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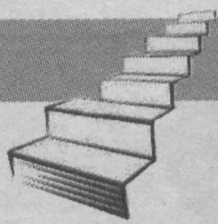
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FIJI runs successful food drive

By Khela Kupiec
For The Maine Campus

How many packages of Ramen noodles will \$100 buy? The brothers from Phi Gamma Delta answered that question during their first-annual FIJI Food Drive to benefit the Crossroads Ministry in Old Town.

Last weekend, the brothers blanketed an estimated 1,000 houses in the Old Town and Orono area with requests for donations. At each house they left a plastic bag donated by Hannaford Bros. Company with a note attached that explained their purpose of collecting non-perishable food for the Holiday season. The community responded positively with almost every household donating something.

Some community members who did not or could not donate food still found ways to contribute.

An anonymous 92-year-old woman left a donation of \$25 in an envelope on her front porch. She wanted to do something more than donate the few cans that she had, and she could not make it to the See FIJI on page 4

STUDENT SENATE NOTES

Nominations for FEPC stirs debate

By Diana McElwain
Staff Writer

With student government elections approaching, Fair Elections Practices Commissioner Eric DeGrass presented his nominations for the Fair Elections Practices Committee to the senate for approval. Andrew Barter, Sarah Knight and Jeff Bowen were all nominated for the board.

None of the nominees were present at the meeting, causing great debate among the senators. Many felt that they should not vote for people they had not met. Despite the objections, votes were held, approving Knight and Barter's nominations, but denying Bowen's.

DeGrass argued that Bowen would be more than up to the task.

"I thought long and hard about who had a good moral fiber and who would be impartial," DeGrass said.

It was later decided that the decision to not accept Bowen be reconsidered, although the issue was tabled to be discussed at a later time. Sen. Anthony Viselli was also nominated and voted onto the committee. See ELECTION on Page 2

York pizza plan raises mixed emotions

Some students, local business owners skeptical about Maine-ly Pizza's chances

By Bobby Strauss
For The Maine Campus

The feelings in town are mixed about the new York Commons pizza delivery service, which starts this Friday. Not everyone in the community is happy about new competition taking a slice of the pie, and still some are skeptical about York's new

service taking much of the market.

Mike Huppe, a delivery driver for Lissus, the newest pizza place in Orono, said that only time will tell regarding the new service on campus.

"We'll have to see what they make and how good it is and how prompt the delivery is," Huppe said. "It's not as easy as people

think. People are very impressed with how quickly we deliver. People trust us, we make good food, and we deliver quickly."

They may be right in not worrying. Some students were somewhat skeptical about the idea when asked about pizza from the commons.

"When you think commons food, you think commons pizza so at first

you think, 'Maybe I'll pass,'" said Silas Ratten, whose frequent pizza orders are apparent by the two stacks of Pat's Pizza boxes in his closet.

"It better be pretty good pizza, because we have some awesome pizza places around here," said student Tim Marley.

Jason Farnsworth, the assistant See PIZZA on Page 2

"I WISH THIS WERE A CIGARETTE"



CAMPUS PHOTO BY SARAH BIGNEY

NO BUTTS ABOUT IT — Food filled the void when smoking could not, but News Editor Rick Redmond noticed that despite his hunger, no food was very appetizing. Redmond spent all day Tuesday smoke-free in anticipation of the Great American Smokeout.

A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

One student smoker takes challenge to go 24 hours without lighting up

By Rick Redmond
News Editor

It was 9 a.m. on a brisk Tuesday morning in Old Town. I made my semiregular stop at the mom-and-pop store one block from my home. Instead of approaching the cash register empty-handed like usual, I was armed with two packages of Trident White gum.

Being a regular customer at this store is usually a perk. I was often greeted with a "Hi Rick" or a "Heading into work?" from the personable staff.

As I set my purchases onto the counter, the clerk instinctively reached to the rack over her head and retrieves what she knew was my regular purchase: one pack of Camel Ultra Lights. Was this some sort of sick joke?

Let's back up a little bit.

It was Tuesday — the day I picked to go smoke free for 24 hours, so that I could document my experience in honor of the Great American Smokeout.

I was initially approached via e-mail by the Bangor Region Partners for Health to take part in the experiment and write about it after

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Does God really care?

Speaker addresses religious questions on campus Tuesday night

By Ernest Scheyder
Assistant News Editor

When the road gets rocky, you've just got to move on knowing someone cares. That was the message delivered by Will Truesdell, a guest lecturer speaking in the Bangor Lounge Tuesday night.

Truesdell gave the speech "Does God Care?" sponsored by Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

"For me, an adequate question is: How adequately do our perspectives deal with that question?" Truesdell said. "Just asking that question seems human to me."

Truesdell opened his lecture with a clip from the motion picture "Patch Adams" and used a character's anguish with God to ask if he really does care about human suffering.

"I think [the character's] questions are a lot like our questions," Truesdell said of the film. "I'm not going to answer the question why. Why, if God is good, why is there so much bad in the world?"

"For me to give a shot at that [question] seems like a failed exercise," he said. "I think for people that are genuinely exploring their faith, it's one of the first questions that comes up. How you answer [the question] tells you how you really believe it."

Truesdell focused his speech on rhetorical topics relating to questions in his work ministering to college students and on subjects relating to his own faith.

"God, if you're God, do you really care?" he asked, face to the sky.

Truesdell said most people often look their whole lives for an answer to that dilemma but never seem to find an answer.

Truesdell asked: Does God care that millions of people are homeless in The Sudan, that Hitler nearly exterminated a race of people, that some people in our own country live without basic food and shelter?

"I want to answer that in the affirmative. See GOD on Page 2

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004

Men's discussion group

The Catholic Student Organization, in conjunction with the Newman Center will host a men's discussion group to discuss issues of importance to students. The groups are student-led and the topics are picked by students. The purpose of the group is to give a place for students to honestly look at issues and feel comfortable expressing their viewpoints and learning from each other. For information, e-mail Casey Murphy on FirstClass.

Dreamweaver workshop

Fogler Library will host: "Intermediate Dreamweaver MX," as part of the Library Workshop Series from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For information, call Gretchen Gfeller at 581-1696.

Socialist and Marxist luncheon

The department of philosophy will host "No Child Left Behind: The Impact of Federal Legislation on Public Education," as part of its socialist and Marxist luncheon series. Valerie Ruhe and Anne Pooler will speak. The talk will take place from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union. For information, call Doug Allen at 581-3860.

Counseling talk

The Counseling Center Prevention and Education Program Success and Well-being Workshop Series will host "Anxiety: What Is It? What Causes It? How to Manage It." The talk will be held in the Senior Skulls room from 12:30 to 2 p.m. For information, call Rex Norris at 581-4145.

GI workshop

Fogler Library will host: "GIs for Everybody," as part of the library workshop series from 2 to 5 p.m. For information, call Gretchen Gfeller at 581-1696.

Deadline

Today is the end of the registration period for Spring 2005. Contact your dean for more information.

Research cafe

The research cafe series will host "Digital Image Analysis for Geospatial Information Extraction and Management." Peggy Agouris will speak. The event will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. in the University Club of Fogler Library. For information, call Tom Fish at 581-3452.

Coffee hour

The deans of students' office will host a coffee hour for students with children from noon to 1 p.m. in the deans of students' conference room on the third floor of Memorial Union. Children are welcome to attend. For information, call Carole LeClair at 581-1793.

Card program

The University Bookstore will host a table in Memorial Union's atrium from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for individuals to send a free holiday postcard to a Mainer serving in the National Guard or Reserves, free of charge. For information, call Holly Williams at 581-1700.

Friday, Nov. 18, 2004

Go Blue!

Today is an official Go Blue! day. Members of the campus community are urged to wear blue to show their school spirit.

Darwin talk

The biological sciences department will present "Fish Migration and the Conditional Strategy," as part of its seminar series at 3:10 p.m. in Room 102 of Murray Hall. Julian Dodson of the Université Laval will speak. For information, call Donna Pond at 581-2970.

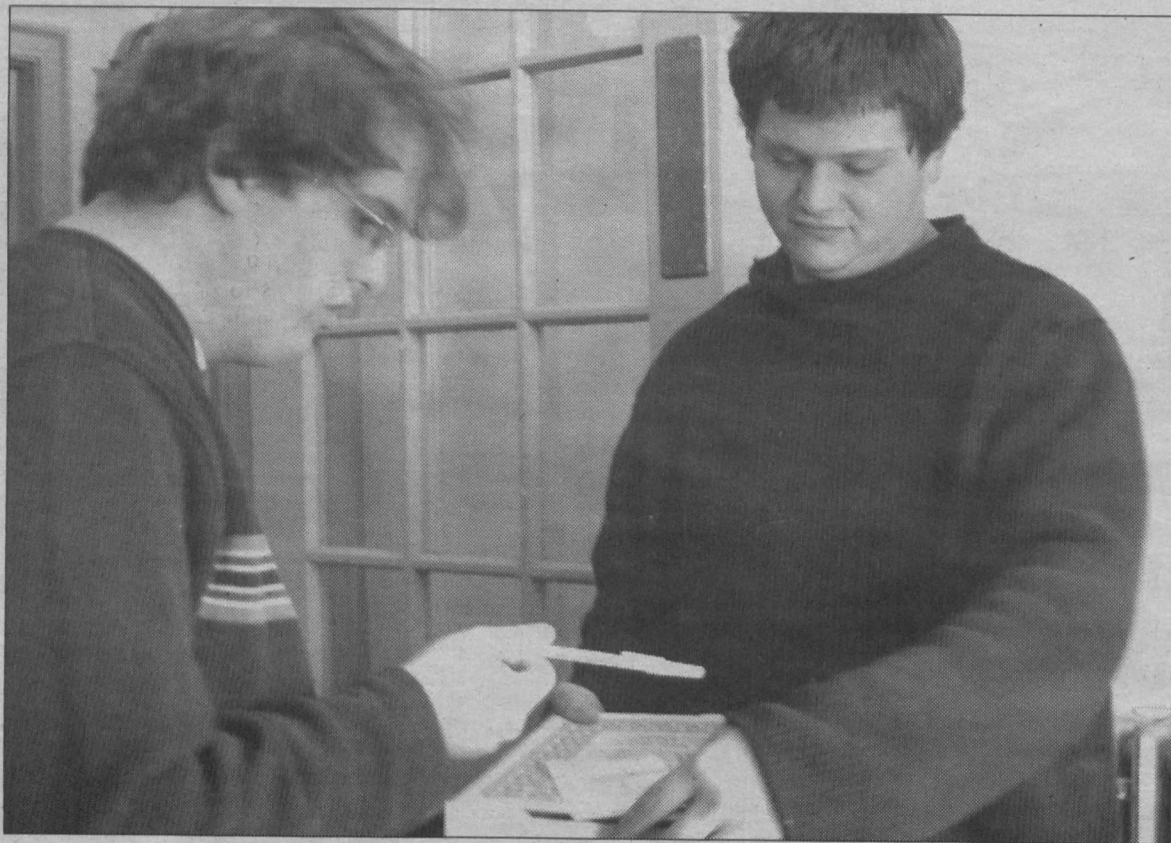
Saturday, Nov. 19, 2004

Copyright talk

Fogler Library will host "Copyright, Scholarship, and the Case for Open Access: A Conference on the Intellectual Commons," from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the DPC Business Building. The event will feature presentations by UMaine faculty and Hal Abelson of MIT, Peter Suber of Public Knowledge and Neeru Paharia of the Creative Commons. Preregistration is required. For information, call Gretchen Gfeller at 581-1696.

Submitting information

Submissions for The Maine Campus Community Calendar are free, and can be sent on FirstClass to Ernest Scheyder or dropped off in The Maine Campus office located in the basement of Memorial Union. Please include all the important information about your event. Deadlines for submissions are 9 a.m. Sunday for Monday publication and 9 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday publication. First priority will be given to events that directly affect university students.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY SARAH BIGNEY

KNOCK, KNOCK — Chris Urquhart, right, makes a delivery to Estabrook Hall from Orono House of Pizza. Duncan Chesley, left, says he would not necessarily order a pizza from York Commons even if it's closer. "I'm not a big fan of school food anyway. I'd probably steer away from that," he said.

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manager of Pat's Pizza, didn't even seem phased by the news.

"I don't really see it taking a lot of our business," Farnsworth said.

He did note that there is a surcharge of 20 percent for off-campus orders that use MaineCards, a fee that the University of Maine imposes.

"That would be an unfair business advantage if the university gave

us a 20 percent surcharge that we have to pass on to the students and then opens up a pizza place," said Farnsworth.

The Pizza Dome had a slightly different view of the new delivery service.

"It affects our business a lot when students go away for holidays or the summer. We really notice," Lisa King, a cashier at the Pizza Dome said.

John Leonard, a veteran deliveryman of 14 years at the Pizza Dome seemed a bit stricken by the news.

"The more people that get a piece

of the pie, the less we get. After they've already paid for the surcharge and all that they don't want to tip that much, and that's how we make most of our money is in tips," Leonard said.

Most students, when asked what they thought, said they'd at least try the York Commons pizza, now dubbed Maine-ly Pizza.

"I think it will affect other businesses based on the quality of the food," said Nate Bourgoin, a student. "If it's good food and it's cheaper, of course we'll start eating there."

GOD

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mative," Truesdell said. Drawing from his Christian background and experiences, he provided examples from the Bible and from modern times to prove his point.

He spoke about Biblical prophets, including Daniel and Jeremiah, and said that even though they faced enormous conflicts in their lives, they were able to overcome persecution with God's help.

Truesdell then used an analogy about Corrie Ten Boom and her experience in Holland during the World War II. Ten Boom was a Christian who worked to hide Jews and shuttle them to safety. With a network of confidants, Ten Boom was successfully able to accomplish her task, until she was captured by the Nazis and sent to a concentration camp with her sister, he said.

There, Truesdell said, Ten Boom's faith was tested like never before, but she was able to pull through, years later forgiving years the soldier who indirectly caused her sister's death.

"It's clear that God cares," Truesdell said. "He wants people

who are humbly willing to embrace him.

"There's something unique about the Christian God. He's a suffering God," Truesdell said. He closed on an evangelical note by asking members of the audience to realize that someone does have an interest in their lives and also to continue to ask that question. It's a serious and necessary question to ask, he said.

"Does God care?" Truesdell asked the audience in closing. "God cares. I hope that's a message you can embrace in your own lives."

Audience members seemed pleased with Truesdell's speech and were happy they came.

"I liked it," said Katie Williams, a third-year social work major. "The stories of forgiveness were really inspiring and encouraging."

"The movie clip provided an excellent hook for the talk," said Laura Wyman, a graduate student studying midlevel education. "It played on several different themes."

Some audience members, however, were left looking for a bit more.

"I kind of wished he would have talked about 'Does God care' in relation to campus living," said

Hannah Stanley, a senior parks, recreation and tourism major. "But when you compare your life to [Corrie Ten Boom's], how can you not say that you can't see God?"

The event was organized by members of Intervarsity staff and hosted by students.

"I thought that he did a good job and gave some very real examples of human suffering and how God is involved in that," said Sarah Junkins, an Intervarsity staff member said.

"I just find it exciting when people can ask questions about faith and God, and events like this make that happen," said Daniel Milani, also an Intervarsity staff member.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is an international group that seeks to "establish and advance at colleges and universities witnessing communities of students and faculty who follow Jesus as Savior and Lord: growing in love for God, God's Word, God's people of every ethnicity and culture and God's purposes in the world," according to its Web site.

