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## O'Brien, McNaughton win GSS elections

By Rick Redmond  
News Editor

After a two-day delay in the voting process, the preliminary results have been tabulated and Kate O'Brien has been unofficially named the victor in the race for president of Student Government and the student body at the University of Maine.

Brigham McNaughton has been declared the unofficial winner of the

office of vice president of the student body, a position that also requires him to serve as president of the student senate.

While students running for president and VP do not necessarily run on the same ticket together, they can campaign together and urge voters to elect them to office together.

O'Brien and McNaughton did not campaign together for the election. O'Brien worked with VP candi-



O'Brien



McNaughton

date Chris Hill while McNaughton was campaigning with presidential hopeful Eli Young.

But both are optimistic about working together during their administration.

"I think I'll be able to work with him," O'Brien said. "I've worked with him in the past when we were both senators."

"While it's not necessarily what Chris and I had, the students have

spoken and it's what they want," she said.

McNaughton expressed similar emotions about the election results. While he was thrilled with his own win, he was a little disappointed with the presidential results.

"I had hoped Eli would win. We work really well together," McNaughton said.

He said O'Brien's ambiguous See ELECTION on Page 3

## Res Life moves student

By Ernest Scheyder  
Assistant News Editor

Allison Fernstrom is mad. The freshman from Buxton is being moved from her double room in York Hall to a single in Estabrooke Hall against her will. Fernstrom is being moved to Estabrooke due to her perceived impact upon the York Hall community.

"I have a lot of life-threatening allergies," Fernstrom said. "I have asthma. I have diabetes and I'm an epileptic."

Fernstrom has repeatedly used the University Volunteer Ambulance Corps for medical emergencies, due to these conditions. This semester, she has utilized either ambulatory or police care at least 50 times, according to Associate Dean for Students Kenda Scheele in an e-mail obtained by *The Maine Campus*. Fernstrom disputes these numbers and said that she used emergency care, at most, 25 times this semester.

Fernstrom initially met at the beginning of the semester with Dean of Students Robert Dana to address the situation, she said. Fernstrom explained that she thought the meeting was part of the new initiative to meet with incoming freshmen, but that she soon discovered otherwise.

"I didn't realize it was going to be gunned down my throat at about me having medical issues," Fernstrom said. "It just feels like the college is trying to drive me away."

During a later meeting, Fernstrom claims Dana asked for permission to see her medical records and discuss the situation with her parents.

"I signed the release for him to see my medical records, but I did not sign the release for him to contact my parents," Fernstrom said.

But according to a letter from Residence Life and Programs Director Barbara Smith to Fernstrom, as of Dec. 2, she had not See RES LIFE on Page 2

## Holiday cheer



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ALEX DAVIS

TIME WITH THE PRESIDENT — Brandon Libby, Mandy Leach and Ryan Fahey enjoy President Kennedy's open house at the president's house Tuesday.

## Computer glitch affects election

By Rick Redmond  
News Editor

Eric DeGrass spent a better part of his days earlier this week answering nonstop phone calls and some 200 e-mails from students wondering why they couldn't vote.

DeGrass, who is the chair of the fair elections practices commission, had the responsibility of informing the student body at the University of Maine that the FirstClass system used to facilitate the election had, in fact, crashed.

"Today's been a lot better than Monday," DeGrass said on Wednesday afternoon, still taking calls and answering e-mails about the election.

The system currently in use by the FEPC to handle the ballots was designed by recent UMaine grads and sold to Student Government.

In previous years, the system was set up so that the voting icon appeared on FirstClass desktops

well before the election began. This year, Information Technology attempted to send it out on Monday morning.

"IT tried to do it during the day when the server is highly taxed," DeGrass said. "It overloaded it and it crashed."

The voting situation wasn't straightened out until about 2:30 p.m. on Monday, at which time DeGrass thought it better just to call off the election for that day.

"The window of voting had passed and I thought it would be better to reschedule the election," DeGrass said.

DeGrass explained that when an application is added to all students' desktops, it consumes an incredible amount of the FirstClass system's memory.

To avoid the system crashing again on Wednesday, students received the icon on their FirstClass desktops in groups beginning at 2 See GLITCH on Page 4



CAMPUS PHOTO BY SARAH BIGNEY

VOTE AWAY — With a click of the mouse, undergraduate students vote Wednesday in the Student Body Presidential and Vice Presidential elections. The elections were rescheduled for Wednesday after being cancelled on Monday due to FirstClass technical failures.

## Seminar addresses homeland security

By Khela Kupiec  
Staff Writer

"Beware of Greeks bearing gifts."

A cliché, yes, but when it comes to homeland security, the warning still rings true.

For history buffs, the Trojan horse was a classic failure of homeland security. Three millennia later we are still struggling with how we can protect ourselves, our country and our world.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, George Markowski, past chair of the department of computer science, spoke at this month's Research See SECURITY on Page 2



# THE MAINE CAMPUS

Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004

## Men's discussion group

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

## Chemistry talk

The department of chemistry will host a colloquium entitled "Anti-Neoplastics and Plastics." Andrew Vaino of the Genomix Corporation will speak. The talk will take place at 11 a.m. in 428 Aubert Hall. For information, call Marjorie Paul at 581-1169.

## Community meal

The Wilson Center will host a community meal, open and free for everyone at 6 p.m. at 67 College Ave. For information, call Timothy Sylvia at 866-4227.

## Climbing night

MaineBound will host a \$1 climbing night from 3 to 10 p.m. For information, call Paul Stern at 581-1794.

## Friday, Dec. 10, 2004

## Last day

Today is last day of classes. Contact your dean for more information.

## Jazz series

The Lirid Duo will perform in the Bangor Lounge from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as part of the Chamber Jazz Luncheon Series. For information, call Carole LeClair at 581-1793.

## Biology talk

The biological sciences department will present "Ecological Patterns of Stability in the Early Carboniferous (Namurian to

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Langsettian) of the Silesian Basin, Czech Republic," as part of its seminar series at 3:10 p.m. in 102 Nutting Hall. Robert Gastaldo of Colby College will speak. For information, call Donna Pond at 581-2970.

## Star show

The Jordan Planetarium and Observatory will host "Season of Light: A Planetarium Show." The show will take place at 7 p.m. in the planetarium in Wingate Hall. The event is not free. For information or to make reservations, call Alan Davenport at 581-1341.

## Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004

## Horse talk

The Piscataquis County Cooperative Extension will host an "Equine Breeding Management Clinic," from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union. For information, call Donna Lamb at 564-3301.

## Reminders

## Parking Ban

A winter parking ban is now in effect from midnight to 6 a.m. in all university faculty and staff, commuter and visitor parking spots, except for resident lots. The Hilltop — commuter section only, Nutting — overnight designated only, and College Avenue South lots are available for temporary parking during these hours. Vehicles in violation will be towed. Please plan accordingly.

## 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.

# RES LIFE

From Page 1

provided medical consent.

"I requested that you provide written consent to the Student Health Center medical staff to provide additional information concerning your condition," Smith's letter to Fernstrom read. "While you assured me you would approve this consent shortly after the October break, you have not done so."

Fernstrom claims a few days later Dana asked to see her again to discuss the situation.

"At this point I was getting annoyed," Fernstrom said. "[Dana] was being very rude."

She claims at that meeting she was informed by Dana that he was mulling moving her to Estabrooke Hall and that he insinuated she might not even be allowed back into York Hall. At the time of this last meeting, Fernstrom had not called UVAC in over a month, she said.

Both Smith and Dana declined to discuss the specifics of the case.

On Thursday, Dec. 2, Fernstrom was stopped by York Hall Resident Director Sarah Goodsell on her way back from dinner with a letter from Smith, she said.

"I am concerned about your exceptional impact on the residents and staff of York Hall. Since your condition of need requires attention and response in excess of that community's resources, I have decided to require you to move from York Hall to a single in Estabrooke Hall," the letter to Fernstrom from Smith said.

"I haven't broken any rules or done anything wrong," Fernstrom said. "The only thing I have done wrong as the school sees it is need medical attention."

Fernstrom appealed the matter to Scheele on Dec. 3, but that appeal was denied. Fernstrom did bring with her to the appeal a student petition that indicated Fernstrom is not a "nuisance" to York Hall and is a "considerate neighbor," a "great asset" and "a good hall mate." The petition was signed by 97 residents of York Hall.

While Smith cited student confidentiality when asked to discuss the case, she did note that there are clauses in the student housing contract that allow the university to move a student as seen fit.

"The university always reserves the right to reassign," Smith said. "When a student applies for housing on campus, they are applying for a space or an assignment, not necessarily a particular one."

ily a particular one."

In theory, a student could be moved due to physical problems with a building, a judicial affairs matter, or when a student is perceived to be a danger to him or herself or the community, she said.

"Medical problems ... are generally vetted through the Office for Student Disabilities," Smith said. "Usually a [room] assignment is given based on a student's request and verification of a needed, reasonable accommodation."

Smith did note, however, that her office has both a commitment to individuals and the campus as a whole and that often-times the situation necessitates taking a look at the broader picture.

"The institution has a much larger liability to look out for in terms of the broader needs of the students in the community," she said.

Smith stressed that due to confidentiality she is unable to discuss Fernstrom's relocation, but asked for understanding within the university community.

"Because we often know things about the individual student that we're making decisions about that we cannot share with the community, it's hard to always give the community enough information that they would come to the same conclusions," Smith said. "When I make that decision [to reassign a student], I never make it lightly. It's a difficult balance sometimes."

"Res Life is always looking at the balance of the individual and community," she said. "These are constant issues. I think we have a very good track record ... of taking individual's needs into place."

Fernstrom's roommate, Allison Deering, said she is upset by the whole situation and is angered by the timing.

"I am far more affected by all of this nonsense going on the week before finals than I have ever been by any of the Allison's medical issues," Deering said. "And I've known her since sixth grade."

"Maybe the RAs or the RD are troubled when they sit with me ... when [Allison's] having a seizure," she said. "But that's what nice people should do."

Deering, who left her first roommate at the beginning of the semester to live with Fernstrom, said she is



CAMPUS PHOTO BY MEGAN MARSANSKIS

TRADING SPACES — Allison Fernstrom was recently moved to Estabrooke Hall by Residence Life and Programs due to her perceived impact on York Hall.

concerned about what will happen to her living arrangement now that a spot has opened in her room. She said she hopes the new roommate will work out fine for all involved.

"I kind of wonder what they're thinking," Deering said. "If they're trying to create a better environment, they're not doing a particularly good job. I just want to have my roommate back."

"If they want to lower the stress in York Hall, they should work on fixing the fire alarms instead of picking on the disabled kids," she said.

Sarah Foote, who lives two doors down from Fernstrom's old room in York Hall, said she was never affected at all by Fernstrom.

"I don't really notice any stress from Allison," Foote said. "I don't really see how people take it as stress. If the person living with her can deal with it, why can't the person on the fourth floor?"

Brett Schwalm, a resident of York Hall, said he feels Fernstrom is an asset to the York Hall community.

"The people who've gotten to know [Fernstrom] don't see her as a stress as Res Life does," he said. "We're going to be more worried about knowing what's going on with her since she's a building away."

Fernstrom is now living in Estabrooke Hall, though she notes that she has issues with living alone. She said she is not comfortable living in the room and that she has had hives come and go as she comes and goes from the room.

"I could fall and hit my head and that will be the end of me," she said.

Deering added Fernstrom will constantly be on her mind.

"I just wonder how much college is going to happen while we're worrying about each other."

# Correction

\* In the Dec. 6 issue of The Maine Campus an article appeared entitled "Anti-software available at UMaine," there was a factual error. The UNET password is identical to a FirstClass password. The two are separate and unique entities, wholly divergent from one another.

\* In an article entitled "Bands

fail to impress at WMEB show," there was an identification error. The subject, Mary Holt, was incorrectly identified. Also, the band This Car Climbed Mount Washington only spent several minutes casually talking to fans.

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.

# SECURITY

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Cafe on the topic of homeland security: past, present, and future.

Michael J. Eckardt, UMaine vice president for research, introduced the guest speaker.

"When I think of George, I think of an entrepreneur," Eckardt said. "A person with far out revolutionary ideas."

Markowski became interested in homeland security after the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995. He attended an American Association for Advances of Science workshop in domestic preparedness in 1999.

"[At the workshop] I realized that the Oklahoma City bombing could have happened in Bangor," Markowski said.

Markowski encouraged the

education of the public in homeland security.

"Often we think of the first responders to a disaster are the firefighters and police officers," Markowski said. "The first responders are the public, because they are the ones initially involved, and right now people aren't doing much in the way of training."

"There's a lot of previous planning that needs to be done," said Caleb Carter, an engineering and physics major. "It'd be a much better method to have an idea out for something before it happens."

Emily Markides, a professor of peace studies, questioned the security through strength approach. She argued that focusing our attention on technology and weapons building wasn't the answer.

"First the concept of 'the enemy' is a concept of our minds. Then we build the weapons to fight those enemies and then

those enemies disappear. What used to be our enemies become our allies after years of wasted resources," said Markides. "We have wasted so much human potential. It's so easy to replace one enemy with another enemy."

Markowski owns his own company, Global Threats, located on Ayers Island. Global Threats is developing a multi-use intelligence research and commercialization complex two miles from UMaine.

Markowski suggested that it would be a benefit to bring businesses invested in homeland security to Maine. Not only would it boost our economy and by providing job growth, the state would also be working to protect our country.

"Security is a huge business and I'd like to see Maine take a hand in this," Markowski said.

Markowski also said that uni-

versities have a responsibility to provide the education and means for people to take measures in homeland security.

Two departments at UMaine are currently working on developing technology that would affect homeland security. The lab for surface properties technology is working on developing sensors, and the advanced engineering wood composites is working on developing stronger building materials that would hold up in disasters such as earthquakes or hurricanes.

Markowski closed his presentation by outlining many suggestions for better security. With technologies ranging from radiation proof plastic to dry decontamination substances, there are simple precautions that can be taken too.

A year before the shootings occurred the killers who took part

in the Columbine school massacre set up a "hate" Web site outlining what they wanted to do. The Web site was pointed out to authorities and the shootings could have been avoided, but no action was taken. Markowski suggested that simple and cost-effective neighborhood watches could be set up to avoid similar Columbine tragedies.

