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Kucinich stops off at UMaine

Democratic candidate discusses Iraq, world trade and economy

By Ernest J. Scheyder
For The Maine Campus

He may be struggling in the polls, but Dennis Kucinich is still in the race in all 50 states. That was the message the Ohio congressman and Democratic presidential candidate brought to Hauck Auditorium Wednesday as part of his tour through Maine, dubbed the "Great Maine Tour and Rolling Reception."

Representing Ohio's 10th Congressional district, Kucinich started his political career in the 1970s as mayor

of Cleveland, becoming the youngest mayor ever to serve a major American city. As mayor, he said he was not afraid to tackle controversial issues, even with little or no public or political support. His decision not to sell the city's electrical grid to private companies arguably lost him his mayoral reelection, but resulted in millions of dollars of savings over 20 years for residents and an official "thank you" from the Cleveland City Council in 1997. It is this

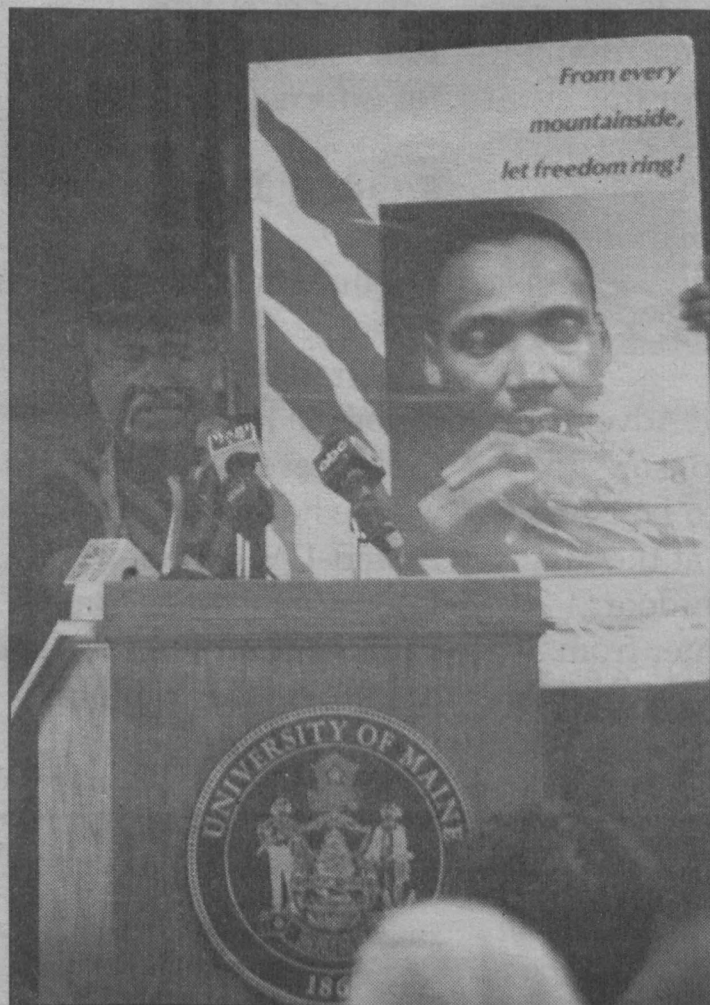
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CAMPUS PHOTO • SARAH BIGNEY

MINGLING — Democratic candidate Dennis Kucinich socializes at UMaine Wednesday.

Dreamers and achievers



CAMPUS PHOTO • ANNA-MARIA EASLEY

I HAVE A DREAM — James Varner, president of the Greater Bangor Area NAACP, speaks at the eighth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day breakfast in Wells Commons Monday morning. In the background is a poster of Dr. King, whose birthday was observed Monday. More than 300 people attended the event.

Hoff highlights UM research success in face of budget cuts

By Susie Paravichai
For The Maine Campus

In hopes of swaying the decision-makers of the Maine Legislature regarding the University of Maine's budget woes, President Peter Hoff and UMaine System Trustee Matt Rodrigue spoke before the Legislature's Funding Committee on Friday, Jan. 16. Citizens from all parts of the

state pleaded their cases with the committee, trying to avoid program cuts.

Upon opening the floor for those opposing the budget cuts, Hoff addressed the committee, highlighting UMaine's recent successes as a research institution, including a \$6 million grant from the National Science Foundation to create the Institute for Molecular Biophysics and the nationally

top-10 ranked Target Technology Center.

Gov. John Baldacci's statewide budget cut plan proposes a \$7 million cut to the University of Maine System, with \$5.8 million to be cut this year. The original figure proposed \$13 million in cuts to the system.

But the university's

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Professors reschedule classes to alleviate campus parking woes

By Mary Payson
For The Maine Campus

Every person on campus who has a set of wheels knows the rules of the game. There's blinker etiquette and everyone can spot the desperate driver stalking walkers back to their cars. In an effort to change the rules of the game, university officials have asked faculty members to reduce the number of classes they schedule from 9 a.m. to

noon by 10 percent.

The rule is really more of a "good faith request," according to Douglas Gelinas, associate vice president for Academic Affairs.

"What it means is that if a department has originally set up 20 classes to be held between 9 a.m. and noon, we would ask them to cut that number down to 18," Gelinas said.

Each section of a course is considered a class, so five sec-

tions of English 101 count as five classes.

"It's the departments with the most classes scheduled during that time that will have to make the biggest changes," Gelinas said.

This change will go into effect in the fall of 2004.

"Ten percent is really an arbitrary number," Gelinas said "We don't know if this will work, but

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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 are 9 a.m. Sunday, for Monday publication and 9 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday publication.

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 from 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.

Friday, Jan. 23

- The Academic and Career Exploration center will sponsor the "Chamber Jazz Lunch Series" from noon to 1 p.m. in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union. Bring your own lunch and enjoy this free performance from the Lindra Duo Chamber

Jazz performers. Call Campus Activities and Events at 581-1793 for information.

- The Career Center will sponsor "Techniques to Ace Your Interview" 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.

- Maine Bound Adventure Center will sponsor "Classic Skiing" at the Maine Bound-UM Outdoor Education Center from 3-5 p.m. The cost for this event is \$15-25. Email Paul Stern on FirstClass or call at 581-1794 for information.

Saturday, Jan. 24

- Maine Bound Adventure Center will sponsor "An Introduction to Low Angle Ice Climbing" at the Maine Bound-UM Outdoor Education Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost for this event is \$55-\$75.

Email Paul Stern on FirstClass or call 581-1794 for information.

- Maine Bound Adventure Center will sponsor "Skate Skiing" at the Maine Bound-UM Outdoor Education Center from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost for this event is \$15-25. Contact Paul Stern on FirstClass or call 581-1794 for information.

- Campus Activities and Events will sponsor a Karaoke night in Memorial Union. This event is free for all students. E-mail Carole LeClair on FirstClass or call 581-1793 for information.

Sunday, Jan 25

- Maine Bound will sponsor a pool session devoted to the art of rolling a whitewater or sea kayak. The cost for this event is \$20-35 and will be held at the Maine Bound-UM Outdoor Education Center. Email Paul Stern on FirstClass or call 581-1794 for information.

NEWS

WRITE FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Contact Jacquelyn Farwell on FirstClass to write for the next edition of the news section. No experience necessary.

Bangor transportation group plans change

More University of Maine students using public bus service

By Pattie Barry
Staff writer

The Bangor Area Transportation service may see some changes soon, affecting University of Maine students who rely on the public transportation system.

BAT representatives met Wednesday afternoon at the Pickering Square parking garage in Bangor to discuss changes to the system.

Since 1996, BAT usage has grown about 40 percent, from about 400,000 riders to 550,000 riders in 2003. Last summer, the

BAT office made some changes to its system, affecting routes, scheduling and fares. Usage was increasing before the changes took effect, and has since continued to grow, said Don Cooper, BAT transit planner.

"Since 1996 we have seen a dramatic increase in usage, and only recently can they be attributed to the changes we have made," Cooper said.

For the past three years, MaineCard holders have been able to ride the Orono and Old Town bus free of charge. The program started when UMaine's parking committee approached

BAT in an effort to relieve parking woes on campus. Originally, UMaine paid BAT \$10,000 per year to allow unlimited usage on the bus running to Orono.

"There were some students, however, that did not live close to the downtown Bangor area or on the Orono route and would still have to pay to take the bus downtown," Cooper said. "So the university chipped in more money so students living in outlying areas would be able to take any bus [with their MaineCard] and not only the Old Town-Orono bus."

The university now pays

\$15,000 per year for the service. The number of riders has increased dramatically since last fall and the year before, said Cooper, peaking in October of last year at 3,500.

"In previous years, we would see a peak in the beginning [of the fall semester], and then [the number of people riding the bus] would level off, usually because they found alternative rides to school, like carpooling. This year, however, we aren't seeing that so much," Cooper said.

With the increase in ridership system wide, BAT hopes to introduce some changes in the

next few years, including Sunday service, later hours and extended routes running to outlying towns, such as Hermon and East Corinth. Next July, a new route will be added that travels to outer Hammond Street in Bangor.

A transportation study is currently being conducted at UMaine that will greatly affect transportation in the Orono area, Cooper said. Depending on the conclusions made by the study, a shuttle service may be established, from campus to the research park, or even from a parking location in Bangor.

Burst pipes in ceiling close Student Services Center

By Elizabeth Deprey
For The Maine Campus

The pipes in the ceiling of the Student Service Center burst last week, resulting in \$1,000 in damage and the need for a temporary office to replace the center.

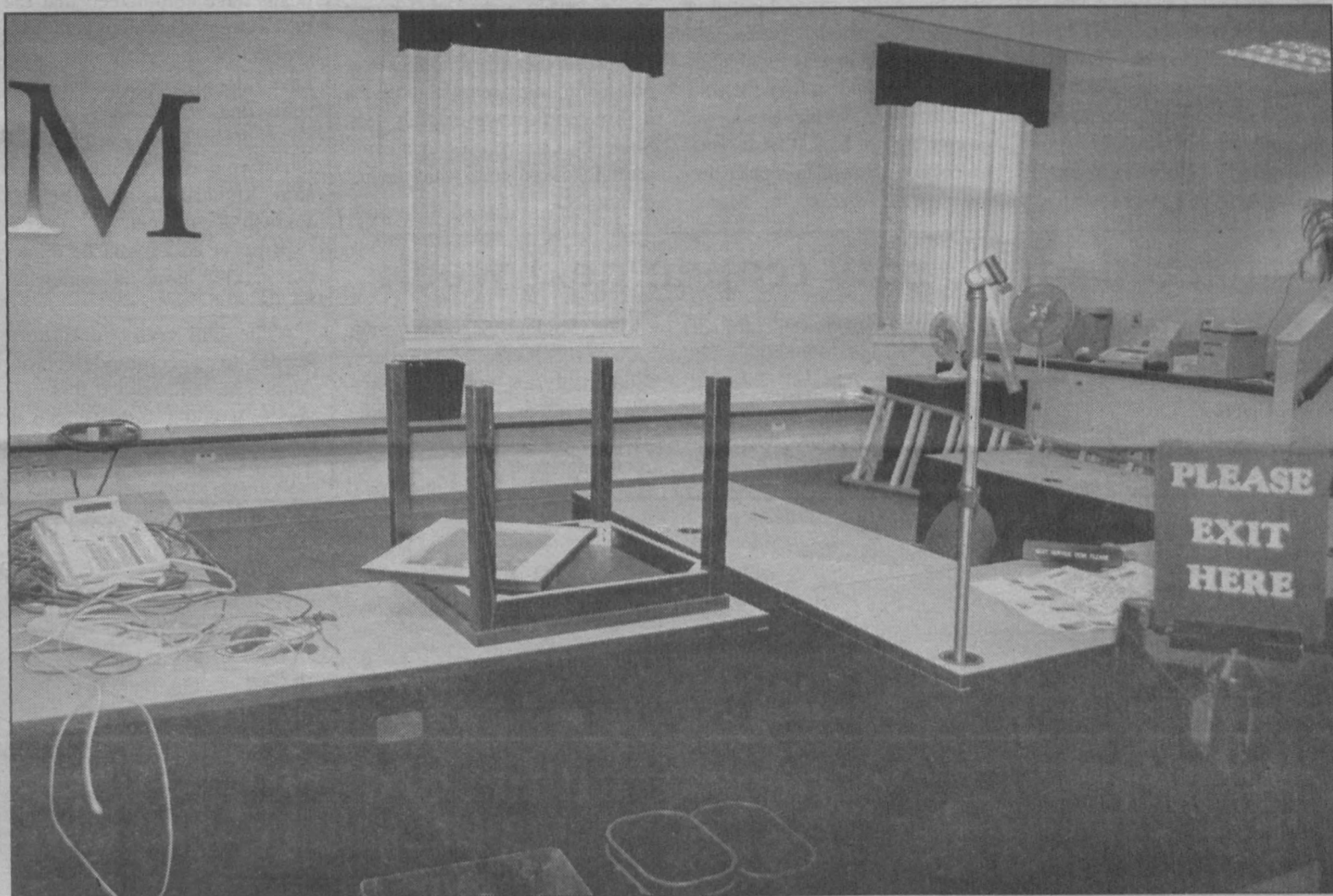
Between 3 and 4 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 12, pipes near the back wall of the center froze and burst, damaging relatively inexpensive office equipment, according to Benny Veenhof, director of Computer and Technical Services. People working in the office reacted quickly and prevented a great deal of damage, he said.

"We only lost a few printers and credit card machines, which are the cheapest things in the office to replace," Veenhof said.

Power in the center was shut off to prevent further damage, and the identification printers, the most expensive items in the center, were not damaged.

University Bookstore loaned the Student Service Center temporary office space in room 149, on the ground floor of Memorial Union near the Wade Center for Student Leadership. The brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho cleaned up the space to get it ready for the center to move in, and Information Technologies helped to set up computers and other equipment in the temporary space.

"[The pipes burst] Monday night and we were in here and



CAMPUS PHOTO • SARAH BIGNEY

WATER WORLD — Disarray still reigns in the Student Services Center at the union. Crews have repaired much of the damage caused by flooding following a pipe burst, but the office has yet to reopen in its original space.

running at 7:30 the next morning," Carrie Nadeau, a Student Service Center employee, said.

The office's relocation appears to have proven only a minor inconvenience for students.

First-year student Sarah Furey said her experience in the temporary Student Service Center was "pretty easy" and the "same as always."

Sophomore Colleen Smith,

who works at the information booth in Memorial Union, said she has directed more than 50 people to the temporary office.

"They don't seem to realize that you can go straight once you

get down the stairs", she said. "They're always trying to go near the games or the computer cluster. Go straight."

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Fogler steps open following eight months of construction

By Mary Payson
For The Maine Campus

If you haven't noticed that rather large building at the end of the mall, now might be a good time to do so. Once cursed with entrance steps labeled "unsafe, inaccessible to the handicapped, and just tacky" by Scott Anchors, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, Fogler Library now has something to brag about.