The University of Maine chapter is led by both students and staff members, and hosts numerous weekly Bible studies as well as large group gatherings.

SENATE

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tee.

Virtually every seat was filled with students this week, many of whom were prospective senators, hoping to soon take their seat at the senate table.

Third year student Heidi Worpel said she was there to prepare to rep-

resent the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences if elected.

"It's nice to know what you're getting into. By coming we can learn the type of vocabulary to best represent our colleges," Worpel said. "It's a chance to see how we want to represent our colleges."

A chair was also occupied by this week's guest speaker, Dean of Students Robert Q. Dana. Dana said that after having a hard day, speaking to the senate was a pleasure.

"It's good to end the day among friends," he said.

Dana took the time to applaud the senate for their work. He said the efforts of students could be registered by the voter turnout on Nov. 2.

"We have never registered or had more students vote. You overcame great adversity to do that," Dana said. "There's clearly an effort on your behalf to make a difference. I'm very much in debt to you and I thank you very much."

Dana said the University of Maine defied the stereotype of apathetic college students and helped to bridge the gap between young people and the government.

"Here at the University of Maine we're proving that wrong every single day," Dana said.

Working to bridge a gap was newly-appointed board of trustees' student representative Brandon Libby.

Libby said he was glad to be

placed on a library committee at the BOT meeting, as it would deal with issues directly affecting Fogler Library. Libby said a main topic of the meeting was the implementation of a tourism commission, an effort to increase tourism in the state.

"The tourism initiative will create a center for tourism outreach. In order for the tourism industry to rise, it will need to make ties with higher education. This is where our university comes in," Libby said.

SMOKE

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the 24-hour smokeout.

Strangely enough, they identified me through a column I previously published, defending the rights of smokers.

There was no getting around it; they already knew I smoked. I could have declined to take part in the experiment, but I am not the type to shy away from a new challenge or dare.

And oh, this was a dare.

More than nine hours before I was assaulted with a pack of smokes at my neighborhood quick stop, the challenge had begun.

It was approaching midnight on Monday evening, and I was heavily engrossed in a drinking competition with several U.S. marines and a slew of co-workers at a local bar. Not the best night to quit smoking, I realize in hindsight.

But the time had come to put out the burning end of my midnight cigarette and 24 hours of no smoking has begun. Operation "clean air" had commenced.

My roommate, Sarah, had become the keeper of the five remaining cigarettes in my pack — to be handed over at midnight on Tuesday.

Perk No. 1 quickly emerged from this experiment. I didn't have to designate pockets in my jeans for my pack of smokes and my cell phone. My phone now had free reign in whichever pocket I choose to place it.

Baby steps, people.

I arrived at home about one hour deep into the experiment and began the bedtime preparation. The ashtray on my desk stared me down as I replied to e-mails one last time.

I moved into the bathroom and picked up my toothbrush. This was about the time I pause and wondered if I was really ready for bed, or if I was going to want another cigarette before I brush my teeth. It was becoming apparent how much cigarettes dictate the day-to-day in my life.

Laying in bed gave me time to reflect on the day ahead of me. It was hard to remember the last time I had tried to go a day without smoking.

I began, like many I'm sure, as a social smoker. I smoked when I drank in crowds with other smokers. Innocent enough, I thought, until I began to progress. I'd start smoking in the afternoon if I knew I was going to drink later that day. Then it snowballed into justifying smoking if I had been drinking the night before. Soon enough I was cracking a beer just so I could have a smoke. I was creating more problems than I was solving. I had to admit that I was a smoker.

Sleep was a welcomed relief from the nicotine cravings. Waking up was a whole new ball game, as I confronted the smoking rituals I perform daily.

The preshower cigarette turned into a trek downstairs to brew coffee and scrounge for something to satisfy my oral fixation. Alas, my cupboards were bare and I was sticking to coffee.

I contemplated ransacking Sarah's room to find my confiscated cigarettes.

I emptied the rest of my coffee pot into my travel mug and headed off towards campus.

This brought me up to my

encounter at the convenience store around the corner and to being stared in the face with temptation. It was truly a test of my will, and at 9 a.m. no less.

"Not today," I said with a forced smile.

Driving to campus was another one of those times when I realized how much of what I was doing determines whether or not I'm smoking.

Lighting up a cigarette after I get on the road is usually as natural an action as putting the keys in the ignition or releasing the parking break.

Spending the day on campus was a little more difficult than one might imagine when you're trying to kick a habit like this. I didn't have the welcomed relief of lighting up between classes or after meals.

I found that most of the times I was craving a cigarette I would spend smoking if this were any other day.

The worst was the walk between Barrows Hall and the East Annex, where a group of smokers can always be found congregating. Today I resented the freedom they were enjoying but secretly taking pleasure in the fact that I was not the one getting dirty looks for polluting the air. I was a nonsmoker in disguise today.

My phone rang later in the day, and it was my friend Evan, wanting to know how my day was going without cigarettes. Although he is a nonsmoker himself, his call was out of genuine concern. It did little more than to remind me I had forgotten I had about 13 hours to go before I could light up again. Thanks Evan.

Eating did something to curb the cravings but still left me yearning for that postmeal smoke. A nap between classes provided about an hour of pure relief from the desire to smoke.

The rest of my day was pretty much the same cycle of cravings during my normal schedule.

My roommate, ever considerate, tells me she had been thinking about me and asks how the nosmoking trial was going — cigarette in hand, I groaned and muttered something not worth repeating and proceeded to my room to start some homework.

Again, my ashtray stared me down from across the room. It looked gross, and I could smell it as soon as I opened my door.

I moved my ashtray out of sight and began to work on my studies when I was suddenly very tired again, despite my afternoon nap. I wondered if cigarettes were really that powerful of a stimulant.

Rather than break from my streak of not smoking less than seven hours away from my goal, I went down for another nap.

The rest of the evening consisted of finishing my homework, a task I was used to being able to smoke during, then dinner at the local restaurant and bar I work at.

Dining with friends and co-workers who smoke was not an easy task. Although we are not permitted smoke inside the establishment, they never hesitated to ask me if I'd join them outside for a cigarette before remembering I still had more than an hour to go before I was allowed to light up.

Midnight came and went during a game of billiards with a co-worker. It was 12:15 a.m. before he reminded me that I

was now able to smoke.

And I did. Smoke, that is.

Although my quitting lasted little more than 24 hours, it was encouraging.

I am a regular and an unapologetic smoker, but apparently immune to occasional bouts of sheer willpower. If I can quit for a day, who's to say I can't quit for longer than that?

While this little experiment may not have convinced me to quit for good, one day of abstaining from smoking is an experience to behold. For a day, I lost the stigma attached with being a smoker and saved myself \$3.55 — the cost of a pack of smokes. Not a bad start.

It's no coincidence that today is the Great American Smokeout. I encourage all smokers out there to give it up, at least for a day. If for nothing else, to prove to yourself that you can do it. I had my doubts about my ability to kick the habit, even for a day but now have renewed hopes for someday becoming smoke-free.



CAMPUS PHOTOS
BY SARAH BIGNEY
DON'T ASK —
"If one more person asks me that ..."
Rick Redmond responds (above) to a friend who called to hear how his nicotine-free day was going. Redmond sleeps (left) off his cravings between classes.



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THE OFF-CAMPUS BOARD NEEDS A PRESIDENT

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- supervise a staff of four
- act as an integral part of the off-campus community
- represent commuter students to Student Government
- plan and organize various events
- work closely with the Dean of Students office

REQUIREMENTS:

- a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better
- a nomination form signed by 50 off-campus student
- must be an off-campus student

Applications can be picked up at the Student Government Office in the Wade Center in the Memorial Union. These forms must be completed with the 50 signatures by Thursday, December 2.

For more information contact Lindsey Delia or Samuel Brennan on FirstClass.



POLICEBEAT

By Kyle Webster
Staff Writer

Destruction during DTAV party still under investigation

Two men were issued summonses following a party in the Bauman-Nelson house of DTAV at 11:15 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13. Officers responded to the building following a report of people damaging bulletin boards and signs on the second floor. As the officers approached the building — one vomiting and the other standing near him. Officers observed the outside phone and call box had been destroyed. The officers proceeded upstairs where they learned that a party was going on. Before the door was opened, two bulletin boards were found completely destroyed. Additionally, several signs were ripped off the walls, causing damage to the paint and sheet rock underneath. A resident, identified as Terrence Joyce, 20, of Orono, answered the door. Inside, officers noticed several dozen blue cups and a fully stocked bar. Several people were also seen inside the apartment. One person who had been drinking was allegedly identified as a juvenile. Other attendees of the party were found to be under 21. According to police reports, the attendees of the party had been

consuming shots. A second resident was identified as Peter Bissell 21, of Orono. As a result, both Bissell and Joyce received summonses for furnishing a place for minors to consume liquor. The criminal mischief in the area is still under investigation, however; some of the damaged items were found inside of the apartment. According to police, the estimated damage done to the building was at least \$1,000.

High speed and illegal u-turn give away drunk driver

A man was arrested following a traffic stop on Rangely Road at 3:15 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13. An officer on patrol noticed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The officer followed the vehicle past Talmar Woods apartment complex. The vehicle then pulled over and performed an illegal u-turn. The officer signaled for the vehicle to stop. The driver, identified as Bradford Jackson, 19, of Hancock, was asked what he was doing. The officer detected the smell of alcohol and asked Jackson how much he had to drink. He stated that

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FIJI

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store, said George Cerny, the corresponding secretary for FIJI.

Owner Pat Wheeler of the Burby & Bates liquor store in Orono, donated \$100 to buy what ended up being 800 packages of Ramen noodles.

"I wanted to see how much a hundred dollars worth of Ramen Noodles was, and I wanted to do something good for the community," Wheeler said. "[Ramen Noodles] go well with turkey."

Using a digital bathroom scale, the brothers weighed each bag to determine they gathered more than 1,300 pounds of food — enough to fill two pickup trucks. Part of their plan was to match every 100 pounds of food donated with 10 pounds of pasta. The brothers collectively paid for the pasta out of pocket for a grand total of 134 pounds of pasta.

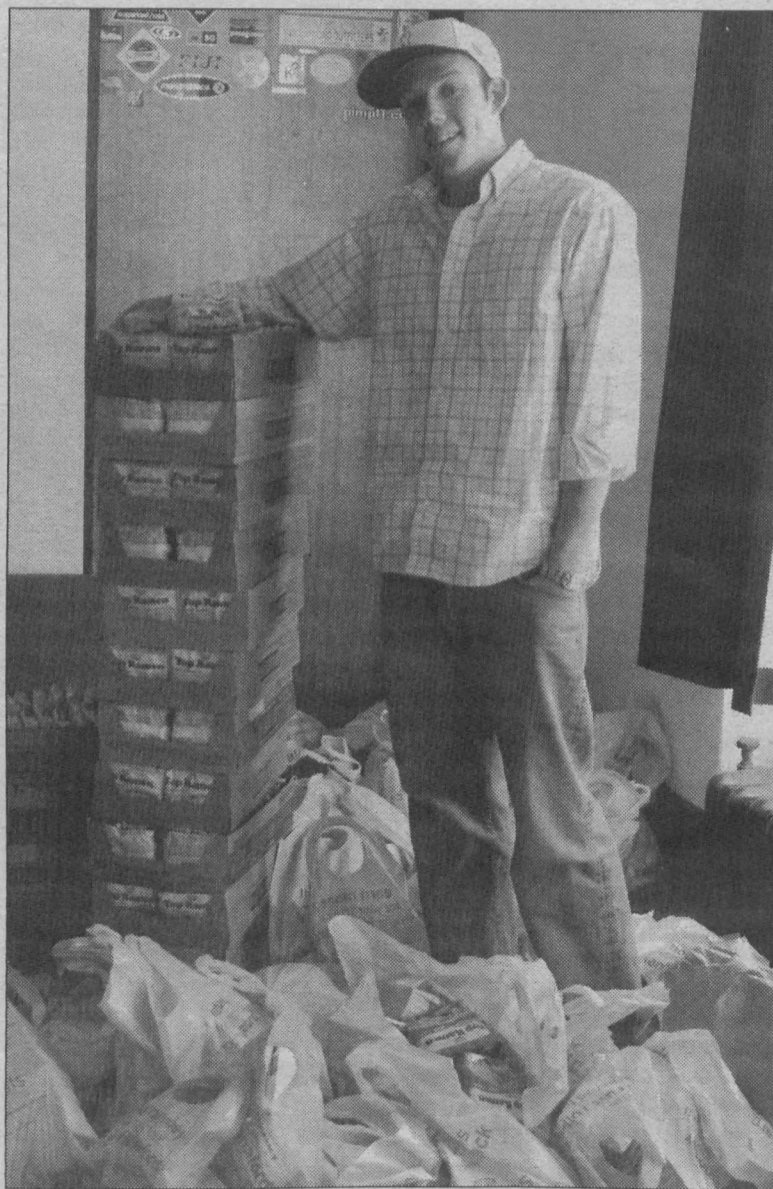
Last year, FIJI raised \$200 in donations on campus for the Bangor-based food pantry, Manna. The brothers found there were so many other organizations doing the same thing that they didn't raise as much as they had hoped. So they decided to try something different this year.

Mike Chicoine, social service chair for FIJI, put together this year's project with help from the Greek Life office.

The Crossroads Ministry is based out of Old Town and was founded in 1991 by Brenda Davis, according to the organization's Web site. The food pantry had its beginnings in the back of Brenda Davis's car and now services over 31 communities. The staff of Crossroads assisted 449 families in the area last year.

"This was the first annual FIJI food drive and we'll definitely be doing this again because it was such a success," Chicoine said.

"It gives us a chance to give back



CAMPUS PHOTO BY SARAH BIGNEY

SOUP'S ON — George Cerny and his fellow Phi Gamma Delta brothers collected 1,300 pounds of food for Crossroads Ministry food pantry in Old Town.

to the community," said Joseph Grabarz, president of FIJI.

The brothers agreed they enjoyed this project. Despite a few difficulties, including skeptical donors and dog attacks, most of the brothers looked at this event as a great way to get everyone together.

They've been working on getting back their house on campus since it

was shut down last year due to fire code violations.

"This was one of the bigger events that we have come together for since we've been out of the house, and it's great that it was really successful," FIJI brother Beau Hasletine said.

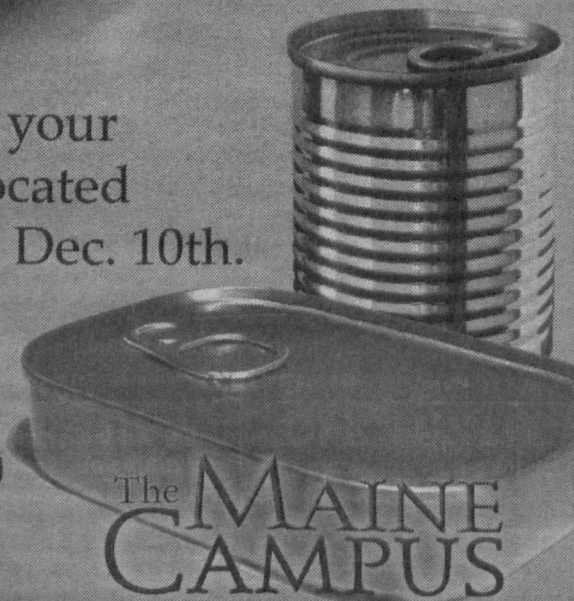
"Expect big things in the future from FIJI," Grabarz said.