"The talk was very informative and inclusive, and it is the only rational approach," said Dr. Jim McClymer, of the UMaine physics department. "As George [Markowski] said, there are bad guys out there and it's only prudent to prepare for some of those dangers."

The Research Cafe is cosponsored by the office of the vice president for research and the University Club. All students, faculty and staff are welcome at the Research Café, which has a guest speaker every few months.



## Gannett dispute leads to summons

A man was issued a summons following an altercation in front of Gannett Hall at 12:06 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. Officers responded to the hall following a fight in progress report. En route, they received word that the original fight had stopped; however, a new fight had developed. Upon arrival, officers observed a large crowd of people on the quad side. A man, later identified as Steven McAleer, 20, of Maynard, Mass., fled after he noticed the officers, who followed in pursuit. Once officers stopped McAleer, they noticed blood on his hands and clothing, and a cut above his left eye. He claimed he was assaulted by people inside the hall when he asked for a piece of gum. After several witnesses were interviewed, officers found that McAleer, a nonstudent, had apparently been asking residents of the hall for money. When two men laughed at his request, he allegedly pushed them to the ground. As a result, McAleer was issued a summons for disorderly conduct.

### Woman arrested for OUI after erratic driving on campus

A woman was arrested following a traffic stop on Rangely Road at 1:43 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. An officer on



## POLICEBEAT

By Kyle Webster  
Staff Writer

patrol of the road noticed a vehicle driving over medians in a parking lot. The officer followed the vehicle and observed it weave from the fog line to the center line. The officer signaled for the vehicle to pull over. Upon making contact with the driver, Amber Gallant, 19, of Windham, the officer detected the odor of alcohol. Gallant struggled to get her license. Following field sobriety testing, officers determined that Gallant should not have been driving. She was arrested for operating under the influence and transported to the Penobscot County Jail, where her blood alcohol level was found to be a .12.

### Woman arrested for OUI off campus after failing to stop for police on campus

A woman was arrested following a traffic stop that occurred in an off-campus apartment complex at 2:43 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3. An officer on patrol near Hauck Circle observed a vehicle stop at the stop sign for Sebago and Belgrade Roads. The car

stayed stopped for roughly 30 seconds and then weaved from the center line to the fog line several times. The officer signaled for the car to pull over with his blue lights, but the driver did not stop. The siren was then activated. The car still did not stop. The officer followed the car off campus to an apartment complex off of Park Street. The car parked and two people exited. The officer observed the driver, Nicole Sargent, 21, of Orono, swaying and acting unsteady on her feet. As Sargent was approached, the officer detected the odor of alcohol. Sargent stated that she had not consumed any alcohol. The officer explained that he could smell the alcohol on her. Sargent then admitted that she had one drink. Following a field sobriety test, it was determined that she should not have been driving. Sargent was arrested for operating under the influence and transported to the Penobscot County Jail, where her blood alcohol level was found to be .17.

## ELECTION

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platform made it hard to tell if any potential conflicts would arise in the office.

"Her platform was one of none issues ... I don't know if there really are any we would butt heads about," McNaughton said.

Both candidates had talked with their running mates and said that essentially both were disappointed, but in good spirits.

"Obviously he's disappointed," O'Brien said about Hill. "He really, really wanted this position. It's something he wanted badly."

Despite her running mate's loss, O'Brien is already looking forward to serving in her new position and living up to her campaign promise of "putting the student back into Student Government."

"Everything I mentioned during the campaign, I fully intend to do," O'Brien said.

She said her first objective as president is to increase interest and membership in Student Government by visiting classrooms and speaking directly to students.

More than 2,000 students voted on Wednesday, more than any in previous Student Government elections. O'Brien credits the other candidates with running an aggressive but clean campaign.

"Look at the numbers. This was a record number of students voting," O'Brien said. "The students are not the stereotypical apathetic voters - they do care."

O'Brien said her experience with Student Government and as a leader on campus may have given her the edge she needed to secure the victory.

"I think it was the fact that my experience was evident and the fact that my dedication was evident helped," O'Brien said. "I've put two years of my undergrad career into this organization and students took notice."

McNaughton said due to the mishaps with the FirstClass voting system, he suspects Young may contest the election results.

"[Young] felt that there were a lot of people who couldn't vote on FirstClass and there were a lot of issues there," McNaughton said.

Young said he's still not sure whether or not he will contest the election and will be looking into the possibility of it within the next few days.

"My understanding is that it's common for the Student Government voting on FirstClass to not function for some people," Young said. "If I do indeed appeal, I just want to make sure it was as fair as possible."

Eric DeGrass, chair of the fair elections practices commission said a recount of the 2,200 electronic votes would probably change little.

"The computer doesn't count wrong," DeGrass said.

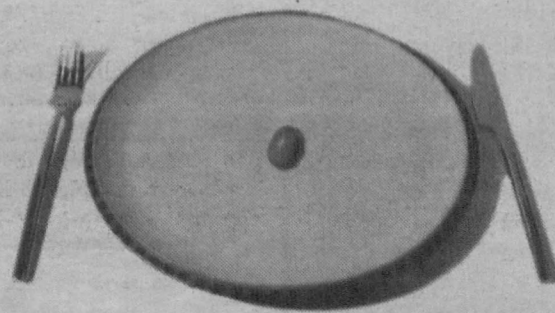
DeGrass said the proper procedure during a recount would be to count the paper votes that were filed and to check with Information Technology to make sure everything went smoothly on their part. A total of 36 paper ballots were cast in this election.

Regardless of the delay and a potential contest, O'Brien said she thought the voting mishap was almost a blessing in disguise for the election process.

"The FirstClass failure and the buzz around campus it created may have contributed to the high voting numbers," O'Brien said.

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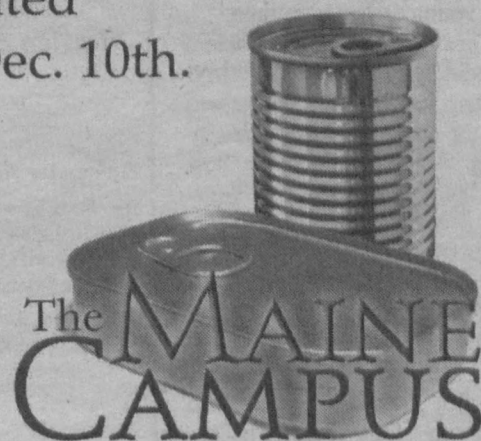


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## STUDENT SENATE NOTES

## GSS appoints new officers

By Diana McElwain  
Staff Writer

The General Student Senate had expected their new leaders to be voted on when they met this week. This was not the case, and meant many questions for Fair Elections Practices Committee Chair Eric DeGrass who visited the meeting. DeGrass admitted his own frustration with the delay.

"I've renamed this the Florida-style UMaine Election," DeGrass said.

He said that these were problems that he had to handle with little help or experience.

"I'm new and haven't been able to contact the person who had the position before," he said.

DeGrass said that due to the time factor, the role of the other committee members had been limited. "I've been keeping the committee members in the loop, but the decisions have had to be made on very short notice," he said.

"FirstClass was down on Monday, and elections were the cause," he said. "That didn't go over well with the administration."

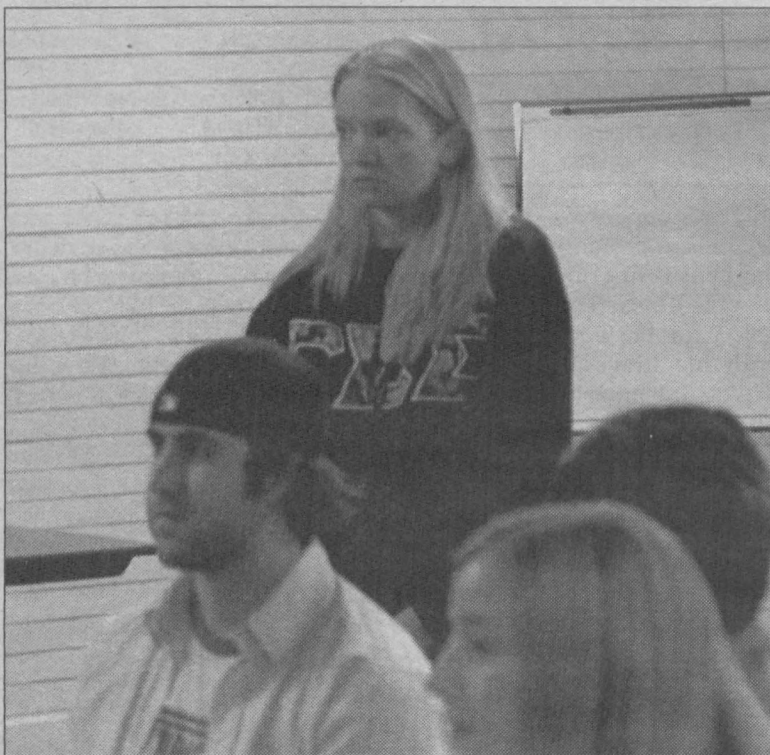
DeGrass said that Off-Campus Board, as well as Senate elections, were able to go much more smoothly.

"Senate elections went so well because it was smaller groups voting. This time there were many more times of students voting," he said.

DeGrass said that he believed the technological issues were now under control, and he would personally see that they would be a success.

"I have nothing planned but elections tomorrow. It's going to happen," he said.

And if things still don't go as planned, DeGrass asked senators for help in doing things the old-fashioned way.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY AMILA PATHIRAJA

**STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED** — Nicole Rozanski stands as she is introduced as the newly appointed vice president of student organizations at Tuesday's General Student Senate meeting.

"I'm planning on a paper election if the same thing happens," he said.

While those elections had been postponed, two vice-presidential positions were approved by the senate. Nicole Rozanski was appointed as vice president for student organizations, and Judson Ritter was appointed as vice president for financial affairs. Outgoing Vice President for Student Organizations Kyle Cyr said that he was confident in his successor.

"She's a great choice and will bring new ideas and a fresh face to Senate," Cyr said. Outgoing Student Body President Cortlyn Hepler said that Ritter was also an obvious choice for a vice president position.

"He's someone who's very

familiar with student government. It was a very strong applicant pool but it was Judd that stood out," he said. The positions were decided by committees rather than a student vote.

Hepler said that appointing these positions before the president and vice president were elected would only help the new leaders get acclimated.

"This will help to ensure a smooth transition for anyone who wins the election," Hepler said.

As it was his last official senate meeting as president, Hepler thanked the group for his time with them. "I've enjoyed working with all of you. I think we've had some ups and some downs, but overall we've done some good things.

crash, like the one on Monday.

"The main problem I had with what happened on Monday was that there wasn't a plan B in case something went wrong," Anderson said.

Anderson and DeGrass both said that something needs to be

done to reform the FirstClass voting system and develop a standard procedure to follow in the event of a system failure or crash.

"It just needs to be done differently next time," DeGrass said. "I will be doing guidelines for the next chairperson."

## GLITCH

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a.m. on Wednesday morning, DeGrass said.

Problems did arise on Wednesday morning, though. At about 9:30 a.m. that morning, DeGrass began to get e-mails and phone calls from students saying they were still having trouble voting.

DeGrass and IT then reset the collected data from the 1,193 students who had been able to vote Wednesday morning and reset the permissions for the voting icon.

The whole process was remedied in 20 minutes and by 10:05 a.m., students were able to vote again. The deadline for students casting ballots was also moved back from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. to allow students who had trouble voting earlier extra time.

DeGrass said part of the problem surrounding the mishap with the voting system was the fact that he was new to the entire process. Also contributing was the fact that a new FEPC chair was dealing with a new director of the IT help center.

Before the election, some members of the senate had expressed concern about the validity of the electronic voting system.

Sen. Elizabeth Anderson said her major concern with the process was that there was no backup plan in the event of a

## Conference studies sustainable living

By Matt McEntee  
For The Maine Campus

Last Thursday, a conference was held at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast to promote the ideas of sustainable living, ecovillages and ecopeace. Speakers came from as far away as the United Kingdom and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

There are some six billion people in the world, according to the United States Census Bureau. Concern over population growth was expressed by Emily Markides, a professor from the University of Maine who spoke at the conference.

"We are all in one boat and the boat is sinking," Markides said.

As a response to this problem, organizations are springing up all over the world in an effort to promote sustainability.

Sustainability is the concept of living in such a way that we can exist indefinitely without causing damage to or depleting the environment, Markides said.

Roger Kelley, another speaker at the conference, stressed the importance of sustainable living given our current world population.

"[It is] the only way 6 billion people can survive," Kelley said.

In various locations around the globe, sustainable communities are beginning to pop up. In Scotland, a village known as Findhorn is one such example. Recycling and reuse are a part of life in the community and several of the living structures have been built from discarded whiskey barrels.

New technologies are also being pioneered and put to use. "Living machines," as they are called, utilize organic processes to treat wastewater. After the treatment, the resulting water is at a higher standard than the local water.

Another similar community can be found in southern India.

Built on a barren landscape, In Auroville, described by one observer as resembling the surface of a dying moon, inhabitants used plants to revive the land. The settlement features a cafe capable of producing 1,500 meals each day using steam generated by heat from the sun.

Daniel Greenberg said one of the greatest benefits of these villages is that they provide a laboratory for new ideas.

"People think to get through this we'll have to live in caves eating straw," Greenberg said.

He added that in many ways sustainable lifestyles would offer a higher standard of living.

Greenberg is the executive director of Living Routes, an organization which offers college level, accredited courses at ecovillages worldwide to give students the resources to live in a sustainable manner.

Steps are being taken on a local level as well. In Stockton Springs, UMaine students from the Peace Studies Program are renovating a barn to convert it into a sustainable living center. Closer still is Ayers Island in Orono, which is being considered for sustainable living projects by Claudia Lowd, one of the organizers of the conference. The idea is fairly young, according to Claudia.


"This has all been newly formulated," she said.

Initial plans include working out a lease with the current owner of the island and possibly building a composting toilet and solar shower. Lowd has larger plans for the island, which is currently designated as a "brown field site," meaning it is polluted.

"We're thinking of a green industrial park," Claudia said.

