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Hockey players suspended after brawl

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

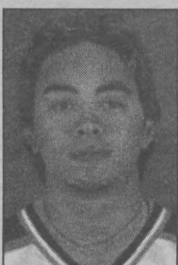
The University of Maine athletic department indefinitely suspended men's ice hockey players Mike Hamilton and Wes Clark for violations of the student-athlete conduct code.

The announcement came Wednesday night, three days after Hamilton, a junior from Victoria, British Columbia, and Clark, a sophomore from Oakville, Ontario, were arrested for assault and aggravated criminal mischief.

At approximately 9 p.m. Sunday, the pair allegedly attacked



Hamilton



Clark



James



Whitehead

a member of the UMaine baseball team at Washburn Place apartments. Accompanied by a group of fellow hockey players, Hamilton confronted the man about his ex-girlfriend, who was at the apartment. After exchanging words,

Hamilton allegedly assaulted the man in the apartment doorway and the fight quickly moved inside, police said.

Upon entering the building, Clark and others continued to grapple with the baseball player, accord-

ing to reports. During the fight, the victim was punched and kicked. Three to five minutes after the tussle began, Hamilton, Clark and other members of the team left the scene.

The victim, a 21-year-old UMaine student, went to the Orono police station at about 12:15 a.m. to report a crime. He arrived at the station after receiving stitches over his left eye at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor.

The pair were released Monday from the Penobscot County Jail, each on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bail, a jail

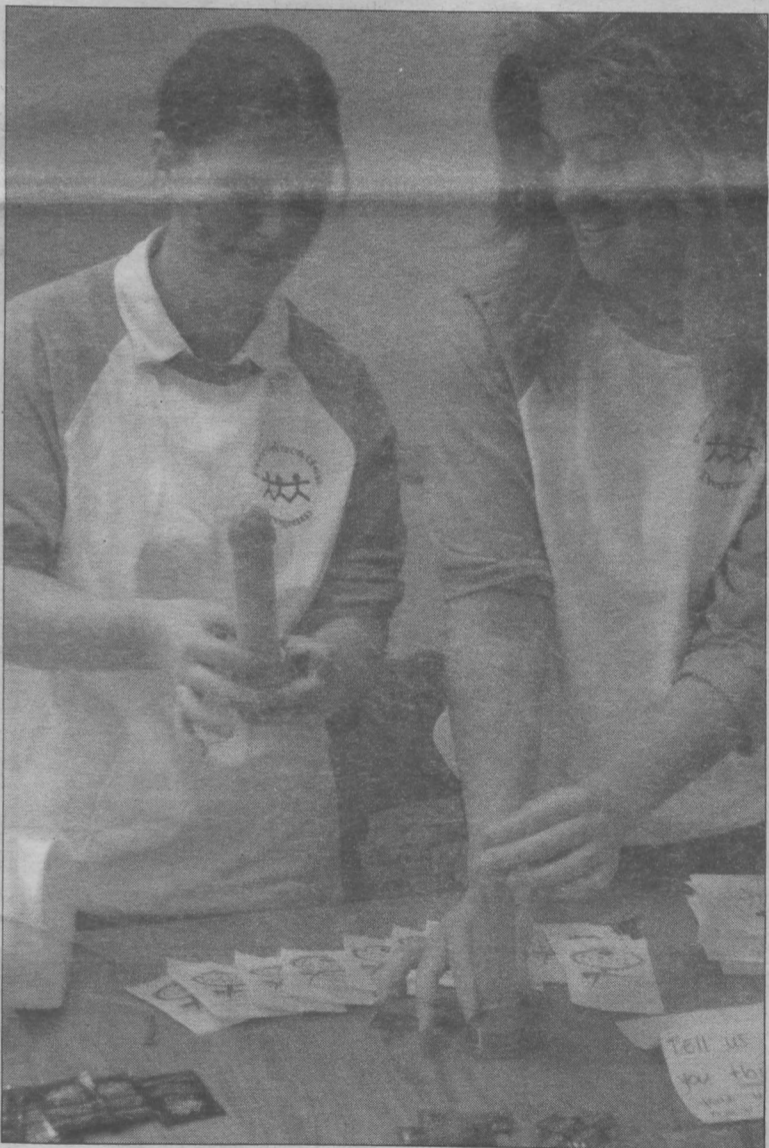
official said. They were brought into custody early Monday morning by the Orono police department.

An official report of the incident has yet to be finalized. Sgt. Scott Scripture of the Orono police department believed it will be completed sometime today after all the witnesses have been interviewed and re-interviewed. The report will then be given to the Orono district attorney who will file other charges if warranted.

Interim Athletic Director Blake James waited until he knew all the

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Hands On



CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON

SLOW AND STEADY — Rachel Duplessis, left, and Erika Monzo, right, demonstrate appropriate condom application technique. See story on page 6.

Beta, Pike fraternities hit in string of vandalism

By Riley Donovan
Copy Editor

Vandals damaged two fraternities over the past week.

Beta Theta Pi, a fraternity on Munson Road, had its sign knocked down last Thursday night. The sign in front of Pi Kappa Alpha has also been damaged.

"We are not entirely sure of what was done," said Will Gove, the public relations chairman at Beta, "but we are pretty sure that it took more than one person."

Gove said the entire Beta sign was knocked over and part of it was splintered off.

"Currently, we really have no idea who damaged the sign or why they would do it," Gove said.

Beta is rebuilding its sign. According to chapter president Eric DeGrass, the support posts for the new one will be embedded in four feet of concrete. The posts will be reinforced above ground with bricks. The new fixture will also be lit.

Public safety was unavailable to comment on the sign incident.

In addition to their sign being destroyed, Gove said one of their basement windows was kicked this past weekend. The culprit broke the glass and ruined the window frame. Gove said one of the Beta brothers



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW KNAPP

SLICE OF PI — The Beta sign on College Avenue was knocked to the ground last Thursday night, breaking the slate emblem.

heard the incident and confronted the individual who broke the glass.

"The brother spoke with the individual and was able to call public safety, who interrogated the individual," said Gove.

Police arrested Graham Boisjoli, 20, of Southhampton, Mass. He was charged with criminal mischief and possession of alcohol by a minor by consumption.

Beta was not the only fraternity that suffered vandalism in recent days. Sean Walsh, a brother of Pike, said the front of their house and their sign were damaged as well.

It is not known whether the damage to Pike was done by the same people who damaged the Beta sign.

While it is uncertain as to why there has been the flurry of recent damages to fraternity buildings, Gove said he believes vandals are targeting fraternities simply because they are easy targets and very visible across campus.

"There seems to be some negative conceptions of fraternities with many individuals on this campus," he said, "and they maybe feel the best way to get their point across is to try and damage our property."

Student government approves \$6,500 for ROC Quebec trip

By Angelica Dolbow
and Amanda Chasse
For The Maine Campus

This week's General Student Senate meeting accomplished three things. It allocated a total of \$6,700 to two different reso-

lutions on Tuesday. Goodwin & Hinds Certified Public Accountants presented Student Government, Inc. this year's financial statement, and student government urged Maine representatives and senators to support a bill.

Residents on Campus received \$6,500 from student government for the upcoming Quebec trip. After some debate, the senate passed the vote unanimously.

"The money is going to go to Cyr Bus Lines to transport stu-

dents to Quebec and would give us the newest buses they have, considering previous years [when] we've had bus trouble," said Matt Bennett, ROC vice president of programming.

The majority of the budget will be from tickets. For on-cam-

pus students, the total trip will be \$65, which includes transportation to and from Quebec and two nights in a hotel. For off-campus students, the trip will cost \$70.

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Landscape, horticulture major cataloging trees on campus

By Brian Sylvester
For The Maine Campus

Because of its large number of rare and uncommon trees, the University of Maine campus has been officially set aside as an arboretum. To note this new distinction, the university has decided to compile a full catalog of the various types and numbers of trees on campus.

Michelle McCammon, a senior landscape and horticulture major, was approached by the Campus Arboretum and Beautification Committee to assemble data and create a comprehensive catalog for the entire campus.

"I think the most important part of this project is to have the people appreciate the presence of these trees on campus," McCammon said. "There are some pretty rare trees here ... trees that you couldn't find elsewhere in Maine."

There are more than 1,000 trees to be entered into the catalog, and McCammon's duties were far greater than simply counting the number of pine trees. Each tree was carefully examined, and an individual record was created. The survey collected such diverse data as fullness of foliage, leaf size, age of the tree, stem height, diameter, root composition and its general health condition with regard to insect and animal infestation and disease.

McCammon has spent the last five months working on the project, cataloging 835 trees to date. The onset of fall proved to be a detriment to the project because leaf foliage is a key part of the survey. Because of this and other weather related issues, the last two weeks have seen no additions to the catalog. However, McCammon remains hopeful that it will be completed soon, she said.

McCammon's primary task involved spatially locating the trees in relation to one another and the buildings on campus. One of the major uses of the information she compiles will be the creation of an interactive online map, which will provide detailed information about each tree along with a specific location on campus. The campus is divided into dozens of blocks, one for each building or noticeable landmark on campus. McCammon believed this kind of division would make the most sense for people new to the campus and would make the map much more user friendly for people already familiar with the campus landscape.

Student collecting information on foliage, age and root composition of 1,000 specimens

Furthermore, the surrounding area of each tree was examined, and notations regarding foot paths, bicycle routes, the presence of drainage pipes or other man-made phenomena were noted to help facilitate the proper care of the trees on campus. This sort of information will be forwarded to the Office of Facilities Management, to help workers recognize trees that might be in danger.

This is the first time a comprehensive catalog of this kind of information has been gathered on all the trees and plants on campus. The university hopes to have the finished catalog available for public viewing online by spring 2006.

In conjunction with McCammon's efforts, the university plans to organize several tours that will showcase the more prominent specimens of the rare trees on campus.

Those wishing to learn more or donate time or money to the campus arboretum can view the arboretum homepage at www.umaine.edu/arboretum.

THE MAINE CAMPUS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 17

Marxist lecture

Zapatistas vs. Neoliberalism, 12:30 - 1:45 p.m. in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union. For more information, contact Doug Allen on FirstClass or at 581-3860.

Poetry reading

Peter Culley and David Perry, 4:30 p.m. in Jenness Hall. For more information, contact Steven Evans on FirstClass or at 581-3809.

Interfaith service

Sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministries, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Hillel, Campus Crusade, The Wilson Center and The Beloved Community. 4 to 5 p.m. in Bangor Room of Memorial Union. For more information, contact Carole LeClair at 581-1793.

Smokeout

American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout. 10 to 2 p.m. on the mall. For More information, contact Sarah Dooley or Gustavo Burkett on FirstClass.

Friday, Nov. 18

Water research forum

"Vietnam and Iraq: Some

Lessons for Americans," 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union. For more information, contact Doug Allen on FirstClass or at 581-3860.

Saturday, Nov. 12

Bookstore sale

Pre-holiday sale. 25 percent off general books, clothing and UMaine insignia items. For more information, contact Holly Williams at 581-1700.

Sunday, Nov. 20

NAACP meeting

Maine Attorney General will address issues of high school violence and Question One failure at local NAACP meeting. 7 p.m. 120 Park St., Bangor. For more information, contact James Varner at 827-4493.

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.

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GSS

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Some members of the senate thought \$6,000 may be excessive.

"If the buses can carry about 270 members across the border, that means we would pay for one-third of every student," said one senator. "I think it would be fiscally irresponsible."

Some other points on the opposing side were that it would be paying for students just to go to Quebec to drink alcohol. Others disagreed.

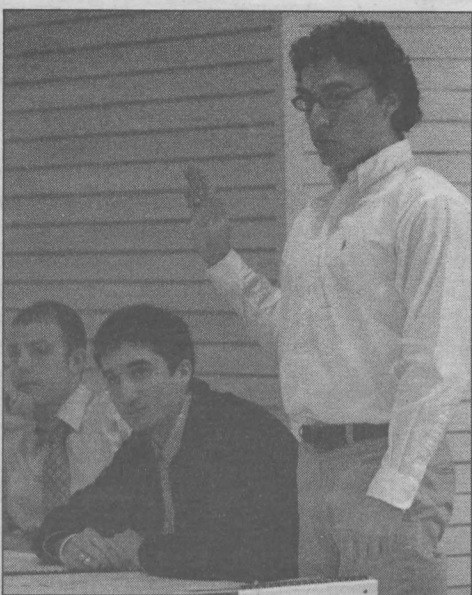
"I'm 23 years old, and I had a great time. There are other events you can attend to other than the bars," said sen. Aaron Sterling, who is running for vice president in next month's Student Government election. "I am not going to say that drinking doesn't happen, because it does, but during the day, the UMaine students take the advantage of the exciting events and attractions in Quebec."

Sterling extended his point by explaining that there are numerous events that go on to keep UMaine students occupied during the trip.

The trip will be Feb. 11-13, during Quebec's annual winter carnival, when there are concerts, the international snow sculpture show, night parades and many other events.

Student Government unanimously urged the Maine Congressional delegation to support two bills in Washington. Letters will be sent to Maine Reps. Tom Allen and Mike Michaud to support the Student Aid Reward Act of 2005. Letters will also be sent to Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe to support the companion bill.

If these bills pass Congress and are signed by the president, colleges and universities across the nation will be urged to change their loan program from the



CAMPUS PHOTO BY STACY ALEXANDER

I SWEAR — Tyler Ham is sworn in as the senator of natural sciences, forestry and agriculture at the GSS meeting Tuesday night.

Family Federal Loan Education Program, to a more cost-efficient program, Federal Direct Loan Program, which will increase the amount of grant money for students.

"The STAR act is the type of program that can profoundly affect the amount of students who can attend college without severe financial burden," said Sen. Bill Pomerleau, sponsor of the resolution.

The FFLEP uses private lenders to give loan money to students. The federal government then gives money to the private lender to cover the loans in case they go into default or are not paid back by the student. After college, students pay the loans plus interest. Not only do the private lenders receive the re-paid loans, but they receive a federal subsidy.

The FDLP utilizes the federal government more. It gives money directly to students and the students repay the loan after college. The federal government in this

case is not using a private lender; therefore, no federal subsidies are required, saving the government money.

The STAR Act that Student Government wants the Maine Congressional Delegation to support will take 50 percent of the savings from a switch to the FDLP, and it will go to schools that use that program.

If a school uses the FFLEP program, a student may receive up to \$4,050 in Pell Grants. If a school uses or changes over to the FDLP program, that student may find an increase of \$1,000 more in the maximum Pell Grant.

"Either way, all Pell Grants are dependent upon financial circumstances," said Pomerleau.

"The student senate, as representative of 9,000 undergraduate students and eligible voters, is sending a strong message to our Congressional delegation," he said. "We want change."

The senate also passed a resolution unanimously allowing the Wade Center for Student Leadership to have cable television. The senate allocated \$200 to pay for the semester cable bill.

There has been "a lot of advertising involving campus events, student organizations events, student government events," said Gustavo Burkett, assistant director of campus activities for student organizations and Greek life. He said it was important for the Wade Center to get cable TV access because students are unlikely to be informed about today's news. Burkett said that the Wade Center plans to have the television on the Maine Channel most of the time, and "during the times when the Maine Channel is not on, we are going to have CNN playing in an effort for student leaders to be informed about world and national news." Burkett said this opportunity "gives students a space to come and relax in between classes."

The financial position of Student

Government was also on the agenda at the meeting. Guest speaker Joelle Rioux mentioned a few financial recommendations for the members of the senate.

Last year, "both UMaine students and non-students who attended [Bumstock], were given bracelets," said Rioux. "Since UMaine students attend free, the cash for non-students may not get accounted for."

Rioux suggested to Student Government that for this year, the Bumstock committee should distribute two different color bracelets, one color to the non-students and the other for UMaine students. This way, no money would be lost during the purchase of the bracelet.

Another financial issue brought up was that each member of the senate has a signature cash card.

"Any former senator has authorization to sign the cash cards. My recommendation to you is to change the signature cards to the right people every year," said Rioux.

