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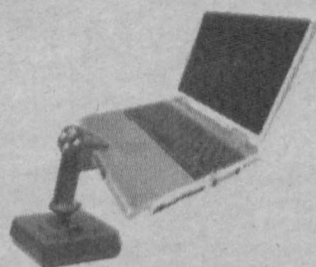
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Candidates weigh in on parking, safety

Thursday debate gives student body presidential hopefuls final forum for today's elections

By Diana McElwain
Staff Writer

The three student body presidential candidates came head to head on Thursday for their only debate before the election today. Kate O'Brien, Dallas Phillips and Eli Young were given an hour to answer questions, defend their views and give a final statement.

All three candidates agreed that a huge part of being student body president was visibility. O'Brien said that her goal was to make the role of president and the Student Government offices more open to students.

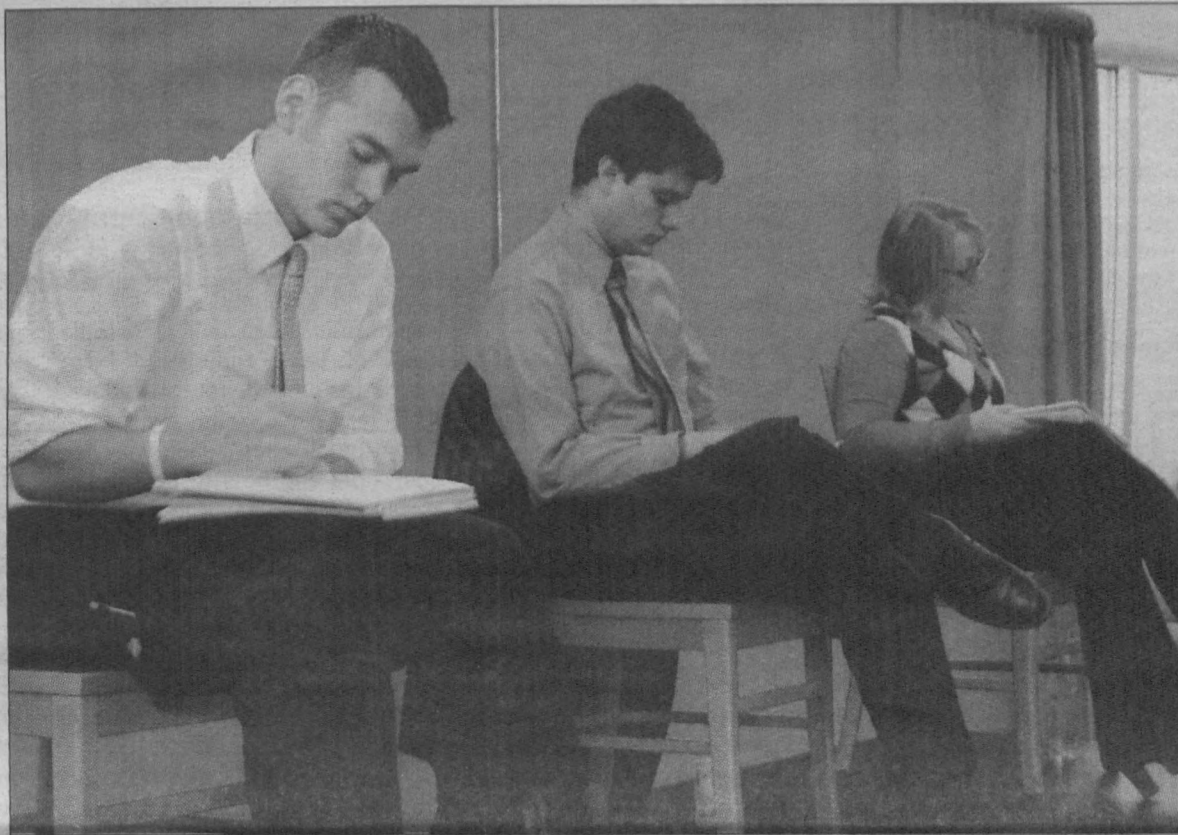
"It's not just an entity in the Union basement," O'Brien said.

Young said that the president cannot function without being known.

"It's excruciatingly important to be out and about. If the student doesn't know who the president is, then the president has nothing," Young said.

Phillips said that visibility is also his top priority.

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY SARAH BIGNEY
PENCILS DOWN — Presidential candidates Dallas Phillips, Eli Young and Kate O'Brien prepare answers to a question at the debate Thursday in the North Pod. Elections for president and vice president of Student Government are being held on FirstClass today.

Anti-virus software available at UMaine

By Khela Kupiec
Staff Writer

While there may be a shortage of flu vaccinations for you this year, you shouldn't have to worry about your computer catching viruses.

The University of Maine now has a site license that allows every student, faculty and staff member access to Symantec Anti-virus software for free. The software has been available since the beginning of the fall semester but the news has been slow in spreading.

The University of Maine System Network for Education and Technology Services, or UNET, conducted a survey and found that for UMaine alone, it was spending \$45,000 a year on anti-virus software that didn't cover students and faculty. See SOFTWARE on Page 2

Junior Picasso



CAMPUS PHOTO BY SARAH BIGNEY
PAINT THE TOWN — Alexis Stevens (left) and Griffin Nelson, 3, of Orono add their creative expression to a finger-painted mural at the Eco Village Fair in Neville Hall. The fair was a showcase of student groups and stories of sustainable community Eco Villages around the world. It was sponsored by ESTIA (Eco Peace, Sustainability, Training, International Affairs).

Rec. center team gets student input

Architects present, gather ideas during two-day planning session on campus

By Suphatra Paravachai
For The Maine Campus

The Bears Den was in utter disarray. The tables were pushed together and barely visible. Graphs, charts and scribbled sheets hid the tables underneath. The room was barricaded with a fence of standing poster displays. Each tripod held a different aspect for the brainstorming of the new multimillion-dollar recreational center and included everything from topographical

charts to student concerns.

Scattered about the room were various professional-looking men and women in business suits. Most were architects from Cannon Inc., a renowned architectural firm. And these particular architects specialize in recreation center design. Their educational backgrounds vary from Dartmouth College to Indiana University to the University of Cheffield in England. Each one has been in the business for more years than the ages of most of the students in the room.

"We have one powerful team on board. We brought in the best and we expect the best," said Kenda Scheele, associate dean for students.

Her optimism was justified through Cannon's impressively long and successful resume, which includes their recent completion of the design of the new recreational center for Boston University, a building so huge and distinctive it is billed as a more distinguishable landmark than the Prudential Tower.

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Construction team takes second at regional meet

By Matt McEntee
For The Maine Campus

If you had \$1.4 million at your disposal, how would you spend it? This is exactly the question a team of University of Maine engineers had to answer from Nov. 11 to 14. The occasion was a regional engineering competition in Fairfield, N.J. After three days of competition, the team from UMaine placed second in the region in the "Heavy Highway" division.

The competition was intensive and involved many aspects of engineering and construction. Teams competed

in writing and presented bid proposals for real projects.

On the first day, the teams received a binder full of the project details and then had until midnight to complete a bid proposal. The UMaine team's project was to renovate a major urban subway station. The teams had to consider many constraints. For instance, in a subway there are space limitations that must be dealt with. Furthermore, there are time restrictions as the subway needs to be operational during the day. The scenarios were very real and true to life, according to Will Manion, one of the faculty

advisors for the team.

"[It was] every bit as challenging as professional work," Manion said.

During the course of the day the team also had to choose subcontractors for labor and materials, all the while keeping in mind their budget and the requirements of using such subcontracts.

For example, labor laws might require a certain degree of workplace diversity. This would dictate who they contracted with and how much money was required for such aspects of the project.

The bids from subcontractors See MEET on Page 3

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 6, 2004

Power yoga

Campus Recreation will host a power yoga class from 5 to 6 p.m. in the All Purpose Room of Memorial Gym. For information, call Paul Stern at 581-1082.

Kripalu yoga

The Kripalu method of teaching yoga, which uniquely blends the physical postures of hatha yoga with the contemplative meditation of raja yoga, will be taught at a yoga class from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 for students and \$45 for nonstudents. The class will take place in the MaineBound barn. For information or to register, call Paul Stern at 581-1082.

Intervarsity Bible Study

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will hold its south-side Bible study at 8 p.m. in the study lounge of Estabrooke Hall. For information, e-mail Sarah Junkins on FirstClass.

Science talk

The Department of biochemistry, microbiology, molecular biology will host "The First Steps in Seeing: Regulating the CGMP Signaling Pathway During Visual Transduction in Vertebrate Photoreceptors," as part of the Hitchner Seminar Series. Rick Cote of the University of New Hampshire will speak. The event will take place at 2:10 p.m. in Room 203 of Memorial Union. For information, call Roseann Cochrane at 581-2815.

Relaxation talk

The Counseling Center will host "Mindfulness and Relaxation," as part of the Prevention and Education Program Success and Well-being Workshop Series. Isabelle Boisclair will lead the discussion. The event will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Drummond Chapel of Memorial Union. For information and to register, call Rex-Anthony Norris at 581-4145.

Aging talk

The Center on Aging will host "The 'Best Friends' Approach to Alzheimer's Care," as part of the Conversation Series about Memory Loss and Dementia from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Senior Skulls Room of Memorial Union. For information, call Jen Crittenden at 581-2250.

Forest talk

The Department of Biology will host "Predicting Marten and Lynx Occurrences Across the Landscape: Evaluating the Utility of Forest Carnivores as Umbrella Species to Promote Biodiversity Conservation," as part of the Wildlife Ecology Seminar Series. Dan Harrison will speak. The event will be held at 12 p.m. in Room 204 of Nutting Hall. For information, call Nora Ackley at 581-2862.

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004

Intervarsity Large Group

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will host its weekly Large Group meeting at 7 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge of Memorial Union. For information, e-mail Sarah Junkins on FirstClass.

Peace prayers

Peace prayers from the 12 major traditions will be said weekly in the Drummond Chapel from noon to 1 p.m. E-mail Yvonne Thibodeau for information.

Writing series

The Works in Progress series, which features writers reading and discussing their work, will host "Weather Words — Weather Wise: A Celebration of the Winter Season," at 3 p.m. in Special Collections of Fogler Library. For information, call Gretchen Gfeller at 581-1696.

Chemistry talk

The Department of Chemistry will host a colloquium entitled "Physical Organic Chemistry with a View Toward Chemical Evolutionary Processes." Alexander Greer of Brooklyn College will speak. The talk will take place at 11 a.m. in Room 428 of Aubert Hall. For information, call Marjorie Paul at 581-1169.

Women's talk

The Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program Lunch Series will host "Why Did You Love Drugs More Than Me?": Distrust Among Imprisoned Mothers, Their Children and the State," at 12:15 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge of Memorial Union. Jessica Miller will speak. For information, call Angela Olson at 581-1228.

Homeland security talk

The Research Cafe Series will host "UMaine's Homeland Security Lab," at 4 p.m. in the University Club of Fogler Library. George Markowsky will speak. For information, call Tom Fish at 581-3452.

Prayer time

The Wilson Center will host meditation time in the Drummond Chapel of Memorial Union from 4 to 5 p.m. For information, call Timothy Sylvia at 866-4227.

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004

Intervarsity Bible study

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will host its weekly Hilltop Bible study at 8 p.m. in the TV lounge of Knox Hall. For information, e-mail Sarah Junkins on FirstClass.

Holiday talk

The Counseling Center will host "Home for the Holidays: Coping with Holiday Stress," as part of its Prevention and Education Program Success and Well-being Workshop Series at 3 p.m. in the Walker Room of Memorial Union. For information or to register, call Rex-Anthony Norris at 581-4145.

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

BLUEPRINT — Students and design team members from Cannon design sketch ideas for how part of the new recreational center could possibly look last Wednesday in the Bears Den. Cannon spent two days listening to the input of students, faculty and staff.

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than the Prudential Tower.

"We build rec. centers of all types — competitive, instructive, and wellness. UMaine is receiving a combination of instructive and wellness, and they should and will receive everything they've hoped for," said Project Team Leader Timothy Whitney.

Some students made an appearance at the event to voice their hopes for certain commodities for the rec. center. A rock climbing wall, a rowing pool, a ski room, indoor tennis courts and ice climbing walls were among the many requests, but all were rejected.

The team explained that with the moderate budget allotted for the rec. center, this building was going to be designed flawlessly but also open to options, primarily for renovation and addition.

The initial building will include items for more practical overall recreational uses, such as a pool, a weight room, multipurpose rooms and several gyms of varying size and length.

And though the basic components are agreed upon, the actual layout has become one big jigsaw puzzle — hence the crazy workshop aura of the room.

Students mingled with architects while debating on whether the weight room should oversee the pool or the pool should have

an infinity edge, where it looks as if it's never ending.

Other students wondered where a mud room would go, how much open space was permissible and how to best utilize space with time and money.

The only aspect that no one seemed to question, but still agonized over, was the theme of the recreation center. Everyone agreed that it had to be unique and special, and indicative of UMaine, as well as the state of Maine. But then what?

David Body, an architect with Cannon, suggested a barn theme. The building would be set back in the woods and with glass walls, you could see straight through the box-shaped building. This kind of basic thoroughness would give the illusion of "working out in the woods" ideas were continually tossed back and forth, and some students expressed sincere concerns.

Eric Herbig questioned whether there was enough propensity for instructional use of the building. He requested features like a kayaking pool that would allow instruction for kayaking to take place indoors before venturing outside. Herbig is an employee of MaineBound, the campus' outdoors adventure center.

Gustavo Burkett, a graduate student in higher education, reminded the professionals about the importance of keeping Memorial Union the focus of the

social scene on campus, and worried about the presence of the a juice bar in the design scheme.

Though the architects insisted that it would be a moderate drink station, Burkett felt that it might pull students away from Union Central, a currently popular hangout.

"We want to make sure that physical activity stays in the rec. center, and social activity stays in the Union," Burkett said. "We've put a lot of money [into the Union] and it shouldn't be overpowered by another one."

After some playful banter, students were rounded up by the film crew and asked whether or not they felt the design team cared about their suggestions. Several students replied that the fact they were even participating in a workshop during the actual design process was surreal.

"I don't think they would go through two days of brainstorming right here on campus, hours away from the Boston base, if they didn't want to hear our concerns. It's important that everyone feels a part of this decision, and I think Cannon is making sure we feel that way," said sophomore Whitney Lehman.

But the design stage is young, and the architects each agreed to sleep on their ideas. The final design is due a year from now. Beyond that, construction is expected to take a year-and-a-half, and should be complete by the fall of 2007.

SOFTWARE

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UNET determined that it would be much more beneficial and cost-effective to set up the site license.