Lowd hopes to renovate existing buildings and help restore the island, which was once home to a paper mill. Some of her goals for the island

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# 'Lucy Booth' staple of Stress Free Finals

By Ashley Soucie  
For The Maine Campus

Next week, University of Maine students will be able to stop by a "Lucy Booth" in Memorial Union not to chat with the would-be psychiatrist from the Peanuts cartoon gang, but with psychologists from the UMaine Counseling Center as part of Stress Free Finals Week.

"The Lucy Booth idea is from the Peanuts cartoon series, where Lucy had a little psychiatric stand where she would dispense 'advice' for 5 cents," said counselor Eleanor Pancoe. "The Lucy Booth will be a table staffed by counselors where passers-by can stop, have a seat and pose questions."

In addition to the booth, the Counseling Center's Stress Free Finals Week also features workshops on stress reduction and on humor to help students cope with the extra demands of the week.

"Our goal is to support all students as they face this typically stressful time in the semester with humor, empathy and a listening ear," Pancoe said.

All too often, the rigors of college life can bring on mental health issues for students of all ages, she said. That's why the Counseling Center talks about the issues often and early, including in new student orientation.

"College students are real people with real problems," said Dean of Students Robert Dana.

Highly involved in orientation week for new students, the Counseling Center, staffed with seven full-time staff, six trainees and one psychiatrist, makes itself visible through programs that provide ways to adjust to being away from home.

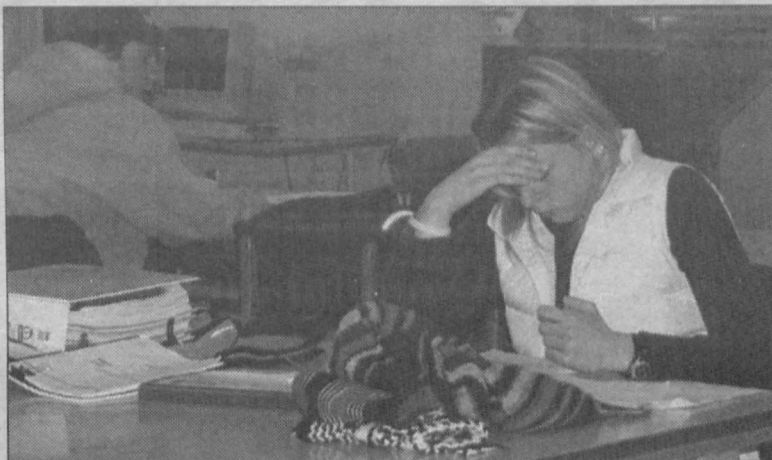
Offering sessions throughout the academic year on various topics such as sleep, relationships and anxiety, the Counseling Center also provides students with one-on-one counseling, and group and couples counseling.

"We are pretty busy, especially because we also act as consultants for faculty, staff, Res Life and athletics," Pancoe said. "The number of students we see is a relatively small percentage of the student body. Some students who could benefit simply don't know about us and some can't get past the stigma of needing help."

Proving to themselves they can get through rough patches on their own makes many students disinclined to come in.

A 2003 survey by the American College Health Association reported that more than 40 percent of students felt depressed and 30 percent stated they were suffering from depression or an anxiety disorder, according to Newsweek.

"We see a lot of anxiety," Pancoe said. "Anxiety affects a student's social life, studies, ability to concentrate, and even alters sleep patterns. Anxiety and depression can go hand in



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**STUDY AWAY** — A student prepares for final exams. The counseling center will be sponsoring "Stress Free Finals" next week.

hand. It can wear students down."

Depression is a topic that concerns Counseling Center staff at UMaine and on other college campuses. Nationally, 1,100 college students commit suicide each year.

In reaching out in the students' environment, the Counseling Center works to curb such behavior.

"We have a well-funded counseling center," Dana said.

Funding allows the center to hold frequent seminars on various techniques of relaxation that can help students concentrate more, sleep better, and become more relaxed and better able to deal with stress associated with school.

"The University of Maine has had a college counseling center

for thirty years, so perhaps we have been ahead of the curve in addressing students' mental health concerns," Pancoe said. "Our counseling is free," Pancoe said.

Services outside campus can range from \$10 to \$150 a session, and many colleges offer only a limited number of visits per student before charges are incurred.

"My belief is that the university is trying to create an environment that promotes balance in students' lives between academics, physical health, extracurricular interests, personal growth and sociability," Pancoe said. "The Counseling Center tries to support students making individual choices that help them achieve that balance and succeed in their goals at the same time."

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include cleaning up the abandoned industrial site, and educating people about green industry. Lowd predicts that the island could be a resource for the community.

"The first benefit [of the project] is to take a really beautiful place on the planet that is tainted and blighted and bring it back to a beautiful spot for the whole community to use and then teach others how they can do that in their own back yard," Lowd said.

Lowd and others are confident about the future.

"We're moving forward," she said.

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## Last will and testament

### One UMaine senior's parting words of genius

I've been at University of Maine for almost five years, but a week from today, I'm bidding it all good-bye. That's right, the sun is setting on this chapter in The Dury's history. Too often, columnists seem inclined to share their feelings about how scared they are about the future or how useless they feel their degree is. I may share some of those feelings, but to be honest, graduation has been a long time coming. I want to hit the road.

Instead, I would like to leave something behind for UMaine: To the school that taught me that how cold a winter really could be; to the school that taught me something — actually anything — about hockey; to the school who ushered in my first beer. I salute you.

**Work ethic:** I leave my work ethic to my friends. If anything, college taught me how to manage my

MARSHALL DURY

EDITOR IN CHIEF

time. Too often, however, I watched as friends stayed up until 4 a.m. doing Latin homework. I saw friends cram for advertising tests. For these reasons, I think it's important that someone else get my motivation. I won't need it anymore — as I will be spending the rest of my days in Mass. playing video games and having the occasional beer.

**Dorm room:** I leave my room to no one. This year has brought with it the worst set of neighbors I have ever been graced with the pleasure of living next to. As a seasoned vet-

eran of dorm living — all four years in the same dorm — I understand what poor decisions are when participating in communal living. I don't know if it was their thumping bass at 2 a.m. after a production night at *The Maine Campus*; I'm not sure if it was them getting drunk five nights out of every week — bringing with it more thumping music; I'm not sure if it was that they couldn't learn just how to shut a door without letting it slam. No, I've got it — it was their attitude. They just didn't give a f\*ck. For that reason, I wish a similar fate upon no one. May they seal my room shut until they move out.

**Food choices:** I would like to impart this piece of wisdom on the entire campus — do not order from Brother's Pizza. They take too long. Lissus is the new guy in

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## Letters to the Editor

### • For those about to rock

How shocked I was to read the review of WMEB 91.9 FM's local band showcase, "Bands fail to impress at WMEB show," which appeared in the Dec. 6 edition of *The Maine Campus*. I think the problem lies with the fact that, quite obviously, McNamara spent the bulk of the

evening under the influence of some sort of drug that impairs one's judgment when it comes to rock and roll.

For instance, she did not notice the fact that the Jonee Earthquake Band is a punk rock band. They play loud, fast, exciting music, and have been doing so for decades, much to

the delight of their steadily growing regional fan base. Being inoffensive is not exactly their forte.

Also, McNamara apparently has lost her sense of humor. Skeleton Kee, the opening act for Tomorrow's Retro Future, was planned out by the band as a

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## A finals fantasy?

### A's should equal exam exemptions

DUSTY LAVOIE



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

As the formidable week of final examinations approaches, with all its looming fury as usual, let us now consider a hypothetical situation: What if the University of Maine exempted those with grades of A in any given class from having to take the final? How many final exams would that leave you with next week?

Elitist as it may seem, I argue that such a Final Examination Exemption Policy — which I will abbreviate as FEEP — would encourage student accountability and improve grades.

Many are quick to point out reasons why a FEEP should not be implemented at UMaine. A's such, counter arguments refuting this incentive generally emanate from three sources: administrators, professors, and, believe it or not, students.

Administrators who don't favor a FEEP argue that it would result in a disproportionately large number of students with high grades. Universities, they say, lose credibility when too many students get A's in their classes. Dubbed "grade inflation," this phenomenon ultimately ends up hurting students, since, administrators argue, a degree from a university with little public and private support constitutes not much more than a nifty piece of paper.

Meanwhile, some professors insist that if the primary motivation for students to produce work throughout the semester is to avoid the responsibility of taking a final examination, a severe reduction in the quality of work will result. A FEEP, then, would only decrease student workmanship in the name of laziness.

And there are even some students who insist that a FEEP is wrong. They say those with good grades shouldn't be favored when it comes to finals. Moreover, why

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town, and let me tell you, they rock. The steak 'n' cheese is just as good, and you don't have to wait seven hours for your food to arrive. Also, commons food is predictable: going in and coming out. Be careful with the cream-based foods.

**Beer:** I leave my solid taste in beer to my friends. It seems like the company I keep either hates beer, or just hates the type of beer I drink. Wine coolers are not alcohol. I do not enjoy, however, eating my beer with a spoon. Instead, I leave a six-pack of room-temperature Budweiser in my room for the next poor souls who will live there. It may take the edge off living next to my old neighbors.

**Poor jokes:** They're not dirty. They're not inappropriate. They are none of these things. Instead, my jokes are stupid. My jokes at the office of *The Maine Campus*

silences in a time of stress. When the editors were wondering what exactly is wrong with me, the laughter kept us sane at the same time. Laugh at yourself. It's the only way to get out of UMaine alive. If you take it all too seriously, you undoubtedly will crash and burn.

**Taco Bell:** College students will rip on it until they try the sweet lovin' that is "South of the Border." Learn to love the beast, and ye' shall tame it. I impart my love of Taco Bell to Student Government. I recommend the No. 5. For just under \$4.25, you get two taco supremes and a nacho supreme. You cannot beat that.

There you have it, folks. The parting words of pseudo-wisdom from a college student about to embark on the tradition that is "finding yourself" outside of the confines of UMaine or any other educational institution.

*Marshall Dury is a senior English major who thinks that the end of era begins anew with every passing day.*

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penalize those who are struggling even more with an anxiety-producing test at the end of the semester?

These arguments are well-founded, for they address concerns that are not only plausible, but also very serious. Yet, when viewed in the context of the larger picture, the benefits of introducing a FEAP at UMaine outweigh these potential consequences.

First, on the administrative level, grade inflation is little more than political propaganda: if a student deserves an A, give the student an "A." When university leaders start counting A's to determine how many they need to mysteriously cut back to B's, you know there's a serious problem with educational ethics. If administrators had true concern for their students, they would give them a pragmatic incentive for working hard throughout the

year.

Second, professors ought not worry about the few who might abuse a FEAP, when considering its potential worth. Some students will do anything so they can be exempted from finals, but what about the other students, the honest ones, who would give it all they've got to raise that B to an A by the end of the semester? Wouldn't this surge in students' concern for their own work please professors?

And third, one would think that those students who don't fare so well academically would have other things to worry about. If they can't get their own grades out of the ditch, what right do they have to bemoan the success of others? It seems to me that if such energy were focused on their own responsibilities, they would surely have a lot less to complain about.

Rather than paying lip service to the suggestions of its students, perhaps it is time for UMaine to consider rethinking its final examination policies after all.

*Dusty Lavoie is a senior secondary education in English major.*

## Another semester in the bag

### A season for mad motorists, motor-mouths and memories

AARON  
BARNES



HEAD COPY EDITOR

The nasty road conditions we sometimes have in Maine, coupled with sub-par plowing efforts, exacerbate the issue. This isn't fantasy land, and I don't drive a magic chariot that stops on a dime when I command it to. This also isn't the movies, and I'm not going to stop inches from hitting you — I'm going to plow directly into your unobservant ass. I'll be courteous and stop for you if you give me adequate time. It's a variation of give-and-take — you give me time to stop, and I don't take your life.

The pedestrian problem isn't limited to foolish crosswalk behavior. A crosswalk, in essence, behaves like a roadway — stick to the right side. Pretend you're driving a car — go ahead, make the "vroom" noises and pretend to honk the horn. Collisions with fellow pedestrians can be avoided by sticking to the right, but if you follow this rule and still sense a collision, do the following: stop, assess the situation, then act. There's no need for two people on an otherwise empty sidewalk to run into each other.

This is my fourth year at the University of Maine. Like everyone, I've had interesting classes and classes that I bring a pillow to, if I attend at all. My spotty attendance is made worse when I have a class that I'd like to attend but avoid because of a fellow student. I'm talking about those narcissists who find every obvious opportunity to inject personal tidbits into class discussions. Here's some news: it's not clever — we

all see what you're trying to do.

No one cares if you went to Berkley. No one cares if you published your two-bit poetry. No one cares if you grew up in some exotic locale. Actually, there's one person that cares, and that's you. Unless you're not familiar with the concept of internal dialogue, keep your life story to yourself. Clearly, you're not like the rest of us. You're alternative, and damn it, mom and dad can't tell you what to do any more. I pay to hear the professor speak, not you. Do us all a favor and go back to taking a nap or staring out the window. If I want to get to know you, I'll take out a mortgage to buy a Starbucks latte and sit next to you on those nasty couches in the Memorial Union. Then you can tell me all about the time you met Kevin Smith.

On a more sentimental note, *The Maine Campus* is losing two of its cornerstones as Tracy Collins and Marshall Dury leave us for the real world. It was only last semester that I started working for *The Maine Campus*, but both Tracy and Marshall went out of their way to make this introvert feel welcome.

Marshall has hijacked what would be my usual editorial space to deliver some parting words of wisdom, and you would be wise to heed his advice. If you happen to catch Tracy on campus before the end of next week, buy her a hot chocolate and listen to what she has to say, as she is wise beyond her years. Marshall — have fun setting up a bachelor pad in your parent's basement. And Tracy — we'll see you on the first production night next semester.

*Aaron Barnes is a senior English major who is a raging whirlwind of emotions at this time.*

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joke. The band incorporates audience participation, stunts and a theatrical flair into an original and fun musical experience. This Car Climbed Mt. Washington was not meant to be three brilliant musicians laying down intense rhythms and technically flawless guitar riffs. They are three guys who don't take themselves too seriously playing goofy, danceable songs meant to make you laugh, not to inspire you to go out and write a novel or create world peace — though that would be pretty cool.