"This project has been a top

priority for about five years," Anchors said.

The University of Maine spent two years fundraising for the now finished project prior to breaking ground.

"H.G. Sergeant Contractors were a big help," Anchors said.

The contractors helped to coordinate the project and secured for the university more than \$300,000 in free materials. Other Maine companies also donated funds, and architects are now submitting proposals on how to commemo-

rate the donors on the library entrance, Anchors said.

Construction on the library's steps began in May of 2003, and eight months later the steps are finished "pretty much right on schedule," Anchors said.

Anita Wihry, director of Facilities Management, said the steps would be completed by the end of November in a Nov. 3, 2003, article in *The Maine Campus*.

The project went essentially according to plan, save the

final cost, which came in under budget, Anchors said.

"You don't see that happen very often," he said.

The project's cost was originally estimated at \$1 million, but ended up at approximately \$900,000.

With the generosity of donors and a bargain price tag, Fogler is sporting a new style that is strictly Maine. The new library steps are constructed of Deer Isle pink granite, a type of rock that has "a unique color only to Maine, and a 50-

to 75-year wear," Anchors said. The material was recommended by the project's architect, who is a granite sculptor.

The same location that was used to quarry granite for Fogler's steps was last used for granite for the John F. Kennedy memorial in Washington, D.C. Anchors said he took a day off from work prior to construction to kayak to the pink granite quarry, just to get a sample.

"It's the best in New England," Anchors said.

STUDENT SENATE NOTES

Senators debate effects of budget cuts on university

By Nate Schlingmann
For The Maine Campus

At Tuesday's meeting of the General Student Senate, GSS President Justin Brown spoke on the new state decision to cut funding for the University of Maine. Due to financial burdens, the state is forced to reduce funding to many areas. Distributions of budget cuts must be made to many areas that need the funds. Some of the cuts are intended to increase funding for medical care for the needy, which may sound more critical than funds going to the state's flagship university. The point was made that the state of Maine has the lowest percentage of college graduates in New England. On top of that, 50 percent of Maine's college-bound seniors leave the state. The point was also made that the state may be giving leeway for the present needs but will be lowering the future advancement of the state by cutting funding to its university system and

reducing the amount of students that remain in the state.

The Black Student Union has been forced to cancel its Black History Month Celebration Dinner due to lack of funding. The Union has asked for funding for a new event. The event will be a Brazilian Afro Performance accompanied by a keynote speaker. The Black Student Union will request about \$4,000 for the event.

The University Flying Club, which has not had representation for several years, received preliminary approval. The club will offer opportunities for students to gain a private pilot's license or just to gain general knowledge on aviation. The club charges fees for students that use the club's plane located at Bangor International Airport. The club is now on its way for eligibility to receive funding from the GSS.

Alternative Spring Break was given a sum of \$8,000 for its service projects that will take place during spring break in March.

Although \$5,750 was originally requested an amendment was made to accommodate the organization's needs.

Two new senators were appointed during Tuesday's meeting. Matthew Dube was appointed as a senator for the college of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture. Ivan Crowley, a student on exchange from Cork University in Ireland, was appointed as a senator for Academic and Career exploration and Onward division.

During the good and welfare portion, the Leadership and Development Department gave notice of its new and current programs available to students. A student may now receive a Certificate of Leadership and Development from the department. The students will go through a three to four year phase of training and will receive a higher certificate level each year. Students can receive academic credit for the program which begins on Jan. 29.

New 10 percent plan limits morning classes

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about things other than parking."

Other faculty members feel the university should have consulted them first, or left the decision up to individual departments.

"The decision should come from the Faculty Senate and from individual departments, in the context of student needs," said Jack Wilson, also of the English department.

"If the administration is simply requesting, then it should go through a normal democratic process — with the faculty and the students most involved."

Class schedules will see increasing limitations as the university population grows, Gelin said.

"Most institutions don't give professors a choice in when they will teach the classes, but as the University of Maine gets bigger, we will inevitably need more restrictions," he said.

University President Peter Hoff and his administration have always been aware that parking and class scheduling are a problem, and the new plan is a less controversial method for alleviation.

"Right now, this just seems a lot better than creating new parking spaces, increasing the parking fee or using up more land," Gelin said.

Damaged office may reopen next week

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Nadeau said employees anticipate moving back into their office near the end of next week.

The pipes and ceiling in the

office, along with a wall and shelf, must be repaired before the office resumes its original location. Some asbestos work was also performed, which Veenhof said "went quickly."

The Student Service Center provides MaineCard services, parking services, meal plan assistance, a notary public, remote access services and Latte Fitness Center sign-ups.



On January 1st a new law prohibited smoking in bars and pool halls in Maine. Lighting up can mean a fine for the owner of the bar as well as the smoker. Please help support the new law, which makes these public places smoke-free. It's clean air for everyone to enjoy.



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MaineCard theft results in arrest



POLICEBEAT

By Ernest Scheyder
For The Maine Campus

• A MaineCard theft led to the arrest of an Orono woman this week. Public Safety received a call from a resident in Knox Hall at 11:30 p.m., Tuesday from a woman who said someone had used her MaineCard funds without her permission over the weekend. The woman was away for the weekend and was not aware of anyone who could have used her funds. An online check of the resident's MaineCard history revealed three purchases from off-campus vendors totaling approximately \$60. When police contacted the vendors, they found the name of the card owner's roommate's boyfriend on a filed receipt.

The card owner had been assigned a new roommate at the beginning of spring semester. The roommate admitted to searching through the card owner's desk for her Social Security number and using it to buy goods. Mia Bowden, of Orono, was charged with theft by unauthorized taking. While in the process of issuing the summons, police discovered that Bowden had a warrant out for her arrest from Knox County on charges of failure to pay fines. Bowden was also carrying a suspended driver's license. Due to the outstanding warrant, Bowden was arrested and taken to Penobscot County Jail in Bangor.

• Two Penobscot Hall residents have been charged by Public Safety for drug violations. Police received a report of an odor of marijuana coming from a room on the fourth floor of Penobscot Hall at 1:26 a.m. on Saturday. An officer was allowed into the room and informed the resident that he could smell marijuana. The resident, who had bloodshot eyes, claimed the odor was from incense burning in the corner of the room.

The officer was given permission to search the room after the second resident arrived. He discovered a marijuana pipe, a bag of marijuana, and a half-smoked marijuana bowl in one resident's desk. In the other resident's desk, he found numerous bags that had previously held marijuana and three similar containers with marijuana in them. Dryer sheets were also discov-

ered in the desk.

Samuel Mehorter was charged with possession of marijuana and his roommate, Christopher Stackpole, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

• A student was injured Tuesday when her car went off the road and struck a tree. Emily Couturier, 20, of Winslow, lost control of her vehicle at 2 p.m. as she traveled south on Rangeley Road near the Public Safety building. Couturier, who was not wearing a seatbelt, suffered minor injuries and was treated at the scene by University Volunteer Ambulance Corps. The vehicle received more than \$3,000 of damage and the accident is still under investigation. Drifting snow from a nearby field is thought to be a contributing factor.

• A Gannett Hall resident was summoned by police for allowing underage drinking in his room Saturday. An officer on routine patrol on the third floor of Gannett Hall walked past an individual leaving a room at 1:15 a.m. While the door was open, the officer saw several individuals in the room holding large red cups and several containers of beer. The individual saw the officer and immediately closed the door. The officer then knocked on the door and discovered that the resident and everyone in the room was under the legal drinking age. The officer was granted permission to search the room and discovered that the cups and beer cans were out of sight. A thorough examination of the room revealed the cups and cans, along with a bottle of Bacardi Gold Rum and several mixed drinks. Samuel McCarthy, 20, of Orono, was summonsed for furnishing a place for minors to consume alcohol.

• Police received a call of a physical altercation at 2:30 p.m. Saturday outside of Gannett Hall. A non-student, who was involved in incidents with several individuals who may or may not be UMaine students, was discovered with minor injuries at the scene. The case remains under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call Public Safety at 581-4040.

Democratic candidate proposes Pentagon cuts to fund education

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independence that Kucinich said the people of Maine share with him and the reason he is focusing much of his time in the state.

"The people of Maine have an independent spirit and it resonates with my own independent spirit," he said.

Kucinich said Monday's Iowa caucus had little impact on his campaign, saying he plans to tour throughout the country.

"Iowa was not a make-it-or-break-it state for me by any means. My strategy has been going to all 50 states," he said.

With fellow Congressman Richard Gephardt's poor showing in Iowa, Kucinich said he expects to receive some of the labor support Gephardt received in that state. Kucinich said he has the highest AFL-CIO labor union rating of any of the candidates running for president. Kucinich further noted that he plans to pursue the Democratic nomination all the way to the party's convention in Boston this August.

"I have never envisioned a scenario which would take me out of this race ... That's where I expect to win the [primary] race, right at the convention," Kucinich said.

In a speech to supporters, Kucinich spoke mainly on Iraq and his views of the U.S. involvement there.

"We need to get the U.S. out of Iraq," he said, stressing that the United Nations should be

heavily involved in the restructuring of Iraq, but that the U.S. should still play a significant role.

"It was wrong to go in [to Iraq] and it's wrong to stay in Iraq," he said.

Kucinich outlined a four-point plan for dealing with Iraq, saying the United Nations should form a multinational coalition to rebuild Iraq's physical infrastructure and handle all business contracts, Iraqis should be enabled to form their own government, and Bush administration privatization should be brought to an end.

"They're promoting privatization here. They want to promote privatization in Iraq," Kucinich said.

In a question-and-answer session following his speech, Kucinich spoke of trade issues in the U.S. He said corporations are using loopholes and taking away jobs from American workers, specifically in the manufacturing industry. As president, Kucinich said he would work for an immediate solution to such labor issues.

"[As president] my first act in office will be to cancel NAFTA and the [World Trade Organization]," Kucinich said. "Global corporations have usurped the power of nations."

To deal with international trade, Kucinich said he would work with other nations to promote fair and balanced trade.

"We'll set the rules, so that corporations will never again make money off of human suffering," he said.

As president, Kucinich said he would lead the U.S. in rebuilding its manufacturing sector and work to make American products the best in the world.

"It's about rebuilding our capacity to make things," he said.

Kucinich said the manufacturing issue is of particular interest to Mainers, due to loss of numerous manufacturing jobs over the past three years.

Kucinich closed by speaking briefly on the educational system in America. He said he favors a comprehensive kindergarten through post-secondary system, in which virtually all costs are absorbed by the government during those years.

"The most pressing issue is affordable education," Kucinich said. "Our educational priorities need to lead our country further."

As president, he said he would work to bridge the gap in education, so people in different parts of the U.S. would receive comparable instruction. To pay for this endeavor, Kucinich said he would cut the Pentagon's budget by 15 percent and repeal the tax cuts Congress recently passed.

Kucinich left the audience to continue touring the state, thanking the people of Maine and noting their importance to his political endeavors.

"Maine is the first spot in the U.S. where the sun rises, and I think it will be the spot where my candidacy rises," Kucinich said.

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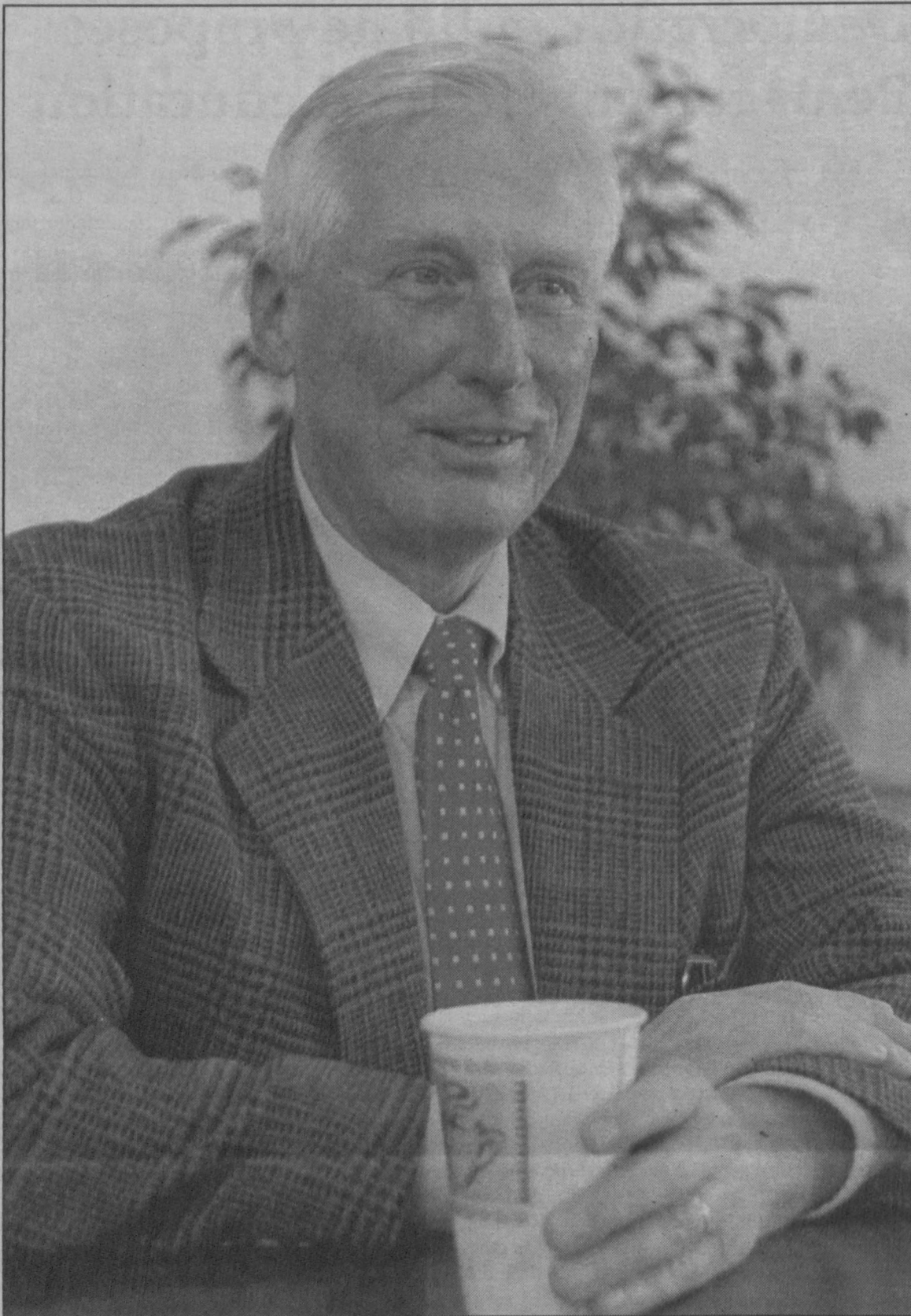
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IN THE RACE? — UMaine professor George Jacobson and former director of the Climate Change Institute is planning on announcing his candidacy for state senator.