What's on your plate?

This holiday season, thousands in Maine will be without.

Make a difference. Manna Food Bank needs us. Bring your nonperishable food items to *The Maine Campus* office located downstairs in Memorial Union, from now until Friday, Dec. 10th.

Bring in at least 10 items to receive **10% off** one ad. The person or group that donates the most will receive one **FREE FULL-PAGE AD** in *The Maine Campus*, a \$300 value. Contact Aaron Skilling on FirstClass for more information.



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he had not consumed anything. Following field sobriety testing, it was determined he should not have been driving. He was arrested for operating under the influence and transported to Penobscot County Jail where his blood alcohol level was found to be a 0.12.

Drop the pump or I'll shoot

A man was arrested following an alleged domestic dispute in University Park at 8:29 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13. Officers responded to an apartment in the park due to a call regarding a potential domestic dispute. As the officers approached the apartment in question, they could hear a female yelling. The officers knocked on the door and a male, identified as Jason Dunifer, 26, of Bangor, answered. He invited the officers in. The female inside alleged that Dunifer, her

boyfriend, had thrown a shoe at her, hitting her in the thigh. Following an investigation, Dunifer was arrested for domestic assault and transported to Penobscot County Jail.

Two men summonsed for transportation, possession

Two men were issued summonses following a situation outside Gannett Hall at 8:02 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12. An officer on patrol noticed a vehicle parked next to the South wing entrance to Gannett. A man, later identified as Gabriel Moura, 20, of Orono, was seen removing what appeared to be beer from the trunk of the vehicle. He was then seen carrying a 30-pack of beer up the staircase of the dorm. The driver of the parked vehicle, identified as Brian White, 18, of Orono, was approached and asked what he was doing. As a result, White received a summons for illegal transportation of liquor by a minor and Moura received a summons for possession of liquor by a minor.

Man arrested for operation after suspension

A man was arrested following a traffic stop on Rangely Road at 7:24 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13. An officer parked on the side of the road observed a vehicle moving at a high speed. Radar confirmed the man was traveling 38 mph in a 25 mph zone. The officer signaled for the vehicle to pull over. A background check of the driver, identified as Shawn Beal, 25, of Old Town, showed his license was under suspension. As a result, he was arrested for operating after suspension and taken to Penobscot County Jail.

Pit stop in Stewart for a smoke results in two summonses

A man was issued two summonses following a situation in the Stewart parking lot at 2:29 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11. An officer on patrol of the area noticed a car illegally parked with the lights on. It appeared to be empty. Upon closer inspection, a person was seen in

the driver's seat. The driver, identified as Joseph Corey, 18, of Winslow was advised that he was parked illegally and asked what he was doing. He stated he was looking for a music CD. The officer detected a strong odor of marijuana. Corey was asked to step out of the vehicle and empty his pockets. When he did, he produced a baggie of marijuana and a glass pipe with marijuana residue inside. As a result, Corey received a summons for possession of marijuana and a summons for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Woman charged for violation of zero-tolerance law

A woman was charged under Maine's zero-tolerance law following a traffic stop on Munson Road at 5 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 14. The vehicle was stopped due to a plate light being out. The driver, identified as Erin Graviett, 20, of Bowdoinham was asked if she had been drinking. Due to her age, she was taken into the station for a breathalyzer test, which

showed her blood alcohol level as .05. She was referred to the Department of Motor Vehicles for violation of the zero-tolerance law.

Gathering in York too loud to escape police inspection

A man was issued a summons following a situation on the fourth floor of York Hall at 4:12 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 12. Officers walking through the dorm heard loud voices and other noises coming from a room. The officers knocked on the door and asked the inhabitants of the room to quiet down. They continued to knock, but no one answered. After several minutes, a man answered the door and asked what the problem was. The resident, identified as Daniel Buck, 19, of Orono was told that they were being too loud. The officers performed a consent search of the room and found a clear plastic bag that contained marijuana and two bongs. Buck was issued a summons for possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Overall, just take a proactive approach to your health. Today is the first day of the rest of your smoke-free life.

What a rush; it's been an incredible run

If you happened to catch a University of Maine football game in the past four years, hold onto that ticket. In fact, hold that little stub close to your most precious belongings. Place it right next to your treasured lucky rabbit's foot and your magic eightball. Because my fellow peers, you saw one of the UMaine's best.

After four years of lighting up the football field, senior running back Marcus Williams will be closing the books on a stellar college football career on Saturday against the University of New Hampshire — his last collegiate game. Williams, who broke the school's rushing record on Saturday with his standard 100-plus-yard performance has carried the Black Bears of the past four years during the winningest period in program history.

What makes this better is that Williams is one heck of a classy gentleman. Carrying himself in a demeanor that all athletes could learn a lesson from; Williams is the type of athlete you want representing your campus. Not to mention the fact that he is the best running back in our program's history and easily one of the best athletes the squad has ever seen.

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NOVEMBER 18, 2004



Pat Harpin

And themed living for all

Residence Life's proposal conflicts with previous goals

It's almost the end of the semester. Soon it will be spring, and the university will be eagerly sending acceptance letters to students for the upcoming fall. And for those students who choose to live on campus, they'll now be living in residence halls with specific themes — all of them.

Let me just lay something on the table right at the beginning: I like people to pick an idea and stick with it. When I was an incoming freshman, I remember being barraged with information on diversity and equality. It was said I should treat the stranger at the end of my hall with the same amount of respect I treated my best friend. And without hesitation, I did. We were all told that coming from our supposed homogenous high schools, filled with carbon copies of ourselves, we would be experiencing new things

ERNEST SCHEYDER

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

and new ideas here on campus and learning about ourselves a little more in the process.

When I heard that Residence Life and Programs is planning on giving a specific theme to each residence hall next year, I scratched my head. What happened to diversity being the key to academic and social success? I, for one, enjoyed rooming with a kid from Down East my first year and a hip scientist from Portland my second. I got to experience and learn things I never learned before. I know if I lived

with my high school buddy, we'd have killed each other. I also know that it was partly because I lived with people so different from myself that I have succeeded thus far in my academic career.

So my quandary is this: Why is Residence Life apparently changing its position now? I know about the data that says students stay enrolled if they're comfortable with where they live. OK. But does this implicitly mean students in a diverse living environment are uncomfortable?

Furthermore, is Residence Life making the decision to go to themed living to appease some university mandate and not to scare off students and their money? I couldn't tell you.

But what I can tell you is that I came into my first year of college very set in my ways. And partly because I was forced out of my

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Letters to the Editor

• Hartwell misrepresents facts

I went to the Guerrilla Girls presentation on Friday night, not because I'm a feminist or a "castrating storm trooper hell-bent on aborting every fetus in sight," as Mike Hartwell refers to them in his column "Feminist Monkey Business," which appeared in the Nov. 8 edition of *The Maine*

Campus. I went because it was an extra-credit assignment for my art and human experience class. Obviously, unlike Hartwell, I took notes during the presentation, as I had to write a paper for it. Here are some facts from the actual presentation that appeared incorrectly in Hartwell's article:

Fact No. 1: In the 1980s, when

taking a count of nude figures in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, 5 percent of the nudes depicted were male, and 85 percent of the nudes were female. They stated this fact plainly on their poster, and as you can see, actually having the facts correct, it is not "comparing apples and oranges." It made a

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Cinephiles exposed

Stereotyping moviegoers

DUSTY LAVOIE

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

As most of us head to the local theater in the next few weeks — after studying for finals, of course — we are likely to encounter hordes of moviegoing freaks just like ourselves. Yet not many of us, most likely, have ever really considered the gamut of cinephiles out there.

In my experience as a former theater assistant manager, there are very specific types of theater patrons. And since some readers will assuredly scream the word "stereotype" upon reading these descriptions, let us not forget that after a few thousand customers anyone who works in the service industry inevitably begins to classify the never-ending throngs of demanding zombies.

The first type of moviegoers — and we all know them when we see them — is the dating couple. Hyperventilating in the ticket line as a result of severe hormonal overload, the dating moviegoers stumble their way through the concession line like a pair of rabid dogs in heat. With popcorn butter dripping wildly down their chins, they proceed to the theater in pursuit of a dark corner, a raised armrest and plenty of napkins. Their movie likely stars Freddie Prinze Jr. and Julia Stiles, with lots of Hillary Duff songs thrown in for good measure. Needless to say, the dating couple won't be doing much movie-watching in the next two hours.

Next, we have the high school clique. Yes, you were probably in one. These rugrats have just as much going on down under, but their parents have effectively threatened them into utter submission. As a result, the jitters of adolescent lust manifest in a stampede of roughhousers making their way to the ticket booth. After fumbling over Ziploc bag-

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RES LIFE

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comfort zone, I am the person I am today. But what about the Class of 2009? What will become of them if themed housing becomes the rule rather than the exception?

Just look at themed living so far. Take my native Kennebec Hall, for example. Several floors just became outdoor-adventure themed, meaning, in theory, the residents have a passion for everything from belaying to kayaking. And yet, word on the street is that the transformation to themed living has not only united lovers of Mt. Katadhin but also

given solidarity to those passionate about another type of recreation — and I'm not talking soccer. So the quandary remains.

Now, to be honest, I've always wanted to be a resident assistant, but I have yet to apply. I've got some good ideas, and I think they would be better implemented with a plethora of diverse individuals, not clones. So for now I just sit back and hope that whatever Residence Life decides to do with our residence halls, it will be done with good intentions and plenty of planning. After all, hindsight is 20-20.

Ernest Scheyder is a junior English major who's glad he was not pigeonholed when he was a freshman.

MOVIES

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gies of coins to finally pay the \$8.00 ticket price, the leader of the teenage clique arrogantly jumps over the velvet ropes in order to sneak into an R-rated movie, only to succeed in knocking over the entire chain of ropes and poles in a clanging climax of delinquency. Fully embarrassed, these fine young men and women at last make their way to the latest Wayans brothers movie.

Now we have the buddies and the girlfriends. As a general rule, buddies — the male group of friends, because boyfriends is far too homoerotic for them — buy a lot of snacks, hit on female workers and customers, and frequent the bathroom often — usually for no more than 15 seconds each time. The girlfriends, by comparison, buy no snacks — that's what a purse is for — laugh endlessly about themselves and the cute guy they're all whispering about, and make frequent trips to the bathroom, with each haul lasting a minimum of six minutes. The girlfriends prefer something with Sandra Bullock, a depressing love story, or an extravagant period piece, all of which are "totally better" if Jude Law is the male lead.

The family, the most diverse group of moviegoers, may con-

tain only two people, a parent and a child, for example. More often though, there are two parents, three or four children, at least two of the children's friends, a parent's sister and someone's ex. The children vary in age from newborn — always the favorite once the movie starts — to school-age to teenage to should-have-moved-out-five-years-ago. The parents, of course, are frantic. Common catastrophes include: "Where's Jimmy?"; "Did you get the tickets yet?"; "Can you believe the price of seven jumbo bags of popcorn?"; "You can only get one refill?"; "That's enough salt."; and, "Which way is the movie? We're gonna be late." Harried, they make their way confused and stressed to the latest bust-your-gut Robin Williams comedy.

The lone ranger is a sigh of relief. He or she demands little from the theater workers, and annoys the fewest customers out of all the film-loving types. With the latest John Grisham novel in hand, the lone ranger whisks breezily through the lobby grabbing an espresso and some Raisinettes on the way — comfortably settling down for the latest Korean epic with subtitles. And when the movie is over, the lone ranger disposes of all wrappers in the trash receptacles.

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the way G.I. Joe is portrayed — and let's be honest, think about how many kids play with G.I. Joe nowadays — then form your own group composed of males, to speak out about it. The Guerrilla Girls are a feminist group; ergo their first priority is not to men in the audience. Also, they did not spend most of their time off-topic, as Hartwell claims. They represent many different facets of women's rights and rights of minorities. Their mission is to bring minorities equality in a variety of different fields. Talking about their endeavors to bring awareness in literature, film and other fields are not off-topic as is suggested; it is complete.

I'm glad that Hartwell did take the time to say he didn't think their thesis was wrong and that it is hard for a female artist to get recognition. But some of us are put off by Hartwell's terrible use of statistics. And as much as we appreciate his feeble attempt at political correctness, next time he wants to attend a meeting about something he knows nothing about, take notes. We'd all appreciate it.

*Anna Gilpatric
Freshman English major*

Sexual equality comes with a price

Student's suggestive self-help sign considered harassment

Remember the good old days when, if a guy said something rude, you'd slap him across the face and that would be then end of it? Well, times have changed. Sexual harassment lawsuits have become the modern equivalent of a slap on the face, and they're getting extremely out of hand.

Last week, a University of New Hampshire student was accused of violating the school's harassment policy when he posted a flier outside of his dorm's elevator. The flier, written by sophomore Timothy Garneau, advised female students to take the stairs instead of the elevator to avoid gaining weight.

The sign read: "9-out-of-10 freshman girls gain 10-15 pounds. But there is something you can do about it. If you live below the sixth floor take the stairs. Not only will you feel better about yourself, but you will also be saving us time and won't be sore on the eyes."

Garneau said the flier was a response to the frustration he and fellow students felt with residents who took the elevator up or down a single floor — a nuisance to those who had farther to go. The language was intended as a joke, but the administration found it serious enough to dispense some harsh

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consequences. Garneau was evicted from the dorm, put on probation until May 2006 and will be forced to participate in a sexual harassment program and write a 3,000-word paper on it.

Whatever happened to freedom of speech? This student was simply voicing his opinion on an issue that had bothered a number of people for some time. Okay, was the flier rude? Perhaps. Was it funny? Definitely. Was it sexual harassment? No. In fact, if you take out the part about being sore on the eyes, it's actually good advice.

Had Garneau posted the flier on a specific girl's door, the administration's decision would make more sense. In a situation where only one girl is targeted, I could see how she might feel harassed, but even then, I think the best solution is a slap on the face: the guy would be embarrassed, and they could both go on with their lives. However, Garneau did not target a particular girl. He put the flier by an

elevator where it was meant to address everyone.

Furthermore, the language was not overly derogatory toward women compared to what may have been written. Had he said something along the lines of, "You fat whores should take the stairs because no one wants to sleep with an overweight chick," it would be a different story. Something truly offensive like that would at least provide some grounds for a sexual harassment case, because sex and gender both come into play. Even then it would be a long shot.

The thing is, ladies, this is the price we pay for equality. If we want to be accepted as equal to men, we can't expect special treatment. If a female had written that flier addressing male students, the most she probably would have gotten was a slap on the wrist. That is simply not fair. I believe that women are indeed equal, which means we can hold our own without unnecessary sexual harassment lawsuits.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education believes the school has violated Garneau's right to free speech, and they're taking action. Let's hope that justice prevails.

Rachel Krautkramer is a senior journalism major.

Commuters left out in cold, literally

MaineCard access and parking trouble off-campus students

Parking is the greatest thing at the University of Maine. Buildings that open with a magnetic MaineCard are wonderful too. Has anyone noticed how pissed off commuters get when they can't find a parking space or open a door? With over half of UMaine students being commuters, you would think the administration would treat us a bit better.