All in all, I feel sorry for McNamara. Her terrible judgement obviously renders her as having an immunity to the awesome powers of rock and roll. I can picture her now, lying in bed, drooling away to the inoffensive sounds of Maroon 5 and the Goo Goo Dolls. She could not even understand that nearly everyone present at the show was having a blast dancing,

laughing and rocking out. The "freaks" that she spoke of were freaks only in comparison to the people that listen to the banal, soul-destroying, corporate crap that is shoved down our throats on a daily basis — people that apparently McNamara feels something in common with.

I can only pray that McNamara smartens up, can start to loosen up a little, open her mind and enjoy herself. But, I fear that she might be a lost cause. I hear she's moved onto Clay Aiken, and when that happens, well — it's just too sad to even speak of.

For more information on music that does not suck, visit [www.umaine.edu/wmeb](http://www.umaine.edu/wmeb).

**Emily Burnham**  
Music Director at WMEB  
91.9 FM

### •Shot down in flames

I didn't sleep well last night. I'd like to be able to blame the state of the nation or my epilepsy condition, but sadly, I blame my lack of consistent shut-eye on the article written by the Style section's Erin McNamara editorial-

izing WMEB's Local Bands A-Go-Go show last Thursday.

My problem with McNamara's article does not lie in your opinion of the bands' performances to which you are entitled as a writer and critic. I am absolutely fed up with your descriptions of the people who attended the WMEB show. As a staff writer, one should be able to appreciate individuals expressing themselves regardless of their choice in clothing, hair style or dance moves. Perhaps they thought you, McNamara, were "generally strange" as you rubbed elbows with them. As one of those people who digs punk rock and chooses to live a punk rock lifestyle — a root word you need to pay more attention to — minus a respectable mohawk or gender-bending attire, I was overjoyed to share the North Pod with people who are as enthusiastic about the local music scene as me, despite the fact they may not share my penchant for L.L. Bean sweaters. And I know, my fellow punks feel the same.

And, McNamara, my friends and scenesters are in two of the bands that performed Thursday and you have offended me with your misrepresentation of their showmanship and creative vigor. I have been told you misquoted them in order for you to support your critical view of the WMEB show.

I feel a lot of what Thursday night's show was all about went over your criticizing head instead of in your ears, through your brain, and out your dancing feet — WMEB's show was about fun and local music. I thank you though, McNamara, for your article as the cause of my lack of sleep last night; I know after writing this I will sleep soundly tonight.

**Erik Schwab**  
Local Punk

### •Dirty deeds done dirt cheap

I read your article titled "Landfill among top New England polluters," which appeared in the Dec. 2 edition of *The Maine Campus*, and I found it to be very interesting.

I find it very ironic that Old Town residents, or any community residents for that matter, complain about the expansion of their landfills in light of the pollution they cause. By attacking the operators of the landfill they are ignoring the real cause of their problems, and perhaps even taking the easy, or lazy, way out.

I argue that we, as individual members of this society, are at fault for the pollution in landfills. As a culture we consume, and then dispose of hazardous materials without considering the consequences. What complainers don't realize is that it is their trash that goes to these landfills.

If I am wrong on this, or over-generalizing, I will stand corrected. But for these reasons I believe it is not worth blaming the operators of landfills for our trash. As individuals if we want to clean up our landfills we must avoid consumption and disposal of the materials that cause pollution.

**Timothy Libby**  
Senior Anthropology Major



## The Boyfriend

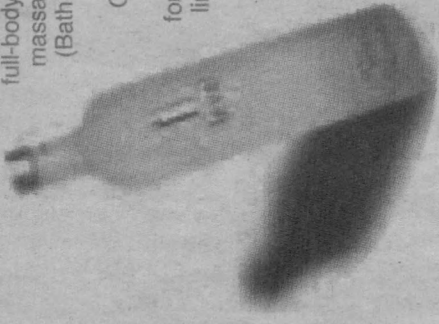
If you want your boyfriend to look at you like he looks at the girls in "Playboy," you're going to have to make him feel like Hef. Start out with Romeo and Juliet cigars. Find these at the Smoke Shop on Center Street in Old Town for about \$3-5 each.

Pair the cigars with an upscale vodka for swanky martinis. Level and Ciroc are both smooth choices at \$25. Include on a card the recipe for the perfect martini.

A digression: 'Tis the season for reminding him you value all the little things, so if you always steal his clothes, buy him a fleece robe (Gap, \$39.50); if you have a habit of leaving the bed a mess, buy him a down comforter (Target, \$100); if you enjoy more massages than you give, draw up a few I.O.U.'s for full-body rubs and wrap them with a massage oil in his favorite scent (Bath & Body Works, \$15).

Other ideas:

- Subscription to Maxim, \$12 for 12 issues, [www.maximonline.com](http://www.maximonline.com).
- "America: The Book," by the Daily Show writers, [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).
- Nerf gun, \$10, Toys 'R' Us, Bangor Mall Boulevard.
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# Get inside their Heads

## The Brother

He is a perfect candidate to receive the recently released "Happy Gilmore" Billy Madison Collection," available in both wide-screen and full-screen special editions. This set includes Adam Sandler's classic films, complete with newly added commentaries, deleted and alternate scenes, as well as hilarious outtakes, which were not available on releases of either DVD.

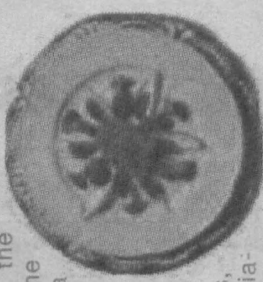


This is like taking a good thing and making it better, like dipping a raisin in chocolate or putting a chimpanzee in a cowboy suit — you can't lose. "Happy Gilmore" and "Billy Madison" established Sandler as a comic genius. These films, packed with worthy



## The Girlfriend

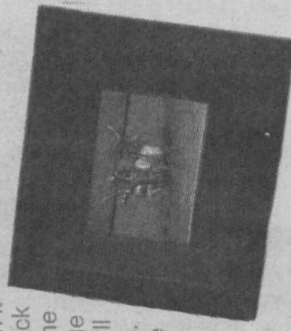
Here's what she wants: a little love and something that lets her know she's special. Instead of buying her a certificate for a massage, give her one yourself. Rather than buy her a gift certificate to the mall or some chain restaurant, reserve a table at a nice restaurant and surprise her with dinner. If you plan on taking her out for an evening of fun, finally make the effort to throw some gel in your hair and go dancing instead of ending up bombed at the Riverfront. You know how she's always driving your drunk ass from bar to bar when you're getting wasted? Do the same for her and some of her friends for a change. And yeah, that requires staying sober. The common theme here is meaning — make it mean a lot to her, and it will mean a lot to both of you. If all else fails, remember the key word: diamonds.



## The Sister

Females are suckers for sentimental gifts, but when it's your sister, you don't want to get too sentimental, because hey, she's still the girl that used to rat you out to mom for watching scrambled Playboy on cable — and can you ever really 100 percent forgive her for that?

One gift idea that transcends the boundaries of both fairly sentimental and pretty damn cool is the Digital Photo Slide Show Frame, available at Brookstone.com, for \$300. With this state-of-the-art picture frame, you insert a memory card with digital pictures on it into the back of the frame and the image on the LCD will change every few seconds. You could give her the frame without a memory card full of images, but if you really want to get sentimental, go ahead and fill the memory card with pictures of her and you.



## The Teacher

As the end of the semester approaches, so does the realization of your less than par impending grades. The holiday season provides students the opportunity for a little much-needed butt-kissing.





like dipping a raisin in chocolate or putting a chimpanzee in a cowboy suit — you can't lose. "Happy Gilmore" and "Billy Madison" established Sandler as a comic genius. These films, packed with worthy extras, will keep your brother laughing his ass off all through the holidays — as well as throughout the rest of the year.



## The Co-worker

It's a cliché idea that some purist gift-givers would skin you alive for, but gift certificates may work best. If your work posse enjoys music, Bull Moose Music is the prime spot to pick up a \$5 or \$10 gift card. Or get them a small lotion or cream from Bath & Body Works.

Eventually you'll run into the problem that you either: a) know several people in the office better than others; thus resulting in some presents being better than others; or b) truly hate your coworkers but want to send out some positive karma into the world this holiday season. Thus we reach the ultimate gift to give: food.

Small packages equally distributed with ribbon candy, fudge, cookies and candy canes — along with some holiday nicety, such as a personalized note — rarely disappoint as gifts during the holiday season. It may take some time to put them together, but they're fairly cheap — as buying candy in bulk is thrifty for a collegian.



## The Dad

What to buy for the man who raised you and help you become the person you are today?

This year, get your big poppa a classic piece of UMaine paraphernalia. More specifically, consider a sweatshirt that proudly displays the name of your future alma mater. Pops is always a sap for sentimental things, so gain a few points with this perfect gift.

The University Bookstore carries the perfect one for your father. It is a navy blue hoodie emblazoned with "The University of Maine." Think of Dad's taste, and then imagine the excited look on his face Christmas morning when he will tear through the wrapping paper and see that oh-so-awesome sweatshirt.



yield a plethora of ideas, like the gods are channeling their energy through you. Other times the process is nothing short of excruciatingly painful. It may be one specific person, but it is most likely everyone on that "to buy" list that is driving you the brink of insanity. Quickly, the holiday cheer is gone from your life, and the rest of your day is spent cursing consumerism.

Rarely does this time of year go by when there isn't some time spent thinking about what dad — who seems to be content with taking naps and watching football — wants for the holidays. Or how about those co-workers who probably deserve something small from you? These people and some of the mounting pressures add a bit of unneeded stress to your life.

However, it's important to remember that whatever holiday you celebrate — Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa or whatnot — the gift-buying process can be simple. Recite it again. It shall be your mantra until your vehicle is stocked with great gifts. Chances are pretty good, however, that you're going to have a meltdown at some point. Some helpful hints that may help counteract the stress:

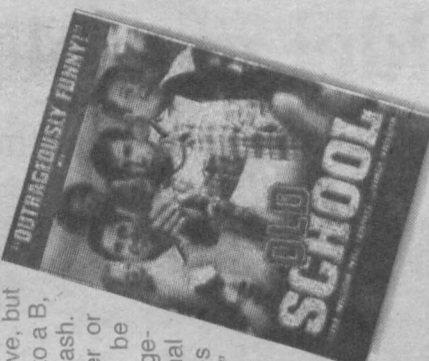
- Don't freak out: When things aren't going so hot, remind yourself that this is for someone else. It's not about you. Stress does not help the process at all. Focusing on anger doesn't get the job done either.
  - Eggnog: Sweet glorious nectar of the gods, how we love thee. If there's a bad day of shopping thrown in there, come home and sit by the fire with a thick glass of the 'nog. Add a shot or two of rum for added relaxation.
  - Make lists: It's OK to be anal-retentive during the holiday season. It's the only way things get done. Lists of who to buy for, check marks for whose quota has been met ... all of these things help when it seems like the process has indefinitely halted.
  - Music: We hate people who hate Christmas music. If it takes listening to "The Hanukkah Song" 50 times until you're ready to get into the holiday mood, fine. If you want to listen to the "The Twelve Pains of Christmas" before entering the mall, so be it. Though, it may be counterproductive — thus making your blood pressure rise more quickly.
  - Flash a smile: Stores employees love seeing the Benjamins come out, but there's nothing wrong with showing a little holiday cheer, dammit. Also, how about a little courtesy in the stores? There's plenty of Scrooges out there who are willing to body-check you into a display case for that last copy of "Halo 2."
  - Contact family friends: Chances are good that the people who are giving you the most trouble when buying presents wouldn't mind hearing your voice. It wouldn't hurt to pick up the phone and call grandma or your distant aunt whose gifts are holding up the trip to the post office.
- Now that you know how to cope with the stress that the holiday season brings with it, it's time to get down to business. Here are some gift ideas from the *Maine Campus* staff for the truly perplexed. Faithful buyer, read on and spend wisely. Feel free to poach some of these ideas. We won't tell.

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As the end of the semester approaches, so does the realization of your less than par-impending grades. The holiday season provides students the opportunity for a little much-needed butt-kissing.

One thing teachers do enjoy is first-rate food, and on the college kid's budget, the price is just right. If you play your cards right, you might be able to scam some of your mom's peanut butter balls to lessen your workload. If you do create treats, attempt to make something that is a little beyond slice-and-bake cookies, something like fudge. If you really want to impress, grab a couple of lobsters. This time of year they are a little more expensive, but if you need to bring that D to a B, it's time to dish out some cash.

For your "cool" teacher or an advisor you might be chummy with, try a college-themed DVD. My personal college-themed favorites include "Old School," "Animal House," "Good Will Hunting," "Rudy" and "PCU." And if those movies are not what you are looking for, try "Top Gun," it's always a fan favorite.



## The Mom

This disk-shaped, robotic vacuum cleaner only requires you to push a button, and it does the rest. It's called the Roomba, available at [www.irobot.com](http://www.irobot.com). What a concept. The gift is brilliant. Whose mother likes to clean anyway?

Modern technology has created small robots for everyday chores. But these little miracle machines aren't exactly cheap. Roombas start out at about \$150 for a base model and run up to about \$280 for the Discovery SE. For an additional \$60, you can buy a self-charging home base. With the home base feature, when the



Roomba senses it is low on battery power, it will automatically return to the home base and charge. It is a little pricey, but think about splitting the cost with a sibling and giving a gift from the both of you. You can't go wrong with this one. Any mom is sure to love it.





## The politics of dancing



By Derek Francis

I love dancing. I don't mean grinding up against some skeezy teenie bopper in a mini-skirt that was bought on sale at Wet Seal. I'm talking about that heart-pounding ass-shaking that will take you straight to Funky Town. I'm talking about the whole Ally McBeal "Dance like no one is watching" sort of dancing.

It wasn't always like this. In fact, just a year ago I was the cat who would rather cop a squat next to the DJ booth and sip my gin and tonic than actually dance. The exceptions to this rule were if: a) I was too effed up to care or b) a fine lady wanted to dance. And even then the dancing would be limited to some sort of half-assed shuffle.