A committee was then assigned to evaluate all the different anti-virus packages. They decided on two choices, and from there it was only a matter of negotiating the best price between the two.

The committee agreed to a three-year contract with Symantec that provides all UMS campuses with the software. The program will cost \$60,000 the first year and

\$45,000 each subsequent year.

"It's a great value because everyone is covered by it," said John Gregory, executive director of Information Technologies at UMaine.

The software is available on the UMaine IT Web site for anyone in the campus community. The only thing students and faculty need to access the software is their UNET names and passwords, which are identical to their FirstClass login. If people are unsure of their name and password they can contact UNET.

IT warns that downloading the software with a dial-up connection could be slow. For people living off-campus with dial-up, the software is also

available via disk at the IT Help Center on campus in Shibles Hall.

IT hopes that by getting everyone set up with Symantec Anti-Virus, the entire UMaine Internet system will run better.

"Our emphasis is ... getting the word out about this free software to encourage everyone to download it and use it," Gregory said in a recent e-mail.

IT promises that the software is effective and beneficial for UMaine community computers.

"It's a lighter version of regular Symantec. It doesn't bog down the system, and you can't beat free," said Jared Simpson, IT Help Center manager.

Correction

In the Dec. 2 issue of *The Maine Campus* an athlete was misidentified in an article about women's swimming. Karin Feldman was one of the sub-

jects of the article, along with Lee Elwell and Maggie Warren.

The Maine Campus strives to have an accurate and informative paper. If you notice that we have made an error, please contact the appropriate section editor.

UMaine engineering department recognized with multiple awards

By Ira Perkins
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine's Engineering Department is considered one of the best in the northeast. And this year, seven awards went out to students and faculty within the program.

Revered as an inventor and entrepreneur, chemical engineering graduate Douglas B. Hall was awarded the Edward T. Brynard Distinguished Engineer award. Hall was recognized for his work with large corporations where he focused on pinpointing principles, systems and marketing physics. Some of Hall's other credentials include his work with the Procter and Gamble Company as "master marketing inventor."

Dr. Mauricio Pereira da Chuna took home the 2004 award for Outstanding

Research by a Young Faculty. The well traveled da Chuna received his doctorate in electrical engineering from McGill University in Montreal and served as assistant professor in the Electrical Engineering Department at the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil. At UMaine since 2001, he has become one of the leading researchers in the Department of Engineering. In his short career da Chuna has received over \$3 million from groups such as NASA for extensive research projects.

Linda S. Liscomb won the Leila C. Lowell Award for her vital role in student life in the UMaine Engineering Department. In 1998 Liscomb came to the university as a secretary within the department. By 2000 she had become an administrative assistant. Her work creating a database of students' vital information, and

efforts to help students schedule their time in an easily manageable way made her a top contender for the award. Liscomb is recognized by the department as being close to the students she serves.

Other awards that were presented include the 2004 Graduate Research Assistant award, presented to Karen Merrit for successful research projects.

The 2004 award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Teaching by Young Faculty went to Jean D. MacRae for her efforts and professionalism within the department. The 2004 Graduate Teaching Assistant award went to Edwin N. Nagy for work within the department.

The final award, the 2004 Ashley S. Campbell award, went to Douglas M. Ruthven, for his long career in the field of engineering.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NICK HOUTMAN

BUILD ME UP — Members of a UMaine Construction team recently placed second at a regional meet in New Jersey.

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came in throughout the day forcing the teams to adapt to changing situations. The basis of the scenario was a real project that is being built by Kiewit Construction Company.

After a full day of putting together the bid, the teams then had to present the proposed solution to Kiewit. The proposals were presented in a closed discussion forum, allowing Kiewit to "grill," as Manion put it, the teams on their ideas.

Besides being a competition, the event served other purposes as well. The engineers are able to apply their skills to real-world problems in a practical setting. Manion explained that the engineers

would most likely have to work under similar pressures and constraints when working on a bid.

"[It is] not unlike a typical bid process," Manion said.

The event also serves as a job fair. At the competition, the engineers present to and get to know some of the leading construction companies in the country. The employers benefit as well since they get to meet the best and brightest engineers, Manion said.

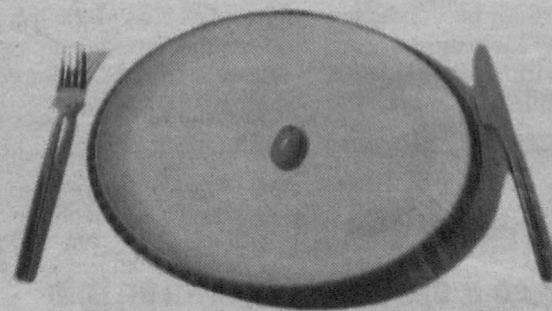
The competition is organized by the Associated Schools of Construction. Sponsors include such companies as Kiewit Construction, Turner Construction and Hensel-Phelps Construction. Even more firms are involved in the job fair aspect of the event. The team was sponsored locally by a donation from Eldon Morrison of CPM Constructors, Freeport, Maine.

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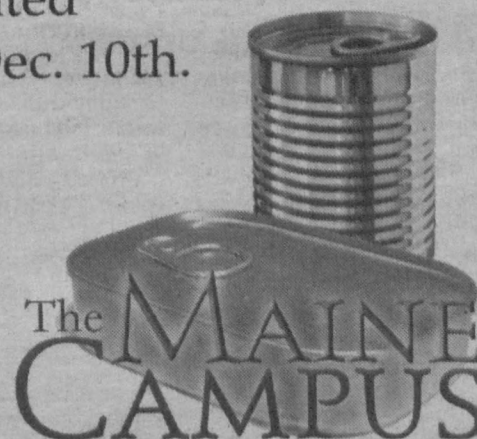


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Jurisdiction 101: The long arm of the law



Legal Affairs

By Brett Baber
Student Legal Services

Various individuals in the law enforcement community have expressed frustration over the years with the perception that college students do not appreciate the degree of difficulty that they may find themselves in if they become involved in the criminal justice system.

As students who are attending the University of Maine, you are subject to various sources of law that define your behavior. Understanding the basics of jurisdiction may assist you in appreciating the various authorities that may have contact with you during your career at UMaine.

Jurisdiction is a legal concept which recognizes the authority of a particular government over its citizens. As a citizen or resident in Maine, you are subject to the laws of the United States of America, the laws of the state of Maine, municipal ordinances and the UMaine Student Conduct Code. Violations of these bodies of law may be prosecuted by the United States attorney general's office at the federal level, the state of Maine attorney general, the district attorney's office for Penobscot County or through the Student Conduct Code.

There are occasions when certain conduct may violate multiple sources of jurisdiction. For example, a drug transaction may violate federal law, state law and the student conduct code. Prosecutions may be conducted separately by each of the governments with jurisdictional authority. While you may think

that the 'double jeopardy' clause of the 5th amendment to the United States Constitution precludes multiple prosecutions, the United States Supreme Court has made it very clear that this applies only to multiple prosecutions by the same jurisdictional authority. In other words, the double jeopardy clause does not prohibit a prosecution by the federal government of something that has been previously prosecuted by the state. Likewise, the double jeopardy clause does not prohibit student conduct proceedings even if you may have been acquitted of any criminal charge.

Merely because some conduct may not violate state or local law, does not mean that the federal government cannot prosecute the conduct. Medical marijuana is a prime example. Although the state of Maine has passed a law that allows for medical use of marijuana under a doctor's order, such marijuana possession violates current federal law. Likewise, while the mere possession of a small amount of marijuana is a civil infraction under state law, the federal government could prosecute possession as a crime.

It is, of course, impossible to know all of the laws. However, as a citizen, students are expected to know the basic legal principles. Ignorance of the law is not an excuse to any criminal prosecution. If you have any doubt whether your conduct is legal or not, I encourage you to take the conservative approach and err on the side of caution. Because certain forms of conduct that may not give rise to criminal prosecutions may also violate the Student Conduct Code, you need to conform to the higher standards of conduct established by the University of Maine System as well as the laws of the other jurisdictional authorities to assure a successful career as a student at UMaine.

Campus, area groups team up to aid needy families during holiday season

By Matt McEntee
For The Maine Campus

The holidays are a special time — schools and businesses close, and families come together. There is a spirit of generosity in the air. For some, however, the holidays can be particularly difficult.

Imagine, for a moment, trying hard to provide for three children and yourself. Now, what if your situation prevented you from being able to provide for your family? What would happen on the holidays? Could you explain to your children that Santa would not be coming this year? It was questions like these that inspired the Secret Santa Workshop.

This year, the University of Maine and Crossroads Ministries in Old Town have joined forces to unify charitable efforts in the area and provide this workshop once again. They are hoping to get a response similar to last year in which a room was literally filled with toys. The

organizers are hoping for a repeat this year.

The workshop was put together to provide gifts for those less fortunate while keeping in mind the problems faced by previous gift giving programs.

"Who knows better what their kids want?" said Lyn Dexter, the coordinator of Black Bear Volunteers. This is the concept behind the Secret Santa Workshop.

People are encouraged to provide gifts between \$15 and \$20. Then the gifts are collected and organized. Parents are given a time slot to choose gifts confidentially. After picking out presents there is even a wrapping station. Some of these parents have never learned to wrap gifts before, Dexter said. This method allows parents to maintain their anonymity while taking ownership for the gifts they are giving their children.

"I'm really excited about this," Dexter said.

The workshop premiered in

the area last year. At this year's workshop there was an excellent turnout and nearly 100 area families were helped. Parents were bursting into tears of joy as they were able to provide meaningful gifts for their families, according to Dexter.

A potential obstacle is that there have been fewer people volunteering around campus. It is very hard because the number of presents is uncertain, and it would be terrible not to have enough presents for everyone, Dexter said.

"There is so much need," she said.

Everyone is encouraged to help out. Any gifts are greatly appreciated. Donations should be brought to the Student Employment and Volunteer Programs office on the third floor of Memorial Union. There is a particular need for gifts for males from 11-18 years of age, as this is the category that generally receives the fewest donations.

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For more information call 581-1700.

WORD OF MOUTH

What issues would you like the next student body president to address?



"How to handle canceling classes when its below a certain temperature."

Callie Brown
Freshman
Music education



"Excessive noise early in the morning."

Gary Craig
Senior
Chemical engineering



"Getting the Union to stay open later."

Mike Gibson
Freshman
Civil engineering



"Why the Union closes so early."

Jon McGonagle
Sophomore
Business administration



"Commons food."

Kristina O'Donnell
Freshman
Undecided



"Parking."

Justin Roberts
Junior
Business

New requirements in store for students seeking a master's in business at UMaine

By Bobby Strauss
For The Maine Campus

The School of Business, one of the few schools in New England to be accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, is getting a little busier these days with some new and exciting programs.

The new master's of business administration program, as well as the master's of accounting program, will have three new features: an international trip requirement, an internship requirement and a residency requirement.

The international requirement is usually fulfilled during May term. Students recently traveled to Bulgaria and Germany, where they worked side-by-side with their international counterparts.

The internship requirement is completed at some point during students' last semester and allows them to get hands-on, on-the-job training.

The residency requirement is an intensive five-day program

that starts just before the fall semester and involves business simulations and case studies. A very exciting part of the residency requirement is where students do an actual project for a company and present their findings to corporate management. Team building exercises are emphasized throughout the week.

The business school put on a presentation last Wednesday to tell the community and students about the entire program, along with the new program ideas.

"There were a couple very informative people that seemed to have some good advice for me," said student Kevin Paul. Paul said he is interested in getting his master's in business at the university.

The turnout for the event was sparse, and included two alumni, about 15 people from the community and four students. Six faculty members showed their support and helped people learn how to apply to the program and discussed what tests and prerequisites are required to apply to the MBA program.

A formal presentation was re-engineered because of the low attendance and the material was discussed in small groups instead.

"We decided to host an open house, opening it up to not only students here at the University of Maine but also members of the local communities who might be interested in a graduate degree in business," said Richard Grant, MBA program director. "We have a great group of people. I think what makes a great program is not only to have a great faculty but to have those students who cause an interaction between a great faculty member and the students who are really engaged and really motivated. We have that."

Christine Hockensmith, the administrative assistant with the business school graduate office, agreed with Grant and credited the faculty with the success of the program.

"Our faculty and the knowledge that they expound onto the students puts our school ahead of other schools," said Hockensmith.

DEBATE

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president is to be approachable. To be noticed," said Phillips.

The ever-present issue of parking also was discussed. Phillips said change would be difficult due to the money made by parking tickets.

"I still think parking can be tweaked. Unfortunately, we are an underfunded school," Phillips said.

O'Brien said the first step to solving the problem was to recognize what bothers students about parking. "What specifically is the problem? We need to more clearly define it and then solve it," O'Brien said. "One way to correct this is to find out from the students."

Young said that the problem and its solution were clear.

"I think the problem is both location and the number of spaces. Given the extreme in climate weather here, this is an issue," he said.

Young said one solution would be to eliminate some of the visitor and perimeter parking spaces to make more spots available to residents.

The candidates also had different views on how to make sure the opinions of the students are being heard. Phillips said that the entire General Student Senate needs to play a part in the process.

"It's not just the president's goal to reach the students. It is also a job of the Student Senate. It's unacceptable that students don't know where their money goes. It needs to be changed," Phillips said.

O'Brien said that maintaining a dialogue with students would ensure their needs were met.

"The key to any good relation-

ship is communication. We need to open those lines. The president of Student Government needs to be the one to make that effort," she said.

Young, however, said that he already knows what the concerns of students are, as he received and posted many issues on his Web site.

"I have been listening to students. You need to work with them to understand that perspective," he said.

O'Brien said that talking to students in classes could help spark interest in the General Student Senate.

"We need to expand on educating students on Student Government. If we can go to classes, students will become aware," O'Brien said.

"The problem with classes is that you lecture people, and you don't get enough feedback. You need to go to places and talk with individuals," Young said.

Phillips and O'Brien both said that the key to success was not making promises but listening to students.

"I'm not going to make promises. Students should tell me what they need," Phillips said.

"While they need to see action, what would be worse is coming in with promises not being accomplished," O'Brien said.

Young said that a strategy is necessary for success.

"You can never guarantee what you can accomplish, but you have to do something more than just listening," Young said. "You need to come in with goals and a plan."

Phillips said that a plan out of tune with student needs would not succeed.

"If you're pushing the wrong goals, then they won't listen," Phillips said.

The candidates all agreed that the health and safety of students was a top priority.

"My entire platform is based on the health of students," Young said.

He said one issue that needed to be addressed was when classes continued in spite of inclement weather.

"A final is a wonderful thing, but it's not worth anyone's life," Young said.

Phillips said that if it is unsafe for the bus to travel, it is not safe for commuters either.

