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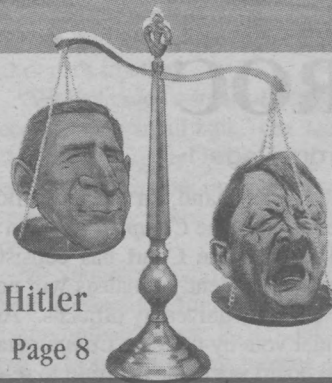
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ROCJECTED

Campus staff booted from Kirkland impeachment hearing



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BE GONE — Ten members of Residents on Campus' General Assembly vote to enter executive session and force media representatives to leave the portion of their meeting discussing the impeachment of ROC President Adam Kirkland. When Campus staff refused to leave, public safety officials were called to the scene.

By Ernest Scheyder
Assistant News Editor

Representatives of *The Maine Campus* were asked to leave a public meeting of Residents on Campus' General Assembly on Wednesday night, during which the impeachment of ROC President and student body presidential candidate Adam Kirkland was under consideration. The situation resulted in the meeting's cancellation.

Following a vote of 10-3-2, the General Assembly asked all nonmembers to leave the meeting in order to go into executive session. *Campus* editors

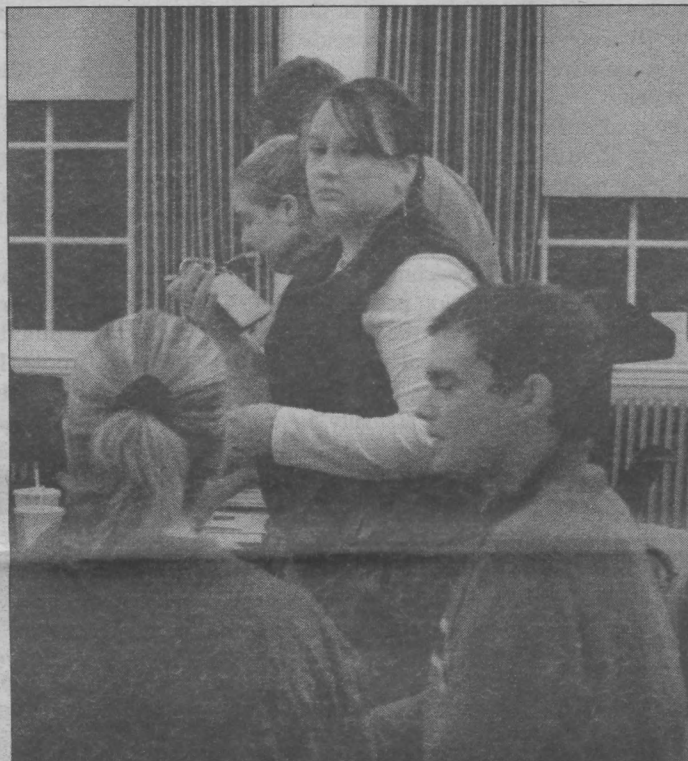
"Asking the press, the voice for students, to leave, I thought was inappropriate."

Brian Brown
Aroostook ROC representative

made a collective decision to pursue the story further and re-entered the meeting, at which time ROC officials renewed their request for staff to leave. When *Campus* staff insisted the student body had a right to know the proceedings of the public meeting and stated their intent to remain, ROC officials

called public safety. Before officers arrived, the meeting was adjourned by Erin Tripp, ROC's vice president.

Questions still linger as to whether or not the ROC GA had power to go into executive session. Article 3, Section 5 of ROC's GA bylaws states, "All meetings of ROC shall be open to



AFTERMATH — ROC President Adam Kirkland, foreground right, reflects after the ROC General Assembly meeting was abruptly ended by ROC Vice President Erin Tripp, center, because of the presence of Campus staff.

the public." However, the bylaws also state in Article 2, Section 4, "All meetings of the GA shall be run in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, subject to such bylaws and rules of order as the GA may adopt." Initial research into Robert's Rules revealed no such provision for removing media from a public meeting.

The Maine Campus, in accordance with its mission to "serve as a source of news for the university and surrounding community," believed its readers deserved to know the happenings of a meeting that would have decided the

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FEPC assures smooth election

By Ryan Clark
Staff Writer

Instead of finding out the presidential and vice presidential winners in two days, the University of Maine student government hopes to know in half the time.

After last year's malfunction with online voting, members of student government have teamed up with the Information Technologies staff to solidify all chances of having an errorless election.

"This year, our Fair Election

Practices Committee chair is Jesse Wertheim, and he is outstanding because he is doing a lot of work ahead of time," said student body President Kate O'Brien. "He has showed us timelines to make us sure the proper steps have been taken leading up to the election."

Outside of serving as FEPC chairman, Wertheim works for IT, which, according to O'Brien, has been beneficial in constructing a strong relationship between the two parties.

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Green Can Fund irks dorms President hopefuls disagree on hall funding issue

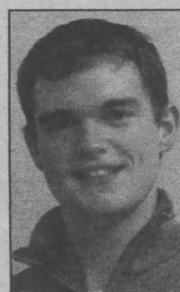
By Andrew Knapp
News Editor

A University of Maine Green Campus Initiative enacted in September is diverting money from student programming to sustainability improvements.

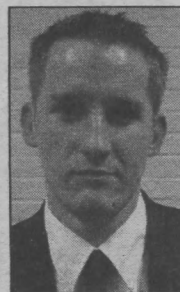
In the past, money generated from the redemption of cans deposited into dormitory recycling

bins has been redistributed for hall governing board programming. For example, money raised from returnables at Hart Hall was given back to Hart's HGB. The funds are separate from what Residents on Campus provides through Auxiliary Services, which obtains its money from student fees.

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Kirkland



McNaughton

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fate of Kirkland, an elected official paid by the student body. The *Campus*' mission statement also reads: "The Supreme Court has consistently ruled that the work of student journalists will not be subject to prior restraint by university officials." As such, following the initial vote by the GA, *Campus* staff left and the editorial board made the decision to re-enter the meeting.

Both Tripp and AnneMarie Reed, the adviser to ROC and associate director of Residence Life and Programs, declined to discuss the matter. Repeated attempts to contact Kirkland following the meeting were unsuccessful.

ROC representatives, elected officials from each hall that compose the General Assembly, were split on the issue.

Brian Brown, a senior journalism major and the representative from Aroostook Hall, led the initiative to remove Kirkland from office. He decried the vote to enter executive session.

"Asking the press, the voice for students, to leave, I thought was inappropriate," he said. "To hide behind Robert's Rules of Order as a justification for going into executive session was also inappropriate because Robert's Rules aren't followed on a regular basis."

Melanie Rockefeller, a first-year undecided major and the representative from Balentine Hall, defended the GA's actions.

"I totally respect freedom of press, but that's what the rules say," Rockefeller said. "I just feel like the decision that we made was the right one."

The resolution to impeach Kirkland was sponsored by the Aroostook Hall and Oak Hall governing boards. The impetus behind the impeachment stems from Kirkland's inaction on a resolution passed by the GA on Nov. 9. In that resolution, the GA approved Aroostook Hall's request to appeal to the Dean of Students Programming and Service Fund for a semi-formal event the hall's HGB hosts annually. In accordance with the ROC Constitution, Kirkland was responsible for completing paperwork for the request and presenting it to the funding committee.

On Nov. 12, Brown had not heard anything from Andrea Gifford, the head of the programming and service fund. As such, he sent a series of e-mails over the next two weeks to Kirkland that were never read, according to FirstClass history records obtained by *The Maine Campus*.

Because funding was not secured, Aroostook HGB members were not able to finalize plans for food, music and other necessities for their semi-formal. Frustrated, the HGB, led by President Rosalie Sullivan, a junior English major, submitted a resolution on Monday requesting Kirkland's impeachment.

"My main goal [in submitting impeachment papers] was to make a point and to make people aware of what

my HGB's been going through for the past three weeks," Sullivan said.

On Wednesday, Reed met with Brown to fill out the paperwork for the funding request. That day, Kirkland sent an e-mail to both Sullivan and Brown informing them of his ability to discuss the semi-formal with Joe Mollo, director of campus activities and events. At the ROC meeting that evening, Kirkland said the ROC executive board was prepared to pull funds out of the emergency contingency fund to cover the semi-formal's costs until the dean's programming fund decided on the request.

"All these bribe offerings from Mr. Kirkland make me feel like I'm being hustled as a resident and an elected official," Sullivan said.

Further complicating the matter is Kirkland's candidacy for student body president. Both Brown and Ryan Hale, a senior history major and representative from Oak Hall, had hoped to vote on the matter Wednesday night, so it could be settled before Monday's student body elections.

"I think this has been building for a really long time, and this is the final nail in the coffin," Hale said. "If you look at what he's done in ROC, he's not going to be a very good leader in student government."

Brigham McNaughton, Kirkland's opponent in the election, sympathized with Kirkland's situation.

"My heart goes out to Adam in that situation. It's rough to be a public official. It's too bad," McNaughton said.

Sullivan and Brown said they wished Kirkland had just admitted an error during the initial stages of this matter.

"Adam never apologized. He offered us all these little things, but he never actually apologized for dropping the ball on submitting this form," Sullivan said.

Said Brown, "That's all I want right now - is for him to come out and say he screwed up."

The dean's programming and service committee is scheduled to convene Monday to discuss the Aroostook Hall funding request. As it stands now, the Aroostook HGB has received funding for \$500 from the ROC Programming Committee, a subcommittee of ROC wholly separate and distinct from the dean's fund. Aroostook is free to spend up to that \$500 amount until they hear from the dean's office. The total cost of the semi-formal, planned for Dec. 10, is \$980. Because of the \$400 in funding still needed, the HGB cannot make any plans for the semi-formal, Sullivan said.

A meeting is planned soon to continue Kirkland's impeachment hearing. Following legal consultation, the *Campus* has determined that it has a right to attend that ROC meeting and will be present to cover the hearings.

ROC's regular meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union.

News Editor Andrew Knapp contributed to this report.

World AIDS events planned for today

By Joseph Bishop
For The Maine Campus

Today is known globally as World AIDS Day, and University of Maine students and alumni have banded together to spread awareness.

Events to "spread the word, not the virus," the theme of this year's AIDS day, are being planned by the Progressive Student Alliance.

Sarah Bigney, a senior international affairs major, said the group is planning a bake sale to raise funds for AIDS prevention efforts in South Africa and a vigil in front of the library at 6:30 p.m. "A Closer Walk: AIDS in the World," a documentary narrated by actors Glenn Close and Will Smith, will be shown at 7 p.m. in 100 Donald P. Corbett business building.

"AIDS does not discriminate, so it could happen to anyone."

Angela Fiandaca
Peer Ed graduate assistant

Matt Lief, an alumni from the class of 2004, contacted senior Mike Lincoln to assist him with his Ubuntu Education Fund in South Africa. Lincoln is responsible for the bake sale, including cookies, treats, pies and more. The proceeds will go to Lief's group, which provides medicine and AIDS education to South African children.

Lincoln contacted PSA for collaboration because both parties have similar goals. The groups arranged to set up tables in Nutting Hall, Memorial Union and DPC after the documentary presentation.

Rachel Duplessis, a member of the Peer Educators, discussed the planned vigil they are sponsoring, where candles will be handed out, information about HIV-AIDS will be provided and a moment of silence will be observed remembering those who have died from AIDS and to think about those who are currently suffering from HIV.

Angela Fiandaca, the graduate assistant for Peer Ed, sees the vigil as a moment to "remind ourselves that this is the most preventable virus there is, and that we all need to work together to prevent its spread."

Duplessis said the Greek Peer Eds and Eastern Maine AIDS Network will all be participating. Dean of Students Robert Dana is scheduled to speak.

Peer Ed sponsors events every year for World AIDS Day. The objective of these events is to "promote awareness about an important issue that is oftentimes overlooked by the college-age population."

Fiandaca believes this demographic often feels a sense of invincibility to the virus, but that "AIDS does not discriminate, so it could happen to anyone." The overriding purpose, Fiandaca added, is to "get people thinking about how they can make a difference in the face of AIDS."