Now, I'm well aware of the current trend of guys being too cool to dance. Fat Joe says it's only chill to "lean back." This is probably due to the fact that if Fat Joe were to dance the rubbing together of his hefty thighs just might cause him to ignite in flames.

I never felt I was too cool to dance. I just knew I wasn't very good at it. To put things into perspective, my dancing style is akin to a cross between The Merengue and simply having angry bees shoved down my pants. I would go to clubs and see people burn up the dance floor with their steps and feel as though I had no business taking up their dance space. To make it worse, I have friends who are incredible dancers — the type of people who actually practice at home in front of a mirror.

My turning point was at a rave of all places. I had drunk my fair share of alcohol that evening, so I was feeling a bit loosey-goosey. So, I commenced to move a bit more on the dance floor than usual. Then I looked up at the stage area. Next to the DJ booth a girl was actually pointing at me and laughing. I don't mean just a little giggle. I mean an all-out guffaw. If it had been a pretty girl it might have ruined my night. No, she was a total "but-her face," so instead it simply egged me on.

I went into another room at the party, a larger room where DJ Micro was spinning some sick trance. I then danced with the fury of a vengeful ninja. An incredibly stunning woman approached me and proceeded to dance with me with the same fervor. We danced. And danced. And danced. I would have kept dancing if I wasn't at risk of dropping dead from exhaustion. I tapped the mystery girl on the shoulder and informed her that I needed to take a break and grab a water. "I

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## Holiday gaming guide: console titles

We give you the heads up on some of this year's best games on the Xbox and PS2.

By Matt Desmond  
Staff Writer

Ah, consoles — the most interesting of all mediums for gaming. Unfortunately, there are some games that you can't play on a PC, which is why you need a console. In this installment of the holiday gaming guide, we look at what you should be playing this holiday season.

First off is the pathetic excuse called "Halo 2." Or should I say, "Halo Party?" This is not a game with the casual gamer in mind — this game has been designed specifically for the Halo fan boys. Let's face it, the storyline is non-existent and the gameplay itself is terrible, but the multiplayer — it is to die for. Fans of the original, who did nothing more than play system link all the time, can rejoice in the fact that this game is really a multiplayer party game with a short-lived single player mode. Two out of five stars.

Second on the list is "Call of Duty: Finest Hour." This game adds more to the fine universe of "Call of Duty," adding a new perspective on the war, particularly the campaign in North Africa as the British. One of the most interesting additions to the game is the sniper campaign, in which you play one of the few female snipers that the Russian Army deployed during the war. The gameplay is excellent. There are a few

annoying missions that you will end up repeating over and over, but the control layout is logical and self explanatory. The only way to describe the game is one word: intense. One minute you might be protecting an armored convoy, the next minute you might be clearing out an underground tunnel. A welcome addition to the game is the health pack. Instead of running over health power-ups, players collect medkits, and by pressing the up button on the D-Pad they can heal themselves or they have the option of healing a wounded comrade. This can be essential for some of the later missions that get extremely difficult when you lose several soldiers to stupid errors. Overall though, "Finest Hour" is one of the best World War II shooters to come out this year. Four out of five stars.

Finally on our very short list of games that make the cut is "Tony Hawk: Underground 2." It is the same as the original, except that instead of fighting your way to the top of the underground skating world, you start out as the character you've created in the first game. Also you get to go on a world wide destruction tour with Tony Hawk, Bam Margera and the gang. While the idea is good, the execution is less than brilliant. It does have a few humorous scenes on the worldwide destruction tour, as well as an updated soundtrack.

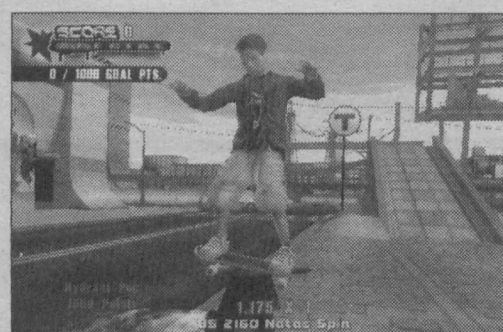


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**SHIPE IT** — In "Call of Duty: Finest Hour" you can help the Soviet cause as you play the role of one of the few female snipers in the field.

However, it's nothing we haven't seen before in the the first game. Good game, decent idea, unfortunately though, if you've played the original, you've already played this game. Three out of five.

While there are many other fine games out there that we would have loved to include in our list, unfortunately space just does not allow it. Other games you might enjoy this holiday season are: "Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic II," "GoldenEye: Rogue Agent," "The Sims 2," "Prince of Persia: The Warrior Within" and "Ghost Recon 2." Have a safe holiday season and happy gaming.



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**PERFECT BALANCE** — While "Tony Hawk: Underground 2" does offer some new goodies, it is nothing you haven't seen before.

## 'Sideways' a subtle yet endearing masterpiece

By Matthew Conyers  
Sports Editor

Halfway through "Sideways," director Alexander Payne's comic masterpiece about male friendship, main character Miles Raymond tenderly gushes about his love for wine. It is here in this wonderfully written scene that every movie connoisseur will, in quiet unison, look to the heavens and thank the movie gods for giving us Payne. This extra helping of appreciation is not because of some super imposed fantasy scene but rather for the simple delight of getting the opportunity to witness two characters flourish in a wonderfully written dialogue. In the scene, Miles, who is played so precisely by the gifted Paul Giamatti, laments

about wine when in truth he is really talking about himself and his own struggles. During his short and elegant four-minute speech, we realize that movies still have the power to create real characters.

"Sideways," Payne's fourth dark comedy with screenwriting partner Jim Taylor, marks the scribe's finest creation to date. Following up 2002's brilliant "About Schmidt," Payne has crafted an ode to wine tasting that blends male deception and a little soul searching. The story set on the background of California wine vineyards brings to life the adventures of Miles and his former college roommate, Jack, who is set to be married in less than a week. The two set off for northern California in

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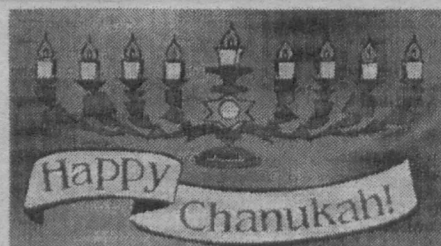
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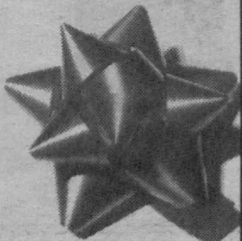
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## WMEB gets Union play

By Jesse Davis  
Staff Writer

After a semester of discussions and red tape, a live feed of the campus radio station will soon replace the current music played in the Starbucks area of the Memorial Union.

Bobby Strauss, a DJ at WMEB, approached union management early in the semester to determine both the possibility of the project and to gain support. Following some preliminary contact, management agreed to fund the purchase of the necessary equipment as well as have it installed.

"They [management] were all for it," Strauss said of their conversations. "They were very supportive and helpful."

Throughout the semester, however, the project was bogged down and nearly forgotten due to miscommunication. When it did resurface,

Strauss teamed up with Thomas Gruzca, the station manager, to ensure that it would be successful.

"The biggest hurdle has basically been finding the time to get it done," said Gruzca, who is excited at the possibilities it holds for the station. "My hope is that someone will be walking through the union and hear the station for the first time, and then run home and put it on their car and on their home stereo."

In the end, support across the board and continuous work by a few individuals have pushed the project to completion. All equipment should be installed and the transfer from CD to radio made sometime in the next few weeks.

"It will definitely help the station gain exposure on campus," said Alfred Schulz, program director in charge of DJs. "The more venues we have to show off 91.9FM, the better."



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**SPINNING** — Michael Whittmann, a faculty member for the Physics Education Research Laboratory, enjoys his weekly WMEB show. WMEB hopes to have their programs playing over Memorial Union speakers soon.

## DANCE

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dig your steps," she smiled. I could tell by her ecstasy-induced smile that she was indeed being honest. So, immediately I guzzled that water like no one's business and got my ass back on that dance floor. I danced with that girl until they turned on the lights and told us all to mosey on out the door. I never saw that girl again.

Nowadays, it might take a few dollar drafts, but I still make a point to move my feet. Sometimes I get funny looks and sometimes people just look at me and smile because they can see I'm having a great time. Because I truly am.

No matter how horribly you think you shake your groove thing, just remember that somewhere out there, there is someone who digs your moves. So what are you waiting for? Shut the f\*ck up and dance!

## SIDEWAYS

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pursuit of one final week of unadulterated bachelor fun.

It is the pair of these two unlikely friends that first sets the film apart from the rest of holiday fare. Miles is a San Diego wine fanatic and unsuccessful novelist who's two years divorced and mired in dismay. However, that's not the only problem with Miles — he's a loser and he knows it. We losers smell our own and maybe that is why the character is so automatically understandable and real. The audience can adhere to the troubled wine enthusiast because we all have lived through one phase or another that he is undergoing, though not to the extreme degree Miles is experiencing.

With every passing glance in the mirror, Miles seems to confirm his trouble with the same gloomy look that embodied Jack Nicholson's Schmidt in "About Schmidt."

Let's get one thing correct: This is Giamatti's movie. It's as if the regular guy actor has been waiting to play this type of role his whole career. Giamatti nails the part making every one of Miles' nuances seem natural and real. Miles is the same guy we bump into on the way to work, or knew as a middle school teacher years ago. It is a heartfelt performance that demands to be honored. More importantly, it's a performance that deserves to contend for best actor.

On the other hand, Miles' buddy, Jack, is the polar opposite. Jack is the type of guy that seems to get excited at any chance that allows him to ogle a

mirror. He's a failed Hollywood actor, whose perfected those studly looks for the camera and

*"Giamatti nails the part making every one of Miles' nuances seem natural and real"*

needs the confirmation that he is still pretty. Jack, played by "Ned & Stacy" and "Wings" star Thomas Haden Church, gives the surprise performance of the film. In a role made for Church, the funny-faced actor gives one

of the best supporting actor performances of the year. It's the type of role that the Academy Awards love to honor with an upset nomination.

With his career now slumping into infomercial land and marriage only a week away, Jack eagerly pushes the wine-testing trip on what seems like a reluctant Miles. They both enter the trip with different objectives. Miles wants to use the trip to inform Jack on the beauty of pino wine, while Jack hopes to get both males some sexual action by the end of the week.

The opening leg of the movie continues to build the characters and then, as if changing acts, the excitement begins to accelerate when a randy Jack arranges a double date with Stephanie, a sexy vineyard employee, and Maya, a oenophile like Miles who is scared of love. Played

respectively by Sandra Oh and Virginia Madsen, the two female actresses do their best to steal some of the limelight from the male leads. In this case, it is Madsen who really captures the audience's attention.

After their blind date, Jack has officially ushered Miles in to a terrible situation. As the lies progressively build up, it becomes evident to the audience that the movie is screaming ahead towards a messy ending. Based on Rex Pickett's novel of the same name "Sideways," becomes less about wine tasting than human nature and the struggles we put ourselves through. It is a story about lies and the failed attempt to capture fading youth. Lastly, it's the type of movie that makes December the best time to hit the cinema.

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Rita Reim in Dead Cerrah: Photo by Kevin Bennett

**Murder.**

The Smell of the Kill

**Lies.**

A Long Day's Journey into Night

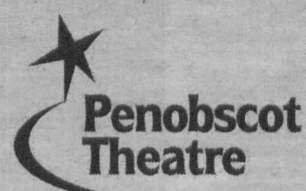
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## Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

### Aries March 21-April 19

Conditions have changed, as they always do, and traveling is getting easy. There are a couple of things to watch out for, but don't let them stop you.

### Taurus April 20-May 20

Experience can be a tough teacher, but you don't have to rely on your own. Read about somebody else's and save both time and money.

### Gemini May 21-June 21

Focus your full attention to the job. Don't be distracted. By tomorrow, if you're serious now, you'll be able to relax.

### Cancer June 22-July 22

Make up your mind about what needs to be done, and how you're going to do it. Make plans and set up schedules now, you'll be too busy tomorrow.

### Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Go to the extra effort to build something that will last for years. Sure, it's a hassle, but you'll be so proud later, it will have been worthwhile.

### Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

They say, if you do what you love, the money naturally follows. That may, indeed be the case. The odd thing is, you don't even care, if you're really doing what you love.

### Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

With luck and creativity, both of which you have in abundance, you'll complete the task without spending more than it will bring in. Breaking even counts as a win.

### Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Your enthusiasm is helping you to increase your income. That, and your amazing creativity, can make you rich. Now, don't go out and spend it all before you even get it.

### Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Make the decisions and clean out your closets, your 'frig, even the garage. Pay off the stuff that's coming due and cash in your coupons and rebates. Take those cans to the recycler, too. You'll feel so refreshed.

### Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You don't have to come up with the master plan all by yourself. Consult those who love complex challenges, and then fit in where you're assigned.

### Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

The worst part is practically over. Soon, you'll be able to spend a lot more time with your buddies. Arrange a gathering for tonight, tomorrow or Sunday, or all of the above.

### Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

You'll soon be able to take on a little more authority. Don't worry about how or where or why, it'll happen naturally.

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# DIVERSIONS

Kip! By Ryan Stithers



## THE ADVENTURES OF SKULLY

BY WILLIAM MORTON

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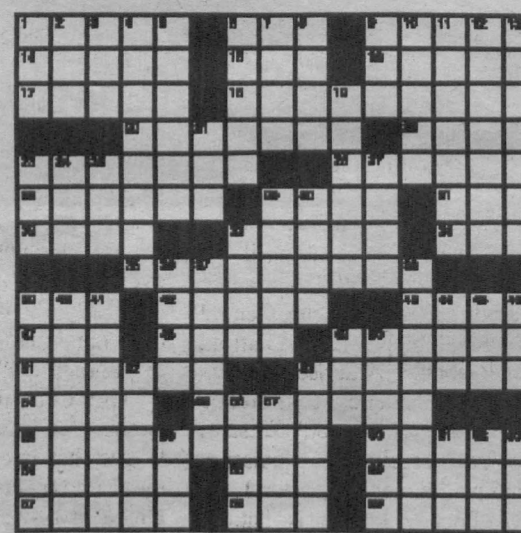


Unlike the credit card vouchers he presented to his Denny's customers, Bob's bottom portion was already filled out.