Professor considers state senate position

Dr. George Jacobson promotes investment in higher education

By Susie Paravichai
For The Maine Campus

Dr. George Jacobson Jr., a University of Maine professor of botany and quaternary studies, is about to declare his candidacy for a senate seat in the Maine Legislature. The position is presently held by Sen. Mary Cathcart of Orono, who is currently in the final year of her permitted eight years of service.

Jacobson's interest in Maine politics was sparked by three years of service on the staff of the United States Senate in the late 1970s and by a devastating series of budget cuts the University of Maine endured in the early 1990s, due to statewide budget problems. The university suffered enormously, laying off faculty, hiking tuition, and reducing research and development. After nine budget cuts in only six years, morale had dropped so considerably that some faculty left the UMS.

"We need to continue to build Maine's reputation as a powerhouse university ..."

In response to the decline in morale, Jacobson, a Democrat, gathered an eclectic group of professors — later nicknamed the Faculty Five — to combat the rapidly decreasing faith in UMaine's future. The group collected data on Maine's investments in higher education, and then toured statewide, speaking to numerous civic groups, rotary clubs and commercial leaders about Maine's need for a strong research institution to attract industry and businesses to the state.

The idea of counteracting a declining economy through investments in higher education has proven successful in many states. One success can be seen in Georgia, a state that once trailed behind Maine economically. But after Georgia increased its funding for higher education by \$120 million, its per capita income soon surpassed that of Maine.

"When you put money into the higher education system, you attract more people and more businesses to

the state," said Jacobson, former director of UMaine's Climate Change Institute. "We need to continue to build Maine's reputation as a powerhouse university and let more business come to us."

As Jacobson and the Faculty Five educated Maine citizens on the proven benefits of higher education investment, the state government began to take notice. The state acknowledged their concerns and ideas, and in 1997 the Legislature initiated Jumpstart 2000.

The program targeted investment in five key areas: aquaculture and marine sciences, biotechnology, composite materials engineering, environmental technology and information technology.

The effects of this initiative can be seen in the recent construction of the Hitchner Hall addition, laboratories for biotechnology and food science, the Engineering Research Laboratory — under construction next to Barrows Hall — the Aubert Hall renovation, the Advanced Engineering Wood Composites Laboratory and the Advanced Manufacturing Center, under construction behind Stevens Hall.

With the progress UMaine has made in the past decade, from faculty departures and low morale to the nationally recognized research university it is becoming today, Jacobson said he is determined to keep UMaine on that stride. To Jacobson, the open seat in the Legislature represents an opportunity to keep the growth and success of education alive.

Dr. Robert Strong, professor of finance and the University of Maine Foundation professor of investment education, agrees with Jacobson.

"UMaine as a research institution will attract more commerce to the state ... It's an investment for the future," Strong said.

Strong, a Republican, has taken on the role of treasurer for Jacobson's campaign. Both men, who admit they do not "meet eye to eye" on some issues, said the future of the state does not lie in political affiliation, but in the combination of strong minds to achieve the same ideal. They look to a successful campaign and hope to lead the state in a positive direction.

"The state of Maine needs to recognize more than ever that higher education and a strong research university hold the key to our future," Jacobson said.

SHE'S NOT THERE A LIFE IN TWO GENDERS



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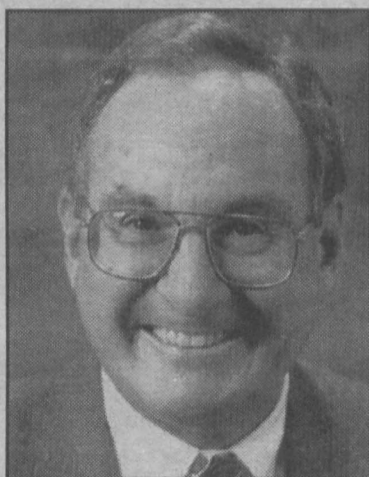
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University system facing \$7M in budget cuts

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research successes are not all it has offered the state in the last year, Hoff added. Naturally following success in higher education institutions is economic growth, he said. Hoff reminded the committee of \$30 million externally funded contract work brought to Maine by the UMS in the past year.

"The \$87.5 million of tax support UMaine received from the state in 2002 accounted for more than \$570 million in high-level economic activity,"



Peter S. Hoff

Hoff said. "And that is just a conservative estimate."

Hoff cautioned the committee about the serious effects of cutting the university's budget.

"The ratio goes the other way ... Every time we take a dollar of appropriation away from UMaine, we take away \$6 of economic activity statewide," he said.

The fear of repercussions from reduced funding echoed throughout other testimonies as well. Speakers recounted the pitfalls of the early 1990s, when the state repeatedly cut its higher education budget. Others expressed concern that students receiving an educa-

tion through the UMS could not stay in the state because attractive jobs were available outside Maine.

"Our state's ability to withstand swings in the economy is based on developing and diversifying our work force," said Rodrigue, former student body president at UMaine.

Speakers opposing the budget cut also admitted that such cuts are inevitable. Hoff explained that UMaine has already reduced the number of courses offered in the spring semester, frozen vacant positions, and canceled equipment

purchases and professional travel already planned, all in attempts to accommodate a budget cut.

"I appreciate the challenges facing you and your fellow legislators," Rodrigue said. "I urge you to make those cuts cautiously, and I ask you to use your authority to minimize the negative impact of this year's budget cuts on Maine's students - and on the quality and reputation of our universities. If we don't protect the quality, affordability and reputation of our universities, we jeopardize Maine's future."

State of the State address available on UM Web site

The text of Maine Gov. John Baldacci's State of the State Address, delivered Tuesday night in Augusta, is available online. In the speech, Baldacci made reference to the Target Technology Center in Orono,

which has created six "spin-off" businesses based on UMaine research. He specifically noted Stillwater Scientific Instruments, a high-tech business founded by UMaine chemistry professor Brian Frederick.

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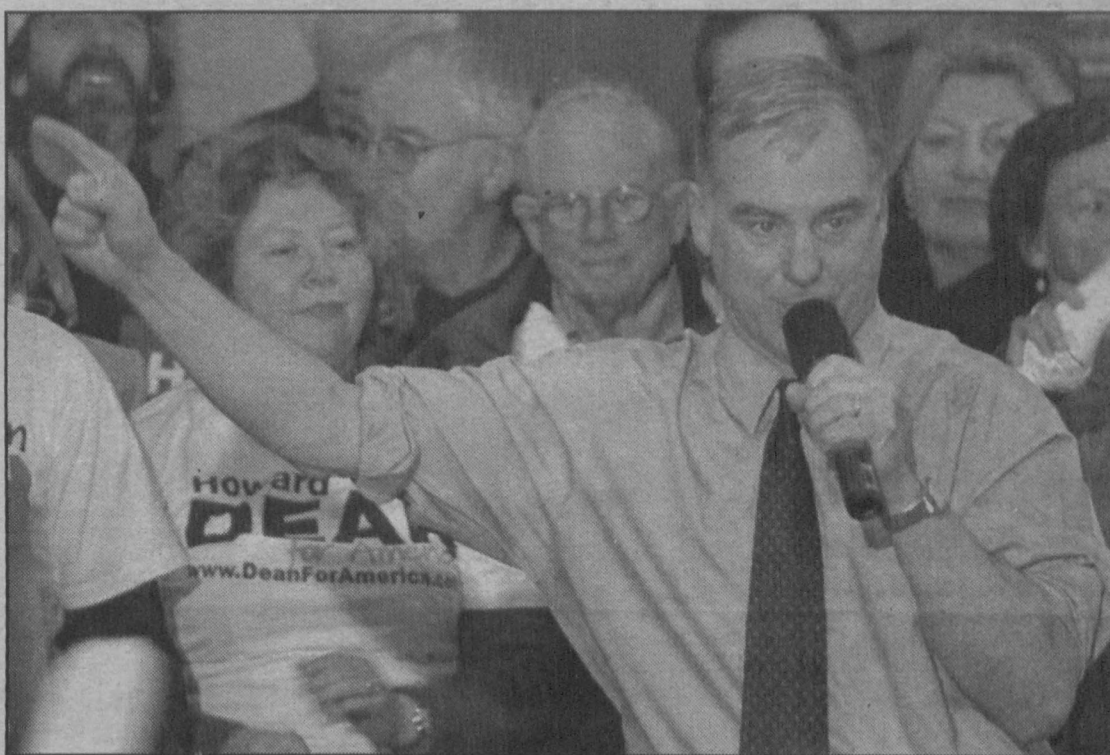
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Disco Dean



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MONDAY NIGHT FEVER — Dr. Howard Dean spoke to a large crowd at 3 a.m. Tuesday morning at Portsmouth, N.H. Ten University of Maine students traveled to New Hampshire to hear Dean speak about the upcoming New Hampshire Primary on Jan. 27. Maine's caucus will be held on Feb. 8.

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EDITORIAL

One step closer

University of Maine officials have finally made solving the issue of parking woes a priority by recently asking teachers to make sure 10 percent of their classes were not scheduled between 9 a.m. and noon. This program shows a great deal of initiative on the part of university officials.

The problem of parking on the UMaine campus, however, does not go away with a quick 10-percent plan. It is not by chance or assumption that the problems with parking will be solved. We encourage university officials to continue this trend of acknowledging and addressing with action the issues of parking on the UMaine campus.

Some may not agree that parking should be a priority. The issue, however, does have an effect on student sentiment and whether or not students feel like they are getting their tuition's worth from the parking gods.

Think of the children

In his State of the State address, Gov. John Baldacci claimed to be pro-education and even introduced a variety of new programs aimed at strengthening and enriching the programs available around the state. This appearance was false because \$7,000,000 were cut from the budget for higher education. For a system that is already suffering from cut-backs and lack of funds, this newest loss of funds is sure to cripple, and possibly destroy, several education programs available around the state, including those at the University of Maine.

It is understood that cuts need to be made somewhere, but education should not have to suffer on such a large level.

We applaud the efforts of President Hoff and the students who accompanied him in attempting to fight these cuts. Hopefully Gov. Baldacci will soon realize just how important education truly is.



Rallying the Republicans

Quarterbacks, flasks and defeating the deficit

President Bush took to Capitol Hill Tuesday night to give his annual State of the Union Address to Congress and invited dignitaries. Hidden among those dignitaries was a sharply dressed New England Patriots quarterback — Tom Brady.

Bush did a superb job of walking the fine line of presenting himself as the current commander and chief, but also as president up for re-election next fall. Included in his report was an update of the United States' economy, which is thriving thanks to his relieving tax cuts.

"And because you acted to stimulate our economy with tax relief, this economy is strong and growing stronger," Bush said Tuesday.

Due to budget woes, Bush was fiscally responsible when introducing only a limited number of proposed programs. He plans to work on the economy's upward trend, and not increase the current deficit. Bush said in his budget he will propose funds for war, protect the homeland and meet important U.S. needs, but hopes to limit the growth in spending to less than four percent.

"This will require that Congress focus on priorities, cut wasteful spending and be wise

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SPORTS EDITOR

with the people's money," Bush said. "By doing so, we can cut the deficit in half over the next five years."

Turning to the topics of war and terrorism, Bush separated himself from the democratic presidential candidates. He noted that there is still a threat of terrorist attacks on the United States and adamantly defended his actions as president.

"America will never seek a permission slip to defend the security of our people," Bush said.

He went on to urge major sports leagues and athletes to end the use of performance-enhancing drugs. He noted that the majority of athletes are not using them, but that users are setting a poor example for millions of young Americans. After Bush made this statement, the usual scan of the crowd was made, some standing and the obligatory applauding. This time, however, an extra big smile was brought to my face. Seated between Donald

Rumsfeld's and Colin Powell's wives was a clean-shaven Tom Brady. Brady was among 29 special guests of first lady Laura Bush. New England's favorite golden boy was invited to a reception at the White House and was among a select group chosen to watch Bush's speech in the House chamber.

I was happy to see that Tommy was not sandwiched between the Bush twins or worse, Donald Trump couldn't pull any strings for his trappy daughter to be seated next to Brady. Trump reportedly has been on a quest to fix his daughter up with Brady. A word of advice Tommy: she isn't good enough.

Among the other sights and sounds at Tuesday's State of the Union was everyone's favorite Massachusetts democratic Senator, Ted Kennedy — or Uncle Teddy as I have come to know him. Either drunk or rude, he managed to sit in his seat and shake his head and disagree with just about every comment made by Bush. I'm not sure what is worse: that Kennedy is so left wing that he can't applaud a Republican president who defends our homeland, or that he is finally feeling the effects of hitting the bottle so hard over the

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Slaying Goliath

All about strategy

MARSHALL
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OPINION EDITOR

You may not have heard it, but Senator and presidential hopeful Joseph Lieberman gave the voters of this country the most accurate depiction of America's current economic and social state. In a quote to CNN.com, Lieberman aptly said, "The America [President Bush] describes as confident and strong is not the America I've seen as I travel across this country." Finally someone said it. Our president is living in a fantasy world.

With the job of presidency comes the scrutinizing eye of every American. It goes without saying that it is much easier to nay-say every policy and domestic practice President Bush partakes in than it is to give America the difficult and well thought out answers that it needs. What you will not find in the general majority of the Democratic candidates is a willingness to keep their lips locked about President Bush.

This is all well and good until people start demanding answers. Sure, dethroning the incumbent requires some mudslinging — it's a fact. I love hearing retired Gen. Wesley Clark talk about President Bush's campaign hopes for 2004. Reality check says Clark: "[President Bush] is running on broken promises and failed commitments."

It is undeniable that election season is upon us and for once, things feel different — if only for the fact that the person taking the brunt of the beatings deserves it. I say the Democratic Party is going about the election in a fairly appropriate manner. The mudslinging and accusations of lying are necessary. It is going to take some harsh words to make people understand that President

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Address

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years. Maybe it was him getting the shakes when he doesn't have a drink for an hour.

After the speech, Democratic candidates all took their turns trying to take shots at the president, but they weren't enough. Ideas like universal health care reform are only going to increase our federal deficit. Bush instead outlined other health benefits that would not cripple the U.S. economy.

"A government-run health care system is the wrong pre-

scription," Bush said. "By keeping costs under control, expanding access and helping more Americans afford coverage, we will preserve the system of private medicine that makes America's health care the best in the world."

In a nutshell, great speech Mr. President. Two thumbs up. Tommy, looking good. The beard does you no justice. And Uncle Ted, get a flask.

Kristin Saunders is a senior journalism major.

Goliath

from page 8

Bush is pulling the blanket over the eyes of Americans.

When all is said and done, President Bush is about money: oil, big business and tax relief for the rich. The sad fact of this all is that he may get reelected. I always want to hear about what the candidates are truly going to do for this country rather than get into a game of who-has-the-dirtiest-secrets. This year is different. Let the Democrats unleash all of their political, vocal fury.

