling classes in the middle of the worst storm of the year. Also of issue is the lack of a contingency plan that could be enacted in the case of bad weather during finals week.

These are valid concerns. Although we believe that administration officials were right to continue classes in the absence of alternatives — professors could, and did reschedule finals on an individual basis when necessary — the powers that be at UMaine should consider implanting a four-day finals week, with Friday as a "reserve" day in case of cancellation. This would give the administration some leeway in terms of scheduling and bad weather. A busy week should be no excuse for compromised safety.

Remembering a friend

A toast to Dr. Michele Alexander is in order. Not only was she a witty, intelligent and energetic educator, but a wonderful friend to all who knew her. Alexander accomplished amazing things during her all too short life, most recently becoming a mother. The psychology department is at a tremendous loss. For those that knew her, a fire in our hearts has been lit by her kindness and inspiration. Cheers.



Bush's space program plans

A few stars short of a galaxy

Undoubtedly you have heard about President Bush's plan to send Americans back to the moon. Like most of us, I was indifferent about the project until I got some of the details surrounding Bush's comic book fantasy as I like to call it.

The space program has taken a serious financial and public support hit since the Columbia shuttle disaster. I don't think, however, that the way to reinvigorate the space program's weakened infrastructure is to throw hundreds of billions of dollars at it until the NASA gods are satisfied.

What better way to get the richest people in the country to support one of your new campaign promises than to show them how you're going to be paying for this kind of waste: with middle-class American's taxes. This child-like dream of setting up a permanent establishment on the moon is just another example of how President Bush is not making the U.S. deficit a priority in his 2004 campaign. If he wants to go to the moon, why doesn't he try taxing the wealthiest 10 percent of people in the country? My bad, he's working off the premise that blood is thicker than oil. Surely the

MARSHALL DURY



OPINION EDITOR

appropriately named Vice President Dick Cheney would agree with that sentiment.

What I do not want to hear is that I am anti-science, or anti-space progress. The thought of going to the moon again is a great idea, but I'm not totally sure why we would need to go — it being a giant, weightless dust bowl. I must admit, though, science occasionally beckons and, in the end, answering that call sometimes yields the deepest of insights into human technology. In the end, however, the moon can wait.

The American deficit is half-a-trillion dollars and that cannot wait. I'm not saying that the deficit is all Bush's fault. Sept. 11 certainly put a serious crack in America's financial and mental spending foundation. The way to combat this damaged metaphorical psyche, however, is not to slingshot man after man — filled with backpacks that cost as much as a house — to the moon.

Another humorous idea that Bush is indulging is the thought of "harvesting" the moon for its energy resources. That's the kind of spirit that built American. If you can't get what you want where you are, take it from somewhere else. We've torn apart and degraded the natural resources in America and in countries abroad for long enough. Right when we should be looking for alternative and healthier forms of energy consumption, Bush restores the deeply misled cornucopian tenet that science will be able to fix everything. What does not fix the problem of a lack of renewable energy resources is a president with a deeper sense of commitment to his wallet than to the people who depend on his distorted view of leadership.

Maybe I'm not focusing on the real issue here. Maybe Bush is playing cleanup for his father yet again — think Saddam Hussein. Enclosed in President Bush's plan to return to the moon, there will be a financial and scientific strategy to get Americans to step foot on Mars. Oddly enough, the president's father set up a similar program in 1989, but it fell to the way-

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Middle ground

Sharing responsibility

MATTHEW SHAER



EDITOR IN CHIEF

My friend returned from Iraq last month — shaken, but still very much himself — with stories of gas masks, missile scares, a fear he had not really understood and a question: Did I think what he was doing over there was right? He was more than aware of my political orientation and left, in the question, little room for avoiding some form of personal culpability: "Support" was the underlying implication — either it had been there, or it hadn't. "I think," I said carefully, "that the war was misrepresented to us." This was not necessarily the answer to the question he'd asked, but in that moment, neither "yes" nor "no" really fit. Yes, I thought he should be proud of having helped remove Saddam Hussein's government, and yes, I was proud of him and not sure I could ever have done what he did. But after 10-odd months of smoke, mirrors and lies from the Bush administration, Iraq seemed a means to a very separate end.

Of course it becomes, at some point, one thing to protest the theory of a war — deliberately misleading and hopelessly unilateral — but another to tell a Marine who just returned from Baghdad that you weren't really sure he'd been fighting for what he'd been told he was fighting for. The United States is a country where patriotism, that most awesome of catch phrases, is also a tripwire to instantaneous guilt: if you don't like hamburgers, hot dogs or football, you might not be American; if you don't support the war, my friend, you're just not patriotic.

Yesterday, a suicide bomber killed about 23 civilians in Iraq and my friend called from San Diego, where he is now staying. See PERSPECTIVE page 9

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Space

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side. Why you ask? Cost.

Is Bush wearing an ear piece? Is he "reading his fathers lips?" I am not naive enough to think that Bush is void of the occasional pep talk from his cabinet. But I have a feeling someone behind the scenes is pulling the strings, and Bush is playing the role of a puppet in a very elaborate ventriloquist act.

Why doesn't Bush focuses his energy on America? I was excited when I saw the somewhat-live pictures NASA's rover sent back from Mars to earth. I was not feeling ambitious enough, however, to sink billions and billions of dollars to set up a space station on the moon so we can play space cowboy — testing our overpriced

lasers and breathing devices that we one day want to use on Mars.

Someone could surely say, "If not now, when?" or "No time like the present." This is true. If we put the idea of traveling abroad in space long enough, no one will remember or care about stepping foot on the red planet. The voice of America — the people who are supposedly behind Bush — were not wondering why we aren't on Mars or back on the moon. This is his own brilliant idea. To go back to the moon, set up a space station there, and travel to Mars would be a step back for the hurting planet that needs more help than President Bush can give.

Marshall Dury is a senior English major.

Perspective

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tioned until September, to talk. Although we have known each other for six years, there is a carefulness we both employ in talking about his experiences in the military and mine at college — a mutual incomprehension, a compulsory wariness — and we circled for a while, discussing nothing. He was working on helicopters all day, and was, I think, happy to be far from the explosions in Baghdad. I had work in a few hours and a paper due on Wednesday. There was some silence. Was I writing a column for today? Yes. Did he want it sent to his e-mail? "No," he said, "I read all of them online anyway. I search for your name on Google."

It wasn't an epiphany, necessarily, but I became then suddenly aware of a very real sense of implicit understanding between us. I remembered that the week before, when discussing the war in an afternoon class, I had been proud to share that I had a friend who was fighting in Iraq, and if I didn't agree with the policies of the White House that had sent him there, I could still have pride in the fact that my friend did something that he knew needed to be done.

There is, you'll note, a large difference between writing a column questioning the war and taking your own life in your hands for your country. For that matter, war and journalism will never understand each other fully. But if my friend could read my columns online every month and understand them and I could support his service in Iraq then there's also room for a third understanding: shared responsibility. The greatness of this country lies not in a parity of patriotic sentiment but in a disparity of opinion, thought and action that create — whether in times of war, or of peace — a functioning democracy.

Responsibility — or simply saying what you feel, whenever it becomes important enough to say it — is the largest part of this equation, and it shapes not only what the country is, but also what it will be. This, as far as I'm concerned, is the most virulent and dangerous form of political browbeating employed today: the mislaid conviction that to say nothing, sometimes, is better than saying something.

Matt Shaer is a senior English major.

Basic tenets of respect

Executions deserve to be treated with human decency

On Feb. 3, 1998, Karla Faye Tucker Brown was executed by the state of Texas. Her punishment was viewed as controversial because she was the first woman in Texas to be executed and she was a born again Christian — she claimed to have seen the error of her ways. Christian and human rights groups petitioned and worked around the clock to postpone the execution, but the Governor at the time, now U.S. President George W. Bush, denied the request and Tucker died at the hands of the state.

Brown was a murderer. She killed two people with a pickax. I don't deny that she deserved the punishment she got. How I feel about the death penalty does not even really matter in this case because the most horrible occurrence of that evening was not that Texas executed Brown, nor was it that Brown thought she had a chance at changing her sentence despite her heinous crime. The most horrible incident that evening in Texas was following the announcement of Brown's death, a crowd of people standing outside of the jail began cheering. High-fives were given and homemade signs reading "Forget lethal injection, get her with a pickax" were displayed proudly above people's heads.

Fast-forward five years to Dec. 23, 2003. One of the two accomplices in the D.C. Sniper case, John Lee Malvo, is sentenced to

KYLE WEBSTER



STYLE EDITOR

life in prison at the recommendation of a jury in Chesapeake, Va. A Virginia jury gave the other suspect in the case the death penalty, but Malvo's life was spared, most likely because he was 17 at the time of the crimes. Initially, both men involved in this case were tried in Virginia due to the state's reputation with the death penalty. It was assumed that both would be put to death, thus making further court cases in other states where the two men were to be tried on various charges almost unnecessary. Following the announcement of the sentence, victims, family members and friends made statements about their feelings of the proceeding and eventual sentence.

