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A matter OF OPPORTUNITY

*Administrative policy
on ethnic diversity
put to the test at UMaine*

When Shezwae Fleming arrived at the University of Maine last August to assume her role as director of multicultural programs, the snow was gone but all she saw was white.

"You can feel so immersed in this place — so lost without a sense of self," Fleming said. "You wake up in white and all you see is white and everywhere is white."

Though she was familiar with predominantly white settings through her last job in minority affairs at the University of Iowa, the state of racial diversity in Orono was startling for her. It was behind the times by 10 to 15 years, she said. Fleming had been faced with difficult projects with ethnic diversity before, but she said coming to Orono's ALANA Center was like starting from scratch.

"I was coming from a very progressive place. I thought this would be the middle ground," she said. "It's not as progressive here as I thought it would be."

Faced with the task of managing the African, Latino/a, Asian and Native American Center, Fleming, a black woman raised in Detroit, soon realized what seemed to be a very white culture at the University of Iowa was diverse in comparison to Maine.

PART TWO OF A TWO- PART SERIES

The University of Maine has reached the midpoint of its two-year Diversity Action Plan crafted by the board of trustees, a plan designed to diversify the composition of UMaine's faculty, staff, administration and student body. But opinions about the progress being made toward recruiting and retaining students and staff of color are mixed.

"I think there are two ways of looking at it, and it's important to look at it through both lenses," University of Maine President Peter S. Hoff said. "In one lens, we're way short of where we should be. In the other lens, we're doing tremendously well."

Much work remains to be done toward attracting minority students to the campus, but the university as a whole is two to three times more diverse than the rest of the state, Hoff said.

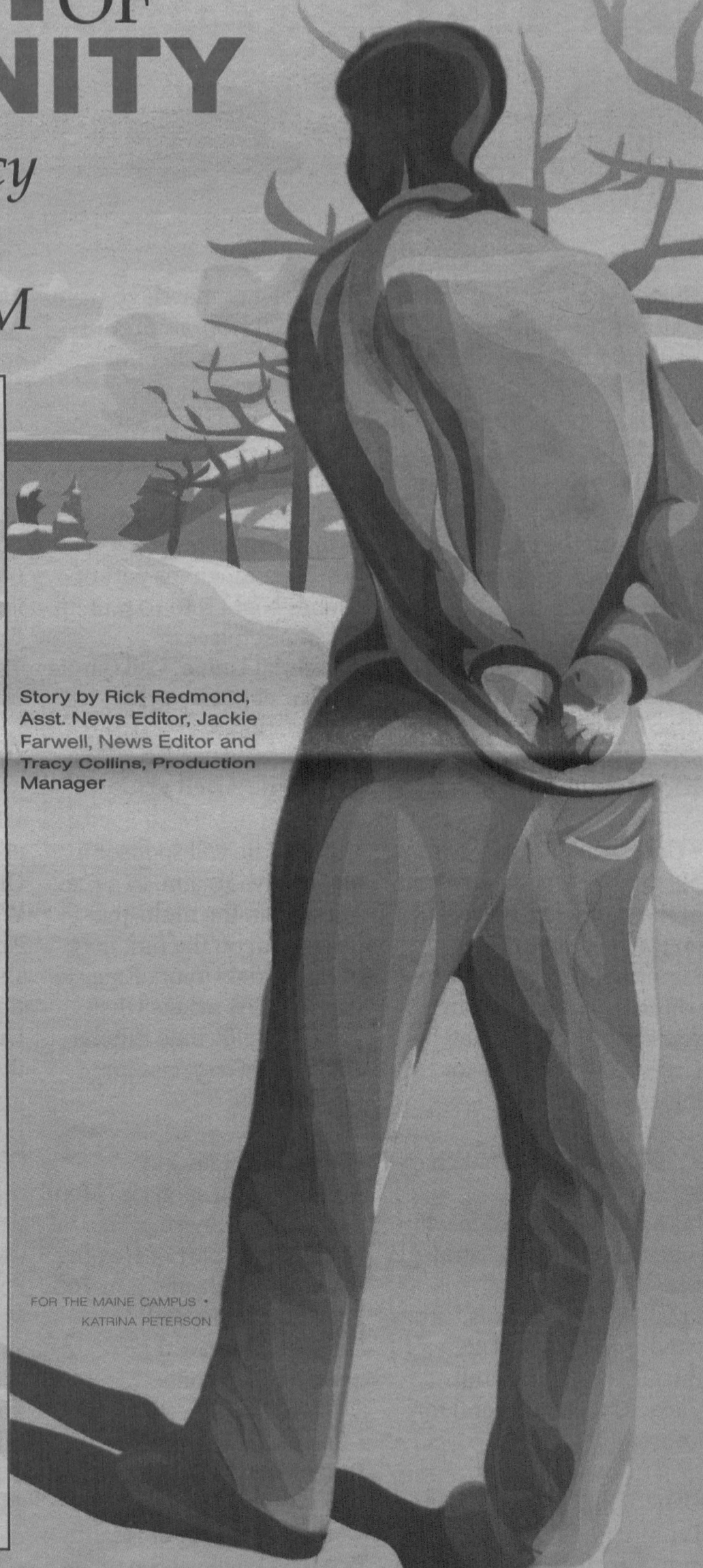
Much of that responsibility of recruitment lies with the University's admissions office, charged with attracting minority students to UMaine. The process sometimes involves targeting certain ethnic groups, but it does not use a quota system, according to Tammy Light, co-interim director of admissions.

"I think we're more about opportunity than trying to do quotas," Light said.

Admissions employees are often forced to travel out of

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- Greek Life will sponsor a blood drive 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the multi-purpose room on the first floor of Memorial Union. Enter to win Red Sox tickets when you donate. E-mail Katelin Urgese on FirstClass for information.
- The UMaine student chapter of the American Marketing Association will present the lecture "Strategic Brand Management – Practical Perspectives," from 7 to 10 p.m. in the DPC Business Building. Call Vicky King at 581-1968 for information.
- The UMaine Forensics Team will be hosting a public forum debate on the

topic of gay marriage from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Bangor Room. E-mail Caitlin Holman on FirstClass for more information.

- Campus Activities and Events will sponsor "UMaine Bingo" as part of Games Night 8 to 10 p.m. in the Marketplace of Memorial Union. Call Carole LeClair at 581-1793 for information.

Tuesday, April 20

- Greek Life will sponsor a blood drive 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the multi-purpose room on the first floor of Memorial Union. Enter to win Red Sox tickets when you donate. E-mail Katelin Urgese on FirstClass for information.
- Residence Life and Programs will sponsor "Men and Women Sharing," a workshop as part of Healthy Passions Week, at 7 p.m. in York Commons. Call Jennifer Moreau at 581-4580 for information.
- Residence Life and Programs will sponsor "Men and Women Sharing," a workshop as part of Healthy Passions Week, at 8 p.m. in

Hart Hall. Call Jennifer Moreau at 581-4580 for information.

- Barry Drake will present "History of Music of the '70s," from 8 to 10 p.m. at Wells Commons and Conference Center. This event is free for students and is sponsored by Student Entertainment. Call Kate Trinward at 581-1701 for information.

Wednesday, April 21

- Tracy Robinson will present "Is That Your Mom?: A Qualitative Investigation of White Mothers and Nonwhite Children," from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge of Memorial Union. This event is part of the Women in the curriculum and Women's Studies Lunch Series. Call Angela Olson at 581-1228 for information.
- Residence Life and Programs will sponsor Maine Bound Ropes Course as part of Healthy Passions Week from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Maine Bound-UM Outdoor Education Center. Call Jennifer Moreau at 581-4580 for information.
- "Converting GIS Data

Formats" a Fogler Library Computer Mapping Workshop, will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the computer classroom of Fogler. There is a cost for this event. For information or to register call Gretchen Gfeller at 581-1696.

- Maine Bound will hold a free belay seminar from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Maine Bound-UM Outdoor Education Center. Call Paul Stern at 581-1794 for information.

• Maine Bound will hold a Modern Paddle Theory Seminar from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Maine Bound-UM Outdoor Education Center. Call Paul Stern at 581-1794 for information.

- Residence Life and Programs will sponsor "How Well do you Know your Mate?" a contest as part of Healthy Passions Week, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Union. Call Jennifer Moreau at 581-4580 for information.

• Kickin Flicks will show "Big Fish" at 7:30 p.m. in DPC 100. This event is free for students and is sponsored by Campus Activities and Events. Call Carole LeClair at 581-1793 for information.

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Administrators address progress of diversity strategies at university

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state to reach minority students in areas such as the Bronx, where Operation Breaking Stereotypes, a federally funded program in its second year at UMaine, exposes students from Riverdale-Kingsbridge Academy to the university through an exchange program with Orono and Hampden high schools.

"Sometimes they call it recruitment with a telescopic rifle rather than a shotgun," John Henry, former director of admissions for UMaine, said about partnering with high schools. "Rather than trying to get some diversity from 100 different high schools in the Northeast, which is hard to do, you focus on one school and make a difference in one school, and then you begin to develop sort of a stream of students who find that they can be successful here and the culture is supportive and they want to be here."

The admissions office also draws from minority groups in-state, such as the Sudanese population in Portland and the Somali population in Lewiston, according to Jose Cordero, assistant director of admissions.

"So many of these students just have no idea what's outside the city limits," Cordero said.

Minority students are introduced to UMaine every year through the ALANA Center's Spring Visitation Weekend, when they stay in the residence halls, eat in the commons and are partnered with a current ALANA student. Of the 110 students invited to attend this year's event, only eight of the students who participated say they plan to attend UMaine, according to Light. While eight sounds like a low number, Light says there is competition among schools to recruit minority students and those eight students will attract others to UMaine.

One dominant minority influence at UMaine already exists within the state, however, represented by the 145 undergraduate Native American students on campus, according to John Bear Mitchell, interim director of the Wabanaki Center. But despite the fact that it's the largest minority group on campus, double that of the black undergraduate population, he said Native Americans are often ignored in the diversity discussion.

"Just because we have a large pool of Native American students doesn't mean we're making a huge effort in recruiting because they're in our backyard," Mitchell said. "Having the largest single minority population on campus is not indicative of the recruiting efforts the university puts forth."

Mitchell, a member of the Penobscot Nation who grew up on Indian Island, oversees the approval of financial aid for Native American students at all seven system campuses. He said he doesn't have time to actively recruit Native

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— Marwin Spiller, sociology professor

American students.

"We need to have a person that has the time and ability to go out and do that. Admissions doesn't go out and recruit minorities, nor have they ever offered," said Mitchell, who earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at UMaine. "Nobody ever recruited me."

But some students, according to Light, are apprehensive about what they do find at UMaine.

"It's when they come to campus and see how white this campus really is" that anxieties arise, Light said.

"Students of color," Fleming said, "might be looking for regional food, or someone who speaks their language, or just little way-of-life things like 'Where do I get hair products here?' It becomes quite a problem."

Some are surprised, said Cordero, that Orono has limited public transportation and one student even expressed fears that bears were roaming the campus. Another student who visited UMaine couldn't sleep because it was so quiet, Cordero said.

Fleming can connect. When she left her predominantly black neighborhood in Detroit to attend the University of Iowa to study higher education, the number of white faces was so staggering that she boarded a bus home.

"My family told me I had to go back," she said. "I just had to think, 'I need to get through this.'"

The culture shock can be startling, but Light says the job of the admissions office is just to get minorities to come to campus. After that, Student Affairs and student groups have to take over to provide support.

Henry, whom Light and Cordero credit with spearheading an innovative approach toward minority recruitment before his departure earlier this semester, says admissions isn't doing enough. Henry said admissions should help minority students to adjust to life at UMaine, as many leave after their first semester.

"I think it's an extension of the admissions process," said Henry. "We sort of do our part, get them here and then we pass the students to Student Life or Student Affairs. I think there's a role for admissions to continue that follow-up. That first semester's the most difficult. It's when you lose students."

Those students who do stay often find comfort in socializing with members of their own race, highlighting a lack of integration and connection with their white peers, Henry said.

"People need to seek the familiar. You just can't expect that people are going to naturally go unless you break down the barriers, and the barriers are simply ignorance," he said.

Marwin Spiller, a professor of sociology, addresses ignorance of racial issues in his race and ethnicity and black studies classes, which always exceed capacity, and warns that integration doesn't naturally occur in a diverse student body.

"You can place bodies on a campus and that will hopefully create integration, but it seems to be the assessment of the administration that blacks, Latinos and other racial groups don't want to come to Maine," Spiller said.

Spiller said the opportunities for minority students at UM are a direct result of racial attitudes on campus.

"We feel comfortable with domestic minorities in positions we expect them to be in, as athletes. We're not as comfortable with them in the intellectual setting. We look around and you see people of color on this campus and they are either an athlete or a comedian. I think that speaks to the university attitude," Spiller said.

"If you plant them here, that's great. But then you need a structural support system like the ALANA Center and a supportive administration and faculty of color. You can get a body of students here, but if there's nothing reflected back at them, you've got a problem," Spiller said.

As it stands, racial diversity within the student body is dominantly reflected in athletic teams, Spiller said.

"I say if you can get a football team that's half-black and a basketball team that's half-black ... If you can have a racially diverse locker room, why can't you have a racially diverse classroom? And the answer is: they can if they wanted to. They could. The athletes of color who came here had other options, but there was something said, something done to get them here," Spiller said.