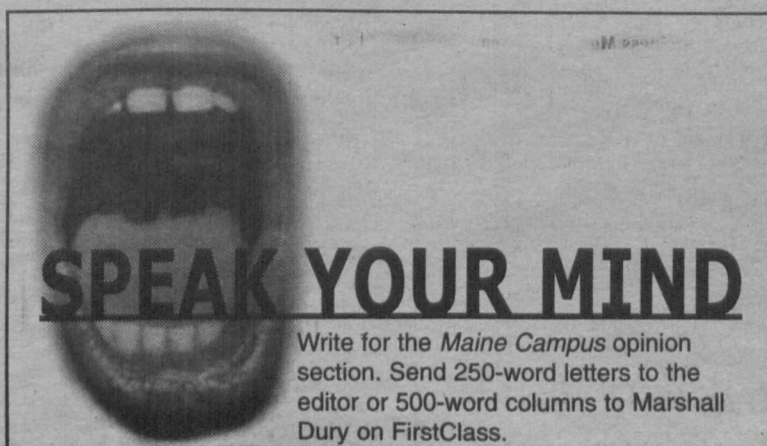
But it will take more than harsh words to destroy the Bush Dynasty. Sen. John Kerry isn't the public speaker that President Clinton was. He seems uncomfortable on camera and way too uptight. You know what though? The man is a straight shooter. In an interview on the television show "Hardball" on NBC, Sen. Kerry was asked a question that more or less required him to knock Bush's policy without giving him a chance to inform people about his own policies. In the end, he refused to lower himself to the standard of gossip that the interviewer was digging for. Past elections will dictate how future elec-

tions play out. If the 2004 race for presidency will be anything like past years', we are certainly in for a trip down Mudslang Lane. I say let everyone else do the dirty work and Sen. Kerry can focus on being a real politician.

My suggestion is that the Democrats throw all their energy behind one solid candidate — from Massachusetts — and actually inspire in Americans the belief that our economy does not have to stay at its sensitive state. President Bush can be defeated. Just look at his State of the Union address.

"Stay the course," President Bush urged Tuesday night. You know what that sounds like: Vote for me again. The man has no tact, a laughable concern for other people and frankly, if you get close enough, you can see the dollar signs behind his eyes. It's sad to think that President Bush may actually win. Reviewing his speech and understanding what he's really working toward makes you wonder how he got the job of presidency in the first place. Thank you Florida.

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To buy or not to buy?

Re-burying the yearbook tradition at UMaine

TRACY COLLINS



PRODUCTION MANAGER

ably seems to be at least a year behind the times. When did we get lazy and decide that others could do the job better? Especially when presented with the particularly personal task of compiling a written and pictorial summation of a college career and culture, we seem to have asked someone else to do it for us. Why?

Perhaps a glossy hard cover and easy-to-navigate pages with clips and photos of selected members of the university's active student body are the lure. Is a yearbook something we're supposed to show our colleagues when we develop into career people? Maybe the attraction is similar to that of a class ring, where the book acts solely as a symbol of an experience, rather than having a purpose.

But those who make the hefty purchase should realize that what they are buying will not be even a shadow of an accurate representation of any individual student's time here. It will perhaps be a record of events. It will contain team photos and photos of some organizations. But it will be devoid of individual focus or sentiment. It will be a generic tool used by the

university to sell itself to other students looking for a quality education at a relatively affordable price. From the pages of a glossy yearbook, UMaine will surely fit the bill, and every administrator involved with the project is aware.

In high school, where classes were smaller and you could identify most students, if not all of them, a yearbook was a compilation of photos and text about people you knew and might have been friends with. Notes left on the inside covers may now serve as reminders of the relationships held when we were younger.

But a UMaine yearbook will be none of those things with the number of students attending this university. There's no way a yearbook could encompass enough perspectives to be of any commemorative use to a student.

Make your own record and store it well. When you look back, you'll remember not items selected by some yearbook editor somewhere, but events and people who meant something to you. You'll remember the time you went to Dysart's and ate nine scoops of ice cream after the track meet and you'll remember the amazing paper you wrote on diversity at the university. You'll remember times when you truly felt young and alive, and you'll thank yourself.

Tracy Collins is a junior journalism major.

Why reality television sucks

The big fat end of my patience

MIKE MELOCHICK

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

You blew it FOX, with "When Circus Midgets Attack," and "Who Wants to Marry a Crack Whore?" I know that may seem a bit harsh, but when the one you love has hurt you, you tend to lash out. Hell hath no fury like a man scorned by Reality TV.

Remember the "Dukes of Hazard?" I bet you don't, do you TV? Bo and Luke outrunning Boss Hogg and Roscoe; those were good times. You had to sell them out for what? "Simple Life," and "My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiancé?" Good call. I'm sure Daisy Duke didn't get that many viewers anyway.

Does anyone else find it remotely funny that Paris Hilton was a fairly well known socialite doing a Reality TV show, when suddenly, weeks before her show was set to begin, oops, a hardcore porno tape of her, in an undisclosed place at an undisclosed time, seems to appear just weeks before the show's premiere? Now that, TV viewers, is called timing. In a downward spiral of ratings and interest, it seems that even bad

press could be perceived as good press for Reality TV.

The nail in the coffin for Reality TV may be Fox's most recent brain (dead) child, "My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiancé." The title alone suggests an unadulterated sense of originality, so I can imagine the premise is likewise one hundred percent novel. Guess what? The show hasn't even premiered, and you can call me a cynic, but who wants to guess that one million dollars is going to sway some young girls heart into actually loving this buffoon?

Love conquers all. That is a powerful message to send to today's television audience. In a country where so many homes are broken by divorce and domestic violence, isn't it nice to see that fairy tales do actually come true? I actually stole that from a Jerry Springer's Final Thought. So I am a raging hypocrite, big deal. I guess that may be why I am so excited for next season's, "Who Wants To Bone a U-Maine Junior Journalism Major Named Mike Melochick?" Send all entry forms to FOX.

Mike Melochick is a junior journalism major who hates Reality TV, but loves the hot chicks on it.

Style

Bumstock makes offer to MTV

By Aerin Raymond
Staff Writer

The Bumstock committee started off the semester with a small meeting that had some big announcements. Rather than making a single offer of \$15,000 to Island Records' Hoobastank, it was announced at Tuesday's meeting that an offer was made on Friday,



Jan. 16, of the same amount to MTV's Campus Invasion, a documentary concert series.

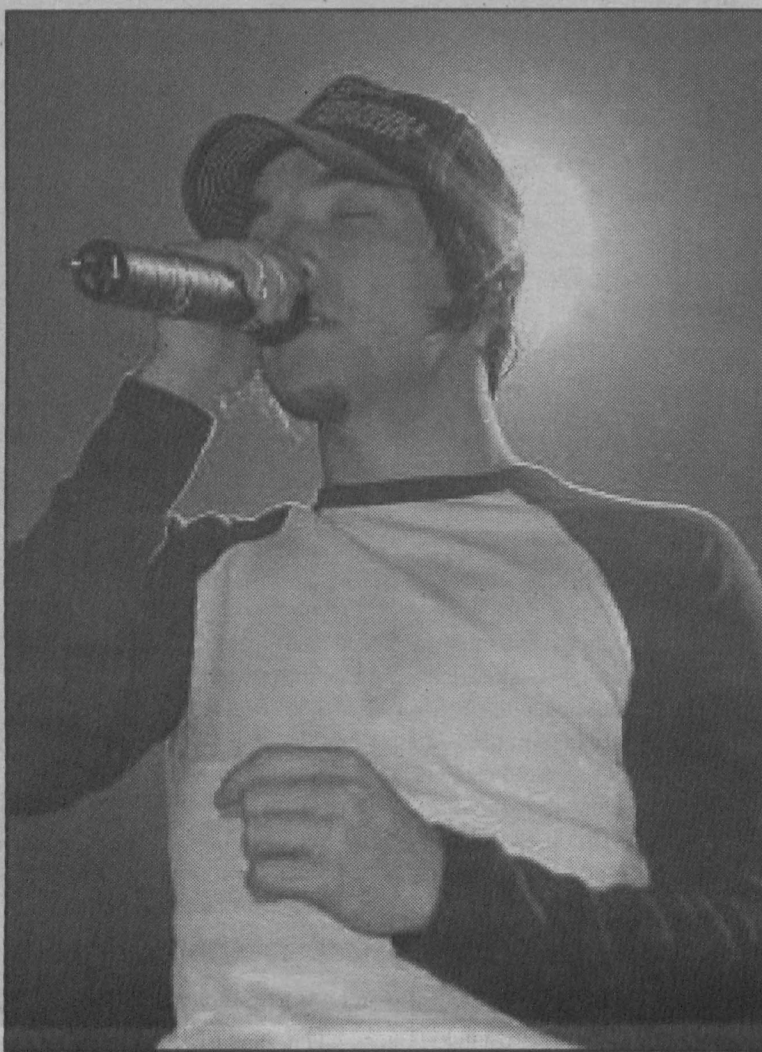
"We chose the MTV Campus Invasion Tour because it suited our needs," Erin Smith, Bumstock 2004 director, said. "They are able to adapt to a festival like ours while sticking within our budget. They are also able to give us more bang for our buck.... For the same price we were offering Hoobastank, we get two more bands, MTV sponsorship and some extras to be worked out during contractual negotiations."

Bumstock officials claim that, in

addition to increasing attendance, MTV's involvement will bring three bands, Hoobastank, Lost Prophets and Ima Robot, to Bumstock for the price originally budgeted for one. Smith said that other advantages include potential exposure of local bands to a national audience and the possibility of bigger bands wanting to perform at future Bumstocks due to the precedence this would set. The committee hopes to know by Friday whether or not MTV will accept the offer. If MTV does not accept, the committee will look into other bands, including Alien Ant Farm and Chevelle.

Though many students who were pushing for Bumstock to stay small and focus on local bands will undoubtedly be upset, Smith said she is doing her best to keep the event about the music and have as many genres represented as possible.

"We're going to get people who think this is a horrible idea. Some students will think we're selling out to the big conglomerate. They will think that Bumstock is becoming too big and too commercial," Smith said. "It's a huge event, though. If we limited it to campus and state bands, our attendance would be low and we'd be moving the concert from Bumstock Field to Wells Commons. We feel this is what the majority of students on this campus would enjoy."



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UMAINE BOUND? — Doug Robb, the lead singer of Hoobastank, performs at a show in Boston. Hoobastank is one of the bands that may come to Bumstock 2004 as part of MTV's Campus Invasion. The other two potential bands are Ima Robot and Lost Prophets. MTV is expected to respond with an answer by Friday.

SEX WITH JERSEY

*Is that
your real
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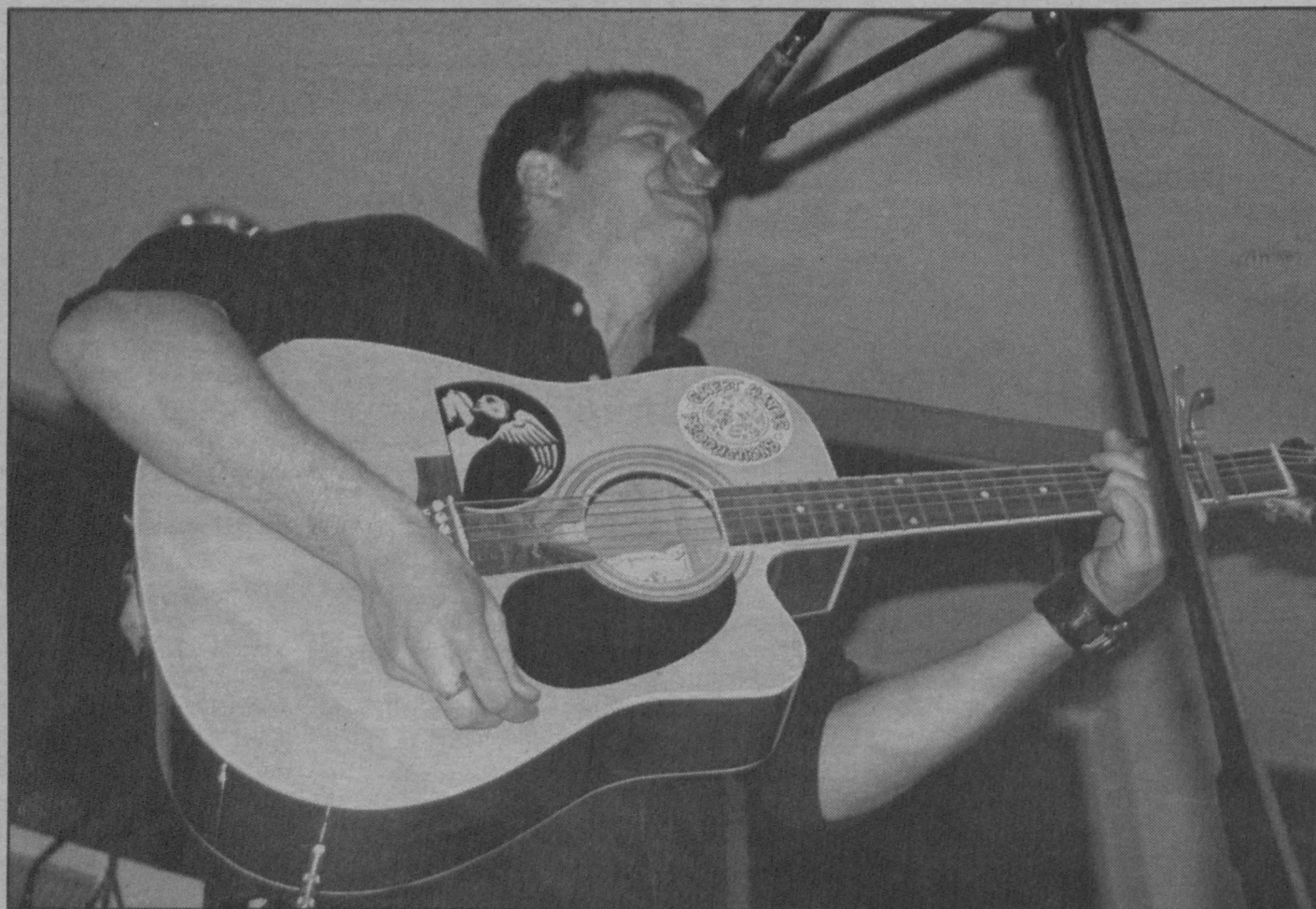
By Rebecca
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Staff
Columnist

After an overwhelming request from my readers last semester, it's clear that everyone on this campus wants to hear about fake orgasms. I have heard from my share of women, each of whom have either guiltily admitted or whined and complained about this ordeal that the female population endures, and I am determined to get to the bottom of it. According to Sex Files, a national research outlet for sex matters, 70 percent of women have faked at least once in their lifetime. Why on earth do women do this? Is it the sex they are having or the man they are doing that is causing this unnecessary surrender of pleasure?