"I am not at all pleased with the outcome of this trial," Vijay Walekar, brother of slain cab driver Premkumar Walekar, said.

Others echoed this, saying things such as, "There are two people who committed the ultimate crime. One got the ultimate penalty and one didn't ... A life sentence minimizes what this man did to the victims and the victims's families." The majority of the people who spoke showed

the same levels of anger or disappointment at the overall outcome.

The statements made by the victims and family members following the trial made me sad and angry. Our nation has truly grown to become a dark society. The fact that we attempt to set someone up to be executed and then become aggravated and angry at the results is sick and twisted.

I am from Virginia and believe in the death penalty to some extent. But I do not believe that the death of anyone, especially someone who has proven to have changed and be a decent human being, is something that should be cheered and celebrated. Nor do I think that people should get angry that the "system has failed them" because a 17-year-old was not put to death for his crimes.

People question why children have become so violent and why violence as a whole reigns through city streets. These same people, however, never stop to notice how we treat our own and how demented we become when we desire death as a punishment.

Brown deserved to die, but she also deserved to be respected. Perhaps her death did prove that justice had been served, and perhaps those who cheered in the streets are now leading a better life due to this, but I sincerely doubt it.

Kyle Webster is a junior journalism major.

Holding back the disabled

Making it affordable to work

According to the National Organization on Disability's 1998 survey, only about half of Americans with any sort of a disability are employed. Handicapped citizens are almost three times more likely to live below the poverty line than able-bodied people. This isn't because they're lazy or useless. It's not because of discrimination by potential employers. The reason that so many disabled citizens live in poverty is because of a vast, gaping flaw in the Social Security Disability Income program.

When I talk about disabilities, I am referring to physical handicaps. The United States government recognizes emotional limitations as disabilities as well. I, with the noted exception of serious mental illnesses, do not accept these as valid disabilities. Last year I met an obnoxious twenty-something from New Hampshire who said with a straight face that he collects a disability check because working is "too stressful." Maybe it's irrelevant, but he had a role-playing symbol tattooed on his face.

I'm not even going to mention people classified and rewarded as disabled because of severe obesity. They don't need closer parking

MIKE HARTWELL



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spots. If anything, they should be forced to park further away than everyone else.

I could go on and on about discrimination, but I like to think my readers are above such brutish notions. Besides, discrimination isn't a big problem. The worst result of prejudice directed at the handicapped is not discrimination, but pity. Most Americans think of disabled people as a separate group of people. The handicapped are viewed as either super beings that climb mountains with their teeth or rolling burdens that need us to open doors for them.

It's easy to think that a disabled worker would be more of a liability than an asset. Ramps, rails, Braille pads and other accommodations do cost money. Fortunately, labor studies have shown that only about one-fifth of disabled workers need any sort of workplace accommodations, half of which cost a maximum of \$50. Beyond that, businesses that wish

to modify their facilities in the interest of the disabled can already receive tax breaks.

The reason that so many people with disabilities are unemployed is a single eligibility stipulation for Social Security Disability Income. If people make more than \$500 a month, they lose their government assistance. The disabled have an increased cost of living. The money that the government gives them often keeps them in poverty. If they go out and find a job, they lose out on a monthly check and health insurance. The health insurance bills for the handicapped are absolutely crippling. Because of this and the increased cost of living, most people with a disability can't afford to work.

We have literally millions of potential workers out there that could be clocking in five times a week instead of collecting a glorified welfare check. Obviously, not everyone with a severe disability can go to work with even the most sensible policy change. Still, no one should have to choose between destitution and an uphill climb. We've built all these ramps and Braille pads — it's time we start using them.

Mike Hartwell is a sophomore journalism major.

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Style



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THANK YOU, THANK YOU — The members of Concertante take a bow following their performance in Minsky Recital Hall on Sunday.

Dissidence, tension drives sextet performance

By Jesse Davis
Staff Writer

From the opening note, Concertante exceeded all expectations set for them by most of the audience. During their performance at Minsky this past Sunday, the world-renowned sextet played pieces by Martinu, Schoenberg and Brahms.

Made up of violinists Xiao-Dong Wang and Ittai Shapira, violists Rachel Shapiro and Ara Gregorian, and cellists Kristina

Reiko Cooper and Raman Ramakrishnan, Concertante recently released its first album on Helicon Records and is currently in the middle of a coast to coast promotional tour. While the musicians all hail from a variety of locales worldwide and were all taught by variety of experts, each of them studied at Julliard.

As they began the first piece, Martinu's "Sextet for Strings," the tension and dissonance of the piece flowed as the sounds of each of the instruments melted into

each other to the point that one couldn't distinguish one instrument from another. The angry, sharp notes powered the three-section piece to an emotional height before its conclusion.

After a small break to tune, they continued with Schoenberg's "Verklärte Nacht, Op. 4." This softer and smoother piece was a soothing follow-up to the violent, attacking notes of the previous piece.

Following the second section was a short intermission during

which snacks were served and much discussion went on about how amazed everyone was with the perfection of performance that the group possessed.

The show then went into the climax of the evening with the four-part piece, Brahms' "Sextet for Strings in B-flat Major, Op. 18." The first two segments followed a similar feel as the Schoenberg, a softer, mellower sound relaxing and delighting the audience. The third segment, presented with a lot of bright jumping

notes and plucking, shook things up. This peppiness seemed to bring the attention back to the piece. Finally came the last segment, with a sweeping motif working its way throughout the piece until, in the last few measures, it sped up and climbed to climax before ending only a few notes later.

From the young to the old and young at heart, Concertante provided those who attended with an experience that they will be talking about for some time.

Chain saw juggler cancels show

One of the bigger shows being put on by Campus Activities Board was canceled following initial advertising and hype last Tuesday, only four days prior to the actual performance.

Mad Chad Taylor, famous mainly due to his chain saw juggling abilities, was scheduled to perform as the kick-off to this semester's Maine Attraction series for CAB last Friday at 9:30 p.m. in Hauck Auditorium.

Taylor was offered the chance to perform in a car commercial, and therefore canceled his show at UMaine, according to Kelly Snider, the Maine Attraction chair for CAB and Joe Mollo, the director of CAB.

His show centers around the idea of "Extreme Comedy." He uses his skateboards, juggling and chain saws in his performance, which has been featured on the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and the "Donnie and Marie Show."

The cancellation was announced Tuesday, Jan. 13, via FirstClass. No replacement was made due to the late cancellation and lack of good options.

Mollo stated that they do hope to bring Taylor to campus next semester.

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Schedule announced for School of Performing Arts

The spring semester schedule for the University of Maine School of Performing Arts was announced recently, revealing a diverse selection of dance, theater and musical offerings for the community to enjoy. Each event is produced and performed by students and faculty members from the University.

The theater department will be putting on three major productions and one production as a part of the Reader's Theater. The major musical production will be, "I Love You, You're Perfect - Now Change." The director for the show will be Dominick Varney and it will play from April 7 - 10 at 7:30 p.m. and April 12 at 2 p.m. Additional productions will be "Much Ado About Nothing," playing from Feb. 13-14 and 19-21 at 7:30 p.m. and on Feb. 15

and 22 at 2 p.m., and "Necessary Targets," playing on April 14 at 7:30 p.m. Both shows will be directed by Marcia Joy Douglas.

The annual dance concert will be held April 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Hauck Auditorium. Artistic director for this show will be Ann Ross.

The Ensemble Series will begin on Feb. 8 and will feature every major student musical group with shows held in Minsky throughout the semester.

There will also be a Faculty Recital Series with a variety of performances in Minsky Recital Hall in the early portion of the semester.

For all times and ticket information, the complete schedule can be accessed at umaine.edu/spa.

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GAME ROOM

Game room determines the best and worst in gaming

By Matt Desmond
For The Maine Campus

If you look at the sales charts, there is no denying that the top-selling console games of 2003 were sports games. Starting in June, the top-selling games were consistently sports-oriented. But just because a game sells well does not necessarily make it the game of the year. Some of the best-selling games this year have been complete garbage.

There is no denying that sports games are titles that we all enjoy playing every now and then. I recently became a sports game nut, and I managed to play every sports title released this season. This year, Sega decided to change the names of its 2K series and brought in the ESPN franchise for name recognition. It seemed like a good idea and people have been raving about Sega Sports' "brilliance." I disagree and wish Sega better luck next year.

The ESPN games have been absolutely abysmal this year. From the first person mode of "ESPN NFL Football," to the monotony of Gary Thorne's play-by-play in "ESPN NHL Hockey," and the lack of need for the Iso-Motion feature in "ESPN NBA Basketball," these games just

haven't had any reason to shine this year. All the games have going for them is the ESPN-style presentation, which even then is sub-par. "ESPN NHL Hockey" was lacking in every department. The only redeeming value was the weekly wrap-up in each game. Even then, it's only partially decent.

The best sports titles this year belong to EA Sports. The games graphics are crystal clear. While the presentations don't have the likeness of the ESPN games, what they do have going for them is the exact type of play-by-play and color commentary that people expect from EA. While it can get dry and repetitive at times, when the action picks up, the tone in the commentary changes. The addition of a Dynasty mode with real challenges and change of pace to these games.