But Henry says that because of UMaine's strong Division I athletic program, it's to be expected that most of the minority student population would be athletes.

"That's the reality, the nature of the beast. That's true on all campuses that have mostly white populations," he said.

Hoff argues that support for student-athletes comes not at the expense of other minority students, but rather complements the effort to create a more diverse campus. In fact, student athletes tend to have

higher grade point averages than the rest of the student body, Hoff said, and serve as positive points of reference for prospective students.

"It can only make the campus more inviting," Hoff said.

Spiller says not only are racial stereotypes driving students away, but the few faculty members of color indicates a hole in the support system necessary to retain minority students.

The hiring process does include policies encouraging diversity among the faculty, but Hoff said while minorities are encouraged to apply, race is not the deciding factor.

"We're never going to use race as an excuse to hire someone," he said.

Fleming said having minorities represented among faculty members is crucial to students who seek guidance from educators with similar backgrounds.

"It isn't mandatory that you have someone that happens to be a minority [on staff], but it is to your benefit. Then you can have frank conversations not driven by an attempt to be bureaucratic," Fleming said.

But minority faculty members say isolation is an issue for them, as well as for students.

"Perhaps most frustrating," 2003's Diversity Action Plan states, "several minority faculty and staff have left the University after only one or two years of employment. Informal conversations and anecdotal evidence suggests that feelings of isolation, both on campus and in the wider community, contribute to this decision to leave."

"[Living in Orono] is isolating at times," Spiller said. "There are days I want to talk to another faculty member of color but I can't because it's not there."

But the hiring freeze currently in place because of systemwide budget cuts is preventing any faculty, let alone minorities, from being hired.

"Where are we come fall 2004?" Fleming asked. "It's hard to talk about increasing the number of minority faculty and staff when you're frozen."

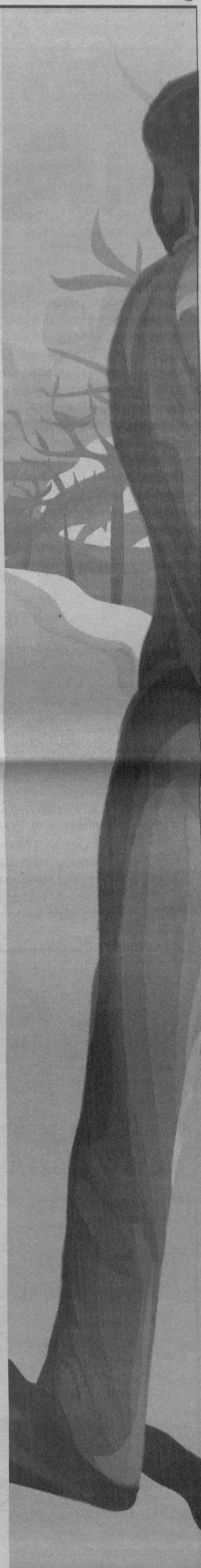
Without minority faculty to put a face on multicultural issues, students graduate without a full understanding of the world they're about to enter, Henry said.

"It would be wrong to send our Maine graduates out into the world not being prepared to operate in the world. That would be just criminal, I think," he said.

Fleming, in trying to encourage dialogue between departments, said she continues to hit roadblocks despite the university's official intention to promote diversity.

"Not everyone has been open about it. It's startling. It's frustrating," Fleming said. "My job and everyone's job is just to keep the conversation going."

Matt Shaer contributed to this report.



Giving back



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Kassie Stevens Walker and Judy Round, chairs of the 2003-'04 annual Combined Charitable Appeal for University of Maine Employees, have announced that this year's campaign met its goal of \$100,000.

The campaign raises money from University of Maine employees, retirees and students to benefit organizations like Mid-Coast Charities Inc., The United Way, Community Health Charities of Maine, America's Charities, Neighbor to Nation, Global Impact and MaineShare.

"This campaign is a way for UMaine employees to give back to the community," said Round, who is also director of advancement and assistant to the dean in the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture. "As chairs, we are happy to be able to help with this important project."

Seminar to encourage branding as device in marketing world

By Heather Cox
Staff Writer

Whether we realize it or not, we make associations with products and their brands — be they logos, slogans or reputations — on a daily basis. A public brand development seminar, titled "Strategic Brand Management — Practical Perspectives," will explore the importance of brand association Monday.

The University of Maine chapter of the American Marketing Association, which is sponsoring the event, has invited more than 100 local businesses and all UMaine students to hear speakers talk about brand development in their particular area of business.

"It's what you identify a company with. When you picture Coke, for example, you picture red and their logo," said marketing major Tim Lough. Lough, who has helped with the organization of the event, said brand reputation and association is just as important for small "mom and pop" shops as it is for national companies.

"It works the same way as a little place in Old Town," Lough said, adding that if a company establishes a good brand, slogan or logo, it will bring in more money in the long run than a company with a poor brand.

The idea for the seminar, Lough said, came from a seminar on the same topic held in Portland last year. According to Lough, Harold Daniel, the associate professor of marketing in the School of Business at UMaine, brought the same speakers from the Portland seminar to speak at Monday's event.

"It's kind of a knock-off of what they did [in Portland]," Lough said.

"I imagine it'll be a yearly thing [here at the university]."

"The intent here is to provide a service to the business community and to the students, to provide an educational experience that people will learn from. This will be something that they can take back to their businesses or their dorm rooms and say, 'Hey, this really applies,'" Daniel, who was unavailable for comment, is quoted as saying in a press release for the event issued by the university.

The seminar, which will be held in the Donald P. Corbett Business building from 7 to 10 p.m., will cost businesses \$5 to attend and students \$1. According to Lough, the fee is minimal and business representatives responded almost immediately, saying they were impressed to be charged so much less than similar seminars cost to attend.

"For students I think it's really valuable," Lough said. "These are really, really reputable businesses coming."

Lough said the seminar will be lecture-based, with six speakers talking for 15 to 20 minutes about the importance of brands in their particular area of business. The speakers will be available for questions, which Lough said is a good way to establish connections, ask questions and get advice from experts.

"It's a great way to network," Lough said.

Among the list of speakers scheduled to present at Monday's seminar are Tony McKim, a University of Maine alum who is president of the First National Bank of Bar Harbor, and Paul Golding, communications director for Day One, a non-profit adolescent substance abuse rehabilitation center in Cape Elizabeth.

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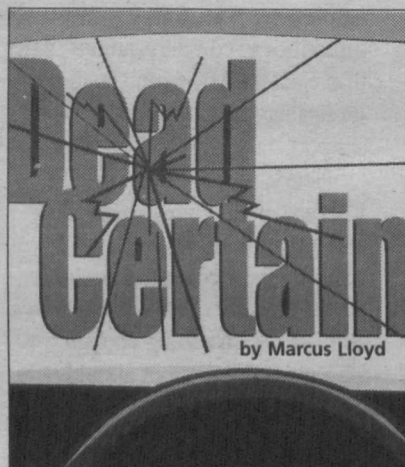
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Stodder Hall goes green

By Nathan Schlingmann
For The Maine Campus

This fall, environmentally minded students may opt to live in a "green dorm." Housing Services has begun plans to transform Stodder Hall into the University of Maine's first environmentally friendly dormitory.

"Impetus came from Janet Waldron, vice president for administration and finance at the university, to begin creating an environmentally friendly dorm," said Andrew Matthews, director of Housing Services. "We will begin with small steps. New furniture is being purchased for Stodder and the furniture will have been produced in an environmentally friendly and sustainable manner."

Matthews said the University of Maine will use Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh as a guiding tool.

"Carnegie Mellon is making a big push toward being environmentally sound. Although it is a

more expensive school and has more funds to draw from, they are creating a good model to follow," Matthews said.

It will take campus involvement to continue the efforts of UMaine in becoming a green campus, according to Matthews.

"I think that this is a great move — one that is necessary for the health of our school, our country and the environment in general. I hope all students help to advocate and become involved with this," said Eve Briere, who is currently taking Environmental Philosophy and Policy, a course that involves the issues of protecting the environment.

The university is making the first step with Stodder but it will take continued action by students to actually turn the campus into one that is more environmentally sustainable, Matthews said.

"I am pretty impressed that the university is actually taking a step in this direction. It's too bad that they feel they need the support of

the students as it's obviously the right thing to do," said Brook Erenstone, a senior parks and recreation and tourism major.

"Although it may be expensive to begin making changes to set up the dormitory in a sustainable manner, in many ways it will be cheaper once it is set up," Matthews said. "If the push keeps going to create a more sustainable campus, we will begin to do such things as use renewable fuels, food, resources and timber products."

David Oshana, a third-year marine science major from Connecticut, said he hopes students support the effort to create a more environmentally friendly campus.

"One may ask, what's the point and what's wrong with doing things the way they have always been done? But if we look to see where we are really going with the environment, these steps must be taken. I hope it does receive full campus support," he said.

UM researcher seeks link between abusers, believers of domestic 'myths'

By Angela Fiandaca
Staff Writer

A person who hits a partner within a domestic relationship rarely admits it was about power and control. A person who abuses a partner also is not likely to acknowledge believing domestic abuse myths. However, Jay Peters, lecturer II and child welfare specialist at the University of Maine's School of Social Work

and Bureau of Child and Family Services, is determined to prove there is a correlation between those who abuse and those who believe abuse myths, he said.

The issue of domestic abuse is overwhelmingly one of men hitting women, which is why Peters said he was interested primarily in the attitudes American society has about women attacked by men. Still, he acknowledged that domestic abuse does occur when

the roles are reversed, and women abuse men.

In fact, Peters found through a survey sent to 4,000 faculty, staff and students at UMaine that there are rarely differences in methods of abusing partners when it is a man hitting a woman or a woman hitting a man. This surprised Peters, he said.

It is hard to believe anything

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LEGAL Affairs



Attorneys David R. Miller and Ted Curtis

Q: I heard that the suit by two former football players against the university is still happening. Is it shedding any light on the law that applies to the Student Conduct Code?

A: Yes and no. The lawsuit you are speaking of involves the claims of two former students, Stefan Gomes and Paris Minor, against the University of Maine and several of its officials. The university punished them for violations of the Student Conduct Code after they were accused of sexual assault. Gomes and Minor, through their attorneys, have sued in federal court, alleging that the university's actions (and the actions of its individual officials) in carrying out the disciplinary process was illegal under federal civil rights law, the U.S. Constitution, and the Maine Constitution, as well as wrongful under contract and tort law.

The various legal specifics of their claim, and the exact procedural posture it is in right now, would take several pages to fully explain. Suffice it to say that the defendants' motion to dismiss Gomes' and Minor's claims was decided on Feb. 23, 2004, and it resulted in a split decision. The former students were allowed to continue pursuing claims under federal civil rights law (42 U.S.C. §1983) and under contract law. It also found that the university may have violated the former students' procedural due process rights, and that the former students were not necessarily prevented from suing the university by the Maine Tort Claims Act. The court did agree with the university and its officials on several other issues, and dismissed several aspects of the former students' lawsuit. It found that the students' substantive due process rights were not violated, that the university officials had not waived their immunity under the Tort Claims Act, and that the former students could not pursue claims based on negligent hiring and negligent supervision. It is helpful to remember that the court's decision on the motion to dismiss is preliminary to most stages of the litigation.

This case highlights the fact that certain requirements of the law apply to most disciplinary pro-

ceedings conducted under the Student Conduct Code. One aspect of the law illuminated by the Feb. 23, 2004, decision involves the important constitutional right to due process. Students facing expulsion or suspension from a state school, as Gomes and Minor were, are afforded the protections of procedural due process under the Constitution. The due process clause establishes a minimal level of "fairness" to which the university must adhere in the procedures used to apply the conduct code and punish students. Some aspects of these rights include: the right of the student to be advised of the allegations and the evidence against him or her, the right to be heard in his or her own defense, and the requirement that the university may impose punishment only if there is substantial evidence against the student. The student must be allowed the assistance of a lawyer in major disciplinary proceedings, to confront and examine witnesses, and to have the case heard before an impartial tribunal that makes written findings.

Interestingly, in its Feb. 23 decision, the federal court regarded it as a well-established principle of law that the university could pursue disciplinary action against these students even though the alleged violations of the conduct code did not occur on university property.

It is necessary to understand that the procedural protections afforded to a student in the disciplinary process by the due process clause of the Constitution vary depending upon the interest of the student that is being affected and the circumstances of the case. If you are accused of committing any serious violation of the conduct code, especially one that involves the potential for conviction of a crime, suspension or expulsion, seek the advice of a lawyer.

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Researcher examines domestic violence myths

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related to domestic abuse could surprise Peters, as he spent eight years in South Bronx, NY working with battered women before coming to UMaine approximately five years ago. It was in New York that Peters found his passion for understanding why women are most often battered and why the general population seems to believe abuse myths, he said.

The top three myths people tend to believe about domestic violence are: "She did something to cause him to be violent; she must be OK with or want the violence, because otherwise she'd just leave;" and "It's no big deal and not really serious since it has only happened a few times or since it doesn't happen often," Peters said. The messages these myths send are alarming and dangerous, as they are excuses for violent behavior, according to Peters.

"What they say is that no crime occurred here. It says this is a personal problem; it's not something society needs to spend time, money and effort on," Peters said. "That's what really interested me — these myths really trivialized what I see as a real social problem."