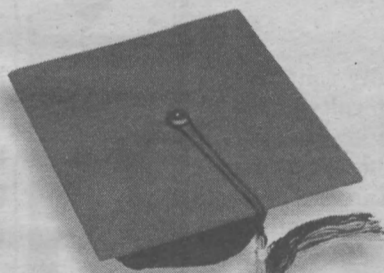
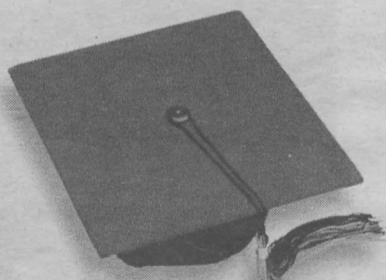
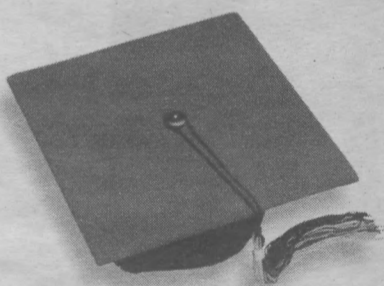
The upcoming election of president and vice president of student government was brought up at the meeting. The debate between the candidates was scheduled for Dec. 1.

"There will be different sorts of issues that come from each job as being the student government president and the vice president," said Jesse Wertheim of the Fair Elections Practices Commission. "There will be a round of topics and ideas, and people on the committee will help pick the questions to each candidate."

The FEPC will hold a meeting on the complaints against the candidates, and they are determined to make their decision on nominees by Monday.

Two new senate members were introduced early in the meeting: Tyler Ham, a first-year political science major, and Justin Labonte, a first-year journalism major who represents the college of engineering in the senate.

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POLICEBEAT

By Peter Bissell
For The Maine Campus

Police charge student after Southside fight

At 6:39 p.m. Nov. 10, Maine State Police received a 911 call from a cell phone indicating that there was a fight in progress outside of Kennebec Hall. The call was forwarded to UMaine Public Safety, who responded to the scene. Upon arrival, officers found a group of people outside the hall, including the alleged victim. This individual indicated that another student who lived off campus had attempted to engage in a fight with him. The student who allegedly started the fight was identified as Joshua Broyer. Broyer had left the scene by the time officers arrived and could not be located.

At 1:07 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, on Square Road near York Hall, public safety received a report that four individuals, including the victim from the previous night's incident, were once again confronted by Broyer. The four people were traveling in a car and headed off campus when they observed Broyer on a bicycle. Broyer allegedly got off his bike and hurled it at the passing car, causing several hundred dollars worth of damage. The vehicle stopped and Broyer allegedly attempted to enter the vehicle. Officers were unable to reach Broyer for questioning over the weekend, as he had left the state.

At 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, public safety received yet another call from the victim. The victim stated that Broyer was outside his dormitory waiting for him to come out and that Broyer had been text-messaging him over the weekend, stating that he was going to assault him. Out of fear for his safety, the victim had not left the building and had not gone to class. However, at some point, Broyer was seen entering the building and allegedly placed a bag on the victim's door. The victim later found the bag and opened it, finding a coat belonging to him that he had loaned to a friend. The coat had been sliced up dozens of times with a knife, and the word "DIE" had been carved into it multiple times. That same afternoon at 2:30 p.m., Broyer was located at his residence and placed under arrest. Broyer, 20, of Orono, was charged with reckless conduct, terrorizing and criminal mischief.

Man tries to drink, play cards with resident assistants

At 10:06 p.m. Nov. 10, officers responded to Androscoggin Hall to assist a resident assistant. Upon arrival, it was learned that an individual had gone into the third-floor study lounge and sat down with a six-pack of beer. A group of RAs were playing cards in the lounge, and the man attempted to join in the game. The RAs identified themselves as hall staff and asked

the man for identification to check his age. The man ignored them, picked up his beer and walked out. The RAs observed him enter a room on the third floor. Later, they knocked on the door that they thought the man entered and asked the female resident about the individual and the beer. The resident stated that he had come into the room earlier in the night and that she had asked him to leave. The resident stated he had taken the beer and left, and she had not seen him since. Later that night around midnight, officers received another call from the resident director of Androscoggin. The RD stated that they had recently broken up a party in the room of the female that officers had questioned about the man with the beer earlier in the night and that it was believed that the man was back inside the room. Officers responded to the room with the RD and spoke to the resident again, who was identified as Mary Anderson, 19. The officers asked her about the party she was having in the room. Anderson said she had invited friends over, but they had brought people she didn't know who were in possession of beer. She had asked the unknown individuals to leave. The officers asked who was left in the building that had been in attendance at the party, and she pointed to a male subject inside her room. The man was identified as Edward Boles, 19, of Richmond. Boles was visibly intoxicated. The officers asked permission to search the room, which Anderson gave. Four Smirnoff Ices were found in the refrigerator. As a result, Boles and Anderson were both issued summonses for possession of alcohol by a minor.

Mass. man allegedly vandalizes Beta Theta Pi fraternity house

At 1:54 a.m. Saturday, officers responded to a call from the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. When officers arrived at the scene, they learned that a man had allegedly broken a window in the fraternity house. Several brothers of the fraternity were standing outside with the man, who was identified as Graham Boisjoli, 20, of Southampton, Mass. Officers interviewed Boisjoli, who denied that he had broken the window. An officer then placed him in the front seat of the police cruiser while they spoke with the brothers who had witnessed the incident. When the officer returned to the car, he noticed broken glass on the floor of the passenger side and asked to see Boisjoli's shoes. Boisjoli refused and tried to hide his feet under the lower part of the dashboard. Because he had glass on his shoes, Boisjoli was placed under arrest for criminal mischief and possession of alcohol by a minor by consumption.

BRAWL

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information before making the announcement.

"Unless you see what happens, it's hard to say you know everything, but I believe everyone involved has been very open about what happened, and I think I have talked to as many people as possible," said James. "Based on those conversations, I have come to as accurate as a picture of what occurred."

Blake consulted police reports to decide what action to take.

The suspension centers around violations of the student conduct code, which operates on a point system. The system places values on many common violations of university rules and Maine laws committed by college students.

While coach Tim Whitehead was included in the process, James delivered the punishment.

The athletes will be unable to take part in any competition until James reinstates them. However, both will be allowed to practice and interact with the team for the remainder of the year.

The players will now await the decision of Dean of Students Robert Dana, who oversees the administration of the student conduct code.

"What will happen in a case like this is that a bit of an investigation will occur and then, if there is the reason to believe that one should proceed, an allegation letter would be sent to the student," said Dana.

Dana said the allegation letter lays out what areas of the conduct code got broken. From there, the official hearing the case would meet with Hamilton and Clark, as well as witnesses.

"If the student was responsible, sanctions can range from warning to dismissal," said Dana.

The student-athletes and the person hearing the case could receive the letters as early as today.

"I am all about being deliberate about this," said Dana. "These are young people whose lives are complicated enough."

Dana made it clear that in no way would the athletic department's ruling sway the deans' course of action.

"First and foremost, the student-athletes don't get treated differently from a university perspective," said Dana. "From a university conduct code perspective, they get treated exactly alike."

Hamilton and Clark's punishment from the university could also include anger management sessions and community service.

In addition to the university's punishment, Whitehead could impose a suspension for a violation of team rules.

"We like to err on the side of being firm," said Whitehead. "It's an ongoing process. I want to be careful not to overact."

Whitehead went on to say that he is happy with how his team has reacted to the difficult situation.

"Our players need to accept their responsibility, which they are doing, and pay the consequences and move on with their lives," said Whitehead. "I do know that the team is taking it very seriously. They have met as a team several times. Players are coming in to see me. I think it will be a very teachable moment for our team."

That response has been echoed in the sentiments of Hamilton, commented James.

"My general feeling all along has been when you conduct yourself in ways unbecoming, there are going to be consequences for that, and I think Mike understands that," he said.

The university or athletic department have yet to punish any other members of the team who were at the apartment.

James has since spoken with both teams and addressed the idea of retaliation or another confrontation.

"I just want to make sure this was an incident we never have happen again no matter if it

includes teams or any of our individuals," said James. "We don't want student-athletes that are going to be representing the program, themselves or the university in that fashion."

Whitehead believes there will be no more issues between the two squads.

"There doesn't seem to be any lingering animosity there whatsoever," said Whitehead. "In fact, most of these guys are friends."

Members of both teams were unavailable for comment, as was baseball head coach Steve Trimper.

The hockey team is prepared to face season-long suspensions.

"Everyone wants this to be resolved quickly," said Whitehead. "It was an emotional incident that happened. It's regrettable, and now we need to get closure and move forward."

Both players are currently sidelined with injuries. Hamilton missed the Black Bears' past two games this weekend and looked to be out longer with a torn meniscus. At the time of his injury, he was playing on UMaine's top line with junior center Michel Leveille and captain Greg Moore. Clark has been out since the start of the season, and just recently started skating again.

On the stat sheet, Hamilton has three assists in nine games. He just began rebounding from a difficult sophomore season when he had three goals and 15 assists in 38 games. Fans will remember Hamilton for his game-winning goal against Wisconsin in overtime that helped the Black Bears reach the NCAA championship game in 2004.

Clark played in 11 games last season with two goals and an assist.

Neither player was known for garnering penalty minutes.

"You hate to see people get tied up like this," said Dana. "Two students were arrested. That's a disaster. Another was hurt. That's a disaster. It's no-win for anybody. Fisticuffs are never acceptable."

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Lisa Acquaviva is a 4th year Biochemistry and Botany major, with a minor in Molecular Cellular Biology. She Organized the Annual Miracle Walk for Kids, a Children's Miracle Network fundraiser in 2003 and 2004. Lisa also Serves on the Relay for Life Committee. She is the winner of the National Science Foundation Internship of Ohio State University.

Lisa is also a Sister of Alpha Phi

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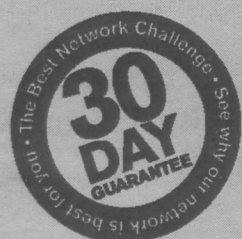
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Department seeking attention with ponies

By Riley Donovan
Copy Editor

Some students may have wondered why there were ponies in front of Memorial Union a couple weeks ago.

George Criner, the chairman of the department of resource and economics policy, was the brain-child behind the pony stunt. He said he was trying to get publicity for his growing department.

Criner said students from kindergarten through 12th-grade are always changing their minds on what it is they will study in college. He said few children ever consider studying two different areas.

"A discipline that combines things is not something they have in mind," said Criner. "I think it's a great degree to do double majors with."

He added that a degree in theater or art are both degrees that would be good to combine resource and economic development with.

He also said he would estimate just one in 20 of the students who graduate with a degree in resource and economic policy ever go into financing. He said that many of his



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FEED ME — Chrissy Kenerson pets a miniature pony outside the Union. The ponies are on display as part of the Resource economics and policy department to promote their equine business class.

students go into agriculture and tourism. He also wanted to make students aware that his degree is not a business one, nor is it one in economics, and students who do decide to double major will only have to take one capstone course.

Criner said that EMP students study how much environmental management is good. He suggested that economic development in Maine is a good thing.

"The world is going to get more challenging," he said. "There is just more and more competition for labor."

He added that he believes the program is very flexible.

"We feel we have something out there. We feel there are students out there who will benefit from our degree."

Criner also talked about the Plum Creek plan for development in the Greenville and Moosehead

Lake area. He said he has listened to both presentations, and a clear difference in the facts exists between the two groups.

"Really, we need to get them in the same room at the same time," he said. "It's that old phrase: 'the divide in the details.'"

He said if you just listen to one side or the other, you get a distorted view of what the reality of the situation is.

"I would hope they could strike a compromise."

Criner, who has been a professor at UMaine since 1983, received his doctorate from Washington State University. He said his program is good to combine with languages, and the ponies were merely there to get the program some exposure.

"It's going to be a more competitive world," he said, "and I believe this degree will help you."

Peer Ed event helps safe-sex awareness

By Joel Crabtree
Copy Editor

The Peer Education program at the University of Maine sponsored a safer sex event at Totman Lounge in Memorial Union yesterday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event was scheduled to help promote safer sex on campus. The peer educators were giving away condoms, pamphlets and lubricant, among other things.

Angela Fiandaca, graduate assistant for Peer Education, wanted to make the topic of safe sex fun, though it is a serious subject.

To make the event more fun, but also promote information, there was sex jeopardy, which involved questions about sexually transmitted diseases, HIV and contraceptives. There were also demonstrations of how to put condoms on to lighten the mood.

"We want to say some condoms break," Fiandaca said. "It depends on how you use them. It depends on a lot of different things. We want people to still use them. We also want people's feedback, so we have little surveys we want people to fill out."

The choice of music added to the humorous atmosphere.

Rachel Duplessis, a peer educator, picked out what was played.

"It's pretty much all porn music," Duplessis said. "It's to get people to come in and say, 'Why is this song playing?'"

There were also "condom suits"

that students could try on as a joke.

"I will probably be in this most of the day," Duplessis said.

Although the mood was light, the topic was serious. After the problems on campus with the Premium brand condoms, the Peer Education group decided an event like this would reassure people's faith in safe sex.

"We heard about the whole Premium condom situation," Duplessis said. "We thought that people would hear about Premium condoms and say, 'we're not going to use condoms any more' and lose faith in it."

One of the highlights of the event was that people were able to view and observe various types of condoms to determine which they prefer. From there, the Peer Education group will pass along students' preferences to the Cutler Health Center for distribution around campus.

"When they order more condoms, which they order in large bulk quantity, then they'll buy what the students want," Fiandaca said.

Hanging up around Totman Lounge were facts about condoms and safe sex, which made it more appropriate and comfortable for people to walk in and get information.

To help with information on safe sex, the peer educators asked Shellie Morcom, the women's health care nurse practitioner for Cutler Health Center, to answer questions for students.

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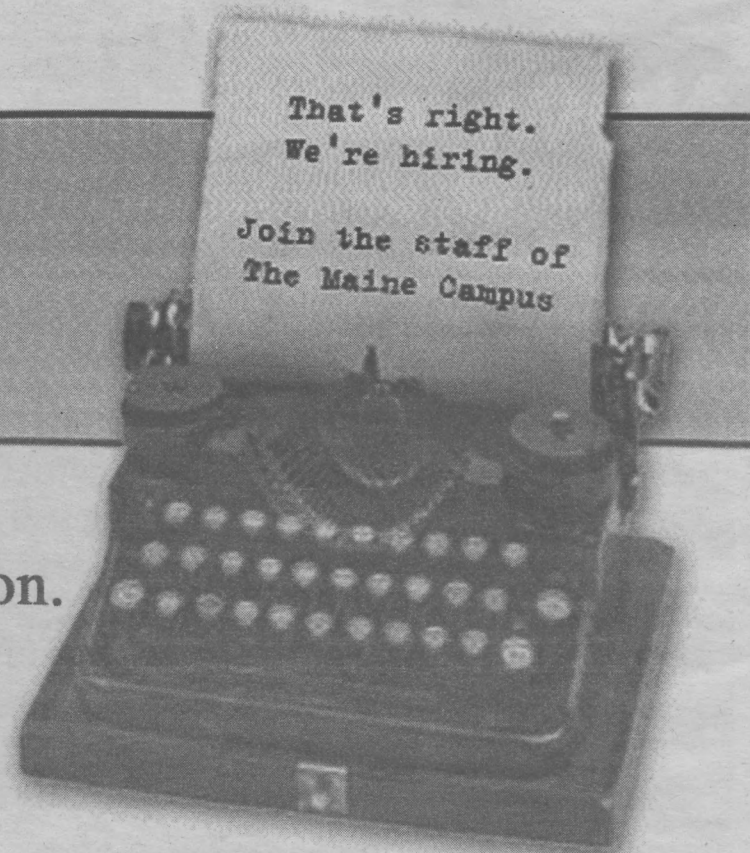
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Peace speaker calls for mobilization of anti-war effort

By Brian Sylvester
For The Maine Campus

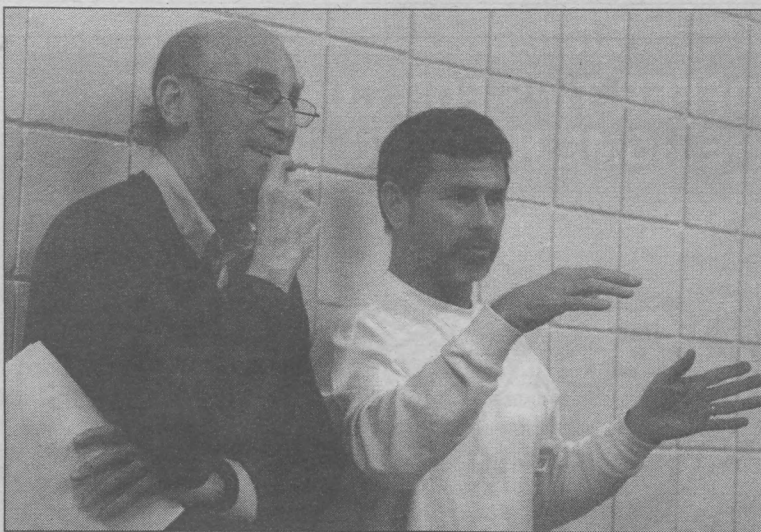
The Maine Peace Action Committee and the Maine chapter of Veterans for Peace sponsored speaker Stan Goff Tuesday night. Goff, a special forces veteran of Vietnam, Grenada, Haiti and Mogadishu, is an anti-war activist who has authored several books on war and its repercussions.