Adventure games are always great and challenging. This year there was no shortage of them either, contrary to what the other analysts say. Everything from "Grand Theft Auto" to the more traditional action games qualify as adventure. With that in mind, we go to the worst game of the year.

"True Crime: Streets of L.A." looked to be one of the most innovative games in recent times.



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Unfortunately, it was far from it. The game didn't offer anything we haven't already seen in the "Grand Theft Auto" series. The only way to explain the game's atrociousness is to assume the following: imagine the elements of a John Woo action film, combined with "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City" and then get the makers of "The Blair Witch Project"

in on the action. This game should be in the bargain bin pretty soon and with good reason.

The best adventure game this year was a game that didn't even appear as a blip on the radar screen. That game was "Post Mortem," distributed by the Adventure Company (Dreamcatcher Games' adventure label). The gamer plays as Gus

McPherson, a former detective at the Pinkerton Agency in New York. Due to circumstances unknown, Gus is no longer at the Pinkerton Agency and works as a painter in Paris during the early 1920s. When a gruesome double-murder is committed, the sister of one of the victims asks Gus to go

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Web Monkey
umainedrunks.com

UMaine's drunken side celebrated

By Tony Reaves
Staff Writer

There's a certain irony to how parents spend thousands of dollars on higher learning for their children, while the children spend their time at college drinking themselves stupid. If you define your college experience as a cycle of classes and vomiting, here's the Web site that's singing your song.

If the creators of UMaineDrunks.com had their way, college life would be just like a college movie, where every other facet of student life would take a back seat to drinking and sex. In fact, if anyone just yelled, "My life is already like that!" at the newspaper they're holding, then they're probably qualified to contribute to the Web site.

The page seems pointless at first

glance. But although you can call UMaine drunks a lot of things, like alcoholics, but you can't call them apathetic. A manifesto on the first page is a call to arms to protect their way of life.

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"The students here have to stand up and do something on Friday night," reads the first page.

The page complains that Public

Safety "has become a training camp for fascists" because it cracked down on drinking, and the only way to fight them is to drink a lot of alcohol. When the page recommends drinking as a way to meet people, you realize that maybe they are doing a service to campus culture.

There is an interesting article correlating the crackdown on campus drinking with increased OUI arrests because students go to people's apartments to drink. There is no evidence yet, but UMaine Drunks promise some hard numbers are on the way. Of course, it's hard to take all that seriously when the site suggests that unprotected sex and grabbing the breasts of "a girl that is way out of your league" are smart moves.

Then, there's the comedy. The "news" section is a list of "You



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DRUNK TIMES — A UMaine student is pictured on the umainedrunks.com Web site at a themed "white trash" party.

know you go to UMaine if" jokes. Sometimes they strike gold, but most are obviously the product of wanting to write a lot of jokes.

"You run into people you know at Wal-Mart," reads one.

Never mind that you could fly to Omaha right now, visit the nearest Wal-Mart, and see someone you know. Here, in Maine, this occurrence is obviously just because you're a UMaine student.

"Your next door neighbors are computer geek anti-social shut-ins who never leave their room," reads another.

"Your RA is gay as hell and proud of it," says the worst.

If you're trying to figure out who these people are, here's a hint: they're from a small Maine town and this is their first time in civilization.

Ripping off Jeff Foxworthy doesn't always end in a train wreck, though. Great jokes about Bananas the Bear, the Drunk Bus and horse rapists are actually about UMaine and there are some hilarious observations. A little cutting would do wonders.

There are additional sections, including the growing section of pictures of drunk students that will undoubtedly get old fast, and a few yet-to-be completed links about other drunk ramblings.

The best way to sum up UMaine Drunks is to quote a post on the message board, responding to a picture of a guy throwing up: "I wish I knew that guy." We all have heroes, and the writers of UMaineDrunks.com will soon be heroes to a large portion of UMaine students.

Frequency jams in Union

Central Station kicks off series with covers, originals

By Jesse Davis
Staff Writer

"Where the hell is my car?" Geoff Boyd said Thursday night, just a few minutes before he and the rest of his band, Central Station, took the stage for last week's Frequency. Boyd, the guitarist and lead vocalist, wanted to grab something, but neither he nor Chris Feather, the drummer, could remember where they had parked, and their bassist's, Jeff Cutler, directions, "It's across the road and across the road," were a bit vague on the details. Finally giving up, they walked back to the union in time for the show to start.

A jam band primarily out of Belgrade, Boyd, Feather and Cutler (a UMaine student), have been together as Central Station for the last two-and-a-half years. As they began to play their first song, a cover of Steppenwolf's "Magic Carpet Ride," their dedication to the music and to each other became apparent.

Playing through their first set of songs covering such bands as Sublime and Hendrix as well as two of their own pieces, the 20 or so people in attendance all appeared to be having a good

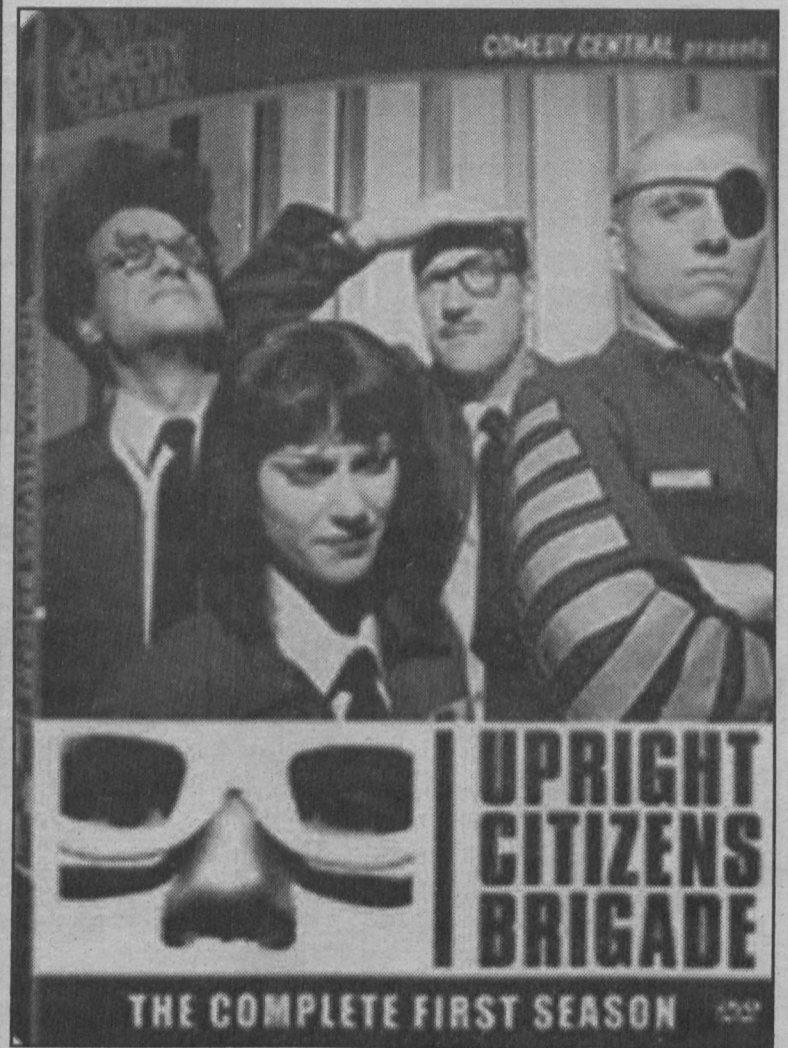
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time. The band member's ability to play off of each other, combined with Boyd's talent on guitar (portrayed through intelligent soloing and a complete lack of mistakes) and the never tiring arms of Feather proved to any nay sayers just how ready to deliver they were.

As the night went on, they played a handful more of their originals along with covers of the "Fresh Prince of Bel Air" theme song, "Another Brick in the Wall" and "Aeroplane." The band flowed well with no true breaks as they jammed from song to song. By the third set, the band members had only stopped playing twice: once to introduce themselves, and the other to break between sets.

Although the house may not have been rocking, (there weren't many people there) when they played recognizable cover-songs, groups of people cheered and sang along enthusiastically.

Moving on to the last set of the night, the band paired two originals with gorgeous renditions of "I Shot the Sheriff" and "Song 2" to close out the night. The overall set-list they chose was a great list of songs that are hard not to love. More original songs and fewer covers would have strengthened the performance.



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DVD set proves why show was canceled

By Nathan Thoms
For The Maine Campus

The "Upright Citizens' Brigade" DVD boxed set is a waste of money no matter how cheaply it is sold. Sitting through episodes of UCB, one can only imagine how much more fun patients in area burn centers are having in comparison to the viewers of the "Upright Citizens' Brigade." The cast of the show manages to combine poor screenwriting, terrible acting, and foolishly obvious attempts at absurdity and humor. Most of the sketches contained in the boxed set will run their entire length with-

out eliciting a laugh, a chuckle or even a smirk from the audience.