While Duplessis and Fiandaca support teaching and providing information to students, they emphasize that their goal is not to preach to students.

"We are here to provide the information and then let students decide what to do with it," Fiandaca said. "Talking about HIV and AIDS is the first step toward a necessary conversation among all of us."

The hope, Fiandaca said, is that people bring something valuable to their own lives and the lives of their friends. She stressed the importance that people support these events and realize that "HIV and AIDS happen here in this community."

ELECTION

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During last year's election, O'Brien and current presidential candidate Brigham McNaughton won the presidency and vice presidency, respectively. However, their victory did not come without controversy. Because there were problems with the system, this allowed Eli Young, who ran against O'Brien, to file an appeal after losing by 61 votes. Once things were cleared up, the duo was sworn into office in late January, more than a month after the original elections.

Since that time, student government has gone through numerous FEPC chairpersons before they

settled on Wertheim, who was appointed in the middle of October. Before the Tuesday election, the FirstClass e-mail system will be tested to make sure there are no problems.

"For one thing, we have a definite chair in place, which is something that delayed the results a lot last year," McNaughton said. "Also, it has been made very clear that FEPC has a supervisor in the vice president of student organizations, and I felt last year the position did not have the answers to certain questions and that link to the VPSO has been made much more solid, which will help for a smoother election."

During the test phase, a ballot box will appear on some student's FirstClass desktops. However, they will not be able to access it. During that time, testers will check

to make sure things are in place.

"The golden rule is something can always go wrong," Wertheim said. "In this situation, I am aware of how things do go wrong to the point where I can fix them. So if there are any problems that do pop up, we can take care of them."

Although Wertheim believes it would take something catastrophic to ruin the elections, he has a plan in the event that they do. When looking back at last year's elections, Wertheim thought students were rushed back into voting instead of being given time to become more informed.

In case something like this happens again, he said that he will give students a time frame to look over the candidates again in the hopes of making more people aware.

"I think last year was a higher voter turnout, and I think it is because of what happened, and if that had not happened, I do not think a large turnout would not have happened," O'Brien said. "Bad press is press, and it did make people more aware."

"I would hate to see something like that happen again, but if it results in more people voting, it is not necessarily a bad thing."

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Kate O'Brien
Student Body president

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Property Management oversees recycling on campus. Director Gordon Nelson could not be reached for comment on Wednesday.

ROC President Adam Kirkland disagreed with the plan. At Wednesday night's ROC meeting, he sponsored a resolution in opposition of the initiative. It passed 17-1, with the lone vote coming from the York Hall representative.

"This is a bad idea because residents are funding property management ventures," said Kirkland. "This makes ROC pointless as a representative board, and that's just disgusting."

The plan, drafted by Green Campus Initiative coordinator Brigham McNaughton, said the theory behind redistributing can and bottle money to campus is that it would encourage residents to recycle. If students are rewarded for recycling, that's added incentive, agreed Kirkland.

But the initiative declared the concept ineffective and flawed "because of the disconnect between residents and HGBs."

"For the most part, HGBs are made up of energetic students, but a lot of students don't get engaged in their HGB," said McNaughton, who served as a resident assistant in Cumberland Hall last year. "I know from my experience as an RA that it's hard to get residents to come to programs. The thought behind this initiative is that recycling should go toward furthering recycling. We want recycling to perpetuate itself."

This year, as part of the Green Can Fund, locks have been placed on dorm returnable bins to prevent residents from taking cans for their own profit, according to McNaughton. Many returnables were never making it to the campus redemption depot, he said.

McNaughton developed the initiative in response to low amounts of money being raised from recycling. He said the locks have resulted in a drastic spike in campus can and bottle redemption. In September and October, about \$1,400 was raised from returns, a figure many times greater than previously recorded.

The plan angered Kirkland because no input was gathered from the student body and he was never informed by official sources until recently, he said.

"To hear about this through the grapevine is what really hurts," said Kirkland.

McNaughton, who drafted the idea this summer, said Residence Life and Programs was consulted about and agreed with the plan. He said students should be afforded the opportunity to provide input whenever an issue affects them.

"But the decision was made this summer before school opened," he said. "The money is still there and going back to students."

The funds have already established recycling programs and brought energy conservation-oriented speakers to campus, according to McNaughton. He also said HGBs are welcome to request money from the Green Can Fund to establish recycling-centric programs.

"If any dorm would like to put on a recycling event, we are more than happy to give them funds," he

said. "A necessary piece of a college education is for students to learn about taking care of themselves and the world around them, and that was certainly a big part of this."

McNaughton welcomed HGBs to erect their own collection bins to raise money for other programming. But for the most part, he said, students didn't know that money from returnables was reimbursed to HGBs.

"It was extremely important for HGBs to function. That money was something used by HGBs to ramp up programming, and some of the smaller halls really depend on this money."

Adam Kirkland
ROC president

The initiative states that if unforeseen funds are generated, the money could be used for large projects like replacement of showerheads and exit sign bulbs. If that occurs, the money would help alleviate rising

housing costs on student bills, said McNaughton.

"If we suddenly start recycling \$50,000 in cans, it would help decrease energy cost, so students don't have to pay as much," he said.

Kirkland said money from student bills should be sufficient to cover housing costs and Property Management shouldn't dip into money willingly donated by residents to fund routine maintenance ventures.

"Are we going to start funding soap in the bathrooms?" Kirkland said. "This initiative is putting regular maintenance costs on the backs of the residents. You have to have things like exit sign bulbs. You can't rely on the residents to fund them."

Oak Hall ROC representative Ryan Hale reflected Kirkland's statement.

"We already pay a facilities fee and dorm damage, so why do we have to pay on top of that with what should rightfully be ours?" Hale said.

According to Kirkland, the money from returnables has helped smaller dorms with programming costs. Auxiliary Services gives each hall a minimum of \$225 each semester, with additional funds provided proportional to the amount of residents. He said Oak and Colvin halls both struggle for funds because of the limited student population.

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As for Colvin, McNaughton cited money the hall receives from the Honors College as a way to alleviate any lack of funding suffered from the initiative.

Hale said the money is crucial to her dorm's funding.

"We have such a small allocation because it's a small hall," she said. "But even bigger halls need it because they can put on bigger programs that benefit the entire student body."

McNaughton, who was out of town Wednesday night, expressed disappointment that ROC didn't seek his opinion before passing its resolution.

"I feel sad they didn't have any input from us," McNaughton said in a telephone interview. "We weren't told about this resolution."

Kirkland and McNaughton are both candidates for student body president. Elections are scheduled for Monday.

Brian Brown, the ROC representative from Aroostook Hall and former ROC vice president, said he tried to discuss the issue with Kirkland earlier.

"I think it's pretty interesting he presents this resolution at this time," said Brown, who co-sponsored a resolution to remove Kirkland from office because of an unrelated incident. "I contacted him a few weeks ago about this issue, and now he brings it up days before the election."

Kirkland said his timing was not motivated by a political agenda because he just received a copy of the Green Can Fund plan from Nelson on Wednesday.

McNaughton concurred, stating he didn't feel personally attacked by the resolution.

"Elections are Monday, and nothing can change that fact," he said. "I don't know the thought process behind Adam's decision."



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USE YOUR NOGIN — Jean-Anne Sturup pours fat-free egg nog at a meeting about tips for staying healthy during the holidays.

Discussion provides holiday health tips

By Emma Pope-Welch
For The Maine Campus

Is it safe to say that 10 pounds is an unwanted addition to the holiday list?

Monica Nelson, doctoral candidate in the food science and nutrition department, talked about how to have a healthy winter break during an event entitled "Surviving the Holidays". The event was sponsored by Healthy University and Andrea Walker, employee wellness coordinator.

Nelson suggests moderation during holiday consumption., as four common areas of weakness include holiday parties, numerous feasts, an abundance of food and overwhelming schedules. To overcome these obstacles, Nelson had a few suggestions, including: Keeping a diary of what you eat, scheduling exercise into your day and planning ahead with healthy snack alternatives. When attending a holiday party, set a limit and start with a drink of water.

"Often thirst is mistaken for hunger," said Nelson. "Starting with a nonalcoholic beverage is a good step."

According to Nelson, writing and planning makes reaching the goal more realistic, as it's easier to avoid three cookies if you will be

writing in a journal and harder to avoid going to the gym if it is scheduled during your lunch hour. The talk focused on maintaining a weight, not losing weight.

"Don't go hungry," said Nelson. "Hunger is the easiest way to sabotage your goals because the end result is eating more."

Nelson said that nuts and dried fruits is a healthy snack. It has a small amount of good fat that satisfies for a longer time. Substitution while cooking is an excellent source of diet improvement.

"I'm not suggesting you count calories," said Nelson. "That is extra work and often unnecessary."

According to Nelson, oil and applesauce are two substitutes for butter, and the grocery store will always have some low-calorie option for your ingredient of choice. If you're hosting a holiday party, use low-calorie or low-fat recipes. Nelson provided low fat eggnogs, vegetables and a low-calorie spinach dip for the audience.

"This program is great," said Sue Paonessa, associate director of budget and business services. "The information helps to be deliberate and intentional about staying healthy."

Paonessa received a gift pack of cooking and kitchen supplies as part of a raffle for participants.

STUDENT SENATE NOTES

GSS mulls pre-election topics

By Angelica Dolbow
For The Maine Campus

This was the longest General Student Senate meeting of the year. It lasted four hours because of the student government elections and a long debate over Alternative Spring Break money allocation.

GSS decided to table a resolution until next week that involved allocating \$7,500 to the University of Maine ASB.

After a 10-minute PowerPoint presentation from ASB representatives, senators continued to question the exact financial figures of the proposed budget. The representatives of ASB gave an overview of this upcoming spring break plans.

Each year, ASB spends at least a week out of state doing community service projects. Their works have been recognized by television stations out of state as well as in Maine.

This year, ASB will send out six groups, two to New Orleans. According to a representative of ASB Rachel Zawacki, about one-third of ASB members plan to travel to New Orleans, Louisiana. However, because of Hurricane Katrina and gas prices, the exact figures of this year's Spring Break expenses are not yet estimated.

"Depending on New Orleans, the estimating budget might go higher because of gas prices," Zawacki said.

The issue became controversial when several senators began to ask questions about the presentations.

Several senators felt that even though the PowerPoint presentation, the ASB representatives were outstanding and were much more informative than past years. Some senators, like Nathanael Saint Cyr, felt it was too early to give them \$7,500 because ASB still has upcoming

fundraisers before Spring Break.

Saint Cyr said that he wants to make sure that student government isn't giving away too much money.

After debating the issue, GSS lowered the allocated amount from \$7,500 to \$6,000, and then again to \$4,000. Senators then decided to table the resolution until next meeting when a complete, detailed budget will be available to them.

"It was a controversial issue and we're going to wait for more information," said senator Kyle Olsen.

President Kate O'Brien addressed the senators, saying that she disagreed with lowering the amount. "I also disagreed with the line of questions that were being directed toward the members of ASB. I thought that it drastically strayed away from the norms of civility. ASB is a great organization whose members have done countless hours of service within the local community, and also fundraises all year in order to travel outside of the comforts of their local environment in order to serve others. I felt that amending the amount to \$4000 was a bit too low. I was also displeased that the senate could not work together to come up with a compromise and rather simply tabled the issue until next week." After O'Brien's speech, she politely departed early from the meeting.

Later in the evening, Saint Cyr said O'Brien "made some comments which were directed towards me, regarding my threatening senate saying 'What if *The Maine Campus* found out about all of the money that we were going to be giving to ASB?'" Saint Cyr said, "I asked her to apologize (for the comments she made about me, but) she refused to. I think that those types of things cannot happen. I don't think that officers shouldn't make those direct offenses towards senators unless

they feel threatened. I wanted to say I am sorry, and if someone felt that my expressing figures and realities was threatening student senate, I don't think that anyone actually felt that way, but O'Brien and I are both passionate people so it's understandable.

Senator Aaron Sterling addressed the GSS on Tuesday night about the Ad-Hoc Committee on Senate History. "If I am elected as vice president, I plan to use a portion of my salary to purchase food to hopefully increase the turnout of the Ad-Hoc Committee."