Goff demonstrated a familiarity with complex themes and patterns of American history, economics, world trade and global relations. His comments centered around the war in Iraq.

"Iraq is not some sort of moral failure on the part of the Bush administration," Goff said. "Iraq and the war is part of an ongoing global tendency towards imperialism."

The first portion of the talk centered on the importance of resisting the war in Iraq, through peaceful protests and more active demonstrations. Goff recounted several incidents from his long career of activism, including a sit-in inside a congressman's office and several protest rallies and marches, all of which helped to impact the anti-war effort.

Goff praised members of the military and veterans who stood up against the war in Iraq, stressing that soldiers who refuse to fight in times of war are among the bravest and strongest willed persons he has ever known. He made a number of points regard-



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HANDS OF PEACE — Doug Allen, left, and Stan Goff, right, chat before Goff's lecture "The Iraq War: Energy Wars and Extermination." Goff is a special forces veteran of Vietnam, Grenada, Haiti and Mogadishu.

ing the structure of American economics, concentrating on the effects they have on global economic structures. An audience member from Ecuador spoke at length regarding the detrimental effect of American intervention in the petroleum industry of his homeland, both in terms of his country's economy and the ecology of Brazil.

Goff focused his comments about American impacts in the global community under the term 'neo-liberalism,' calling it the "natural progression of imperialism." He labeled the war in Iraq as the natural result of the fall of the Soviet Union, as the United States sought to relocate troops

permanently positioned in former areas of conflict in Western Europe. Economic fluctuations and the abandonment of the gold standard during the Nixon administration caused oil to become the most valuable commodity, shifting attention to Southeast Asia.

During the lecture portion of the evening, Goff spoke on the Vietnam conflict and its inevitable comparison with the war in Iraq.

"We don't need another wall with 58,000 names on it," Goff said. "We don't need to see another generation melt down."

Goff stressed several times the need for active intervention on behalf of the anti-war activists.

"It's not enough to go out in the streets and shout," Goff said. While raising awareness in this fashion is important, "it's time for some profound escalation of the anti-war movement." Goff suggested that American citizens perform 'occupations' of government offices, to show their convictions regarding this controversial issue. "Being pissed off is not enough," Goff said. "You gotta get organized."

Since Goff began lecturing in 2001, he has seen the percentage of 'get out [of Iraq] now' proponents increase from less than 10 percent of the population to nearly 50 percent. Even Rep. Walter Jones, R-North Carolina, who was so infamously pro-war that he suggested changing the name of french fries to "freedom fries," is now in favor of exiting Iraq, Goff said. Goff criticized many politicians who called for an exit strategy without demanding that it take place soon. "An exit is not a strategy," Goff said. "It's a command: Leave."

Goff spent the remainder of the evening fielding a few questions from the audience. Several veterans and family members of soldiers currently in Iraq or other locations were present for the lecture. Many members of the audience came to the lecture with a deep anti-government stance.

Ron Warner, a member of Veterans for Peace, said he and many others thought it was "reprehensible that the president of

the United States is openly advocating torture." Goff stressed during his lecture that the anti-war effort is much more than an anti-Bush effort, and that the problem of global imperialism is much deeper than just the Bush administration.

Goff spent a great deal of time before the lecture personally greeting members of the audience

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Stan Goff
Veteran, peace activist

and stayed after the lecture to sign copies of his books. He is the author of 'Hideous Dream,' 'Full Spectrum Down,' and his upcoming book 'Sex and War' is due to come out in February of next year.

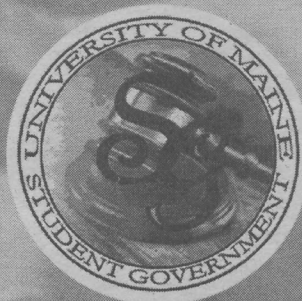
The Veterans for Peace organization, which cosponsored Goff's lecture, strives to increase awareness about the negative effects of violence in this world. The national organization was founded in Portland, Maine, and has an active membership across the United States.

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Hockey penalty shouldn't shake UMaine's spirit

With two players now suspended from the University of Maine men's ice hockey team, it is now time, more than ever, to exude pride and confidence in the premier sports team and ultimate representative of this school.

The team kicked off the season in stellar fashion. The recent event should not be a roadblock, nor discourage the hopes this season has to offer.

The program has persevered in the past. After the legendary Shawn Walsh returned from suspension, the Black Bears won the national championship in 1999. The same year of Walsh's death, then-interim coach Tim Whitehead took over and led the team back to the finals.

Certainly, the university should deal with the situation swiftly and strictly. The team should handle it with grace. And the fans should continue to cheer with enthusiasm and unwavering spirit. This is our dear old Maine — the college of our hearts always.

Frat vandals fail to make a valid point

There was another case of vandalism directed against a fraternity this past week. The sign representing Beta Theta Pi was shattered by a vandal. This year, as well as last, Phi Kappa Alpha had its sign vandalized.

It's understood that some people don't like fraternities. However, disliking an organization, group or institution does not entitle one to harm someone else's property, whether it's a protest poster, election sign or a place of worship. Perhaps if vandals understood the amount of time and money that goes into repairs they would think twice before they strike.

It doesn't matter if you support fraternities or not. There are better ways to voice your disapproval than to resort to vandalism.

Acts like the one directed against the Beta house violate the concepts and beliefs that freedom of speech and expression were founded on.

No belief, no matter how strongly it's subscribed to, justifies the vandalism of property belonging to a group it disagrees with.

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Old Town Massacres Mascot

Native American mascots going the way of buffalo

Old Town High School joined a growing list of Maine schools that have changed their mascot. The school overwhelmingly decided to get rid of the Indian mascot that had represented the school since its beginning.

The Scarborough Redskins changed their name a couple of years ago to the Red Storm. What the heck is a Red Storm? Most people thought that Old Town would never end its reign as the Indians. After all, the majority of the residents of Indian Island, who are Old Town residents and send their kids to Old Town schools, did not support the name change in the school's mascot.

Apparently their say in the matter does not mean much to those who have taken it upon themselves to rid Maine of any

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honor that may have been given to an American Indian or tribe. For example, the suggested name change in several Maine mountains and towns that were given Indian names or named after an Indian tribe, is another means for argument.

Perhaps those who have decided to push for name changes are prejudiced. Maybe they are prejudiced against American Indians. It's a good thing, I guess, that they are only prejudiced against American Indians, because, say

for example, they were prejudiced against Irish people. Maybe they would "take offense" to the Fighting Irish mascot of Notre Dame.

Several sports leagues have banned names that are "derogatory" toward Americans Indians. This leaves the team no choice but to change their mascot. So what, then, will Old Town be? The Islanders? There is an entire list of possible names, but for the time being Old Town High School and Middle School Braves will go without mascots.

There are only a few towns that still have their Warrior, Redskin or Indian nicknames. Perhaps they are the next to go. But then who? The Cleveland Indians? The Atlanta Braves?

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Letters to the Editor

A few corrections

While I appreciate *The Maine Campus'* interest in my work and my community activities, I feel compelled to clarify a couple of points made in the

article published on Nov. 14.

I am proud of my military service, and I was reminded last weekend of the great respect I have for all of those who served in combat. While I did serve

during the Vietnam era, I did not see any combat duty.

The city of Old Town has seen some great things happen

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Science or Fish Tale

Intelligent Design and Big Bang defy naturalism

KEITH
FISHER

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

In two recent letters to the editor, Dr. Kinnison and Mr. Seggio unintentionally gave credence to the very point that Michael Hartwell was trying to make in his editorial on Intelligent Design on Oct. 20: That evolutionary scientists are demonstrating more political motivation than true interest in science by their objections to alternative theories to evolution being taught in schools.

Mr. Seggio claimed that Intelligent Design cannot be considered scientific since it concludes that a designer is required to account for the complexity of living organisms. He wrongly assumes that the designer conclusion precludes further investigation or correction of the theory. Dr. Kinnison says that since Intelligent Design theories do not follow a specific methodological approach of hypothesis and observation based explicitly on natural phenomena, it cannot be scientific. Both of these arguments attempt to eliminate the competing view of Intelligent Design by defining it as non-scientific — one by claiming that it is untestable and the other by excluding everything outside of naturalism.

First, real science should seek to discover the truth of how the universe works and why it is the way that it is, by following all of the available evidence wherever it leads without limiting itself to purely naturalistic explanations. Unfortunately, historically science has tended to function within paradigms that have political, philosophical, and psychological components, which are discarded with difficulty in light of new evidence. Thus, when evidence anomalous to the neo-Darwinian view is presented, we see both reactions for preservation of the current paradigm by attempting to discredit the anomalous evidence out-of-hand, and the additions of ad hoc

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corrections to evolutionary theory. If naturalism – the ideology that nature and the natural laws of science are self-sufficient – is the only view permitted, then it can successfully exclude any contradictory views without even having to consider them. Such an approach not only excludes evidence, a rather unscientific thing to do, but it also ignores that scientists already embrace certain views and conclusions that defy naturalistic definitions. The classic case is the work of Einstein, who published his papers on general relativity in 1915 and 1916, showing that our universe is both expanding, and decelerating – characteristic of the aftermath of an explosive release of an immense amount of energy which later came to be known as the “Big Bang.” Einstein himself was somewhat taken aback by what he found, and he tried to fudge the results to allow for an infinite universe. In 1917 he proposed a new physical force, which would cancel the expansion and deceleration and allow for the universe to remain static indefinitely. Measurements on the expansion of 40 galaxies, made by Edwin Hubble in 1929, confirmed that Einstein’s original equations were indeed true and the universe is expanding uniformly, and so the idea of a repulsive force had to be fully abandoned. Why would a genius like Einstein try to contradict his own discoveries? There are obvious implications to a definite beginning point for the universe. Such an event must be initiated – it requires an initiator. Singularities like the Big Bang defy naturalistic explanations, although many have been attempted, and the theory still holds in spite of its implications outside of naturalism. In fact, recent research, such as the cosmic background experiments, has supported the Big Bang theory and its

conclusions of an infinitesimal beginning point for the universe of unfathomable power and ordering.

This brings us to the second point, which is that just because a conclusion does not fit naturalistic explanations, does not mean that it is untestable, or unfalsifiable. Examples abound, beginning with the aforementioned work on the evidence of a singularity, but extending into many everyday realms. Intelligent design is a theory wherein highly ordered and specified information becomes a reliable indicator of intelligent causation. Information of this nature can be detected, measured and its origins traced, a very scientific approach. We use the same techniques and inferences daily in disciplines such as forensics, archeology and artificial intelligence. When we read a mystery novel, we follow the author’s attempts to detect information bearing clues that do not fit naturalistic explanations, thereby inferring causation by the perpetrator of the crime.

My own conviction of the absolute impossibility of the mechanisms of mutation and natural selection being able to account for the complexity of living systems was confirmed while investigating the use of genetic algorithms as design and optimization tools for complex control systems. While evolutionists were hailing genetic algorithms and programming as proof positive of evolutionary processes, I was seeing how these computing techniques had to be front loaded with all of the necessary elements desired in the final design and guided by a carefully selected set of goals to accomplish anything, and the systems targeted were orders of magnitude below the complexity of processes in a single cell. Evolutionary computing led me to the conclusion that human design is the only thing conclusively displayed in their workings.

Keith Fisher is an assistant professor of mechanical engineering technology.

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For the time being Indian school nicknames will continue to be changed. But, it may even spread beyond that. Take for example the Brewer Witches. This must be offensive to someone, right? What about the Caribou Vikings? The Central

Devils? John Bapst Crusaders? There must be someone out there who will take offense to these.

If we keep getting rid of names like these, we then get names like the Texans, the Jaguars, or the Panthers, or even better, the Red Storm.

Orrington just changed its mascot to the “Riley Donovans.”

progress has been a team effort, involving city staff, the council and a great group of interested citizens.

I feel fortunate to be part of two such interesting and progressive communities; Old Town and the University of Maine.

Alan Stormann
Director of Parking Services

LETTERS

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to it during the past few years, during which I happen to have been a member of the City Council. Old Town is my home and I’m proud to be part of that community, but it is important to point out that all of the recent

High Gas Prices Show Silver Lining

Consumers finally demanding fuel efficiency in cars

Last week, Congress finally decided to play the superhero, going head-to-head with the dark and demonic villains known as the American oil executives.

With consumers facing a 50 percent increase in home-heating bills this winter and a 20 percent increase in gas prices this year, lawmakers have been bombarded with furious constituents demanding cheaper energy. Americans are especially outspoken with their disgust after it was revealed that Exxon-Mobil Corp., the world’s largest publicly traded oil company, set a U.S. corporate record in quarterly profits by earning nearly \$10 billion.

Last Wednesday, five of the country’s top oil executives were grilled during a joint hearing of the Senate Energy and Commerce Committee, as they were accused of price gauging, failing to commit to new refineries after Hurricane Katrina and blindsiding the American people during economically unstable times. Proposed solutions included drastic windfall profits taxes on oil profits, large increases in production, and heavy market regulation.

Don’t get me wrong; I love a David vs. Goliath tale as much as the next person, but is Congress really addressing our underlying energy situation by punishing oil executives? In fact, are these men really to blame for playing by the rules of a free-market supply and demand system? If the free market has taught us anything, we should be aware that nearly \$10 billion in quarterly profits is not caused by

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five greedy fat-cats, but a cat which is even fatter.

Today, Americans are consuming crude oil at ghastly rates. Throughout the past decade, the average Americans have purchased the biggest vehicles in the lot, shunned energy conservation efforts and chugged from the oil pipe like there was no tomorrow. In fact, the U.S. consumes nearly 20 million barrels of crude oil per day, a 16 percent increase from consumption in 1990.

While politicians frantically attempt to solve America’s oil woes by enacting legislation that distorts the market and promotes further increases in oil consumption, they have failed to recognize the blessing in disguise caused by crushing oil prices. America is finally beginning to open up its eyes to a history of gluttony, and consumers are beginning to respond with vigor.

The invisible hand of the market has thrown consumers into a corner, forcing us to burn less and conserve more. With consumer demand easing as a result, the price of a barrel of crude oil continually decreases and the corporate world has rapidly adapted to consumer priorities as a mechanism of survival.

I almost fell out of my chair last week in astonishment, after viewing a television advertisement featuring Ford Motor Company CEO Bill Ford proclaiming his commitment to creating “smarter, safer, more fuel-efficient vehicles.” Ford, who has vehemently opposed increasing his products’ fuel economy for years, mentioned a word no one would have ever expected from one of the “big three” domestic automakers: hybrid. It is now strikingly clear: The power is in our own hands.

Following decades of inadequate investment, alternative energy sources and green technologies are on the brink of becoming the forefront of global innovation for the 21st century. Maintaining the status quo of heavy oil consumption is no longer feasible. The American consumer and Bill Ford are not the only ones to recognize this, as China, Japan, and the rest of the entire globe are embracing the merits of fuel efficiency both environmentally and economically.