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## UMBC

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rebounds a game.

Another key player for the Black Bears is junior guard Kevin Reed, who led the nation in rebounding among players six feet two inches tall and under last year. A second team all-conference selection last year, Reed leads UMaine so far this season with 6.4 boards per game, and his 10.4 ppg is second on the team. Last weekend, Reed broke the all-time UMaine record for three-point field goals.

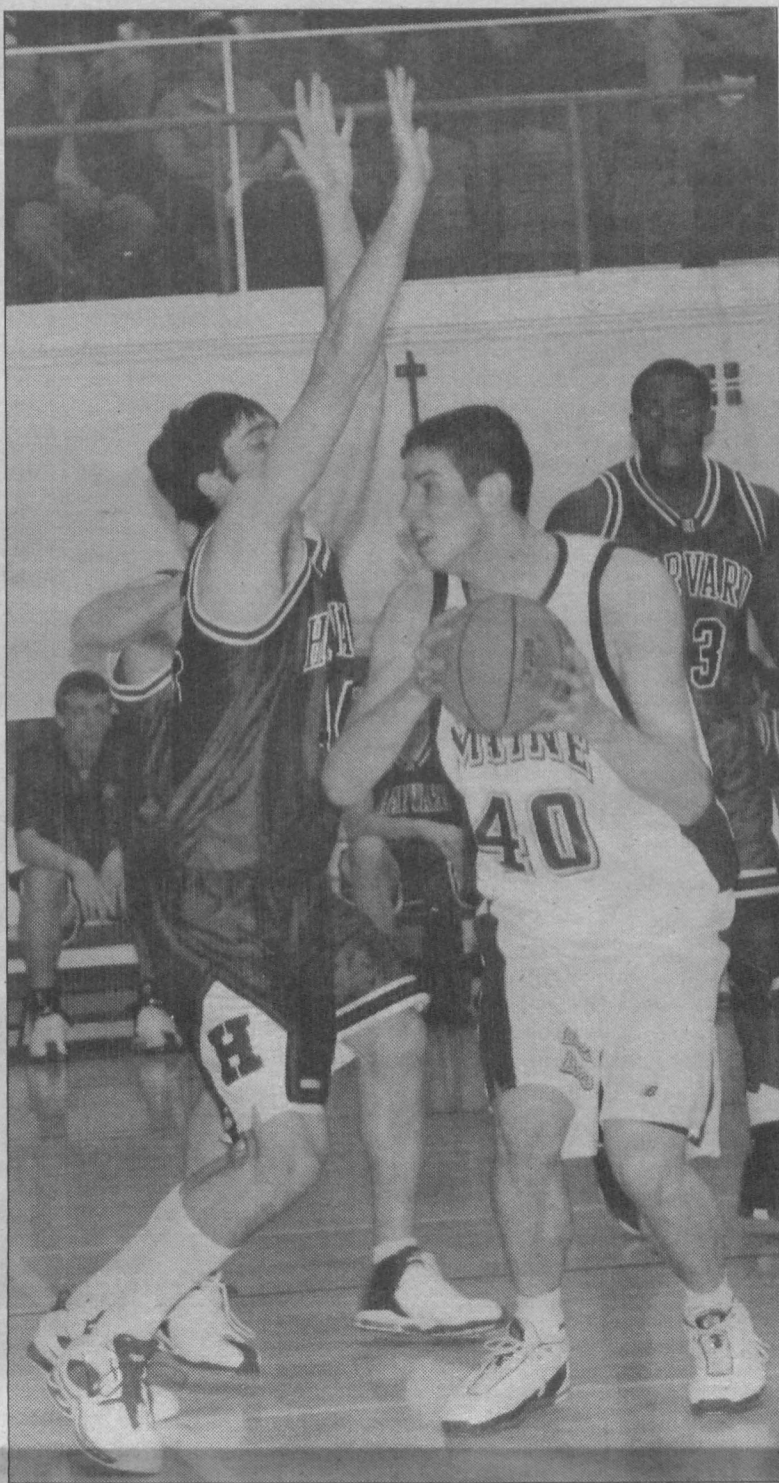
"Kevin is a tremendous shooter, the best I've coached in nineteen years in college basketball," said Woodward. "That's just the tip of what he brings to our team. He's a great rebounder, and he has great heart, toughness and leadership."

UMaine's leading scorer is junior guard Ernest Turner, who sat out last season after transferring from UNLV. Turner is averaging 14 points per game and poured in a career high 22 points to lead the Black Bears over Harvard. Senior guard Chris Markwood is scoring 9.2 per points game to round out a fairly balanced UMaine offense.

"We have guys who can shoot, guys who can dribble and score, and guys who can post up and score," Woodward said. "We have good balance and how we use that balance is going to be key for us."

Looking ahead, UMaine will play a strong Big East team in the Providence Friars in two weeks at Providence. The Friars are led by first team All-American Ryan Gomes and coming off an NCAA appearance.

"We have guys who believe that we're one of the better teams in the northeast," said Woodward. "They have no fear of competing with anyone. We



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OLLI ATTACK — University of Maine's Olli Ahvenniemi looks past Harvard last Saturday in the Pit.

approach every game the same way whether it's an exhibition or a Big East opponent. If we focus on our defense, rebounding, con-

sistency, and offensive chemistry we feel like it'll be hard for other teams to take those away from us."

## Exploring the hockey world outside of Alford

By Eric Gullickson  
For The Maine Campus

There are Division I college hockey programs outside of the Hockey East. Despite what east coast citizens may think, college hockey spans from Maine all the way to Colorado. With leagues like the Atlantic Hockey league, Central Collegiate Hockey Association, College Hockey America, Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Hockey League and the Western Collegiate Hockey Association making up the men's Division I, the NCAA hockey league is nationwide.

The current top 15 rankings are determined by two sources—the United States College Hockey Online-College Sports Television Poll and the USA Today-USA Hockey Magazine Poll. Currently the Black Bears are ranked 11th and 9th, respectively, in both polls. However, the Black Bears find themselves looking up at some familiar foes in the NCAA standings. Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado College, Michigan and Boston College are currently in the top five spots in both polls. Vermont, Ohio State, North Dakota, New Hampshire and defending national champion Denver also find themselves ahead of UMaine in the USCHO poll, while UMaine still sits ahead of Vermont in the USA

Hockey poll. Denver doesn't even find itself on the later poll.

In the Atlantic Hockey League, Sacred Heart is atop the league for now. Sacred Heart posted a 6-1-1 record in league play. They are closely followed by Canisius at 6-2-1 and Mercyhurst at 4-0-1. The overall records aren't spectacular, in fact, Holy Cross is the only team in the Atlantic Hockey League with a record over .500 at 6-5-3.

The Central College Hockey Association is a highly respected league that is currently being lead by unexpected Ohio State University 9-2-1 and 11-4-1 overall. They are closely followed by the most respected hockey program in the history of college hockey, Michigan, who has a 9-1-0 in the conference and 11-4-1 overall. There is a big drop off between Michigan and the third-seeded Northern Michigan and fourth-ranked Bowling Green both 8-4-2 overall. The surprise of the year comes from usual powerhouse Michigan State who is bolstering an awful 7-8-1 record overall and are a dismal 4-6 in the conference.

The ECACHL has greatly improved over the past few years and finds itself a powerhouse at present. Vermont, at 4-0-2, is currently on a large unbeaten streak are currently tied for third in the league with Colgate, 5-1, and Brown, 4-3-2. Harvard, 5-3-1, stands in second

at present with the surprise of the ECACHL Union taking first place for now at 6-2.

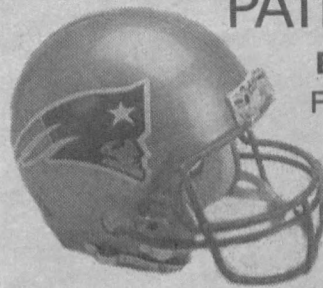
Hockey East on the other hand has an odd year. Boston University 8-1 has found ways to dominate its opponents in conference but overall are only 9-6 that placing them 1-5 outside the conference. Boston College after a tough weekend loss to BU and a tie with Providence find themselves scratching their heads. New Hampshire is on a roll since getting stomped by UMaine 3-0 earlier in the year. Despite what others think Hockey East is not the strongest conference this season.

The WCHA is and has been the best the past few years. Wisconsin currently leads the charge in the league with a 9-3-0 record in the conference and 12-4-0 overall.

Players to watch at present are sophomore Ryan Potulny with 16 goals in 15 games for Minnesota, Ben Walter from UMass-Lowell with 15 goals in 13 games, Brent Walton from Western Michigan who has 11 goals and 15 assists for 26 points in 16 games to lead the nation in scoring, and finally David McKee of Cornell has a 7-2-2 record with a 1.46 GAA and .935 save percentage. Jimmy Howard leads one category for minutes played nationally and is currently tied for 16th in GAA with a 2.14 GAA. He is the only Black Bear nationally ranked at USCHO.com.

## PATRIOTS CORNER

By Matthew Williams  
For The Maine Campus



Week 14. If there's one player in the NFL who circled this date when the schedules were released last spring you can bet your bottom dollar it was Corey Dillon. The Patriots' star running back will get a shot at his old team, the Cincinnati Bengals, this weekend at Gillette Stadium.

Dillon rushed for 1,000-plus yards each of his six years in the league before enduring an injury plagued 2003 that was marred by conflicts with first-year Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis. Cincinnati dealt the three-time Pro Bowler for a second round pick on April 19, ironically a Revolutionary War holiday in Massachusetts known as Patriots' Day.

Dillon's time as a Patriot has definitely been cause for celebration. He's averaging over 100 yards per game and is well on his way to breaking New England's franchise rushing record. The league's all-time leading rusher who hasn't appeared in a play-off game has been a model citizen in the locker room and is downright giddy to be playing for a team that's 11-1 after spending nearly a decade with the cellar-dwelling "Bungles."

To be fair, the Dillon deal has worked out for both teams. Cincinnati used their pick on safety Madiou Williams—a candidate for defensive rookie of the year. Dillon's replacement at running back, former Auburn Tiger Rudi Johnson has 1105 yards on the ground, though his 4.1 yards per carry average pales in comparison to Dillon's 4.8.

The Bengals are 6-6 and coming off first year quarterback Carson Palmer's coming out party. In a stunning upset at Baltimore, the former Heisman Trophy winner dominated the vaunted Raven defense to the tune of 382 yards and three touchdowns, overcoming a 17 point deficit along the way. Suddenly with slim play-off hopes, Cincinnati is playing with confidence and like there's no tomorrow — two elements that make them a very dangerous team.

Bengal Chad Johnson, who leads the AFC in receiving yards, is one of the league's more vocal deep threats. The Pats don't expect starting corners Ty Poole and Ty Law back for another couple of weeks, so Johnson vs. the team's reserve defensive backs should be an interesting match-up.

Still, they have a bottom of the barrel run defense that's seldom stopped anybody this season — something that doesn't bode well against the rush-happy Patriots. Add to the mix Dillon, who has a bone to pick with the Cincinnati front office and coaching staff and the Bengals should be in for a long day stopping the run.

There's nothing like good old fashion payback in the form of a smash mouth running game. Dillon once held the NFL's all-time single-game rushing record, 278 yards against the Broncos in 2000. If he's healthy and as motivated to play against his old mates as he appears to be, Dillon just might make a run at reclaiming it.

## Corbitt leads UMaine offense

By Melissa Traversi  
For The Maine Campus

She wakes in a panic at the sound of her alarm clock at 5 a.m., then gingerly crawls out of bed, feeling every ache and pain. The snooze button is incredibly tempting, but the dreaded morning workout awaits. For four years, she has physically pounded her body, surviving four collegiate basketball seasons. In this, her senior year, the sound of the alarm clock takes on a whole different meaning for University of Maine women's basketball point guard Kim Corbitt.

"This is it for me, knowing every time I do something will be the last," Corbitt said. "I've spent four years trying to figure out how to balance all of it: school, ball, and social life. Now, when I think I have finally figured it out, my time is almost up."

That's why the 5'6 guard from Albany, N.Y. is making sure she gives everything she has to make this year the most memorable one ever.

"I hate regrets, I don't want to look back and say what if," said Corbitt. "Whatever I do I want to give it all that I have, and only then when I know I have given my best will I be able to walk away."

Those closest to Corbitt know the type of person she is, her hard working attitude and determination is inspiring to all that cross her path. Friend and teammate Monica Peterson puts it best.

"At times you can't tell if she is joking or not, her sarcasm gets me every time," said Peterson. "If there was anyone I ever needed to count on it would be Kim Corbitt."

In the four years Corbitt has been at the University of Maine, she has led the Lady Black Bears in back-to-back record winning seasons (25-6 in 2003, 26-5 in 2004). Corbitt was Named Defensive Player of the Year in the America East Conference in 2003. Other accolades include conference leader in steals, assist, and foul shooting. Corbitt is proud of all she has accomplished as a basketball player; however, off the court she is most proud of her academic achievements. This past season, out of the 10 teams in the America East Conference, Corbitt was named the Scholar Athlete of the year with a GPA of 3.5.