Senator and ROC president Adam Kirkland addressed that ROC is currently putting together a sub-region conference nicknamed "Sleepover," which UMaine will host. ROC is part of a national organization called the National Association of College and University Residence Halls, NACURH. The organization is broken down into regions and sub-regions. UMaine is part of a New England subregion. Within each subregion, they host conferences to discuss on-campus activities and general campus life.

"This is a way to get each of these other schools to come and check out the university," Kirkland said.

Kirkland also mentioned that ROC has established a Dining Services Committee. The committee plans to host a meeting with Dawn Aubrey on Wednesday.

Finally, Kirkland said that the Dec. 3 Boston trip is still a go, and there are still seats left available. "Please contact Matthew Bennett if you are interested in going," Kirkland said.

Fair Elections Practices Commission member Jesse

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GSS

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Werthein addressed GSS on Tuesday night. "The Interfraternity Council [IFC] elections nominee is senator Kevin Ballew," said Werthein. Werthein also announced that all complaints originally made to the Federal Election Practices Commission have been dropped, and there are currently no complaints addressed to the FEPC.

Werthein also discussed the overview of Thursday's presidential and vice presidential debates in the Union at noon. Candidates will open with a two and a half minute speech, followed by a question-and-answer period for each position.

Werthein is now collecting questions from people via FirstClass. "Each candidate will answer each question, and no question will be mixed. Nominated presidents will answer questions addressed to the presidential candidates only, and vice presidents will only answer their questions. There will be no president nominee arguing against a Vice president nominee," said Werthein, adding that everyone should vote on Monday.

Student senators chose to draw names out of a hat to help settle the decision of the order of the names and profiles on the FirstClass ballot. Elections will take place Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students can vote through FirstClass or at the Wade Leadership Center in Memorial Union.

The president and vice president of student government are elected separately. Kirkland and Aaron Sterling are running together as are

Brigham McNaughton and William Beaudoin. Two people can run together, but there are no tickets in UMaine student government elections. They can be running mates in the sense that they pool efforts, resources, and support each other's platforms as the best option. Saint Cyr is also running for vice president.

Kirkland and Sterling have a Web site that addresses the web viewer what changes or plans they have if they are nominated. To see the Web site go to www.kirkland-sterling.com

The nominated candidates for president and vice presidential positions for student government addressed the rest of the senate body with their platform speeches.

Saint Cyr addressed first because of other late night engagements.

Saint Cyr outlined his goals for the coming year. He wants to "encourage resolutions that directly affects the community here at UMaine," Saint Cyr said, "not represent other people who have no interest in the University of Maine."

"Secondly, I think we need to increase the student bodies' involvement of student government," Saint Cyr said. He also wants to "audit as many student organizations as possible to see that their membership is up-to-date and accurate. This has been one of our problems in the past is that we have information for student clubs that is ancient."

Saint Cyr wants to increase advisory input for student organizations. "I think if we provide an advising program here for student organizations, providing the service will increase the benefits so they can provide to other students on campus and we can get more students involved."

Finally, Saint Cyr hopes to "re-

invent parking here at school. We have already taken steps to completely re-invent parking services in the entire system. We will be looking at from a different perspective and looking at it that it will mostly benefit students who live on campus and faculty. So not only will we be giving parking to the individuals who commute here, but the preference will go to the people who live on campus and have a hard time finding parking for the dorms."

"If I am elected as vice president, I will be cutting back about a quarter of the work it is that I am doing to smoothly fit into that role. I will also not be accepting pay for the position for vice president and I will simply allow all of that money to go back into student government," Saint Cyr said.

"I think as vice president it's integral for that position that an individual remain objective, fair, unbiased, look at the facts, look at the numbers, and deal out the situation. Don't always let emotions shave out what is true." For more information on Saint Cyr's candidacy, visit his vice presidential Web site: www.nathanaelsaintcyr.com.

Current senator and presidential candidate Kirkland addressed the floor with his platform speech. Kirkland is an International Affairs major with a concentration in political science. He began with what he has done throughout this past year as president of ROC. Kirkland established the Dining Services Committee in ROC. "I wanted members of the on campus student body as well as off campus student bodies to have direct contact with the administration. I saw that as a crucial relationship. Not only that I was talking to director of Dining

Services Dawn Aubrey but everyone else in ROC or nonresidents that were asked to join were also talking," Kirkland said.

"As president of student government, I would bring that same government style up with me," Kirkland said.

"I believe that the president does, in a large part, set the tone of student government. They are the top representative bearing, but they do have the position of giving their own opinion. As president, elected by the student body, I feel it is a good taste for the president to have open discussions with members of the senate and letting their opinion known."

McNaughton addressed GSS with his platform speech. McNaughton is a business administrative major.

McNaughton made it clear that he is fully committed to student government, and that "the power of student government rests on this committee and that is where we have the most opportunity to be change agents." This Sunday, he will be presenting a green loan endowment to the university's assistant board of trustees. The endowment was initially proposed for \$300,000, but has been temporarily approved at \$1 million.

After McNaughton's speech was the continuation of the presidential platform speeches, starting off with senator Aaron Sterling. Sterling has been in student government for a long time, except for a year off for medical reasons.

He stated that his "platform is simple," and his major concerns include maintaining smooth internal operation of GSS, increasing the impact levels of student government on state and national affairs, and

properly maintaining GSS's Web site.

Sterling promises to run a smooth operation, maintaining order and professionalism. "I know [Robert's Rules] at the back of my hand, I know how to run them very effectively and very efficiently, quickly but with getting what needs to be done, done," he stated.

He plans on total commitment to all aspects of student government, and on staying involved with every facet of GSS in order to stay on top of affairs. "I plan to be there, I plan to be involved and I plan to hopefully interact and be able to discuss things that are going to happen before we even get to the senate."

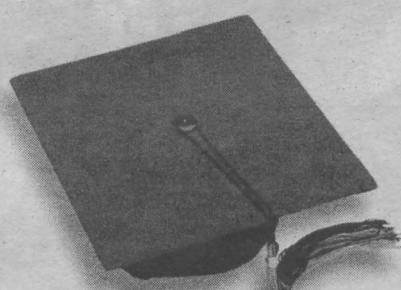
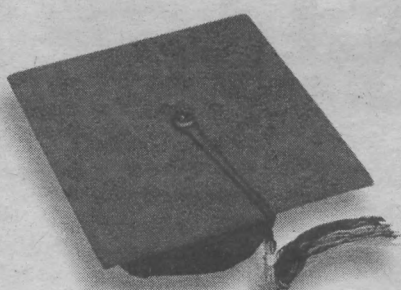
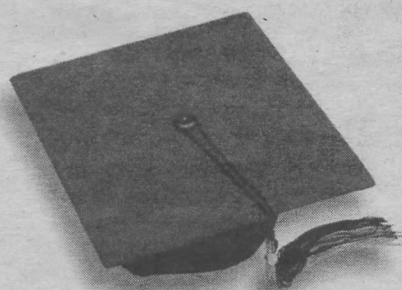
Lastly, Beaudoin took the floor of the senate meeting to address his platform speech. Beaudoin is a political science major and is also majoring in business administration.

Beaudoin made clear his enthusiasm and motivation, as well as emphasizing his well-developed personal networking skills.

He stressed active change through positive reinforcement of existing committees. "As vice president I will utilize the caucus committees that current VP McNaughton has created. I will do this by using them to help recognize teaching excellence within their colleges, as well as provide input on areas within their colleges that need improvement; this not only point out the issues, but gives the caucuses a chance to work with their deans to actually fix the problems," said Beaudoin.

"Most importantly, I will represent the student body and do everything necessary to ensure their experience at UMaine is as great as it can be."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 1

Teacher talk

The Center for Teaching Excellence will host "Balancing Life and Career" as part of the Teacher Talk Series at 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in the Walker Room of Memorial Union. For more information contact Virginia Ness at 581-3472.

AMC tours

The Target Technology Incubator will host "From Idea to Prototype: How UMaine's Advanced Manufacturing Center Can Help You Develop Your Idea," at noon in the Advanced Manufacturing Center.

Math and biology

The Department of Computer Science will host "Is Mathematics Like Biology? Is It Physics?" at 2:10 p.m. in 100 Neville Hall. For more information contact George Markowsky on FirstClass.

Friday, Dec. 2

Baker retirement

The University Club will host a retirement celebration for the History Department's Bill Baker.

Comedian

Comedian Robbie Printz. 9 p.m. in main dining room of

Memorial Union. Raffle for tickets for front row seats on a coach complete with snacks.

Internet security talk

Senior vice president at Verisign Maria Cirino to speak at 3 p.m. in 100 DPC.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Kayak rolling session

Campus Recreation will host a kayak rolling session at 9 a.m. in Memorial Gymnasium. For more information contact Jeff Hunt on FirstClass.

Chanukah party

Klezmer concert followed by Chanukah party with Latkes for UMaine students. 7 p.m. in Bangor Room of Memorial Union. Free for students and \$5 for nonstudents.

Submitting information

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



CAMPUS PHOTO BY EMMA POPE-WELCH

CAN THE CONDOMS
— Kelly Nadeau, Amanda Lewicki, Dominic Kelley and Andrew Borkovitz examine contents of thier Cans for Condoms table at Alford Arena on Sunday.

Can money to help YouthAIDS group

By Emma Pope-Welch
For The Maine Campus

Bring your cans, claim your condoms.

Five cans get you a condom or if you're lucky, two. Where else will you find a deal like this?

Andrew Borkovitz, a University of Maine sophomore, has teamed up with Peer Education, Sigma Phi Epsilon and the Dean of Students office for a weeklong can-collecting marathon. All money raised will go to YouthAIDS, a national organization working for prevention and education of children. If condoms are not what you want, other items available include dental dams, female condoms, lubricants and safe-sex pledge cards.

This fundraiser, which started

Sunday at the men's ice hockey game, is set to end today. It is a part of many campus events for National AIDS Awareness week. Residents of quads all over campus have volunteered their time to pass out information regarding AIDS testing and the AIDS virus.

"I wanted to aim campuswide with this project," said Borkovitz. "I started with Sigma Phi Epsilon because of their work with YouthAIDS, and we went from there."

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity participates in a partnership with YouthAIDS. The mission is to educate and protect youth around the world from HIV and AIDS. YouthAIDS works to reach children through music, fashion, sport and celebrity endorsements. Campaigns

aim to model safe and responsible behavior while also providing educational resources for children with the disease.

"I think it's a great idea," said senior social work major Erin Chouinard. "It's a creative way to raise awareness on campus."

Borkovitz has also worked to get dorms into a can-collecting competition.

"Although the object was to collect cans," said Borkovitz, "hockey fans donated a total of \$104 for YouthAIDS."

National AIDS Awareness Week will also bring to campus a candlelight vigil in front of Fogler Library at 6:30 p.m. today and an AIDS video in the Donald P. Corbett business building at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://www.youthaids.org/>.

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POLICEBEAT

By Peter Bissell
For The Maine Campus

Bulge in man's pocket reveals marijuana pipe in Hart Hall

At 1 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, an officer on foot patrol on the third floor of Hart Hall came across a male subject staggering down the hall. The man was visibly intoxicated and was using the wall to support himself. The officer asked him if he was going to be OK. The man did not respond but continued walking. The officer began following him, at which point, the man told the officer he was fine. The officer then asked if he was a resident of Hart Hall, but the man kept walking in silence, quickening his pace. The officer asked the man to stop and identify himself. The man stated that he had no ID on him. The officer pointed to a bulge in his back pocket and asked if he might have some ID in there. The man didn't respond. The officer then noticed a bulge in the man's front pocket. The officer felt the bulge with the back of his hand and felt two hard objects, approximately three inches long. The officer asked the man what the objects were, and the man stated that it was a lighter. He removed the lighter, but the second item remained in the man's pants. The officer patted the man down and recognized that the item was a marijuana pipe. The officer asked the man to remove the pipe and produce ID. The man did both, and was identified as Benjamin Garwood, 20, of Gardiner. Garwood was determined to be a nonstudent. He was issued a summons for possession of drug paraphernalia and escorted out of the building.