Oil profits have escalated to unfathomable heights over the last few years at the expense of consumers, but we have no one else to blame but ourselves. There is no time to grumble. There is only time to decrease our dependence on the foreign and domestic oil companies we so often lambast. Without a sound energy plan for the future, we rely on Exxon-Mobil Corp. more than ever, and their profits will continue to show it.

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Nutritional Serving Size Unrealistic

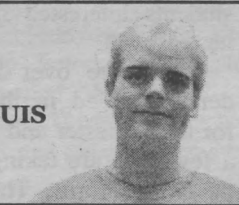
Food and Drug Administration allows lousy labeling

When I wake up in the morning, one of the first things I think about is breakfast. I don’t know about you, but I need a little something to get me going in the morning if I want to even think about functioning. That’s right: Morning is breakfast time. Time for a nice half-cup of cereal and eight ounces of orange juice. Or if I choose granola, it’s only a quarter cup. And if I get a bottle of orange juice from the cooler, I’m getting more than one serving. Am I supposed to save the rest for later? I just wanted breakfast, not calculus. What gives?

The serving sizes set by the FDA are a steaming pile. Lean over and give it a nice sniff. Smells good, huh? What a load. A serving size should account for what people commonly consume, not relay some arbitrary number that only an anorexic midget could ever hold to. I mean, think about some of the common “servings” we encounter on a daily basis.

A serving of bread is one piece. One piece? Bread is used to make a sandwich. The last time I checked, it was pretty much impossible to make a sandwich with one piece of bread and no, those ghetto one-slice peanut butter and fluff deals your mom used to make

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and fold in half don’t count. A 12-ounce can of soda has one-and-a-half servings in it. That makes about as much sense as paying the doctor for half of an operation. You can’t even close a can of soda once you open it. Pasta? A serving of that semolina-rich goodness is the size of an ice-cream scoop. Unless I’m in a fancy restaurant, - yeah that’s likely to happen - I expect to get more food than that. A serving of ice cream is half a cup. Most people usually take four times that amount without blinking. How about Pop-tarts? The handy little pastry that comes two-to-a-package is a liar and a cheater. You’re only supposed to eat one at a time. The remaining brother is destined to become a stale snack on a lonely evening. Want a nice bagel? What they don’t tell you is that some bagels, the nice, dense, chewy ones that actually taste like something other than air contain five servings of bread. It’s nice to know that my breakfast contains

enough grain for an entire day. I like that sort of thing. In darker circles, I am known as the ravager of bagels great and small.

Serving sizes are set so ridiculously low because it makes foods look healthier, or in most cases, simply less life-threatening than they really are. Sure, Ben and Jerry’s ice-cream is really fatty, but it sounds a lot better to say it has 25 grams of fat for a half-cup serving than it does to say it has 100 grams of fat for the 2-cup serving that many people eat. A serving of liquid is always 8 ounces, regardless of the nature of the beverage or the container it’s served in. It doesn’t matter that hardly anyone saves part of a can of soda, or even a 20-ounce bottle, for later. Smaller servings make products lean a little towards the ‘lighter’ side of the spectrum.

Want to know why so many Americans are obese? They don’t know how much crap they’re shoveling into their systems every day. If they knew they were consuming twice their daily allowance of fat in a single portion of ice cream, they might be more inclined to put it down and grab something else. Like a nice big candy bar.

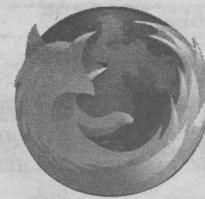
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A 'reel' class act

By Damon Griffin
For The Maine Campus

"Can you walk? Can you breathe? Can you blink? You can take the class."

That is what Professor Ralph DiLuzio has to say of new media's class, Year in Film. The class is held in Hitchner Hall, and has been in existence for three years.

It is already quite popular among students in the college of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Taking the class counts for both journalism and new media credits. What makes it most accessible is that it is an easy class for which to register — there is no prerequisite. And if the class has anything in common with its subject, it must have a devoted cult following.

Of course, the process of taking the class and completing it requires a bit more than the ability to walk, breathe or blink. Similarly, the group that studies film isn't quite as broad as all "people who go to the movies." Throughout the course, students write short films, shoot them, edit them, discuss the craft in class and listen to professionals put in their two cents on filmmaking. The class has also formed its own production company, 3leggedog Productions, which involves students interested in business as well.

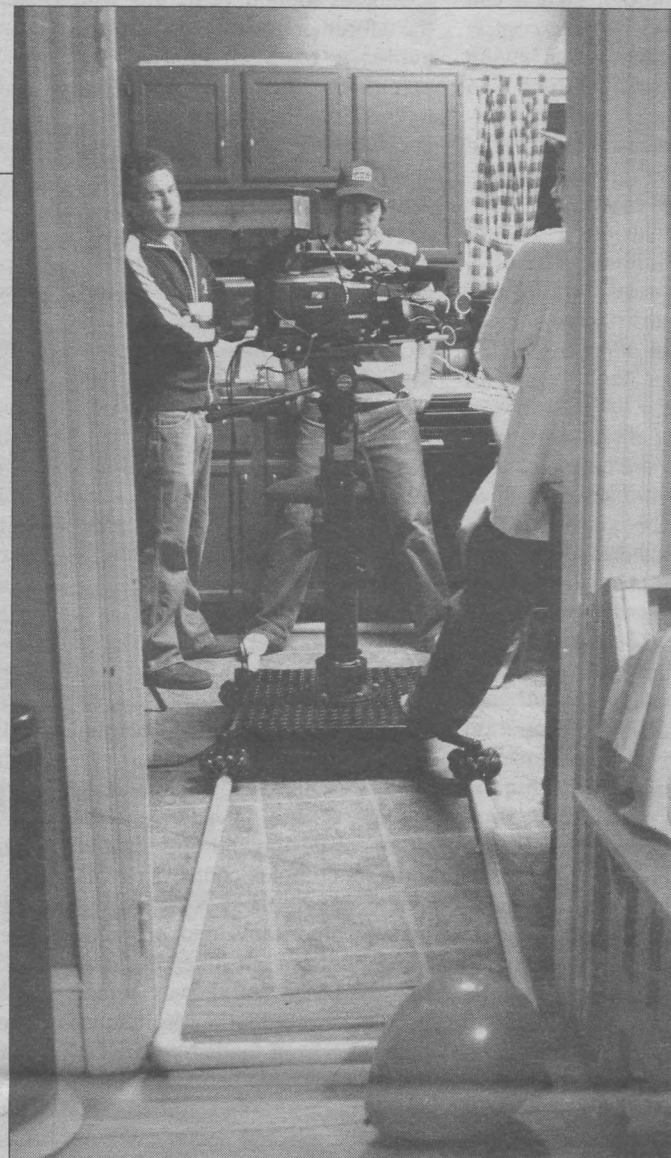
There are over 20 students enrolled in the class for the semester and at least a few who are taking it for the second time. There are also numerous students in the class involved in other film-related

organizations on campus.

During class lectures—which are often not lectures, but a series of de-briefings, overviews and test screenings — DiLuzio wants and has to hear many students speak, but he is not shy about dropping in his opinions and admonishments to the proceedings. He might exclaim something like "Stay-die!" to a student, or inform the class that for their Christmas party "Some of you are gonna have to dress in drag or there won't be many girls there."

In both instances he's joking. But the saying that he repeats to the point of aphorism is, simply, "We're not professionals." This is both a way of consoling the class and of reminding the students of their place in the world of cinema. The class is steadily progressing from amateurs with visual interests to knowledgeable filmmakers with strong work ethics and claims to their names. But they are still just students. DiLuzio knows there is much more territory they need to explore.

The students are responsible for getting themselves to the set on time, setting up the equipment and running the whole shoot from action to wrap. This way, each individual gets to experience filmmaking as it is for every film production, be it an underground art house film or a Hollywood production: a collaboration. Every job required for the making of a film is covered, even jobs such as assistant director or script supervisor. Being



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FREEZE FRAME — Camera crew Josh Whinery, Jeff Remick and A.J. Muffett take a break during the filming of "A Schizophrenics' Love Story."

a collaborative art form, every job is important. Such workmanship and self-reliance is required of the class that DiLuzio acts solely as the manager and overseer. DiLuzio thinks of himself as the executive producer. Students say they rarely see him at shoots.

A segment of one of the two films which is shooting, "A Schizophrenics' Love Story," was recently shown to the class. The film is directed by Evan Richards and Nathan Horn, from an original screenplay by Evan Richards. The five minutes that were screened were all dread and oncoming frenzy: A troubled young man as he hears a phone ring for an unknown reason and

wanders through a library, alone, isolated and coping with possible insanity. There is one other character: a mysterious girl in black whom he encounters twice in this library. The segment has no dialogue, and plays like a student film homage to Stanley Kubrick.

After, and even during the film, students got to say what they thought needed work. The entire film should amount to about 25 minutes. The students have been shooting for a month, and have entered that curious and exciting stage for a film in which some portions are close to being perfected and some have yet to be filmed.

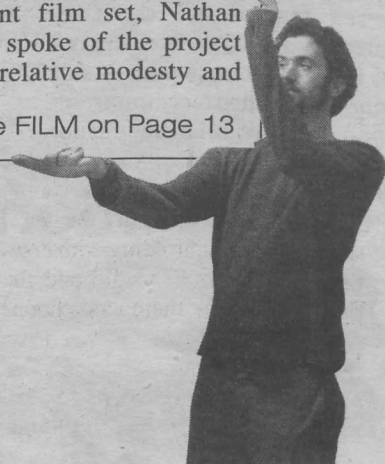
This past Sunday evening, a party scene was filmed at a house in Orono. Even with an overwhelming student film set, Nathan Horn spoke of the project with relative modesty and

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SHARP SHOOTER — (ABOVE) Jeff Remick operates an industry-standard digital movie camera to film the scene. (RIGHT) James Hayward positions a bounce board during the filming of a birthday party scene.



Everyone's hooked

By Erin McNamara
Copy Editor

Knitting is the new yoga. Sticth 'n' Bitch. Hip Knitting. We've heard it all over the last few years — recently, knitting has become the best thing since sliced bread. Touted as a stress reliever, a relaxing pastime and a great way to make Christmas gifts, the knitting craze has swept — or maybe speared? — the country. Here on campus and in the Orono area, we are not immune to this knitting extravaganza.

At the University of Maine, students can learn to knit at one of the knitting groups around campus. These groups aren't particularly organized or structured.

Alice Doughty is the head of one such group on the west side of campus that meets weekly in the Stodder lounge. There, two, four, seven or 10 students will gather on Thursday nights to knit, crochet, watch movies and just relax. Some work on more advanced projects, like mittens and socks, while others who are just learning work on practice swatches.

When I visited the group the other night, one of those beginners was also one of the few guys who are rumored to attend the knitting group. Sure enough, Mike, as he introduced himself, was sitting on a couch in the lounge, watching "Bewitched" and crocheting with the girls.

When asked why he decided to come over and start crocheting, Mike said that while he was friends with some of the girls in the group, which is what had initially gotten him inducted, he discovered that crocheting is really a fun, relaxing pastime that has helped him calm down in his final year here, and not get over-stressed from all the homework and organizational commitments on his shoulders.

Starting a knitting group doesn't have to be a difficult, lengthy or even organized process. If you already knit or crochet, grab your needles and yarn and head to your dorm lounge with a movie and your project. Alice regularly e-mails friends and interested groups

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON

River City Cinema starts a new season

By Tony Reaves
Copy Editor

The River City Cinema group has brought great films to the Bangor area since 2002, and their upcoming series promises to live up to the benchmark they've set for themselves. Beginning Nov. 18 and continuing through the next two weekends, RCC will show a movie each Friday and Saturday night at the Bangor Opera House. Admission is \$5.

The six critically-acclaimed movies include family drama "Off the Map," documentary "Mad Hot Ballroom," and "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," as well as director Krzysztof Kieslowski's three colors trilogy: "Blue," "White," and "Red." Showtimes start at 7:30 p.m., except for the family-friendly documentary "Mad Hot Ballroom," which is showing at 4 and 7 p.m.

Michael Grillo, a member of RCC and associate professor of art history at the University of Maine, calls RCC a "community theater, a social place of unfolding conversations about film." Grillo and the five other core members choose which films to show based on reviews from national newspapers and professional journals.

"Off the Map" shows on Friday,



Bangor Opera House

Nov. 18. The independently-made drama won awards at two film festivals. "Mad Hot Ballroom," showing on Friday, Nov. 25, follows children in three New York City public schools who are learning ballroom dancing as part of their curriculum. The film won "Best Documentary" awards at two film festivals. The admission price to "Mad Hot Ballroom" is \$3 for children ages 14 and under.

"Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," showing on Friday, Dec. 2, stars Jim Carey and Kate Winslet as a couple whose relationship has gone downhill and

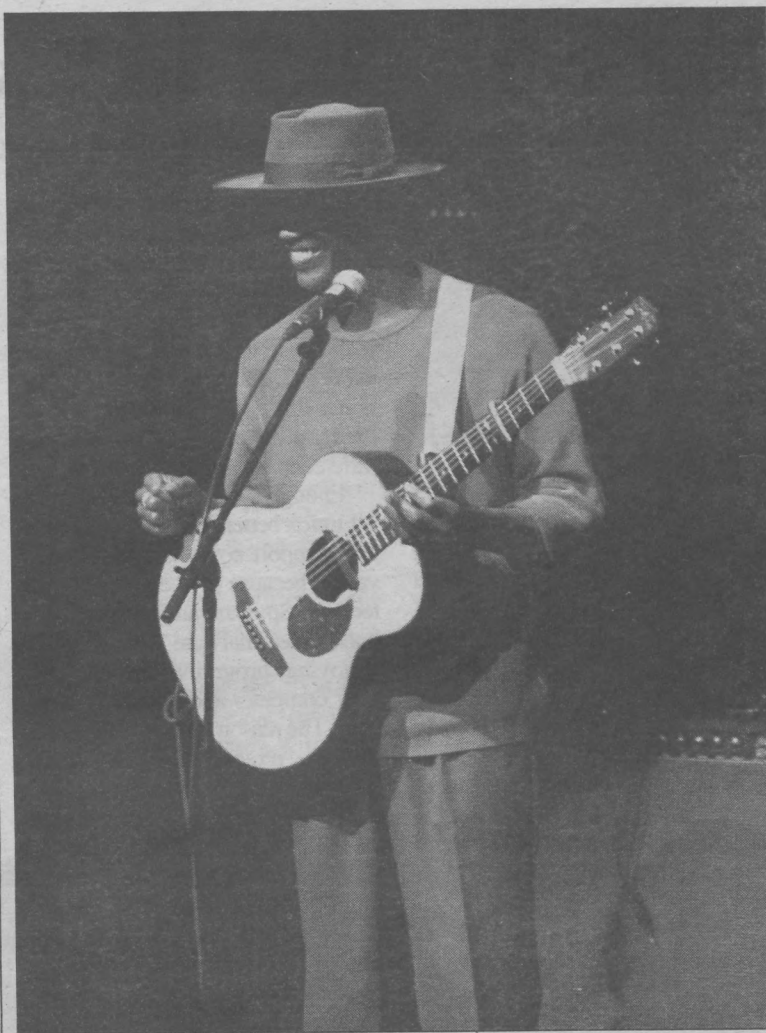
who go to a clinic that will erase their memories of each other. "Eternal Sunshine" was written by Charlie Kaufman, of "Adaptation," and directed by music video director Michel Gondry, of The White Stripes' "Fell in Love with a Girl" video.

Krzysztof Kieslowski's three colors trilogy are the last movies the famed Polish director made before he died. The movies depict modern French society and are named after the three colors of the French flag. Grillo said the group chose to show all three Kieslowski films to "allow for an extended discussion of issues that the films introduce."

"Showing all three underscores our commitment to a thorough look at the issues and oeuvre, for too typically, one sees a film in an isolated context, which makes it ephemeral, while showing the full trilogy will allow for our audience to truly reflect deeply on the films and their contexts," Grillo said.

River City Cinema is a non-profit group funded by grants and donations, including the Stephen and Tabitha King foundation.

The Bangor Opera House is located at 131 Main Street in Bangor. For more information, visit their Web site (www.rivercitycinema.com).