Parking has always been an issue for students and faculty alike. While the university continues to expand, parking has not. I've noticed a little more parking was created over the summer; a few spaces here and there — but nothing to celebrate. Although the woods are nice, it would be a good idea to look into harvesting the wood and paving the area for parking. The woods around the Hilltop area are pretty, but they look more attractive to commuters as a parking lot. Let's face it, UMaine is growing in population, and the carpool is getting a bit tight.

Commuters also cannot get into any dorm. This is a problem when you go to visit a significant other or to study with a group of people. If you don't have a cell phone, you must stand outside and use the extra

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loud intercom informing everyone that you have arrived. You might as well get a megaphone and scream at the top of your lungs. If that isn't embarrassing enough, standing outside and waiting until the person gets to the door is a killer. If my friend lives on the third floor and takes the elevator, I will freeze by the time he gets there. Waiting outside looks sketchy and really does not attract guys either. There is the occasion where knocking on the door works, but it would just be easier to be given opportunity to use my own card and open the door.

Commuters only have MaineCards to look pretty and be part of the crowd. We use our cards for bragging about how hung over we were when our picture was taken and to dangle on our keychain. Although some people carry funds on their MaineCards, it is easier to use cash at the Memorial Union and University Bookstore. Latti Fitness Center uses our cards for about three seconds when they are swiped.

For basketball, football and hockey games, our cards are once again abused for three seconds and then not thought of again for another week. I used mine at a hockey game one Saturday night and didn't realize I had lost it until the next Thursday. If our cards were used a little more, I could probably keep track of mine easier and not bitch as much.

I have seen people who live on campus with worn, faded, peeling, cracked, scratched and disfigured MaineCards. It isn't fair that my card will never look like that, and I am furious that UMaine won't give commuters the same opportunities and privileges.

All of my friends live on campus and instead of a five-minute quick visit, it is about half an hour to find a parking space — not to mention a good, embarrassing freeze outside while I wait for friends to answer the door. UMaine should really think about the commuter situation, because last I checked, we are customers just like the on-campus residents. It's time we were treated accordingly. Plus, it's getting damn cold outside.

Jennifer L. Nelson is a sophomore chemistry major.

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good point about how society views the female compared to the male.

Fact No. 2: The Guerrilla Girls compared the number of women who had ever received an Oscar for best director, to the number of men who had received the same award. This not only made a point about male director's work being held in higher regard but also that there were not as many women who were able to reach the rank of director. The idea was not to compare awards for all gender-neutral roles.

Fact No. 3: In a skit, a male volunteer played the part of a female, while one of the Guerrilla Girls played the part of a male. The young man did get a lot of laughs, as did the Guerrilla Girl playing opposite him. Since Hartwell obviously didn't know, I'll remind everyone that role reversal is often used in skits to illustrate the biases that otherwise wouldn't be noticed.

Now that you have all the facts straight, just let me add that if Hartwell has such a problem with

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Karoke
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Saturday, Nov. 20
Memorial Union
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The Frequency: John Burlock
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Thursday, Nov. 18
Memorial Union
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Through Friday, Nov. 19
Carnegie Hall
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"John Walker:
A Winter In Maine"
Through Saturday, Jan. 8
Norumbega Hall
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Through Monday, Dec. 20
Hudson Museum
Free

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"Collateral"
7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
W and Friday, Nov. 19
Bangor Room, Union
Free

ENTERTAINMENT

Mardi Gras Party
9 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 19
Ushuaia
\$4 for 21+, \$8 for 18-20

Shipyards Night
9 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 19
Riverfront Pub

Casino Night Party
9:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 20
Bear Brew Pub
\$5

Super Smash Brothers:
Melee Tournament
6 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 19
Balentine Hall basement
Free

THEATER

Better-n-Indians
7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 17
through Saturday, Nov. 20
Edgar Allen Cyrus
Pavilion Theatre

"Hanzel and Gretel":
Hat City Music Theater
8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 20
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CALLING ALL SPIELBERGS

Amateur filmmakers' flicks were on display Tuesday night as part of the fourth annual Student Film Festival



CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

LIKE A HURRICANE — Paul Ezzy, here in his own music video "Winds of Change," was one of numerous contributors to Tuesday's Student Film Festival. Ezzy started the film festival in 2001.

By Rachel Krautkramer
Staff Writer

Whether you've longed to direct a poignant documentary or simply filmed yourself rocking out to '80s music — and you know you have — the

Student Film Festival in 100 Donald P. Corbett Business Building was the place to be Tuesday night. There, eight budding filmmakers from the university showcased their work for an eager audience and were met with appreciative laughter as well as awkward silence.

The 15 films ranged from comical to musical, artistic to feature length. Each genre had its diamonds as well as its rocks, but one thing was certain: The creativity displayed in every category was overwhelming. The university is home to some talented filmmakers.

The festival kicked off with a rendition of "Winds of Change," an '80s ballad that inspired director Paul Ezzy and his friends to dress in leather pants and give the Scorpions a run for their money. Not only was the film a comedic success, its special effects made it seem like a real music video from the era of hair bands. Ezzy, who is also the festival's founder, showcased four other films over the course of the night, the most notable being a feature-length comedy entitled "Batman-Again." This 45-minute film was the longest in the festival, but managed to stay entertaining throughout its run. In it, Elton John comes

to perform at the Maine Center for the Arts but is kidnapped by the Joker and the Riddler. Only Batman, played by Ezzy, and his sidekick Dominic can save him. Ezzy can clearly act as well as direct and will surely find success in the film world.

Other favorites from the comedy genre included "The GummiFather," directed by Adam Bailey, and "Squirrel Fishing," directed by Katherine Moreau and Timothy Emery. The "GummiFather's" storybook setting was offset by modern music played at perfect times in the plot. For example, Marvin Gaye's "Sexual Healing" played during a love scene between two Gummi Bears. Baily took what could have been sophomoric humor and turned it into a genuinely funny and well-made film. In "Squirrel Fishing," the clear stars were the squirrels that tried to grab nuts off a homemade fishing pole. The directors deserve praise for their excellent footage.

In the artistic genre, Andrea Pullen's film "Elusive Notions" stood out as a visual masterpiece. Pullen has a superb understanding of lighting and was able to play light and dark against one another to create haunting images of loss. Other directors of artistic films deserve recognition, including Gibrian Foltz the tension in the film "With Haste," and Ryan Leighton for the unsettling imagery in his untitled music video, in which a young man ultimately slits his wrists.

Not every film was a work of art. Some had technical difficulties or poor sound quality, but none of this hindered the festival overall. It was a worthy way to spend an evening, and because it's held every semester, the creativity doesn't have to end.

FILM REVIEW

The truth about away messages



By Matt Conyers

Growing up, I have learned to deal with certain deficiencies in my character and physical appearance. Yes, I am short. I deal with it. Yes, I am often not politically correct. Once again, I deal with it.

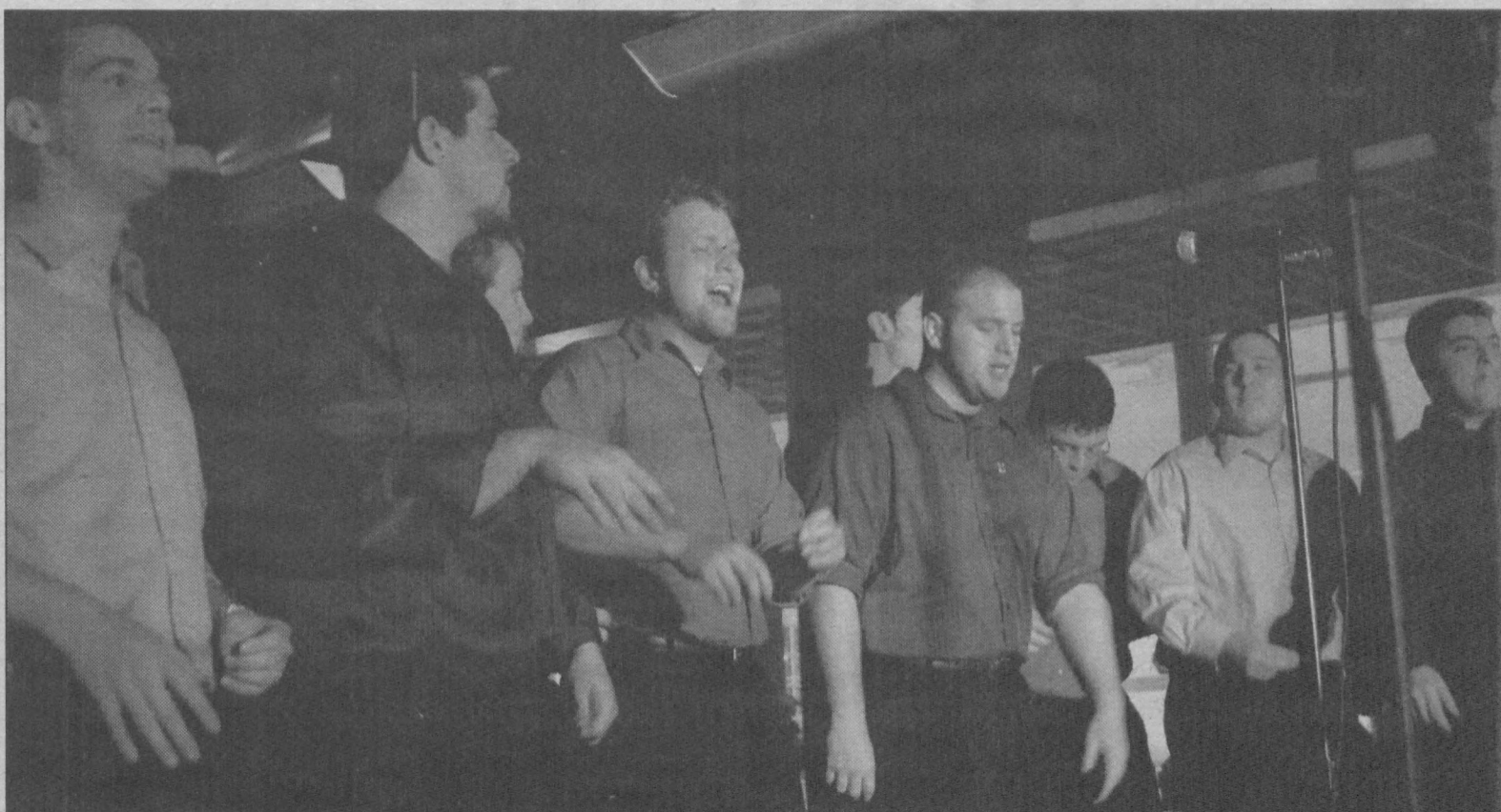
However, the toughest of these deficiencies is my habitual problem of checking away messages. It was a trait, I am afraid I picked up way too early in my life and a trait I am even more afraid to say can't go away soon enough.

However, after learning I was forever doomed to click that little "get info" button, I realized I had been granted a gift. Let's say I understood the art of away messaging. I became fully aware of what was right and wrong in the land of direct connects and file transfers. So from that first day I saw that phrase "brb" in some little away message, I promised I would try and stop bad away messaging till the day I got a girlfriend. Suffice to say I am still waiting for the ladies to come through, so here is my own personal rant on the do's and don'ts of away messages.

The first step in avoiding eternal nerdmanhood when it comes to away messages is to rid yourself of any away messages that profess your love for The Cranberries or the latest Maroon 5 ditty. No matter what song or band you're currently jiving too, it has no business in your away message. I don't care if you just got dumped by your boyfriend and you want to express your emotions through the latest Kelly Clarkson song — it's wrong. It's probably actually why your boyfriend dumped you. He got tired of you living your life through some cheesy string of lyrics. Come on, there is no need to look at someones away message and see the brilliant words of Justin Timberlake echoing back at you. Yes, we know you want your little boy toy to cry you a river but, my friend the damage is done. Is your boyfriend really going to be so distraught that he is going to look at your away message and understand your pain through some terrible pop song. No he is not. If he does, he is going to proceed to get over you by meeting your best friend and having a good night.

Besides living your life through your away message, the next cardinal sin of away messaging is the appearance of the inside joke or a nod to your close pal. How many times have you seen some sorry fool place something like this little bit of fodder on their online answering machine: GladeRunner03 says "yo dog that was a great night, York bros for life." Give me a break. Who is GladeRunner03 and why do I care if he wants to be your sibling.

We, as an AOL community, don't know who your chicos or chicas are and neither do we care. Inside jokes or friendship notes have as much business in your away message as a football player. See AOL on Page 11



CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

GROUP EVENT — Everyone's comes running when The Steiners perform on campus. The all-male a capella group performed in October at UMaine Rocks the Vote and packed houses last weekend in DPC.

Two sweet serendes by the Steiners

By Erin McNamara
Staff Writer

The UMaine Steiners, the university's premier men's acapella group and reigning divisional International Championship of Collegiate Acapella champions, put on two fantastic shows Thursday, Nov. 11 and Friday, Nov. 12.

They opened their Veteran's Day performance with a moving rendition of the national anthem, and were then replaced on the stage by the Black Bear Vocals, the mixed acapella group on campus. The Black Bear Vocals gave a fantastic performance, led by musical director Michael Dwyer and vocal percussionist and lead vocalist Kevin Child, the two founding members of the group. They performed several contemporary selections, such as an arrangement of the Eurythmics' "Sweet Dreams,"

led by Michelle Wheeler, and a beautiful version of Fuel's "Bad Day," sung as a duet between a male and a female.

Child led the audience back into the Steiner's half of the show entertaining them by changing his outfit right on stage — he was fully clothed the entire time, however. Then they proceeded to launch into a hysterical Al Yankovich-style love song, "Since You've Been Gone," with a solo by Ryan Newell. They moved into a more emotional selection of real love songs, including selections by Maroon 5 and Fuel, as well as a couple humorous skits about "Real UMaine Heros," narrated by the group's musical director, Jason Paquette.

After a well-choreographed "random Steiner's moment" and a brief intermission, the audience was brought back into the show by the hysterical duo,

"Stuart and Stuette." Played by University of Maine Singers Sean Bradburn and Michelle Wheeler, "Stuart and Stuette" treated the audience to their amusing grade school antics and pre-pubescent voices while the Steiners finished prepping for their return.

After another number, the Steiners introduced each other to the audience, throwing in some endearing nicknames — like Paquette's "Cookie", and a few "short man" jokes about Lee Pidacks and Lee Hunter, who are practically the only group members under six feet. They then continued with their show, performing a series of popular songs from the radio stations of today and the 1950s, as well as an impressive highlight of the group's three vocal percussionists, Ryan Gould, also a lead vocalist, Pidacks, bass and lead soloist, and Child.

In addition to bringing home first place from the regional competition two weekends ago, the group was also lucky enough to bring home the Best Vocal Percussionist at the competition — Kevin Child. The ten to fifteen minute showcase of vocal percussion skills demonstrated exactly how he earned that title, and how well deserved it was.

It also showed what a wide variety of talent all three of those young men have — one is a bass, one a baritone and one a tenor, and not only can they all sing well and have fantastic vocal percussion, they all have very distinctly different styles. The show ended with Pidacks singing "Fields of Gold," the song with which he won Best Soloist at the ICCA competitions last fall, and then an encore of Gould showing up Huey Louis on his own song, See STEINERS on Page 10

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The good, the bad and the tasty: Union food

By Erin McNamara
Staff Writer

Everyone knows where the Union is. Everyone knows you can eat there. And everyone knows the food is generally better than the food at the commons. But, many people aren't aware of all the great things you can get at the Union, and how to avoid paying an arm and a leg for the food — a common complaint.