Despite knowing the correlation between believing abuse myths and having conservative views of women, there is not yet enough evidence to prove that

those who believe the myths are more likely to be violent, Peters said. Peters said his research at UMaine shows there is at least some correlation, which he expected to find, he said.

About 550 people responded to the survey Peters sent via FirstClass at UMaine; 65 percent were female and 35 percent were male. The survey included reading three short newspaper articles. The first was about a woman who was murdered by her husband. The second was about a woman who was shot by a man randomly at a grocery store. The third was about embezzlement.

The research found that the men who believed the myths (also listed within the survey) had the same response to all three articles. To the contrary, men who did not believe the myths were more emotionally affected by the first article of a woman who was murdered by her husband.

This research proves that men who believe that the woman was "asking for it" or she had "done something to make her husband beat her" are more likely to have less of an emotional response to the first article of a woman being murdered by her husband, Peters said. The act of abuse would appear less serious to men who believe the myths, according to Peters.

"Over and over again you hear people not understanding domestic violence, because she knows

the perpetrator so it shouldn't be a crime," Peters said. "The myths perpetuate that misunderstanding."

The excuses, in forms of myths, stem from thousands of years of conservative views of women and what women's roles in society should be, according to Peters.

"These are ways we restrict freedom of women, and the domestic violence myths are just part of the whole package," Peters said. "This is no accident. This is a whole view of relationships between men and women."

Researching the underlying views that encourage the myths is most important in dispelling them and preventing domestic violence, Peters said. This means understanding the correlation between abuse and conservative views of women, according to Peters.

"Where do we get our ideas about women? It's everywhere. It is part of our culture. It's really part of our patriarchal culture," Peters said. "The myths create an environment in which it's OK for domestic violence to continue."

Changing the environment where these myths survive is part of the key to preventing domestic abuse, according to Peters.

"If we can make people aware that these myths are just that — that they're false beliefs — then we, as a society, may be able to support battered women," Peters said.

Noise complaint results in arrest



POLICEBEAT

By Ernest Scheyder
Staff Writer

Two officers responded to a report of disorderly males yelling and breaking items in a room in Hart Hall at 2:23 a.m. Sunday, April 11. Officers discovered broken glass outside of the room and could hear glass being swept up inside. An officer knocked on the door and when the room's resident opened the door, the officer saw four other individuals in the room, including a male holding a brown glass bottle. When the man saw the officers, he allegedly immediately hid the bottle behind his leg. The officer asked to talk to both the resident and the individual hiding the bottle. The resident allegedly said that underage drinking was going on in the room and that alcohol was present.

When the officers attempted to identify the second individual, he supplied them with a false name that did not match student records. The individual then told the officer that he was not a student at the university. Since he wasn't a student and was involved in a noise disturbance, officers told the individual to leave the residence hall or face arrest for criminal trespassing. When the man got to the stairwell, he allegedly started yelling obscenities at the officers. The officers told him to quiet down or he would be arrested. The individual stopped and proceeded down

the stairwell, with an officer trailing at a distance. When the individual reached the building's exit, he turned and allegedly made obscene gestures at the officer and started yelling profanities again. The man ran out the door before the officer caught him and placed him under arrest.

The man was taken to Penobscot County Jail where he eventually told police his name, only after being told he would not be released until his identity could be confirmed. The man, Erik Olafsen, 20, of Portland, was issued a summons for disorderly conduct, refusal to submit to arrest and possession of alcohol by a minor. Olafsen refused to sign the summons and was subsequently charged with refusal to sign an official summons.

An officer on College Avenue noticed a vehicle driving on a sidewalk at 12:42 a.m. Sunday, April 11, between the Beta house and Hancock Hall. The officer pulled the vehicle over and identified the driver as Donald Parcels, 20, of Orono. Parcels allegedly told the officer that he knew he was driving on a sidewalk, but that he was just trying to get to the Steam Plant lot faster. A check of Parcels' license revealed that it was under suspension. Parcels was arrested for operating after suspension.

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EDITORIAL

Something to talk about

Ethnic diversity at the University of Maine is and should remain a major topic of debate on this campus (see story, page 1). But is enough being done by administrative leaders to foster growth and maintenance of race relations here?

"I think there are two ways of looking at [the problem], and it's important to look at it through both lenses," UMaine President Peter S. Hoff told a reporter for *The Maine Campus* this week. "In one lens, we're way short of where we should be. In the other lens, we're doing tremendously well."

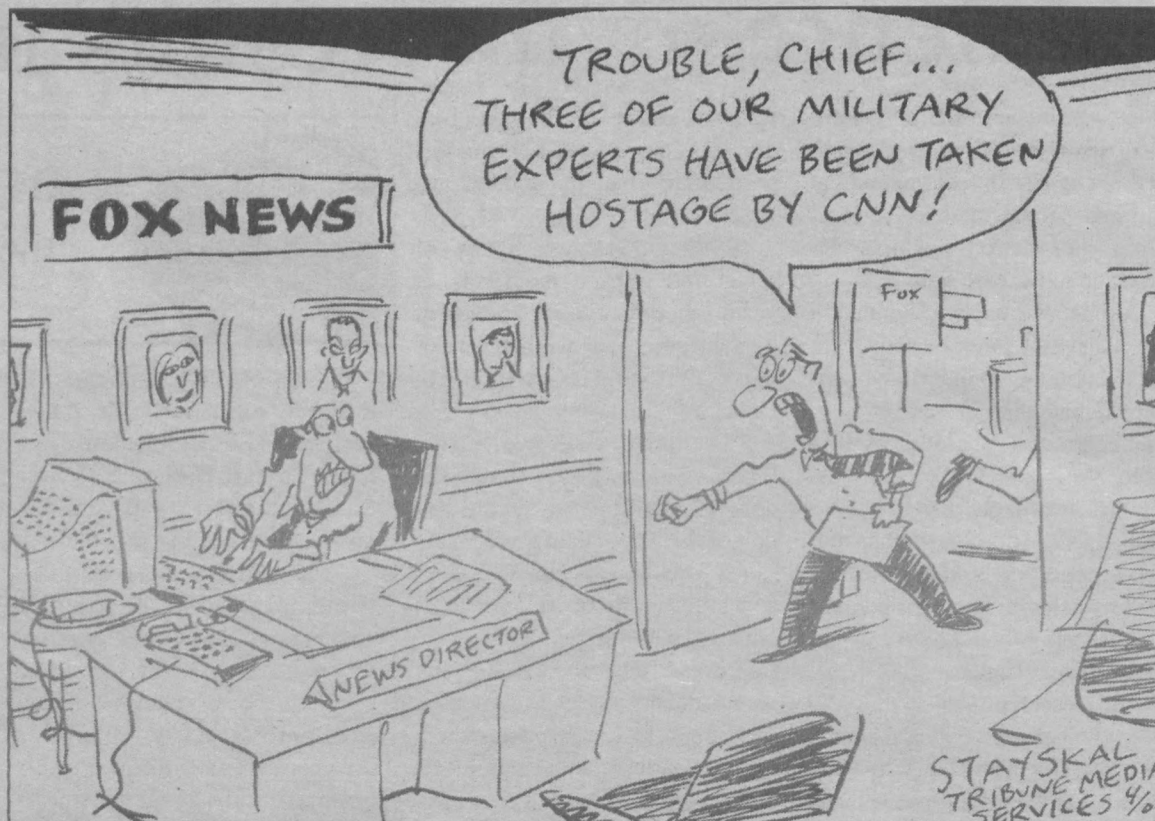
Hoff is right. Although administration, faculty and student leaders seem eager to engage in a meaningful conversation about the recruitment and integration of a minority population at UMaine, nobody, unfortunately, is especially eager to meet the problem head-on.

"Not everyone has been open about it," Shezwae Fleming, the director of multicultural programs at UMaine said. "It's startling. It's frustrating."

The university's Diversity Action Plan is a step in the right direction, but it will remain merely a scrap of paper until administrative leaders are held responsible for carrying it out, and not just financially.

A prime example of an effective application of the plan could be found in the Native American population at UMaine, which represents the largest percent of minority students on campus and yet has no faculty representative to actively recruit from inside or outside the state. In many ways, the neglect of this portion of the minority recruitment effort is symbolic of the general lack of cohesiveness in the ethnic diversity strategy everyone wants so badly to talk about.

It's an uphill slope. However, if the interviews conducted for these articles are any indication, there is enough optimism and perseverance on this campus to make significant headway in an issue that affects the entire UMaine community. It's time for our leaders to stop paying lip service and step up to the plate. For all of us.



Missing the point

Left-wing criticism is misdirected

"Only a couple of weeks after the endlessly vacationing President Bush got his Aug. 6, 2001 briefing with the shivery headline 'Bin Laden Determined to Strike in U.S.,' the C.I.A. chief George Tenet, and other top agency officials received a briefing about the arrest of Zacharias Moussaoui, after his suspicious behavior in a Minnesota flight school," New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd wrote last week. "And that had another shivery headline: 'Islamic Extremist Learns to Fly.'"

Dowd here is referring to evidence uncovered by the bi-partisan Sept. 11 Commission, which this month placed President Bush with information pertaining to the

MATT
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EDITOR IN CHIEF

attacks that he subsequently failed to act on. Indeed, although presidential contender John Kerry has wisely decided to stay above the fray, Dowd and some other liberal pundits have deemed it necessary not merely to highlight the evidence that Bush ignored repeated warnings from his intelligence chiefs of a potential act but to point fingers. In one particularly vitriolic accusation, Dowd offered of National Security Adviser

Condoleezza Rice: "Maybe Condi's confusion about her job — that it entailed national security as well as being the president's foreign policy governess and workout partner — explains why so many critical clues went [missing]."

It seems to me, however, that attacks like this, at best, are misdirected, and at worst, self-defeating. President Bush, like every president — Democrat or Republican — before him, spends and spent most of his days in eternal preparation. Anyone who has studied the typical and unglamorous daily existence of a commander-in-chief knows that barring breaks for lunch, breakfast — or in Dubya's case, pretzels — "briefs" are the

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Letters to the Editor

• The real Cuba

I'd like to clarify a statement attributed to me in the article titled "Teach-in to highlight untold story of Cuba" in the Monday, April 12, issue of *The Maine Campus*. While I don't remember making the second part of this statement as quoted: "People in the United States just do not know about Cuba. It's part ignorance,

which leads to silence," here is what I would like to say to follow this first statement.

Many citizens of this country know little about Cuba because of the 40-year travel ban that has made it very difficult to legally visit Cuba. Additionally, while our government has enforced an economic embargo against Cuba for 40-plus years, our media

have pretty much kept us in ignorance through both biased reporting on Cuba or no reporting at all.

Rarely have we heard a Cuban perspective in any news stories — other than Cuban-Americans in Miami. Media, educational and political silence mean that we know very little about Cuban life,

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Baseless litigation

Curbing a cycle of drunken driving

MARSHALL
DURY

OPINION EDITOR

We've all heard of frivolous lawsuits, like the woman who sued McDonalds when she spilled scalding hot coffee on her inner-thighs. That's why we have the "Caution! Hot Beverage" logo on our coffee cups. Lawsuits like this seem like actions based on poor judgment, rather than the grounds for someone to sue on.

But this same trend is being continued, tragically, by Jodie Pisco of Reno, Nev. According to CNN.com, Pisco is suing Coors Brewing Co., accusing the company of "glorifying a culture of youth, sex and glamour while hiding the dangers of alcohol abuse and addiction." Her reason for suing, you ask? Her 19-year-old son, Ryan Pisco, was killed in 2002 after consuming Coors at a party and driving his girlfriend's car home, striking a lamppost at 90 mph.

Underage drinking is a tragedy, especially when it ends in the death of a 19-year-old. Drunken driving is a highly dangerous situation that is unfortunately not given the media attention and public attention it warrants. I'd stand behind Pisco if she didn't seem so hell-bent on getting revenge on a world and culture that stole her son from her arms.

However, Pisco is not just suing Coors. She has also filed suit against Ryan Pisco's girlfriend and the girlfriend's mother, whose car it was that enabled the young man to drive drunk. The lawsuit places fault on Ryan Pisco's girlfriend, who gave him the keys to her mother's car, although he lacked a valid driver's license.

These are all horrible signs of personal negligence on the consumer's part. Ryan Pisco, while intoxicated, chose to get into a car — without a valid driver's license

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Criticism

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name of the game here: Every head of every pertinent agency has his or her shot to brief the president on the developments that they, respectively, are in charge of bringing to the president's attention. The amount of paper and information that crosses the desk of the Oval Office every week has been described, probably not lightly, as "immense."

Although something as fundamentally intrinsic to our nation's defense as planes crashing into buildings probably should have received a little more attention — and granted, Mr. Tenet probably should have spent a bit more time in the White House — it is neither fair nor prudent to assume, as some columnists have, that Bush is in some way morally culpable for the deaths of almost 3,000 Americans on Sept. 11. To do so, roughly, is the equivalent of crying over spilled milk. As most officials grilled by the commission have probably rightly admitted, there was really no way to prevent — if not Sept. 11 itself — than an attack like it.