In addition to the poor quality of the television program in question, the boxed set contains shockingly little of note. A few of the episodes provide some audio commentary from the cast, which is at best a good way to drown out the incessant, rambling attempts at humor contained in the sketches, and at worst similar to the level of humor in the opening segments of "Saving Private Ryan."

It is rare for a group to manage to combine such a unique

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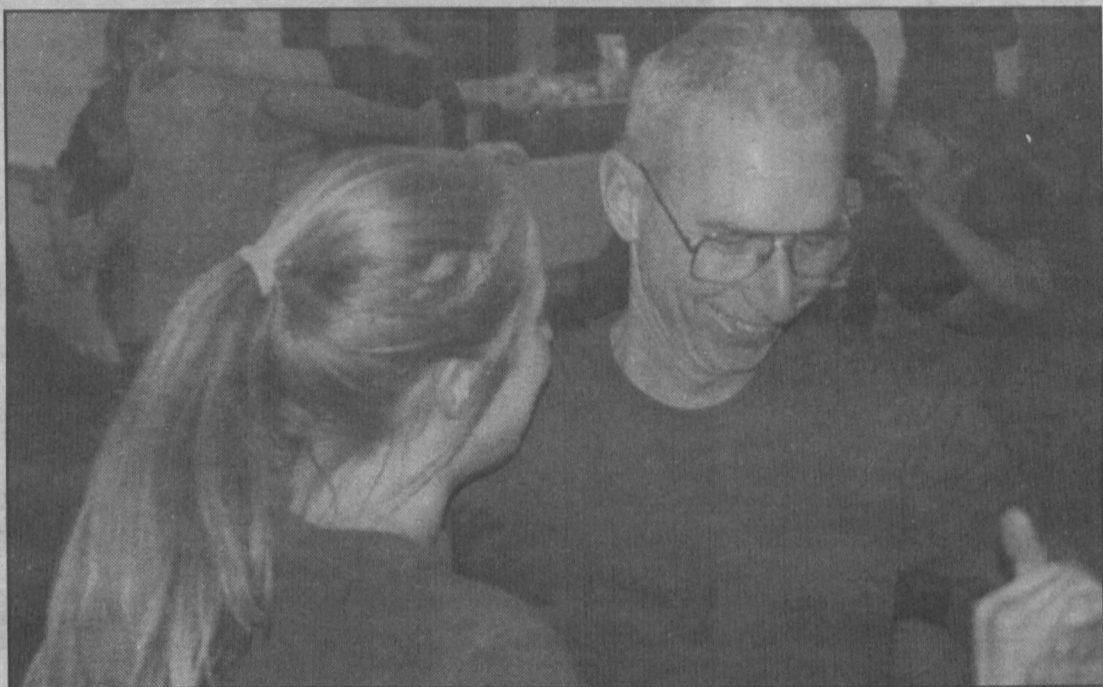
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Humorless DVD lacks content

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lack of talent, consistently awful scripts, trite skits and physical comedy with such a lack of innovation. The episodes produced by this group may have been considered novel or entertaining in the 1960s or early 1970s, but comedy has come a long way since "Laugh In" and "Monty Python" and it is no longer controversial, edgy or even very interesting to watch skits such as those performed by this comedy troupe.

The bottom-line is that if, for some reason, you enjoyed the "Upright Citizens' Brigade"

when they were airing episodes on Comedy Central, you may find some entertainment with this boxed set. When considered as a whole, the audio commentary and handful of bonus footage compliment the episodes provided quite well. It just so happens that for those many, many people who found no enjoyment in the hackneyed attempts at humor for which the "Upright Citizens' Brigade" is famous, even less entertainment value will be found with this boxed set. The work of this group is best described as what a sketch comedy group like "Saturday Night Live" would

produce if it were run by a small army of Bob Saget clones.

The "Upright Citizens' Brigade" is a comedy troupe that originally performed in New York prior to the show of the same name. The group is made up of four improvisation actors, including Matt Besser, Amy Poehler, who is currently a featured member of "Saturday Night Live," Ian Roberts, who played the choreographer in "Bring it On," and Matt Walsh, who appeared in "Elf," "Road Trip," "Old School" and "Starsky and Hutch."

Loading the best in video gaming

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on the trail of the killer and unravel the truth. The puzzles in the game are absolutely brain boggling and fun. With an open-ended style of playing (although you might not get the best ending), "Post Mortem" is one of the scariest games this year.

Everyone loves a good action game, too. This year has been no exception. It's tough to pick an absolute worst game of the year. But in terms of elements and style, the worst action game this year was "Enter: the Matrix." The most insulting thing about this game was that it seemed like someone decided to make a version of "Max Payne," "Matrix"-style. While it was the best-selling game of May 2003, there was really nothing to the game and after a couple levels, many lost interest in continuing. If you missed the game the first time around and want to see what you missed out on, it's a good rental game.

The best action game this year was "Max Payne 2." Finally the gods that be at Rockstar Games have released the highly anticipated game that has been in production since the first game came out. While the enemies might have been easy to beat and some of the storyline might have been a little out of whack and predictable, that was just the easy level. Each time you beat the game, it gets harder on the next difficulty level that you can unlock. The addition of bullet time 2.0 was a much enjoyed feature. In the original "Max Payne," with bullet time enabled, if you dove backward and happened to be firing your weapon at the same time, you would get back up after bullet time ended. In "Max Payne 2," you don't get back up until you stop firing your weapon. Kudos to Rockstar, but where is that movie and TV show that was mentioned on in the first "Max Payne?"

The following category is a relatively new one: the miscellaneous game of the year category. This can be any game from any genre. The worst miscellaneous game of the year had to be "Republic: The Revolution." What looked like one of the best political simulators ever to be made was bogged down by a clunky interface and lack of a decent tutorial. The premise of taking over a former Soviet

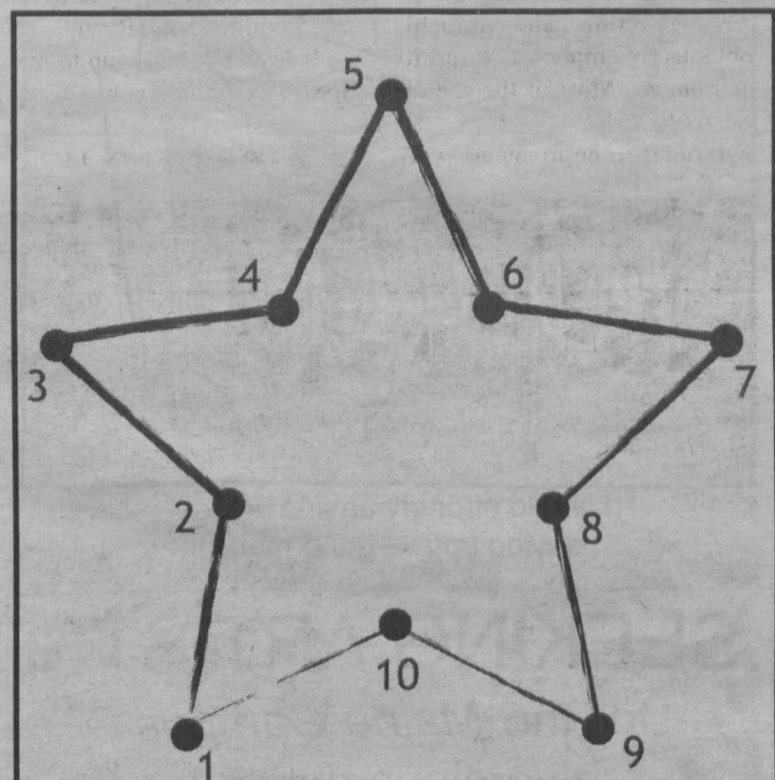
Union nation and either screwing it up more than it already was or making it the best nation to come out of the area was a good premise. Unfortunately though, it just didn't work.

The best miscellaneous game this year was "Final Fantasy X-2." Words can't possibly describe how good it is. The storyline is incredible and picks up from where "Final Fantasy X" left off. It is also a first in the "Final Fantasy" series as being a sequel to a "Final Fantasy" game. That has never happened before. It has always been in a new world and a new storyline. This time though, Square Enix has taken a large risk and has produced a very high quality game that is worthy of this reward.

Now it is time to move on to the best and worst overall games of 2003: three games for each category. The second runner-up for worst game of the year is "Enter the Matrix." The runner-up for worst game of the year is "Delta Force: Black Hawk Down." Come on guys, you had the worst possible timing for releasing a game about a very sensitive subject matter. Had the game been released two or three years from now, it might have been a game of the year contender. The next worst game of the year is "True Crime: Streets of L.A." Activision, take a hint. You can't be Rockstar Games and you will never be Rockstar Games, so stop trying to be something you will never be. On the plus side, this is a real contender in games that raise the bar and piss off Joe Lieberman in the process.