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

COOL CUSTOMER — Eric Bibb, world renowned blues guitarist, greets the crowd Tuesday night. Bibb was the opener for the show that played to a crowd of around 700.

Where the blues began

By Tony Reaves
Copy Editor

John Mayall and the Bluesbreakers stunned hundreds at the MCA Tuesday night with a flurry of virtuoso guitar soloing and flawless musicianship.

Mayall, considered the godfather of British Blues, headlined the Rockin' Blues Revue tour which included openers Eric Bibb and Robben Ford.

Eric Clapton was a member of Mayall's Bluesbreakers before he started Cream. John McVie and Mick Fleetwood later joined the group before leaving to form Fleetwood Mac. Mayall, 71, has released 53 records since his first in 1965, and has racked up a huge fanbase in that time. "I've been a fan since I was 15 years old. I thought he

was an elder statesman of music back then," Jeff Lord of Houlton said, "and now I'm old and he's still going." Lord had front row seats.

Mayall may be an original, but there is a question of authenticity in blues rock. At some point since blues' inception, a genre named after an emotion began to value musicianship over feeling to the point where the music became more an exercise than expression. The opening act, Eric Bibb, proved to be a great exception to that rule.

Bibb ambled onstage with an acoustic guitar, wearing a pork pie hat. With a warm presence and a solid, oak voice, Bibb gently picked through a half-dozen folk blues songs. His second song, "Tell Riley," was a tribute to B.B. King. Named for King's real first name, the song is about the singer as a young man,

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And a new contender takes the stand

Mozilla Firefox is the clear victor in the battle of the Internet browsers

Tech Girl



By Pattie Barry

If you're reading this paper, chances are you've used the Internet. And you want to know the fastest and easiest way to get there.

In order to get on the World Wide Web, you need to have a browser. Any computer you buy at the store comes with a browser already equipped. While the novice user will go about their electronic business without noticing much of a difference, there clearly exists a hierarchy of excellence when it comes to Web browsing.

Mozilla Firefox, which made its official debut a year ago last week, has spread like wildfire across Macs and PCs alike. On Download.com, Firefox has clocked over 5 million downloads. Even software giant Microsoft has admitted that Firefox has become a contender to Internet Explorer.

The Mozilla developers faced quite a challenge when competing with previous browser-monopoly

holder Internet Explorer. IE is not only tucked in with every Windows operating system Microsoft has made in the last decade, it is also integrated with said operating system, making IE a virtual necessity on every PC. Firefox's biggest obstruction is that it must coexist with IE on the hard drive, and it makes up the difference beautifully.

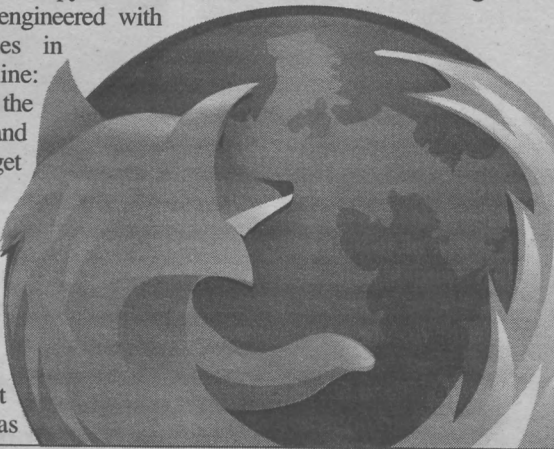
Enough about the history — why is Firefox better? The first reason any tech support consultant would give you is because of the spyware protection. Spyware and adware — also known as malware — are those annoying programs that clog up your computer and violate your privacy. The reason Firefox offers better spyware protection isn't so much because it is a more secure browser, but because most of the spyware on the Web today is engineered with IE's security holes in mind. Bottom line: Fewer people use the Firefox browser, and hackers want to target the largest audience.

Once you start using the Firefox browser, you will immediately notice the appealing interface. While it may not initially strike you as

all that different from IE's fanfare — back, forward, home, address bar, links toolbar — the customization is endless. Information is organized in a user-friendly graphical interface. Taking Windows's system of "drag and drop" even further, you can stack up your toolbars — that's the area with the icons at the top of the browser window — or you can whittle them down to nothing. For the tech savvy, there is even a toolbar chock full of helpful Web-development tools, where you can edit style sheets right in the browser, resize the window and view source and the flick of a wrist.

One of the biggest reasons that I waited so long before downloading Firefox was the Google search

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BLUES

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sung from the perspective of King's cousin who was an established blues artist when King was starting out. Although it was an original by Bibb, he performed it in a Delta style that brought the genre all the way back to its roots.

The most emotional song of the night was "Kokomo," a Bibb original which Mayall has covered and made famous. Bibb explained his relationship with Mayall before the song: "As I am a fan of his, he is a fan of mine." Far from the Beach Boys song of the same name, "Kokomo" is about a friend of Bibb's who died and the last time they met. The detail in the lyrics beautifully outlined the song's feeling of loss, and for a few minutes the MCA was as intimate as the smallest coffee shop.

Bibb's last song featured second opener Robben Ford on guitar, a transition that unintentionally symbolized blues' move from sincerity to

3-minute solos. Ford, like Bibb, has been a Grammy nominee. His talent is undeniable, and his Web site says he's also distinguished himself in R&B and jazz fusion.

He had a B.B. King tribute to his own, perhaps because, as he and Bibb proved, even mentioning the man's name garners enthusiastic applause from a blues rock crowd. After Bibb left, the Bluesbreakers came to back up Ford. Guitars would be the stars for the rest of the show. Ford covered Willie Dixon and sang about making love.

The Bluesbreakers' Buddy Whittington, a huge Texan, was the best musician of the night. His guitar hung from him like a child's toy and his effortless playing suggested that, to him, it might as well have been one. The worst was bassist Hank Van Sickle, who played most of the set with his eyes closed and his feet together, gently swaying. Thankfully, the spotlight avoided him.

After a short intermission, the Godfather of British Blues himself joined his band, inciting standing applause from the packed MCA.

Unlike Ford's "ugly rock star" look, Mayall dressed his age in a button-up shirt and white pants. Mayall played harmonica and keyboards, at one point simultaneously, as well as guitar over the course of his set. The band was incredibly tight. They moved from their first to second song, which was in a slower tempo, without a moment's pause.

Late in Mayall's hour-long set, Robben returned to the stage to play alongside Mayall. The two musicians spent most of the song looking at each other and nodding dramatically as they played. Sometimes, Mayall would purse his lips as if to say, "Ooh, I'm really feeling these blues." For the next song, Bibb also joined the band, bringing the night's entire lineup together because, as "Blues Brothers 2000" proved, you can never have too many blues musicians onstage.

After "closing" the set, Mayall was offstage for under a minute before barreling back out. The audience shouted requests and Mayall obliged, giving the fans what they wanted one last time.

area, including Project Linus and Chemo Cap. They also work with the Bangor Mental Health Institute, providing knitted gifts for the patients to give their family and friends, or for the patients themselves.

The Knitting Guild is a diversified group, embracing knitters, crocheters and spinners of all ages. And yes, spinners really are people who sit down with a basket of wool and spin it into yarn. CitySide Yarn Co. also offers some classes in spinning, with more information that can be found on their Web site, for those who are interested.

The Guild accepts new members of all ages and experience levels. While participation in the charities is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged, and has become the main focus of the group. Organizer

Laurie Marcotte strongly encouraged students from UMaine to get in touch with her through CitySide Yarn and get involved in the group. All supplies for the charity projects are donated, and she mentioned that she has just had some big yarn donations that she needs some help using up. If people can't make Guild meetings, Laurie mentioned that she also has a number of members who work independently, making things for the different charities on their own and just picking up supplies and dropping off finished pieces at CitySide.

Between the campus and nearby Bangor, students at UMaine have many options for getting a knitting fix. Knitting is great because it's relaxing and productive at the same time, but it can also be great to use that relaxation time to help someone.

Page Farm hosts fest of Acadian culture

By Astra Brinkmann
For The Maine Campus

Culture is a phenomenon difficult to define in the United States. As this nation formed with culture flooding its veins by means of immigrants, many realized it was easier to adjust to the new life in America by sticking together. The problems in the New World were far more extensive than simply adapting for the Franco-Americans because they had moved not once, but twice.

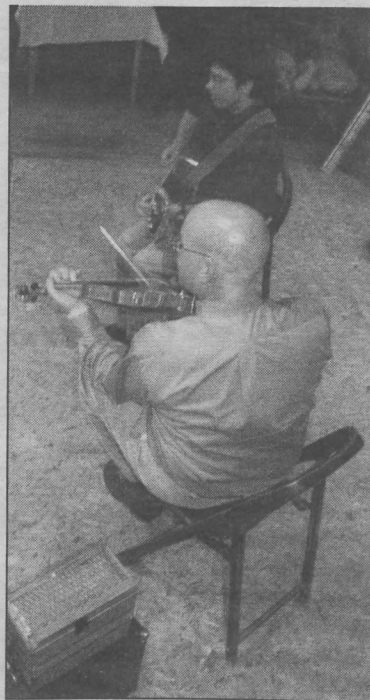
Fast forward some 200 years to Nov. 13 at the University of Maine. The Acadian Fall Festival, hosted at the Page Farm and Home Museum, was a classy celebration that contained the three important factors to any successful event: knowledge, food and music.

The building itself was a great choice on the Hudson Museum's part when you consider that a good part of the original Franco-Americans were farmers. Decorated in a tasteful fashion that hinted of fall, the second floor was an appropriate and intimate setting for the 60-plus crowd that showed up.

Calling the event on the UMaine Web site's calendar a "festival" may have been a bit of a stretch, however. Guy Dubay, a noted historian and author of Franco-American descent, started off the evening by delivering his lecture on the evolution of Acadian culture. He connected well with his audience who, according to event coordinator Marjorie Bradford, was mostly not of Franco-American descent, nor did most appear to be university students. To Dubay's credit, he is an enthusiastic storyteller and educator who knows that his teachings will be interpreted at will because, things change and evolve, much like the Acadians have from generation to generation.

After Dubay gave his speech, guests experienced fine dining that unfortunately never grace the plates of the commons.

While guests finished up their meals, fiddler Steve Muise took the informal stage with an accompanying guitarist. Also of Franco-



CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON
BIEN SUR — Steve Muise and his partner give the crowd a taste of traditional

American descent, Muise spoke in between songs about his own heritage, the preservation of a community via music, and the state of musical education in the U.S. as well as in Canada.

Although the "festival" was highly enjoyable, it was a bit disconcerting to see how few hands were raised when Muise asked who spoke French in the audience. The lack of Franco-Americans was hardly due to a lack of interest, but more with the fact that the event was not advertised as well as it could have been. With some of the highest numbers of Franco-Americans in the country, Maine should take every opportunity to capitalize and accentuate this culturally-rich community.

Although it was wonderful to see so many non-Franco-Americans participating in the event, it would have been even more wonderful to have seen some students dancing along to the fiddler instead of a captive and polite audience.

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KNITTING

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and people with the date and time for the next upcoming knitting night in Stodder lounge. If you don't want to start your own group, but would enjoy being a part of one, e-mail Alice Doughty on FirstClass and request that she add you to the list of interested people.

If you're craving something more organized, and maybe even something charitable, there are other options in this area that extend off-campus and into Bangor. The Bangor Knitting Guild meets regularly at CitySide Yarn Company in Bangor on the second Monday of the month, from 6 to 8 p.m. Their focus is on assisting charities in the

professors with style

Minutolo hams it up

By Anthony Crabtree
For The Maine Campus

No matter what class she teaches, Audrey Minutolo rouses enthusiasm and eagerness from students. This may in fact come from her love of drama and theater.

"That's more of an interest than what I teach," Minutolo said. She has been active in theater for a good portion of her life, and the last show she did was a play titled "Why We Have a Body?"

"I had such a good time," Minutolo said about the experience. "That was my last performance, and I swore to God that was it. Because for all I enjoy about the theater, I also have horrible stage fright!"

Those who take her class may not notice her stage fright, because Minutolo delivers her lectures compellingly and with a certain style that creates interest. "I do have a fair amount of energy and I guess that's what comes across. The dramatic delivery of a lecture is more about me getting excited about the topic."

Currently, she is teaching persuasive and analytical writing and college composition, but some of her favorite courses she taught in the past were the literary analysis class and British women's literature.

Minutolo began her studies at the University of South Florida in Tampa. She would later transfer her credits from that school, and return to the UMaine where she finished and received her bachelor's degree and masters degree. "I came home to Maine. I had not been here for a number of years," Minutolo said about her return to the state.

Minutolo is a self-proclaimed Anglophile and



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO
ANGELICAN ADMIRER — English professor Audrey Minutolo is nominated as this issue's professor with style

adores anything to do with England. Some of her family even resides in England. Recently she spent the summer at Kingston University in London and will be teaching classes there in the summer of 2006. "They were great to me. They flew me over, they put me up in this beautiful B&B, and I got to go to classes day and night."

She also wishes that students at the University of Maine would take full advantage of the resources they are given, such as their two free tickets to the MCA or the resources at Fogler Library.

Minutolo lives life with a unique style. She believes people should "question what is out there, look at what is out there and apply it to your own life." This is a philosophy that many college students could apply to their lives. Living by these and other words, Minutolo is living a life that she has found more than pleasant "I'm living my dream life."

PSC hits Memorial Union Friday

Bumstock regulars to play with Stoplight Rehearsal and Manila Reign

By Hillary Dugas
For The Maine Campus

Paranoid Social Club will be performing in the Union on Friday, Nov. 18. The performance will start at 8 p.m. and is free for UMaine students. PSC will be accompanied by bands Stoplight Rehearsal and Manila Reign, who played in the Rock Against Rape concert earlier this year.

PSC is a band from the Portland area who is now rising nationally

with the latest release of their new CD. Songs such as "Wasted" and "Two Girls" have gotten the band's name on the charts.

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Paranoid Social Club is, in the tongue-in-cheek words of front man Dave Gutter, a "power trio on a power trip." They have been referred to as psychedelic dirt-rock or a garage band with soul.

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Narbis, coordinator of the event, said, "We decided to put these three bands together to play because they were the bands that matched a great, fun college atmosphere."

This event is sponsored by Residents on Campus, Program and Services and Hall Governing Boards of Hancock, Oak, Hart, Stodder and Oxford. Although there haven't been events in the Union on Friday nights such as this one, Narbis said that they already have a few ideas for next semester.

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subdued enthusiasm.

"[Evan Richards] wrote the script and really had a clear vision of what to do with it... we were really comfortable working together," Horn said.

Consistency and a hard-nosed approach may not be the type of attitude associated with a man who will spontaneously turn his hair into a mohawk a day before a shoot, but Horn has both; he said that the best part about film-

making for him is "Putting your nose to the grindstone...working in the trenches."

Rather than sharing credit as director and assistant director, both Richards and Horn will share credit as co-directors, a seldom-practiced method in filmmaking.

The Year in Film is far from complete; so is the semester and the flow of cinematic knowledge to be gained. DiLuzio has more specialties planned before Christmas break; Kent Bibe, a guest speaker who has made films will be coming next week and a staff member, Carl Von Otto will be giving a workshop on ProTools,

the latest and savviest editing software for films. He has even succeeded in recruiting Rob Draper, the director of cinematography for "The Spitfire Grill," to speak to the class soon.

Cinematically speaking, the Year in Film class is like a child that opened its eyes to this sort of education years ago. 3leggeddog Productions is just learning how to walk. Year in Film is not a worldly class of mass appeal; this is why such a small unique group is taking the course this year. It is those who are interested in storytelling, technology and the visual language who will help it run.

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function in the toolbar. Search-engine toolbars are often associated with malware, and generally are a pain in the ass. That being said, Firefox's search function has to be my own favorite reason to use the browser. The search engine function comes standard with staples Google, Yahoo! and Ebay - but it doesn't end there. The Mozilla development page brags over hundreds of search engines available, and there is even a search engine for the University of Maine Web site. My personal favorite is

TorrentSpy.com, where you can search through the sites massive torrent collection without having to initially visit the page to begin searching. Feeling lazy? Google's "I'm feeling lucky" search function, which sends a user to the Web page which is the first result of their search query, is integrated into the address bar. Other great features of Firefox include the tabbed browsing, where you can view several different browser pages in one window, saving space on your taskbar. Now try to right-click on an image: Firefox gives you the option to copy the image, image location and link location, set the image as your desktop wallpaper, or block all images from that

server. Try doing that with IE.