"I'd like to look at the fact that if the BAT is canceled, we shouldn't have school," Phillips said.

O'Brien said that it was everyone's job to make sure students are never in danger.

"The administration and students need to be in agreement as to what is safe. I think now we are not on the same page," she said.

When his making final statement, Phillips said that the apathy towards Student Government needed to change. He noted the crowd at Memorial Union and noted that few were even watching the debate.

"There are not a lot of people here who know what's going on," he said.

Phillips said that despite his lack of experience, he would be a strong leader.

"I've no experience with Student Government before. I don't think you need to," he said.

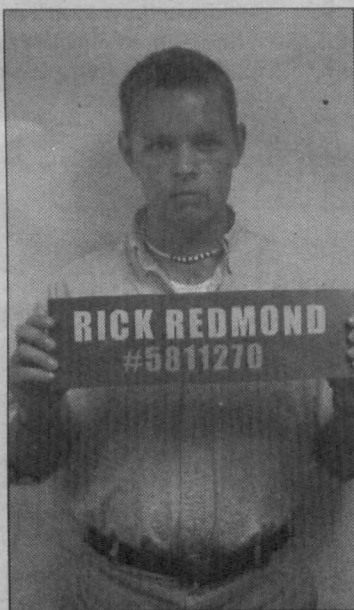
Young closed by saying that while he had a plan, it was what the students had asked for.

"It's truly important to come here with an agenda. It's not my agenda," Young said.

O'Brien ended the debate by stating her promise to bring Student Government and the student body closer together.

"We need to put students back in Student Government," she said.

Today is the election for student body president and vice president. Students may vote on their FirstClass desktops.



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Getting something for nothing

Have you ever received your student bill and looked at each individual charge and fee assessed by the university? If you scan over the multitude of lines on your itemized statement, you will see a small chunk of change, about \$50, taken out by the university, listed as a technology fee.

In the past, students were to ponder what a technology fee was, and why it was being added to their bill. We as students can stop scratching our heads and realize the technology fee goes to cover such programs as the University of Maine System Network for Education and Technology Services, which has recently made anti-virus software available to UMaine students for free through its Web site.

Anti-virus software can be costly, ranging from \$30 to more than \$100, depending on the level of security desired.

So the next time you are looking at your hefty student bill, sputtering about the cost of tuition and hidden fees, remember that there are some groups, like UNET, who are offering students something valuable and useful, at no additional costs.

AMA finds middle ground on donations

Plenty of organizations on campus have made a drive at raising money for one charity or another. But how many of them can boast that they raised nearly \$1,000 and gave the students something to write home about?

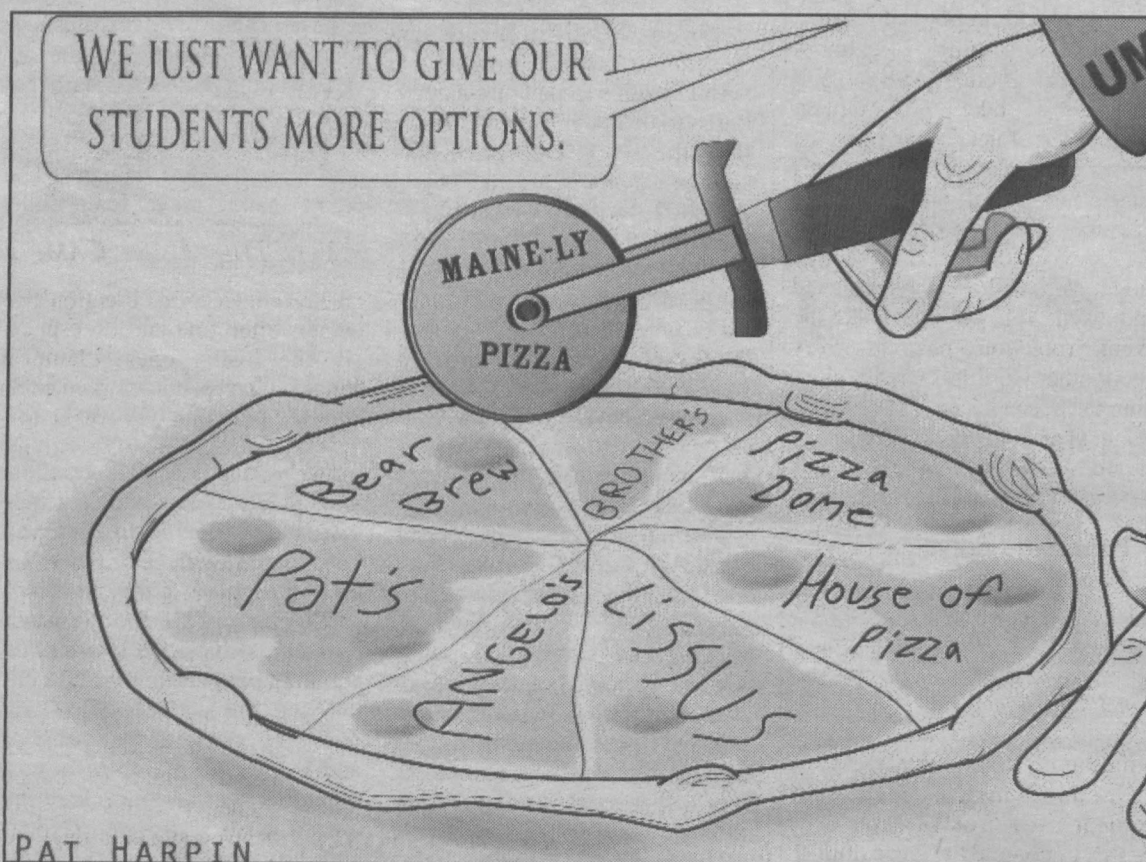
The campuswide Poker Tournament last Saturday ended up funneling half of its \$20 entry fee towards sending students from the American Marketing Association to a national conference in New Orleans — the other half paying for prizes in the form of Bangor Mall gift certificates. Students probably don't donate their valuable money to worthy causes on campus because they don't get anything out of it. College students, as a whole, want something for their effort.

Well, UMaine's AMA has capitalized on students' enthusiasm for poker while making it a valuable tool for raising money. It took some ingenuity, and there is now a balance between what you can give and what you can get.

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Trivial pursuits

America's obsession with streaks, meaningless records

Every streak eventually meets its demise. Cal Ripkin Jr. had to ride the pine sooner or later. Susan Lucci needed to be loved at least once. And on Tuesday, angering the whole state of Utah, "Jeopardy!" titan Ken Jennings bit the dust, compliments of giant-killer Nancy Zerg.

Yes, it's true. The Joe DiMaggio of the game show circuit finally got unseated from his holy roost after posting a record-setting 74th win — a \$2.52 million run. If this news comes as hard to believe, don't worry, it is. Personally, I became fond of the little trivia pirhanna. It had become comforting to tune into "Jeopardy!" to see Jennings horse whipping his opponents. During his Stalin-esque run, Jennings made opponents look like third-graders struggling to learn cursive for the first time. To put

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SPORTS EDITOR

Jennings' run into perspective, let's look at the dethroned champ's statistics.

The Mormon version of Bobby Fischer compiled \$2,520,700 in earnings, answering 160 Daily Double answers and 75 Final Jeopardy answers. What's even more Einstein-like is that Jennings managed to answer 2,881 questions correctly for an average daily winnings of \$34,064.

However, maybe the most enlightening aspect of all the streak was how little Kenny's run high-

lighted America's obsession with streaks. So why as a society do we have this constant hunger for record runs? Is it healthy or unhealthy? Lastly, and maybe most importantly, why does USA Today feel the need to inform us that Tom Hanks has had 10 straight movies exceed \$100 million at the box office?

The nation's hunger for streak-driven headlines isn't a new phenomenon. Let's look back on baseball's finest hour, when Joltin' Joe sent the nation into an uproar when he successfully hit in 56 consecutive games. DiMaggio's streak was one of the most publicized runs of all time, and the mere mention of it makes baseball historians fantasize of a time long gone.

For further proof of our streak lusting, let's fast-forward to modern day where every national publication has a streak section. See STREAKS on Page 7

Please, don't vote

Your opinion doesn't matter

ERNEST
SCHEYDER



ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Let's be up front and honest. Students don't like to vote. There, I said it. One needs only look at the last national election to prove that point. After spending millions on garnering the youth vote by both sides, the turnout in this age group was the same it's always been.

That apathy needs to change.

Today at the University of Maine, we have Student Government elections. It's a chance for you to say who you think can best handle nearly \$1 million of your money. I'm not going to sit here and feed you the line "vote or die," or gently whisper, "your vote is the future" into your ear. If I have to try to convince you to do something so basic as voting, then you shouldn't be allowed to vote.

In today's campus-wide election, we have three very different individuals running for student body president. We have a resident assistant running who loves to write students up while at the same time soliciting for votes. We also have a career student senator running who says she wants students to love Student Government but hasn't done anything about it in her previous terms. And we have an outsider who is betting you'll like the fact that he's something new and different.

So those are your three options. I know where I stand. Do you? Frankly, I don't care if you know who you're supporting or not. I'm sick and tired of the same old excuses as to why you don't vote. While some will say they're too busy with class, clubs and jobs, they won't say the same thing about checking e-mail. And the ironic thing is you vote through FirstClass.

What really needs to happen is a change in outlook on this

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Letters to the Editor

•PTC rich with local talent

I am writing in response to Kyle Webster's review of Penobscot Theatre's "The Crucible," which appeared in the Nov. 8 edition of *The Maine Campus*. I want to dispute his claim that the theater "consistently underestimates local talent." A little more research into the matter would have uncovered that,

coincidentally, every actor in "The Crucible" is local by Webster's standards. In the cast of 24 actors, all were either born in or have lived in Maine for some part of their lives.

In last season's review of one of our shows, "Art," which appeared in the March 18 issue of *The Maine Campus*, Webster states: "It's important to note that the actor who

steals the show, [Adam] Kuykendall, is the only local talent in "Art." The actor, Kuykendall who is from Virginia, happened to be studying in Maine when the show was produced, and has since moved away. The very talented actress, Liz Finnegan, Webster cites as being "national talent" in "The Crucible,"

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STREAKS

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lication felt it was our need to know "The Da Vinci Code" had been on the best-seller list as long as Mike Wallace had been on "60 Minutes." To see the streak worship taken one step further, just observe two weeks in the movie business. If a movie finishes No. 1 in back-to-back weeks, it's being hailed as the next "Godfather." Move over, Francis Ford Coppola, here comes John Woo.

Our desire for streaks and more streaks is due to our need to be impressed. We have grown accustomed to being wowed by every aspect of culture. However, we need to stop right now. There is no need to celebrate a cup of Starbucks joe being the best seller for four weeks or the No. 1 cell phone ringtone of the past month. These worthless bits of information seem to taint the more impor-

tant runs that occur. Comparing DiMaggio's unearthly streak to that of Maroon 5's billboard tally is sinful. It's blurring the line between amazing and average.

The next time you see "Inside Edition" informing you about some new "stellar" streak, pull back and take a breather. Remember: Lucci losing in the Emmys for 17 straight years isn't that big of a deal, and if you are able to put that into perspective, maybe when the real thing comes along, you will truly be shocked and awed. You will appreciate the event. You won't have to worry about other worthless streaks clogging the scene because you understand what is impressive. After all, shouldn't the fellow who made Jeopardy! watchable get a little more limelight than "National Treasure's" box office run?

Matt Conyers is a sophomore journalism major who is compiling an impressive streak of his own: spending Saturday nights alone, watching "Jeopardy!" reruns.

VOTE

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campus. The UMaine student body is at an impasse — stuff that should get done doesn't. We are in serious times, and we need serious people to accomplish the tasks at hand. And I'm sorry, if you're too stupid to take a minute and pick one of three people to get the job done, well then don't come back next semester.

Current Student Body President Cortlynn Hepler has done an exemplary job galvanizing the campus towards change, especially considering his predecessor. It's a start, but more needs to be done. And his successor will have to work that much harder to continue

what he started.

So this is my challenge to the student body: You say you want things to change on this campus? Well then, my friends, you're going to have to do something about it. You're going to have to stand on the highest peak and yell as clearly as you can and make your voices heard. You're going to have to meet the candidates halfway and discover which one is for you. Not voting does not make your voices heard. Student Government in general, and more specifically you and your future here in Orono, are inextricably linked to this race. Don't throw it all away.

Ernest Scheyder is a junior English major who would like to remind everyone to vote in today's elections — unless you are apathetic and uninformed.

LETTERS

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lived her whole life in Maine, studied in New York City and has since returned to live in Maine.

Stating that "The Crucible" has only a few local faces is just plain wrong.

Collene F. Torres
Managing Director
Penobscot Theatre

•A Res Life Rebuttal

In an editorial entitled, "And themed living for all," by Ernest Scheyder, which appeared in the Nov. 18 edition of *The Maine Campus* concerning the new Living-Learning Community initiative in Residence Life and Programs, Scheyder suggested that community themes would limit the diverse experiences that residents should have. To the contrary, these themes, both academic and personal interest, will provide a foundation for students to live together in a dynamic learning community.

Residence Life and Programs is committed to partnering with students and providing inclusive communities in which students live and learn together successfully. Presently, we offer several types of what might be considered Living-Learning Communities, including Honors Residential Program, Outdoor Adventure Community,

and the Green Dorm. Let me assure the campus community that within these Living-Learning Communities, there is a wide variety of life experiences, perspectives and values.

The theme is a shared interest that connects the community and promotes interaction that leads to learning and development. Each Living-Learning Community will build a partnership with other staff or faculty on campus that can help enhance the community. Other universities that have established Living-Learning Communities report that students have found them to be very rewarding and beneficial. Research indicates that students who reside in Living-Learning Communities are more satisfied with their college experience and more likely to remain in college.

Residence Life and Programs promotes an environment that encourages new ideas, new experiences and new learning, and we welcome new staff who share this love of learning and community. I encourage Scheyder to reconsider and apply to be a resident assistant.

I welcome the opportunity to meet or talk with students as well as members of the campus community, so please feel free to contact me. The Residence Life Program is eager for input and participation as we strive to enrich the lives of students at UMaine.

Barbara Smith
Residence Life and Programs
director

Terminating Article 2

Proposal could allow Schwarzenegger to run for president

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the recent election. Election aftermaths often find parties, especially the losing ones, clamoring about what tactics worked, didn't work or should work next time. The Schwarzenegger debate began heating up in October when television and radio stations brought up the topic. After the Nov. 2 results, people asked: Why not Arnold? 2008 brings us a new president regardless, so what not him? It's a fair question.