The second runner-up for game of the year is "Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic." This is truly a brilliant game. Bioware never ceases to amaze the gaming community with their jaw-dropping role-playing games. The runner-up for game of the year is "Max Payne 2." This game is just incredible. Now, the game of the year is reserved for a game that raises the bar and that people enjoy. That game is "Call of Duty." Incredible World War II first person shooting action, and there are times where you have more Nazis to shoot at than you have bullets.

Here's to a great year in gaming. Let's just hope those with the power don't let us down in 2004.



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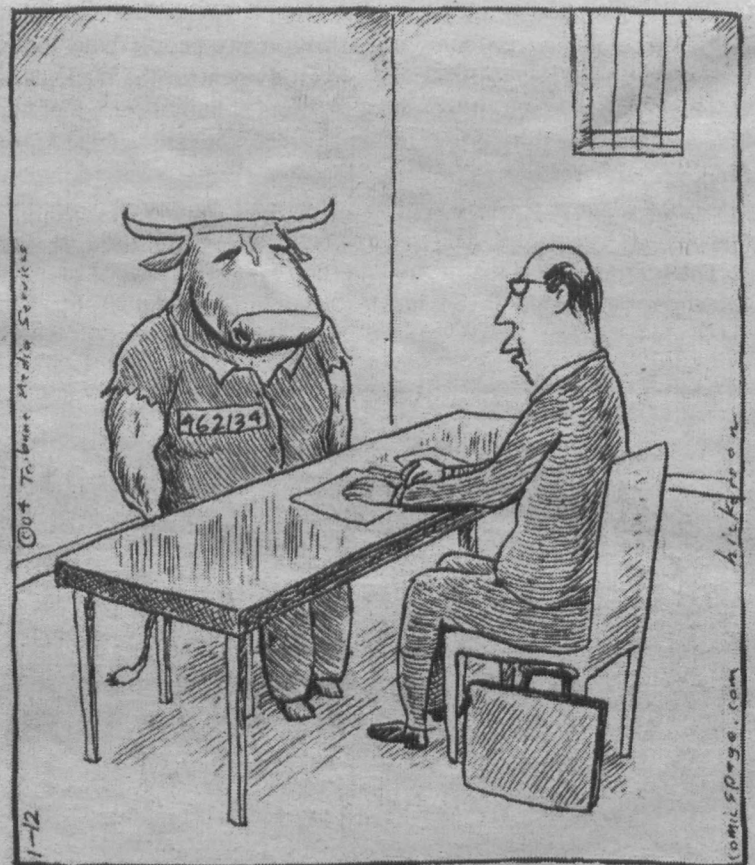
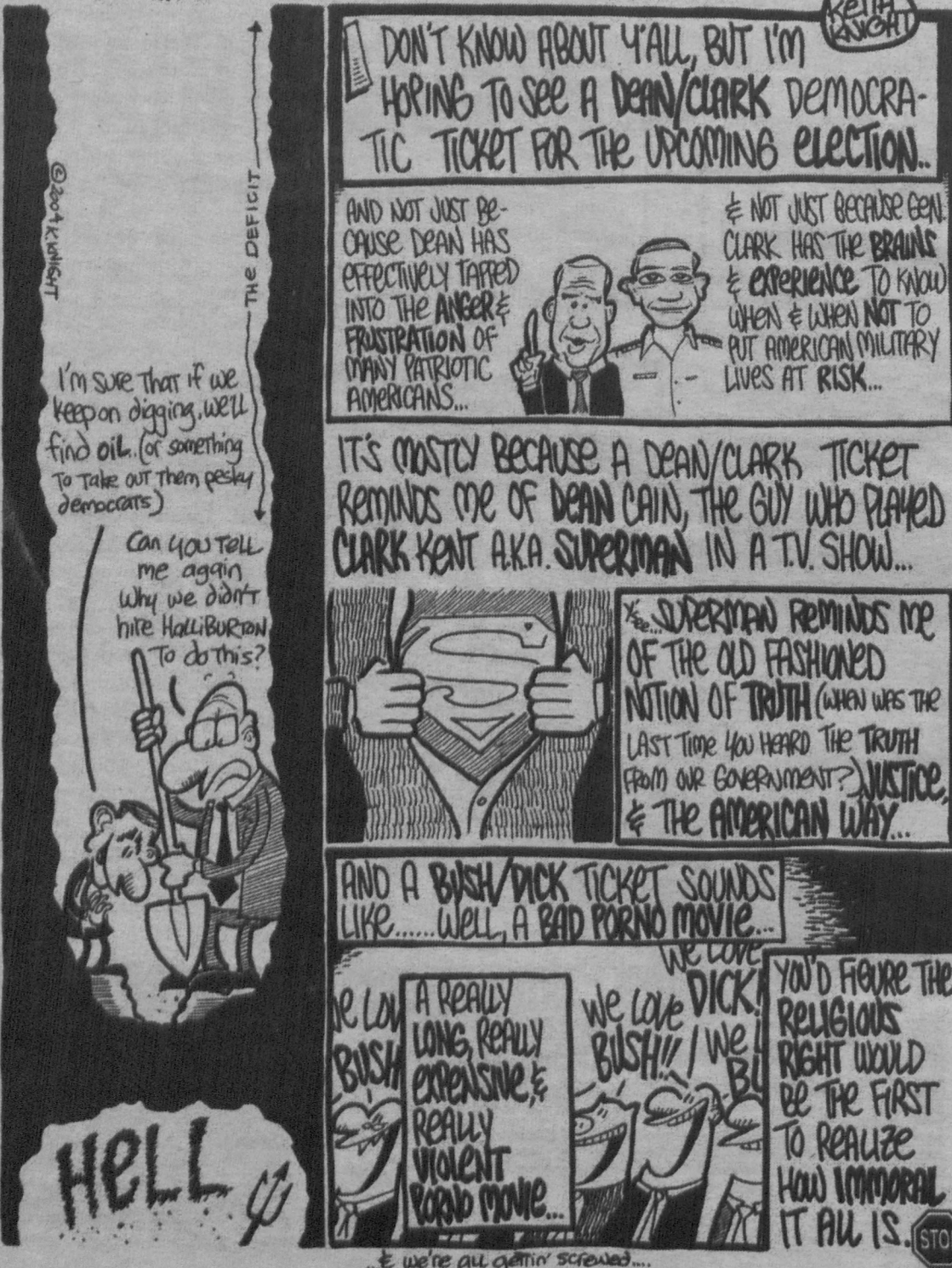
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UMaine wins back-to-back

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with a 37-30 advantage.

The second half began and finished just like the first with Maine standing alone on top; however, it did not come as easi-

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ly as anticipated. Carrying the lead throughout much of the half, Maine faced its toughest challenge when New Hampshire was able to cut the lead to just one with only 12:30 remaining in the game. Maine responded largely in part because of the strong play of senior standout Eric Dobson, who led all scores with a total of 21 points. Dobson exploded, scoring 17 points and six assists in the second half. The impressive point total was one shy of Dobson's career best and his second straight 20 or more point night.

Fellow Black Bears Flavin and sophomore sensation Kevin Reed contributed to the offensive attack, both tallying 10 points during the game. Junior Joe Campbell notched nine points but more importantly grabbed a decisive team-high seven rebounds. Campbell's assault on the boards led a 29-26 rebounding edge. Maine finished the game shooting 54.2 percent from the floor and connecting on 26 of 48 shots. The Black Bears also tallied a season-low 10 turnovers in the game.

Maine capped off the span of nine games with a hard-fought victory this Sunday with a 56-50 decision against Albany. The Black Bears used an aggressive up-tempo style of play to unseat the Great Danes. The attack was lead by local boy Campbell of Bangor and Reed. Both players posted strong numbers allowing Maine the opportunity to snatch the victory in the final moments of the second half. Albany was able to hang around for much of the game, forcing the Black Bears to make clutch free throws coming down the stretch. Those key points from the charity strip came from Dobson and Reed. Both players also recorded a double-double on the day. Reed finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds, while Campbell tallied 11 points and 11 boards.

Maine has posted a record of 6-3 during this four-week period. Snatching impressive wins against Morgan State, Colby, Hartford, Stony Brook and finally New Hampshire. Even more impressive may have been Maine's ability to nearly come away with a victory in all three of its losses during this time period. The Black Bears were able to show great promise in the three defeats at the hands of Binghamton, Massachusetts and Vermont. All three providing capable opponents, the Black Bears showed signs of being a deadly team come late March that could surprise more than a

few fans. They finish the nine games with a record of 10-5 and 4-2 in conference play.

Along the way Maine also managed to nearly set the steal record. In the match versus Colby, the Black Bears fell one shy of the all-time steal record for a game, with 20. In addition to this achievement, Maine has managed to put itself among the nation's leaders in several different categories. The Black Bears are ranked 29th in Field Goal Percentage Defense, 51st in three-point field goals per game, and 53rd in scoring defense. The Black Bears ranked first in the American East with the best field goal percentage of all teams in the conference.