First off, women are going to fake an orgasm specifically for these reasons: 1. They have had enough, or they know that they aren't going to climax, so they want the session to end. 2. They want to make sure their partner feels adequate. 3. They want to encourage their partner. This is not just limited to the climax. A woman may be faking enjoyment from the first kiss all the way to completion. Women are capable of faking any kind of excitement in bed, and trust me, you will never know the difference. If a woman wants to excite her partner, or try to get him to finish quicker, chances are she is going to do what she has to. Of course, an easier way to end the deed would be to tell the other person she is not enjoying it and to stop. But because we are the caring and compassionate sex, most women will avoid embarrassing their men at all costs — even if they ultimately miss out. So, why do people go through all the risks of having sex if they aren't going to enjoy it? Life is too short to take risks that reap no bene-

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A boy and his guitar



CAMPUS PHOTO • HOLLY BARBER

COME PREPARED — Just after his intermission, Chas Bruns had to borrow a friend's guitar to finish his Java Jive performance after breaking a string. Bruns is home in Maine from Los Angeles for a short visit.

CD REVIEWS



Ani DiFranco
Educated Guess
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Ani DiFranco had no need to prove her ability with her latest release, *Educated Guess*. Her mastery of the music on this album has transcended fascinating lyrics and solid song writing and now encompasses every facet of the genre.

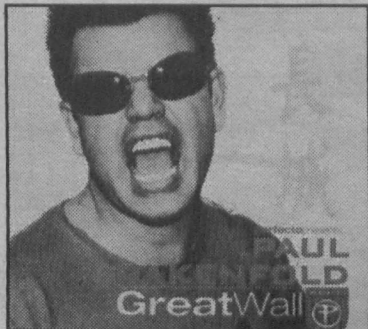
Call her superwoman — every sound on the CD was written and created by DiFranco herself. She recorded and mixed the 14 tracks and even designed the bound lyrics book that includes her own photography and artwork. More — this is her second album release in the past year.

The spoken word tracks are

mellowed from recent works; her 2003 release, *Evolve*, features bold melodies and themes, as found in the title track and the bolder “Welcome To.” *Educated Guess* instead maintains confident expressions of political frustration and personal roadblocks while softening an angry tone.

The result is an artistic equivalent of DiFranco’s beating heart — she invites the listener into a passionate, raw, vulnerable place where emotion is real and rustic, devoid of commercialization and as pure as it gets.

—Tracy Collins



Paul Oakenfold
Great Wall
Perfecto Records

Of the electronic music artists that makes their way into the pop music marketplace, Paul Oakenfold is probably the most well-known name, whether or not he deserves the recognition. Paul Oakenfold is to techno music what the Backstreet Boys were to pop music — not the most creative, not the most intriguing, but if you’re in the right mood, Oakey can hit the spot.

With his new two-disc album, *Great Wall*, the ear trained to electronic music may pick up a new style, but to the average listener, Oakenfold

gives us more of the same.

The second disc is the standout of the pair; it feels like heart-quickening pop, with two quality tracks that make the mix worth listening to. Bjork’s “Pagan Poetry” and the Junkie XL remix of Infusion’s “Legacy” are the jewels in the rough, and even though there’s much more adventurous electronic music out there, Paul Oakenfold offers an accessible, acceptable option. It’s no techno opus and the ground won’t shake after *Great Wall* meets your world, but it’s a decent way to pass the time between the true greats.

—Tracy Collins

“Polly” comes along predictably

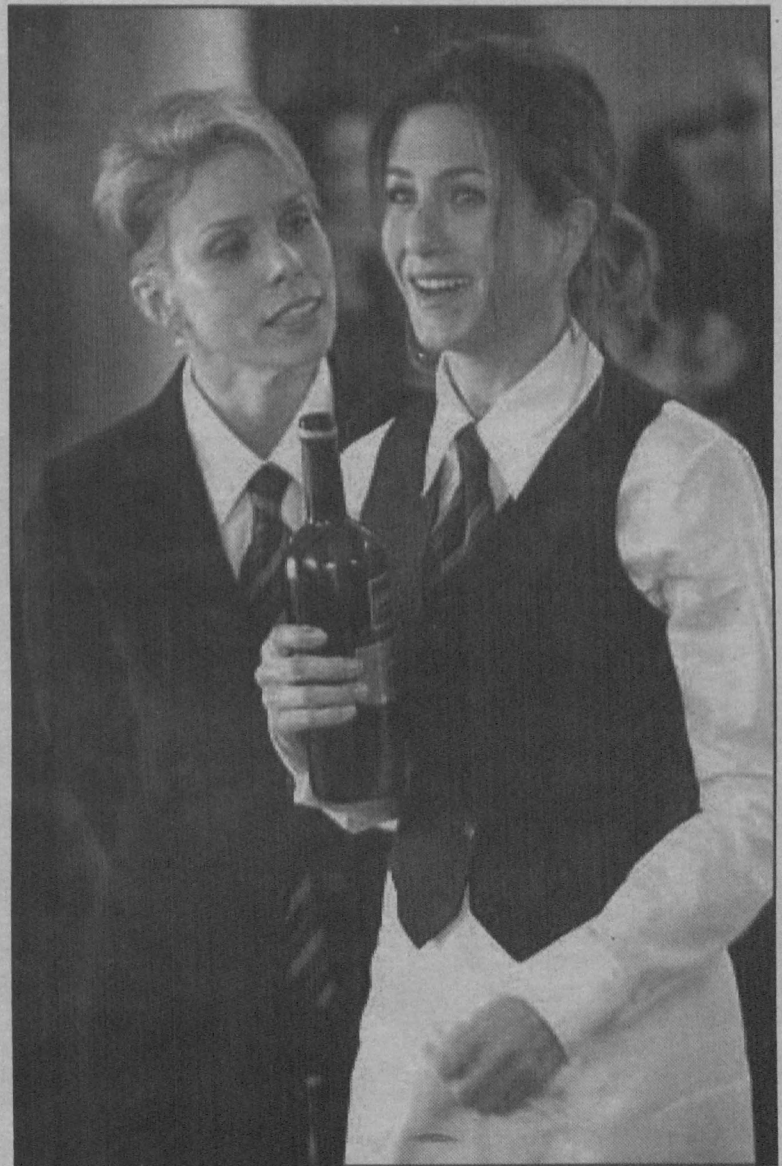
By Nathan Thoms
For The Maine Campus

“Along Came Polly” (2004, Rated PG-13), is the most recent film in a long tradition of cookie-cutter plots put out by Hollywood. Reuben Feffer’s (Ben Stiller) professional efforts are so focused on the prevention of any type of risky behavior that he lives a very quiet and very carefully planned life. When his

Review

new wife, Lisa (Debra Messing from “Will and Grace”), cheats on him during the first day of their honeymoon, Reuben ends up meeting Polly (Jennifer Aniston from “Friends”), a free-spirited woman living without any commitments, forethought or planning. Polly takes Reuben’s controlled life apart and in doing so frees him and his best friend Sandy Lyle (Phillip Seymour Hoffman) making them both better and happier people. With such an outline, it should not be difficult to guess the rest of this predictable plot.

Despite the overall lack of quality with this picture, there are definitely a few positive aspects which make the film something less than a total disaster. The performance of Alec Baldwin, in his role as Reuben’s boss, is quite entertaining and done with an exceptionally skilled comedic touch not typical of Baldwin in previous roles. There is a charming running gag about a blind ferret kept by Aniston’s character, which is



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GENERIC LOVE — Jennifer Aniston stars in the title role of the new romantic comedy, “Along Came Polly.”

also good for a couple of chuckles, and Hank Azaria is quite enjoyable in his role as Claude, the scuba instructor. The character of a now-grown child star is played quite well by Philip Seymour Hoffman and it is certainly pleasant to see Hoffman moving up in the world of

movies, having gone from many small supporting roles into much larger supporting roles. It remains to be seen when he will finally make the crossover into a leading role in a film.

While both Aniston and

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“Guys and Dolls”
Maine Center for the Arts
8 p.m.

Motor Booty Affair
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Comedian Jimmy Della Valle
The Marketplace
9 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24
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“Guys and Dolls”
Maine Center for the Arts
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Karaoke
Bear’s Den
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“Guys and Dolls”
Maine Center for the Arts
3 p.m.

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Tuesday, Jan. 27

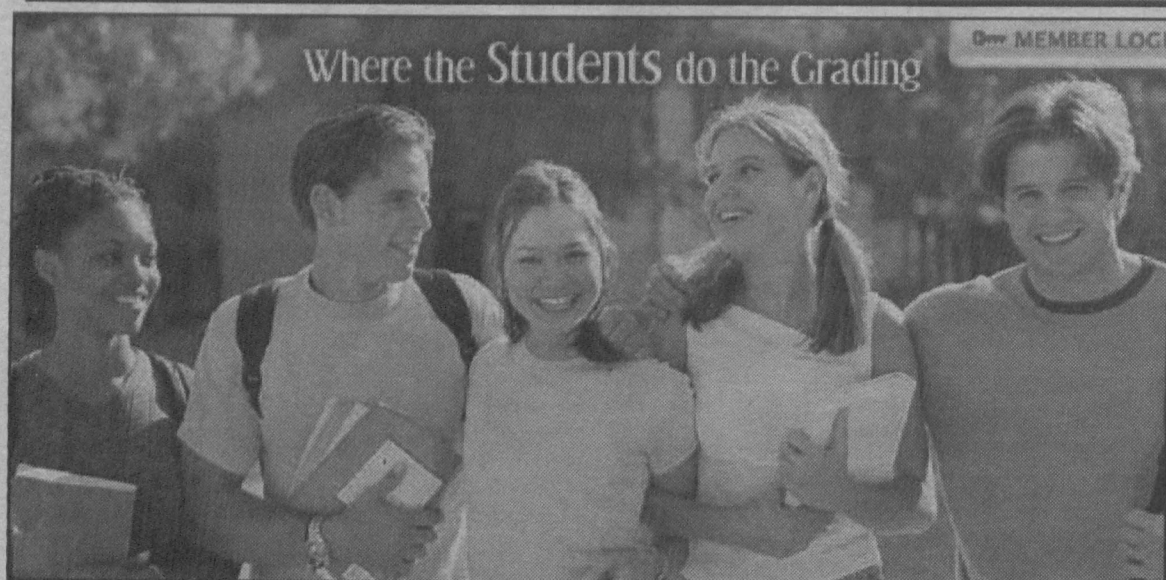
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RATED — The opening site of RateMyProfessors.com appears similar to most college Web sites.

Site lets students grade

By Tony Reaves
For The Maine Campus

Signing up for classes can be stressful. Entering in a five-digit number on Web DSIS can mean the difference between enduring a semester of monotonous lectures and enjoying classes you'll never forget. While some subjects appeal to us more than others, it's hard to dispute that a professor can make

or break a class experience.

RateMyProfessors.com lets students know what we're getting ourselves into beforehand, so that we don't march blindly into a terrible semester. Students can rate teachers in terms of easiness, helpfulness and clarity. You can judge a teacher by any of these criteria, or the overall quality, which is the three averaged together. In addition, students leave short com-

ments about their professors that give a little more detail and have the option to rate the professor as "hot" or "not" (physically, not in terms of academics).

The design is very effective, with simple graphics and easy navigation. Once you've selected your school, you may sort the professors by last name, department, number

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Recycled script holds 'Polly' back

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Still leave much to be desired in their performances, one is forced to wonder whether this is due to the quality of writing with which they were working, or in some way due to their own shortcomings as actors. Stiller's performance especially rings out as mediocre, and that's being generous. Writer and director John Hamburg seems unlikely to have left either actor with much creative freedom, so it's not a certainty what is to blame. Even for

a stereotypical romantic comedy this movie is nothing but a collection of stale ideas artificially formed by Hamburg into a steaming pile of failure, complete with a very unnecessary shot of Hank Azaria's ass. Although "Along Came Polly" is not a movie of great quality or innovation, if you have found enjoyment in other movies with similar storylines like "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" or "America's Sweethearts," this movie will probably prove to be at least mildly enjoyable.

"Along Came Polly" is playing at Hoyts Cinemas Bangor Mall at 11:40 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:05 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. and at Spotlight Cinemas at 12:25 p.m., 3:10 p.m., 5:10 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m.

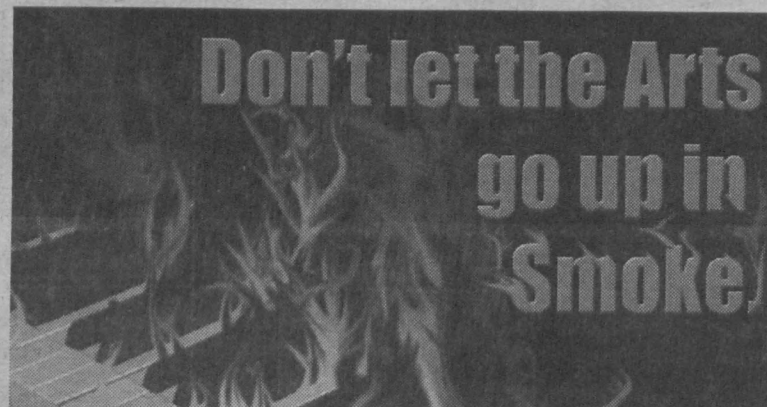
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The December/ January edition of the Hemlock literary magazine is now available. This is the third edition since the magazine was first introduced last semester. Roughly 18 students' works are included in the magazine. Copies are available around campus, in the Union and Neville Hall, as well as at Borders in Bangor. The deadline for submissions for the next edition is Feb. 15.

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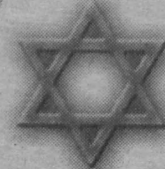
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Unreal pleasure

From FAKE Page 10

fits, so either voice your opinion or buy a vibrator and hope for a miracle.

My question to men is, honestly, can you not tell that your partner is faking it, or do you just not care regardless? In your defense, I will say that the only two indicators that you have are her body gyrations and the sounds she makes. Unfortunately, not every woman possesses the acting skills of Meg Ryan in "When Harry Met Sally," so a few of you

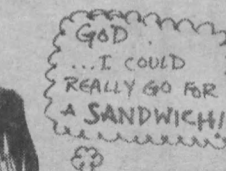
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might really mean "get the hell off of me." And do you honestly think that women could ever habitually be pleased with their legs up in the air like a bug? Yeah, her eyes are rolling to the back of her head, but probably because her legs have gone numb.

Some things to remember: If you are trying out a new position and she climaxes right away or hell, even at all, chances are she's faking. Most women need at least a few minutes in a familiar position to successfully achieve climax, and, according to Dr. Jane Greer of Redbook magazine, 70 percent of women need direct clitoral stimulation. Thus, if you've been going at it doggy-style for less than a minute and she's already moaning, you might want to reconsider.

It's been said that while

women can fake orgasms, men can fake entire relationships. So, if a man wants is some action, then why give him the false impression that he is some kind of a sex god, when in reality he's got no motion in his ocean? If you have been faking with someone you care a lot about and want to stop, Greer suggests, "It's clearly time for you to be more honest, direct and open in bed. This doesn't mean you have to divulge the fact that you haven't had an orgasm thus far, but



rather, that of late, you're experiencing

some difficulty and want to try some experimenting."