Perhaps the biggest proponent of the question is the Web site www.amendforarnold.com. Established solely to support Schwarzenegger's bid for president, the Web site is in-depth and informative, with a clear-cut purpose. So much do they believe amending Article 2 is necessary, the supporters are launching a television ad campaign to suggest just that. Headed by one of Arnold's biggest fund-raisers, Lissa Morgenthaler-Jones, the commercials leave the viewer pondering the statement, "You cannot choose the land of your birth. You can choose the land you love." Strong words, but fair all the same. The phrase is completely true and carries the underlying meaning that it's OK for foreign-

born American citizens to run for president.

As fair an argument as it is, amending the Constitution is much easier said than done. To even think about the specific reform, two-thirds of the vote are needed from both the House and Senate. After that, 38 states — the three-quarters needed — have to ratify the amendment. According to www.amendforarnold.com, the shortest amount of time these votes and ratifications could be executed in is six years. Despite a legion of fans, even Schwarzenegger can realize the unlikely reality of his presidential chance.

Even if Article 2 were to be amended someday, what other foreign-born citizen is equally as popular and politically adept as Schwarzenegger? Were America to find one, then we would have the most utter distrust in our democratic system; seeking leadership among non-Americans is ironically un-American in itself.

But Arnold Schwarzenegger does not spell disaster. It is obvious America genuinely likes the former Hollywood star, and has grown accustomed to him politically. Whether the Constitution is ever amended so that foreign-born American citizens can run for president remains to be seen. Whether we would ever vote one into the highest position in the American democracy is another question.

Kyle Fortinsky is a senior journalism major.

Helping half-pint hoopsters

Working with future NBA prima donnas & thugs

Because I'm a kind, caring gentleman — and because my parole officer made me — I chose to do some community service. About two weeks ago, I decided I was going to fulfill my civic duty by coaching a youth basketball team. I figured that by coaching kids, not only would I appease the judge, but I would also make a real lasting impression on a few youngsters. Well, that's not entirely true. To be perfectly honest, I wanted to coach a pee-wee team so I could have access to hot older broads. I figured if these women are popping out rug rats, then they must be putting out, right? Well what I didn't realize is that since my team is comprised of kids from Old Town, pretty much all their mothers are also from Old Town. Translation: They are not real attractive. Let me put it this way: I have 10 kids on the team with 10 mothers. Out of those 10 mothers, there is a total of 19 teeth. You do the math.

After a couple of hours of try-outs, they officially put yours truly in charge of coaching 10 screaming little bastards — I mean wonderful youngsters. First thing we did was sit down and think of a name for our team. After a few hours of arguments and deliberations, we decided to call ourselves the "Darting Tykes." I figured the name fit perfectly because what my team

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lacks in height, they make up for in speed. However, we ran into a small snag when we got our T-shirts back from the printer. Apparently whoever runs the print shop is dyslexic, because we went from being the "Darting Tykes" to the "Tarting Dykes." The toothless moms didn't find it quite as funny as I did.

Now that we're all up to speed, let me just say that after spending the past 14 miserable days with those little spawns of Satan, I will never coach another youth team again. Not only are they disrespectful and spoiled, they also emulate the same jerk-off athletes that play pro sports on television. For example, one of the best players on my team, Bobby Shaw, is a wizard with the basketball. He has a better handle than Mike Bibby and better court vision than Jason Kidd. However, Bobby is a ticking time bomb of pent-up aggression. Last week during a game, Bobby went into the crowd and attacked a female spectator. Apparently she was taunting Bobby during the game by

shouting rude comments about Bobby's hero — SpongeBob. Bobby snapped and punched the woman in the face. The doctor said the blow was hard enough to knock some of her teeth out — if she had any.

And the parents aren't helping to change the bad attitudes of their children. For instance, the center on my team, Danny Webster, has hired his own father to be his agent. As if that's not bad enough, Danny's dad has advised him to hold out for a better deal. Now Danny won't play ball for me until I promise him a no-trade clause. He also wants a case of Snack Packs as a signing bonus.

I just think it's a shame that youth sports seem to be going the way of pro sports. It doesn't seem like many of these kids are in it for the love anymore. All they want is the dough. The other day, one of my pee-wee kids came to practice driving a Big Wheel rolling on 22-inch "dubs."

I will say that even with all the attitude problems and the hardships, I wish the best for those little kids. I hope that one day I can turn on the television and see one of them playing in the NBA. It would be nice to sit back and say, "Hey, I coached that little dyke."

Travis Cowing is a community leader, both on and off the court.

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O come all ye Playful

Use our guide
to decide which
games to buy
this holiday
season



By Matt Desmond
Staff Writer

Christmastime — the time of year when all the best games come out on the market. It really is the most wonderful time of the year to be a gamer. All of the great games are on the rise. Here are some of the top picks of the holiday season.

The biggest title that is on the lips of every PC gamer this holiday season is none other than "Half-life 2." This is a game that was six years in the making — primarily because building a new game engine takes time, and then there was that whole source code-theft thing from last year. Hell, there was even talk of the game not even being out in time for Christmas due to a little spat between Valve and Vivendi. Thankfully, everyone came together in that good, old-fashioned Christmas spirit and released the game just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday rush.

"Half-life 2" takes place somewhere between five and 15 years after the events at the Black Mesa Research Facility in the original "Half-life." The human race has been all but obliterated by a race of aliens that call themselves the Combine. It's not really known how they found Earth, although perhaps it had something to do with the resonance cascade scenario. Maybe they just stumbled onto us by mistake, and

humanity has been rounded up into cities where the Overwatch, a Gestapo-like group, harasses and generally kills the residents of the city. Gordon Freeman has been brought to City 17 by the mysterious G Man to assist the citizens. One thing leads to another and Gordon Freeman starts a citizen uprising against the Combine. The new Havok ragdoll physics engine is beautiful, as are the graphics produced by the Source engine. The gameplay is decent and the story line is incredible. There are two versions of this game: a regular edition for \$55 and the collector's edition for \$79 that comes with a T-shirt with the Lambda logo on it, a DVD containing "Half-life 2," "Half-life: Source" and "Counterstrike: Source," as well as a Prima game guide. Definitely something on everyone's list. Five out of 5 stars.

And who doesn't love a good old fashioned role-playing game? The next game on our list is "Vampire the Masquerade: Bloodlines." Set in the White Wolf World of Darkness universe, "Bloodlines" places you in the role of a fledgling vampire in the streets of Los Angeles. You can choose from one of seven of the 13 different clans in the World of Darkness. Without giving away too much of the story, you play a human who recently turned into a vampire. Unfortunately, your sire did not seek permission from the Prince of Los Angeles to sire a child and your sire is killed. You

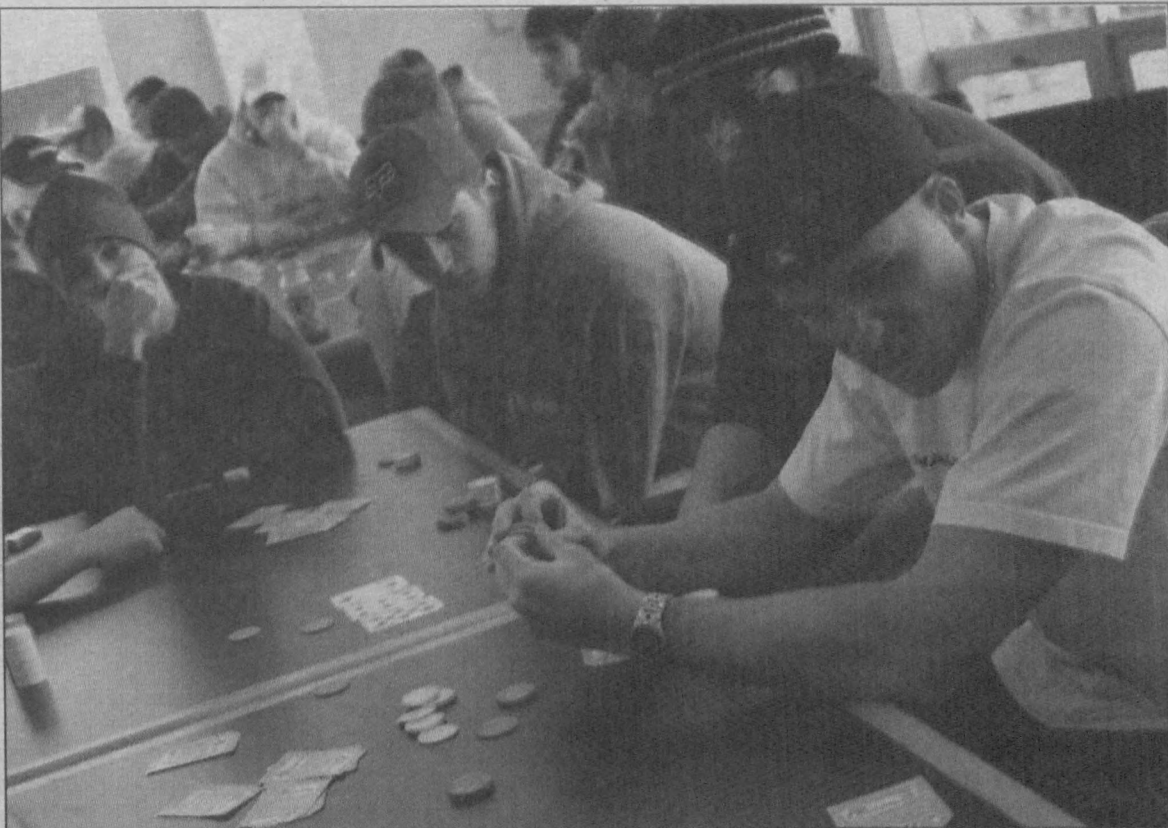
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From top: "Vampire the Masquerade: Bloodlines," Medal of Honor: Pacific Assault," "Half-life 2," "Need for Speed Underground 2."

Cashing in: The AMA hosts first poker tournament

Marathon poker tournament lasts 11 hours, seeing 96 participants knocked out. Winner takes home \$500 first-place prize, American Marketing Association raises \$820 in process.



(Top) POKER FACE — Joe Olszewskar lets his thoughts show through his face Saturday morning at the AMA's campuswide poker tournament.

(Bottom) THINKING ABOUT IT — The poker tournament gathered students of all skill levels and ages, such as graduate student Mark Barthelemy and freshman Lee Holagland.

By Matt Kearney
Style Editor

A little after 11 a.m. The University of Maine's American Marketing Association's Campuswide Poker Tournament got under way with 97 participants in the North Pod of the Union — ten grueling hours later, it wrapped up.

A few minutes past 10 p.m. chip leader Travis Folsom called Kurt Fitzgerald's all in, as both players flipped over aces, with Folsom holding an eight and Fitzgerald a three. On the flop Folsom paired his ace, meaning Fitzgerald needed the slim possibility of running threes to keep his hopes alive and winning the \$500 Bangor Mall gift certificate first place prize. The turn card was of no help to Fitzgerald as the long and intense day of poker ended.

"By the time I was at the final table, I was having a hard time even seeing the cards," Fitzgerald said. "I was afraid that I would be in trouble because my concentration wasn't nearly where it needed to be."

The AMA aimed to field a full 100-person tournament, but because of people not showing up who were registered it was three short.

"About 20 people who had a seat reserved did not show, but people

showed up, not registered, hoping to get in," said Erik Gundersen, AMA's vice president of finances. "We put them on a waiting list which was 17 deep and they all ended up playing because of the no shows."

Skylar Letourneau was the first player to bow out of the tournament after just 10 minutes, leaving the North Pod to cheers and clapping from his fellow players, who appeared relieved they were safe from the honor of being knocked out first.

The day began with 10 tables of 10 players, with a 50 cent large blind, which went up 50 cents every hour. Every player started with \$20 in chips and took turns dealing. At different points throughout the day the tables would be condensed to make sure the number of people at each table was relatively equal.

Overall, the tournament appeared to be run very smoothly, until 5:30 when a scheduling conflict forced the tournament to be moved to another room of the Union — but at this point there were few players left so it was only a minor hassle.

"The tournament ran smoother than we could have every hoped for," Gundersen said.

The tournament was a fund- See POKER on Page 10

How to lose \$20 in 30 minutes

By Matt Kearney
Style Editor

I woke up Saturday morning and prepared for my day of glory. I was going to take the win at UMaine's American Marketing Association's campuswide Poker Tournament in style. I was already planning on how I was going to spend the \$500 first-place Bangor Mall gift certificate.

This all came to a crashing halt not even thirty minutes into the tournament.

After 10 hands, I had only played two, deciding to play a fairly conservative game, playing only when I had solid cards before the flop. This strategy came back to haunt me, especially on the fourth hand, when I would have flopped two pair off the bat. But that's just poker, and I could live with it.

Now, I'm not a poker shark, but I'm not horrible either. I'm probably just over breaking even the past year. After this tournament, though,

I may need to reconsider this estimate of my poker playing skills.

However, on the twelfth hand, 25 minutes into the tournament, I decided to play a suited Ace-eight, and when the flop came I had paired my eight and it was the top pair on the table. Betting big, I went one-on-one with someone who didn't really seem like he wanted to be in the hand. After the turn and river cards, I still had top pair and had now bet about \$15 of my \$20 buy-in. With top pair and an ace kicker I was feeling good.

To my horror, the other player flipped over pocket 10s and took the large pot.

I hung in for another 10 minutes, going all in once and winning, but then losing my second straight all-in to pocket aces.

Out of 97 people, I was the eighth person out. That was truly pathetic. My \$20 buy-in would have been better spent on something a little more practical. Maybe a "Poker for Dummies" book.

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Finding The Cure for monotonous holiday music



By Rachel Krautkramer

He's 45, he's married and he wears makeup, but I don't care. I am in love with Robert Smith. For those of you who don't know, Smith is the lead singer and founder of The Cure, an amazing band whose career has spanned over 25 years.

So why should you care?

Because the holidays are approaching and that means one unavoidable thing: For the next

month, Christmas music will take over the radio. This gets old — very old. I like "Jingle Bell Rock" and Adam Sandler's "Hanukkah Song" as much as the next person, but not when I hear them every day. By the time Christmas rolls around I'm incredibly sick of it. It doesn't have to be like this, though. Instead of listening to the radio this year, buy a CD as a little sanity-saving holiday gift to yourself. This is where The Cure comes in.

Even as I begin to explain this band, I know that nothing I say will do them the proper justice. Originally the Easy Cure, Smith formed the band in his home town of Crawley, England. Influenced by late seventies punk, their passionate lyrics set them apart from other bands of the age. They took

off in the eighties, enduring drug problems and member changes to ultimately help lay the groundwork for modern angst-rock. To be fair though, their music can't really be classified. Their music ranges from Pop to Goth, and yet remains unique. Any Cure CD is worth purchasing, but some albums stand out more than others.