With winter break at its end and the students back at school, Maine will hope to continue its run of impressive play as the season only promises to get harder. With surmounting conference matches left to play, the Black Bears will need to be as equally strong to make a run late in the season. Throughout the month of February, Maine will face key games against the likes of Vermont, Boston University and Hartford. With their early season test already behind them, the Black Bears will now face their next tough test, the last month of the regular season competition. The Black Bears return to competition on Wednesday at Boston University.



BRUINS CORNER

By Eric Gullickson

For The Maine Campus

Bruins retire Neely's number, recover from December slump

The Boston Bruins took winter break with college kids around the nation. As school began session they looked to an old fan favorite to put their team back in playoff form.

"There is no crying in baseball, so for hockey it should be a given," said John Anderson of ESPN. "But on Cam Neely Night in Boston, tears filled eyes around the arena."

Cam Neely is one of the Bruins's most adored and most talented players in franchise history. Neely was a leader on the Bruins from 1986-96 and became one of the Bruins's all-time leading scorers with 344 goals, 246 assists and 590 points in 525 games for the Bruins. Often overshadowed by soon-to-be hall of famer and teammate Ray Bourque, Neely was a gritty but hardworking man. He was the kind of player who played old-time hockey, and put the puck in the net on any given chance. Anyone who scores more points than he plays games is doing something right in hockey at any level. Neely's determination continues on today with the Cam Neely Foundation, which helps families and patients struggling with cancer.

Through December, the Bruins showed that New Englanders like to be lazy come winter time with the 3 p.m. darkness and the subzero temps. They hibernated along with us, only winning two games paired with

six losses and five ties. The Bruins had their usual slump. But as January hit they have seemed to gain new life.

The Bruins have gone 6-1-1 in 2004 and look to regain their standing in the top of the league. They have knocked off some of the league's top teams with wins over Toronto, Buffalo and the Red Wings twice.

Their one loss came Saturday night at the hands of the Ottawa Senators 4-0. Marion Halvah led the way with two goals and two assists and the Senators' goalies stopped every shot he faced. The Bruins still looked impressive despite the score, which should lead them into this week's matchups with a chance to add more wins to that impressive standing of the new year.

This coming week will show case games against some old rivals for the Bruins. They have a home and home series with the Rangers, a clash with Buffalo and then a game with the Florida Panthers. These are all winnable games for the surging Bruins. They need continued leadership from their top scorers Joey Thorton, Glen Murrey, Mike Knuble and rookie sensation Patrice Bergeron. Goaltending had been stellar up until last night. Felix Potvin and Andy Raycroft have been reliable, and could be the spark plug that helps put the Bruins back on track for their playoff goal.

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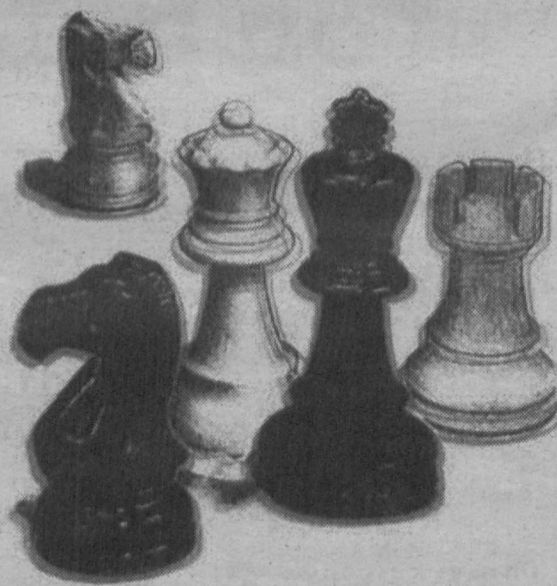
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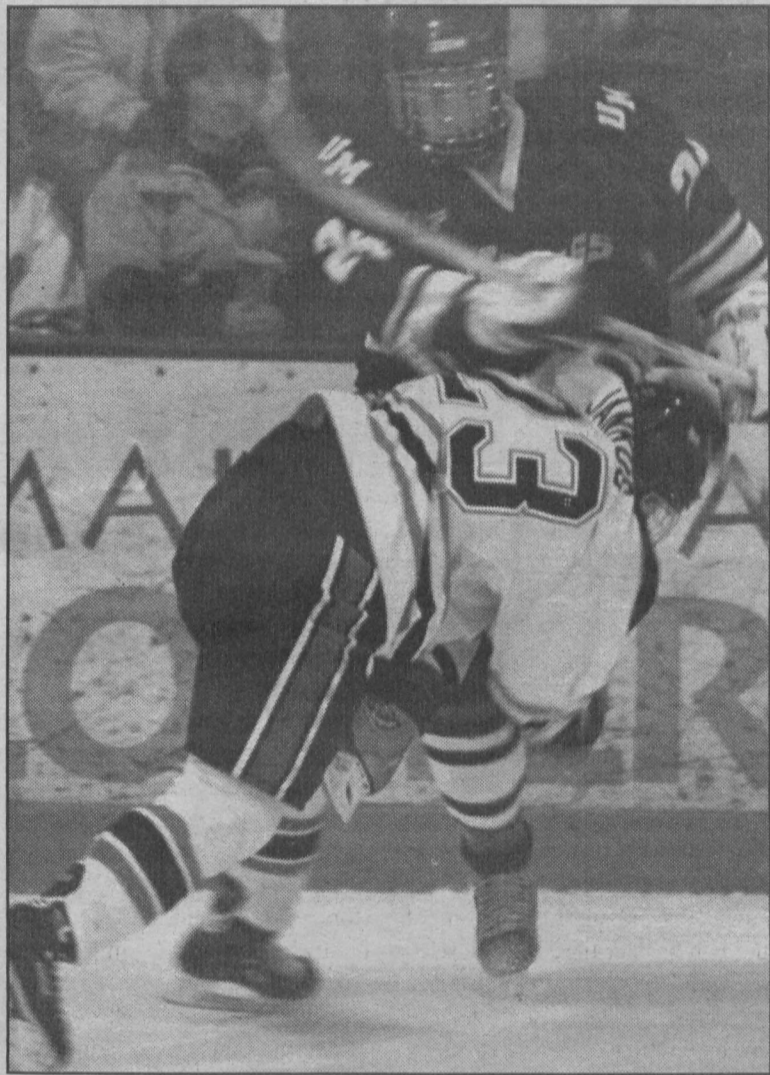
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Doyle sets record with Friday shutout



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TAKE THAT — Black Bear forward Jon Jankus checks a UMass player into the boards Saturday night. UMaine lost the game 1-0, but shut out the team 3-0 Friday night.

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Black Bears the lead.

The turning point came just after UMaine killed off a penalty to Tom Zabkowicz midway through the second period. After Zabkowicz skated out of the box,

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he made a big hit on defenseman Thomas Pock near the UMass blueline, causing a turnover. Colin Shields broke in and tried to go low to the stick side on Winer, but he stacked the pads to make the save. Zabkowicz rushed in behind the play and found the loose puck in the crease and wristed it over the sprawled Winer to give UMaine the 2-0 lead.

"That was a big play," Whitehead said. "The good part is Zabkowicz didn't stand there and admire the hit he made, or the nice pass he made to Shields. He followed the play and got rewarded for it."

The Black Bears went up 3-0 as Michel Leveille one-timed a Greg Moore feed in, with 1:16 left in the second with a two-man advantage, to put the game out of reach. Todd Jackson also assisted on the play.

On Saturday, sophomore goalie

Jimmy Howard got his first start since Dec. 5 for the Bears. Howard went down with a knee sprain during the warm-up before UMaine's 3-2 win over Dartmouth on Dec. 13 and hadn't seen action since.

"At first I felt a little jumpy," Howard said, "I didn't feel like myself. But as the game got going, toward the end of the first of the period, I felt more at home, and I was able to suck everything up like I'm capable of doing."

UMaine got going early in the game offensively, but as UMass's tough shots had gotten Doyle in rhythm the night before, Winer got into rhythm by facing tough early shots and carried it through the game.

UMass jumped on the board on the power play, when defenseman Marvin Degon was left open to rip a slap shot from the left point. The shot went through traffic and ticked off of Howard's left shoulder and in the net for the only goal of the night. Stephen Werner and Thomas Pock assisted.

"It was a nice shot," Howard said, "I didn't see it until the last second."

"I thought Howard's effort was outstanding," Whitehead said after the game. "The question mark was whether he was going to pick up where he left

off, and he did."

The game was marked by lots of chippy play. The teams racked up a combined 68 minutes worth of penalties, most of which came with 11 seconds left in the second period when Troy Barnes got his stick up high on UMass defenseman Nick Kuiper, causing him to fall head and shoulder first into the boards. That touched off a major brawl that resulted in 40 minutes of penalties, including two 10-minute misconducts.

The third period was uneventful, as UMass used a neutral zone trap to shut down UMaine. The Minutemen allowed only one shot in net in the third period, which was not a quality opportunity.

UMaine's best chance to score came in the second period when Mike Hamilton's shot on the breakaway clanged off the left post.

The loss broke up a four-game winning streak for UMaine.

The Black Bears are now 16-5-1 overall and 8-3-1 in Hockey East play. The Minutemen are 11-7-5 overall and 7-5-2 in Hockey East.