Man charged with bike theft weeks after initial complaint

On Oct. 31, a student reported to public safety that his bicycle had been stolen from outside Bennett Hall. He had left it leaning on the side of the building when he went in, and when he came out, it was gone. On Nov. 21, the same student called police again, stating that he had located his bike outside of Boardman Hall. When the responding officer arrived, he observed someone exit Boardman, get on the bike and begin to ride off. The officer approached the individual on the bike, who became very nervous. The officer asked him to get off the bike and identify himself.

The individual on the bike, identified as Mark Soisson, 21, of Orono, said that he had been meaning to turn the bike in. The bike was positively identified as that of the student who had reported it missing. Soisson admitted that the bike was not his and said that he had found it against Bennett Hall. He said that he had been involved in an auto accident and had no means of transportation, so he took the bike. As a result, Soisson was charged with theft.

Student forges parking permit after refusing to pay \$50

At 4:21 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, public safety received a complaint from Parking Services about a fraudulent parking pass that was being displayed in a vehicle. Officers located the owner of the vehicle, identified as Samuel Levinsky, 18, of Raymond. When questioned, Levinsky stated that he did not wish to pay \$50 for a permit, so he borrowed a friend's parking permit and crafted a duplicate. As a result, Levinsky was charged with theft of services.

Blown headlight tips police, results in arrest for OUI

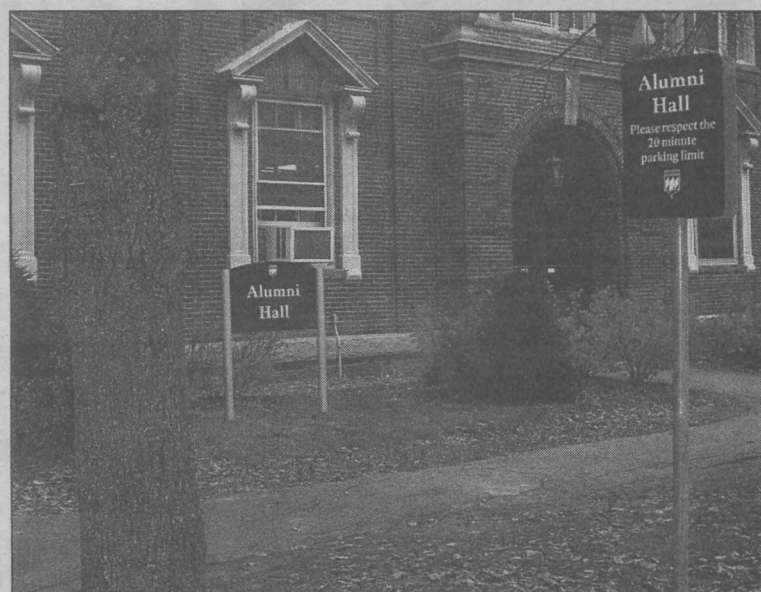
At 2:50 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, an officer on patrol in a police cruiser observed a white sedan pass by on Rangeley Road with a headlight out. The officer pulled the car over because of a vehicle defect, and made contact with the driver, who was identified as Robert Peck, 19, of Frankfurt. As the officer spoke with Peck, he detected the smell of alcohol coming from the vehicle, and also noticed that Peck's eyes were red and glossy. The officer asked Peck if he had consumed alcohol that evening, and Peck said no. The officer then asked Peck to blow into his face, and Peck tried to blow it to the side. The officer pointed this out and asked Peck to step out of the vehicle to perform field sobriety tests, which he failed. He was arrested for OUI and taken to the public safety building for an intoxilyzer test, where he tested a 0.12. Peck was issued a summons and transported to Penobscot County Jail.

Man arrested with drug paraphernalia in Orchard lot

At 2:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, an officer investigating a report of a possible weapons discharge in the Orchard parking lot observed a car full of people. The car was not running and the lights were out. The officer went up to the driver's side window and the occupant rolled the window down. The officer asked the individuals if they had heard any weapon or firework go off. All the occupants said no. As the officer was standing outside the window, he detected the smell of burning marijuana. He asked all the occupants if they had been smoking. The man in the driver's seat admitted to having smoked a joint. The officer had everyone in the vehicle step out, and each was searched, along with the vehicle. The vehicle search produced a blown glass pipe, which belonged to the driver, identified as Shawn Paquette, 18, of Saco. As a result, Paquette was issued a summons for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Man admits to damaging Cumberland smoke detectors

At 12:29 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, an officer on patrol in Cumberland Hall heard an alarm go off. When he viewed the master console, he saw that it was coming from the smoke detector outside of room 314. Upon arriving at the smoke detector, the officer found that the head of the detector was on the floor in the lobby. The officer continued to search the building and found two more smoke detector heads removed. The damage was estimated at \$760. The next day, public safety received information regarding a possible suspect. Police went to interview the suspect, identified as Charles Suter, 20 of Orono, who was a resident of Cumberland Hall. During the interview, Suter admitted to causing the damage and said it was a stupid thing to do. He said he had been drinking that night. As a result, Suter was charged with criminal mischief.



COURTESY PHOTO BY MIKE HERMANN

SIGN OF THE TIMES - Alumni Hall features news signs as part of cartographer Mike Hermann's effort to give campus a facelift.

New signs meant to stand weather, attract students

By Joel Crabtree
Copy Editor

The University of Maine campus is getting a facelift.

Campus cartographer Mike Hermann has plans to change signage on campus from the current brown and white to a more professional blue and white. He does not believe the current brown and white signs fit the caliber of the institution that the university has become.

After holding many public presentations last semester about signage problems, Hermann's plans have finally gone into action. The first installment of the new signage was placed in front of Alumni Hall.

"That really did get things moving," Hermann said about his public presentations. "That talk was basically the assessment I had done that sort of brought the current deficiencies to the surface."

"It was part of my trying to create awareness among the campus community - that we can do a better job with the landscape than what we're doing," Hermann said.

Hermann has designed the new signage and is overseeing where it goes. He wants to make the campus more pedestrian-friendly and believes that improving the signage will be a step in the right direction.

"Once I started asking around, I got the sense that a lot of people were annoyed by the brown and white signs," Hermann said. "It bugged them. They didn't really know why it bugged them, but it just didn't fit."

The key factor in choosing Alumni Hall as the test site was that virtually all students have to go there at least once in their college career. Hermann said Alumni Hall is one of the most invisible and easy-to-miss UMaine buildings, which made it a perfect test site.

Hermann said the new signs are being implemented partially because of a change in the times. He said that the old brown and white plywood signs were good for when the campus was smaller, but now that it's bigger, new signage is necessary to complement the environment.

Not only are building signs being changed, but parking signs are as well. The new parking signs are 8-

feet tall, instead of 6 feet, to accommodate for what Hermann called the "SUV revolution."

A lot of the improvements made are to help signage withstand Maine's weather problems. Hermann said it's necessary to design for the climate and the old plywood signs couldn't endure Maine's weather.

Hermann said students are now shopping for campuses, and people are more aware of their options. He believes that the new signage will attract incoming students more than the brown and white signs.

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Mike Hermann
Campus cartographer

Hermann said it's easy for students to get lost in the first 90 days attending UMaine. He said he actually got lost on his first day here for his job interview, which made UMaine's signage problem a little more personal for him.

"It is part of my profession, so it's something I critically see wherever I go," he said.

Within the next few weeks, Hermann hopes to have four or five more buildings equipped with the new signage. The next buildings to be converted will be Colvin, Hitchner and Stevens halls. After that, the program will take a break for the winter and return in the spring. However, he said converting all the signs on campus will take at least two years.

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Throwing ROCs at a glass house

After an hour and half of public deliberation, with Residents On Campus President Adam Kirkland's impeachment yet to be discussed, the ROC general assembly made a motion to close Wednesday's meeting to the public.

The weekly meetings of the ROC affect not only residents but the entire campus that their decisions impact. With public figures in a public setting such as the Bangor Room, their proceedings should be open to the constituency they serve.

Unless fearful of public scrutiny, there should be no need to deny public and media access.

If ROC is holding fair hearings, then no amount of public or media presence would take away from their good work.

While in court, judges may restrict media access in trials in order to keep juries impartial, Kirkland's pending term hardly qualifies as a death row sentence. He is a paid, elected official and the students whose fees pay for his office have a fundamental right to know what offense may lead to his removal. There are no victims to protect unlike a criminal trial and there is no jury to keep impartial — ROC's voting members are privy to all the facts and the public should be, as well.

ROC's decision to hold executive session was an abuse of power they didn't have to begin with, as their own bylaws clearly state that all meetings are open to the public.

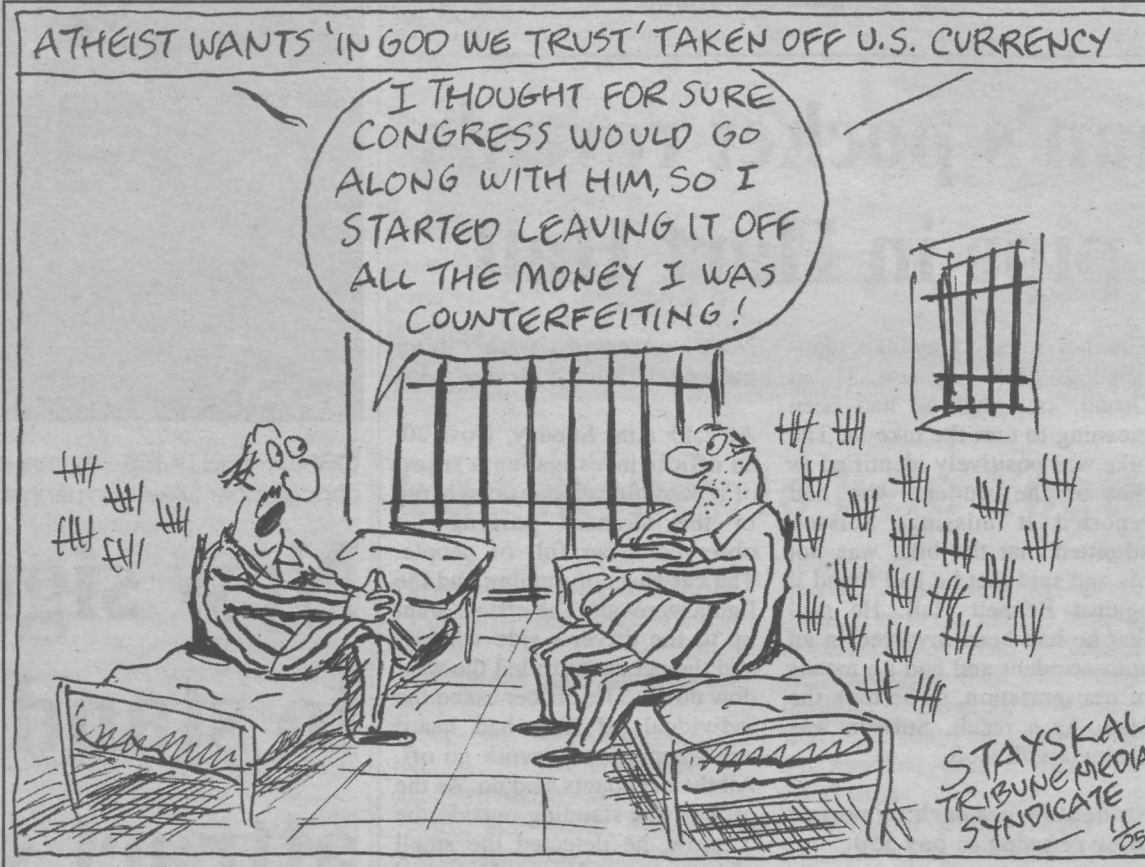
If President Bush and the CIA can't keep the press out of Iraq, then ROC can't keep the press out of its meeting either. Constitutional law and American moral standards forbid it.

This isn't just an issue for *The Maine Campus* about the First amendment and freedom of the press.

It should be a concern to all of campus that an organization charged with serving you wants to keep you out of the loop on its latest developments.

Since ROC ended its meeting early rather than reveal the result to the public, a decision on Kirkland is still forthcoming.