It should be noted that, according to Sex Facts, 25 percent of men have faked an orgasm. However, it is much less of a problem for men, and when it does happen it is usually due to fatigue or lack of sexual energy, rather than their partner's performance. Additionally, each time a man orgasms, there is physical proof. Thus, unless he is quick with his hands, it will take a lot to pull off a fake. The focus of this topic is much more of a feminine issue.

One way to work toward some sort of real climax is to have your partner work with you in trying out different positions at different speeds and pressure. You may have to take his hand and literally show him what to do. If this is not something you would be comfortable doing, just think of the other 70 percent of women out there and do it for them. After all, you deserve it.

Rating superiors

From RATE Page 12

of ratings or overall quality. One warning: Don't take a professor's rating to heart if only a few students have submitted ratings. One professor I have now was described as a "leftist Nazi" who "hates America." Luckily, I have had him before and knew this wasn't the case.

Many professors have more than 20 ratings, so the results should reflect a broader range of students. One music professor, for example, has 27 ratings and an overall rating of 4.1 out of five. In short, this professor is a safe bet.

The worst aspect of the site is the emphasis on "easiness." You can't search on that basis, but "ease" is listed beside each professor's name before you even look at their details. It's nice to know what you're getting into with a class, but Rate My Professors can too easily

become a guide to getting easy A's.

Through the eyes of a teacher, the site must have a whole different look. Rate My Professors is more straightforward than the teacher evaluations we get at the end of the year, especially in terms of what the average student is looking for. One downside is that if you run your virtual mouth about how your professor is a source for easy A's, there's a chance they'll see what people think and maybe adjust their teaching a bit. In addition, it's likely that most teachers don't want to know if their students think they're "hot" or "not."

You don't need to register to check out what people say about professors, so it's a quick, easy process. The ads aren't overwhelming, either. This is a Web site all college students should bookmark. When course selection rolls around, you'll be glad you did.

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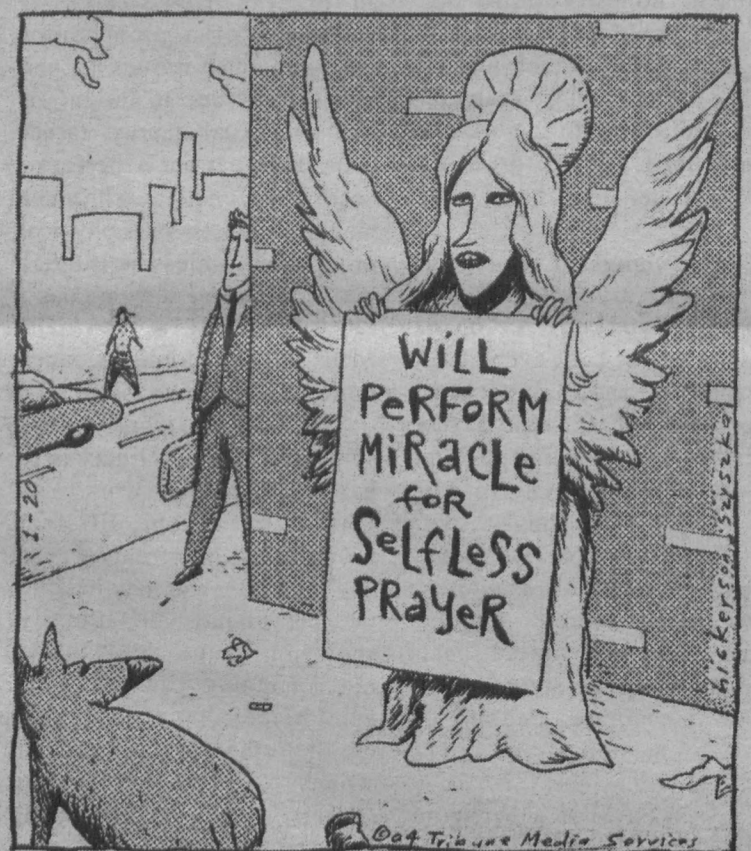
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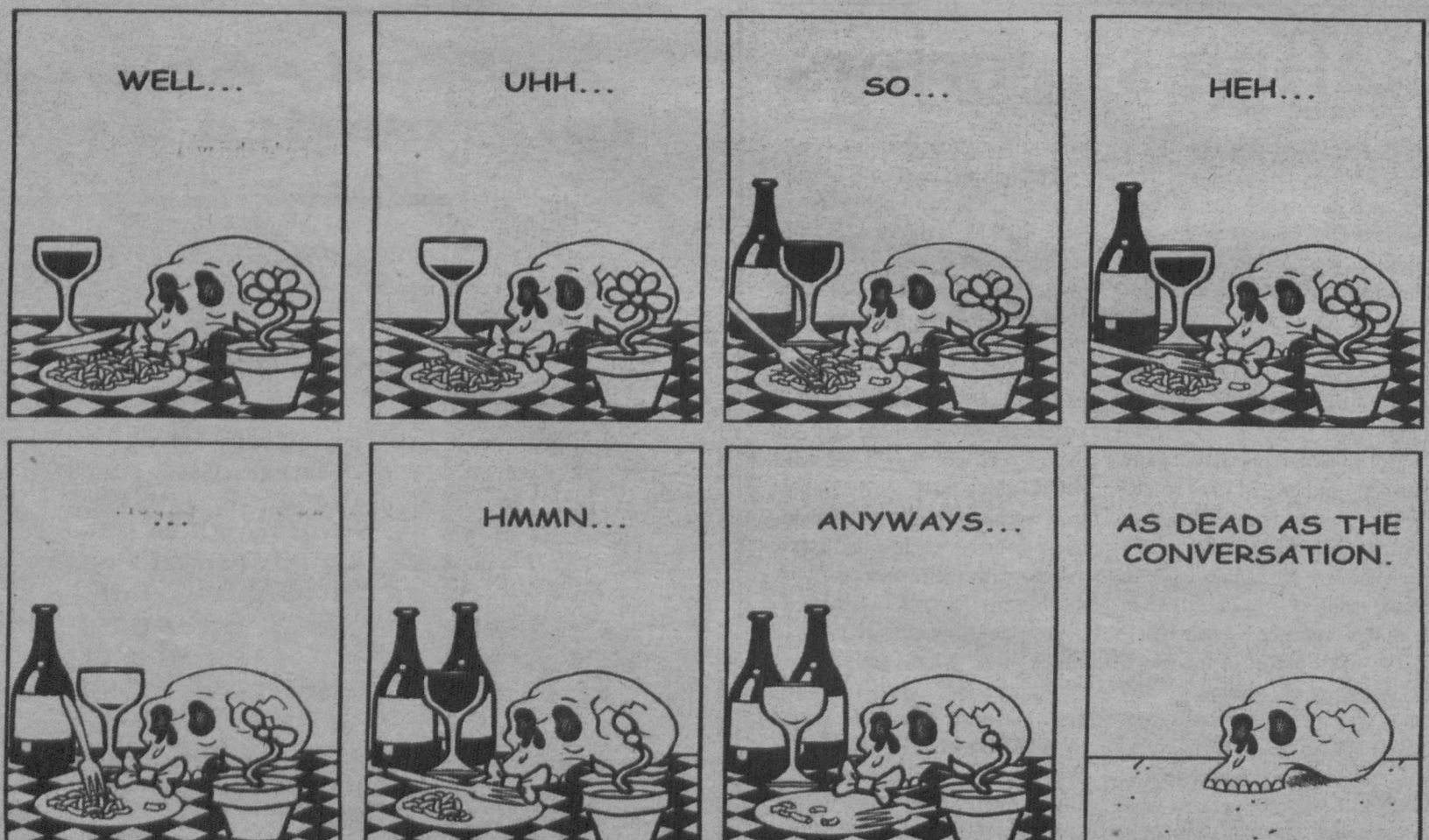


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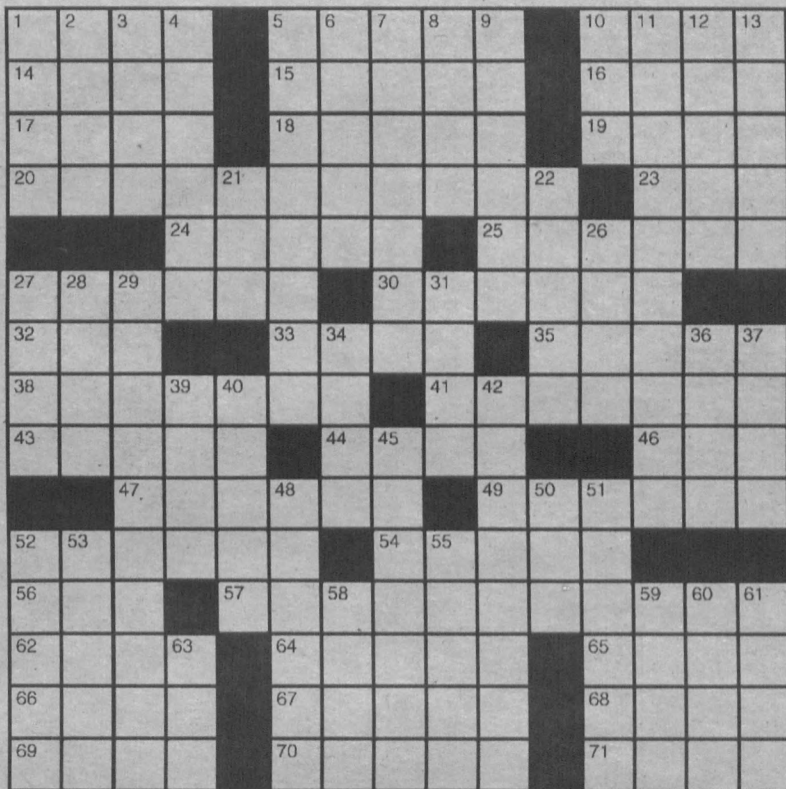
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UMaine defeats rival BU Terriers

From WOMEN'S BASKETBALL on page 20

11:38 left in the first half jump started the Black Bears. After several lead changes, the Black Bears would retake the lead for good with a shot by Heon with 3:31 left in the half. They led 24-23.

With senior Heather Ernest quiet in the first half with just two points on 0-5 shooting, her teammates had to step up. Veilleux and Heon kept Maine in the game in the first half. Veilleux had 16 points in the first while Heon had seven and two steals.

Veilleux hit a three-pointer with 30 seconds remaining to give Maine a 33-26 half-time lead.

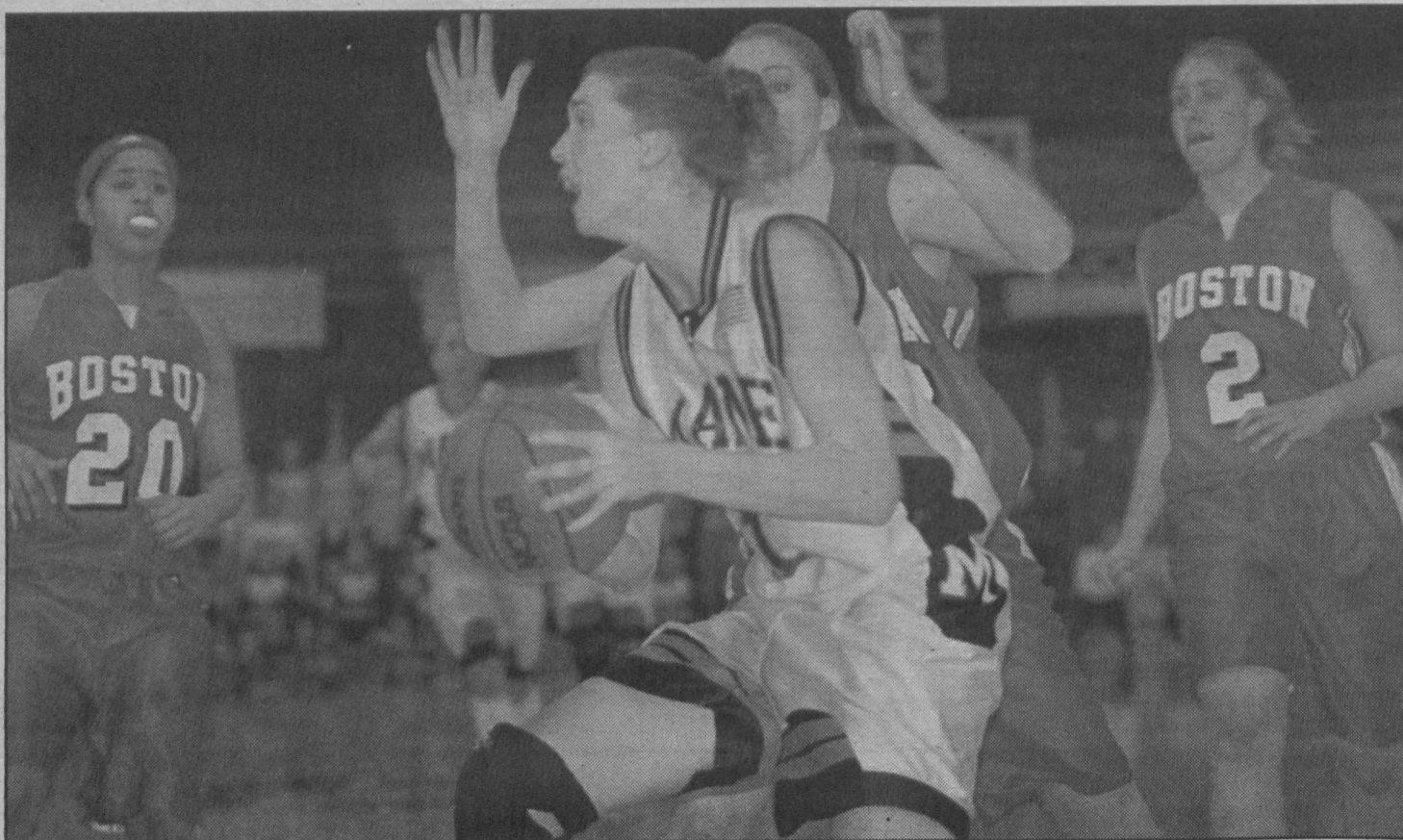
Maine kept up its defensive pressure in the second half, but Katie Terhune of BU kept her team in the game with four three-point field goals in the second half and 22 points for the game.

Veilleux kept up her strong play and Heather Ernest got going late, with 16 points, 14 of them coming down the stretch in the second half.

The Terriers pulled within four at 38-34, on a three-pointer by Terhune, but that's as close as they would get. While Maine failed to make a major run to put BU away, the Terriers did little more than just hang around. A lay-up by junior guard Missy Traversi with 8:54 remaining gave Maine its largest lead at 55-43. BU would cut the lead down to seven but the Black Bears would hold on for the win in the end as they continued to hit their shots down the stretch and hit 80 percent of its free throws to BU's 63 percent. The final score was 73-65.

Maine coach Sharon Versyp was pleased with her team's play against a strong conference opponent.

"BU's a great basketball," said Versyp.