FOOD REVIEW

Spare Your Change

- Skip the bottle and choose fountain soda
- Only take how much you want at the salad bar and get more for your money
- Try a veggie burger or a meatless wrap — meat isn't cheap!

In terms of saving money, here are a few tips for doing so in the Union:

- Go with a fountain soda, they're cheaper, and usually come with your combo meals.
- Select from the salad bar. How much you pay is entirely based on how much your food weighs, and not only are green leafy vegetables good for you, they're also good for your wallet.
- Meat equals money. Meat wraps and sandwiches are more

expensive than plain veggie, and veggie burgers are cheaper than a bacon double cheeseburger. Did I mention the veggie burgers are great?

• The more generic the item, the less it costs. Good example: bottled water is over a dollar. Water in a cup from the soda fountain, no matter how big the cup, is free.

Enjoy these reviews of the vendors at the Union. I didn't mention a couple places, like Chow Maine, the Union Bakehouse, Salamaria, the selection of bagels and pre-packed food or the Starbucks upstairs in Union Central. Those are all great options, as well, but I particularly wanted to highlight the places I did talk about, for their respective reasons. The Union is a great place to eat, no matter what you're craving. Next time you get the munchies for something other than commons food, remember that it's only a ten-minute or less walk from any point on campus.



Maine Street Diner

There is always the option of a home-cooked meal, right here on campus. Many people don't realize it, but the Maine Street Diner, tucked way up in the far corner of the Marketplace, has some of the best home-style food around, even better than some of the local restaurants. Most patrons go there solely for the chicken fingers, but don't seem to realize the wealth of other options they have available to them. The meal combo is less than \$5, and it comes with an entree, two sides and a fountain drink. That's a lot of food for a mere \$5. And, the "lunch ladies" dishing out your servings are always generous. If you're ever craving good homemade macaroni and cheese, or stuffing like you get at Thanksgiving, it's a wonderful place to eat.



M.C. Fernald

A slightly healthier option is M.C. Fernald, otherwise known as "that place with the wraps." You can choose from a large selection of preconceived wraps, such as the Land Grant or the Planetarium, or you can have them make you a sandwich or wrap according to your own tastes. They even offer good old-fashioned PB&J. With a variety of wraps and breads, including low-carb options for the Atkins fans out there, there is something healthy and yummy for everyone.

STEINERS

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"Hip to be Square."

Friday night's show, even though they performed the same songs, was entirely different from Thursday's performance. The Steiners opened the show with the national anthem, again, and this time they were followed by the ladies of Renaissance, UMaine's premier female acapella group. Renaissance performed a variety of well-arranged hits, both from recent times and the past, including modern songs like Evanescence's "Hello," arranged and led by Marianne Iulucci, and the classic rock hit "Sweet Child O' Mine," which featured each member of the group in turn. They were backed by the vocal percussive skills of Beth Peters, Rebecca Guildford and Kristen Child.

When they left the stage and returned to the audience, the girls had changed out of their performance attire and into homemade "Steiner's Groupie" shirts, each one individually supporting one of the Steiners, which demonstrated the level of friendship felt between the two groups. Even though they're two entirely separate and equal entities, which could lead to competition, each group has nothing but support for the other.

At the intermission, the Steiners and Renaissance wandered out amongst the crowd to socialize with family and friends, as well as many enthusiastic fans. "Two thumbs up, I'm amazed," enthusiastic fan Allie Reitchel stated, when asked how she liked the show so far. The Steiners themselves were equally excited. Dennis Boyd, bass and sometime lead singer, stated that "I never have more fun than when I'm on that stage with my 10 best friends." The Steiners all also requested that the boys of Sigma Phi Epsilon be extended special thanks for running the doors and selling CDs on both nights.

The group's camaraderie was evident when, halfway

through the second set, the boys announced that it was Steve Marchessault's birthday, and then proceeded to sing the birthday song to him, presenting him with a sequined thong that had been thrown on the stage a few minutes earlier by "Stuart." It was supposedly from a young lady in the audience, but the price tags that were still attached made that story a bit unlikely. Steve then proceeded to personally thank the audience and all the Steiners, stating that the group has truly "changed his life." They finished up the show with the set they performed at the ICCA competition this fall, in the same order and blended together in the same manner. They fully demonstrated just how they won the competition, and why they deserved it.

The two shows were a fantastic showcase of the talents of the three very different and very good acapella groups here on campus. Keep an eye out for more from all three of groups. Often, the Steiners and Renaissance will perform with the University Singers in concert, since they are both auditioned divisions of the University Singers, so attending a Singers concert is actually a great way to see three entirely different, and entirely fantastic, vocal groups.

Steiners will also be appearing at various venues around campus, at as yet undetermined dates, so if you missed last weekend's shows, make sure you catch them sometime in the future — they're definitely worth seeing.

THE MAINE CAMPUS POLICE BEAT



Taco Bell

If carb-counting and watching your diet isn't really your thing, you can head over to the Taco Bell, right across from the Grill. There, you can find all the deliciously deadly Mexican-style offerings available at any typical Taco Bell out in the real world. The quesadillas are magnificent, conveniently packed in a little paper and plastic wrapper, just like everything else from the latino king of fast food. And if you've never tried it, I recommend you sample the Chicken Baja Gordita. It's certainly not diet food, but good nonetheless. There are also the combo meal options, and all of them come with a drink from the soda fountain. Or, you could go the more expensive route and pick yet another Coke product from the cases lining the wall.



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Pike to throw Mardi Gras party at Ushuaia

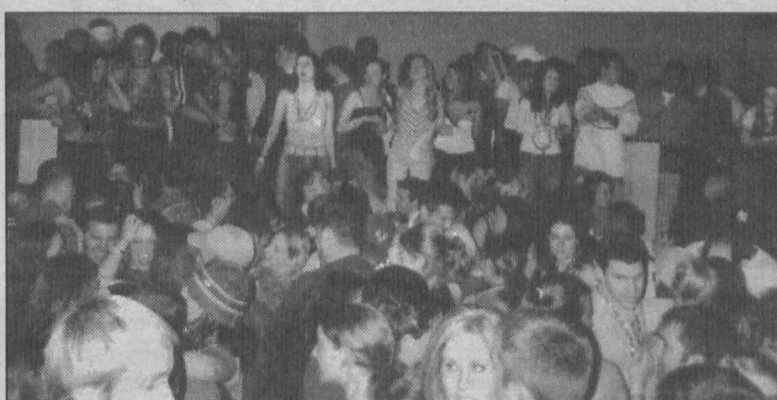
By Matt Kearney
Style Editor

If you cannot wait until February to put some beads around your neck and proposition people of the opposite sex to show you some skin — all in celebration of Mardi Gras — then Phi Kappa might have just what you are looking for this weekend. The UMaine fraternity is hosting its annual Mardi Gras party this Friday night at Ushuaia.

Pike hopes that the event will help draw a large crowd, because it offers something a little different than what is usually seen on Friday nights in the area.

"We want to draw out the regulars and the not so regulars, and do something to break the sometimes monotonous night life here at UMaine," said Corey Spurling, external vice-president of Pike.

While, there may be no particular reason for the Mardi Gras theme, Pike has stuck with it for



COURTESY PHOTO BY CORY SPURLING

DANCE HALL DAYS — Last year Pike saw a tremendous turnout for their Mardi Gras Party. Beads and masks will be provided, although students are encouraged to also bring their own.

three years because it seems to be thoroughly enjoyed and brings out a large crowd, said Spurling.

Perhaps UMaine's geological distance from New Orleans, Mardi Gras capital of the country, plays a factor as to why it is so popular, but for whatever reason, Mardi Gras just seems to be

well liked on campus, according to Spurling.

"This tends to draw a lot more people out than any normal Friday, and on top of that its not often Mardi Gras comes to UMaine," said Spurling.

Spurling said the fraternity has even tried other themes in the past, but came back to Mardi

Gras because of its immense popularity.

In terms of the theme for the night, Spurling said that while the fraternity will not be decorating Ushuaia they will be doing everything they can to help dress people in the theme.

"We just decorate everyone in Ushuaia with beads, masks and whatever other stuff we can hunt down that is Mardi Gras-ish," he said.

People can bring their own beads with them or get them at Ushuaia, said Spurling, although there will be \$50 prizes for the two people wearing the most beads.

Since the theme is Mardi Gras we'll be giving out beads, masks, and cash prizes randomly throughout the night. We will also have a few surprises in store for everyone who turns out.

The cost of entry is \$4 for those 21 and older and \$8 for those 18 to 20. Pike's profits will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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has in York Commons. Your away message is supposed to tell us where you are or what you're doing — not who you are getting metrosexual with later that night. If I want to read heartwarming tributes I will pick up the latest Reader's Digest, not look at NextPlease30's away message to see if Harry enjoyed Kyle's bar mitzvah.

Now on to my biggest problem with away messages, the single word message. How about "Sleeping." Yes, you're sleeping — congratulations, we cannot talk to you for a good 10 hours. Way to get our hopes up that you're online. Or how about "Studying." Or even better, "Bathroom." Great, now I know you're in the lab and if you suddenly go idle 15 minutes in, I know you're getting comfortable or having some troubles. There is no need to really know this sort of info. Like if your at the "Mall." Thanks, just wonderful, now I can't talk to a shopping addict. Try this on for size, — talk the AOL I.V. out of your arm and turn off the virus known as AOL Instant Messenger. Even better, call your friends so they don't have to contact you over the Internet.

Once again it's time for me to depart, go back to my parents basement and continue my Seaquest marathon. Until next time, just remember that no away message is a good away message.

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University Singers' first show a musical delight

By Erin McNamara
Staff Writer

Sunday afternoon, the University Singers gave their first full concert of the semester in Minsky Recital Hall. Their repertoire consisted of both classical and contemporary selections, and they put on an impressive show.

After an intensive warm-up in the practice room of the 1944 Hall, the Singers proceeded to line up in the order they would appear on stage — alternating quartets, moments before the concert began. The quartets are groups of four singers, each group consisting of a soprano, an alto, a tenor and a bass. They are arranged by gender — male-female-male-female. By singing in this arrangement, the Singers are able to achieve a more balanced sound and can blend their harmonies more effectively. For certain numbers, they moved

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into sectional arrangements, which make it easier to distinguish each individual part from the other.

First on their program was an acapella piece, "O Magnum Mysterium" arranged by Tomas Victoria. They followed this with an arrangement of Beethoven's "Mass in C, Opus 86" and Benjamin Britten's "Festival Te Deum," which included a solo by soprano Lindsay Rinaldi. Three faculty members — soprano

Karen Pendleton, alto Nancy Leavitt and bass Ludlow Hallman, and tenor graduate student Jason Anderson — performed the solos in the Beethoven piece, and did a beautiful job with them. After a very brief intermission, the audience was treated to a few numbers by the two acapella groups, the Maine Steiners and Renaissance. The house was nearly full, as there were only 4 or 5 empty seats to be counted. The audience consisted mainly of the families and friends of the University Singers.

The Singers, if not a part of the Steiners or Renaissance, spent the intermission backstage, getting about a 20-minute rest. They're a boisterous bunch, and there was plenty of laughter and silly stories to be shushed backstage. After the break, they proceeded back onto the choral risers to serenade the audience in a variety of languages, first French with Gabriel Faure's

"Cantique de Jean Racine," then in German with Schubert's "Hirtenthor." Assistant conductor Aaron Curtis led the group through "Will You Marry Me," a humorous piece in which the men pled with the women to marry them, eventually winning them over with professions of love and the plastic flowers. This led the way into a few lighter selections, including the popular hit "You Raise Me Up" and Irving Berlin's "I Love a Piano," which was led by second assistant conductor Kevin Child. They closed the show with a powerful rendition of Peter Wilhousky's arrangement of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Overall, the concert on Sunday was a great success. The University Singers did a fantastic job and performed very professionally. The audience enjoyed the show, as you could see from their reactions both during and after.

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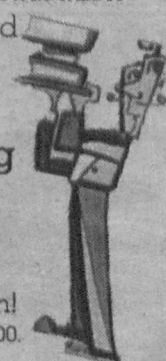
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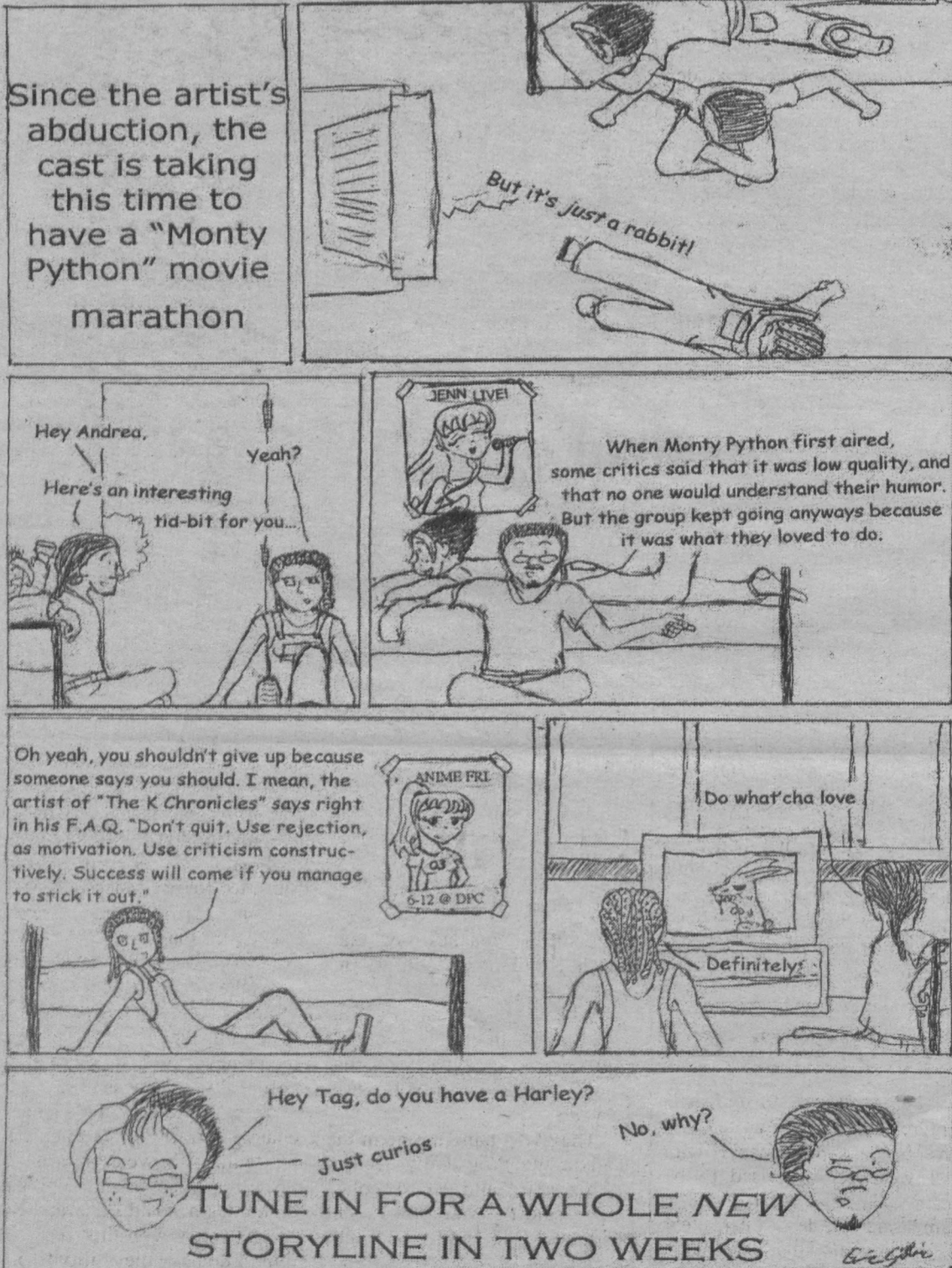
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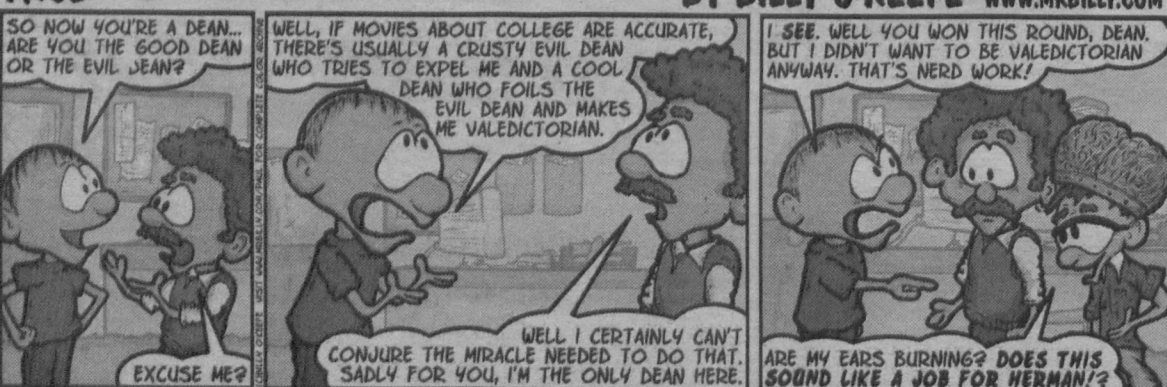
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SEX MATTERS with Dr. Sandy Caron

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Is there a difference between the sex drives in men and women? If yes, what are those differences?