Firefox's only major shortcoming is that not all Web pages work in Mozilla. For the same reason that there is little malware engineered for Mozilla, many Web pages are only developed with IE in mind - though the Web is changing quickly, mind you. Occasionally you have to make the extra effort to download a plug-in, or worse, have to resort back to IE to view the page.

I could never have the space in one column to list all the beneficial features of this great Web browser. You'll just have to see for yourself. To download Mozilla Firefox or get more information, visit the Mozilla Developers' Web site (www.mozilla.org).

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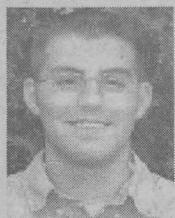
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By Linda C. Black

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a seven. Confusion temporarily reigns. Be very careful now, or you'll waste the entire day and not get anything done.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a seven. Watch out for deals that turn out to benefit somebody else more than you. Also, check your pockets for holes, and don't walk away from your wallet.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a six. Don't make assumptions, even with a person you've known for years. You don't have to react the same old way, either.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a seven. If you've forgotten anything, you'll soon be reminded. Save yourself some nagging and quickly do whatever you've promised.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a seven. Your friends are full of suggestions on how to live your life. Better check with your sweetheart, though, before you make big changes.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a seven. You have a secret advantage. You'll stay calm when others aren't. Help them stay on track.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a seven. You want to go, but it might be better to have them visit you. Or, make your contacts electronically. That's best.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a seven. Go over your paperwork to determine what you have and what you need. Make your shopping efficient, time wasted counts, too.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a seven. It helps if you've got a plan and everyone knows what they should do. That'll give you a structure, as you all improvise.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a six. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. So, don't give away what you've got, on the chance you'll find something better.

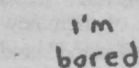
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
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Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
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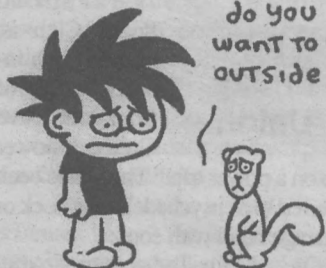
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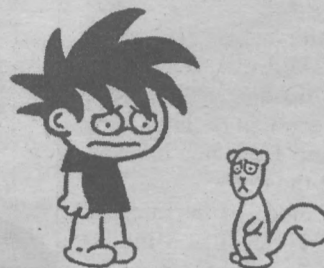


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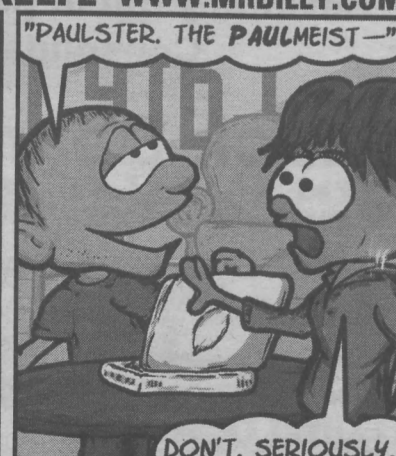
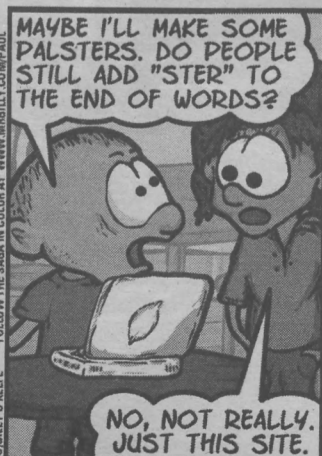
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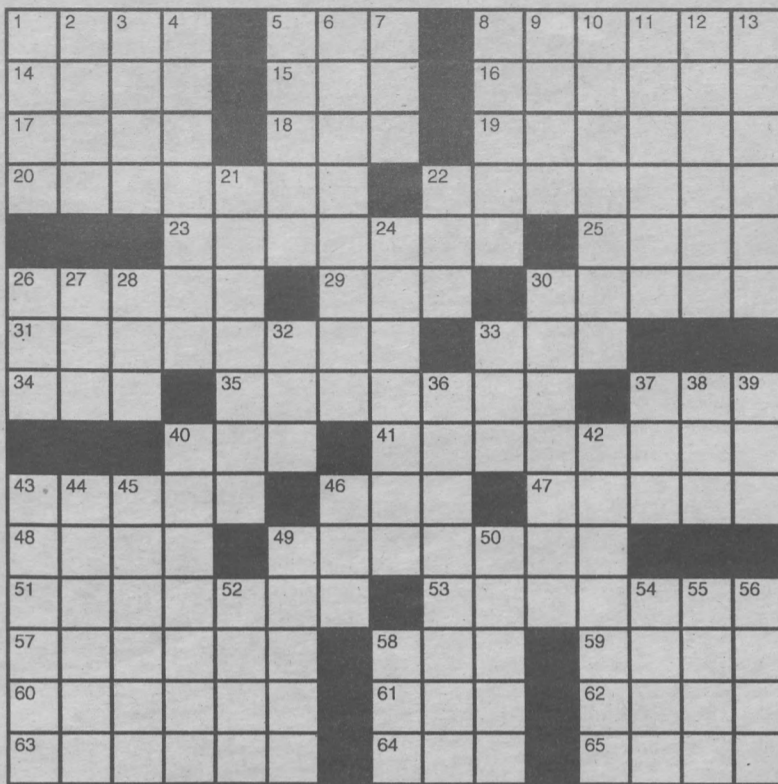
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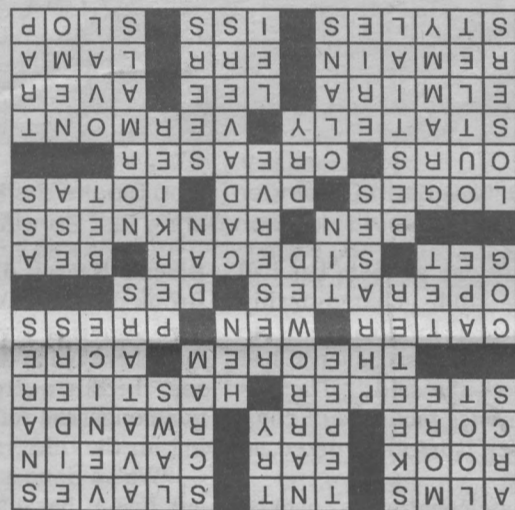
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30 More full of bounce
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33 Ex-QB Marino
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37 Take the odds
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39 Beast of burden
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Growing up proves that grandma isn't so grand

If growing up has taught me anything, it's that nobody is perfect. As children, we most naturally assume the inherent perfection in not only our parents, but many of our other relatives as well. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and unless your mom and dad are superheroes who know everything, it goes without saying that, surely, they are as well.

As you get older, you start to see the small cracks in people's characters. Maybe this one is a little meaner than they probably should be. Maybe this one divorces their spouses after a long and sordid affair. It's all pretty natural, but these kinds of flaws still take some getting used to people we've always assumed are otherwise flawless.

Time continues to pass and as one grows older, more is learned. This one drinks too much. This one can't hold a job. This one is abusive. Natural, human vices and character flaws are all too easy to find in anyone's family. By this time, the cynicism of the real world has begun to set in and the realization comes that not only are none of these people perfect, but some of them may have deep-rooted problems and issues that can seriously hinder their interaction with anyone who isn't a five-year-old.

My father has been doing research into the genealogy of his family for a while now and found some startling results. Base conceptions of my own ancestry are being questioned, and some of what's coming to light can easily be described as dysfunctional at best. A series of turn-of-the-century and earlier affairs, illegitimate children, strange and inexplicable adoptions and more form a chain of events that seems to carry right out through my parent's generation. Every question answered seems to raise three more and the answers for these seem to have been taken to the grave by the people involved.

My grandmother died on Nov. 3. This was my father's mother and her death came as a surprise to no one, after years of smoking and drinking took their final, cancerous toll. Ordinarily, this would be a time for families to come together and mourn the passing of an elder. That couldn't be further from the truth.

"Years of smoking and drinking" is no exaggeration. My grandmother was, to be perfectly honest, an abusive, spiteful alcoholic. The results of her misguided non-attempts at parenting are painfully obvious in all three of the children she raised. It seems that at least one of them is still unwilling to come to terms with it. Even as a child, I had the feeling that something was intrinsically wrong with the situation. I had another grandmother, thanks to my own mom, and the differences between the two were startling. I knew and saw the interactions of my own peers with their grandparents and confirmed that, while the relationship with my mother's mother was quite normal, the same could not be said of the other side. Even the relationship of the adults, which I could freely observe from the safety of the living room as they all gathered in the kitchen, seemed different.

Of course, as I grew older and

Rambling Fool

By Benjamin Jarvela

my own parents came to feel that I was capable of handling the full story, they told me. The abuse, treatment that for lack of a better word can only be described as neglect, and the emotional isolation in that home would make any modern-day social worker's head spin. Alas, these were less "enlightened" times and such things, while not actively encouraged, were not seen as abnormal.

My father, to his credit, has spent a great deal of energy over the past several years trying to come to terms with much of this. My relationship with him was never perfect and for all intents and purpose probably never will be. In a move that some would deem courageous and others misguided, he finally confronted his own mother about much of what had taken place in the past. The reaction could not have been worse.

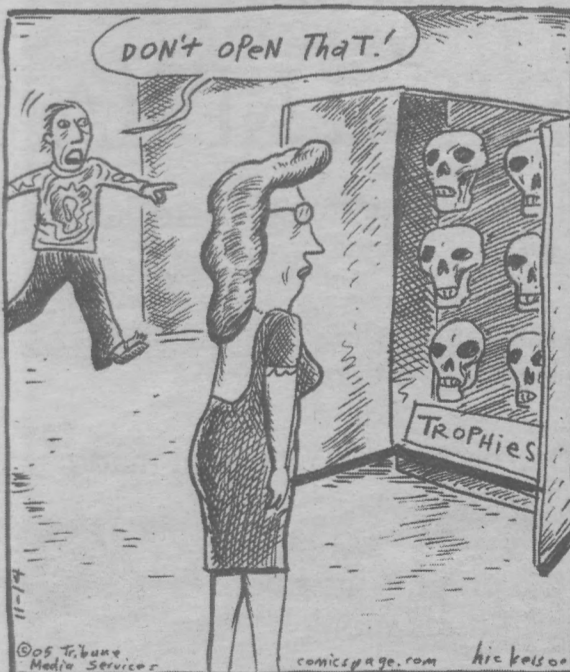
There's an anecdote that was relayed to me while I was in my late teens. I brushed it off at the time, fully willing to dismiss it as the mean-spirited ramblings of a woman I had long ago categorized as just such a person. My family made periodic trips to see my father's mom, trips that grew increasingly further apart as I grew older. During one such "vacation," I was pre-kindergarten and my own mother was pregnant for a second time. My aunt announced that she, too, was pregnant. In front of her only grandchild and her pregnant daughter-in-law, my grandmother's reaction to this news was, "Finally, I'll have some real grandchildren."

Confronted with her years of sub-standard behavior, my grandmother recoiled in horror. Strangely enough, the horror seemed not to be based on the accusation, but more that someone would dare mention it. Not what I expected, to say the least. A relationship that was already strained to an extreme to begin with broke.

Fast forward a few years and the woman is lying on her deathbed, still angry, not about having been falsely accused of wrongdoing, but having been confronted with it. So insulted, in fact, she insisted my father not come to her funeral. A "police will be involved" kind of insisted. Needless to say, this act automatically disallows my mother, my brother, and I by its very nature.

Nice move, grandma. She takes her anger to her grave, burying any chance of real closure for, well, anyone. At least she went to the next life surrounded by all her real grandchildren. My brother and I are the only ones she ever had; fill in the blanks on my aunt's pregnancy. Neither of us was there.

As a result, this is my eulogy to her. So long, grandma. We're probably better off without you.



Edna believed Stan's insistence that he was a peace-loving, Burning Man hippie, until she stumbled across his skulls.



"We used to be original, but now we just sample big hits 'cause you people seem to like that. We're the Suck-Ups! Thanks for having us."

TITLE

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4 Stony Brook earlier on Friday with the winners facing off for the championship Saturday night.

"We're one of the fortunate teams still playing volleyball," said UMaine head coach Lynn Atherly. "A lot of teams' seasons are over and our girls have an opportunity to continue doing what they love."

UMaine and Binghamton split their two meetings in the regular season, with each team prevailing in their home gym. The Bearcats finished 10-2 in conference play with their lone losses coming to Albany and UMaine.

The Great Danes led the conference in hitting percentage at .290, with UMaine and Binghamton tied for second place at .198.

"Binghamton has a few people who we can target," Atherly said. "If we serve well, we can take their offense out of the things they're comfortable with."

The Black Bears boast a strong middle with senior Shannan Fotter, who leads the team in kills and holds the school record for blocks. Co-captains Kaili Jordan and Leah Guidinger are a formidable duo at the outside hitter spots while freshmen Amy Lawson and Lindsay Allman round out the middle positions.

Junior Shelly Seipp is the setter, pacing the offense by distributing the ball to the killers. She ranks second in the conference in assists aver-

aging 11.37 per game.

"We have to control the ball so we can use our offense, especially in the middle," Atherly explained. "We have to be very aggressive attacking balls in the middle of the court to spread their defense out."

The Black Bears will be hoping to avenge last year's heart-breaking 3-2 loss at Albany in the championship match and exorcise some Great Dane demons should both teams advance on Friday. Albany has claimed four of the last five matches against UMaine, including a 3-0 decision just six days ago.

"It helps that we were just there. We didn't play very well, and that left the girls feeling like they didn't do as well as they could've," said Atherly.

The Great Danes rolled to an 11-1 conference mark, going 26-3 overall led by reigning conference Player of the Year Blair Buchanan. Albany also boasts the top four hitters in

America East in Buchanan, Ashlee Reed, Ashley Crenshaw, and Shelby Goldman.