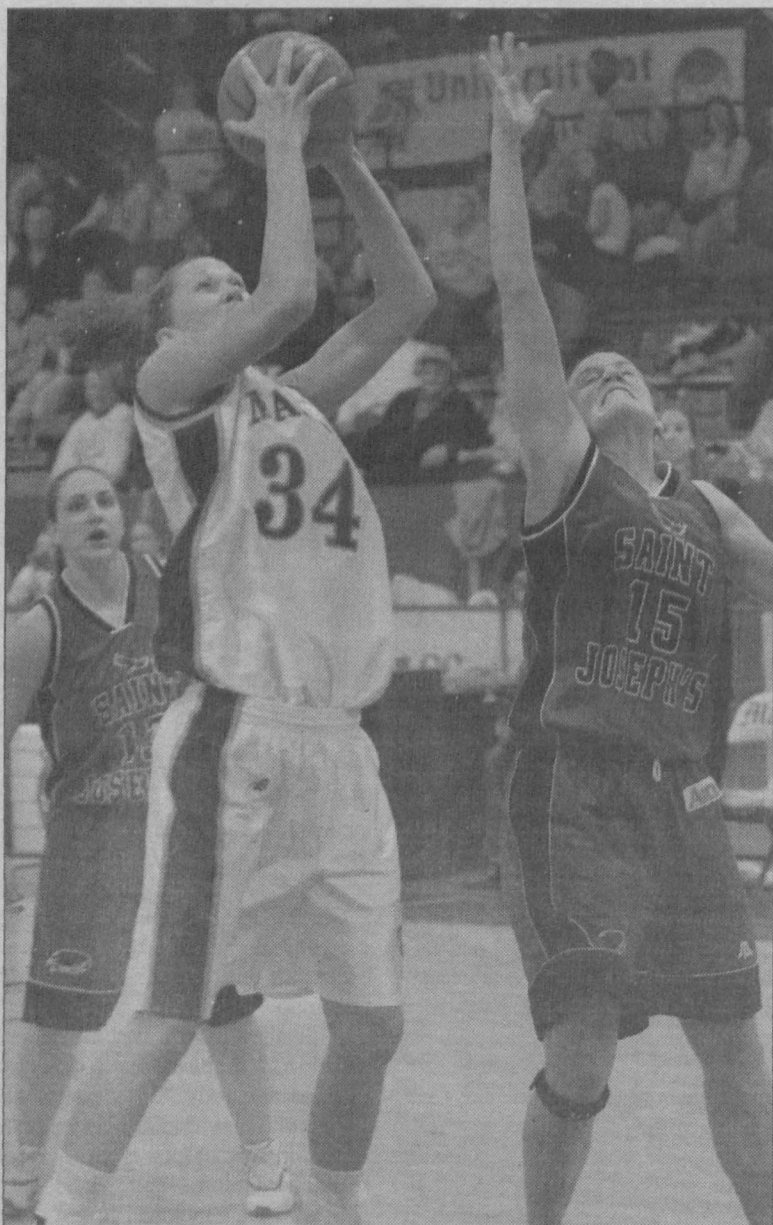
"It's always been about academics with me," Corbitt said. "My title is student athlete, and student comes first before athlete."

From the moment she stepped on campus, head coach Sharon Versyp knew Corbitt was going to be a great leader.

"She carried herself with such poise and exuded such confidence; she was different from most players I had coached," Versyp said.

Now with the season well on its way, Corbitt wants nothing more but to continue enjoying her time here at the University.





CAMPUS PHOTO BY MATEJ KRAJCOVI  
GIRL DOWN UNDER — Bracey Barker aims for the hoop over St. Josephs players in the Dead River Classic.

## HOOSIERS

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was named America East player of the week on Monday. Versyp says Barker, who is new to the starting lineup this season, is starting to become the player she expected her to be.

"I think that Bracey learned a lot last year at the guard spot, and she really has come in with an incredible attitude and really has embraced the opportunity to play in the post," Versyp said.

Barker, who was a point guard in high school, plays forward for UMaine. Last season, she played

guard, but told her coach in the off-season that she wanted to move to forward. Versyp believes she fits well at the forward position.

"She knows the coverage. She can think about what's coming at her when her back's to the basket because she used to be a passer inside."

Friday's game is the first of two in a row for the Black Bears against Big Ten teams. In the midst of what is arguably their toughest nonconference schedule in program history, the Black Bears will host Michigan next weekend.

Friday's game against the Hoosiers will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Alford Arena.

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By Kyle Fortinsky  
For The Maine Campus

And the 2004 award for college football's Most Selfish and Unnecessary Personnel Move goes to ... the University of Notre Dame. Congratulations, just last week your beloved Fighting Irish fired head coach Tyrone Willingham after three seasons of pacing the sidelines. The firing came as a surprise to some and a joy to others. Boosters and university directors saw it as an opportunity to start anew and find the right coach for such a high profile job. Conversely, many students and alumni the media spoke with were surprised and outraged. Former Notre Dame defensive lineman Mike Golic, who is now an ESPN football analyst, said Willingham's firing was a "selfish move. Notre Dame does not know what they are doing, the best coach for the job is still Tyrone Willingham." In your eyes, yes, in Notre Dame's, no.

In 2002, Willingham signed a now-traditional five-year contract with the university. Notre Dame is famous for fully honoring contracts, understanding the transition time new coaches need to build a successful nucleus. Knowing that, however, it was Willingham's job to rectify one of college sports' premier franchises and bring back the glory and prominence to South Bend that was once a mainstay.

Willingham looked to be the luck of the Irish. With his military background as a base for discipline, African American status to appeal to more African American recruits, and general respect among Fighting

Irish fans, all the pieces were in place for the new coach to lead Notre Dame back to a national championship.

The only problem was that Willingham thought he had five years. He was dumped after three.

In those three years, Willingham brought in three solid recruiting classes, led his team to a 21-15 record — highlighted by the 2002 season that went 10-3 — and two bowl games. Not bad, considering Willingham inherited a distraught program after former coach Bob Davie failed to do anything positive in his five-year stint.

Two more years and the Irish were going places. Willingham established his team's foundation from 2002-2004. Now it was time for him to capitalize on that hard work, and become a contender in '05 and '06.

Aside from lack of production, other theories have been circulating regarding Willingham's firing. From the beginning of his tenure at Notre Dame, it was clear Willingham had not been the school's first choice for head coach. John Gruden and Mike Shanahan, two premier NFL coaches, were first on the list. After both declined, Notre Dame sighed and somewhat regretfully tossed the contract at Willingham. Speculation immediately arose and never seemed to leave.

Willingham's African American heritage did not help his cause either. Following his departure, there are now only three black head coaches in all of Division I college football. Coincidence? Many do not think so, and it's a fair argument.

Perhaps Notre Dame used the mediocre season to finally cut the cord on a black coach they didn't want in the first place. That's certainly what it looked like.

The coming and going of athletic coaches on any level of competition is commonplace. A coach getting fired — even for unclear reasons — is nothing new. Still, Notre Dame was premature and careless with their decision to let go of Tyrone Willingham. Why should he have stayed? His effort and heart were in it. His players believed in him. His coaching staff followed his lead. The Fighting Irish were headed in the right direction. But, as Golic said in the same ESPN interview, "It's not what you have done or are about to do, the theme in college football is 'what have you done for me lately.'"

Using that term as a crutch, Notre Dame finds itself scrambling for a new head coach. Prospect after prospect has turned down the job — most recently Louisville's Bobby Petrino and Utah's Urban Meyer — leaving Notre Dame wondering why no one will step up and take the job, creating the search to be dubbed "the muck of the Irish." Could it be their arrogant and unrealistic goal of having a national championship-caliber team every year? Of course. It takes time to build such a program. The Irish had it once, it is gone, and good luck bringing it back with that attitude.

Shame on the Irish for dumping Willingham. But Notre Dame worked hard at earning that prestigious award. Now quiet, they're about to make their acceptance speech.

## URI Invitational allows for golden opportunities

By Katy Vanorse  
For The Maine Campus

This past weekend, the University of Maine men's and women's swim teams competed in the Harold Anderson Invitational held at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI. The invitational, in which the Black Bears have not competed for the past few years, saw UMaine take advantage of a championship atmosphere and many swimmers came away with first-place finishes.

For the women's team, Megan Wolters and Tal Shpaizer came home from the meet with three first-place finishes. Wolters placed first in the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 1:57.02, the 200-meter back in 2:07.46, nearly five seconds ahead of the nearest competitor and the 500-meter freestyle in 5:11.25. Shpaizer took first place in the 200 meter individual medley with a time of 2:10.98, the 100-meter back in 1:00.23, and the 100-meter butterfly in 59.58.

Brittany Harrington took first place in the 1000-meter freestyle with a time of 11:00.30. Harrington was followed by teammates Sarah Holmsten, who placed third with a time of 11:04.24. Harrington also placed second in the 400-meter IM in 4:45.69, while Kiki O'Donnell placed third and Holmsten placed fifth. Karin Feldman took third place in the 200-meter butterfly with a time of 2:19.17. Katrine Alcaide took second place in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 25.49, and Kelsey Wilson took third place in the 200-free in 2:00.65.

In the relay events, UMaine placed second and fifth in the 400-relay and second and fourth in the 200-freestyle relay. In the 200-meter medley relay, UMaine placed first and third, and also placed first and third in the 400-freestyle relay.

For the women's diving team, Shannon Scott placed second in the one-meter dive event, and first place in the three-meter dive. Jessica Pratt took third place in both the one

and three-meter dives.

For the men's swim team, Andy Magiera won the 200-meter butterfly in 2:06.24 and placed second in the 100-meter butterfly. Scott Forrestall finished sixth in the 1000-meter freestyle with a time of 10:57.36, while Barrett Nichols and Sean Hess followed in eighth and ninth place. Michael Goede finished second in the 100-backstroke in 58.21. In the 200-meter IM, Martin Fitch took sixth place with a time of 2:05.25. Fitch also finished third in the 400-meter IM in 4:23.38 and third in the 200 meter backstroke. Zach Weinman finished eighth in the 200-meter IM and was third in the 200-meter breaststroke at 2:22.13. Jason Stevens and Zach Gray finished in fourth and sixth in the 200-freestyle.

In the relay events, the Black Bears finished fourth in the 400-meter medley relay, second in the 200-meter medley relay, fourth in the 400-meter free relay and third in the 200-meter freestyle relay.

In the men's diving events, Keith Burgie placed second in the three-meter dive, and was followed by Justin Alley and Issac Forbes who finished third and fourth. In the one meter event, Burgie took first place for the Black Bears, while Alley finished third.

UMaine will return back to dual meets Dec. 11, when the teams will face Boston University in Orono.

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CORNER COMPETITION — University of Maine's Billy Ryan and Greg Moore work together to attempt a shot on Merrimack's goal Friday night.

## HARVARD

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season's thrilling 5-4 Black Bear victory in the NCAA tournament. In a game that saw the Crimson jump out to a commanding 4-0 advantage early on, the Black Bears were able to stage one of the most dramatic comebacks of the year. During a feverish third period, UMaine managed to crawl from three goals back to tie the match and eventually grab the win. The Black Bears took the lead late in the third period when Mechel Leveille feed the puck to an open Greg Moore, who then proceeded to rip a shot from the high slot into the back of the net. Now nearly ten months removed, the two opponents are set to meet once again with the memories of last seasons entanglement fresh in their minds.

Harvard, who will be eager to avenge their post season heart-break, boast one of the top teams in the ECAC with first year head coach Ted Donato at the helm. Donato, a former Harvard hockey captain who enjoyed a sparkling 13-year NHL career, has guided to a third place standing in league play thus far this season. The Crimson, who are coming off a surprise upset over a red hot Vermont squad, are highlighted by playmaker Tom Cavanagh. The talented senior currently leads the Crimson with six goals and 11 assists. Cavanagh is followed in the scoring department by senior Andrew Lederman who has regis-

tered three goals and six assists on the season. Rounding out the offensive assault for Harvard are Brendan Bernakevitch and freshman sensation Jon Pelle. Bernakevitch, has recorded two goals and seven assists on the year, while Pelle has hauled in four goals and four assists for eight points.

In net, the Crimson are backed by senior Dov Grumet Morris. Morris, has played in 10 games posting a .930 save percentage and a 2.09 goals against average. Backing up Morris in net will be untested sophomore Justin Tobe, who has played in two games recording a .945 save percentage along with a 1.50 G.A.A.

Saturday's game will mark the tenth meeting between the opponents with the Black Bears leading the series with a 5-4 advantage. UMaine will enter the decision having won the last three games.

The contest will also highlight the second time brothers Ben and Dan Murphy have sparred on the ice. Both players enter the decision coming off two totally different weekends. Dan enters the match having scored the game winner against UVM on Tuesday night. For Ben, the meeting will hopefully mark his successful return from a knee injury that sidelined him early on in November.

Looking to led UMaine will be the streaking sophomores Josh Soares and Keith Johnson, who are both coming off strong performances this past weekend. Soares, currently has tallied five goals on the year while picking up

six assists for 11 points. The point total places Soares fifth on the team in points. As for Johnson, the speedy wing has registered two goals and one assist on the year. The performances of both players bode well for a Black Bear squad eager to get production from more avenues then just the usual suspects.

Those usual suspects — Derek Damon, Jon Jankus, John Ronan and Michel Leveille — all have totaled at least nine points on the year. Damon currently leads the team with 10 goals and seven assists for 17 points. The Bangor natives 10th goal came early Saturday when Damon scored the first goal of the game against Merrimack. Jankus, the team's steady faceoff man, has collected four goals and 10 assists on the year, while Ronan has posted six goals and six assists for 12 points. Leveille rounds out the group with five goals and four assists.

In net, All-American Jimmy Howard has tallied a record of 9-6-2 with a .911 save percentage and a 2.14 goals against average. Freshman Matt Lundin backs up Howard in goal with a 1.76 G.A.A and a .939 save percentage.

Saturday night's game is slated to begin at 7 p.m. in Cambridge. The Black Bears will then return to action in Fort Myers, Fla., for the Florida College Classic with matchups against St. Cloud. A duel with either Cornell or Boston College could be looming if the Black Bears prove win their first game. The tournament is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. Dec. 28 with the Black Bears playing St. Cloud.

## New era for NASCAR

By Katy Vanorse  
For The Maine Campus

Another NASCAR season has officially come to an end. I'm pretty sure that you may not be as disappointed as I am, but if you are somewhat interested in the results, here's the rundown of the final top ten standings:

NASCAR	Nextel	Cup
Champion: Kurt Busch		
2) Jimmy Johnson		
3) Jeff Gordon		
4) Mark Martin		
5) Dale Earnhardt, Jr.		
6) Tony Stewart		
7) Ryan Newman		
8) Matt Kenseth		
9) Elliott Sadler		
10) Jeremy Mayfield		

There were many hot issues in the Nextel Cup this year. First off, the NASCAR senior circuit was changed to the Nextel Cup. Since most people are making a big deal about cigarette sponsorships these days, the Winston Cigarette Company had to give up their sponsorship of the nations most popular racing sport. The Nextel cell phone company then got the honor of sponsoring the senior circuit and having their name branded everywhere NASCAR was seen. I'm not really sure how popular of a move this sponsorship, change was since most people still don't have a clue and are referring to it still as the Winston Cup.