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TRIPLE TEAMED — Black Bear Heather Earnest makes a move to the basket while defenders from Boston University swarm to her. UMaine won 73-65 on Wednesday at the Alford Arena.

"We knew it would be a great game tonight. I thought the key was that we pressured them into 22 turnovers and we only had 13."

Julie Veilleux was happy with her game and her team's performance.

"I knew it was a big game, we just needed to focus," said Veilleux. "I just tried to get in there, take a couple of shots a couple of times. With their zone, they were playing off so I could dribble in or have an open

shot. Luckily I knocked them down."

"If someone's on fire, everyone knows where to put the ball, especially if the defense doesn't respond," Heon said on Veilleux's performance.

"She's such an unselfish player," Versyp said of Veilleux. "She's doing everything I've asked her to do since day one. She played very consistent for 33 minutes."

Maine is undefeated in its conference. Last season Maine finished 16-0 in confer-

ence play in the regular season but went on to lose to BU 69-65 in the America East Championship game. Perhaps the Black Bears had it in for the Terriers. Ernest would have you believe otherwise.

"That's last year," said Ernest. "Things didn't turn out the way we wanted them to last year at the end of our season. Every day we're going game by game, day by day. UMBC's next, that's who we're focusing on."

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Tom Brady, not a lesser extent

From PAT'S CORNER on page 18

chesters crowded the beer counters. Others harassed passing Colts fans with chants of "4th and goal," and "Peyton, who?"

Not a fan in my section sat during the game. With every high and low, the collective attitude in the stands was palpable. And when it was over and done, and Brady stepped onto the stage, the crowd erupted with a volume

unheard in my lifetime. 68,000 believers roaring at every talk radio host in the nation that this kid deserved respect, that this kid was for real.

When the bus dropped me back off at Exit 7A and I turned on the car radio, another host was talking about McNabb. This time the discussion was on interceptions and injuries. Before long the rant shifted to the AFC title game and the "shocking

performance of Peyton Manning." Not a word about Tom Brady and his 273-yard one-touchdown day. Not a word about a New England team on the verge of dynasty.

But in the mind of this New England fan, and others, the vision is clear. Another often ignored and disrespected Tom Brady-led team is heading to another Super Bowl. To a lesser extent.

Reed emerges, Black Bears succeed

From MEN'S BASKETBALL on page 16

Jackson early in the season to injury, Maine has had to look for others to fill the void. That void has been filled by the consistent play of Freddy Petkus and Chris Markwood. Petkus has established himself as one of the team's premier outside shooters, while Markwood's arrival from Notre Dame is one that comes

with a warm welcome. Markwood, the former Maine High School Player of the Year, has seen plenty of minutes since his activation in mid-December and has played key roles in Maine's victories.

Maine will come into Saturday's home game after a tough road match with Boston University on Wednesday night. The results of this game as of press time were not available.

The Black Bears are 10-5 on the year and 4-2 in the conference play, barring the outcome of the Boston University match. While UMBC enters the game with a dismal record of 5-10 on the season and 2-4 in conference competition. The Retrievers upset Hartford early this month and are hoping to do the same to Maine. The game tips off at Alford Arena this Saturday at 7 p.m.



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Whitehead to rotate goalies at BU series

From MEN'S HOCKEY on page 20

Both Doyle and Howard are among the top statistical goalies in the nation. Doyle's 11-3-0 record, with a 1.53 GAA and a .930 save percentage has him ranked as the best goalie in all of Division I hockey. He also is tied for the national lead with four shutouts. Howard is ranked third nationally with a 5-2-1 record,

They are a tough opponent and we'll be fortunate to get some points."

with a 1.61 GAA, and a .932 save percentage and one shutout.

This weekend's test against Boston University, who is coached by the legendary Jack Parker, will be a unique one for the Black Bears. The Terriers, who began the year ranked in the top 10 nationally and picked to finish third in the preseason Hockey East Coach's Poll, have struggled over the course of the season.

The Terriers are 6-8-6 overall and find themselves in eighth place in Hockey East with a 3-7-2 league mark.

BU is coming off a weekend in which they were swept by archrival Boston College. The Terriers were beaten 5-1 last Friday at BC and lost 3-2 at home on Saturday.

Despite BU's struggles, Whitehead doesn't expect an easy weekend.

"We're up against a desperate team," Whitehead said. "They have a great tradition and they are very tough in their own rink. Points are tough to come by at Walter Brown, and we know that. We really have to be ready to be at the top of our game physically and mentally, but we have to be careful not to make too many changes."

The Terriers have struggled in almost every facet of the game so far this season. Senior goalie Sean Fields, who emerged last season as one of the league's best, has regressed this season. He is 4-7-4 with a 3.12 GAA and an .886 save percentage. Sophomore Stephan Siwiec has seen more time this year because of Fields's struggles. Siwiec is 2-1-2 with a 2.46 GAA and a .914 save percentage.

The offense has left a lot to be desired as well. Senior Kenny Magowan has the most points amongst forwards, with eight goals and six assists for 14 points. Other scoring leaders up front are junior David Klema (3-10-13) and senior Frantisek Skladany (2-11-13).

The major bright spot for the Terriers has been the emergence of junior defenseman Ryan Whitney, now living up to the potential he came in with two years ago. He leads the team in points with 15 (five goals, 10 assists), and has been BU's most consistent defenseman. The Terriers haven't gotten much consistency on the blue line. The other two strong players this season have been freshman Kevin Schaeffer (5-7-12) and sophomore Dan Spang (4-6-10).



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"I'LL HELP YOU UP!" — Forward Mike Hamilton trips up with a UMass player during Saturday night action in Alford Arena. The Black Bears split the weekend series with the Minutemen and travel to BU next weekend.

son have been freshman Kevin Schaeffer (5-7-12) and sophomore Dan Spang (4-6-10).

Coach Whitehead believes that the Terriers are a better team than they look.

"I really believe that some of their results have been deceptive," he said. "If I was judging on past history, they're going to go on a pretty good run in the second half. They are a tough opponent and we'll be fortunate to get some points."

In the only other meeting between the two teams this season, UMaine won a hard-fought 2-1 game at Alford Arena on Nov. 1.

The game-time for both nights at BU is 7 p.m.



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BREAK IT UP — A brawl between UMaine and UMass broke out 11 seconds before the end of the second period at Saturday's game. The fight in front of the UMass bench resulted in 13 penalties against 12 players (six from each team) including two 10-minute misconducts.

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Black Bears to face off with newcomers

By Matthew Conyers
Staff Writer

Every year, the America East Conference brings with it a new challenge and provides another test to its members. This season is no different, with the emergence of the University of Maryland-Baltimore County in the conference.

With the Retrievers' induction into the league comes the knowledge that a new opponent has arrived, bringing with it new

Men's Basketball

tasks for a competitive league. UMBC's addition into the league brings with it two new games on the schedule for every league member. The two new conference games promise to test the durability of the

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10-team league and will surely increase the parity of the conference. This Saturday, the University of Maine men's basketball team will get its first chance to tussle with the Retrievers, during their first America East matchup.

The game promises to be a match-up that will expose two underrated squads who went into the season unheralded. For the Black Bears, it marks their 17th regular season game of the year and more importantly a chance to add another victory to a wins column that has been quietly growing. Maine entered the season with very little press and has managed to slide into the modest position of fourth place in America East.

The early season success can largely be attributed to a defense that has stifled many opponents and managed to slow down the attacks of highly touted offenses. The most talked about offense in the conference, Vermont, was put to the test by the Black Bears and managed to barely escape with a victory after trailing throughout the game, earlier this month. This Black Bear defense has achieved success by applying stress on its opponents and forcing them to take poor shots and shoot a low field goal percentage. This Saturday evening Head Coach John Giannini and his Black Bears will hope to follow the same strategy to find success.

Another large factor in the Black Bears' success this season has been their versatile offense. Maine's roster has seen increasingly good play from its former reserves and bench players. Forwards David Dubois and Mark Flavin have seen their minutes increase and have put up solid numbers to lift the weight off leading scorers Kevin Reed and Eric Dobson. Reed and Dobson rank one and two respectively for the Black Bears in points and contribute the most minutes of any two player duo on the Maine roster. Reed, the former All-America East Rookie Team member, is one of the most versatile players on the roster and is an expert at causing fits for opposing coaches. Whether he is stepping outside the arc to sink his deadly long range shot or making a slashing cut inside the paint, Reed has emerged as a vital part of Maine's success. The other member of Maine's scoring tandem, Dobson, has developed into one of the conference's best guards. Dobson is dishing out an average of 5.7 assists per game and has established himself as the quarterback for the Black Bears half court attack.

With the loss of talented guard Jermaine

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PATRIOTS CORNER

By Kris Healey
For The Maine Campus

It's 8 a.m. in the commuter lot next to Interstate 95 Exit 7A in Portland. As I wait for a bus that will take me and 50 other Patriots fans to Gillette Stadium for the AFC Championship Game, I listen to Sporting News Radio. The host of the morning show, whose name escapes me, is rambling on about Donovan McNabb and his ability to make plays. Midway through his rant, he pauses to give credit to the other playoff quarterbacks - "We've got some Hall of Fame caliber guys in this post-season. McNabb, Peyton Manning, Steve McNair, Brett Favre, and to a lesser extent, Tom Brady." I sigh and shake my head.

"To a lesser extent." The phrase will stick with me all day. I will recall it as Tom Brady orchestrates a first possession drive that ends in a seven-yard touchdown pass. I will remember it when Peyton Manning throws his fourth interception of the day, effectively ending any chance of a Colts comeback. And I will remember the phrase once more during the AFC title ceremony as 68,000 screaming fans erupt when Jim Nantz calls Tom Brady to the microphone.

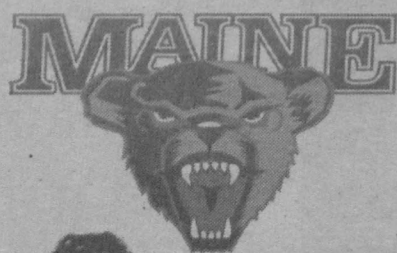
For a "lesser extent" quarterback, the 26-year-old Brady has done some amazing things. His record this year against the season's co-MVPs Manning and McNair is 4-0. He also beat the media-darling McNabb. His career post-season record is 5-0. His career-winning percentage in barely three seasons as a starter is close to .700. His quiet leadership and dependability are unquestionable. He's 14-1 in games decided by less than a touchdown. He's completed passes to an NFL-leading 16 different

receivers this season. He's led the Patriots to 14 straight victories, tying an NFL record. He led his team to an unbeaten record in New England this year and threw only one interception in more than 300 home field attempts. He was the MVP of Super Bowl XXXVI, a game which he helped win with a last possession two-minute drill drive of the field that was nearly flawless. And, oh yeah, with Sunday's win Brady has led the Patriots to their second Super Bowl appearance in three years. Their third in seven. A feat unmatched by any other team in the last decade. Not bad for being lesser-extended.

The fans at Gillette on Sunday didn't think of Brady as anything but the MVP caliber leader and quarterback that he has been since taking over for the injured Drew Bledsoe in 2001. That he finished fourth in All-Pro voting this year and third in the MVP tally did little to diminish the mood in the stadium. To Patriots fans, little could have dampened their spirits.

It was a classic New England afternoon, with temperatures hovering around freezing and periods of snow, freezing rain and wintry mix. The atmosphere rivaled only one game in recent memory - The 2001 AFC divisional match up between the Patriots and the Raiders at the old Foxboro Stadium. In the snow, enthusiastic New Englanders from across the region arrived early and tailgated all morning. By 2 p.m. the stadium was filling up, and a healthy crowd lingered at the gate, waiting to pass through security. As employees hawked Irish coffee and cocoa and nips in souvenir mugs, hardcore fans with painted faces, and bare

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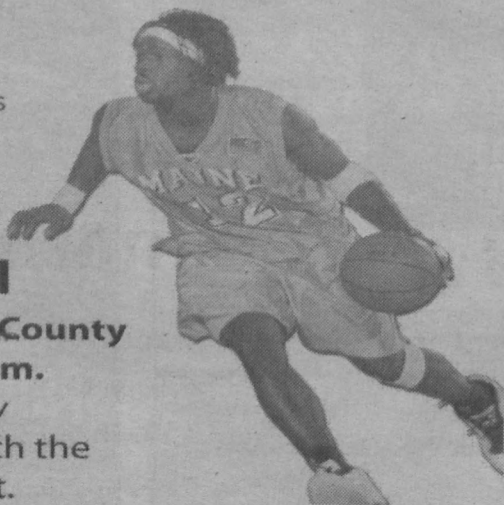
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Two trips in three years, Patriots deserve respect

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knew how to defend the Colt's quarterback Peyton Manning and ended up embarrassing the co-MVP on the national stage.

Tom Brady continues to impress as well with clutch performances and lack of reliance on one receiver. He's already proven to be a big game-winner and gets the job done regardless of the circumstances. Need proof? Take the Oct. 19 game at Miami where Brady connected with Troy Brown in overtime on an 82-yard touchdown pass. Two weeks later at Mile High Stadium, against the Denver Broncos, Brady marched the offense down the field and hooked up with David Givens for the game winning score with 30 seconds remaining. The "coolness" Tom Brady carries about him, and ability to back it up, is itself enough to argue that the New England Patriots are for real.

Brady's perfect complement has been New England's swarming defense. It is impossible to look past this group or wonder how they are

able to shut out teams and create turnovers. Cornerback Ty Law is the closest representation of a high profile player, a fact the media thoroughly dislikes. They want New England's success to stem from two or three impact players when, in reality, it stems from the entire group.

All year the Patriots have dealt with irreverent sports writers standing firm on the point that no legitimate superstar graces their roster. So what? It's true that flashy, outspoken athletes sell tickets and feed sportscasters' hungry appetites for controversy. What these nay-sayers fail to recognize is that the Patriots are practicing the ancient art form of "team ball." They find a way to win every game because of gritty, 100 percent performances and belief in their head coach and starting quarterback. If sports writers and fans cannot appreciate this, there will be a lot of disappointed people when the Super Bowl trophy is lifted by Tom Brady in Houston on Feb. 1.

Black Bears look to pick up win at home

By Matt Hritz
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's hockey team returns to the Alfond Arena this weekend to play

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its first two home games of 2004, after two disappointing games on the road against New Hampshire in which the team suffered two losses in the first games back from break.

"This weekend was really hard for the team," junior defenseman Laura Maddin said. "It was our first game back in five weeks, however

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that is no excuse for our play. I honestly felt that UNH was not as strong as they were last year and that if we had played our best those games could have gone either way. They showed up ready to play, and we didn't."