Female, Michigan State University

Physically, we know that men and women are equally capable of sexual arousal. However, when we look at the impact of society on our thoughts and behaviors, we see that men and women are often raised with somewhat different messages and ideas about the meaning of sex and this may lead to different expectations. For example, he may have been raised to think that sex is

about finding physical satisfaction or orgasm, where she may have learned it is a way to find emotional pleasure and love. While society may try to portray women as less interested or uninterested in sex, the reality is that people vary. Some women and some men have very high sex drives, while other men and women do not.

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

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

by Mike Pingree

Hi Mom, What Are You Doing In Here?

A 35-year-old woman was visiting her teenage son who was being held at the county youth center in Omaha, Neb., on a weapons charge. She didn't realize she would be searched before being allowed in, so she didn't bother to leave her cocaine and methamphetamine at home. She is now in custody, too.

Golf Clubs? Why Do We Need Golf Clubs?

There was a golf tournament in Norco, Calif., that featured a number of strippers and prostitutes stationed along the course, advertising their wares. Some 160 golfers signed up, paying \$200 for the privilege.

Some of them showed up without their golf clubs.

Ah, The Classic Political Strategy

A man filed papers to run for a post on the Springdale, Ark., City Council, then failed to campaign because he didn't have time. He spent no money on the race, then dropped

out a month before the election. He won.

OK, You Monkeys, The Party's Over! ... Thwap!

Monkeys always have been allowed to live at the many temples across India, because they are seen as a symbol of Hanuman, the mythical monkey god. But the monkeys lurking in and around the ancient Kamakhya temple in Gauhati have attacked some 300 children in the past month, clawing and even biting some of them.

Officials have moved in with tranquilizer guns.

Under Arrest? Me? You Got Any Evidence?

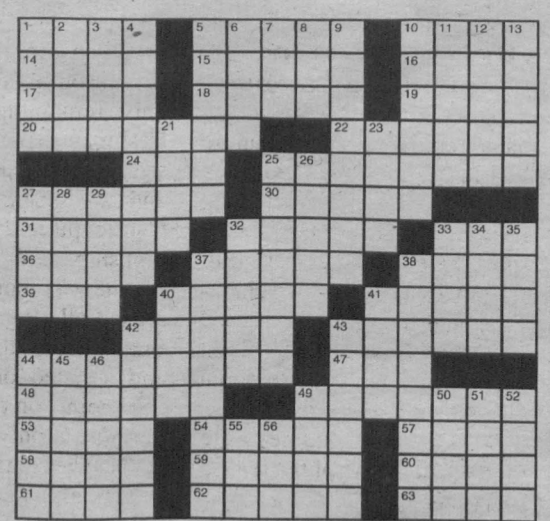
A man attempted to rob a driver who was cleaning his limousine at a Nashville, Tenn., car wash, but backed off and wound up fleeing.

The driver ran after him, and, during the brief chase, he snapped a picture of the guy with his camera phone and then turned it over to the cops.

The guy was arrested 10 minutes later.

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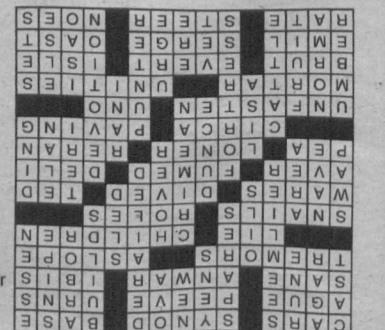
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The odd couple: T.O. and Shaq

By Kyle Fortinsky
For The Maine Campus

Quick. Who's the flashiest, most outspoken athlete in the NFL? OK, now who is the flashiest, most outspoken athlete in the NBA? If you answered Terrell Owens and Shaquille O'Neal, respectively, then come get your prize.

Of course, this isn't anything you haven't heard before, considering each player goes out of his way to make his voice heard on a weekly — and sometimes daily — basis. What you may have failed to notice, however, is the similar paths both Owens and O'Neal have taken entering mid-November in their respective sports. Granted, the NFL is entering the second half of the season while the NBA is just beginning, but the two have paved almost symmetrical paths, spouting off remarks and predictions to the media while backing it up by thrashing their competition. On and off the playing surface there is a frighteningly similar synopsis of both traveling circuses that are Terrell Owens and Shaquille O'Neal.

Speaking of the circus, that is exactly what Owens and O'Neal created after joining new clubs in the off-season — Owens from the San Francisco 49ers to the Philadelphia Eagles and O'Neal from the L.A. Lakers to the Miami Heat. Owens lambasted former teammate Jeff Garcia for not getting him the ball enough and Niners coach Steve Mariucci for being soft and lacking authority. His complaints were granted and it's doubtful if any love is lost between T.O. and the Bay Area. Shaq initiated a similar upheaval in L.A. after demanding to be traded. The big man finally came public with his extreme distaste for former teammate Kobe Bryant

in detail, while simultaneously bashing the Lakers upper management stating he "would rather never play again than suit up for Jerry Buss and the Los Angeles Lakers next year."

Both were shipped out to happier atmospheres and have done nothing but flourish in their new surroundings. Through nine games for the Eagles, Owens is the no. 1 ranked receiver in the NFL, leading his conference in receiving yards with 884 yards and touchdowns with 12. O'Neal, despite nagging injuries that will still take weeks to heal, is putting forth a great effort. Shaq is averaging a double-double — 18.6 points, 11 rebounds in 31 minutes per — and settling in nicely to an offense where he gets considerably fewer touches than Phil Jackson's triangle offense back in L.A.

With that production has come a love affair between Owens, O'Neal and their respective fan bases. Both guys love to cater to the fans while both groups of fans love to eat it up. Season tickets sold at an all-time high for both the Eagles and Heat because both athletes are looked upon as the missing pieces to the championship puzzle. The Eagles have been one win away from the Super Bowl the past two seasons, and with Owens' first-half performance as good as it could be, all eyes are on him to carry the extra weight. In Miami, O'Neal is also looked upon as the reason the Heat may win an NBA title. His size in the Eastern Conference is unmatched by any other center, and with Shaq's previous dominance in the Western Conference while in L.A., the Heat are easily a title contender.

Despite the dominance both stars bring to their sport, Owens and O'Neal each have had a positive impact on their teammates.

Specifically, both players have enhanced the performance of the one superstar each team had before their arrival. Before T.O., Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb was the epicenter of Philly sports and the most watched and scrutinized player. Bringing Owens to town has taken a huge load off McNabb's lap, and given the quarterback a number one target. McNabb's pro bowl numbers are a result of the pro bowl performance laid down by Owens each week. Shaq has been, and will continue to be, the guide and teacher of perennial all-star point guard Dwayne Wade. In only his second season, Wade is regarded as a top-five ball handler in the NBA. The addition of O'Neal will only improve Wade's production and maturation, allowing him to get more open looks at the basket and more chances to drive into the paint. Along with that, both Owens and O'Neal enjoy playing with their new partners, where before, the quarterback-receiver and guard-center relationships both players had were miserable.

The players T.O. and Shaq left behind will continue to be miserable. Kobe Bryant is left with a young, unproven Laker team that will be lucky to win 45 games this season. Garcia was hauled off to the Cleveland Browns, a franchise that is the poster child for mediocrity. Garcia has had a dismal first half of the NFL season, and the Browns are below .500 as a squad.

It's been a wild ride for Terrell Owens and Shaquille O'Neal since both put on new jerseys, but that's how they like it. Center-stage, spotlight on, it's their time to shine. After seeing what both athletes bring to the table, and how similar their scenarios have been, Philly and Miami are just happy the stage is in their city.

Mendall hauls in accolades during final year

By Riley Donovan
For The Maine Campus

As a red-shirted freshman in 2000, Liz Mendall watched from the sidelines, not really knowing where the next four years would take her. Five seasons later, after playing in two conference championship games and being named to the America East First Team and the All Northeast Regional First Team, Liz Mendall leaves the University of Maine field hockey squad as one of the team's best players.

"I can remember being a freshman and watching the players that were out on the field," said Mendall. "I knew that I needed to work hard because that was where I wanted to be."

Although Mendall played in just 11 games in her first two seasons combined, it was her junior and senior years that saw her hard work pay off.

After starting the 2003 season on the bench, with an injury, Mendall provided the defensive intensity that would help get her team back to the America East Championship game. She was also named to the America East Academic Honor Roll and a Maine Scholar Athlete Silver Medalist.

When she returned for her senior season in August, she was the only remaining member of the freshman class in 2000. She had seen the program come full circle and was determined to help her team capture a conference championship.

She was named tri-captain and started all 19 games for the Black Bears. Mendall scored three goals and assisted on three others for nine points on the year. She tallied her team's only goal in a 2-1 loss to Northeastern in the America semifinals. She also scored against Michigan, one of the top teams in the country.

The Black Bears fell in the America East semifinals to Northeastern bringing the careers of six seniors to an end. Although they missed the championship game, losing for the fourth straight season to the eventual champion, they proved to be one of the most successful classes in school history.

"I couldn't have had better teammates and friends than the other seniors on the team," said Mendall. "We all came into this program alone, not knowing anyone else and had to come together and play."

Mendall had the honor of being one of only two Black Bear sen-

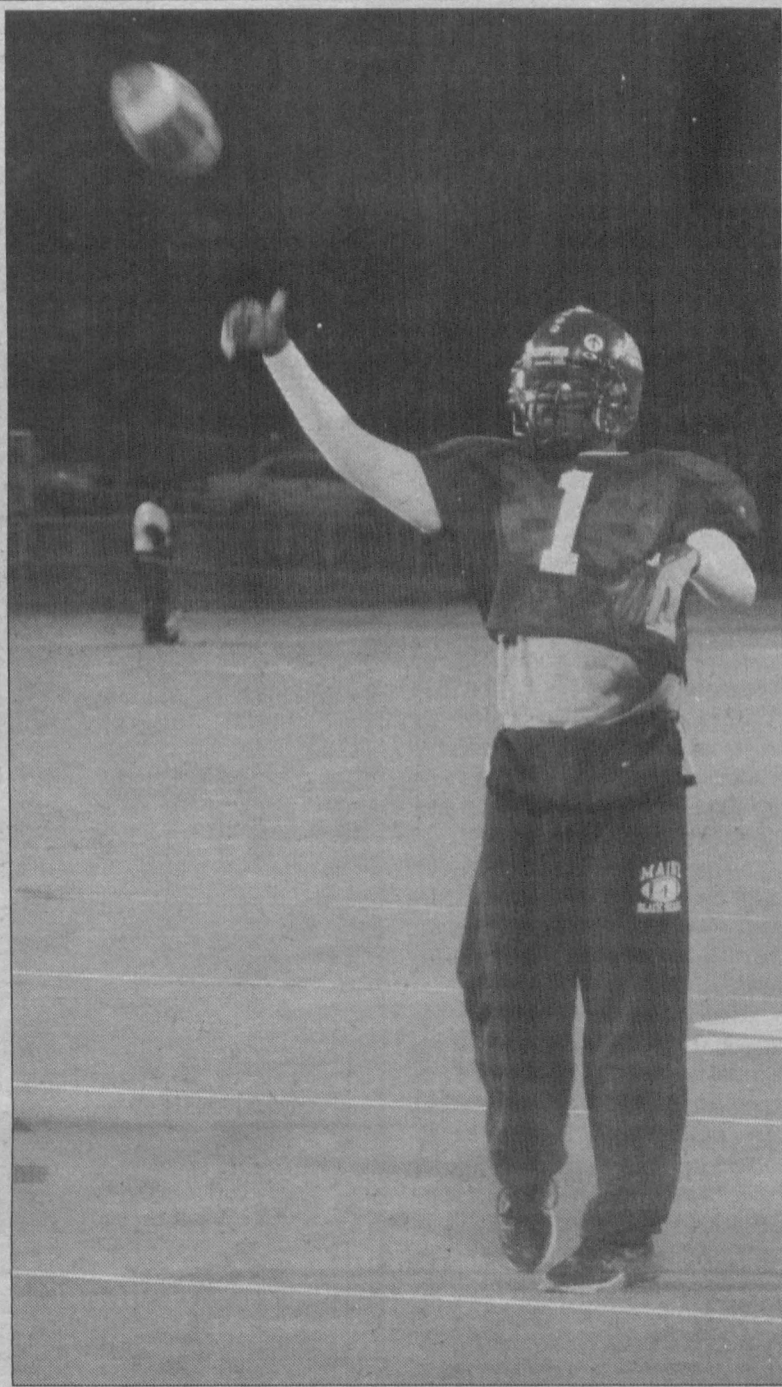
iors being named to the All-Conference First Team. The other player being senior Rachel Hilgar.

"I was very surprised to be named to the All-Conference First Team," said Mendall. "I definitely was not expecting that. It's a great honor and a great way to end my career."

On Tuesday, Mendall was named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division-I All-Northeast First Team, placing her among some of the nation's top players. She was the only Black Bear to be given such an honor.

As an all-conference and all-region player, Mendall helped guide her team through one of its toughest schedules in school history. The Black Bears defeated one of the top team's in the country in Ohio State, and nearly knocked off Michigan falling short in double overtime. Mendall had some of her best games in big games.

"I think we had a great season this year," she said. "We've had to play the hardest schedule we've really ever had here, and the outcomes are definitely something to be proud of. I think a lot of people underestimated us going into this year, but we all knew the talent we had and we were excited."



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

BIG MAN ON CAMPUS — Christian Pereira takes a breather to pass the ball during practice last Wednesday.