No, the real outrage here should not be sparked by the milk on the ground but the way in which it was cleaned up. If we cannot legitimately hold the White House responsible for the planes that crashed into the Twin Towers or the Pentagon, then we have every right to be furious over the large-

scale deception that the president has been practicing on the American people since. From lying tactfully about "intelligence" of weapons in Iraq to lying tactlessly about the "progress" made in Afghanistan. The Taliban has re-emerged as a power there, as has al-Qaida, largely due to an administrative abandonment by the White House. Bush has single-handedly squandered world sympathy with heavy-handed, ill-advised diplomacy, destroyed any progress made in Kabul and twistered away billions and billions of what was once the largest federal surplus in history on the largest war in history that never had to be.

As anyone who does any research on the fiscal and political habits of the White House will soon discover, there is plenty more to be angry about than spilled milk.

How about this? I'll give you a freebie. Last year, in order to brighten up two economic reports, President Bush ordered the Bureau of Labor Statistics to stop reporting mass layoffs. He then shortened the traditional span of budget projections from 10 to five years in order to cover up the long-term effects of his upper-class friendly tax-cut.

Go on. Get angry over something really atrocious.

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— and accelerate to the speed of 90 mph while drunk. This speed is not permissible nor controllable when you're sober. It seems to me that Ryan Pisco's mother is trying to solve a societal problem by exacting revenge on those who are no more to blame than television or rock and roll.

Alcohol is glorified in our culture. It's glorified by teenagers and adults. Is it the beer manufacturer's fault that this glorification and then this underage drinking is occurring? Possibly. Should it be held partly accountable for Ryan Pisco's death? No.

The young man decided of his own volition to drive drunk. He chose to get the keys from his girlfriend. No person in his right mind thinks that driving drunk is a smart thing to do. Ryan Pisco knew exactly what he was doing. He took a chance, and things could've worked out better. Young people drive drunk, and it's a trend that should be curbed before it spins out of control.

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Cubans' love for their country, its independence and sovereignty, the accomplishments of the revolution, and many other positive aspects of this neighboring country that sits only 90 miles off our shore.

The teach-in that we held on Tuesday, April 13, was one effort to open up the conversation about Cuba for the cam-

pus community. If anyone has any other questions about Cuba, please send them to our course conference on FirstClass, PAX 495. Either I or the students who traveled to Cuba during spring break would be happy to respond.

*Professor Barb Blazej
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Bush's mismanaged war

Poor leadership sheds light on a larger problem

MIKE
ROCQUE

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

The war in Iraq, which President Bush pompously referred to as "mission accomplished" many months ago, continues to affect Americans and people across the world. Recently, insurgent attacks have led to increased U.S. marine engagements in Fallujah. The press continually deems the coalition efforts "rebuilding" Iraq. This discounts, however, the persistent danger that soldiers face everyday.

Far from a peaceful exchange of ideas and capital, American soldiers, the majority not in battle-laden areas, face the prospect of death everyday. Americans are dying in Iraq to the tune of 689 out of 792 total casualties, and they have not been given the proper support they need to ensure protection. The Bush administration refuses to compromise with the United Nations, resulting in a situation wrought with uncertainty and terror for American soldiers.

Spc. Nathan Tibbetts, a University of Maine alumnus, attests that his base in Mosul, Iraq, is suffering from a severe lack of personnel and is mortared daily. He fears for his life as he stands guard each night and supervises workers during the day. The problem, other than a

lack of resources and support, much like in Vietnam, is that the enemy is not easily discernible. Tibbetts understands that any civilian may be willing to kill him, and that there is no safe place in Iraq. His courage helps him persevere.

The tragedy of the story is that Americans were sent to Iraq to stabilize the country — to make it a stronghold for safety and freedom. What has happened thus far is the opposite. Morale and discipline within the ranks is declining with every U.S. death. Alcohol, banned on most American military sites, runs like water. Factionalism has also spread like wildfire. Tibbetts states that with the mixing of Army, National Guard and Reservists, loyalties have shown to be no longer simply to Uncle Sam. One soldier confided to Tibbetts that he would not "trust anyone who did not serve in the active Army."

All of these factors are a testament to a poorly managed military effort by an inept commander-in-chief, secretary of defense and National Security Council.

That President Bush has plans to secure NATO troops just in time for the election means that he cares more about his second term than the safety of the courageous men and women he sent into battle. Whatever your views on the issues concerning the war, every American should be outraged at the handling of this affair. Tibbetts' wife, Melissa, also a UMaine alum, has told me that the Army Reserve refused to provide essential battle apparatus ranging from headgear to communication equipment. This administration clearly has other agendas, which do not include the well-being of Americans.

The plain truth is that these soldiers were sent by an unprepared administration into an extremely hostile area. Tuesday night, President Bush addressed the nation, promising that all soldiers would "get what they need." Why was this not an objective from the beginning? While I respect outrage at the handling of the military, protesting the war does no good. We cannot simply leave Iraq. What we can do is ensure that this administration does not win the election in November, so that it can no longer recklessly use American lives for its benefit.

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Getting behind Mary Jane

April 20 makes you wonder why it's still illegal

MIKE
HARTWELL



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

This Tuesday brings with it a lot of memories. History remembers April 20 as the birthday of Adolf Hitler and the date of the Columbine massacre. High school students remember April 20 as "4-20," the day to get really high.

The point I'm going to make is not to smear the reputation of marijuana and its multitude of users — that's been done to death. Instead, I'm going to expose some well-kept secrets about a controversial plant.

The DARE program uses half-truths and drawings of puppies to villify pot. It puts out misleading statistics. For example: More than 40 percent of people admitted to the emergency room have marijuana in their system. Sociology has taught us that correlation does not equal causation. The 40 percent includes people that have traces of hemp in their bodies from up to three weeks prior. It turns out, children who take DARE are more likely to use drugs, even after all the misinformation and teddy bear clip art.

At one point in time, 90 percent of all paper in the world was manufactured from hemp. A single acre of hemp produces the same amount of paper as four and a half acres of trees. Unlike the wood-based paper, hemp

paper is naturally acid-free and the refining processes needed are cheaper and do not cause acid rain. Hemp grows pretty much anywhere with minimal maintenance. It should be legalized for the environmental effects alone.

The wood and chemical companies of the 1930s were responsible for having marijuana banned. A new invention made hemp paper cheaper to produce than the wood-pulp version. At the same time, Dupont Petrochemicals created the synthetic fibers rayon and nylon. Hemp cloth and rope were direct competition for the new product. They used media influences to spread fictional stories of marijuana users being turned into blood-thirsty savages. The movie "Reefer Madness," which cast 30-somethings as high school students, was based on these baseless fears.

When studies showed that marijuana caused users to become peaceful and apathetic, the story was spun to say that marijuana would make our boys unfit for war. These inconsistent

stories and political, wheeling-and-dealings led to the banning of marijuana in 1937.

Today marijuana has a powerful foe. The pharmaceutical companies synthesize many of the active ingredients in marijuana. This allows them to charge more for prescription drugs. If hemp was legalized, they'd be trumped by competition from both herbal and upstart drug companies.

The biggest blow against marijuana use is that it's a "gateway drug" that leads to the use of dangerous drugs. I think it's pretty easy to see that if marijuana were legalized, users would still have the "legal stigma" keeping them from trying cocaine and heroin. I think if it was legal, it would cease to be a gateway drug.

The biggest reason to support the legalization of marijuana is that we tolerate alcohol in this country. Use of both substances impairs decision-making processes. No one should drive a car under the influence of either. They're pretty similar, except for one glaring difference. Pot makes people serene and tranquil. Alcohol often has the opposite effect. Eighty percent of all violent crime is linked to alcohol use. Maybe some mellowing smoke would be a good alternative.

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Style

Wilde-Stein strikes Gold

Nationally known comedian entertains 200 in Hauck

By Erin Smith
For The Maine Campus

Hauck Auditorium was alive with laughter on Friday evening as Judy Gold, a familiar face on "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn" and "Hollywood Squares," entertained a crowd of more than 200 people. Wilde-Stein, an organization that promotes tolerance of sexual diversity, teamed up with Hillel, the Jewish student association, to bring in Gold and to end Pride Week.

Review

"This whole week has been very successful," Chris Whitcomb, president of Wilde-Stein, said. "While we had low attendance at some events, the bigger things like this make up for it."

Pride week is an annual series of events that celebrates and educates others on the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

Whitcomb said that bringing Gold to campus was an accident at first.

"We called an agency about a completely different comedian and got Judy — it was fabulous," he said.

Gold graduated from Rutgers University where she got a degree in music. From there she began performing and appeared in a variety of stand-up venues and guest-starred in television series and movies. She was also the producer of "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" from 1995 through 1996. Aside from her most notable appearances on numerous HBO and Comedy Central specials, Judy Gold has been seen on "Sex and the City," "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "Law and Order."

Her performance at the University of Maine seemed to



CAMPUS PHOTO • MELISSA ARMES

PROUDLY FUNNY — Judy Gold performed for a large crowd Friday night in Hauck Auditorium. She teased students, complained about her Jewish mother, and joked about her lesbian lifestyle. "If I see another lesbian with a mullet and a fanny pack, I'm going to kill myself."

cater her topics to those of the GLBT and Jewish communities, but she also touched on other humorous areas, including her partner of 19 years, Dick Cheney

and her mother, who was the victim of a large portion of her jokes.

"Know what they should have?" she said. "A geriatric dating game. Seriously — there would be

my mother — (in a New York accent) 'Contestant #1 — if I had to have an MRI and they drilled a

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CAMPUS PHOTO • ANDREW DAVIS

GAMBLING THE NIGHT AWAY — Students gathered Friday night in the union to play poker and other casino games as well as to listen to live music and win prizes.

Casino Night plays all the right cards

Campus Activities Board held its final Late Night in Memorial Union of the semester on Friday to a crowded and enthusiastic group of students and community members. The "Casino Night," which lasted from 8 p.m. to midnight, included casino games, live performances by Sparkling Joint and Almost Home, mock-tails, a dance party by DJ

Special K in the Bear's Den, performances by the Juggler's Society, the pieing of former President Matt Rodrigue and Vegas weddings complete with an Elvis impersonator. There were \$1,000 worth of prizes from the casino games, which ranged from board games to black jack.

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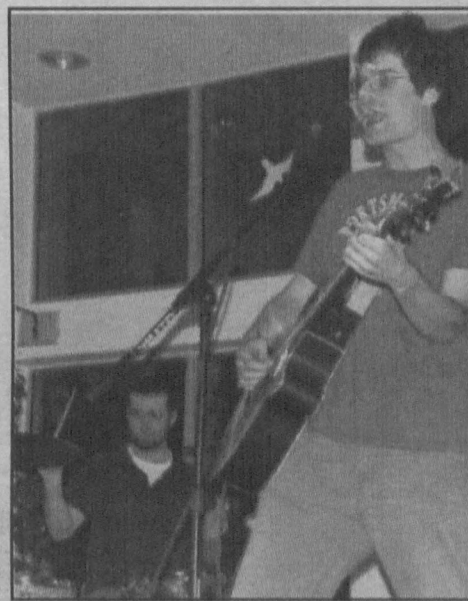
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Getting

By Aerin Raymond
Staff Writer

the green light



CAMPUS PHOTO • HOLLY BARBER
STRUMIN' & DRUMIN' —
Stoplight Rehearsal perform for
a spot in The Project finals
March 23.

When guitarist and vocalist Mike Mathien became bored after a break-up, he decided he wanted to start a band. He contacted his friend Pat Michaud to play drums and another friend Case Chandler to play bass and sing back-up vocals. This led to the formation of Stoplight Rehearsal in the spring of 2003.

"Pat and I came up with two separate band names we liked, so we just took one word from one and one from the other, and combined them to make Stoplight Rehearsal," Mathien said.

He couldn't recall the names he and Pat had thought up to begin with.

The band describes its sound as a combination of indie, rock and emo, or punk rock with acoustic guitar. Stoplight Rehearsal's influences include, but are not limited to, Saves the Day, The Get Up Kids and Jimmy Eat World.

The band has made a mark on campus throughout this past year, playing at campus events such as The Frequency, and most recently The Project in which the band made it to the final round. Additionally, Stoplight Rehearsal played at Benjamin's in Bangor this past summer. This Thursday at 5 p.m., the band will be heard on Nate Stevens' radio show on the campus station 91.9 WMEB.

The band also has four live tracks on its Web site, www.stoplightrehearsal.com. The sound on these tracks, which were recorded at Michaud's apartment two weeks after the band formed, is quite different from the band's present sound. Since then, Stoplight Rehearsal has matured with a crisper, more unique sound, they said.

Stoplight Rehearsal has now been given the green light to play at this year's 2004 Bumstock Music Festival after being the sixth band voted in by the campus vote during the fall semester.

"I'm really excited. When I didn't have a band, I wanted to play at Bumstock but couldn't. Then they had the campus vote, and luckily I had Stoplight Rehearsal," Mathien said.

Chandler has a slightly different feeling about playing at the festival.

"I'm nervous. But, I usually don't want to play until I get up there, and then I do and it's a great feeling,"



CAMPUS PHOTO • HOLLY BARBER
STOP, DROP AND ROCK 'N' ROLL — Stoplight Rehearsal gears up to play at 5:30 at Bumstock this Saturday.

Chandler said.

Bumstock and other UMaine music events are great opportunities for campus bands to get their sound out. They help local bands, but they also help campus bands get heard, which is even more important, Mathien and Chandler said.