Another change this past season was the reconstruction of the points system. In previous years, drivers were awarded points based on their finishing position. That usually led to a ho-hum season ender, when you could predict who would win the series by whoever placed the most. This season, first-year President Brian France decided to spice things up a bit and created The Chase for the Cup. What that means is that near the end of the season, the points system is narrowed down to the top ten drivers. If a driver was in the top ten in the points total, they were able to compete for the Nextel Cup. If they didn't finish in the top 10, well, there's always next year. Fans weren't exactly thrilled with the system change, but when the championship couldn't be decided till the last race of the season, with five drivers in the running for the cup, the change did make the season a little more interesting.

The point total wasn't the only change that France made this season. He also lifted the liquor ban. In the past, hard liquor was not

allowed to be advertised by NASCAR, which promoted the "if you drink, don't drive" idea. But now, hard liquor companies will be able to sponsor race cars. Crown Royal is already in the running by being on Kurt Busch's car next season. So NASCAR couldn't be sponsored by a cigarette company, but yet it is able to promote hard liquor while people are driving around a race track at high rates of speed? That sounds a little sketchy to me.

This NASCAR season was the year of the revolt. NASCAR representatives tried to put big plastic bottles of the major drink sponsors, one of them being Coca-Cola, on various cars in victory lane. Powerade, who is part of the Coca-Cola Company, tried to put their big blue bottle on some of the cars that were sponsored by Gatorade, Powerade's biggest rival. When the Gatorade drivers tried to hide the Powerade bottle or even push it off the car while on TV, NASCAR officials warned them with the threat of a fine. When Jimmy Johnson tried to hide the bottle, he was fined by NASCAR. Jeff Gordon actually avoided driving up to victory lane, just so they wouldn't put the Powerade bottle on his car. What a move Jeff — it's still too bad most fans hate you.

Lastly, you can't talk about a NASCAR season without talking about the most popular driver, my man Dale Earnhardt, Jr. Earnhardt, who started off the year on a strong note, by winning the Daytona 500, the most popular race in NASCAR, and the race that claimed his father's life three years ago. Yet, after that, Jr.'s season seemed to go downhill.

Overall, this year's Nextel Cup was interesting and exciting. We said hello to some very tough rookies, including Kasey Kahne, who finished second in five races. It was also the time to say goodbye to veteran racers Ricky Rudd, Dale Jarrett, Sterling Marlin, and Kyle Petty, who all announced that 2004 would be their last season. We also said goodbye to Maine's own Ricky Craven, who lost his sponsorship in the Nextel Cup, but will continue racing in NASCAR's Truck Series next year.

Hopefully, the 2005 season will be as successful as this year. And on a final note: Please, if you are still thinking that racing is for a few drunken rednecks please, give NASCAR a try.

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weekend. Gettings stopped 34 shots over the weekend, while Corriveau scored two goals including the overtime-winner in Maine's 3-2 win.

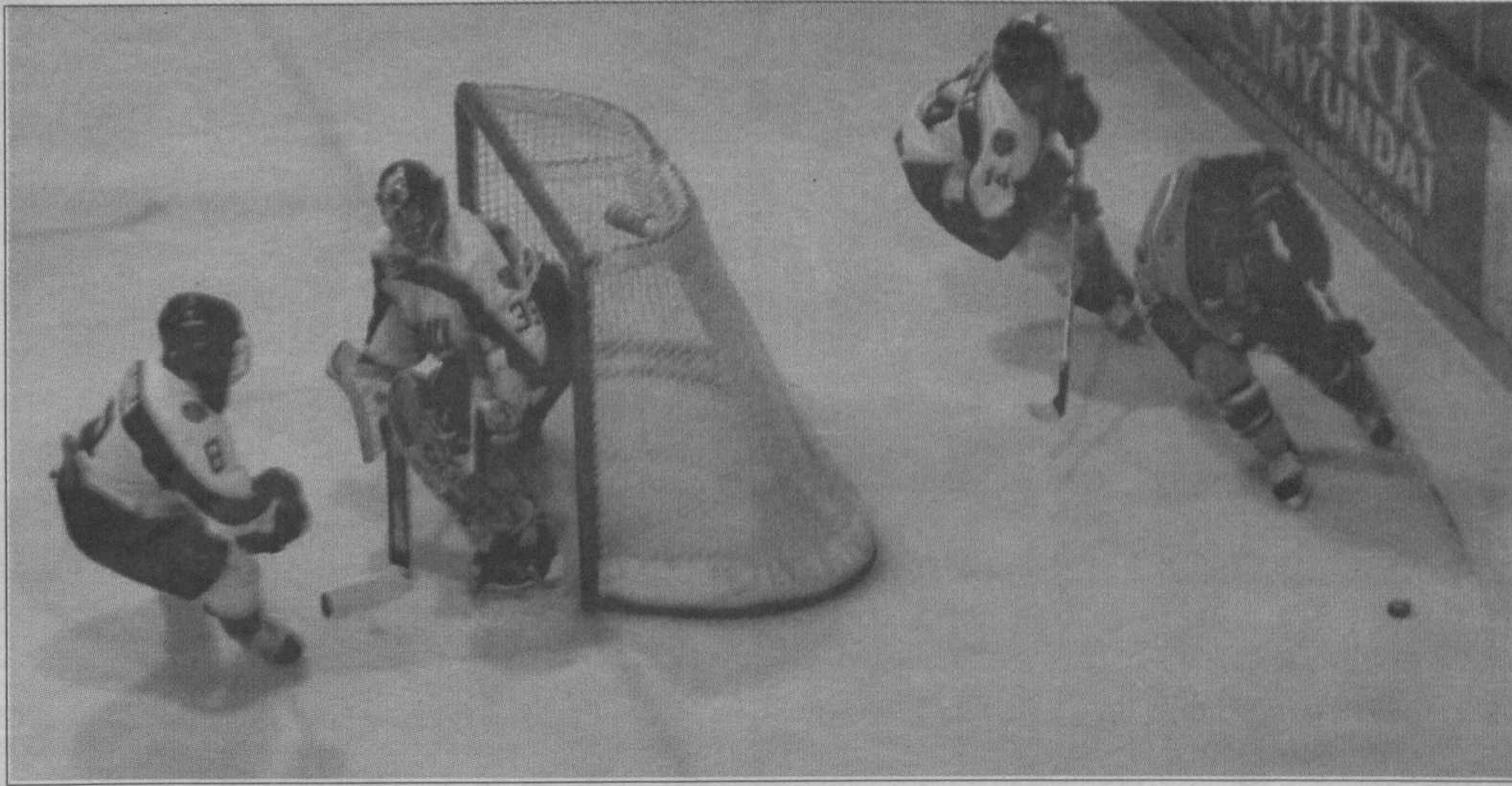
"The weekend was pretty good for us because now we are third and we're just going home and then we get to have a break," said Corriveau who has made the honor roll multiple times this season. "I was just skating and I had the puck and I think we went into a 3-on-1 and shot the puck in the top corner and was surprised it went in."

After a two-week winter break, the team will start off the

new year by playing the Bulldogs. Then after a two-game set with Sacred Heart University at home, the Black Bears will jump right into the thick of things with will play six consecutive road games. Four of those games will come against conference foes Providence College and Hockey East leaders — the University of New Hampshire.

"It's important to keep our workouts going into the break," said defenseman and co-captain Emily Stevens. "That means eating right and doing the right stuff off the ice and most people may not get the chance to get on the ice and that means making your runs everyday and just making sure to remember a lot of little things."





CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

WRAP AROUND — Keith Johnson tries to maneuver around the Merrimack net during Friday's showdown at Alford Arena. The Black Bears tied the Warriors 2-2 in the match.

## Return to the Hub

Men's ice hockey hopes to extend six-game unbeaten streak in Cambridge

By Matthew Conyers  
Sports Editor

Boston has not been a kind place for the University of Maine men's ice hockey squad in the past 10 months. Dating back to last April, the Black Bears have strung together a troubling three-game losing streak in Beantown. With the first loss coming in the National Championship game, the streak has since escalated this season with defeats coming against Boston University and Northeastern in November. On Saturday, the Black Bears will return to the Hub to grapple with

Harvard in hopes of surmounting their growing woes.

The Black Bears will enter the decision ranked tenth in the

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nation in the USA Today-USA Hockey Magazine poll and eleventh in the nation in the USCHO-CSTV poll. UMaine currently stands at 10-6-2 on they year and 6-3-1 in conference competition. As for Harvard, their record resides at 8-3-1 overall,

while 6-3-1 in Hockey East play.

UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead anticipates a feisty Crimson squad come the weekend.

"It's going to be real tough, they are going to have a good jump in their step," said Whitehead. "They will definitely be hungry coming off last season's tournament loss."

UMaine will enter the decision riding a six-game winning streak. The Black Bears are coming off a 5-0 thrashing of Merrimack at home last Saturday. In a game that saw an aggressive first and second period that overwhelmed the

Warriors, Jimmy Howard earned his second shutout victory on the year. Last weekend the Black Bears snagged a surprising split from a depleted Merrimack squad. The Black Bears tied the Warriors 2-2 Friday before Saturday's pummeling.

Whitehead his team's recent offensive success.

"We have been generating alot of shots as of late and doing what we need to put the puck in the net," said Whitehead.

The meeting between the two foes will mark their first since last

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## Hoosiers take trip north

Women's basketball prepares for Friday battle

By Riley Donovan  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's basketball team will look to extend its winning streak to four games on Friday, when Indiana comes to Orono to take on the Black Bears.

The Hoosiers, who are also 3-3, are looking to bounce back after losing to Indiana State. The Hoosiers are ranked in the top 40 in the RPI rankings.

Coming off a 69-57 win on Saturday at Buffalo, the Black Bears know what they have to do to get a win against Indiana.

"We have to do the same things that we've been doing," said head coach Sharon Versyp. "We really have to take care of the ball. We've been doing that really well the last three games."

Over the last three games UMaine has shot 46 percent and averaged 65 points per game, while allowing their opponents to score just 49 points per game. Versyp knows how important it is to play

well on defense against the Hoosiers.

"We have to play great defense," said Versyp. "We have to win the battle of the boards, and we have to get to the foul line."

After starting the season with three straight losses to some of the country's top competition, the Black Bears three consecutive wins have all come against tough competition.

"We're starting to do all of the things that I feel we need to do well," said Versyp. "I think these three games have really helped us build our confidence, find ourselves, know our personnel a little bit more."

On Saturday they beat Buffalo without starting point guard Kim Corbitt. Versyp says she is unsure if Corbitt, who hurt her ankle last week in practice, will be able to play Friday against Indiana.

Other players stepped up on Saturday with Corbitt out of the game. Sophomore Bracey Barker scored a career-high 26 points, and See HOOSIERS on Page 14

## Black Bears to grapple in CT

By Ryan Clark  
For The Maine Campus

With last weekend's sweep of Northeastern University, the University of Maine women's

### Women's Hockey

hockey team will look to continue their recent success against Quinnipiac on Saturday and Sunday.

The two-game set against the Bobcats will be the Black Bears last game until Jan. 1, when they will take on Yale University at Alford Arena.

"By beating Northeastern twice over the weekend, it gets us back in the middle of the pack in the conference," said head coach Guy Perron. "This weekend is certainly another big weekend for us and we have a lot of things on our minds academically and then we will take care of Quinnipiac."

Outside of seeing the Black Bears go from the bottom of the conference standings to third place, the team also saw its overall record improve. Going into the

weekend, the Black Bears will take the ice with an overall record of 6-5-2. The sweep against Northeastern was the team's second of the year and their first since Wayne State in early November.

As for Quinnipiac, they will take on the Black Bears with a record of 3-11-1. In their last game, the Bobcats were defeated 6-3, by the University of North Dakota. The Bobcats have suffered a loss in their last six games with one of those losses coming against a 7-4 defeat to Hockey East rival Boston College.

During their road trip to Boston, the Black Bears not only outscored the Wildcats 6-3, but the also led in shots taking 93 shots on net compared to Northeastern's 37. Besides getting back in the conference hunt, the Black Bears once again received honors from the Hockey East office on Monday. Sophomores Rachel Gettings and Sonia Corriveau were named to the Hockey East Honor Roll for their performances over the

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## UMaine ready for Retrievers

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Fresh off a 79-66 win over Harvard in their only Orono home game of 2004, the University of Maine men's basketball team is headed back on the road this weekend. The Black Bears will open America East play at the

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University of Maryland-Baltimore County tonight and face Morgan State on Saturday.

UMBC is 2-3 on the season. The Retrievers are led by Andrew Feely's 11.4 points per game and 8.8 rebounds per game. It will be the first conference game for both teams. The Black Bears were picked to finish third in the pre-season coaches' poll, while UMBC was projected to finish tenth.

"It's early in the season for both of us," said UMaine head coach Ted Woodward. "UMBC is 2-0 at home this year. It's very difficult to win on the road in college basketball, so it'll be a tough game."

UMaine enters the weekend with a record of 3-2, riding a three game winning streak. The Black Bears lost their opener at Big East opponent Boston College and suffered a 68-67 buzzer-beating loss to Bethune-Cookman in Portland to start the season 0-2. The Black Bears then proceeded to hit the road and upset Atlantic-10 Rhode Island 47-44 and won at Dartmouth 58-52 before returning home and knocking off Harvard last week.

"Anytime you can go on the road and beat a quality Atlantic-10 team, it's huge," said Woodward. "The win at Dartmouth was big too, as was last week's against Harvard. We take each game as its own and any win is a great win."

The biggest difference between UMaine's wins and losses has been defense. In each of their three wins, the Black Bears have held their opponent to under 40 percent shooting from the field.

"Defense is a key component to winning the way you want to win at this level," said Woodward. "Rebounding is also a key statistic for us. We have some big, strong guys on the line, so rebounding should be an advantage."

UMaine is led up front by senior forward Mark Flavin, a second team all-conference selection a year ago. Flavin averaged 6.3 boards a game and was second in the conference with 56 blocks last season, and currently ranks second on the Black Bears with 4.8

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