We would hope the group has learned from this fiasco and will be sure to keep its hearing fair and open to its constituents when the time comes.



Stop comparing Bush to Hitler

Stupid, childish comparison trivializes the Holocaust

There is a particularly childish and moronic trend being perpetuated in this nation by extremist liberals. Someone, somewhere thought to compare President George W. Bush to the greatest villain of the 20th century, Adolf Hitler.

This baseless and superficial comparison is being parroted on our campus at a disturbing rate. It's been popular for a long time to use "Nazi" as a suffix or insult for things we dislike. Phrases like, "My roommate is a recycling Nazi!" have nothing to do with the Third Reich. It's a loose slang term used to criticize something we find too strict.

Casual comparisons to Nazism and the Holocaust are unfortunately common today. Animal rights groups like PETA have fun comparing the

MICHAEL
HARTWELL

OPINION EDITOR

delicious meat industry to the Holocaust. Anti-war demonstrators often build their protest platforms on the graves of six million Jewish victims. These comparisons trivialize the Holocaust and desensitize people to its magnitude. Correct me if I'm wrong, but the true horror of the Holocaust wasn't the body count, but the amount of suffering and cruelty inflicted on a helpless group of people because of their faith.

We can all agree that Hitler is responsible for the highest

amount of evil in human history. That opinion is so popular that it might as well be a fact. Trying to put Bush in the goose-stepping family is a lazy way to transfer some of that evil onto someone the extremists dislike; evil, evil Bush declared war on Afghanistan and Iraq, so let's compare him to someone we don't like.

Let's pretend that statement is true. Let's forget that only Congress can declare war. Sure, the Bush administration pushed them to, but they were gullible enough to fall for flimsy evidence. Let's forget about that. Say Bush did force us into a war or two. Is that the same as a calculated and intentional extermination of group defined both religiously and racially? I

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Hockey bullies

It seems the University of Maine president, athletic director, and head men's ice hockey coach are taking violent physical assault lightly.

The head men's ice hockey coach has made comments on the radio that the violent assault was a "learning experience for the team."

I think the only thing

they've learned is how to go around campus crying about being persecuted for an incident that "was no big deal." On the

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Honoring scholars

Honors students are our masters

CHRIS J.
ALLEN

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

I would like to take the opportunity, for a second, to be serious. Most of the population of this university is really stupid. It is a solid fact, proven to me by sitting in the Union for two minutes and observing that five out of every six people seem pretty stupid. Thus, it is no wonder why the prodigies, among this population full of "stupid" needs to find a way to distinguish themselves from the mundane, average student. Praise your deity of choice that here at the University of Maine exists the Honors College.

For those of you not familiar with the shining grace that is the Honors College, I will elaborate on why unstructured grading and highly liberal education are indicative of higher learning. That is why pupils under the brilliance of honors deserve special graduation credits, housing, and assurance that they are smarter than every other student. I will make you realize the inevitable truth: If you aren't in Honors, then you should drop out of school and start making friends with someone who is, because you will probably be their indentured servant someday.

To understand why everyone in Honors is smarter than you, you first have to understand why Honors is so glorious. Imagine a system of class where you sit in a circle with a small group of fellow geniuses ready to discuss varying chunks of wisdom. Every day the topic is based upon a 300-page book that you were supposed to read over the weekend and probably forgot to do, because you were doing other important Honors related things, such as repressing the stupids. No worries though. In every Honors class there exists a "leader," more often than not a liberal arts professor with a ambiguous grasp on reality asking deep, probing

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don't think Bush is sophisticated enough to pull off a genocide if he wanted to.

Hitler was able to pull Germany out of a depression and turn it into an economic powerhouse. He worked very hard to create jobs and solved the 40 percent unemployment rate. Bush, however, has taken America from a period of financial prosperity into dire and hopeless economic ruin.

Hitler, despite living in Germany and loving the culture, did not like to drink alcohol. Meanwhile, Bush has an OUI on his record.

Hitler is often argued to be the greatest public speaker in the history of mankind. His fiery speeches inspired mil-

lions of unsuspecting listeners to commit unspeakable acts and inspired undying loyalty. Bush can't get through a two-minute speech without stumbling over his words. Every time he opens his mouth, there's a 50-50 chance a clip of it will end up on Ebaumsworld.com

Hitler was able to unite the citizens of Germany and won their confidence and support for over a decade. Bush, on the other hand, has divided the country along political lines and ushered us into an age of extremism.

As you can see, Bush and Hitler are very different people. Comparing the two is a weak, politically-charged argument, and it's not fair to Hitler.

Michael Hartwell is on a white-supremacist mailing list.

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questions. He will sit in his place in the circle, gently sculpting the young minds of geniuses by asking relevant questions like, "Why is there air?" or the ever popular, "What is the deeper meaning here?" For hours, the circle will bicker back and forth in Honors fashion, arguing redundantly until the session ends bitterly and unresolved. Usually, there is one self-nominated "uber-genius" who resides in the honors classroom, so whenever someone else presents a differing opinion, he or she will just tell them just why they are so stupid and probably should kill themselves immediately upon returning home. The "uber-genius" will then sit there smugly, knowing that they command a full array of Plato's outdated philosophies.

Once a week the Honors

College gathers for what is called a lecture, where a professor spews forth tiny tidbits of whatever he considers important. The leaders will then stand up and debate one another about who is the smartest, the winner being the one who asks the most abstract query that cannot be answered. The supreme victor is then carried about on the backs of 40 stupids while rose petals are tossed and women offered to him in jubilant celebration.

In conclusion, Honors needs massive amounts of funding, its own residence halls and other special privileges because it presents information that is totally irrelevant to any career, on which students are graded erratically and arbitrarily. Besides this, there is the fact that the budding geniuses of Honors need to be segregated from the stupids that comprise the rest of this university.

Chris J. Allen wears stupid-skin academic robes when he takes the carriage to the opera.

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radio they are reporting that the punishment for many involved will be a one game suspension. The joke is, the one game was an exhibition game Saturday night, a game that does not count for anything.

Some involved are receiving no punishment at all.

On the radio, they are saying that Mike Hamilton and Wes Clark are suspended indefinitely from playing in games, but not suspended from team practice and team activities. Around campus, the athletes involved are not showing remorse for their actions; they are only upset that they are getting punished for it. They have

been saying that their behavior was justified because it's OK to fight over a girl. They do not think what they did was wrong, and they are resentful that they are being punished for it.

These hockey players plotted to go over and beat up a man, and then did it. They should not just be suspended, they should be kicked off the team.

The victim's suffering continues. He is receiving pressure to drop the assault charges - indirectly from the hockey players involved, through other athletes, athletic administrators, university officials, and parents of the hockey players. Hasn't he suffered enough? Doesn't he deserve some justice and retribution?

Bob Truth

Defending the right to have a faith

Looks like it's time to prove my professor wrong

Beware to whomever has some sort of belief system: You will not excel in any sort of health care profession.

At least this is what my professor informed me of recently in class. I was quite disappointed, as I have been in a Christian school system most of my life. It was clearly said that if you were to believe in anything besides evolution - you would go to health professions' hell. I don't know about you, but I don't like being told I can't do something.

Why is it that believing in something other than evolution would prevent success in the medical field? As far as I am concerned, the medical field deals a lot with who we are now, not where we came from. I mean sure, humankind's origins gives some clues about who we are and what we can do, but was it the "Big Bang Theory" that gave you that heartburn or was it waiting those seven days for God to create the earth? Is that going to affect my diagnosis? You had better hope not.

It sounds relatively discriminatory to say that anyone interested in achieving a degree in biology or pursuing a career in medicine must have the same belief. I know I don't go around looking at people on campus picking careers for them based on their belief sys-

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tem. I should start though.

A few of my opinions have changed since taking classes here at UMaine, but not because I was afraid of being unable to make a career for myself someday. Aren't we supposed to be here to create our own opinions and take a stand for what we believe in? Isn't part of the college experience just that - learning who we are? Well, I've learned that I love biology more than life itself and I can take any class here and succeed no matter what I believe. I have yet to meet a professor in the biology department on campus who does not believe in evolution, and it has certainly been interesting taking 120 biology credits without the word "creation" being used. Well, except in jest.

I understand why evolution makes sense and why it is important to science as a whole. My professors are intelligent, prominent people. Why would one have such an ignorant point of view? Please teach me something instead of telling me what I can and can't do.

Don't tell me I have no business being in biology if evolution is secondary to other beliefs I may have. Perhaps it takes more than a belief in evolution to make a great doctor. It just may take some social skills and experience, among other things. Actually, I am surprised my applications did not have a "yes" or "no" check box for belief in evolution. My professor should suggest that to the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants.

I am excited about going into the health profession and, surprising to some, succeeding. I am fine with what I believe in and I am looking forward to learning more and changing my opinions on things as they come. If my beliefs happen to cause an uproar in the doctor's office, so be it. Bring on the challenge. I'm not scared. At least I won't be hiding behind my beliefs or taking my professor's advice and not going into medicine. God forbid I do something I want to do. I can not wait to prove my professor wrong. That will be a glorious day.

I should really thank him for instilling this motivation in me. I really need it, because getting into graduate school isn't a simple task. And now, I may have another thing going against me: that check box.

Casey Trafton is a senior biology major.

Imperialism label doesn't fit U.S.

Why don't we let France try that one on for size?

Imperialism, as defined in the American Heritage dictionary, is "the policy of extending a nation's authority by territorial acquisition or by the establishment of economic and political hegemony over other nations," or "the system, policies, or practices of such a government." In current news, it's a favorite word chucked around by anti-war protesters to describe basically anything done today by America or the current administration, regardless of what the action is. However, the very definition of what is and isn't imperialistic is highly debatable—no one really has a clear answer, least of all the far left.

Imperialistic nations, as history has shown us, conquer countries at will, colonize and control completely and in force. We ourselves have been victims of such acts. The British Empire did exactly that to America in the 1700s. Imperialistic nations impose their culture 100 percent and demand that their foreign territories follow suit—which often leads to wars. In fact, that's how the Vietnam War started. France went into that region with the intent of becoming a colonial power to rivaling that of pre-20th century Britain. Indochina, having just tasted freedom after years under Japanese rule, decided that

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they'd rather rule themselves than let France call the shots and revolted. Then France dragged the U.S. into their problem—only somehow America was the 'imperialist' power when all was said and done.

Another example was the first Gulf War, which was also believed to be an imperialist war, despite having the full weight of the U.N. behind the action. Anti-war advocates then exclaimed the same rhetoric that they exclaim today; declaring that it was a "War for Oil," comparing the administration to Hitler and the usual clichés. Regardless, we went into Kuwait, kicked Saddam out, returned control of Kuwait to its legally recognized government, and then we left. Should that action be considered "imperialistic?"

In comparison, many Iraq War opponents have repeated the same things they did over a decade ago, and yet one factor that is constantly missed is that we don't plan on staying in

Iraq. Like Kuwait, we're sticking around long enough for the country to get back on its feet. And then we're gone. Wouldn't we be annexing the region or inducting it into statehood if we were imperialists?

We are hoping that Iraq becomes a self-sustaining, democratic nation. But even President Bush said he would accept it if Iraq became a fundamentalist, theocratic regime. "Democracy is democracy," as he was quoted. And the decision has been made that U.S. troops won't stay any longer than the Iraqi government deems necessary—and even the Iraqis have said their presence won't be needed for much longer. We don't plan to colonize. I have yet to see any sort of advertisement asking for settlers to move into "Iraq, the new US state." We also don't plan to control Iraq's oil—if we did, I doubt gas prices would have gone through massive increases over the past two years. There are really too many variables. From where I'm standing, the debate over whether or not America is imperialistic, or even what constitutes as imperialistic, is far, far from over.

Paul Goodman is a sophomore new media major and rooted for Darth Vader's side in Star Wars.