As far as plans for the future

of Stoplight Rehearsal, Mathien said that the band would like to play more live shows throughout the state and then eventually expand beyond state lines into other areas.

"I don't want to have a day job. I just want to play music," Chandler said.

The band sees the music scene in Maine as improving drastically because of the rise of the do-it-yourself show, especially in this area. Bands are getting places and getting signed, Mathien said.

Stoplight Rehearsal will perform at Bumstock this Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Gates open at noon.



C.H.I.P.S. — Sean Walsh deals a hand of Black Jack Friday during Casino Night in Memorial Union. The CAB sponsored event featured gambling tables, photos with Elvis, live music, and a tiki bar with complementary mocktails.

CAMPUS PHOTOS • ANDREW DAVIS

CAB brings Vegas to UMaine at Late Night

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Attendance was high throughout the night.

"It's 8:30 on a Friday night and the turnout is awesome so far," Michelle Gayne, graduate assistant for CAB, said. "This has been the most anticipated event and we have so much energy here. It's such a great way to get involved — people are catching up with each other and having fun."

The event attracted hundreds of people throughout the night and was run by over 80 volunteers, according to Kristin Rand, student co-chair for CAB. Those in attendance seemed to thoroughly enjoy

the event.

"This is one of the bigger events of the year and it's bringing out everybody," James Wieland, a patron to the event, said. "It's a good way to spend a Friday night."

In addition to CAB, other sponsors of the night included the Program Fund, Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi, Gamma Sigma Sigma, the Juggler's Society and Alpha Gamma Rho.

Students and CAB seemed happy with the success of the event.

"The word of the night is awesome," Joe Mollo, director of CAB said.

Compiled from staff reports.



PLACE YOUR BETS — Students play one of the many casino games offered at Friday's Late Night in Memorial Union. The event attracted hundreds of people throughout the night.

THE DRESSING ROOM

Last minute fashion



By
**Chelsea
Frost**
For The
Maine
Campus

With only two weeks of classes left, senioritis has kicked into high gear and the motivation to dress to impress has suffered. Here are quick and easy tips to make it look like you did not just roll out of bed and actually care how you look, even if you don't.

Guys: No matter how late you are you should always have time to brush your teeth. Only under the most extreme circumstances, such as waking up 15 minutes into your final exam, can you get by on mint gum. If you have to make a choice between deodorant and cologne, the latter will probably help cover up the brewery smell a little better. Watch out though, more than two spritzes is a dead give away that you are trying to cover up your lack of ivory freshness. As for your hair, if you are really pressed for time, a trendy hat will do. The key is to keep all your hats in one place so you don't have to go searching for one that matches your outfit at the last minute. Matching accessories helps you appear as though you spent time getting ready (girls don't like scrubs). If you have more than 10 minutes, while you are brushing your teeth you can be wetting your hair down with water. Wet hair on guys in class clearly says that you showered and if you smell good, no one will know the difference. If you are quick with

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Blowin' the Blues



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Despite not knowing much about the harmonica, the judges really enjoyed Chris Shinay's blues harmonica solo. Shinay finished third overall in the Buzz Talent show Thursday night.

Pride ends with laughs

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hole in the machine so you could talk to me, what would you say?"

Pointing out a couple in the front audience who had become engaged, she compared them to her and her partner.

"Just remember this — you're both going to be like your mothers in thirty years," she said. "Still want to be together?"

Politics was a topic on which

Gold vividly expressed her opinions on.

"Where the f*ck is Dick Cheney?" she said. "I swear — it's like 'Weekend at Bernie's' — he's dead somewhere and we just don't know about it."

She also threw a few jabs at the venue by stating that Maine is "too cold for the Jews."

While Gold said she did not regularly perform at colleges, she did say that they were one of her

favorite places to visit.

"College kids are just fun," she said. "You can get out there and say anything. I have the best job in the world when I get to do that."

The show ended Pride Week on an upbeat note. For information on Pride-related events, check out the Wilde-Stein forum on FirstClass.

Kyle Webster contributed to this report.

Avoiding bed head fashionably late

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the hands, slap some gel on and go for the messy, yet trendy, look.

When deciding what to wear, there is one golden rule: don't wear anything dirty. It would be better to mismatch than wear a pair of pizza-stained jeans in public. Sweatshirts have become the universal sign for oversleeping; try a Puma track coat or a polo instead. There are some cases when you should just stay home from school. This would include, but is not limited to, if the night before your buddies decided to write obscenities all over your face with permanent marker, or if you paid a visit to the porcelain gods.

Ladies: Unfortunately, a lot more work goes into faking it for us. If you have no time to shower, at least run a brush through your

hair. Like the guys, a hat — baseball, bucket or newsboy styles — always looks cute and sporty with jeans and a simple T-shirt. If you have time to shower, skip the five minute conditioner treatment and use spray leave-in conditioner. Unlike the boys, it is not acceptable for us to go to class with wet hair, so if you are going to shower, make sure you have time to blow dry.

You should always do a quick make-up check before leaving home to make sure that your mascara from last night has not given you raccoon eyes.

The best trick for looking your best in minutes is a colored lip-gloss. Even if it's the only cosmetic you have on, your face will look fresh and clean. Always keep a stick in your car or handbag so you can apply en route to class. Another cosmetic that helps is

mascara. Mascara makes your eyes look open and awake, and can hide puffiness caused by lack of sleep.

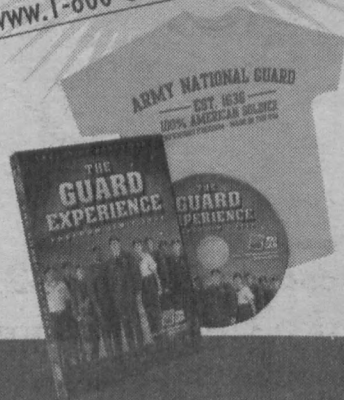
The cardinal rules of brushing your teeth and wearing clean clothes should not have to be pointed out to you, however if you have been living on another planet, know that failing to abide by these rules is the ultimate no-no. Not to offend the guys out there, but generally girls are more self-conscious of their breath and let's face it, most of us know on Tuesday what we are going to wear on Friday.

Even though it is the end of the semester, that is no excuse to become victims of fashion. Following these tips should help you find ways to look your best in no time, or with little effort, because let's face it, we all just want to sleep in.

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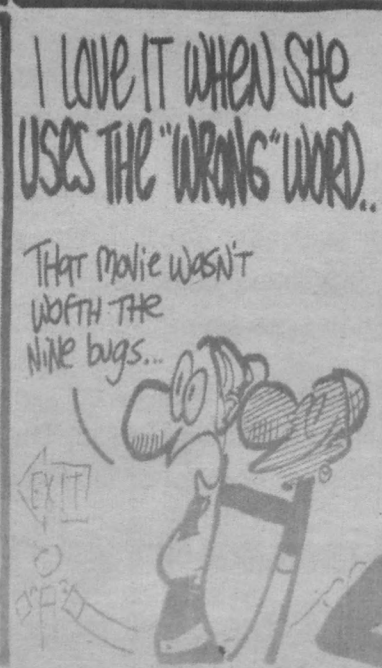
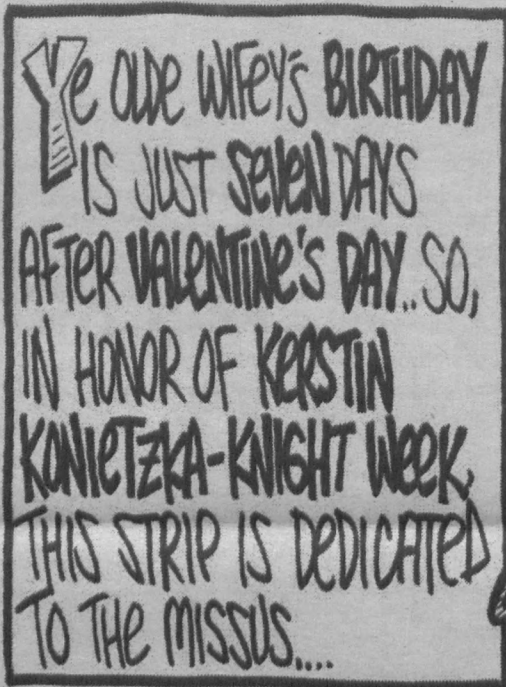
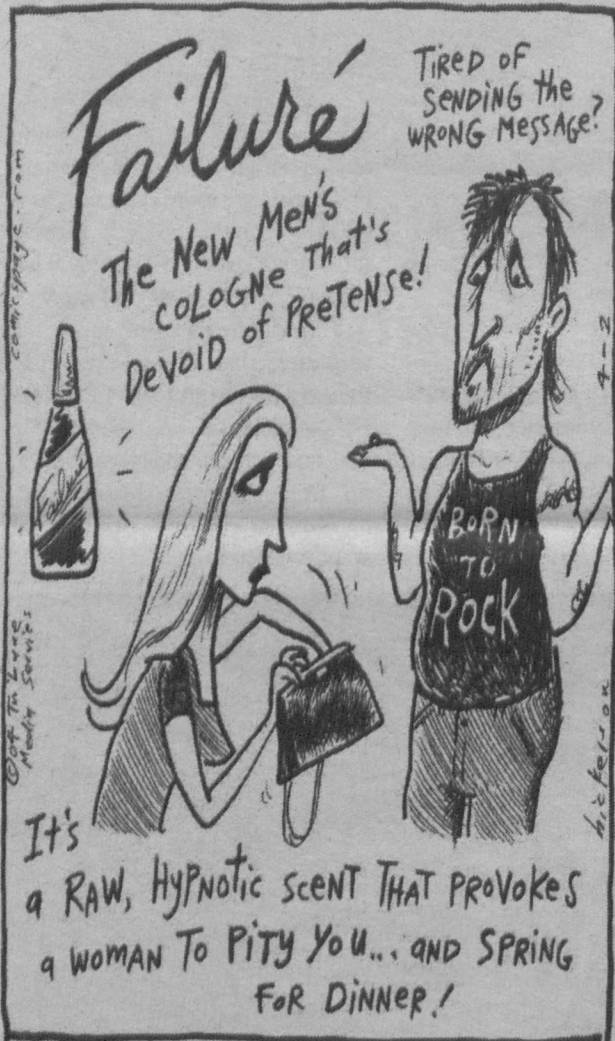
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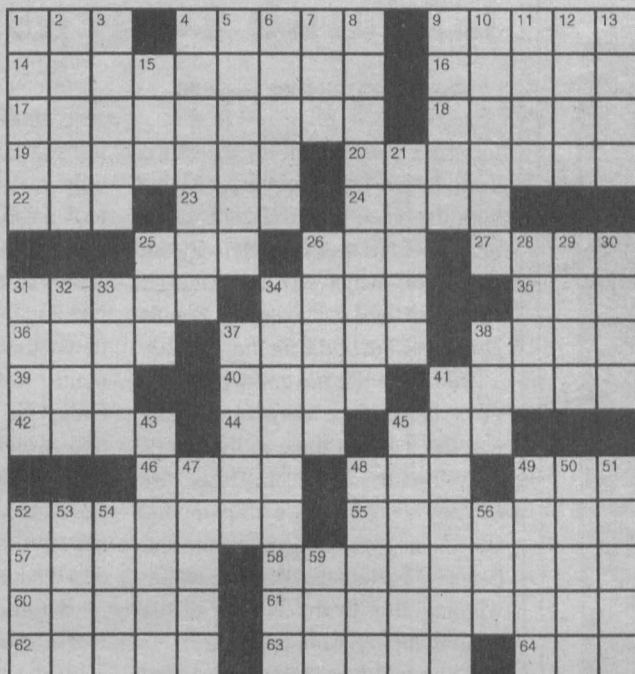
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- 20 Quarrel
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- 27 Has a bite
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- 36 Give up
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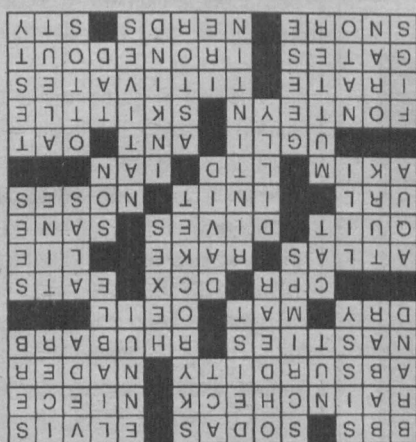
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- 29 Fork prong
- 30 Visualizes
- 31 Pastel shade
- 32 Ankara man
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- 38 Male heir
- 41 Original inhabitants
- 43 Complain under one's breath
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- 47 Honkers
- 48 "The Maltese Falcon" co-star Mary
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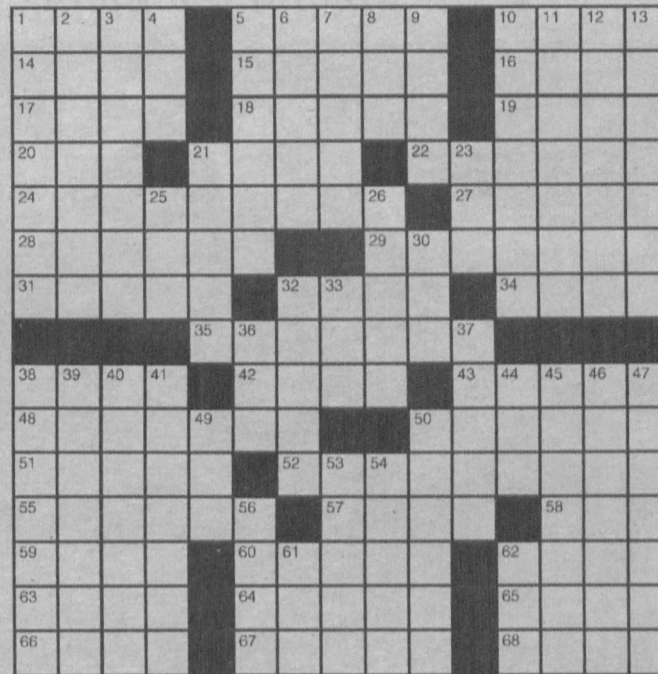
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- 15 As such
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- 17 Very dry, as champagne
- 18 Speed checker
- 19 Big name in building blocks
- 20 Pro (for the time being)
- 21 Rescue
- 22 Erupted suddenly
- 24 In a big hurry
- 27 Tendency
- 28 Intensify
- 29 Emerge in waves
- 31 Go in
- 32 Coll. common
- 34 Luminary
- 35 Provide sustenance for
- 38 Petty quarrel
- 42 Dryer deposit
- 43 Entertain
- 48 Floor show
- 50 Earth pigment
- 51 Hit song of 1921, "The Sheik of"
- 52 Moving stairway
- 55 Caster piece
- 57 Added benefit
- 58 Took the gold
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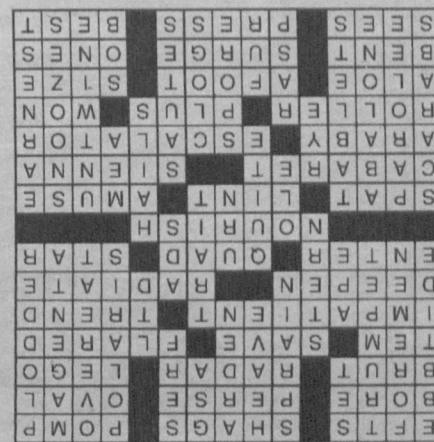
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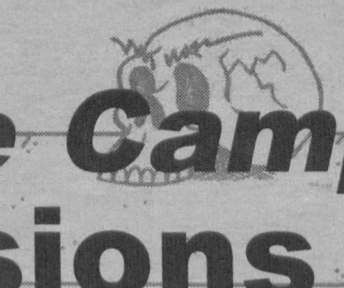
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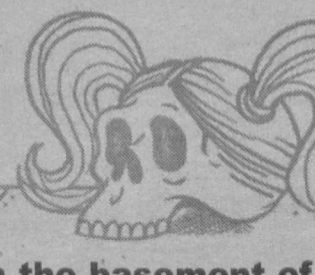
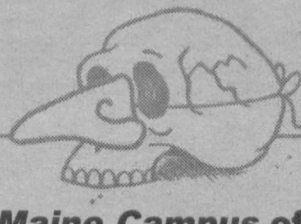
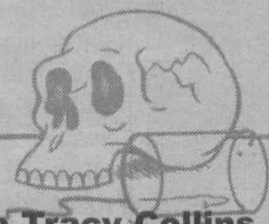
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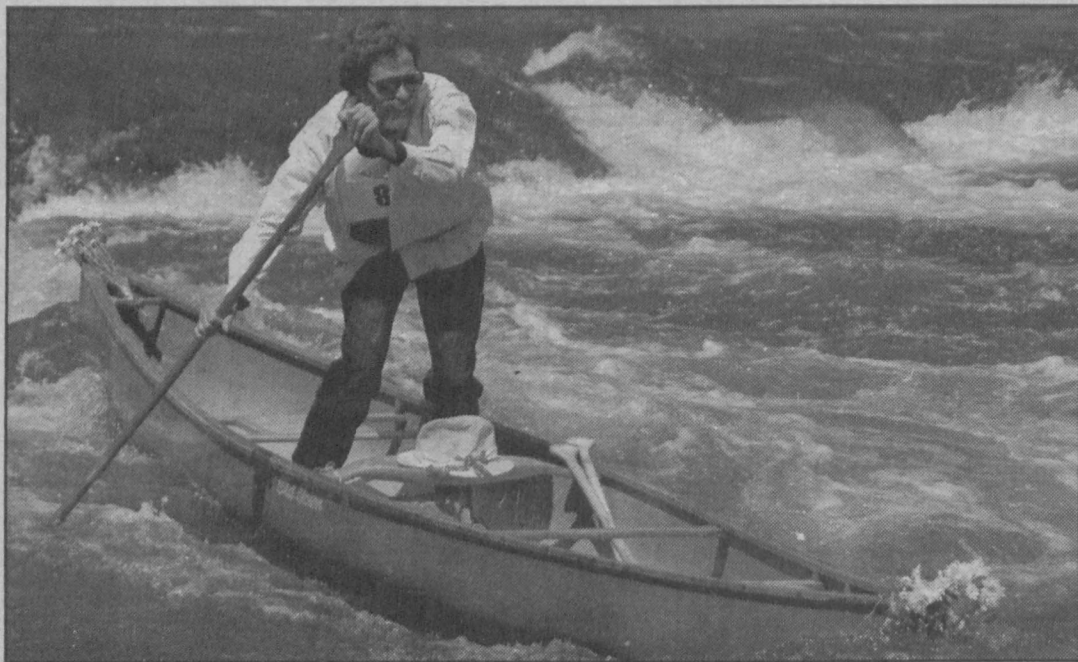