I recommend "Disintegration." Simply put, the album is a work of art, mixing emotionally driven lyrics with a bleakly beautiful sound. It's the second component of the Dark Trilogy, three Cure albums known for their heavy subject matter. Don't worry, though, listening to it won't make you hang yourself, simply brings quiet introspection. If that isn't your thing, I recommend

"Galore," a compilation of their greatest hits. Yes, it's kind of cheating to buy a greatest hits album, but it still exposes you to some of their more radio friendly music.

Chances are you've heard a song of theirs. If you lived in the eighties you couldn't escape "Just Like Heaven" and "Friday I'm in Love," nor would you want to. In 1998, South Park creators and Cure fans Trey Parker and Matt Stone honored Robert Smith in an episode where his music defeats an evil Barbara Streisand. This past year, the song "Pictures of You" was adopted for a series of Hewlett-Packard commercials. The band clearly has longevity. People from a variety of generations and backgrounds appreciate

their music, finding it just as meaningful as when The Cure was at the height of its popularity.

Robert Smith is the heart of the band, the only one who has been there since the beginning. His face has become synonymous with The Cure. His passionate nature shines through his songs but alas, he's happily married to Mary Poole, a girl he met in drama class at age 14. Even if you're not interested in Smith as a person, the Cure's music is still worth exploring.

So do yourself a favor this holiday season. When the Christmas music becomes too much to take, buy "Disintegration" or another Cure album and you'll be rewarded with quality music. At least it's better than "Jingle Bell Rock."

Bands fail to impress at WMEB show

By Erin McNamara
Staff Writer

WMEB, UMaine's premier radio station, sponsored a cutting edge rock show on Thursday, named Local Bands a Go Go. Unfortunately, the show turned out to be more of a freak show than a rock show.

The show got off to an unprofessional start when it began nearly 15 minutes late, and the opening announcements were interrupted by a former DJ jumping on-stage and yelling into the microphone. Hostess and main organizer, Emily Burnham, introduced some "the band" of hers, This Car Climbed Mount Washington. They started their set with a 10-minute-long advance apology for how much they were about to "suck," which was incredibly nice of them, considering the most impressive part of their performance was when the lead singer, Jason Unterreiner, forgot the lyrics to his own song. He filled in the lyrics with "Lalala, I suck I suck I suck." The drummer was obviously an adventurous young man, seeing as the show was his ninth time playing drums, ever. All things considered, for someone that inexperienced, he showed a remarkable ability to keep relatively steady timing.

After This Car Climbed Mount Washington left the stage, there was a break of a few minutes while The Jonee Earthquake Band set up. During that time, people milled about, and I had the opportunity to rub elbows with emo kids, indie-rockers and some folk who just looked generally strange.

Among the crowd was Jason Unterreiner, who summed up the performance by stating that he, "makes real music, too — just, this isn't it."

The Jonee Earthquake Band, a psychobilly group from New Hampshire, started right off with a rollicking original tune, and demonstrated that they were at least able to stay in time with each other, and be loud. As their set progressed, it became more and more evident that, other than in cover songs, their vocabulary was very colloquial and down-home. The best example of their grasp of the English language as the title of one of their original songs, "Shit for Brains." By that point in the show, not only did that sum up their performance. The songs they performed, many of them off their "Greatest Hits" album, were, for the most part, offensive and numbing, mainly consisting of obscenities and bad grammar. Their segment of the show was overwhelmingly loud and fast, so loud, in fact, that by the end of it I had the distinct feeling that someone had injected ammonia into my frontal lobe.

Next was local ska band Skawabunga. They definitely have the potential to be a very, very good band. Their performance was a little bit rough, but they were together, the songs were both coherent and relatively cheerful — a nice change after Jonee Earthquake — and their musicianship was evident throughout. Tenor saxophonist Laura Zukowski played many impressive solos throughout their set. Skawabunga, while good now, has the potential to be something impressive, and this was very evident Thursday night.

Tomorrow's Retro Future, the closing act, was preceded by a brief intro, Skeleton Kee. They were reminiscent of a spoof on the KKK, Slipknot and the Roswell Files. Altogether terrible, it was a relief when TRF "chased them off the stage," and "saved the show." They then proceeded on, a two-man show with a guitar, keyboard, drum machine and a short, masked man dancing at the back of the stage. Their blend of peppy, 1970s-rock harmonics and grating punk vocals were an odd contrast to the rest of the bands that performed that night, though not an unwelcome one. The lyrics were a bit difficult to catch, and what could be heard could certainly not be considered poetic. Fortunately, however, they were at the least inoffensive. It was at least a relief that a show that had started on such a musically dismal note could at least end on a mediocre one.

There does have to be credit given to Burnham, for organizing the show and assembling the bands. It was obvious of the effort she put into the event. There also needs to be recognition for the radio staff and DJ's who showed up and stayed to help run the event, selling CD's and T-shirts for the bands. The amount of work put in by the concert staff should have been equaled by the time, effort and talent contributed by the bands; sadly, it wasn't. The night was, for audience members as well as radio staff, a night of disappointments and migraines, rather than a night of punk-rock and rocking out. All in all, Local Bands a Go Go really turned out to be more like Freak Show a No Go.

POKER

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raiser for the organization, which is trying to raise money to send a few of its officers to New Orleans for a national conference. The organization raised \$820, after recycling a little more than half of the proceeds back into the tournament for prizes, according to Gundersen.

To keep the event legal, the prizes had to be in the form of gift certificates, but none of the contestants seemed to mind, as numerous people said it would help in buying Christmas presents.

Folsom won the top prize, Fitzgerald won a \$300 Bangor Mall gift certificate and Michael Moran, who placed third, took home a \$150 gift certificate.

Gundersen said that AMA hopes to hold another tournament next semester with a few changes.

"I want to shoot for 200 people and hold the tourney over two days, but we will see," said Gundersen.

The 11 a.m. kick-off time seemed a bit early for many of the contestants, who appeared haggard and hung-over from Friday night. The start time is one thing, Gundersen hopes to change next semester, he said.

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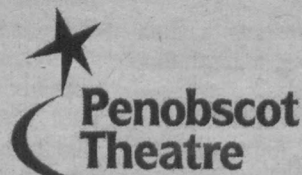
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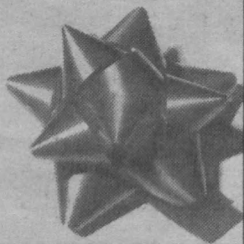
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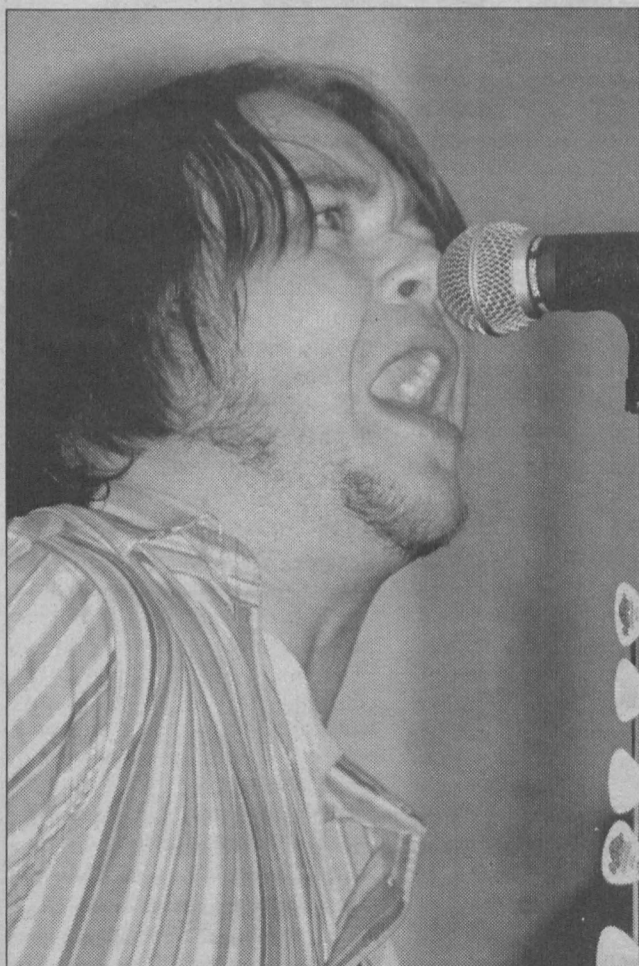


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OPEN UP — Almost Home lead singer Cory Deshean at Saturday's Local Band Showcase in the Memorial Union.

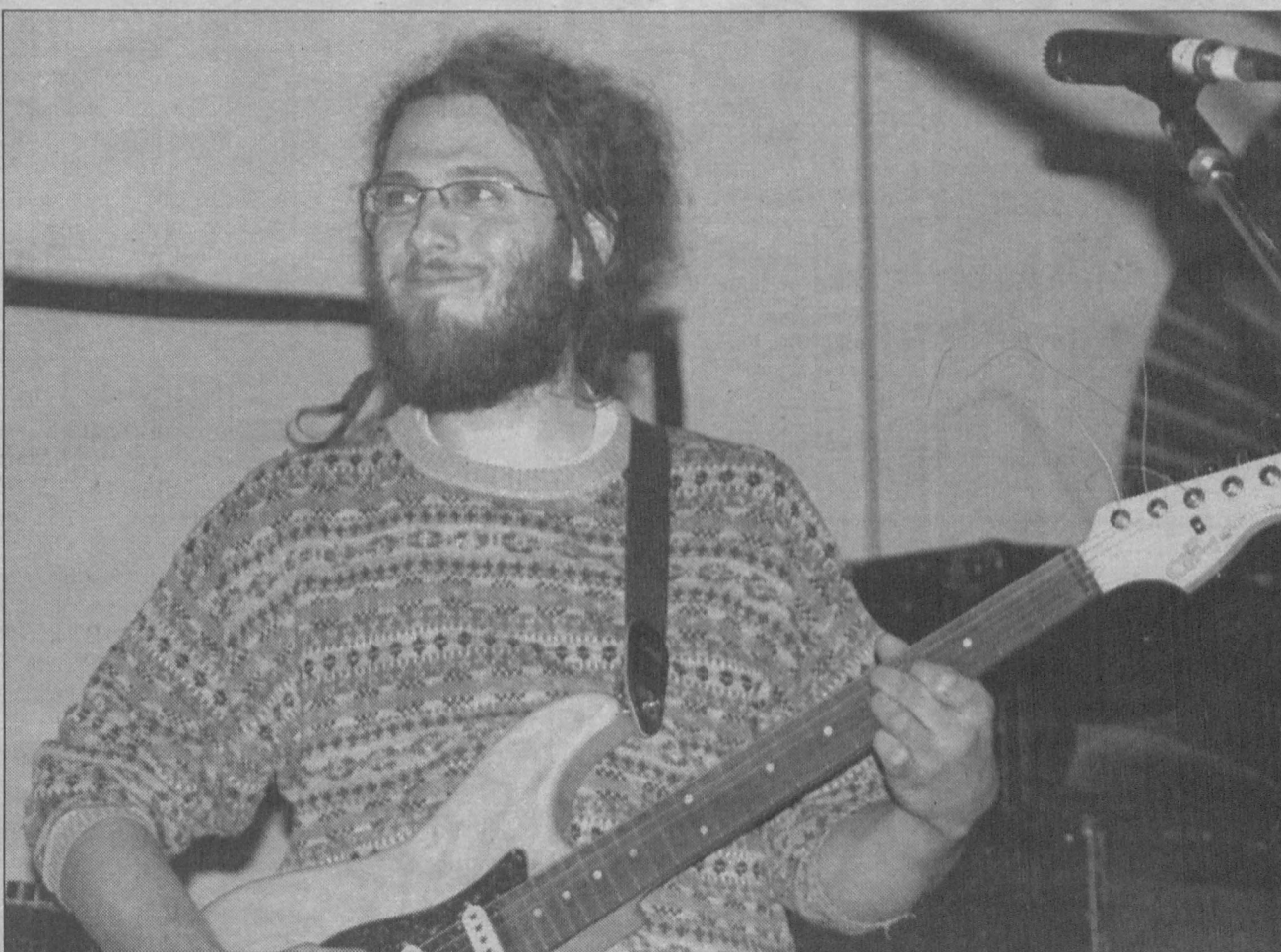


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PLAYING THE CHORDS — Bill Giordana of Soul Lemon jams Friday night in Neville Hall. Soul Lemon played after the Eco Village Fair, promoting sustainable communities and eco peace.



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RED ROVER RED ROVER — Dan Giovanni (left Alan Bailey) tries to seduce Zerlina (Rebecca Barley) away from her bridegroom Masetto (right, Christopher Libby) in Saturday night's presentation of Mozart's Dan Giovanni by the Opera Workshop Class.



PHOTO BY PAUL BERTSCHINGER

FIRST DEGREE — Jon McLeod, singer and guitarist of Murder Weapon, plays at Saturday's Local Band Showcase presented by DIY-Detroit.

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are about to be killed, but after an outburst from several members of Clan Brujah, you are spared and given a suicide mission — for a new vampire it is a suicide mission, anyway — and if you are successful, you'll be welcomed into the vampire community.

The atmosphere is creepy, but unfortunately the game is marred by bugs. A patch is in the works and should be out before Christmas. The game has multiple endings and depending on which clan you choose, there will be different character interactions. For example, one clan, the Malkavians, are well, insane. And during the course of the game you'll hear voices in your head, among other things. This helps make for an even creepier game — in some of the parts, where you'll want to stop and go outside for a breath of fresh air. Four out of five stars.

"Medal of Honor: Pacific Assault" is the next installment in a long list of "Medal of Honor" titles from Electronic Arts. As you can guess by the title, "Pacific Assault" attempts to recreate key

battles from the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II. You'll go from the San Diego Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot to Pearl Harbor, Makin Atoll, Guadalcanal, an intense combat air patrol — yes, they did work flight into the game, which makes for a brilliant, but sometimes frustrating experience — and finally the assault on Tarawa Atoll. The graphics are absolutely breathtaking and repelling the assault on Pearl Harbor is perhaps the most memorable point in the game.

The game itself hasn't changed much other than the graphics. The weapons are pretty much the same, except you now get to use Japanese weapons. The game is very historically accurate, especially in the fight on Tarawa where you'll go past what you think is a pile of dead bodies and a Japanese soldier will pop up and set a grenade off. The assault on Guadalcanal is another very intense moment, from defending a ridge from an enemy you can't see — it takes place at night — to having to fly a plane once the pilot bails out on you, the game offers a lot more than any other World War II shoot 'em up on the market. Five out of five stars.