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"One of the coaches saw that, and they told me I should try out next year."

Then as a freshman, Pereira, who was an athlete in basketball and baseball, didn't answer that request until the end of his junior year.

"They kept banging me in the head saying 'You really need to do this, you could get a scholarship,'" said Pereira. "So I went out and tried it, and I was alright at it."

A modest adjective for such a dynamic personality, is clearly an understatement for Pereira's collegiate accomplishments.

Cosgrove said it's a combination of confidence, explosiveness and good concentration on the football that makes Pereira elite.

"He's big and physical, and he can catch the ball over defenders or in a crowd," said Cosgrove. "He works hard at his craft."

However, Pereira never imagined himself as a football player. His first love was baseball and

this Yankees fan had dreams of playing in the Major League.

Fortunately, Pereira's decision to forgo America's sport and pick up the pigskin was a successful one.

So successful in fact, he may have the chance to play on after UMaine. Playing in the NFL is something the communications major never thought much about before the 2004 season.

"I really didn't think I had a chance until this year when a lot of teams showed interest in myself and some other players on the team," said Pereira. "I've played fairly well this year ... I think I do have the ability to play next year."

Before that happens, Pereira hopes to get bigger, stronger and faster, increasing his chances of seeing time on the field at the professional level.

"Those are the things that are easy to work on," he said. "Those aren't skills you have to be born with. It's something you can attain with hard work."

Hard work indeed. That's what has gotten this highlight reel guy the spotlight this year.

The Sports Center tune is awaiting Pereira — da na da na da na.

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UM snatches win, prepares for SMU

By Riley Donovan
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's basketball team wrapped up its exhibition season with a 90-47 win over the NWBL All-Stars Tuesday night. Sophomore guard Ashley Underwood scored 28 points, including five three-pointers off the bench for the Black Bears. As a team, the Black Bears shot over 52 percent from the field.

Underwood, who averaged four points per game last season, replaced Missy Traversi in the first half, who went down with an injury when she was fouled after making a lay-up with 5:10 remaining in the first half. Traversi, a senior captain, who has never missed a game in her career at UMaine, did not return in the game but expects to play Sunday against Southern Methodist University.

"The person who really gives us a lift every time is Missy Traversi," said head coach Sharon Versyp. "Her first half she was unbelievable."

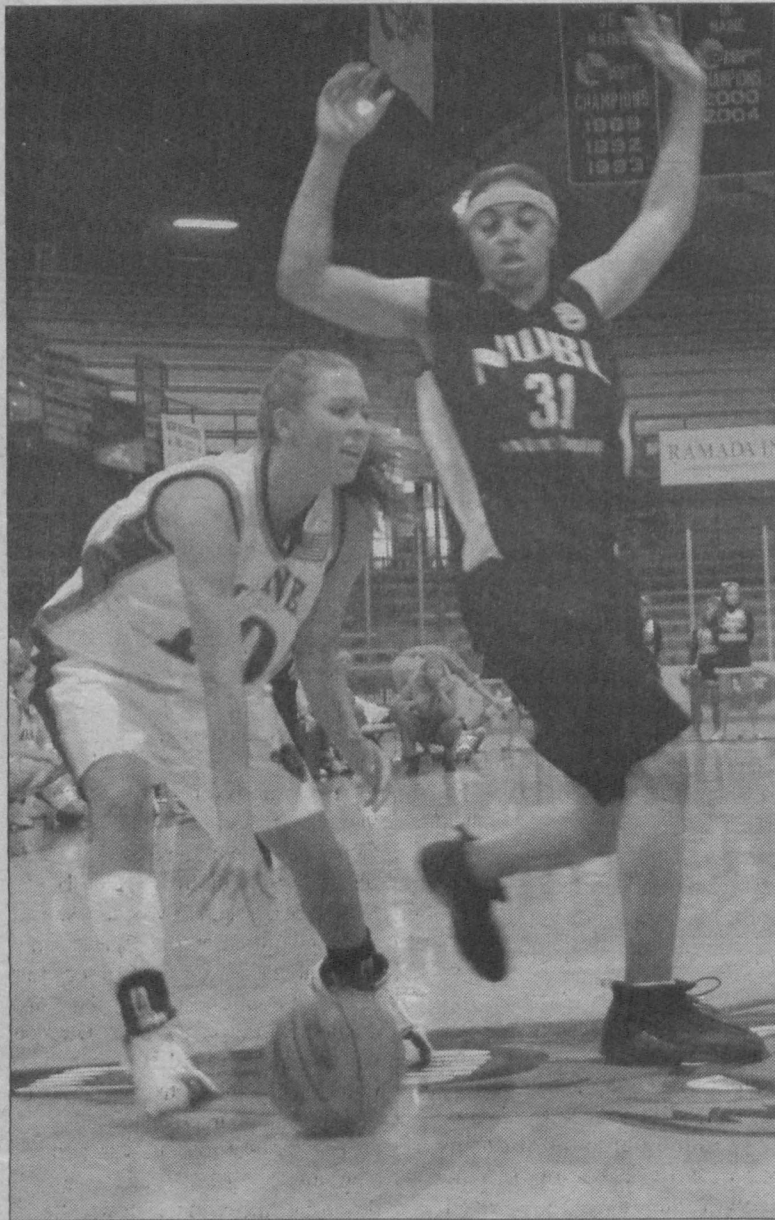
Underwood knew she had to step up and she realizes her team will ask a lot of her this year. She says it felt good to get off to a good start so early in the season. She was happy to find her three-point shot and she believes the game will give her confidence going into Sunday.

"It feels good," said Underwood. "It's kind of hard to get into the flow. It's cold in Alford. We don't practice in here. It's a real confidence booster for us going to play our game Sunday against SMU."

With Traversi unable to play in the second half, Versyp looked to Underwood, who, like Traversi, has established herself as a three-point threat.

"That's what those two need to do," said Versyp of Underwood and Traversi. "They have to be great three-point shooters."

The Black Bears got off to a quick start, led by Traversi who had 13 points in just eight minutes of



CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES
BEAR PASS — Ashley Underwood scored 28 points during Tuesday's match against the NWBL Elite All-stars.

play. Her lay-up with 5:10 left to play in the first half put her team up 42-16. The team had its biggest lead of the game at halftime, when they were winning by 29 points, 55-26.

In the second half, the All-Stars could not slow the Black Bear attack. Barker chipped in with 11 points and Abby Schrader had 13 points and 12 rebounds. "She's got

to have some type of presence in there," said Versyp of Jay. "Defensively she has her presence in the paint."

The Black Bears will take on Southern Methodist University at 3 p.m. on Sunday, in Dallas, Texas. The Black Bears played SMU last season and lost a defensive battle 44-43.

UMaine soccer team that advanced into the America East playoffs. During her stint on the UMaine's women's hockey team, she has split time at defense and forward. Along with the recent return of fellow defenseman Kelly Law from an MCL sprain in her left leg, the Ontario duo should give Perron another option at defense.

"It's great to have Emily back because she is a great leader and she's very smart with the puck. Plus she takes her time with the puck, and it's also great to have her experience," Law said. "I'm so happy that I am back from my injury and with our partners on defense. We have practiced with each other for a while, so we know where we all are on the ice."

After their series with the No. 3 Harvard Crimson, the Friars will come to Orono with an offense that has scored 29 goals, which is second in the conference

to the University of New Hampshire. Providence will be led by the conference's No. 1 scoring tandem of Karen Thatcher and Rush Zimmerman. Thatcher leads the conference with 11 goals, while Zimmerman is second with 14 points.

Even with the Friars' high-octane offense, the remaining Black Bears from last season could evaluate the weekend set against Providence as a measuring stick to see how far the team has progressed since UMaine's 4-2 loss at the hands of the Friars during last season's playoffs.

"I think from last year this program has taken a 360 turn and we are ready to take them on," said co-captain Tristan Desmet. "We have the confidence this year that we can take anyone on and we have a winning attitude."

"We're not worried about what they're going to do but we're going to make them play our game," said Desmet.

That unit will play to prove once again to fans that they can stop any offense in the country, just as they did at Mississippi.

However, the Black Bears' season won't be remembered just because of the MSU 1-A upset. They won't be forgotten because of the character of this 2004 Maine

team. And sometimes, that's what it's about.

Remember the win against Mississippi State? Sure, the Black Bears remember, but that history has been written. Now, a conference rival is in the house and UMaine has its turf to defend and a musket to earn back.

Free agent frenzy

By James Crowley
For The Maine Campus

Several current and past members of the Red Sox enter free agency this off-season. Heading the list of nine former Red Sox starters and current players are Pedro Martinez, Roger Clemens, Derek Lowe and Carl Pavano, but rounding the respectable list are Aaron Sele and Hideo Nomo. Moving to relievers, such past Sox as Todd Jones and Chad Fox. Not to mention the 2004 Sox bullpen — Scott Williamson, Ramiro Mendoza, Curtis Leskanic and Terry Adams. The only Red Sox on the list from the catcher's position are Jason Varitek and Doug Mirabelli. Thirteen former members of the Sox infield have filed as well. Headlining that list are Nomar Garciaparra, Orlando Cabrera, Todd Walker and former superstar Mo Vaughn. Joining them on the list are current Sox infielders Pokey Reese, Tony Womack, and Dave McCarty. In the outfield, there are only three free agents who have spent time on the Sox: Gabe Kapler, Ellis Burks, and Darren Bragg.

Thanks to the now-legendary genius of Theo Epstein, Sox fans have finally put more focus on who we're adding to the team through free agency rather than who we're losing. Already signed from this year's free agent crop are Omar Vizquel to San Francisco, Cory Lidle to Philadelphia, Doug Brocail to Texas, as well as Vinny Castilla and Cristian Guzman signing with the

Washington team, formerly the Expos.

In the wake of the Yankees historic post-season collapse, George Steinbrenner is sure to be a big player in the market this year. The Yankees are expected to make bids at several of the top free agents. They are heavily rumored to be pursuing Carlos Beltran, Pedro, Clemens, David Wells, Nomar, and just about anyone else of value on the market. The Red Sox are expected to make strong bids at Varitek, Pedro and Cabrera, each wanting longer contracts than the Sox are willing offer. The Sox brass have already stated publicly that they do not like to be tied down by long contracts and refuse to offer no-trade clauses, both of which were requested by Varitek. Varitek met recently with the Angels, but if the Sox were willing to give in and include a no-trade clause, that would immediately kick in a no trade clause in Manny Ramirez's contract, making it even more unlikely. With the Red Sox top prospect, shortstop Hanley Ramirez, said to be ready for the majors in two years, they are unlikely to give Cabrera the years he wants in a contract. And Pedro. If anyone knew what Pedro was going to do they'd undoubtedly be at ESPN. After publicly stating that he would not go to the Yankees, Pedro met with Steinbrenner Tuesday.

No one knows where these players will land, but one thing is for sure — for at least one year, all season the Red Sox will be the defending World Series Champions.

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sophomore scored the opening goal and later provided a centering pass to Kate Sunstrom to tie the game.

Outside of playing a large role in her team's first conference point, LaFlamme was named to the Hockey East Honor Roll on Monday.

"Everyone had a great game last weekend and I think we played well and we just have to keep going that way," LaFlamme said. "We also had Sonia Corriveau, who was honored earlier, so it's good to know that we can get someone every week."

Not only were LaFlamme's accolades a highlight for the team, but so was the return of co-captain Emily Stevens. Stevens missed the first five games of the season as a member of the

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that will send Alford Stadium to its feet, because that's what he does best.

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▶ PLAYER PROFILE

**KAILI JORDAN****Outside Hitter****Class** Junior**Hometown** Raymore, Saskatchewan**Major** Education**Accolades** America East Player of the Week, Nov. 8; America East academic honor roll, 2003, 2002; Maine Scholar-Athlete, 2002, 2003.**Favorite Food** Omelets**Favorite TV Show** "Friends"**Favorite Movie** "Mystery, Alaska"**Favorite Actor** Matthew Perry**Favorite Actress** Meg Ryan**Favorite Athlete** Steve Nash**Favorite Cartoon** "Family Guy"**Favorite Class** Food and Nutrition**Least Favorite Class** Geology**Favorite Pro Team** Toronto Maple Leafs**Favorite Sport (not including volleyball)** Hockey

Jordan hits the mark

By Matthew Williams
For The Maine Campus

Junior Kaili Jordan has enjoyed an incredibly successful season with the University of Maine volleyball team. The Black Bears finished the regular season with the best record in program history and will play in the America East Championship this weekend in Albany. Jordan is one of four players to see action in all of UMaine's games this season and lead the team with 350 kills.

"This year's been a lot of fun," said Jordan. "Coach Theehs changed our offense, and while we have the same positions as last year, there's a lot more freedom in what we can do."

Jordan is from Raymore, Saskatchewan, and started playing volleyball at a young age.

"My family's really into sports. My mom coaches volleyball at my high school and she played in college, and I have an aunt that was All-Canadian in college, so I've been around it my whole life. I played year-round for almost four years on different club teams, so I've had a lot of different coaches and perspectives on the game" said Jordan.

Jordan is an education major who has a 3.4 GPA and was twice named to the America East academic honor roll. She's also been named a UMaine Scholar-Athlete.

"I'd like to teach back home, but I might stay here," said Jordan. "One of the biggest benefits of teaching is that I could coach high school. Volleyball's such a fun game. I don't want to stop after next year. I watched the Canadian national team play last summer, and I think I'm at their level, so if I do go home that's an option too."

Like a lot of Canadian athletes, Jordan came to college in the United States because Canadian schools aren't allowed to give athletic scholarships. She received offers from schools all over the country, but a recruiting trip to UMaine convinced her that this was the place she wanted to be.

"At first, I didn't even know where Maine was," said Jordan. "Coach Medley came to my house, so that told me she really cared about me as a recruit. I knew Leah Guidinger and we came here together. I loved the girls on the team, and this just seemed like a good fit."

Jordan was named America East Player of the Week on Nov. 8 after leading the Black Bears to conference wins over Northeastern and Hartford. She had a double-double in both matches that weekend, recording 39 total kills and 24 total digs.

"I found out about it during a class I have in a computer lab. I knew I had a good week, but I've never gotten an award like that, so it was a total shock. I was real excited," said Jordan.

haven't shown them at the top of the league yet but they are a real sleeper."

The Black Bears will enter this weekends set coming off an impressive comeback victory against UMass-Lowell this past Saturday. In thrilling fashion, the Black Bears were able to rally from one goal deficits four times to garner the 5-4 win. UMaine was highlighted by the play of Derek Damon, who tallied two goals in the game, three on the weekend. Whitehead believes Damon's line was one of the best lines on the weekend.

"I thought our Damon-Greg Moore-Billy Ryan line was very good for us over the weekend," said Whitehead. "They created several chances for us and converted on them several times, as well."

Whitehead also discussed the importance of a big comeback like Saturday's game could have on the near future.

"Certainly anytime your able to comeback it gives you confidence in those situations in the future," said Whitehead. "Particularly for a young team like ours that was a real good win for us."

The victory against the River Hawks merited a weekend split for the Black Bears, who had dropped a 4-2 outcome to Northeastern on Friday night. The Huskies were able to shut-down the UMaine offensive assault thanks to the superb goaltending of Keni Gibson who hauled in 41 saves on the night. Whitehead felt a victory was vital coming off the tough loss against the Huskies.