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Performance Jazz Ensemble
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Part of the School of
Performing Arts season
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Thursday, Dec. 1
Hauck Auditorium

Mushroomhead, Crossbreed,
Deadseason, Tomorrow's Tragedy,
Disaster Complex
9 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 2
Ushuaia
\$4

The Steiners and Bear Vocals
7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 2
Hauck Auditorium
\$5

Last Chance to Reason, Split
Ya Teeth
8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 2
Husson College Campus
Center

Sister Sadie
9 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 3
Carolina Sports Pub

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Boulder Bash
9 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 3
MaineBound Climbing Wall
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Fiction Reading by Alex Irvine
Part of the New Writing Series
4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 1
Soderberg Auditorium

The Nutcracker
Bangor Symphony Orchestra
2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4

Faculty Art Exhibition
Through Dec. 2
Carnegie Hall

"No Two Alike: African-
American Improvisations on a
Traditional Patchwork Pattern"
Quilt Collection
Through Jan. 14
University of Maine Museum of
Art

An exhibition of photographs
by Melonie Bennett
Through Jan. 14
University of Maine Museum of
Art

MOVIES

"The Brothers Grimm"
7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 2
Bangor Room

"Inu Yasha Movie 3"
Part of the Anime Club film
series
6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 2
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BARS

35 cent wings & \$2 Bud Light
Pints
Mondays
Finger Rock at Ushuaia

Open Mic Night
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Wednesdays
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Karaoke
4 p.m. - midnight
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Local DJ spins his last record

By Pattie Barry
Style Editor

Even if many people don't recognize Mark Seiler's name, it would be nearly impossible to find anyone in Orono that cares about music that hasn't heard of him or his work.

The list of accomplishments is long: He's performed with This Car Climbed Mount Washington, Skwabunga and Overdub, formerly known as Plan B. He spun records between acts at Wednesdays' Open Mic at Soma 36 and hasn't missed an electronica show at Ushuaia in years. He made guest appearances on WMEB and spun countless house parties. He once moderated the ska/punk folder on FirstClass and dominated the DJ tent at Bumstock for several years. He mirrored the world-famous Online Guitar Archive, OLGA, on his server, was the original Union Loiterer and literally owned Moby's soul. And that list barely even scratches the surface.

Unfortunately, you cannot ask him for yourself. On Monday of last week, Seiler, aka DJ Phonicoid, took his own life as he was en route to Albany, New York, where he was in the process of moving. The 28-year-old recent UMaine graduate was involved in countless art and music projects both on- and off-campus for the three years he attended classes here and five years that he had lived in the area.

"I have no idea how his departure will affect everybody," said Mary Holt, program director for WMEB and personal friend. "He played with everyone. He was at every event."

Phonicoid

While Seiler loved a n d played all

genres of music, DJ Phonicoid was best known for his appreciation of electronica and skill at turn tables.

"I know DJ culture and Mark was a good DJ," said Ushuaia owner Alex Gray. "He was definitely a student of art, of music, of performance."

Seiler moved to Old Town in 2000, where he became involved with the Lemon House Crew, a core group of DJs and followers of DJ music who partied in the two-story yellow house on French Island. His first of many performances as a turntablist was at the house in 2001.

Despite the implications of rave culture, Seiler never drank or took drugs, and was more interested in the art than the dancing, friends said.

"[Seiler] was very straight-edge. Years ago he used to drink root beer. Then he switched to lemon water," joked former Crew member and friend Gabe Allen.

A collector by nature

Instead, Seiler indulged in another guilty pleasure — collecting. Though many things made him remarkable, the breadth and scope of his record collection is amazing all on its own. He had over 3,000 records in every genre.

"My goal in life was to find a record that Mark didn't have," Holt said. "A lot of us at [WMEB] say we have diverse tastes, but they were nothing like Mark.... He made it OK to like everything."

Seiler was a connoisseur of pop culture, both film and music.

"He was the kind of person where you could mention any band, movie or random chunk of pop culture and he could tell you about it," recalled friend Jason Unterreiner.

Though Seiler loved all music, he had one true love in particular — Moby. He



had over 300 Moby recordings, which is likely to be the largest Moby collection in existence, according to friends. Seiler had even purchased Moby's soul off eBay, which had been put up for auction as a joke by the artist's friend, Paul Yates. The distinction has gained him mention in Moby's biographies, and DJ Phonicoid is also listed in the credits for Yate's and Moby's movie, "Alien Sex Party." Last Sunday, Moby acknowledged Seiler's passing on his blog (www.moby.com).

The 'perfect' scratch record

As significant as his collection was, friends say that he was proudest of his scratch record, which had no official title except the reference "L12UP001." Unofficially, Seiler called it the "perfect" scratch record because all the samples started at one point with perfect linear accuracy.

"He took great pleasure in the fact that he had a level of technical proficiency to create the 'perfect' scratch record," said Owen Smith, new media department head and one of Seiler's mentors. "Everything was fine-tuned to the nth degree."

He sold copies on eBay, and they have been distributed in record stores across the northeast, in California, and even as far away as Europe. Seiler encouraged everyone he met to buy a copy of the record, friends recall. There were two pressings of the record: the final in dark blue, Mark's favorite color, and the test pressing in lighter blue. His new media capstone project was the creation and production of the record, along with the production of its release party at Ushuaia in April 2004.

Seiler graduated from UMaine in May of 2005 with a degree in new media and minors in studio art and film and video. As a student, Seiler had a reputation for questioning the rules, but he would still do as well as he could, graduating Summa Cum Laude.

A collaborative artist

While Seiler had many independent projects, his presence was most felt in the community through his collaborations with other artists and musician..

Overdub bass player and local DJ Myke Billings said that Seiler expressed that he enjoyed

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FALLEN FRIEND — (Top Left) Mark Seiler participating in the class "Year in Film." (Top Right) He selects a record from his collection, which boasts over 3,000 records. (Bottom Right) Seiler proudly holds his record, which he called the "perfect" scratch record due to the linear accuracy of the tracks' cues. (Bottom left) Seiler doing what he loved best — scratching.



Somewhat single life

**Guys,
Girls
and
Games**



By Kailee Bradstreet

I don't go out very often. I mean, you spend one Thursday night at Ushuaia and you've seen it all, right?

The drunken brawls. The pushy crowds. It's the single scene — the one that most people are trying to escape by involving themselves in a serious relationship. That was my theory, anyway.

Lately I've been having some doubts. Staying in and watching a movie is great, but sometimes I just wanna dance. When the music is mind-numbingly loud, that's when I feel like I can let loose and forget about everything else.

Add a few drinks to this equation — in my case, usually two and half will do it — and things can get a little tricky.

You may forget what time it is. Or what day it is. Or that you have a boyfriend. Wait — WHAT?

Yes, it's true. It happens to the best of us, including some of my friends just last weekend. And I was curious to find out why.

A girl that I work with confessed that sometimes when she's out with the girls, she avoids telling other guys that she has a boyfriend. "It can't be a good thing when this happens, can it?" she lamented. Well, it does seem dishonest.

But is there a reason behind it — besides the fact that you spotted this guy from across the bar, he kind of looks like Johnny Depp, and you think you might love him a little?

"The motivation behind flirting is not necessarily to initiate an affair," said Dr. Stephen Levine in his study on infidelity. "It can be to affirm one's attractiveness, social worth, or to pretend to oneself that there are more relationship possibilities."

That makes sense, especially if you've been in a three-year relationship, like my friend from work. Living together often makes everything seem routine and familiar. As a matter of fact, too familiar; to the point where you crave something new and exciting.

But let's not place all the blame on the gals. While talking with one of my guy friends the other day, I discovered that he was guilty of the same crime.

I saw him at Soma 36. I know it was dark, and I was feeling pretty good, but I didn't recognize the girl he had his arm around. I could have sworn his girlfriend, the one he's been with since high school, was a brunette, not a blonde.

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Maine Masque to offer trip to NYC

By Kal Dauphinee
Staff Writer

Falling in love is never easy. Unless of course you're talking about New York City. The city takes you by surprise from the first moment you see Times Square to your last view of the skyline as you leave. It's amazing how quickly one can go from not knowing something to wondering how it was ever possible to exist without it. New York has this effect.

Last year, for the first weekend of spring break, I was lucky enough to snag the last seat on The Maine Masque's New York Spring Break trip. Needless to say, it began a love affair with a city that has never let me down. It's hard to tell for sure just when the affair began, but somewhere between Sunday brunch at the Met and seeing David Letterman live, I had completely given myself to everything that this expanse of spirit and mortar could possibly show me.

Almost everything the movies and television show us of NYC is packaged and marketed in such specific emotions that none of it can possibly capture everything that this city is. Every corner offers a new surprise, breaking down yet another myth of cinematic experience. Opposites live

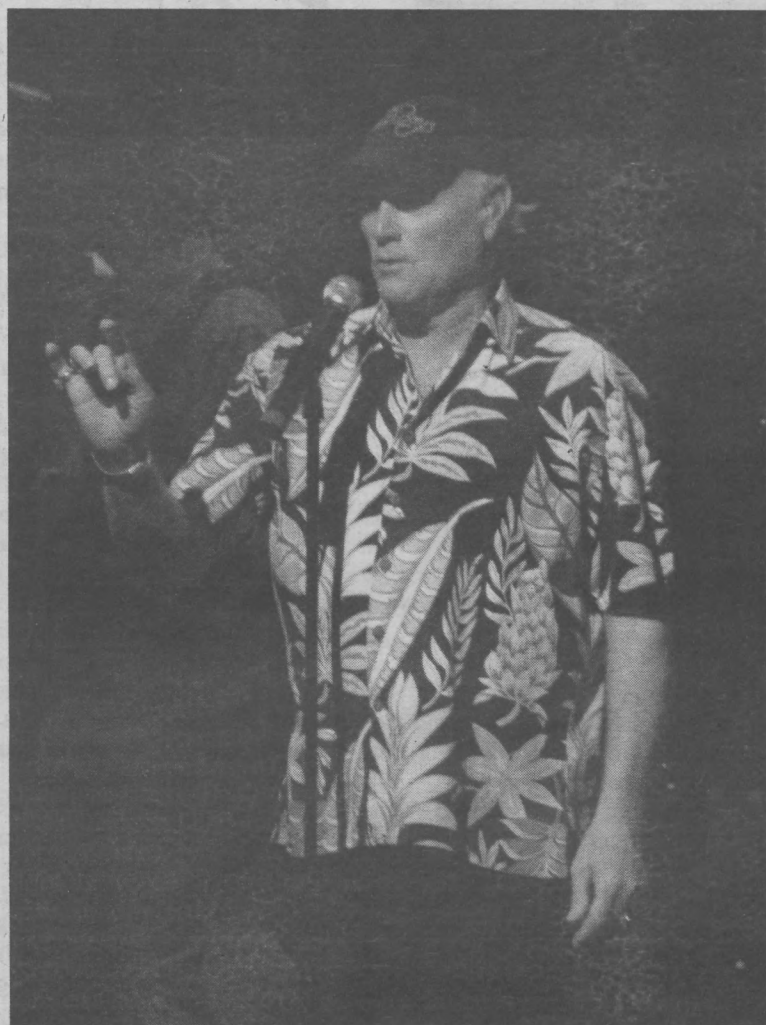
in harmony. Whether walking the path of scared immigrants who left everything they've ever known for the promise of something better, or laughing harder than you ever thought possible at The Comedy Club, it's all there together and The Maine Masque does an excellent job of bringing students to it.

It would stand to reason that most services offered by the University rarely live up to expectations, especially where your wallet is concerned. The Maine Masque, however, is a university organization run by students; they know what a student expects and wants. They don't drive you all the way to New York just to put you up in a Motel 6 somewhere in Harlem. We rode on a Cyr coach bus into the heart of the Big Apple to stay at the Wellington Hotel. The location of the hotel was by far one of the best aspects of the trip, especially for those who had never been anywhere near the area. It was quickly discovered that the heart of downtown Manhattan meant four blocks from Central Park, three blocks from Rockefeller Center, seven blocks from Times Square, and half a block from Broadway.

Three nights in this NYC loca-

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Loving every minute of it



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

SURF'S UP — They may have grown up but they're still "boys" at heart. Mike Love of the Beach Boys sings a combination of Christmas songs and old favorites, including "Surfing Safari" at the Maine Center for the Arts on Sunday.