Finally, the last game we have

in part one is "Need for Speed Underground 2." "NFS Underground 2" is an intense driving game where you play as your character from the original. Unfortunately though, you lose all your cars and have to build your reputation up in the Underground Racing League in Los Angeles. You'll earn cash and reputation points to upgrade your car through circuit races, sprints, cross races — think really short tracks with tight turns and three other drivers who want nothing more than see your ass put in the wall, drift races — where you score points by doing some tricky fishtail moves with your car and the underground races themselves. With cash and reputation points you can buy car upgrades to pimp your own ride out with neon lights, nitro, gull wing doors — you name it, you can probably buy it in this game.

The controls are simple and easy to use, and after a few races they will be like second nature. There is a host of real cars in the game including the Honda Civic, the Cadillac Escalade, the Lincoln Navigator, the Ford Focus and a variety of other cars as well that you can purchase and upgrade for racing in the underground racing league. Four out of five stars. Next time — console titles.

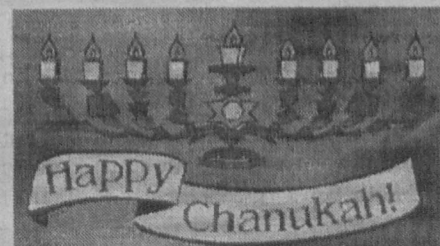
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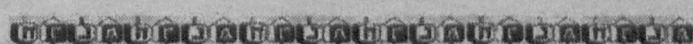
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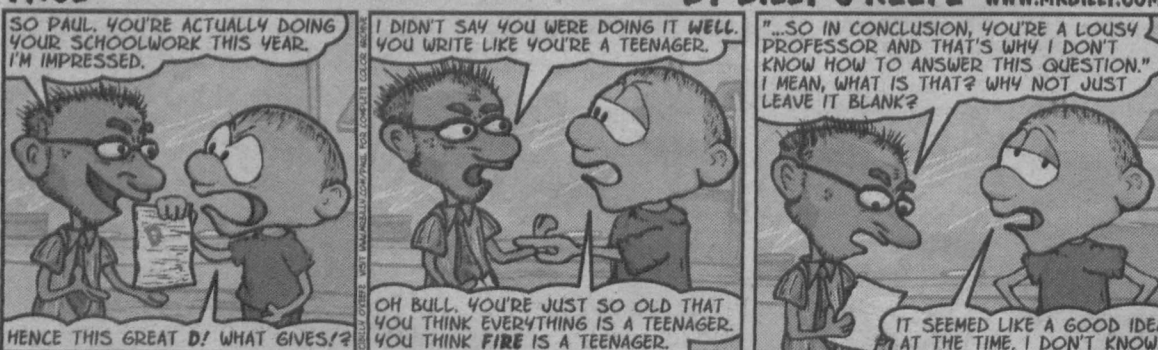
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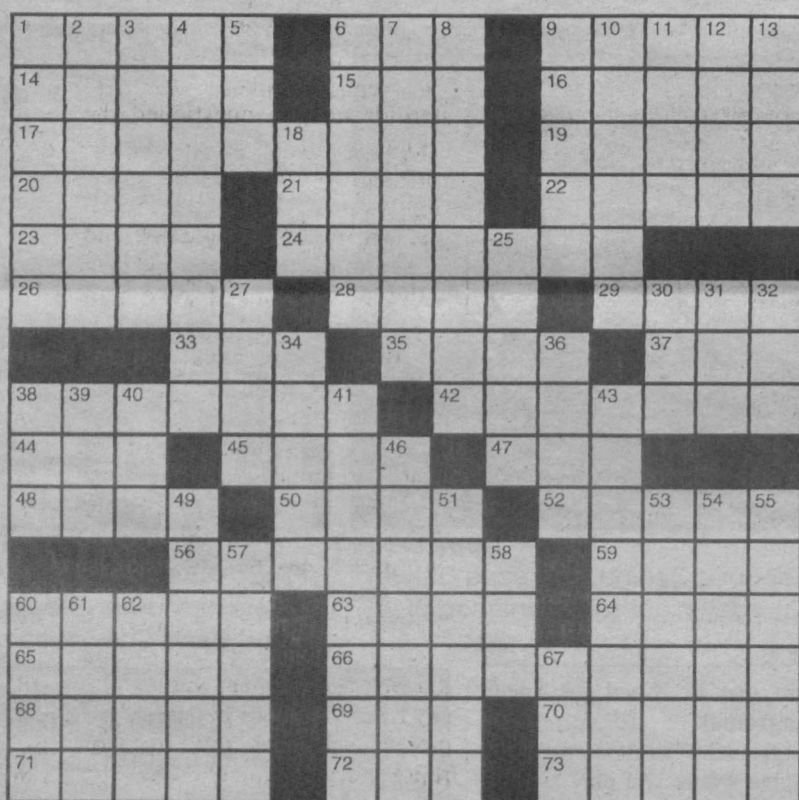
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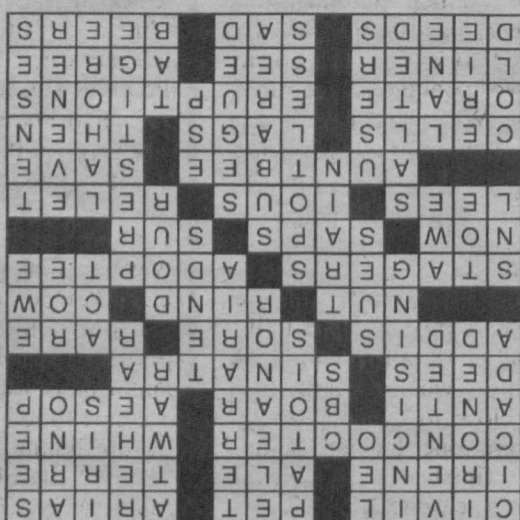
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The spirit of the holidays

Once again, the holiday season is upon us. It's that wonderful time of year where everyone stops to reflect upon the deep, spiritual meaning behind Christmas.

—Sound of machetes being unsheathed—

And Hanukkah and Kwanza and Ramadan and Atheist Kids Get Presents Day. That's the trouble with writing about the holiday season. If you make the awful mistake of excluding any holiday, all those deeply religious folks with too much time on their hands will go out of their way to point out your narrow-mindedness. And then they'll put an angry mongoose in your underwear drawer. So, in an effort to not leave anyone out, we've changed Christmas to "The Holidays." Sooner or later it's all going to be referred to as "that party when the snow comes," but for now I should be able to get away with talking about Christmas.

—Machetes coming back out—

And Hanukkah and Kwanza and Ramadan and Atheist Kids Get Presents Day. Anyway, this is the time of year where everyone realizes the true meaning of all these wonderful holidays: finding a parking space at the mall. In the tradition of the three non-denomination intelligent gentlemen who traveled for quite some time across a barren desert, following only a star, in the hopes that it may lead them to a parking space.

We have the mall itself to thank for this, with its elite parking space reduction corps. Every year around this time, they come out and re-measure all the parking spaces, making them smaller and smaller until finally, starting this fall, they started measuring out the width of our parking spaces with a credit card, muttering to themselves, "lets see them try to fit in here." And they know we will, because we have gifts to buy. Going shopping is like watching the nature channel — individual cars will prowl the parking lot, looking for a departing shopper like it's the last gazelle on the plains. Once the shopper, or "prey," has been located, the car will mark its territory by following the shopper from no more than 3 inches away until they (the shopper) reach their car, which is usually located at least two full time zones away. Sometimes the shopper will attempt to indicate that they merely intended to drop something off, at least until they see us hunched over our steering wheel, whistling "Jingle Bells" through our clenched and grinding teeth. Any further shopping plans usually end once we rev our engine in a festive holiday fashion to make it clear the shopper would never make it.

Now it's our turn to begin joyously shopping for our "loved ones," none of who were willing to give up THEIR parking spots. After climbing out of the trunk of your car, which is necessary because you had to sacrifice your rear view mirrors to park there in the first place, we make our way to the mall itself, which has been festively decorated for the holiday season.

Rambling
Fool

By Benjamin Jarvela

son since mid-August. This is a long time, because if you're anything like me, you're doing your holiday shopping at about 10:30 p.m. Dec. 24. Needless to say, the salespeople, who've now been exposed to all this festivity for lengths of time usually reserved for measuring continental drift are all curled up in the fetal position on the store floor, quietly whimpering to themselves. If you DO manage to find one who hasn't collapsed, he knows he's got you, because it's only a matter of time before someone parks his car directly on top of yours.

Desperate Customer: "Can I buy this DVD player? Pretty please?"

Salesperson: "I don't know. Will you be purchasing our extended warranty?"

Desperate Customer: "Yes, yes of course. Anything you say."

Salesperson: "Just one extended warranty?"

Desperate Customer: "No ... no. Several extended warranties. Seven extended warranties."

Salesperson: "Weeeelll, I don't know..."

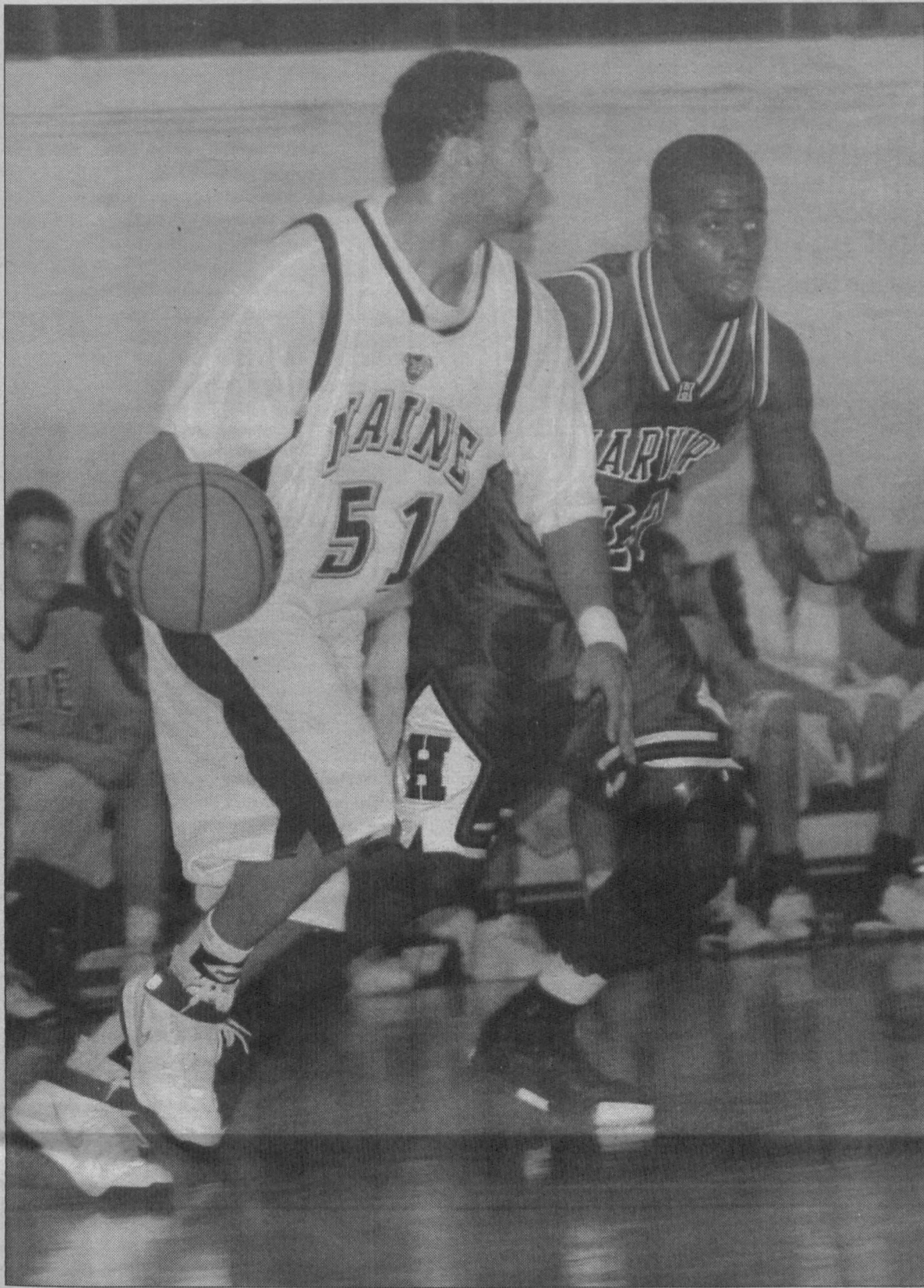
Desperate Customer: "And this refrigerator?"

Is all of this unnecessary and cruel? Perhaps, but you're a Holiday Shopper and you have to get gifts for your loved ones or they will all hate you. To that end, let me give all you Holiday Shoppers out there a few words of advice:

Buying gifts for a woman: If you're going to buy a gift for the lady in your life, you have to keep a few things in mind. For starters, going into any of the fancy lingerie stores that have become so common in America (and made it impossible to take anyone between the ages of 10 and 14 out in public), holding up your hands and saying "about this big" will not get you the kind of help you're looking for. Not from the clerk, manager, or the security guard escorting you off the premises. Although, he was rather nice about the whole incident. Also keep in mind that no matter how many times she says, "I don't really want anything," if you fail to provide the best gift received by her, any of her friends, her mother, or anyone she may possibly meet on the street, you are a jerk.

Buying gifts for a man: If it involves volts, horsepower, BTUs, gigs, or a ball, you can't go wrong. Lingerie also works, as long as you're not expecting us to wear it.

Really though, the nicest possible gift you can give someone isn't something you have to buy in a store. It costs nothing, but it's the most precious thing in the world, especially during the holiday season. Your parking space.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

MARKED MAN — Senior guard Chris Markwood stays one step ahead of the Harvard defense in Saturday's game held in the Pit. UMaine beat Harvard 79-66.

HARVARD

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give us a lift."

Reed also took time to lament on the record setting achievement.

"Anytime you break a record it's something special," said Reed. "I knew I was close, I didn't know how many to tell you the truth but I am glad I got it at home in the pit, I am honored."

Reed hauled in 14 points on the day, while shooting 4-for-9 from the field. He managed to snatch the three-point record after shooting 4-for-7 from behind the arc. Reed collected nine rebounds in the decision.

The record breaking moment came nearly halfway through the second period when Reed drained back-to-back three-pointers in less than a 24 second span. The second basket pushed Reed past former record holder Matt Rossignol for the sole possession of the record. Reed currently has 168 three point field goals in 65 career games.

Reed believes the victory also meant more due to the setting.

"We just wanted to get one in the pit, this is our true home-court," said Reed. "We weren't going to let a team come in and

take one from us."