The Black Bears will be on the road next Friday and Saturday night at Walter Brown Arena in Boston to take on the Boston University Terriers.

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Women's basketball picks up win

By **Aaron L. Smith**
For *The Maine Campus*

In front of 2,610 fans, the University of Maine women's basketball team was victorious against the University of New Hampshire Wildcats Wednesday night at Alford Arena. In the 67-45 victory, the guards of the Black Bears proved to be the deciding factor in the game. The game highlighted America East's two leading post players: Black Bear Heather Ernest and Wildcat Maren Matthias.

Senior shooting guard Melissa Heon played her A game as she paced the Black Bears with 15 points including four three-pointers during the outing. Junior guard Missy Traversi tallied up

all her 11 points in the second half of the game.

The Bears, now 8-5 and 3-0 in America East play, forced 20 turnovers and made key transitions to earn them the win against the Wildcats. Coach Sharon Versyp said that the entire team was very excited with their win.

Defensively, Heon, Kim Corbitt, and Traversi played a 1-2-2 zone and occasional man to man defense, while holding UNH to 18 second-half points.

"When we play that type of defense, that's what we can do," Traversi said. "That's what we have inside us. We just have to keep playing like that."

After taking an 11-2 run in the first half, the Wildcats quickly let the lead slip as they only made eight field goals in the last 29 minutes of the game.

"I think the biggest issue was we didn't execute well against their zone and our guards didn't shoot well," UNH coach Sue Johnson said.

Even though the Wildcats jumped to an 11-2 lead early in the game, the determination of the Black Bear roster regained the lead at the end of the first half with a 28-25 lead. They never gave up the lead for the rest of the game. 37 of the 67 Maine points were scored in the second half.

For the Black Bears, Ernest scored 13 points and had five rebounds. UNH's Maren Matthias had foul trouble and ended up with 13 points and nine rebounds. Maine's Monica Peterson contributed five points and eight rebounds and Abby Schrader added four points and five boards.

UM drops UNH series

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"The shots on goal are not an indication of the game," Filighera said. "I really believe we kept up to the outside very well."

Smart made 33 saves for UMaine falling to 5-9-3 on the season. Bourdon stopped 17 shots for the Wildcats and improved to 6-4-1.

"We were really in the hockey game to the point where I think we could have won the game," Filighera said. "I didn't really like

the way we played. Our players didn't like the way they played. We'll get over it and move on."

In Friday's game, the Wildcats got on board first again at 13:36 of the first period when Hansen rebounded a Rebecca Paul shot and scored at the right post.

New Hampshire extended its

Women's Hockey

lead to 2-0 when Jones scored at 6:29 of the second period. A power play goal five minutes later by Allison Edgar from the left circle gave the Wildcats a 3-0 lead.

The Black Bears got their only goal of the game and the series at

16:51 of the period when forward Tristan Desmet shot from between the circles. The puck was able to slide between Bourdon's legs.

New Hampshire got its three-goal advantage back when Carolyn Gordon scored at 9:19 of the third.

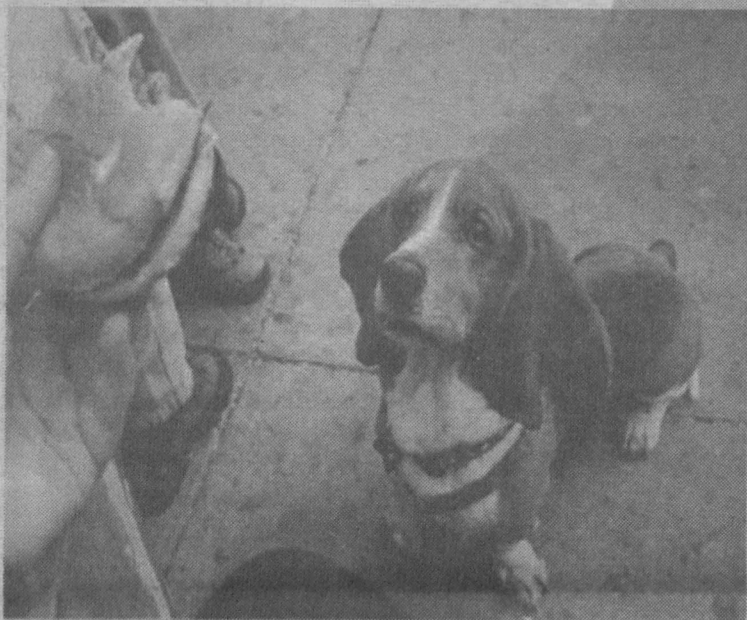
"I know there's a lot of alibis and excuses you can make," Filighera said. "Number one not playing for five weeks and the big ice surface and all that but I don't allow that to happen. I just did not feel that we showed up physically to play that hockey game."

Smart made 33 saves in the game while Bourdon stopped 20 shots for the Wildcats.

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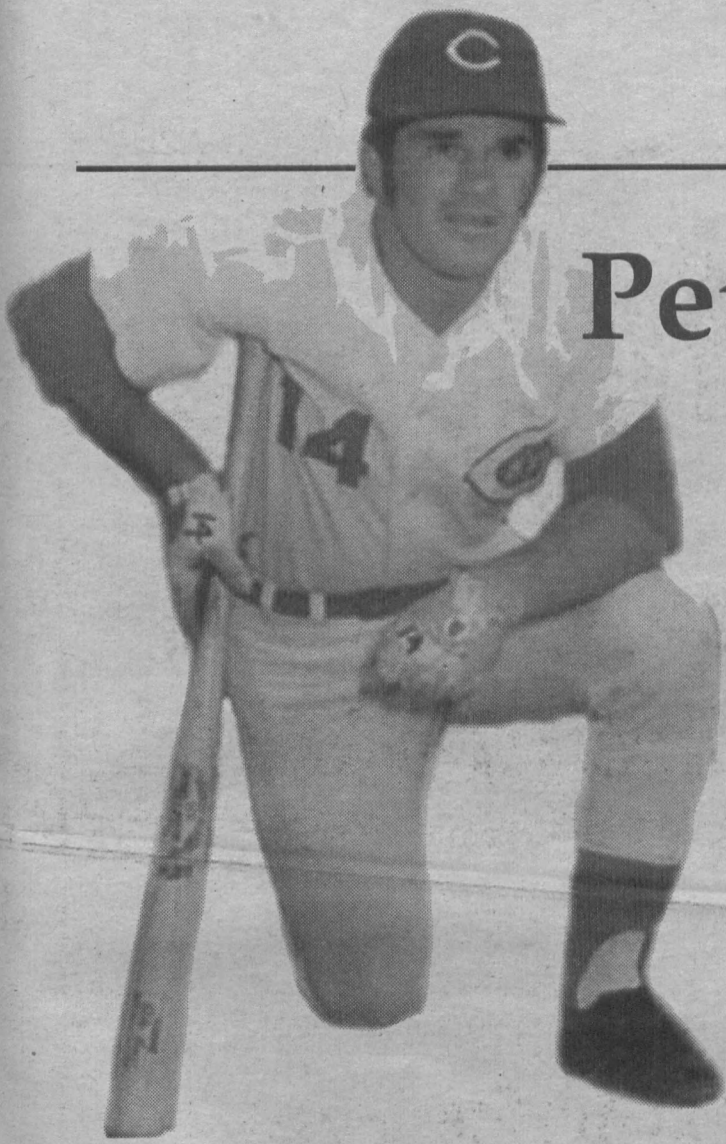
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Pete Rose: Hall of famer?

Charlie Hustle deserves his place in Cooperstown

By Aaron Smith
Business Manager

Excluding Pete Rose from the Hall of Fame is like denying Mother Teresa her sainthood. Maybe the two aren't playing in the same ballpark when it comes to morals, but the man known as Charlie Hustle had a record 4,256 hits over an illustrious 24-year career. It's unlikely that even the blessed mother matched these numbers in good deeds.

YES

Rose was banned from baseball in 1989 after an investigation concluded that he bet on major league games while managing the Cincinnati Reds. This punishment has made him ineligible for the Hall of Fame ballot. After 14 years of denying these accusations, Rose has come clean in his new book, "My Prison Without Bars," which details his use of illegal bookies to place wagers in favor of the Reds. Rose broke baseball's cardinal rule and damaged the game's integrity. Or did he?

There is no evidence to suggest that Rose ever bet against his team. He was a fierce competitor and would

do anything to win. In the 1970 All-Star game, he ran over catcher Ray Fosse to score the game-winning run. The play would eventually end Fosse's career. Would this guy lose intentionally? Odds are against it.

With Rose's punishment, baseball has failed to distinguish between two significantly different infractions, betting in favor of and betting against your team. Because of this, both actions carry the consequence of lifetime banishment, unfairly in Rose's case. Had Rose wagered against the Reds, he could have made decisions as manager to influence a loss. But he didn't. He bet in favor of his team and his objective was the same with or without a wager: to win ball games.