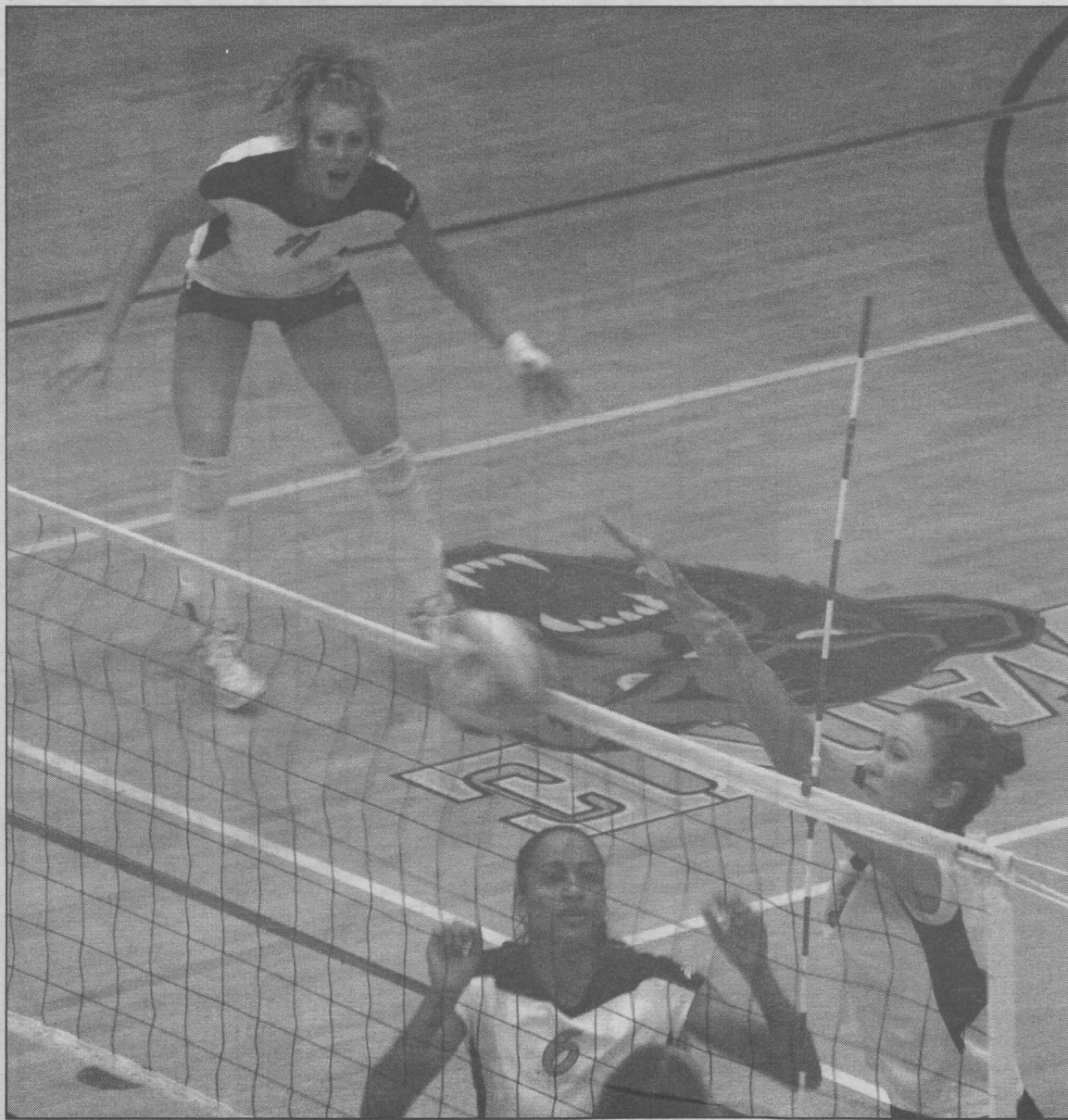
"They'd love to play Albany again," Atherly said of her team's mindset. "But they're not overlooking Binghamton because

they're such a solid team. That'll be a great match."

For the first time in school history, UMaine has qualified for the America East tournament in two consecutive years. Still, seven of their thirteen players are freshmen and will have their first collegiate post-season experience this weekend. But Atherly doesn't think they'll be intimidated.

"Getting to a conference championship is something some people only dream about."

Lynn Atherly
UMaine head volleyball coach



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TIPPED IN — Leah Guidinger (right) blocks a shot over the net while Shannan Fotter (6) and Kaili Jordan (11) look on during last Sunday's 3-0 sweep of Stony Brook.

"Every one of them has had playoff and championship experience prior to coming to Maine, they just haven't had that here," she said. "There is an experience factor, but I don't think they'll be too worked up about it."

A match before a packed house at Binghamton and last weekend's affair at University Gym gave the Black Bears invaluable experience in hostile environments, which they'll look to take advantage of this weekend.

In addition to Albany, the

Black Bears played Stony Brook last weekend. Since each America East team plays the others twice during the season, there is a strong familiarity amongst the four teams playing for the title.

"We've done a little bit with our lineup because you do get familiar," said Atherly. "But they get familiar with us just as we do with them. We've changed things up a bit to challenge them a little more."

While the Black Bears would love to get revenge on the Great Danes and bring

home UMaine's first conference championship of the year and first ever in volleyball, they are playing with a one-game-at-a-time attitude befitting the classy, dignified style they've had all season.

"Getting to a conference championship is something some people only dream about. You don't get it everyday or every year and it's just a lot of fun. The girls have worked very hard this year to earn that," Atherly said.

"I'm excited about it and I know we're ready."

Women's hockey hosts unbeaten RPI

By Ryan Clark
Staff Writer

One team is coming off a loss while the other has not had one since last season.

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Although there are no conference points at stake, the University of Maine women's hockey team may face one of their biggest challenges of the season as they take on undefeated Rensselaer Polytechnic in a two-game set this weekend.

"We have to be prepared regardless of who we play," said defenseman and co-captain Morgan Janusc. "It's all a part of the season. You have to play some conference and non-conference games and its all about making an adjustment."

The Black Bears are riding an unbeaten streak of their own. They are 5-0-1 at Alford

Arena. However, this weekend marks UMaine's last home games of the semester.

Even though they are from different conferences, one thing the two teams have in common are wins against Robert Morris and Sacred Heart. Both teams won by a similar margin against the Colonials, but the 9-0-1 Engineers swept the Pioneers by a combined score of 15-1, and UMaine crippled the Pioneers by a combined score of 20-2.

"We are going to work on our system on Wednesday because on Tuesday it was more individual," said forward Sonia Corriveau. "We are also going to look at video on RPI to get an idea of their system as well."

After Sunday's game, the Black Bears will endure a six-game road trip. Two of those games will come against Northeastern, a team the Black Bears tied earlier in the season.

UMaine's last road trip saw

them fall to 5-3-2, 1-3-2 after recording a tie in the opener against Providence, only to lose the second game.

The second game against the Friars saw the Black Bears score three power play goals to tie the game at 3-3 with about nine minutes left in the game. However, a late goal by the Friars saw the two-time Hockey East Champions increase their conference lead by a point.

The loss saw UMaine's overall record against the Friars drop to 1-20-3.

"We just have to keep the same mental focus with the power play when it comes to moving around the puck," said defenseman Kelly Law.

"You should always go into every game expecting a hard matchup. We have never played them before so it should be a good game."

Saturday's game against the Engineers will start at noon, while Sunday's series finale will have a 1 p.m. start.

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SPORTS TRIVIA

1. Who was the 1976 Olympic gold medalist in the shot put?
2. Which two Bruins goalies teamed up to win Boston's only GAA title in 1990?
3. Name the Detroit Lions player that made the "Thumbs Up" famous.
4. Who were the original members of wrestling's Hart Foundation?
5. Which former Black Bear is currently with the Baltimore Ravens?

Send answers to sports@mainecampus.com or Matt Williams on FirstClass



PATRIOTS CORNER

By Brian Eshbach
For The Maine Campus

As Week 10 of the National Football League flashed by on Sunday and Monday, the New England Patriots defeated the Miami Dolphins and improved their record to 5-4. While this win certainly wasn't the most pivotal one fans have witnessed this year, it came at a key point in the Patriots' season.

Yes, beating the lowly Dolphins is nothing to brag about. Yes, the Patriots were losing with only 2:59 left in the game. Despite barely winning the game, the Patriots showed sparks of their old selves. Qualities they were missing for most of this year — their knack for winning close games, their running game and sturdy defense — were all present on Sunday.

The Patriots' secondary, often the scapegoat of the team's woes this year, finally played a solid game. The moment of the day for the defense came at the Patriots' 5-yard line with 58 seconds left. The Dolphins had the ball and a chance to tie the game, which would have most likely sent the game into overtime. Miami went to the air four times, and the Patriots' secondary rose to the challenge. The first two passes were incomplete, the third pass was snuffed out for a 5-yard loss, and the final pass also fell to the ground incomplete.

The secondary did give up 360 passing yards to Gus Frerotte. That's probably something you don't want to do every week. However, taking into account that their best defensive player, Rodney Harrison, is injured, and the rest of the secondary is young and inexperienced, it was a decent performance.

One play that really stuck out was when 185-lbs Asante Samuel dropped 226-lbs Ricky Williams like a sack of potatoes. This is the same young man who almost took Jeb Putzier's head off when the Patriots played the Denver Broncos. It seems to me that we might have a junior Rodney Harrison in the making.

Another big surprise on Sunday was Patriots' fullback, Heath Evans.

Signed on Nov. 2, Evans was handed the ball 17 times due to Corey Dillon's early injury in the game. Evans totaled up 84 yards on the day, including a rush of 21 yards.

Evans' performance went beyond being one of the most productive running games for the New England Patriots this season. It shows that Belichick is still a mastermind at picking up mediocre players and turning them into great role players.

By winning, the Patriots took a giant step toward a playoff spot, putting distance between themselves and the rest of their sub-par division.

Sports experts are quick to point out the Patriots' unimpressive record, but too often they forget to look at the schedule. This isn't baseball, where teams play 162 games a year. The 16-game season of the NFL doesn't allow for fair schedules. Each team ends up playing 13 different teams, playing each team in their division twice. With early games against the Broncos, Colts and Steelers, the Patriots have one of the hardest schedules.

Take a minute to look at the Patriots' schedule again. Through Week 10, the Patriots have played teams with a combined 51-30 record. Now, look at their remaining games. They will play teams with a combined 24-39 record. Plus, they still play the Jets twice, who at 2-7, with no serviceable quarterback, are about as bad as an NFL team can get. I'm going to go out on a limb here and predict that the Patriots have a decent chance at running the table for the remainder of the year, injuries and all.

I could be wrong. However, the Patriots have never let injuries get in the way before. Plus, we're looking at a team that is almost identical personnel-wise to the 2004 championship team. And if, for whatever reason, the Patriots do fall a little short and don't make the playoffs, I'll have plenty of solace in those three championships they won.

TIP-OFF

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leading scorer in Ernest Turner, but will have to deal with a foot injury to third-year starter Kevin Reed, who is expected to miss approximately a month of action.

UMaine graduated starting point guard Chris Markwood and leading rebounder Joe Campbell, and hope that junior college transfers Rashad Turner and Jon Sheets can fill those roles. Each were starters in the team's exhibition games and played well.

"They give us a different kind of athleticism than we've had. They're strong with the basketball and while they're different from a size standpoint, they can get up the court a bit quicker," Woodward said.

The Black Bears also graduated forwards Mark Flavin and David Dubois and will turn to junior Olli Ahvenniemi, and freshman Christian Cavanaugh to fill the void up front.

"It's cyclical when you graduate people. Two guys graduated when Mark and David stepped up and now it's Olli and Christian's turn," said Woodward.

Cavanaugh may be the better offensive player of the two, averaging 14 points in the exhibition contests, while Ahvenniemi recorded 49 blocked shots in just 26 games last season.

"They've had good preseasons and I'm anxious to see how they progress. Olli's a tremendous defensive player and when we needed a stop last year, he was in the game. Now his offense needs to catch up to his defense and he needs to continue to try to rebound at a high level. He knows it and he's excited for it," Woodward said.

Also returning for the Black Bears is senior Freddy Petkus, who was slated as a team captain last year and had to sit out the season as a medical redshirt. Petkus and Reed will serve as



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THINGS ARE LOOKING UP — First year Black Bear Rashad Turner goes to the rim during a preseason game.

team captains this season.

After weeks of practice and two convincing wins over Canadian schools in exhibitions, UMaine is ready to start the season against quality opponents.

"We're tired of playing each other, to a degree," Woodward said. "There were some bright spots in our exhibition games but this is entirely another level from a size and athleticism standpoint."

Since Friday's tilt is the season opener for both teams, there won't be a lot of scouting or gamesmanship for the weekend's tournament. Rather, the Black Bears will stick to fundamentals of defense and rebounding and hope to overcome their opponents.

"You try to do the things you do well," Woodward added. "It's a great opportunity to open the season

in a tournament, and play back to back nights like we'll have to later in the season."

As for Saturday's possible opponents, Holy Cross is coming off an impressive 25-7 season in which they were edged in the Patriot League championship by Bucknell, which went on to upset Kansas in the NCAA tournament.

High Point went 13-18 in 2004-05 and lost five of their top six scorers from that campaign.

If UMaine wins Friday, they'll play the winner of the Holy Cross and High Point game for the Tip-off title. If they lose, they will play that game's loser in the consolation.

"This is a team that's going to continue to grow and grow throughout the season and we're anxious to put it together, play a game and see how it all fits," Woodward said.

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CELTICS CORNER

By Brian Sullivan
For The Maine Campus

With the new NBA season has come a reason for fans to watch the Boston Celtics. Although to this point in the season the Celts record is a below .500, 3-4, with the exception of a bad night against the defending champion San Antonio Spurs, they've been in every game till the end. The games they have lost were close games and potential wins.

The Celtics roster is the third youngest in the NBA, with only the Hawks and Raptors teams younger. The average Celtic has a little more than two years of NBA experience under their belt. The much maligned general manager Danny Ainge has taken a team that a few years ago went into a playoff series with players like Bimbo Coles and Grant Long on the bench.

The Celtics bench now has players like rebound machine Kendrick Perkins, defensive prodigy Justin Reed and Gerald Green, who was drafted out of high school and has been compared to Tracy McGrady.

The big difference for the Celtics this year has been the players finally living up to expectations. Mark Blount, who was signed to a big contract during the '04 off season, has actually been running up and down the court with the rest of his team. If he keeps that up he is going to score a lot of points on this Boston team that likes to push it up the court.

Ricky Davis is a great offensive player who can come off the dribble and stick a jump shot like no other, but this year he has started to play serious defense. Second year point guard Delonte West has been one of the biggest improvements; he is all over the place. With a decent jump

shot that will only get better with time, West is always going 100 percent. He is a good passer, but best of all he is a great defender. By the end of this season my prediction is that he will lead all NBA guards in blocked shots.

Al Jefferson has made his presence felt as well. In the latest game against the Pistons, Jefferson made former Defensive Player of the Year Ben Wallace look foolish on a few occasions by taking it right at him. With time he could grow into something special.

With all of these players stepping up, Paul Pierce has been the most impressive player this season. He has played like a member of a team, not the lone star of an average group of players. That unselfishness was most evident at the end of the Celtics game against the Charlotte Bobcats earlier this year. After he had hit a tough jumper to put the Celts ahead, the Bobcats reclaimed the lead with :13 left to play.

So, down by one with time running down, Boston went to their big gun, Pierce, who drove to the hole only to find himself in a bad position to take a shot. Instead of throwing up a prayer he found a wide-open Ricky Davis at the foul line who nailed the jumper as time expired for the Celtics win.

The 2005-2006 Boston Celtics are, without a doubt, a very young team. They have a lot of room for improvement, but, with time, this team will grow into a contender, possibly sooner than a lot of fans may have expected. If you haven't yet this season, give the Celtics a watch; the game is guaranteed to be a good one.

MUSKET

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lethal from the receiver spot, with 60 catches for 1,114 yards and 15 touchdowns.

"We have to double cover Ball," said safety Joan Quezada. "We'll try to add pressure with some blitzes to make him uncomfortable in the pocket so he throws it faster and us DBs can go up for the ball."

"You have to bring more people to try to get pressure on Santos," Cosgrove agreed. "But you also have to be smart in coverage because they'll be looking for match-ups. It's a risk because their receivers run their routes well and are very good at breaking off and finding open space."

The Wildcats are used to getting into the end zone in a hurry, something Cosgrove's troops plan to try to curtail on Saturday.

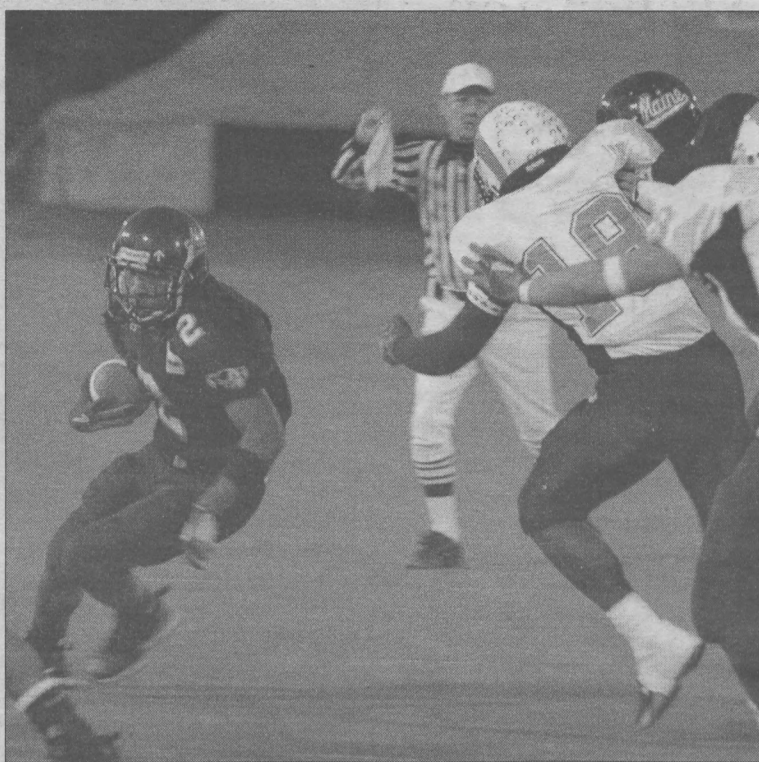
"We want to stop the big plays and make them work harder for their scores," Cosgrove explained. "If we keep them on the field for 10 and 12 play drives, they're more likely to make mistakes."