Botti hypnotizes MCA crowd

Kal Dauphinee
Staff Writer



CAMPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REARDON

TOOTS MY HORN — Trumpeter Chris Botti dazzles a crowd at the MCA Sunday last week with his good looks and musical talent.

CONCERT REVIEW

On Sunday, Nov. 20 the Maine Center for the Arts hosted one of its best shows of the season as it welcomed world famous trumpeter Chris Botti and his band to a full house. Chris Botti brings the words "new" and "cool" to jazz, giving them actual meaning again. Sitting in Hutchins Concert Hall and listening to this artist play was like being inside the womb of jazz. I could only imagine that this was the feeling the pioneers of style felt the first few times they pelted out old notes into the new melodies that would come to be known as jazz, America's first original artistic offering to the world.

The air in the auditorium was hypnotic from the very first note. I was amazed at how much command Mr. Botti had over his instrument. I had taken for granted that he was good; I've listened to his albums for years. I came to find the albums were only a preview. Chris Botti live is a whole new experience overflowing with sentiment that packed the room. So potent was his craft

that from his first croon of Frank Sinatra's "Pretty Baby," I immediately had the overwhelming feeling as though I were in love. I don't know with whom, but somehow I was in love. It wasn't a tangible thing so much as it was an instant state of mind that he had created. Unfortunately, with the power to make people fall in love comes the power to break the heart — which is what he did during his rendition of "Cinema Paradiso." Not because it was anything terrible, but because of the notes that he played and the mere way that he played them.

Chris Botti is, by far, one of the more charismatic performers seen at the MCA this year. In a tribute to Miles Davis, Botti jumped from the stage to play "My Funny Valentine" for a lady who must have turned several shades of crimson. While Botti is heralded by many as the best jazz trumpeter in the business, some have gone so far as to say his talent exceeds that of Miles Davis. While the man does possess a skill at his craft far beyond that of others around him, I would be hesitant to use the phrase "better than." Saying this would be likened to say-

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Printz of comedy to conclude Maine Attraction for fall

By Hillary Dugas
For The Maine Campus

Comedian Robbie Printz will be performing at 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, in the Union. Printz is the last of the many comedians who have performed at the University of Maine over the semester for Campus Activities Board's Friday night comedy event Maine Attraction.

Although Printz is originally from New Hampshire, this isn't his first trip to Orono, as he

performed at Maine Attraction last year.

His comedy is based on pointing out the absurdities of everyday life that you've never noticed before. His act has been called "clean cut and refreshing" by The Improper Bostonian.

"He's a New Englander so he



Printz

puts a spin on things that only we fellow New Englanders understand, and that's part of what makes him so funny," said Kate Clegg of Student Entertainment, who is involved in sponsoring the event.

Printz has performed at some of the nation's most renowned comedy clubs, traveled to colleges all over the country, and has appeared on Comedy Central, MTV, and NBC. He is the winner of the 2002 Boston Comedy Festival and in 2003 The Improper Bostonian named him

Boston's Best Comedy Act.

With his many accomplishments and clever comedy it is a pleasure to host such a talented comedian. Clegg said, "He is one of the best, we have been fortunate to have booked all extremely good and funny comedians this semester."

Printz's Web site explains his performances are delivered with high energy and a fast pace that keeps audiences laughing from start to finish. This performance, like all Maine Attraction events, is free for students.

Singing their hearts out

By Erin McNamara
Copy Editor

Have you met the Maine Steiners? If not, then you need to go to their fall concert tomorrow night, and make sure you say "hi" to the guys during intermission.

The Maine Steiners are the university's premier all-male a cappella group. "A cappella" means "without instrumental accompaniment," which translates to watching eleven guys stand on stage and belt out songs without any drums or guitars blocking your view. And not only is the view good, they sound awesome as well.

For the most part, they perform cover songs, and sometimes covers of covers. The group members craft any original arrangements or transcriptions of covers around the voices in the group, so they get the best sound out of the different voices. One of the newest group members, Seth Grondin, is also a songwriter, and they will be performing some of his original music at the upcoming concert.

But what's music without voices? The guys in the group range from the lowest of low basses — Lee Pidacks, Lee Hunter — to sweet, sweet tenors, like Aaron Price. They also have award-winning vocal percussionist Kevin Child providing the steady beats for most of their songs.

While he provides the base for much of their music, Child's humble answer when asked about his success with the group is simply, "I just sound like drums." That kind of "I'm here to help" attitude is something common among the members, and it holds the group together.

In order for someone to audition for Steiners, they have to meet two prerequisites — they have to be in University Singers and male. After you've accomplished those two things, all that's left is the audition.

Group members have auditioned for a variety of reasons. Some, like Aaron Price, loved what they were doing in Singers but "needed an outlet other than choral music." Lee Pidacks had made up his mind to audition before he even finished high school, after hearing the Steiners CD "Bust It" about four years prior to attending UMaine. Others simply gave it a shot because the worst that could happen was getting rejected.

Because of their rehearsal schedule, which can fluctuate between three and five hours a week, the Steiners have learned to do much more than just stay on key and in time. They can blend and harmonize without giving it a thought,

and can toss out a song at the drop of a hat, even if they're not at an actual gig. They always promise an entertaining show for whatever audience they may have.

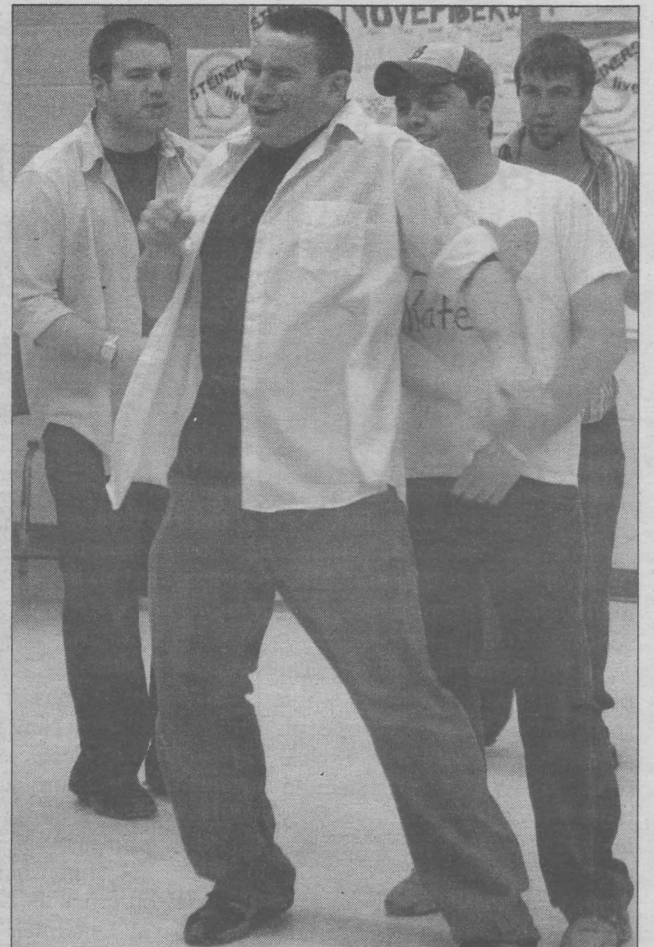
Something audience members will find, if they attend concerts over the course of a few years, is that members tend to stay until they graduate. Few members leave the group prior to graduation.

"The main reason for my continued

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A CAPPELLA AMIS — (Left) James Wieland massages Lee Hunter's vocal chords as Sean Bradburn looks on before the Steiners rehearse. (Right) Sean Bradburn fights fellow Steiner Jason Paquette to be the center of attention while rehearsing audience favorite "Hip to be Square" Wednesday night.



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BandSpot with Last Chance to Reason

By Zach Dionne
Staff Writer

I wasn't sure what to expect walking into Last Chance to Reason's band practice, but it wasn't to find drummer Evan Sammons still asleep. Sitting up on his couch, he gave me a grin and a quick hello and proceeded to get on his cell phone. "My house ... Come practice ... Now." Sammons made the call four times, to each band member, and business was taken care of.

"We always try to be technical and fun at the same time. We try to have a good sense of humor and not be too serious. That's where you get the rock and roll parts," said Sammons. The rock and roll parts he refers to are the occasional catchy, seemingly out of place riffs found in songs like "Last Words," or the southern-sounding lead by AJ Harvey in the closing moments of "Black, White, and Red All Over."

Elements like the band's sense of humor, laid back nature, and the variety in style justly put Last Chance to Reason at the front of the pack as one of the best bands in the area. As a group, the band cites Between The Buried and Me, Every

Time I Die, The Dillinger Escape Plan, The Mars Volta, and Anthony Green as influences.

"The Mars Volta and Anthony Green type influences will be more apparent in our next recording. We're going to start putting in some synths to add layers to what we're recording," says Sammons. Sammons reassured me that the synths won't be any 80s cheese, but purely for adding depth in layers.

Levenseller's first musical endeavor was being a metal drummer, which he says is now evident in his rhythmic scream. Dustin Boudreau has played guitar for seven years and grew up on Metallica and Korn. When asked, the entire band was in agreement that Dustin writes some of the band's most technical material. Bassist Chris Corey has been in several bands previous to Last Chance to Reason, and cites Dream Theater as a large influence on his style.

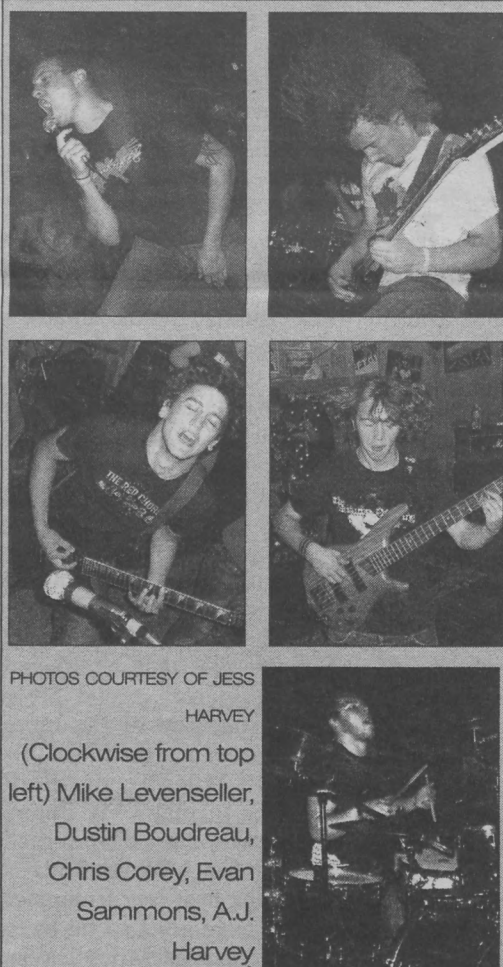
"You'll just have to hear us," says Sammons when asked if Last Chance to Reason put themselves in any specific genre. This is the group's traditional response to the genre question. The band's MySpace Web page describes their music as being full of "brutal break-

downs, spastic time-signature changes, and ambient melodies." However, LCTR truly does need to be heard to be appreciated.

Soon after receiving the group's EP, "Dreamt of An Angel, Woke With a Nightmare," I listened to it several times. I had the seen the band live once before, so I partially knew what to expect. During the first few songs, I was once again impressed by the group's sheer level of musicianship and technicality.

Despite minor drawbacks, LCTR provides something original. Levenseller's vocals are his own, and his clean singing doesn't in any way make the songs sound emo or detract from the heavy sound. The breakdowns are done tastefully, originally, and with enough variety that Last Chance to Reason does not confine themselves to being strictly hardcore. The time changes, drum fills, sweeping, tapping and shredding guitar solo breakdowns, and "rock and roll parts" all fit together seamlessly. Last Chance to Reason may be the first local band that I have ever heard that does not sound like they are attempting to be a clone of any

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HARVEY

(Clockwise from top left) Mike Levenseller, Dustin Boudreau, Chris Corey, Evan Sammons, A.J. Harvey

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ing that the roof of a structure is more important than its foundation. While both are made of completely different materials serving different purposes, one is useless without the other. Mr. Botti clearly wouldn't be as good as he is if not for Miles Davis' work in the development of jazz.