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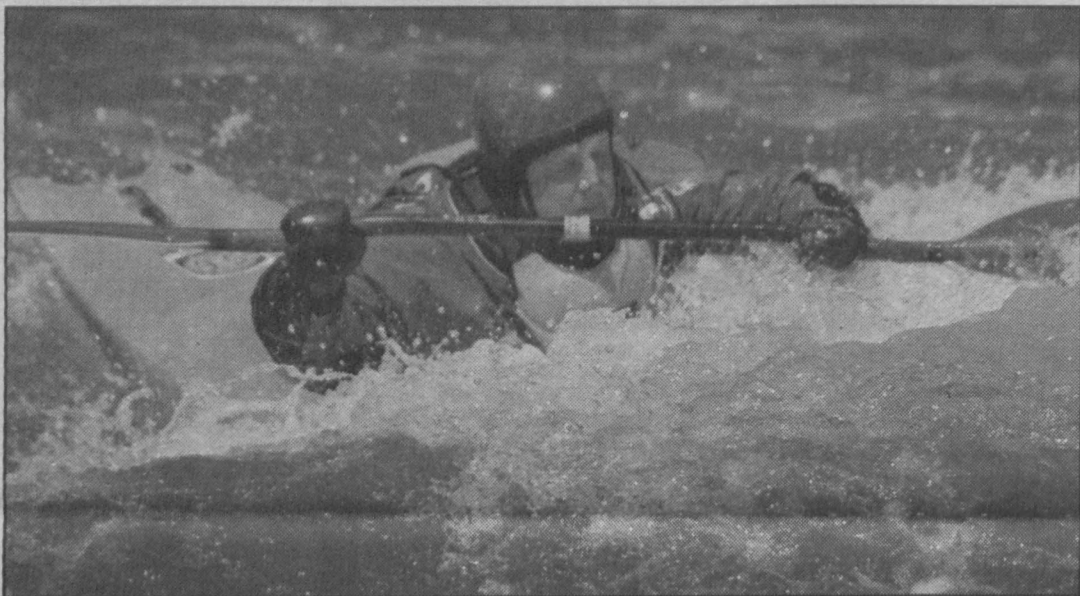
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Racing the Kenduskeag



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ON YOUR FEET — Zip Kellogg makes it through one of the last rapids of the Kenduskeag Canoe Race Saturday afternoon. Kellogg has been challenging the rapids, standing up for the entire race, for over 20 years.



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WHITEWATER — A kayaker takes advantage of the high waters on Kenduskeag Saturday for some tricks in his sport kayak.

UMaine sweeps UMBC

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ting Maine up 3-1. In the top of the third, Jaegge left the circle for Maine with the bases loaded. Bennis came in and got Heather Bennett to fly out to center, which scored Amanda Bile from third on the tag up. Bennis got Maine out of the inning with a 3-2 lead. The Retrievers would not give Maine three easy wins. They tied the game at three in the top of the seventh when an error by Cheney scored a run with two outs. But Cheney kept her composure and bounced back, delivering the game-winning shot in the bottom of the seventh inning. Maine won 4-3.

"She had been a little frustrated at the plate up until that point but she just basically looked focused," said head coach Deb Smith of Cheney before her last at bat. "You could just kind of see her gather her focus and she was ready."

The early game on Saturday started off with Professor Kathryn Slott throwing out the ceremonial first pitch. Slott donated the money for the new grandstand behind home plate, at Kessock Field, which was filled with fans for the second straight weekend. Dana Grimm got things going for Maine in the second inning with an infield single. She scored when senior Sarah Assadorian hit an RBI single through the right side. Maine led 1-0. UMBC had an opportunity in the fourth inning when Merchant gave up a hit and walked two to load the bases, but she was able to get out of the inning. Grimm continued in the bottom half of the fourth when she hit a single scoring Vilardo to give Maine the 2-0 lead.

Merchant improved her record to 5-2, giving up no runs on two hits and striking out eight.

Friday's game started the winning weekend for Maine. Bennis pitched the entire game and gave up only one run on two hits. Maine took a 2-0 first inning lead off a sacrifice bunt by McKinney which scored Cheney. Senior first basemen Nicole Taylor hit an RBI single down the right field line to bring home Jess Brady. Junior Lauren Dulkis hit an RBI single in the second which brought home junior catcher Lindsey Tibbetts. Maine added insurance runs in the fourth and fifth innings and took a 6-1 win into the locker room.

Bennis recorded two wins on the weekend improving her record to 5-7 on the season. The Black Bears improved overall to 18-14 and 6-3 in conference play, moving them into sole possession of third place behind Boston University (5-0) and Albany (8-1). Maine faces Albany next weekend.

While Bennis and Merchant pitched strong for Maine, Jaegge continued to struggle with her second rough outing. But the difference for Maine was Cheney, who had a good weekend and capped it off with the game winner.

"They were hitting Candi pretty hard, and [Bennis] came in and basically started getting them to swing defensively again."

"[Cheney] has a lot of composer for a sophomore," Smith said. "She doesn't play like a sophomore."

Sophomore Grimm had three solid games for Maine going five for nine on the weekend.

"Dana Grimm has been hitting very consistently for us," Smith said. "She doesn't always get a hit, but she has been putting the ball in play very consistently. She has very quietly been very, very solid in that middle part of our line-up."

The remedy for Redsoxitis is winning a World Series

From **REDSOX** on page 20

column would have already figured out that the cure is to win a World Series. Just one championship would immediately do away with the misery of the masses. A World Series in Boston has become the quest for a lost treasure. We know it exists, and have come close to attaining it at times, but, as the story goes, it is always just out of our reach.

The reality of a championship may never be realized, but that hope is not the reason we attend the games. The real reason for the return of loyal fans to Fenway is the bond that we share with each other and with our team. Whether you are a lawyer, trash collector or office clerk, you can sit down and discuss the Sox. Inside Fenway Park, households and sports bars, the ho-hum reality of the workday fades into the back of our minds and the Red Sox become our escape. All business talk dissipates and new topics like ERA, round trippers and trade rumors emerge.

I was once again a part of one of

these bonding experiences this past summer. A truly memorable moment at Fenway Park. Bottom of the ninth with two outs. Manny gets a hit to score Nomar and ties the game at four. In the 10th, it was Nixon playing hero when he singled to right, bringing in the walk off run from third. The scene around me was electric. The man sitting next to me lifted me in the air. High fives and hugs were everywhere in the park that night, and it gave me an incredible rush. I went to the game with one friend, but the moment that the winning run crossed the plate it felt as if I had 35,000 friends with me. It wasn't game seven of the World Series we had just won; it was just one regular season game on a Boston night in July. But, you wouldn't have known that if you were there. Every fan in that park was on cloud nine. That's why I came back — for those games, however many there are throughout the course of a season, when the team and its fans share in a moment of uncontrollable joy in the up and down rollercoaster that is Red Sox baseball.

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The secrets behind mascot Bananas the bear

By Jaclyn Caruso
For The Maine Campus

It's one hour before showtime at Alford Arena, an unassuming young man bypasses the lengthy ticket line of people who are braving the sub-zero winter night for a chance to see what promises to be one of the most exciting University of Maine men's ice hockey games of the season. Trying not to draw attention to himself or the massive, brightly-colored bag tucked under one arm, he flashes his athletic pass to the ticket-taker and makes his way to the changing room. He's not a star hockey player, coach or pep band member — he's Bananas the Bear, ready to take the ice.

"When I step out onto the ice, all my cares are behind me as I glide around the rink entertaining the crowd between periods," said "Jeff," who must keep his identity secret as one of the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity members who "keep" Bananas.

For the past 35 years, the cherished UMaine mascot has been entertaining fans at athletic events, making guest appearances for charity and serving as a "silent" spokesperson for the university. He travels to some away games and is in high demand for appearances at local events.