Leading the way on the score-sheet was Ernest Turner, who finished the match with a game high 22 points, while adding three assists and three steals on the afternoon. Chris Markwood and Mark Flavin rounded out the scoring 11 and 10 points, respectively. Markwood finished the game with assists. The game marked the first time four Black Bears scored in double digits the same game since Jan. 28, 2004.

After the game, Harvard head coach Frank Sullivan highlighted the performances of UMaine's big three, Markwood, Reed and Turner.

"I think Markwood-Reed-Turner were really charged to get some points today," said Sullivan. "I think for the America East when those three are on they are really tough covers."

Sullivan noted his team's inability to shutdown the Black Bears in pivotal moments.

"We were beaten fair and square, this was the first game of the year where we had an inability to guard," said Sullivan.

Brian Cusworth finished the game with a team high 16 points for Harvard.

The Black Bears opened the match jumping out to an early 6-0 lead holding Harvard scoreless in the first four minutes of the

game. UMaine proceeded to increase their advantage, snatching a 14-4 lead halfway through the half. Saving their best for last, the Crimson managed to close out the half on a 13-2 run, cutting the Black Bear advantage to 32-29.

UMaine burst out of the gates in the second half outscoring Harvard 10-3 in the first five minutes behind pivotal long range shooting. The Black Bears continued to add to their lead after two straight Reed three pointers. With less than eight minutes remaining Reed found Markwood wide open in the corner for a crowd pleasing three pointer. The basket put the finishing touches on the match giving UMaine a 60-48 lead. The Black Bears proceeded to build their lead to 18 points with 4:24 remaining when Markwood floated close to the rim for an impressive one handed layup. UMaine finished the decision shooting a season high 48.2 percent from the floor connecting on 27-of-56 shots.

"Hopefully this gives us a little bit of a lift headed on the road now," said Reed.

UMaine heads on the road for their next matchup against America East foe University of Maryland-Baltimore County. The game is slated for Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.

BONDS

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In the meantime, from December 2003 to December 2004, some interesting things occurred. First and foremost, Bonds has not been arrested for perjury. This means that his story has held up so far, and after a year of further investigation still no charges have been made. Secondly, Victor Conte, kingpin of the Bay Area Laboratory Cooperative (BALCO), in a recent interview with 20/20 and ESPN said that he did supply Greg Anderson, Bonds' trainer, with the steroids. However, Conte never had knowledge Bonds using them. Conte noted that Anderson never made reference to Bonds in the meetings the two had. Finally, Bonds was recently drug tested by Major League Baseball. Under the MLB drug policy a players first test results will not be published, but neither is Grand Jury material, and if Bonds did fail that first test, we would have heard about it.

So does this "revelation" taint the game of baseball? Well that's a difficult question to ask. When Bill Romanowski was caught using BALCO steroids no one questioned the integrity of the NFL. When Marion Jones was caught using BALCO steroids no one questioned the integrity of the Olympics. Unfortunately for baseball, Bonds is about to smash the greatest record in the game and he accomplished part of his task with the assistance of some kind of steroid. I, don't really feel that of the claims against Bonds are completely fair. True, he did cheat, but the arguments most fans are presenting are completely ignorant.

Bonds testimony points out that he was using this creme during the season, rubbing it on his aches and pains. Gary Sheffield also stated that he used this creme for aches and pains. Bonds then went on to say he did not hide his use of the creme as he did it in front of reporters, teammates and the coaches on a frequent basis. This shows me that he was in fact using this creme as a pain reliever. No athlete in their right mind would use steroids in a season if they were trying to get bigger and stronger. That is what the offseason is for, to build your muscle. Athletes will use performance enhancing drugs in the offseason so they can come into their season in better shape. Once a player is in season, especially a baseball player who plays 162 scheduled games, they do not have time to work out while realistically expecting muscular gains. This means Bonds was likely taking this creme to reduce pain.

Jason Giambi is also noted to have used steroids during his playing career. Giambi, however, said he was using injectable steroids Deca Durabolin and injectable human growth hormone, which he received from an acquaintance at a Gold's Gym in Las Vegas. The steroids Giambi admitted to using are much more serious in the world of steroids than the creme Bonds and Sheffield used. Giambi was using these steroids

to push his body to a new muscular level and then used the HGH to unnaturally allow his body to catch up to support the unnatural muscular growth. This is why Giambi completely fell apart physically. His body became too big for his frame, and encountered all sorts of injuries.

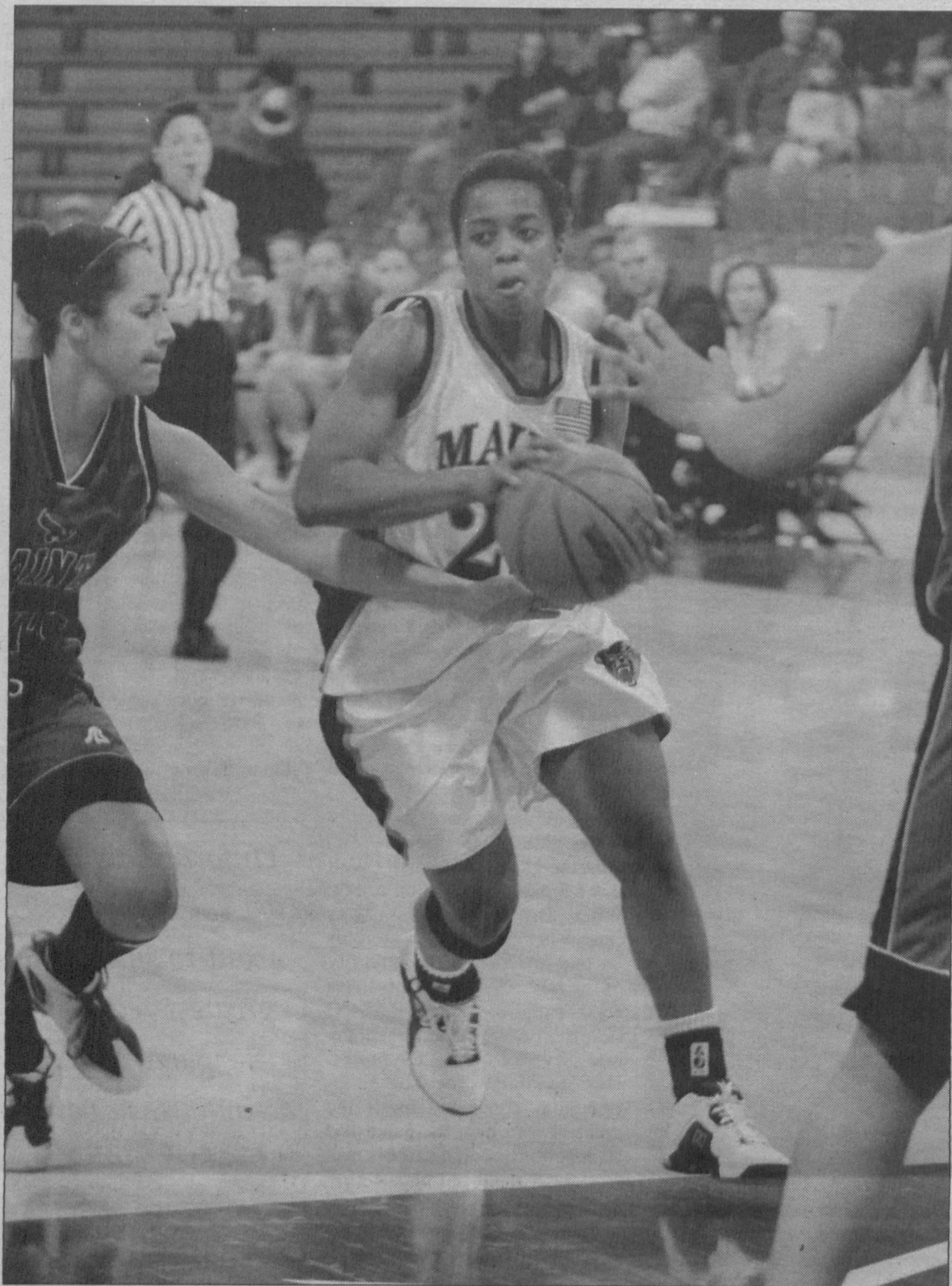
Finally, I'm completely sick of hearing this in analysis of Bonds' success at the plate. Reporters are trying to downplay his home run totals before 2000 in the attempt of overstating the effect these steroids may have had on his performance. These reporters and broadcasters note that before 2000 Bonds had never hit more than 46 home runs in a season, when in 2000 he hit 49 and in 2001 he hit 73. What they fail to mention is that in 2000 he only eclipsed his career high by 3 home runs, and after 2001 he hit 46, 45, and 45 home runs respectively. Barry himself said his 2001 season was a fluke.

During that summer he struggled with back pain and the pain of seeing his father fight cancer.

Unfortunately for baseball, Bonds is about to smash the greatest record in the game and he accomplished part of his task with the assistance of some kind of steroid.

Bonds has no explanation as to why or how he hit 73 that year, he just knows it happened. To further illustrate my point, even if you take away 30 home runs from his 2001 season, giving him a total of 43 that year, he would still have 673 career home runs, placing him third on the all time list. Rather than discussing home run totals, we should talk about home run rate. Bonds hit a home run in every 8.3 at bats in 2004, 8.7 in 2003, 8.8 in 2002, 6.5 in 2001, 9.8 in 2000, and 10.4 in 1999. With the exception of his freak year of 2001, Bonds home run rate hasn't changed that dramatically. Also, that number is tough to compare since Major League pitchers are giving Bonds half the at-bats a regular player would receive, meaning if Bonds had more opportunities to fail he likely would, thus driving his home run rate slightly higher and closer to his career average rate.

I don't think we will ever find out the entire truth behind the steroid scandal, but one thing is certain — Bonds, one way or another, has used performance-enhancing drugs. How much did it really affect his performance? This question is completely unanswerable, and speculation is the closest we will come. All we have is what has already happened — Barry Bonds has hit 703 home runs in his MLB career and shortly he will be remembered as the greatest home run hitter to ever play the game.



DRIVING THE LANE — UMaine's Kim Corbitt makes her way to basket during last weekend's Dead River tournament.

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Women's basketball rolls to road win

By Riley Donovan
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's basketball team won its third straight game Saturday night against Buffalo. Led by sophomore forward Bracey Barker, who had a career-high 26 points, the Black Bears defeated the Bulls in Buffalo 69-57.

The Black Bears came into the game fresh off their Dead River Tournament Championship looking to extend their win streak. The Black Bears controlled the first half, leading most of the way. At one point they had an eleven-point lead, but the Bulls cut the Black Bear lead to five going into halftime.

A 6-0 run to start the first half for Buffalo gave them the lead and forced UMaine head coach Sharon Versyp to take a timeout. Barker scored on a jumper coming out of the timeout to give the Black Bears back the lead. After a few lead changes the Black Bears found themselves down 43-40. Barker hit a three pointer to tie the game at 43 with 13:57 to play. A jump shot by Ashley Underwood would give the

Black Bears a two-point lead. Both shots were part of a 14-0 run that put the Black Bears up for good.

Missy Traversi had 13 points and Underwood chipped in with 10. Underwood started the game in place of Kim Corbitt, who did not play. The start for Underwood, a sophomore, was the first of her career. In addition to her 26 points, Barker, who played 38 minutes, had nine rebounds, three blocked shots, and three steals. She also shot 9 for 12 from the field.

The Black Bears shot 49 percent from the field as a team, and turned the ball over just nine times. They forced the Bulls to turn the ball over 14 times.

The loss for Buffalo was their second against an America East team. They lost

71-44 to Northeastern earlier in the season. A win against UMaine would have been an upset victory for the Bulls. Buffalo, who plays in the Mid-American Conference, took advantage of a UMaine team which lacked its defensive catalyst, point guard Corbitt, but the Black Bears switched to a zone defense in the second half and the Bulls could not get to the basket.

While the Bulls fell to 1-4 on their season, UMaine is now 3-3 and will look to extend their winning streak to four games when Indiana comes to Alford Arena on Dec. 10. The game starts at 7:30 p.m.

The Hoosiers are 3-2, but 0-2 on the road. One of their road losses was a 53-50 loss to Arkansas. They defeated Louisville 61-57 at home.

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Volleyball looks back on year

By Matthew Williams
For The Maine Campus

Under the tutelage of first-year head coach Lynn Theehs, the University of Maine volleyball team enjoyed their most successful season in program history in 2004. The Black Bears posted a 17-11 overall record, going 10-4 in America East conference play. The team qualified for the America East post-season tournament for only the second time and advanced to the championship game. The Black Bears lost the title to regular season champion Albany in a hard fought match, 3-2.

"I am very proud of this team," said Theehs. "They have shown more heart and determination than I could have ever imagined. I am so impressed with the way they leave everything on the floor."

UMaine finished in last place a year ago but the cone of their team returned, without a single freshman, and didn't have any freshmen. They were picked last in the pre-season coach's poll and their success was a surprise to everyone but themselves.

"We knew coming in that we had a good chance of improving on last year," said junior Kaili Jordan. "We were expecting to have a successful season."

UMaine was lead by graduating senior captains Brittany Howe, Carmen Morgan and Marina Ivankovic. Morgan was named to both the All-Championship team and the regular season All-Conference team; Howe was also an All-Conference selection. Jordan was named to both the All-Championship and All-Conference teams, and junior Shannan Fotter was an All-Conference selection. Fotter, Howe, and Jordan all earned America East player of the week honors during the season, and sophomore Shelly Seipp was named Setter of the Week once.

The Black Bears weathered a rough non-conference schedule and

limped to a 1-6 start, but began to turn things around by winning the Army Invitational Tournament in West Point, NY. That sparked an eight game winning streak that included the team's first win over rival New Hampshire. UMaine would lose three in a row before bouncing back to take seven of their last eight before heading into post-season play. During that stretch, UMaine handed Albany its lone loss in America East play, 3-2 at Memorial Gym.

There were several UMaine school records set this year, including wins in a season, highest finish in the standings, and tying the 2000 team for best post-season finish. In addition, Fotter set the record for blocks in a single season with 111. Howe set a record for hitting percentage, .688, against Sacred Heart and the team set a record for digs in a match with 118 in a win over Northeastern.

The Black Bears should be in prime contention for the America East crown again next season as they return seven of their ten players including two All-Conference players. In addition to Jordan and Fotter, UMaine returns one of the best setters in the conference in Shelly Seipp. Middle blocker Leah Guidinger and Jody Connacher will also be back, so UMaine will have a tested and experienced team ready to build on this year's success.

For Howe, Morgan and Ivankovic, leading the most successful in school history so far and setting several records along the way is a monumental accomplishment. They will undoubtedly go down in Black Bear history as three of the best volleyball players ever to wear the blue and white.