"It was a must win situation for us in some ways," said

Whitehead. "We were on the road and we didn't want to come back with out any points."

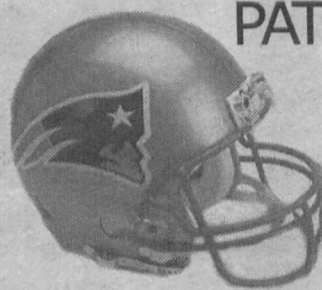
The Black Bears returned home from the Bay state with the much needed win as well as the Hockey East Rookie of the Week, Tim Maxwell, who was awarded the honor late Sunday. The freshman defenseman scored his first career goal and added two assists in the Black Bears victory of the River Hawks. For the season, Maxwell has five points on one goal and four assist.

"I thought Tim Maxwell was rewarded with a nice honor as Hockey East Rookie of the Week," said Whitehead. "He showed a lot of poise this weekend."

Maxwell and company will need to be on top of their game against the Minutemen who boast one of the strongest teams in Hockey East from top to bottom. UMass is led by sophomore Mike Anderson who currently has a team high in goals and assists. Anderson enters Friday's decision with seven goals and eight assists. Freshman P.J. Fenton will figure on giving the Black Bears plenty of headaches, as well having registered six goals and four assist on the year. Rounding out the Minutemen attack will be Stephen Werner and Kevin Jarman. Werner has four goals and six assists currently, Jarman has two goals and six assists thus far this season.

In net for the Minutemen is the always reliable Gabe Winer who has played in seven games thus far this season. Winer brings a 2.45 goals against average a .917 save percentage into the contest.

The match will mark the two squads 39th meeting, with the



PATRIOTS CORNER

By Matthew Williams
For The Maine Campus

There was a time when Drew Bledsoe was the man in New England. For those of us who were still holding out a nostalgic hope that our old hero would make one more run at glory, there is only one word to describe Sunday's showdown between the Bills and the Patriots: painful. A national television audience may have seen Bledsoe's NFL star finally burn out as the Pats chased him from the game in the fourth quarter for a 29-6 defeat.

Bledsoe's offense was completely ineffective, gaining only 125 total yards all night and turning the ball over five times. The No. 2-ranked Bills defense was stingy, forcing the Patriots to five field goals. However, the Bills allowed their first hundred-yard rusher of the season when Corey Dillon exploded for 151 yards on the day. Quarterback Tom Brady tossed two touchdown passes, and the lone glimmer of hope for the Bills came on a punt return for their only score of the day in the third quarter. A few series later, Bledsoe was lifted for rookie J.P. Losman, who was equally ineffective going one-of-two with an interception.

For the Patriots, it was another stepping stone on their way to defending their Super Bowl title in this year's playoffs. They improved to 8-1 and opened a two game lead on the Jets, who fell to Baltimore ear-

lier in the day. For Buffalo, it was a return trip back to earth after a promising 3-1 run. The loss may have all but ended the Bills playoff hopes, dropping them to 3-6 on the season. More significantly, it could well have been the beginning of the end for the Bledsoe era.

It's sad to see a quarterback as good as Bledsoe playing so poorly. After going to his fourth Pro Bowl in 2002 and opening 2003 with a MVP caliber first half, Bledsoe has taken one of the fastest nose dives in recent NFL history.

It may be time for Bledsoe to retire so that fans can remember him as the "Patriot Missile" that he was in his days in Mass. This a man who holds every New England franchise passing record, is in the top ten in all-time 400-yard passing games and had epic duels with Dan Marino that are always on people's lists for the best regular season games they've ever seen. He played with his heart and left it all on the field every time he strapped up a Patriots helmet.

Bledsoe holds a special place in the hearts of anyone who's a true Patriots fan, and watching him play so poorly hurts. He deserves more than to be seen by our generation as the butt of too many jokes. He deserves to be seen as one of the best quarterbacks New England.

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Minutemen.

"Once again we are playing a team that we knocked out last year," said Whitehead. "So here we go again with another team out to get us."

The Black Bears will enter the decision ranked No. 12 in the country in both the USA Today-USA Hockey Magazine poll and the USCHO-CSTV poll. UMaine is currently 7-6-0 on the year and 3-3-0 in conference competition. The Minutemen, however are not ranked and are 6-4-1 overall and 3-2-1 in Hockey East play.

On Sunday, the Black Bears will conclude weekend play with a match against underachieving Providence College in Portland. The Friars will enter Sunday's contest with a 4-5 mark on the season and 2-4 standing in the conference.

Whitehead believes both games will provide their own set of intangibles.

"It's another challenging weekend that will toughen our team up," said Whitehead. "We are going to have to match both teams intensity earlier in the game, I am sure they are going to come out of the gate real hard but so are we."

Although, Providence enters the game currently at the bottom of the conference standings, Whitehead believes the Friars could give his squad trouble.

"I think Providence should be a exciting game, they are a hungry team," said Whitehead. "They are going to be a surprise team I think, I know results

"Michel will obviously be a crucial player to get back, he brings so much to the ice," said Whitehead. "He's a key player for us."

In net, the Black Bears will look to the tandem of Matt Lundin and Jimmy Howard for support. Whitehead believes the Black Bears will be able to give Howard better support than he has gotten in the past two weeks.

"The guy's on the bench where saying we really have to play hard in front of Jimmy," said Whitehead. "They want to give him more of an opportunity to succeed then they have."

Howard enters the game with a 2.42 G.A.A. and a .908 save percentage.

"It's great to know we have a top goaltender but we can't leave him out to dry like we have in a couple situations," said Whitehead.

Howard is backed by Lundin who currently has a 1.82 G.A.A. and a .938 save percentage.

"Lundin has been more than we had ever hope, especially coming in as a true freshman," said Whitehead.

Action is slated to begin 7 p.m. Friday at the Alford, while Sunday's match kicks off at 2 p.m. in Portland.

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Black Bears seek redemption against rival Wildcats

By Erinne Magee
Staff Writer

Remember Mississippi State?

The Division I-A football team out of Starkville? They're the Deep South squad that was left red-faced after the University of Maine football team thanked the Bulldogs for its southern hospitality by leaving with a 9-7 victory.

Those were the days. The days when the Black Bears weren't dealing with the obstacles that interrupted their season. The days when they weren't plagued with injuries or holding an mediocre record.

Remember the win against

Mississippi State? Those were the days were UMaine had hopes of winning a conference championship and dominating postseason play. The days before the loss of their much-respected assistant coach, Jeff Cole.

Remember the win against Mississippi State? The Black Hole defense made you wonder if any offense in the nation could score on them.

Remember the win against Mississippi State? When Ron Whitcomb found Kevin McMahan and made that day go down in history as one of the greatest wins in UMaine athletics? ESPN was so

impressed they placed it No. 9 in its infamous Top Ten Plays of the Week.

It all seemed so simple in Starkville. Before UMaine lost to Delaware, the defending national

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champions. Back before the team bounced back and forth between the wins and losses.

Now the win against Mississippi State is far behind the 5-5 Black

Bears, with season's end approaching this Saturday.

The UNH Wildcats will come to Alford Stadium swaggering onto the field with their coveted Bryce Cowell Musket at their side. They'll reignite the heartwrenching pain that the Black Bears faced last season with a loss to last-place UNH.

This year, the only time the Wildcats have been at the bottom of the pile is on the field, and even that's a rarity. The 8-2 team is ranked fifth in the country and will most likely earn a bid to the postseason, regardless of the outcome on Saturday.

This UMaine team won't be playing football after UNH, nor will they have the bragging rights of upsetting the Wildcats' playoff hopes. This UMaine team will be playing to salvage a winning record, playing for its respected seniors and for its well-known pride. The same pride that Jack Cosgrove's squad possessed after MSU and all season long.

Marcus Williams will play to boost his yardage, making the record that much harder for the next runningback to catch. Christian Pereira will play to make catches

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Friars come to town for Hockey East duel at Alford

By Ryan Clark
For The Maine Campus

After recording more than 80 shots in two games against Boston College, the University of Maine women's hockey team will

Women's Hockey

look to get back in the conference hunt this weekend in a game against Providence College at Alford Arena.

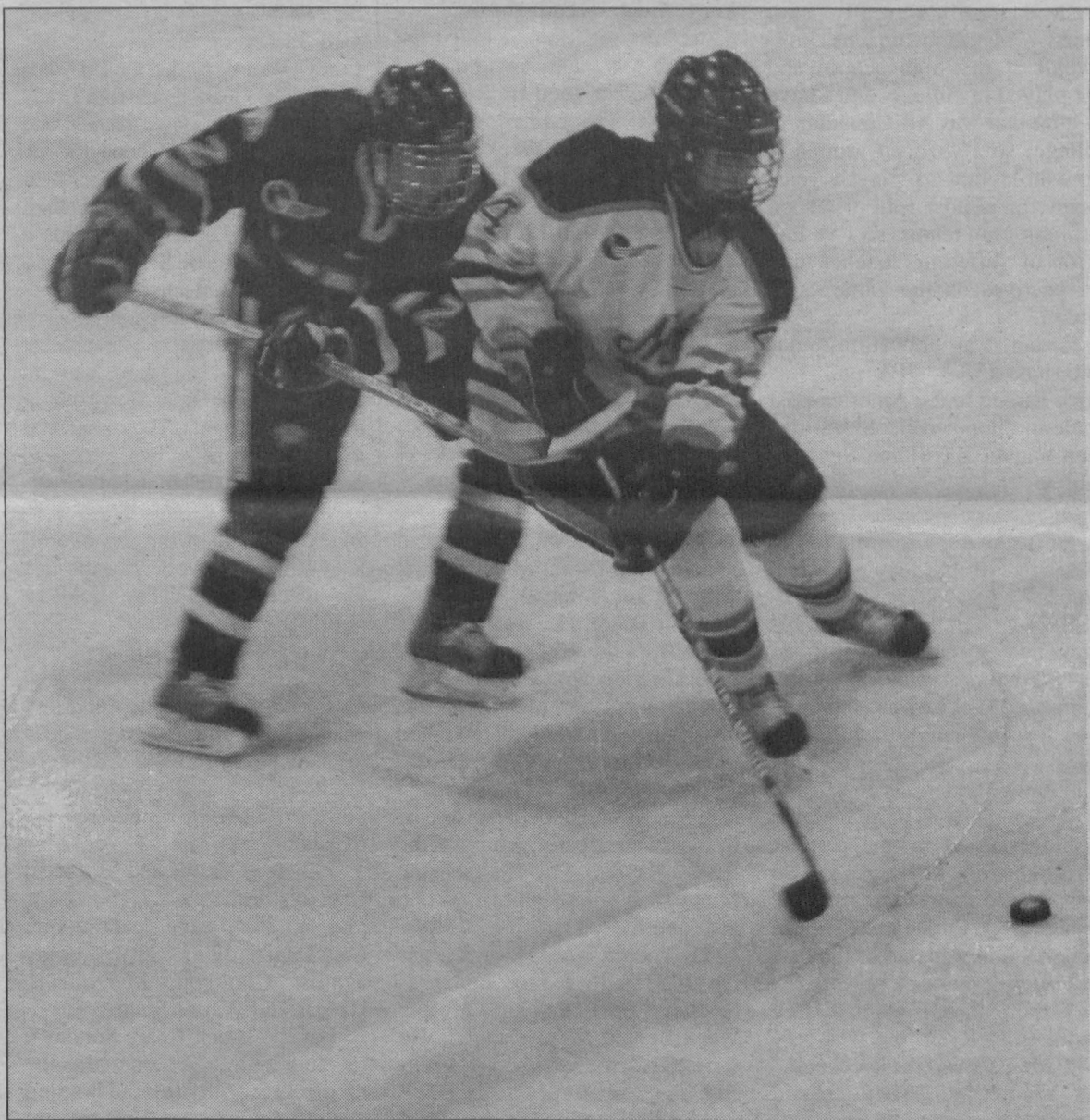
The Black Bears will look to improve on last weekend's four-goal showing when they take on their Hockey East rivals who defeated them last season en route to their conference championship.

"I know against Boston College, we got a lot of shots on goal, and you can't score if you don't shoot. But I thought we moved the puck pretty well, and I thought it was a positive," said coach Guy Perron. "Special teams are going to be key because we know they have a very good power play, and we have to neutralize that as much as possible."

Even though the Black Bears managed a point in their set against Boston College, they are the fourth-ranked team in Hockey East. The Friars are tied at the bottom of the league with Northeastern. Despite being at the bottom of the barrel, the Friars will look to garner their first conference victory to accompany a possible fifth win of the season. UMaine is also looking for its first conference win. The Black Bears have an overall record of 3-2-2.

UMaine's last game against the Eagles saw them break an 0-for-41 streak on the power play as both goals in their 2-2 tie against BC coming via the power play. During UMaine's Sunday affair with BC, the team was led by forward Brigitte LaFlamme. The

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TWO TO TANGO — Steve Mullen stays ahead of a UNH defender during UMaine's last home against the Wildcats. The Black Bears host UMass on Friday at Alford Arena.

Ready for Liftoff

Men's ice hockey hopes to break out of lull against UMass

By Matthew Conyers
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Last March, the University of Maine men's ice hockey squad took down the University of Massachusetts in one of the finest tournament battles in conference history. In a game that took three extra frames to decide a winner, the Black Bears were able to steal a gut-wrenching 2-1 victory over the Minutemen. Behind the astonishing play of Jimmy Howard in net and a heroic goal by forward Ben Murphy, the Black Bears were able to hoist

their fifth Hockey East title before a tired Fleet Center crowd. For UMass the loss in the longest game in Hockey East History left them one game shy of earning an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament and an entire offseason of contemplating the heartbreaking defeat.

Fast forward eight months, and both teams are now going in two totally different directions. The stars of the epic battle for the Black Bears, Howard and Murphy, are currently hampered with injuries. UMass, on the other hand, is currently posi-

tioned in second place in Hockey East and poised for one of their best years in recent history. The Black Bears, however, have struggled find a consistent flow splitting the past four weekend series.

On Friday night, the two foes are set to meet once again at Alford Arena for the first time since their dramatic meeting last spring in the Hockey East Championship game. Head coach Tim Whitehead took time to discuss the added incentive for the

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High-flying Pereira shines at UMaine

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There are some things you should know about Christian Pereira: He's confident, he's flashy, and he can back it all up.

You'll often see the 6'3" senior dancing during warm-ups and on the sideline as the loud speaker boasts the music of songs like Usher's "Yeah."

"I like to have fun with the game," said the Bronx native. "Sometimes people get too wrapped up in it and make it bigger than it really is. Not to undermine the game, but you can relax and still do a good job."

Pereira has proved that on several occasions. With nine season touchdowns and 707 yards, the receiver ranks in the top ten of the conference in yards-per-game, receptions per game and end zone scoring.

"Christian is one of the most talented receivers we've had here," said head coach Jack Cosgrove. "The thing that sets him apart from other receivers is his ability in the red zone."

Pereira's red zone performance helps rank UMaine third in the Atlantic 10 in red-zone offense, as the team scores almost 90 percent of the time when they are inside the 20-yard line.

"I'm smarter than other receivers, I anticipate what defenders are going to do," said Pereira. "Some people run into coverages, I try my hardest not to get covered."

Astonishingly, Pereira didn't even start perfecting those grid-iron skills until he was a senior at Cardinal Hayes high school, when he played his first year of organized football.

"In gym class one day someone threw a football at me, and I caught it and dunked it," he said.

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