APO, a service fraternity, has been the spirit behind Bananas since 1969, two years after courts made it illegal to have live animals as mascots. Jeff rotates with the other 20 APO members to bring Bananas to as many events as possible.

"I like different people being in the suit because each member brings his own personality and aspect to Bananas," Jeff said.

Jeff has been bringing Bananas to life for two years. To make the transformation from a mild-mannered college student to the animated, beloved Black Bear, Jeff first dons silk gym shorts and a T-shirt. Then he puts on the "gut" of the suit, hands, feet, and clothing. Inside the

dark suit, he becomes accustomed to the sour smell of dried sweat, and the fact that it's 15 degrees warmer.

Once the head is attached, Jeff takes a backseat to his new personality.

"I don't exist anymore when I put on the suit; I become Bananas," Jeff said.

Normally an outgoing person, Jeff is a third-year music major who could very well sit next to you in one of your classes, or be the kid standing in front of you in the sandwich line at the union. He's just like any other student at UMaine, he says. But he's also a student with a secret, and that secret is well-contained in the bear suit.

APO performs as Bananas at all the sporting events, but Jeff prefers men's hockey games.

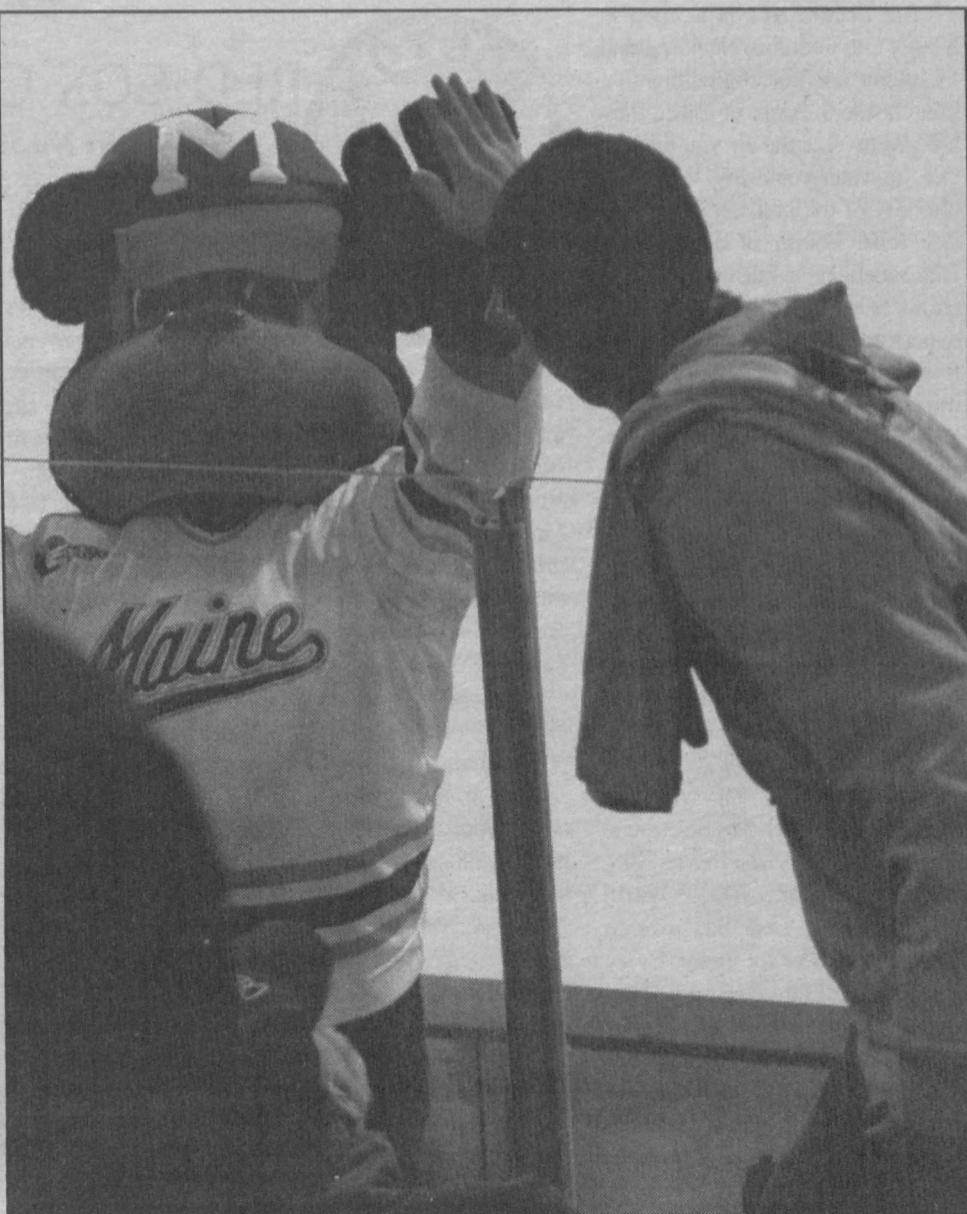
"I was nervous when I first stepped onto the ice in front of thousands of people, but now it's second nature to me," said Jeff, who knew how to ice skate prior to his gig as Bananas. "If I do fall, it's not like the crowd knows who I really am."

When Jeff takes the ice as Bananas, he riles up the crowd with his popular skate-walk move and the "stripper" routine where Bananas rips off his snap-pants. But most of the night is not rehearsed; he mills around flirting with the crowd and participates in promotional events between periods.

Jeff's most memorable moment as Bananas was not a sporting event, but a benefit walk, "Curious for a Cause," held in Old Town to raise money for children with cancer.

"When it comes down to it, it's all about the kids and how their faces light up when Bananas comes up to them," Jeff said. He said he is grateful for moments like this and considers being Bananas as an award to him, something special that not everyone gets to do.

Perhaps the biggest worry for Jeff and other members of APO is the "health" of Bananas. He's begun to look a little worn around the edges. The money for suit



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TEAM SPIRIT — Bananas the Bear gives a high-five to a Maine fan during a home men's hockey game.

repairs comes out of APO's pocket. The suit is expensive and hard to maintain, and Bananas is requested at events more and more each year. APO is also looking into redesigning the suit; the current image of Bananas is 20 years old.

Nevertheless, Bananas doesn't act his age. As the Black Bear crusader, Jeff always ends his athletic event appear-

ances hot, tired and drenched with sweat. He works off an adrenaline rush the whole night, so when it's over he needs to relax for an hour. He replays the night in his mind. He can't see much of the audience's reaction because of the costume, so he played most of the event by ear. He's already thinking about his next performance as he hits the showers.

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Uncovering the Red Sox faithful

The Boston area is steeped in history and tradition. New England traditions are not something that you choose to adopt or reject; they are givens, like the air you breathe and the water you drink. While the majority of traditions, such as lobster rolls, Fourth of July at the Hatchshell, or a hot cup of clam chowder can be extremely pleasant experiences, another — being a Red Sox fan — is more of a stigma-ridden double-edged sword — and can be quite a painful experience.

Why is it, then, that out of a multitude of enjoyable traditions, it is the 86-year-long trail of seasons without a World Series title, more affectionately known as the Boston Red Sox, that we hold nearest and dearest to our hearts? In the time since the team won its last title, the rival Yankees have won 26, but still we wait. While the Arizona Diamondbacks, whose first game as a franchise was March 31, 1998, celebrated their 2001 World Championship, Red Sox Nation continued to wait for theirs. Every year legions of fans come out ready for the season, anticipating opening day. We follow every play of the 162 game season, but we are inevitably left bitterly disappointed as the season ends and September gives way to October.

The fact of the matter is that Sox fans do not suffer simply one game or one season at a time. There is a depth to the pain that goes far



RED SOX CORNER

By Brain Michalski
For The Maine Campus

beyond that. There are constant reminders of the club's unpleasant history — the ghosts of Fenway so to speak — that dig relentlessly at the hearts of Boston's fans. The sale of Ruth to the hated Yankees, Bucky Dents' homer over the Monster, and endless replays of a ground ball that somehow got through Bill Buckner's legs in 1986 are merely the tip of this depressing iceberg. No matter how well the current team is doing, each of these old instances are brought to light time and time again during the long season, as reminders to the loyal and hopeful that something is bound to happen to undermine the team's good fortune. The annual drama probably contributes significantly to the reputation of New Englanders as an unfriendly and bitter bunch.

People outside of New England cannot possibly fathom our love for this team. I know I am not alone when I say that my mood today depends, in a large part, on how the Sox did last night. This is not normal — I realize that. If the Tampa Bay Devil Rays lose, the people of Tampa do not act as if Armageddon

is knocking on the door. In other places, pro baseball is entertainment, no more important than a movie or a sitcom. In Beantown, however, it is life or death — a passion so strong and all-consuming that it could be labeled an addiction.

Common sense dictates that if something makes you this miserable, this often, you simply stop doing it. In this case, you'd stop watching the Sox. Imagine, if you would, the relief and happiness that could spread throughout New England if people stopped expending energy and emotion on the slumping ball club. Friendly scenes of folks making small talk on the street, and holding doors for one another would become much more commonplace. The people of Boston might sing, like the late great Louis Armstrong, "What a Wonderful World." So why not ask one of our prestigious medical centers to begin research on the cure for Redsoxitis? Because the cure is already known.

Anyone paying attention to this

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MacDonald strikes out 15 in Saturday win over Hartford

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pushed the Black Bears into a 2-0 advantage. McGraw believed it was Williams steal that was the offensive play of the game and probably the most important, offensively.

"When Simon Williams scored the second run of the game, after stealing, that was the offensive turning point for sure," McGraw said.

Maine stood comfortably in the lead for most of the game until the top of the ninth inning. Ryan Cuscovitch led off the inning

with a double to the left field wall and then was followed with a Brian Eck single to right. On the play, Cuscovitch advanced to third and put the outcome in question for the first time all game. Scott Robinson came in to replace MacDonald and tripped up the first batter he faced for the first out of the inning. Steve Moyer followed up Josh Topp's fly out with a single to right scoring Cuscovitch for

the Hawk's only run. Robinson then cooled down and retired the final two batters to pick up his third save of the year.

"You knew if you get two runs, you're going to probably win that game. It's a great feeling knowing that offensively," McGraw said. "It sends a message to your opponent that they have to come offensively."

For Hartford, the lost was merited to starting pitcher Scott Roy, who threw seven innings and allowed the two runs on eight hits. With the tough defeat, Roy fell

to 2-3 on the season. Jon Connolly came in for one inning of relief and sprinkled one hit during his time.

The game also marked the Black Bears' first home game of the season, an attribute that the team felt played an important factor into the decision.

"I think it was not such being at home, but more not traveling," McGraw said. "When you're on the road it's tough to get motivated. It's important to play at home and have your

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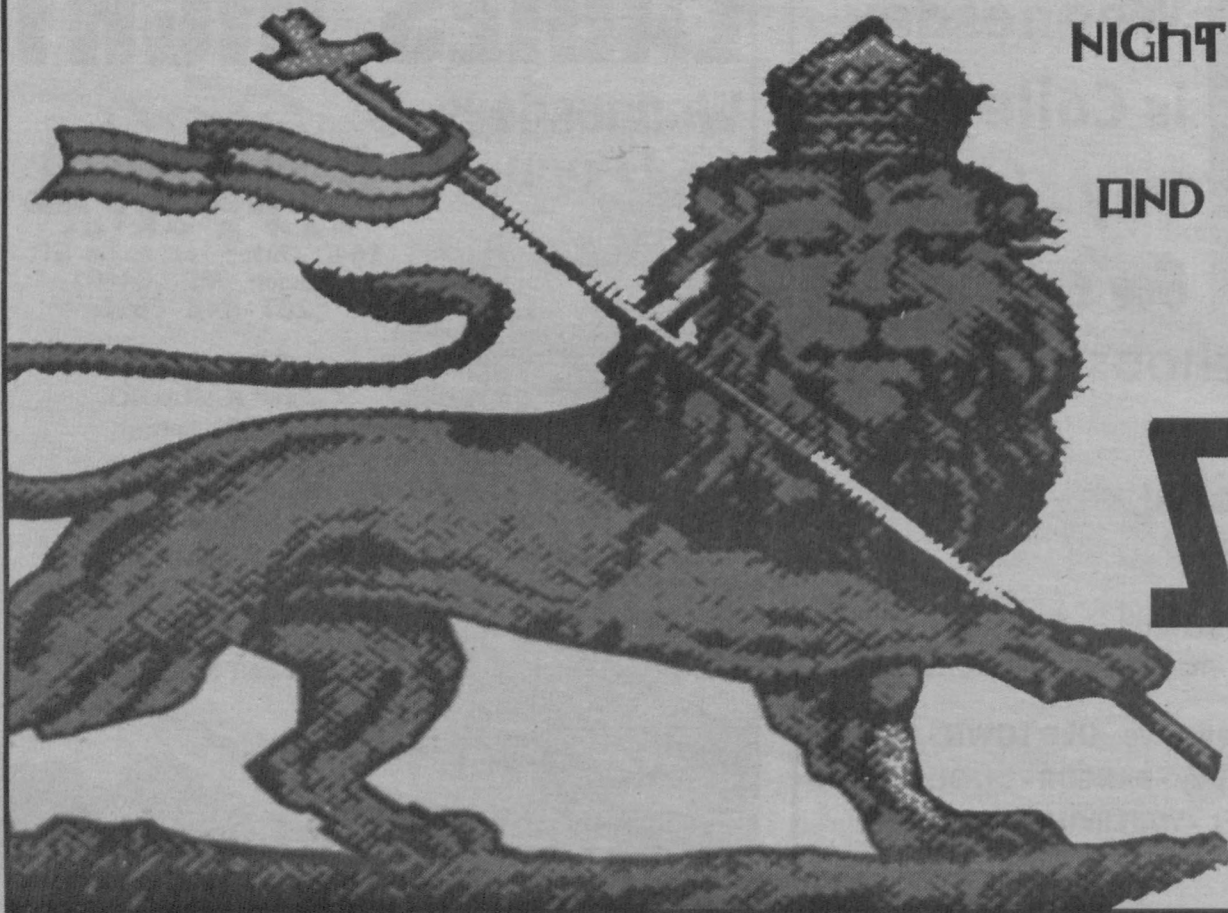
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BACK TO THE DUGOUT — First-year Black Bear Matt McGraw heads back to the dugout after hitting a single during the weekend match-up against Hartford.