A growing concern for the team is the lack of goal scoring. The Black Bears continued their scoring woes this weekend, scoring one goal in two games. The team has been aver-

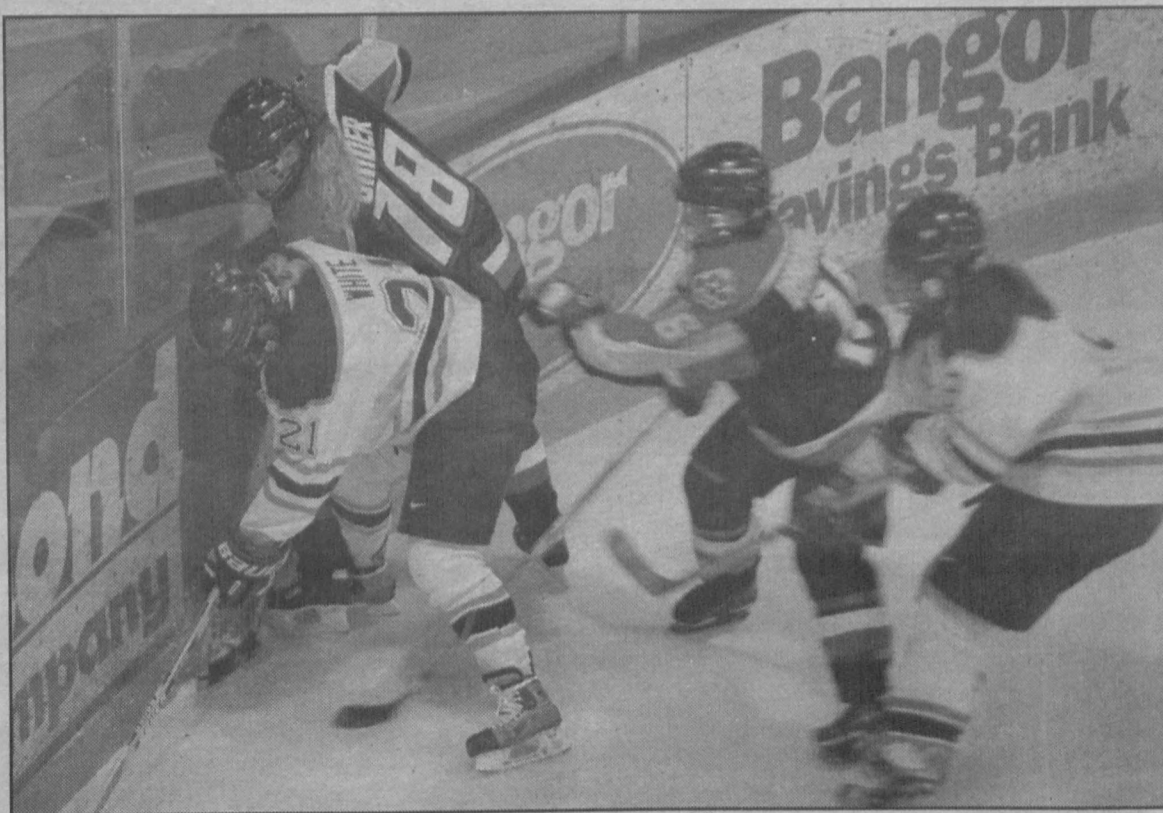
aging 2.3 goals per game this season.

"Our biggest challenge right now is to find a way to score goals," said UMaine Head Coach Rick Filighera. "Even though we had those 16 goals against Union in those two games before that we were only scoring one, two, maybe three goals a game. You can't do that. I really believe that we have the talent to score more than that and we got to start doing it."

Arriving at the Alfond this weekend are the Connecticut Huskies (6-11-3 overall, 2-3-1 Hockey East). In the past two seasons, the Black Bears have had great success against the Huskies going 4-0-2. Three of the four wins have been two goals or fewer victories, indicating a tight game is possibly on tap for these teams.

"UConn is one of those teams that is always growing, and always getting better," Maddin said. "I think our team sees this and respects them. We know that if we don't give a 110 percent for 60 minutes, we won't win. UConn is one of those teams that likes to try to get in our heads to throw us off our game. If we can stay focused I'm sure we will have success this weekend."

Offensively, the Huskies have troubles scoring goals like the Black Bears. Connecticut is only averaging 1.7 goals per game. Leading the team is junior forward Shannon Connolly (nine goals and one assist) and senior defenseman Stefanie Snow (two goals and five assists)



CAMPUS PHOTO • HOLLY BARBER

TANGLED UP — Black Bear Cheryl White and Northeastern Husky Lindsay Snider get intertwined over the puck while teammates come to their assistance at the December 6 game. Maine tied Northeastern 1-1.

In net time for the Huskies has been split between Kaitlyn Shain who is 5-5-1 with a 2.14 goals against average and a .931 save percentage and Shannon Murphy who is 1-6-2 with a 2.96 GAA and a .903 save percentage.

"They play very physical," Filighera said. "They are much better now. They play hard. If you look at our record 4-0-2, all

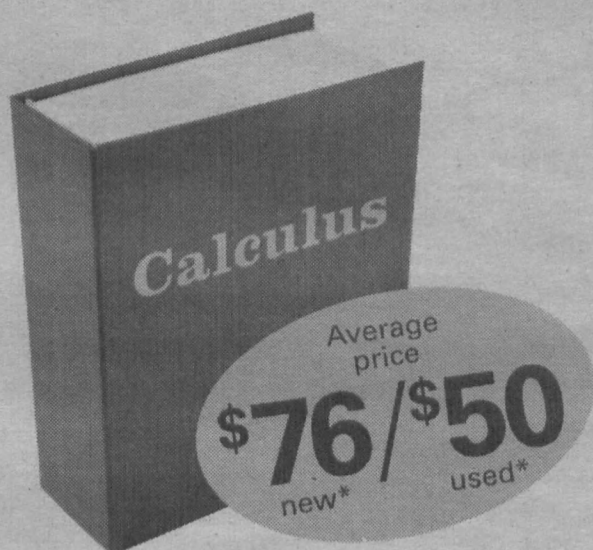
the games have been tight."

"It's really going to come down to us scoring on our chances again and us playing hard and us playing within our systems and working together," Filighera said.

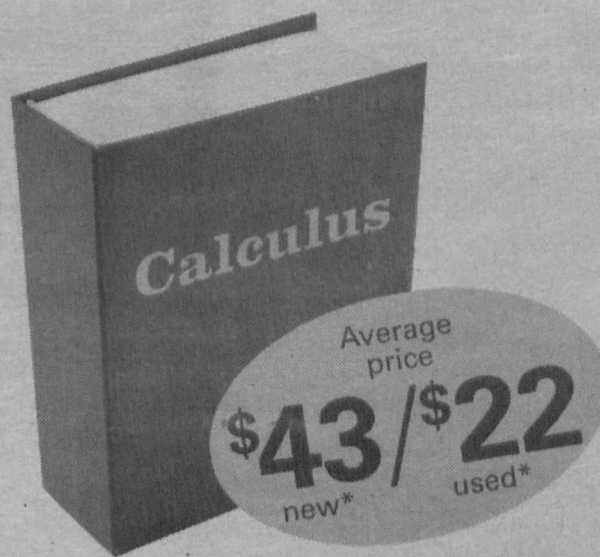
The Black Bears will play the Huskies on Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at noon before going on the road next weekend against the Providence Friars.

"Each game is very important, and we cannot afford to take any games off," junior forward Cheryl White said. "We have to come play every game and we have to work hard and stay focused in practice to prepare ourselves for the games. We are a very talented team, and we work well together, and as long as we continue to work hard, things will come together for us."

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Patriots deserve respect

By Kyle Fortinsky
For The Maine Campus

Here's a challenge: Name one team in the NFL subjected to more scrutiny by the media and ignored by more sports fans in the 2003-04 season than the New England Patriots. Here's another challenge:

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Explain why these fans and media personnel continue to grasp their negative views with tightly clenched fists despite the Pats' daunting success.

Yes, New England is once again plagued with a sports franchise that receives little attention outside of its respected fan radius. The Patriots have been at the heels of the common sports writer all season, taking verbal abuse day in and day out.

"Wait until they go on the road," "There is no go-to-guy for Tom Brady," "The defense will fold against the opponent's high powered offense."

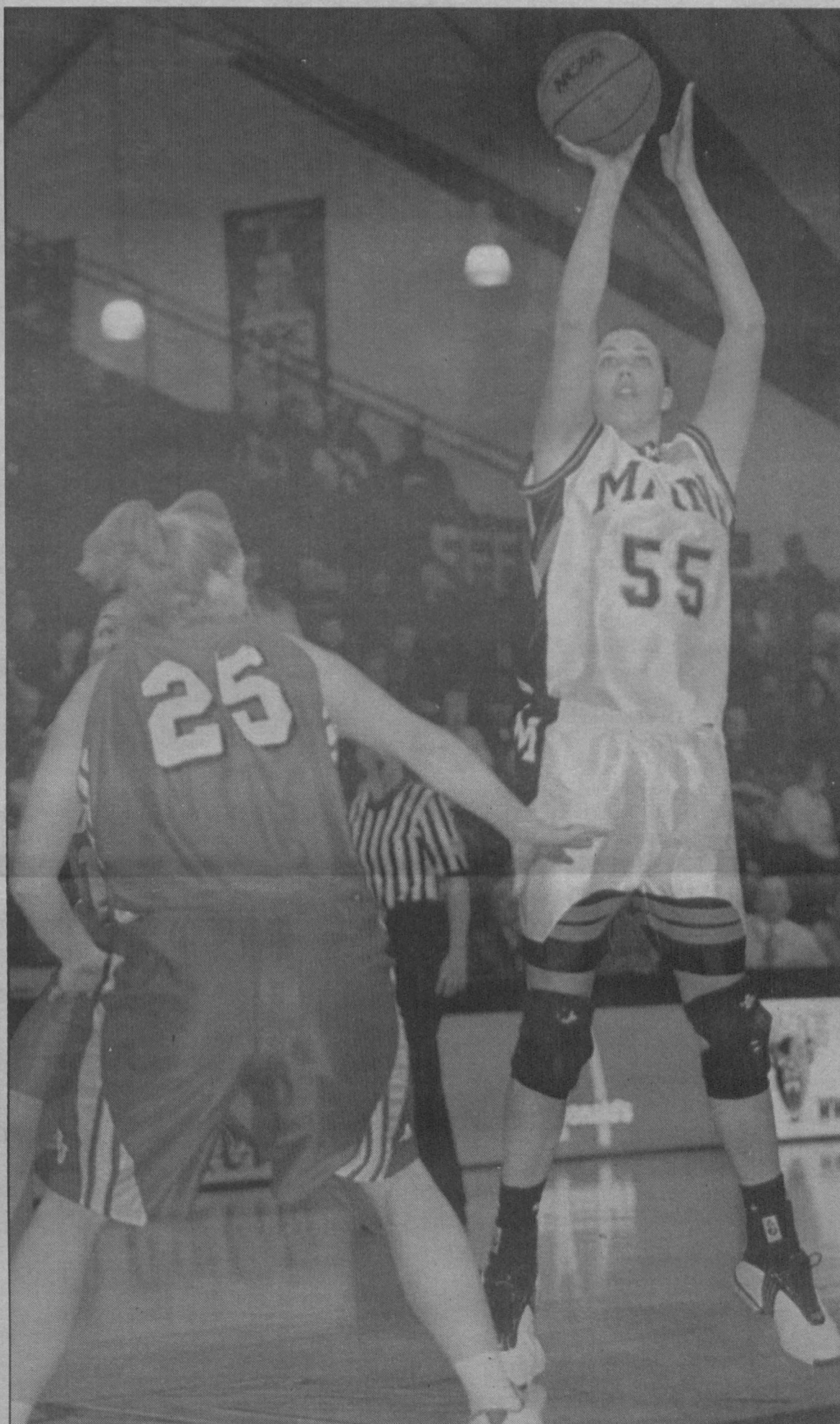
Sound familiar? If you're a Pats fan it does. Not even a 10-0 home record and 14-game winning streak are enough to quiet New England's critics.

Each week the television windbags make their predictions that fans will see "the real Patriots" show up: a lifeless, lucky NFL team. Not even a 31-0 thrashing of the Buffalo Bills on Dec. 27 could make the Pats' story number one. Instead the Arizona Cardinals, NFL's basement team, was the highlight with a last-second victory over the Minnesota Vikings. Never mind the excellent performance on both sides of the ball by the Patriots, or that the score was an exact reciprocation of their first meeting with the Bills on Sept. 7. None of that was interesting to the common fan.

One can argue on many levels that the Patriots are boring and have no charisma. Let's reverse the argument. One can also argue the Patriots have the best coach in football in Bill Belichick, the best quarterback in Tom Brady, and the best team defense.

Bill Belichick is a mastermind. He may be the only member of the Patriots club who is talked about with the necessary respect. The winning streak's backbone has been Belichick and his ability to devise defensive schemes that will literally shut down the opponent. Last week's AFC Championship game against the Indianapolis Colts is a perfect example. Belichick

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JUMP SHOT — Abby Schraeder puts up a jump shot during the Black Bears' game against the Boston University Terriers. UMaine won 73-65.

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Veilleux lifts Bears UM goes undefeated in conference play

By Riley Donovan
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's basketball team defeated conference foe Boston University 73-65 on Wednesday night.

Led by senior forward Julie

Veilleux who had 26 points, the Black Bears improved their record to 10-5 overall and 5-0 in conference play. The win came against the team that beat Maine last year

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in the America East championship game, keeping them out of the NCAA tournament. With that

game on their mind, Maine played with added enthusiasm at Alford Arena.

Veilleux scored the first nine points for the Black Bears, who trailed early 15-9, which was the largest lead the Terriers would have all game. A three pointer by senior guard Melissa Heon with

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Bears to tangle with BC Terriers

By Jeff Mannix
Staff Writer

The University of Maine men's ice hockey team heads on the road this weekend to take on one of their tradition rivals, the Boston University Terriers in a two-game series at Walter Brown Arena this Friday and Saturday night.

UMaine is coming off a split with the Massachusetts

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Minutemen at home this past weekend, with a 3-0 win on Friday night in Frank Doyle's second consecutive shutout, and fourth of the year, while the Black Bears lost 1-0 on Saturday.

Sophomore goalie Jimmy Howard was in net for the first time since spraining his knee during the warm-up before the December 13 game against Dartmouth. UMaine coach Tim Whitehead says that he felt it was necessary to give Howard a start in that situation.

"He'd been out for a long time," Whitehead said. "He had a very good week of practice. He needed to get him in the net. He along with Frank, has been a real catalyst for keeping us at this elite level this year. We need both of them ready to play down the stretch, so we needed to get Jimmy in the net, and he rose to the occasion."

"As the game went on, he got stronger and stronger," Whitehead said. "I knew it was going to be a challenge, and the goal he gave up was not his fault. I thought in the third period when he was really tested, he was great."

According to Whitehead, the goalie rotation is not necessarily back on.

"We're looking for an opportunity to play them both," he said. "But, I reserve the right to change my mind at any time. It's not a strict rotation. What we've tried to do is give them both an opportunity to help our team and get them ready for the playoffs by continuing to play them. If one guy rises above the other, than that guy is going to get the nod if we feel it gives us an advantage."

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