"It's great to be able to leave a mark before I graduate," said Howe. "None of it would have been possible without my teammates. We're like sisters and I love them all."

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FADING SHOT — Sonia Corriveau takes a shot at the Providence goalie during the women's last home game on Nov. 20. The women played Northeastern this weekend, winning both games.

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the season. As of Sunday, the Black Bears were three points behind Providence College for second place.

UMaine's 3-1 win over Northeastern saw the Black Bear attack score a goal in every period. UMaine finished the decision outshooting the Huskies 45-15. The Black Bears were able to get on the scoreboard within the first four minutes of the game. On a play in

Husky territory, the Black Bears were able to work the puck around to Kelly Law, who proceeded to rifle a shot on Marisa Hourihan. The shot forced a rebound that was easily recovered by Cheryl White, who slammed the puck home for a 1-0 lead.

The Black Bears were able to add to their advantage early when they put another one past Hourihan for a 2-0 lead. The mark came just 49 seconds into the second period. The goal was scored by senior co-captain Tristan Desmet. The tally was Desmet's sixth of the season.

Even with the early success one thing the Black Bears could not avoid was conceding a power play goal. The lone blemish for UMaine goalie Rachel Gettings came in the second period, when the Huskies' Lindsay Snider was able to blast a slap shot that eluded Gettings to cut the lead to 2-1. Despite giving up the goal, Gettings finished with 14 saves.

UMaine's last burst of offensive energy came late in the third period as Kate Sunstrum was able to give the Black Bears a 3-1 advantage. Friday's contest also saw the Black Bears register 45

shots.

Saturday's game saw the Huskies and Black Bears deadlocked after three periods but UMaine picked up the win in overtime thanks to Sonia Corriveau. Corriveau's second goal of the game came two minutes into overtime. The Black Bears were able to score 20 seconds into the period only to have the goal disallowed. However, the Corriveau goal saw UMaine jump over the .500 plateau with a 3-2 win.

Northeastern got on the scoreboard in the first period via a

power play goal from Lori DiGiacomo. On the power play, the Huskies' Nikki Petrich moved the puck to Crystal Rochon who slid a backhand pass to an open DiGiacomo who put it in the back of the net.

Early in the third period, DiGiacomo found Jessica Coppney in front of the net to give the Huskies a 2-1 lead. However, Northeastern's lead was short lived when Corriveau scored four minutes later to tie the game at 2-2. For the remainder of the period, UMaine successfully killed three penalties.

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on Friday night.

The weekend split improved the Black Bears record to 10-6-2 on the year and 6-3-1 in Hockey East competition. For Merrimack, the split dropped their overall record to 4-10-2 on the season and 1-8-1 in conference play.

Head Coach Tim Whitehead commented on his team's display in the homestand after Saturday's victory.

"As a team we worked hard all weekend and I am pleased with how we played overall," said Whitehead. "It was crucial to get two points and I liked the fashion we did it in."

On Saturday, the Black Bears used a relentless offensive attack to cushion the win. In a match that saw five different Black Bears tally goals, Jimmy Howard recorded his second shutout of the season for UMaine. Howard finished the game with 11 pivotal saves.

The All-American goaltender took time after the decision to discuss his quiet night in net.

"These are the worst games to play. I would take 63 shots at the Fleet again," said Howard. "They are so tough mentally 'cause you don't have anything to do then all of

a sudden you have two or three shots right in a row."

Derek Damon opened the scoring for the Black Bears earlier in the first when the aggressive forward sent a low shot in on Merrimack keeper Jim Healy. With the laser coming from the left side of the circle, Damon was able to easily beat Healy for his 10th goal of the season. Tom Zabkowitz and Steve Mulin assisted on the play that game at 3:38 of the first. The Black Bears continued to attack the Warrior net for the remainder of the period, registering 14 shots on net to Merrimack's three. UMaine would eventually add another mark late in the period when Jon Jankus won a face-off back to Josh Soares, who found the back of the net on an unsuspecting Healy. The goal came at 16:02 of the period. After the match, Soares talked about the play.

"Jankus won it right back to me, I just took the shot and went top corner," said Soares.

The second period saw a calm on both ends offensively with neither team tallying goals. With the action remaining in the Merrimack zone for most of the period, the Black Bears again held a stark advantage in the shot department, outshooting the Warriors 16 to five.

UMaine made their move in their third when Mike Hamilton found the mesh off a Mike Lundin

shot. The goal coming at 5:45 was Hamilton's second of the year. Lundin and Keith Johnson recorded assists on the play. The Black Bears continued to pilfer the Merrimack net when Jankus won a faceoff back to Ronan, who sent a rocket above the glove of Healy. The goal at 7:17 of the third spelled the end for Healy, who was removed on the following whistle. Merrimack replaced Healy with unproven Frank McLaughlin. As if entering a game down 4-0 was debilitating enough, Wes Clark added to McLaughlin's woes, when the Ontario native nearly feed a puck past him on his first shot. Thankfully for McLaughlin, Clark's shot ricochet off the right post. UMaine persisted and finally registered their fifth goal of the game when Troy Barnes scored a long overdue mark. On the play, which came in the final minute of the battle, Barnes was assisted by Soares and Jankus. Barnes talked about his first goal of the year later in the evening.

"I was a little overdue, nice to get the piano off the back," said Barnes.

UMaine finished the game outshooting the Warriors 48-12.

For the Warriors, Healy hauled in 36 saves, while McLaughlin recorded seven. On power plays, UMaine was 0-6, continuing to lament their woes on the power plays. Merrimack went 0-1.

Friday's match, which provided

fodder for Saturday's victory, saw the Warriors steal an all-important win from UMaine's grasp. Behind two quiet second period goals the Warriors earned their first deadlock of the year. Keith Johnson managed to pull the Black Bears even with Merrimack in the third. The goal coming at 16:09 of the period saw Johnson fire a close range one-timer past Healy for the mark. Johnson was assisted by Travis Wight and Hamilton on the goal. The Black Bears proceeded to throw a flurry of activity on net but failed to tally the game winner in the closing period. With ten minutes remaining in the decision, Soares smacked a shot off the right post that Healy quickly pounced on. Jon Jankus had the final opportunity of the period with thirty seconds left on a play Healy quickly scooped up.

With 22 seconds remaining in the first period, the Black Bears found the scoreboard first, when resident team giant Jeff Mushaluk fed a perfectly placed pass to Michel Leveille. The skilled playmaker proceeded to find Brent Shephard, who ripped the puck into the back of the mesh. The first period saw UMaine head to the locker with a seven to three advantage in shots.

Bryan Schmidt tallied the first goal of the game for the Warriors on a delayed penalty that brought on an extra attacker. The goal coming at

5:54 was assisted by Matt Johnson and Nick Pomponio. Merrimack snatched the lead shortly after their first goal when at 8:34 Jordan Black rifled a powerful shot past Howard. Matt Barnes and Jordan Hart had the assists. Whitehead also touched on the result for his squad.

"It was a frustrating result," said Whitehead. "That is why hockey is such an exciting game, there are very few sports where you can have a game like that and have a result like this."

UMaine closed the game with a commanding 39-12 shot advantage. Howard closed the decision with 10 saves, while Healy earned 37 saves for the honor of peak performance.

Merrimack head coach Chris Serino after the game talked about getting the tie amongst the UMaine flurry of activity, as well as his keeper's performance.

"I am happy with a tie. I am not going to stand here and say we should have won, we were really short tonight on the bench," said Serino.

"Healy played pretty well tonight, he made the saves he needed to make," said Serino. "I also thought we made a lot of good plays defensively."

The Black Bears return to action Saturday in Cambridge against Harvard. The game is slated to begin at 7 p.m.



UMaine returns home with road sweep

By Ryan Clark
For The Maine Campus

On Friday, the University of Maine women's hockey team

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resided at the bottom of the Hockey East Standings. However, after the completion of this weekend's road trip, the Black Bears returned to Orono with an impressive third-place slot in the standings.

Funny how things can change in just 48 hours.

With two wins against Northeastern on Friday and Saturday, the Black Bears are now ranked in the upper half of the Hockey East standings. The sweep against Northeastern merited UMaine's first conference wins of

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Bonds Bomb: Giant slugger stirs the pot with testimony

By Matthew McGraw
For The Maine Campus

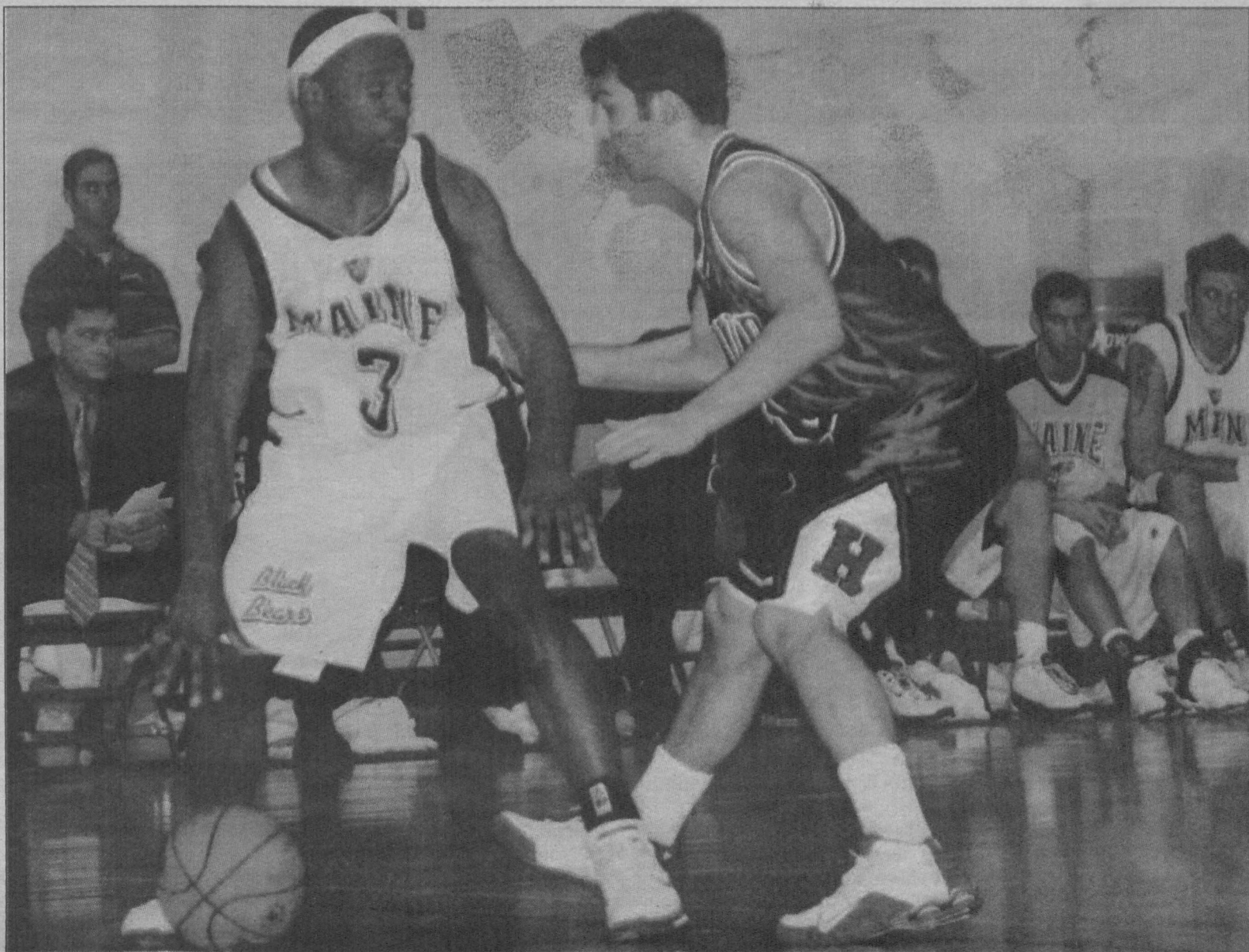
Unless you've been living under a rock for the last few days, you've heard that Barry Bonds did, in fact, use some form of anabolic agents within the last four years of his career. The San Francisco Chronicle obtained a leak from U.S. Grand Jury and published reports stating that the San Francisco slugger received a

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clear liquid and a creme from his personal trainer, Greg Anderson. Bonds, who testified to this information in December of 2003, maintained his story, stating he did not know he was taking steroids, but rather thought it was flaxseed oil. Barry Bonds has used steroids, maybe not to his knowledge, but he used them. Despite the magnitude of this news, you can't tell me this surprised you. I don't find this news shocking whatsoever. Instead of feeling like a first-grader who was just let in on a big secret, I feel like a sixth-grader who just learned Santa doesn't really exist. This whole story just confirmed my existing beliefs.

In the meantime, from

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

PIT PROBLEM — Junior guard Ernes Turner searches for an opening to the basket Saturday afternoon against Harvard at the Pit in Memorial Gym.

UM masters Harvard in victory

By Matthew Conyers
Sports Editor

For the University of Maine men's basketball squad, Saturday's home entanglement in "The Pit" marked head coach Ted Woodward's home debut, as well as a date with destiny for junior sensation Kevin Reed. With the conclusion of Saturday's duel against Harvard, the Black Bears had successfully

mastered both tasks. Before an exuberant crowd, UMaine

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defeated Harvard 79-66 en route to Woodward's first home victory. The win, the Black Bears' third straight, was highlighted by Kevin Reed's conquering of the UMaine record for career three-point field goals.

The Black Bears improved to 3-2 on the young season with the win, while the Crimson fell to 1-4.

After the decision, Woodward took time to discuss the victory and the performance of his team.

"I thought it was nice to play at home, we did a lot of things we wanted to do, especially on defense," said Woodward. "We had lots of different guys step up and make big plays for us, which

I think is how you became a good team."

Woodward believes the only chance to play at the Pit also excited his team.

"It was just great to see so many people in the stands. Its just such a loud environment," said Woodward. "Saturday afternoon in December is made for college basketball, the crowd was really able to support us and

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Black Bears draw mixed results in series

By Matthew Conyers
Sports Editor

Approaching their longest road trip of the season, the University of Maine men's ice hockey team finished this weekend's homestand with varying results. Buoyed by a raucous first and third period, the University of Maine men's hockey squad concluded its weekend series, with an decisive 5-0 shutout victory over Merrimack College on Saturday. With the victory, the Black Bears ran their win streak to six straight games. UMaine opened the series with a surprising 2-2 stalemate against the Warriors

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SLICING THROUGH — Troy Barnes plows through the Merrimack defense during Friday's matchup. The Black Bears tied the Warriors 2-2 in the match.

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