"We have to keep them in front of us and not allow the big play," agreed junior defensive back Darren Stone, who leads the team with five interceptions. "We'll know where Ball is at all times, and so will the safeties so they can come up and help."

Still, the Black Hole is confident that they are more than capable of taking care of business Saturday.

"It's going to be a very hard task for our defense to stop that number one offense," said Quezada. "But I believe we can get it done if everybody does their job on every play."

Part of containing UNH's heralded offense is keeping them off the field, a task which falls to an offense



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

LAUNDRY TOSS — A referee throws a penalty flag as UM's Arel Gordon (2) turns the corner to run upfield.

that had a season high in yardage last week. The Wildcats defense is designed to get the ball quickly, something the Black Bears know would ruin their upset bid.

"They run an eight-man front to make you pass and if you don't complete, that's more time for their offense," Cosgrove said. "They don't want you running and keeping their offense off the field."

UMaine's offense has explosive potential, as junior quarterback Ron Whitcomb averages over 400 yards passing against UNH in his career.

"We want to show that whatever they can do, we can match it on offense," Whitcomb said.

The game will mark the Black Bears' first ever contest against a top ranked team and provides a true

measuring stick for the progress they've made over the last month.

"We have confidence that we can play with them, more realistically than we did four weeks ago, but thinking that and doing that are two different things. We have to be focused and play mistake free," Cosgrove said.

Despite all the added storylines of favorites, underdogs, playoff seeding, rankings and upsets, it comes down to simple execution between the stripes and the same goal that each of the other 94 UMaine teams have carried into their match-up with UNH through the years. Stone summed it up best when he said:

"They have our musket, and we want it back."

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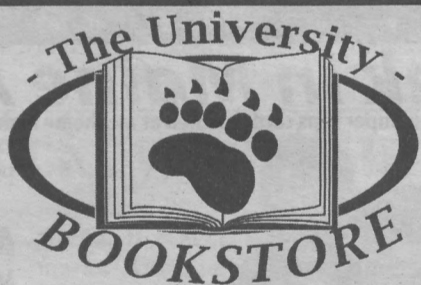
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Suspension is right call for players

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

Since news of UMaine hockey players Wes Clark's and Mike Hamilton's alleged fisticuffs and

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subsequent arrests for assault first broke Tuesday, the campus has been abuzz with speculation about what happened and possible penalties.

Before students pass judgment on any of the parties involved, remember that only Hamilton, Clark, the alleged victim, and the girl in question know what really happened that night.

What we do know is that Hamilton and Clark were suspended yesterday indefinitely from UMaine athletics, meaning they cannot participate in games until Interim Athletic Director Blake James says they can. Further punishment from Dean of Students Robert Dana may be forthcoming.

I commend the university for the suspensions and recommend anger management courses, minimum maintained GPAs, and community service as conditions for their eventual reinstatement.

Many have suggested expulsion, but banishing Hamilton and Clark from UMaine would be a mistake.

I've never met either, but a parent's letter in one of last year's Friends of Maine Hockey newsletters comes to mind.

A mother described an afternoon in which her son approached Hamilton at McDonald's and invited him to his youth hockey game. Not only did Hamilton go to the game, but he brought other Black Bears as well, providing a very special treat for that young boy.

Based on that, I think Hamilton is a decent guy who lost his cool. I'm not suggesting that violence is the answer to life's problems, but the death penalty isn't either, and that's essentially what expelling the two young men would be.

Consider that two members of the NFL's Chicago Bears got into a fist fight last week, with one breaking the other's jaw. They weren't thrown out of pro football.

Hamilton and Clark play a game in which fights draw minor penalties and standing ovations. Todd Bertuzzi's maiming of Steve Moore makes this alleged assault look like a game of tag, and he was suspended for about half a season. Why should Hamilton and Clark be punished more severely than Bertuzzi?

Why is our culture willing to excuse this behavior from professionals and adults yet it wants to crucify a couple of amateur students?

There's no question that Hamilton and Clark made grave errors in judgment that night, casting their team and UMaine in a negative light, and they should pay for it.

Facing their peers every day with remorse is hard, while going home forever is easy and keeps them from true repentance.

Here's hoping the university gives them the opportunity to remain in school and learn the valuable life lessons of perseverance and penance.



CAMPUS FILE PHOTO

FINISHING TOUCH — Black Bears forward Michel Leveille snares a shot past Alabama-Huntsville goalie Scott Munroe.

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players that haven't had the big opportunity yet."

Although the Black Bears defense is allowing 1.50 goals per game, good enough for second-best in the country, Whitehead feels the U.S. under-18 is not to be taken for granted.

"They have achieved a high level at a very young age," said Whitehead. "You are seeing some of the future stars of college hockey and perhaps in the NHL."

Hoping to halt that potent assault on defense will be the freshman trio of Simon Danis-Pepin, Bryan Plaszcz and Matt Duffy. The group is led by Duffy, who has two assists, and Plaszcz, who leads the defense with one goal.

"A couple freshman defensemen, Pepin and Plaszcz, we are very excited about," said Whitehead. "We just haven't had as much opportunity to get them in as we would have liked."

Leading the way on the offensive side will be freshmen Chris Hahn, Jeff Marshall and Vince Laise. Both Hahn and Marshall

have seen little time so far this season.

"It's not like we are going to expect these guys to go out there and score a hat trick," said Whitehead. "That's not what this is about. It's more just of an opportunity for them to gain some experience and play with their teammates."

The U.S. squad will be anchored by Patrick Kane, who leads the team with 14 goals and seven assists for 21 points in just 14 games. Chris Atkinson, who has committed to Vermont, has five goals and eight assists. The duo bouys a crew that has played Cornell, Michigan State, Boston University and Northeastern. The team has posted a 9-4-1 record through those games.

"Based on their other results

with other teams, this is a very good, very talented team we are going to play," said Whitehead. "The U.S. team plays a lot of universities, but the atmosphere here at the Alford is probably going to be a unique experience for them."

"Based on their results with other teams, this is a very good, very talented team we're going to play."

Tim Whitehead
UMaine men's hockey coach

Whitehead believes the decision could provide some U.S. players a much needed stage.

"Most of the under-18 guys have committed to universities already," said Whitehead. "For the few that aren't committed already this is another opportunity for them to showcase themselves on the college stage with one of the elite

programs in the country and show that they can compete at this level.

"They'll definitely be going full-tilt."

Likely to play another key role for Team USA will be Erick Johnson, who has five

goals and seven assists.

Behind the pipes is Joe Palmer, a future Ohio State student, who has played in 13 games with a 2.35 goals against average and .917 save percentage.

As far as who will be the Black Bears' goalie, Whitehead says count on one of the regular pairing of Ben Bishop and Matt Lundin to start the game.

"Our priority right now would be our two regular goalies," said Whitehead.

Lundin and Bishop statistically rank as the best goalie pair in the country.

The two programs have met four times, with UMaine winning each contest. The last game went down in Portland at the Cumberland County Civic Center last season.

"I think it's going to be a very close game either way," said Whitehead. "We know last year we had a great game with them last year in Portland."

UMaine enters the one-game weekend with a record of 9-3-0 and 4-2-0. The Black Bears next contest after this will be the Nov. 27 Hockey East battle with Vermont at home.

Saturday's game starts at 7 p.m.

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coach Ann McInerney.

The Black Bears, who handed both New Brunswick University and Stonehill College 12-point losses, have been led by their two returning starters, senior Abby Schrader and junior Bracey Barker.

Barker leads the way for UMaine, having averaged 12 points and nearly six rebounds per game last year. Schrader has had a strong showing in the paint this season, scoring 18 points and pulling down eight boards against New Brunswick.

Barker and Schrader, along with senior Katie Whittier, junior Lindsey Hugsted-Vaa and junior guard Ashley Underwood, give the Black Bears a unique weapon, with Underwood the only player under 6'1".

"I think we have the ability to play a couple of different lineups," said McInerney. "The bigger line up has five returners that have experience that have all played at this level before."

Whittier and Hugsted-Vaa have stepped up, effectively filling the shoes left behind by Monica Peterson and Nicole Jay in the post. Whittier scored 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in the two exhibition games and Hugsted-Vaa has 19 and 13, respectively.

"We are going to try and be as versatile as we can this year," added McInerney.

Underwood, who led the Black Bears in three-point field goals last season, has picked up right where she left off, shooting 50% (3-6) from behind the arc in preseason play.

The key to the success of the Black Bears will be on the shoulders of sophomore

Margaret Elderton. Elderton played in her first game since tearing a knee ligament last January when she took the court against Stonehill last Friday, playing 21 minutes, scoring three points and dishing out two assists.

"She has the heart of a lion; she's tough and she's a pure point guard," said McInerney. "She's going to be what makes us go."

Elderton will crack the starting lineup for UMaine against Rider, putting Underwood back in her natural shooting guard position, Barker at hers as small forward and Hugsted-Vaa and Schrader under the basket.

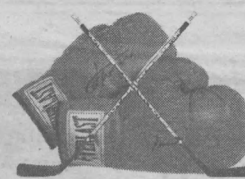
"In order for us to go as far as we need to go we need Margaret on the floor," said McInerney. "She has the respect of her teammates knowing how hard she works and how tough she is."

Sophomore guard Kris

Younan, along with freshman guard Ameshia Bryant and forward Brittany Bowen will come off the bench; all have proved to be solid defenders and rebounders.

The Broncos are coming off a 9-20 campaign last season under then first-year coach Tori Harrison. Rider returns two starters to the lineup, led by junior Kara Borel's eight points and seven rebounds per game. They lost their lone exhibition game 79-42 last week, only suiting up seven players. Freshman Shaunice Parker led the way for Rider with 12 points and 11 rebounds in the loss.

"We are really looking forward to hitting the ground running and seeing where we are at this point," said McInerney. "The first game always has a lot of anxiety about it and we'll get a true test of where our defense is."



UM thinking big against top ranked UNH

Football team challenges Wildcats in 95th annual Battle for the Brice-Cowell Musket

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

The University of Maine and New Hampshire. Little hype is needed; the teams have met on the gridiron 95 times with the series tied 43-43-8. The next chapter in the storied rivalry unfolds Saturday, as they battle for the fabled Brice-Cowell Musket at Cowell Stadium in Durham.

At stake for the Wildcats is their No. 1 ranking in the I-AA national polls as well as home games in the I-AA play-offs and a possible Atlantic-10 championship. Electric quarterback Ricky Santos and explosive wide receiver David Ball will be looking to pad their stats in last

minute pushes for the Walter Payton Award.

At stake for the Black Bears is a three game winning streak that resurrected a seemingly hopeless campaign and the possibility of their fourth winning season in the last five years. And, a chance to bring their arch rivals crashing down to earth.

"We're trying to spoil the whole operation they have down there," said senior running back Montell Owens. "I heard they put down a new field to get ready to host the play-offs and all sorts of new things...we want to disrupt all of that."

The battle marks the final game in the collegiate careers of 16 UMaine seniors who want to bring playoff

intensity and an overpowering will to win when they board the bus for Durham.

"I'm hungrier now more than ever," Owens said. "It's my last game and what more do we have to

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lose? For us older guys, we have to give everything we have right now because there is no next game."

"We have to take the attitude that we're taking something away from them," UMaine head coach Jack Cosgrove added.

"We have to make them think,

'these guys mean business' and make them feel our will to win."

The task is certainly easier said than done, as the 9-1 Wildcats have backed up their No. 1 ranking all year. They're unbeaten at home and have humiliated opponents, winning by an average of 37 points in five games at Cowell.

"Coach pulled us aside just to say, 'we're not going down there to get embarrassed, like everybody else does. This is going to be different,'" Owens said.

The Black Bears have lost the last two in the series, in part because UNH has put UMaine in deep holes by scoring early. Cosgrove believes that preventing the Wildcats' fast start is paramount to success on Saturday.

"They've been taking teams out to the woodshed with tremendous, fast starts. They've had first play touchdowns. They feed off of that and they get their confidence from it," he said.

The task of containing the most explosive offense in the country falls to the Black Hole defense, a unit that's been steady all season and will hope to continue that trend with a crafty mix of pass rushes and coverage schemes.

In their way is sophomore quarterback Ricky Santos, arguably the best passer in I-AA, who's thrown for 27 touchdowns and averaged 284 yards a game. Junior David Ball is

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Basketball ready for Tip-off tilt

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

Two starters, a number of letter winners hungry to make contributions, a couple of transfers and a few new faces. Those are the ingredients with which University of Maine men's basketball coach Ted Woodward hopes to mold a championship caliber team.

"We lost some key players, but we're excited about the new guys," Woodward said. "I love the way they play and their attitude. This is a team that will gel and mesh as they get used to each other."

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The process started with preseason practice and two exhibition games, but it truly gets underway Friday, when UMaine travels to Virginia to compete in the Williams & Mary Tip-off Classic.

The Black Bears will challenge the host Tribe Friday night at 8 p.m., and then face either Holy Cross or High Point on Saturday, depending on each game's results.

William and Mary went 8-21 last year, but two of their wins came in the Tip-off Classic, and the Tribe returns leading scorer Cory Coefield, a third team All-CAA selection and CAA All-Rookie team member Laimis Kisielius.

"They've been successful in their tournament," Woodward said. "Anytime you go into someone else's arena it's always a hard challenge. They're a good team that did a great job opening up last year and I'm sure they'll want to do that again on their home court."

The Black Bears also return their

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY STACY ALEXANDER

GATHER 'ROUND — The UMaine hockey team crowds around goalie Ben Bishop for a pre-game speech before facing New Hampshire at the Whittemore Center last weekend.

Time to Huddle Up, Regroup

UMaine takes breather to refocus, face USA U-18 in exhibition

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

Let's call it freshman orientation.

On Saturday, the University of Maine men's ice hockey squad will go young in hopes of combating their opponent, the U.S. under-18 team. The game, which is the Black Bears' lone exhibition match of the season, is set to provide the freshmen with their own special shot at glory. As well, UMaine will be looking refocus after having the limelight directed toward the arrests of junior Mike Hamilton and sophomore Wes Clark. Both players were charged with assault and criminal mischief on Monday.

"The exhibition game is actu-

ally a great opportunity for some freshmen and other guys who haven't played a ton to get in and play," said UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead. "It's exciting for fans and it's exciting for our team,

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particularly our freshmen to see how they stack up with an elite group of young players."

The Black Bears, currently ranked fourth in the country in both the USCHO-CSTV and USA Today-USA Hockey Magazine polls, are facing a U.S. under-18 team who is coming off a tie against Northeastern.

"It will be a real game," said Whitehead. "They are playing some elite young players. These are guys similar to Greg Moore and Jimmy Howard, who came from that same program."

The game will mark the Black Bears first break from Hockey East competition in three weeks. With it, Whitehead says the Black Bears will need to make a few slight changes to their own system.

"Obviously we always play to win but we're also in this case playing to try some things out," said Whitehead. "So we aren't as concerned with the result in this particular contest, as we are with learning some things with some

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Women to start new era Friday

By Meghann Burnett
Staff Writer

New year, new system, new journey.

The University of Maine women's basketball team will

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ride the excitement of the first regular season game and the momentum of two solid exhibition wins as they head to New Jersey to face Rider tomorrow night.

"I am extremely pleased with the progress of how far they have come in the month that we have been officially practicing," said UMaine head

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Black Bears aim for title

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

The University of Maine volleyball team will look to conquer hostile territory this

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weekend when they compete in the America East Championship Tournament at University Gym in Albany, NY.

The Black Bears are seeded third in the four team tourney by virtue of their 8-4 America East record and will play No. 2 Binghamton Friday at 8 p.m. Defending and regular season champion Albany will face No.

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