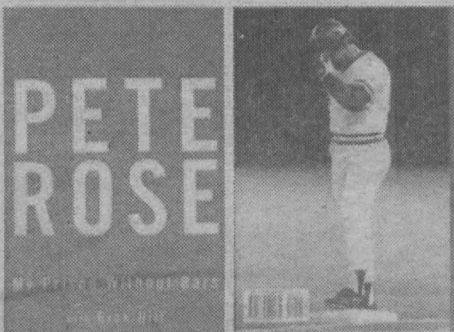
Even if Rose is reinstated into baseball, he still has the Hall of Fame's election rules to contend with, which stipulate that, "voting shall be based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character and contributions to the team[s] on which the player played." Some members of the Baseball Writers Association of America, who are responsible for voting on recently retired players, have stated that

Rose's gambling and insistent lying should keep him out of Cooperstown. They are further disturbed by his unapologetic admission and his obvious attempt to profit from it.

It's no secret that Pete Rose lacks integrity and character. But does this really matter? The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize the achievements of baseball's greatest players and voters should only consider an individual's performance between the lines when doing this. After all, it's not the Hall of Saints. Babe Ruth was a womanizer. Paul Molitor used cocaine. Ty Cobb was accused of murder. The list is seemingly endless.

Prohibiting Rose from managing is a suitable punishment and Commissioner Bud Selig should uphold this stipulation if reinstatement occurs. However, with 19 major league records, 17 All-Star game appearances and three World-Series rings, Rose should be recognized as one of baseball's immortals in Cooperstown. His blue-collar work ethic and competitive nature made him the epitome of what it means to be a ballplayer. For Pete's sake, let the guy in the Hall of Fame.

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The debate continues on whether Pete Rose should be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.



Rose continues to lie about betting habit

By Matthew Williams
For The Maine Campus

Pete Rose, baseball's all-time hit king, has finally come clean after 14 years of bold-faced lies. He's published this in his new book "My Prison Without Bars," and said to Charles Gibson on ABC's Primetime, "Yes, I did bet on baseball, and that was my mistake, not coming clean earlier."

NO

Excuse me, Pete, but wasn't the mistake betting on baseball in the first place? Simply put, Pete Rose hasn't reached the point where he should be allowed in baseball's Hall of Fame because he's just not sorry for what he did.

It strikes me as odd that Rose writes in his book that he was "impressed with Mr. Selig's [Bud Selig, commissioner of baseball] knowledge of the history of the game." One would assume, then, that Pete Rose must have an extensive knowledge of the history of baseball, right? But any knucklehead with knowledge of baseball's history knows how serious betting on the game is. The rules against gambling on the game are posted in

every single clubhouse because a gambling scandal nearly destroyed baseball in the early 1900s, and that is also why the penalty is so high.

So Rose committed the worst sin possible in his sport — the only one that brings with it lifetime banishment from the game. It doesn't stop there, though. He lied about it for 14 years. How many times did he say, "I never bet on baseball" on camera and straight-faced? American sports fans are forgiving people. Sammy Soşa escaped his cork scandal because he was honest about it, and he apologized. Pete would probably be in the Hall of Fame if he had said that 14 years ago, but instead he chose to lie.

Rose still isn't telling the truth. Rose claims he never placed bets from the Reds clubhouse, yet less than 24 hours after that claim, one of his bench coaches was on SportsCenter saying that Rose bet from the clubhouse all the time.

We should all forgive Rose for betting on baseball just because he admitted it? That's like saying people who plead guilty on murder charges should be let free because they admitted it. Sorry, Pete. You did the crime, you do the time.

There is no denying that Pete Rose has the career statistics to deserve being in the Hall of Fame, but he should be kept out because he isn't truly sorry for what he did. In his book he blames the commissioner of baseball for his lies, saying that their settlement on the issue was breached. He says that baseball killed him, wanted him to stay dead, and forgot about him for a decade. He wants you to feel sorry for him. Everything that happened to Pete Rose was someone else's fault, and he should be kept out of the Hall of Fame until he wises up and admits that he placed those bets, he lied about it for 14 years, and it was his mistake and his alone.

The Hall of Fame carries with it an aura of respect and dignity. Little Leaguers all over America look up to the players who are in the Hall of Fame. Pete Rose has a total lack of respect for baseball, and has no honesty or integrity. The Hall of Fame is a place for role models and decent people like Ted Williams and Jackie Robinson. I can't speak for anyone else but, personally, I don't want my kids to grow up wanting to be like Pete Rose. For their sake, keep him out.

Men's rugby team meets to recruit

The University of Maine men's rugby team is looking for new members. The team will hold an informational meeting Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the COE room, located on the second floor of Memorial Union.

The men's rugby team plays a regular season in the fall against the University of Maine at Farmington, Maine

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Sports fans take sides in Pete Rose debate
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Women's hockey stumbles from first

By Matt Hritz
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's hockey team (7-9-3 overall, 4-3-1 Hockey East) started the new year in first place in Hockey East, but after suffering two losses on the road against the University of New Hampshire, by scores of 3-0 and 4-1, the team has been knocked off its pedestal.

In Saturday's game both teams skated to a first period tie, but Martine Garland got the Wildcats on the board first at 6:31 of the second period when her shot from the right point sailed through a screen and in the net. Stephanie Jones and Carolyn Gordon assisted.

Lindsey Caleo added an insurance goal for the Wildcats at 16:44 of the period after a flurry in front of the net, sliding the puck into the right side of the net off a rebound.

The Black Bears came within inches of scoring when an odd-skater rush resulted in Brigette Laflamme's shot from the left circle ricocheting off the post. In the third period, Karen Droog was denied on a shorthanded breakaway with six minutes remaining when Wildcat goaltender Melissa Bourdon blocked a low shot by squeezing her leg pads together.

Maine pulled goaltender Lara Smart in favor of an extra attacker late in third to no avail as the Wildcats added an empty-net goal by Lindsey Hansen.

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LEAP FROG — Derek Damon of Bangor holds onto the stick of a UMass player Saturday night in Alford Arena. UMaine split the weekend with UMass, moving to 16-5-1 for the season. The team is now second in Hockey East.

Bears split with Minutemen

By Jeff Mannix
Staff Writer

The University of Maine men's ice hockey team earned a weekend split with the University of Massachusetts Minutemen on Friday and Saturday night in Hockey East action at Alford Arena. UMaine's Frank Doyle backstopped his second consecutive shutout on Friday

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night to lead the Black Bears to a 3-0 win, but UMass sophomore Gabe Winer turned in an equally good performance on Saturday night, giving UMass a 1-0 win.

That means the season of three games is also split, as the first meeting between the teams was 1-1 tie at the Mullins Center in Amherst, Mass., on Nov. 20.

With Friday's shutout, Doyle, a senior, set a new single season record for shutouts by a UMaine goalie with four. He also tied the career mark of six, which he now shares with

Alfie Michaud, who played from 1996-'99.

"I haven't really thought about [the record] yet," Doyle said after Friday's game. "As with the other shutouts this year, the guys played great in front of me. They cleared away the rebounds and let me handle the shots. I have to give a lot of credit to my defense."

"He's exceptional," UMaine coach Tim Whitehead said of Doyle's play. "He's seeing the pucks well and he's in position to make the saves. He had to

make a few tough ones tonight."

Most of the tough shots Doyle faced were in the first 10 minutes, when UMass took the play to UMaine. After that, the Black Bears started taking the body and taking control.

UMaine finally took firm control late in the first when Jon Jankus won a faceoff back to Mike Hamilton, who ripped a wrist shot from the top of the left circle high over Winer's right shoulder at 17:01 to give the

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UM picks up a pair, tops UNH, Albany

By Matthew Conyers
Staff Writer

In a span of one month, a coach and a group of athletes can learn a lot about their team and the season ahead. It serves as foreshadowing for the near future and what unpredictable paths await. As for the University of Maine men's basketball team, that period of time may have been the last four weeks. During this time, the Black Bears endured a rigorous schedule that tested both their strengths and weaknesses

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as a group. While the rest of the University of Maine student body underwent a hibernation of sorts with winter break, the team embarked on an exodus of key games. In the past 30 days, the Black Bears have faced off against talented opponents like Morgan State, Hartford, Massachusetts and Vermont. With games that ranged from key rivalry duels to important road decisions, the early part of the season has served as one of the most defining periods for the Black Bears.

The decisive span of games cumulated on Wednesday Night in Durham, N.H., in an all too familiar face-off with long-time rival University of New Hampshire. In a game that saw very few lead changes, the

Black Bears were able to jump out to an early lead and never look back. Maine garnered the victory by a commanding advantage of 70-58, dropping New Hampshire's record to 4-11 on the year and 0-5 in conference competition.

During the first half, Maine extended its lead to as many as 15 points. The offense was led by the strong three-point shooting of junior Freddy Petkus and the play of senior forward Mark Flavin. Flavin led a well-balanced offensive attack; all nine of the Maine players who saw time registered at least one point. At the end of the first half, the Black Bears headed to the locker room



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Kevin Reed (left) reaches for the ball at the Jan. 11 game versus Vermont.

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