Black Bears split doubleheader

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across the plate in the top of the fourth inning to spring out to a commanding 3-0 lead. Hartford's resident stud Ron Acabbo led off the inning with a home run to right field and then was followed by Ryan Cuscovitch, who sent a weak single into the outfield. Brian Eck continued the Hawks' success at the plate with a single that all but confirmed Hartford's sudden arrival to the series. They weren't done either; Josh Topp reached first on a fielder's choice, then proceeded to move to second on a Maine error. The Hawks garnered a 2-0 lead when Cuscovitch and Eck recorded runs. It didn't take long for Maine to respond, as the Black Bears tallied a quick run in the bottom of the inning. For Maine, the answer was the bat and base running of the ever-resilient Greg Creek, who continued his recent success at the plate with a single to right. He then advanced to second on an error. Creek proceeded to score when Ryan Quintal singled to center field. For Maine it was the last run of the match. The Hawks dropped another run in the top of the fifth inning and two in the seventh for the 6-1 win.

On the mound for the Black Bears was Greg Norton, who pitched five innings and allowed

four runs on five hits and sprinkled five strikeouts along the way. Norton fell to 3-5 on the season. Maine's Ryan Harris got some time and pitched the final two innings for the Black Bears, allowing two runs on three hits. For Hartford, Jeff Stawarz pitched the gem, collecting a complete game on the day and improving to 3-2 on the year.

In the rubber game, Hartford snatched an early 2-0 advantage in the top of the third inning. For Hartford, the second quick start of the day saw Steve Moyer single to center field. Acabbo followed with a base clearing two-run home run, asserting himself as the offensive threat that he is known to be. Maine struck back in the bottom of the inning, when Aaron Izaryk singled to right and advanced to second on a wild pitch. The glory was saved for Joel Barrett, who doubled down the left field line, bringing Izaryk home for the run. Barrett got his own chance to come home when explosive Matt McGraw hit a laser to right field. Barrett easily scored on the play, evening up the game at two runs each.

The Black Bears' bats came alive in the bottom of the fourth inning when Maine smashed home four runs. Joe Hough led off the inning with an impressive double to left field. Mike Ferriggi followed Hough's double by reaching and advancing to

second on a fielder's choice, scoring Hough. Izaryk continued the barrage of hits with a single to center field that drove home Ferriggi. Creek continued with a single and Barrett drove home Izaryk with a single. Capping off the inning was Quintal, who singled to right field and drove home Creek for the fourth run of the inning.

The Hawks got a run back in the top of the fifth, when Moyer drove home Rick Langer with a sacrifice fly. Maine added a pair of runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to put the game out of reach for good. Simon Williams drove home Hough and Ferriggi with a two-run single to right field. Williams then stole second base for his team-leading 15th steal of the season.

Pitching for the Black Bears was Steve Richard, who threw five innings and allowed three runs on five hits and improved to 2-2 on the season. Troy Martin wrapped up the contest, pitching four scoreless innings in relief. He picked up his first save of the season with the appearance. Jeff Swedberg pitched 3.2 innings for Hartford and picked up the loss, while falling to 2-5 on the year. He allowed six runs on 10 hits.

The Black Bears return to action on Tuesday, April 20 when they travel to Sanford for a game with the Brown University Bears.

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MacDonald fans 15 batters in Bears win

UM downs Hartford 3-2; MacDonald was 2 strikeouts shy of Bill Shift's school record

Matthew Conyers
Staff Writer

In the twilight hours of Saturday evening, the University of Maine's Mike MacDonald put on a pitching clinic for all of New England and the

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Hartford 2

America East Conference. It was the type of performance that comes about only in a great while and allows baseball lovers to relish the beauty of the game. The talented senior hurler silenced the University of Hartford dugout by dropping 15 strikeouts over eight innings and leading

Baseball

Maine to a 3-2 victory.

"Mike MacDonald pitched an absolutely excellent game; he didn't make many mistakes," Maine catcher Matt McGraw said. "He didn't give them anything."

For MacDonald, the astonishing 15 strikeouts marked a career best for strikeouts and sent a commanding message to the rest of the conference. With the victory, MacDonald, Maine's resident ace, confirmed his presence in the league and firmly established himself as one of the best pitchers in the conference. MacDonald led the Black Bears in quite possibly the game of the year and put Maine back on track. The victory pushed the Black Bears back over .500 and hopefully will serve as a turning point for the rest of the season. The narrow decision comes at a perfect time for the Black Bears, who have struggled to win close decisions. McGraw

discussed the team's ability to get caught up in tight ball games.

"We knew it was going to be a close game; we are winning a lot of one-run games and we are losing a lot of one-run games," McGraw said.

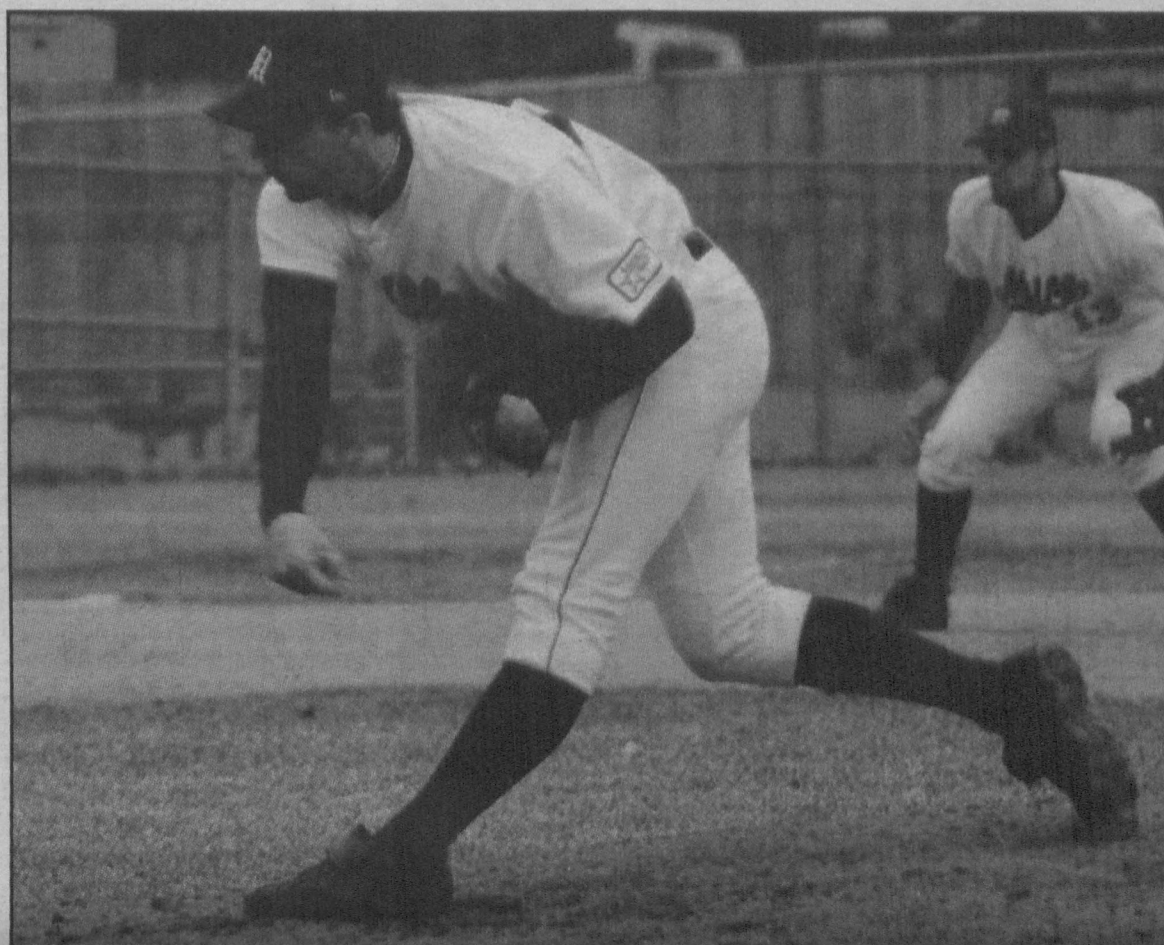
The narrow victory was something the team had been working on all week in practice and finally the outcome rolled in the Black Bears' favor.

"We have been working all week on getting those victories rolling for us and getting that ninth inning run," McGraw said.

The Black Bears snatched the narrow decision not because of late inning heroics but rather by the consistent pitching of MacDonald. MacDonald surrendered just one run on five hits in eight innings. The senior flame-thrower sent 15 of the 32 batters he faced back to the dugout with a strikeout. It was a performance that was even more electrifying for the fact that MacDonald managed to have at least two strikeouts in six of the eight innings that he pitched. He also fanned the side in the top of the fifth inning, putting another exclamation mark on the highlight filled performance.

MacDonald, with the decision improved to 3-1 on the season, and finished just two strikeouts shy of tying Bill Swift's school record for strikeouts in a decision. In 1984, Swift struck out 17 en route to victory. MacDonald's commanding evening placed him in a tie for the second most strikeouts in a game with Jeff Plympton.

"Mike definitely put out a phenomenal performance in



CAMPUS PHOTO • ANDREW DAVIS

STRIKE THREE — University of Maine senior pitcher, Mike MacDonald struck out 15 batters over eight innings at Saturday's game against the University of Hartford. Maine beat Hartford 3-2.



YOU'RE OUTTA' THERE — Pitcher Mike MacDonald strikes out another Hartford batter during Saturday's game. The Black Bears edged the Hawks 3-2. MacDonald was two strikes shy of Bill Swift's 17 single game strikeout record at UMaine.

CAMPUS PHOTO • DAVIS

anyone's eyes," McGraw said.

The match served mainly as pitchers' duel until the bottom of the fourth inning, when the Black Bears pounced on the Hawks for a 1-0 lead. The inning began with a Joel Barrett single to left field. Barrett then advanced to third

on a single by Ryan Quintal and crossed home after Joe Hough's sacrifice fly. Maine added another insurance run in the bottom of the sixth inning, when Simon Williams scored on Barrett's single to center-field. Williams led off the inning with a single to left

field and then stole second base for his team leading 13th steal of the season. Williams managed to advance again to third base when Greg Creek grounded out to first. The run

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UMaine sweeps UMBC three-game series

By Riley Donovan
Staff Writer

The University of Maine softball team picked up three wins this weekend, all against a struggling University of Maryland-Baltimore County team.

On Friday, Sarah Bennis allowed just two hits in the 6-1 win. With the sun shining and the temperature reaching 60 degrees, Jenna Merchant pitched a complete game

shutout in the morning game on Saturday, giving up just two hits and giving the Black Bears the 2-0 win. In the second game of the doubleheader, Candace Jaegge took the box and was hit hard early by UMBC. Bennis took over in the third, and picked up where she left

Softball

off the day before allowing only three hits and giving Maine the clean sweep with a 4-3 victory in the bottom of the seventh off a base hit by Brittany Cheney.

Cheney's hit to left field in the bottom of the seventh with the score tied at three, two outs, and runners at

second and third, brought home freshman pinch runner Tara Vilardo from third to give Maine the 4-3 win. Maine trailed early when Reilly Ward hit a base hit to left and Amanda Bile scored from second, to give the Retrievers the 1-0 lead in the top of the first. Maine came back in the bottom of the first, when Jess Brady dropped one into shallow left and stole second. Lauren Dulkis hit a double off the wall in left which scored Brady from second. Sophomores Molly McKinney and Dana Grimm each had hits in the inning that brought in runners put-

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UMaine concludes Hartford series with doubleheader split

By Matthew Conyers
Staff Writer

The University of Maine baseball team finished its three game homestand with a split in a doubleheader against conference rival Hartford on Sunday afternoon. The Hawks, who were left reeling after Saturday's spectacular performance by Maine's Mike MacDonald managed to

pull off a surprising victory in the first game 6-1. Maine, however, rebounded in the rubber match, grabbing a 8-3 decision. With the split decisions, the Black Bears merit a 16-15 record on the season and 3-3 mark in America East competition. As for Hartford, the season continued to fall below expectations as they coasted to 7-17 tally and a 2-4 record in conference play.

In their first duel of the day, the Hawks managed to send

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