Half of the effect of Mr. Botti's stage presence came from the talent he had on stage with him. The piano played like raindrops on a pond while the cello, at times, had more soul than the devil at Mardi Gras. The drummer complemented the whole group rather than overpowering it. While most drum-

mers are loud and fast, these drums were played with such subtlety that at times it was as if actual notes were being pulled from the set.

Botti's new album, "To Love Again," features famous standard duets with everyone from Sting to Steven Tyler. When plugging the album, Botti joked that he had originally titled it. "So You're the Bitch that Ruined My Life." He joked that when the record company thought it was too long, he offered to drop the "So." At any rate, one finds after listening for only moments that Chris Botti not only masterfully creates a safe environment for love to begin but also a place for it to mourn. "To Love Again" is available in stores now. It's a good one people, with the highest recommendation I could give an album.

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The other day, when I ran into him in the Union, he smiled sheepishly and got a little red when I asked him about the situation. While out with the boys, he said, revealing his dating status is out of the question.

"Monogamy has never been about our inclinations," explains Pat Love, Ed.D., in a 2003 article in Essence magazine. "Don't expect to feel inclined to be monogamous. It's not the nature of our species."

If we're not inclined to be monogamous, then what should we do? Never date anyone in fear that having fun one night and meeting someone we click with

will lead us to that inevitable situation of being unfaithful?

Not necessarily.

According to Shirley Glass, Ph.D., it is perfectly normal to be attracted to another person while you are in a serious relationship. The trouble starts when you begin to fantasize about what it would be like to be with that other person.

From my personal experiences, this is true. Most of the time, when you are at the bar and a hottie is hitting on you, it's just innocent flirting.

But if you stumble upon that one person who makes your heart skip a beat, who makes your mind go blank when it comes to your significant other — that Johnny Depp of Orono — then what?

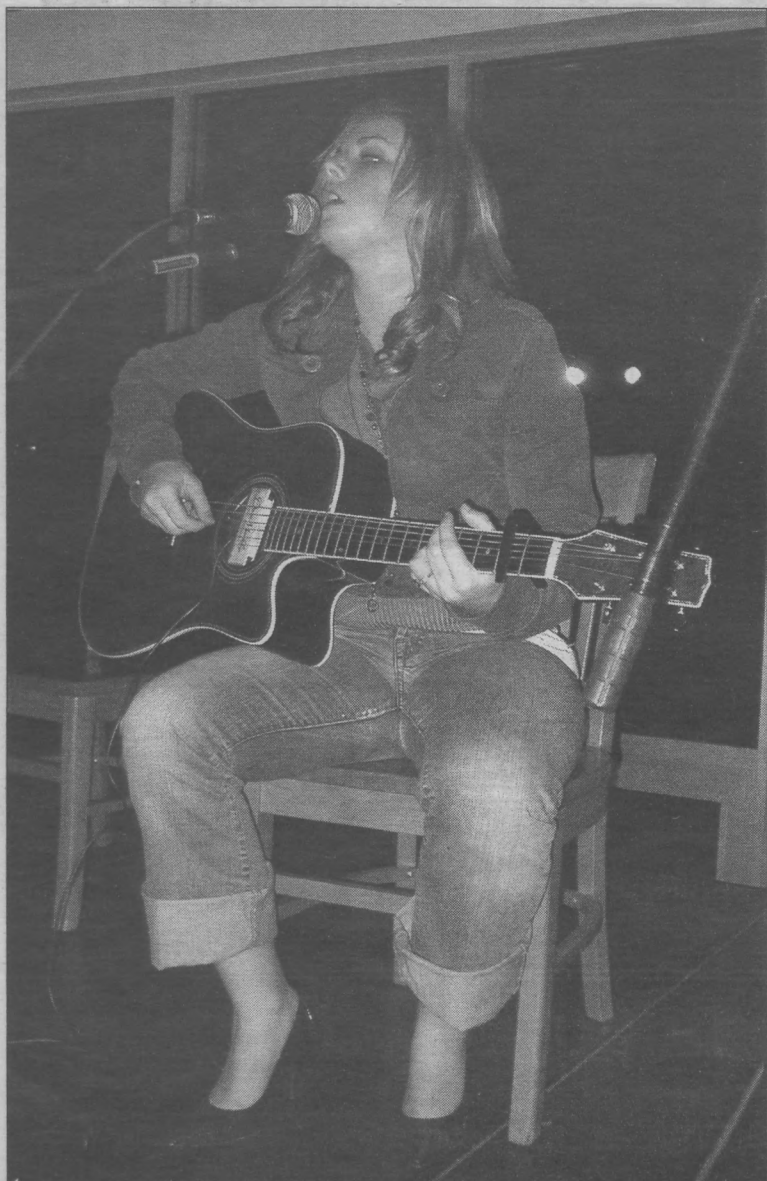
Well, it might be that the single scene is where you belong.



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Local showcase



CAMPUS PHOTO BY CORMAC O'CALLANAIN

SWINGIN' SISTER — Megan Mathieu sings about lost love, true love and the beauty of life despite its many hardships at Tuesday night's open mic night in the Union. The event was part of Java Jive, an ongoing Tuesday night series.

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tion can, on average, cost upwards of \$800. Full price for all three nights, including the transportation down and back with The Maine Masque, is only \$175. Offered again this year, it will be over the first weekend of spring break March 4-7, and is open to UMaine students only. This trip has won the S.O.L.D. "Program of the Month" award both times it has been offered. The first reservation deposit of \$100 is due by Dec. 9, and the final payment of \$75 is due Jan. 27.

As someone who has experienced what this organization has to

offer first-hand, I encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity. For this trip to happen, all seats must be filled. Contact The Maine Masque to take part in this excellent opportunity. Sure, spring break is still a ways off, but it's not nearly as far off as one might think. There will be an information session in the Donald P. Corbett business building on Dec 5 in Room 117 at 5 p.m. In addition, The Maine Masque will also be raffling off a free seat on the trip. Raffle tickets are \$1 for one and \$5 for six. The winner will be drawn on Dec 7. For any questions, please contact the president of The Maine Masque, Emily Gammon, on First Class, e-mail maine.masque@umit.maine.edu.

PHONICOID

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his collaborations with other artists most of all.

New media professor Raphael DiLuzio collaborated with Seiler on two installations and had a third project planned in January.

"We worked together a lot; he would do audio and I would do video," DiLuzio said. "I've tried it with other people, and it was like he was in my head.... I couldn't have made it any better or any closer to what I really wanted."

Whether it would be bouncing off ideas or letting another DJ borrow his turntables, Seiler was always willing to get involved.

"I don't think that Mark has ever missed an electronic event at Ushuaia in the past five or six years," Gray said. He always would stand in the same spot beside the DJ booth, studying the DJ intently during the set, he described. "He was best suited studying everybody and judging nobody."

Generous friend

"He gave of his music as a way that he would share his knowledge and friendship," professor Smith recalled. Consistently, friends describe Seiler as willing to offer help to his peers and introduce them to new music, though he was never pretentious of his knowledge of music.

Though DJ Phonicoid's musical intensity will be missed for a long time, it is Mark Seiler's integrity, sincerity and compassion which those who knew him will miss most of all.

"There was also a sense of stoicism about him," recalled friend Adrienne Hess. "He was deeply dedicated to his work and his friends. Pillow fights, weird Japanese cartoons, Moby, things most people take pretty lightly — these things were serious business to him."

Continuing the legacy

Friends of Seiler are hosting a concert at Ushuaia at 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 where his friends and co-collaborators will come together and perform in his honor. The remaining copies of DJ Phonicoid's record will be distributed for free at the concert to anyone who wants one.

Samples of DJ Phonicoid's recordings and live performances are also available in streaming audio and for download from his Web site, (www.phonicoid.com).

LCTR

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bands they idolize.

LCTR's originality can be attributed to many things. They have a strong ethic for hard work, practicing almost daily in their tiny, padded-wall practice room in Sammons' basement, playing shows throughout New England almost every weekend, and constantly striving to stay technical while having fun. Sammons' arrangements of the group's songs may also be a key to their formula.

"I'm always paying attention to songwriting when I'm listening to music, like what makes a good song good. You're not going to hear any of our songs with a traditional verse, chorus, verse, chorus flow," says Sammons of his arrangements of the songs.

LCTR will be going into the studio to record a demo consisting of two new songs, a cover song, and one song from their EP. The demo will be a free, promotional product. The band plans to record a full length album are being aimed at next summer.

Production just recently fin-

ished on a video for the band's song "Somewhere Between the Bedroom and the Abortion Clinic." It was filmed by Kevin Custer and Toaster in the Tub Productions this summer in New York. The video sees the group playing in an alley in New York, and looks remarkably professional, comparable any videos on MTV2's Headbanger's Ball.

If you have yet to hear Last Chance to Reason, check out their songs and the video on MySpace, or better yet, see a live show. The band currently has five tour dates lined up through Jan. 20, including shows in Connecticut and New York. The next opportunity to see LCTR is on Dec. 2 at the Husson College Campus in Bangor.

"We're doing a snowball fight for a shoot," says Sammons as he finishes a call on his cell phone as I'm getting ready to leave the band practice. It's been snowing all day and the band is scheduled for a photo shoot in Farmington. "The photographer's tired of always doing the same thing for band pictures, and she looked at our MySpace and figured we're a bunch of idiots, so we're doing it. We just have to get out there before it stops snowing."

STEINERS

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membership in the group is the closeness of the group." Pillacks said. He elaborated that the group members do so much together outside of rehearsal that they form tight friendships with each other, which further enhances their performances by creating an intense group dynamic.

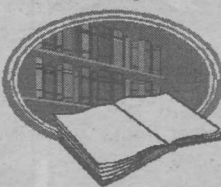
Their positive group dynamic and outgoing personalities help entertain their fans. They are engaged with one another and with their audience, breaking up their shows with short comedic skits and genuine "horsing around," as Lee Pidacks calls it. This has led to what Jonathan Bond refers to as "a lot of adoring and loyal fans." Many of those fans are friends, fiancé, and other University Singers, but the

majority of the Steiners' fan base consists of university students or alumni that happened to go to a show and got hooked. The Steiners always strive to please their fan base, by doing everything from choreographing random dance sequences that happen in the middle of a show, to mixing up the styles of music they perform and appealing to a much wider range of tastes.

At Friday night's fall concert, the Steiners promise "kung foolery," "tons of new songs," and "a show for all ages with some quality music and a few corny jokes." In addition to that, Aaron Price plans to "rock the hizzle" that night. The show is in Hauck Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., and tickets will be available for \$5 at the door. Showing up early is advised, to beat out the masses of adoring ladies and other fans. Their special guest group, Bear Vocals, is also an a cappella group, and is the only mixed voice a cappella group on campus.

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (12-01-05)

You're confident this year, ready to tackle adventures you've found too daunting before. Courage is good, but remember, discipline is also required. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: Ten is the easiest day, zero the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a nine. A long-distance relationship is full of surprises now. You may be asked to provide stability. Don't be afraid.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a six. It's not a good day to gamble or take financial risks. Watch for ways to cut costs, however. You could win a bonus.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a seven. Delegate the decision-making to a person who has more interest, expertise and talent in the matter. In other words, hire a pro.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a five. There is a lot of work to be done, and more coming in all the time. Don't let it become a burden. Develop a good routine.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a ten. You are the lucky winner! Don't waste a moment. Go after the big prize right now.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a five. Your place may be a mess, but there's creativity occurring. Focus on that and don't let the commotion mess with your clear thinking.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a six. This is one of those maximum learning days that comes every so often. The phase lasts through tomorrow. Don't waste a moment.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a five. This could be a lucky day for you, financially. Look carefully at what you're given, it could be a lot more than expected.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a nine. You're very intelligent now. It's almost scary. No need to worry, just relax and let the revelations come to you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a four. There's a lot on your plate, even more on your mind. Don't be squashed by obligations. Keep moving.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is an eight. Your friends are there for you when you need them. They can even come up with the good ideas if your mind's temporarily blank.

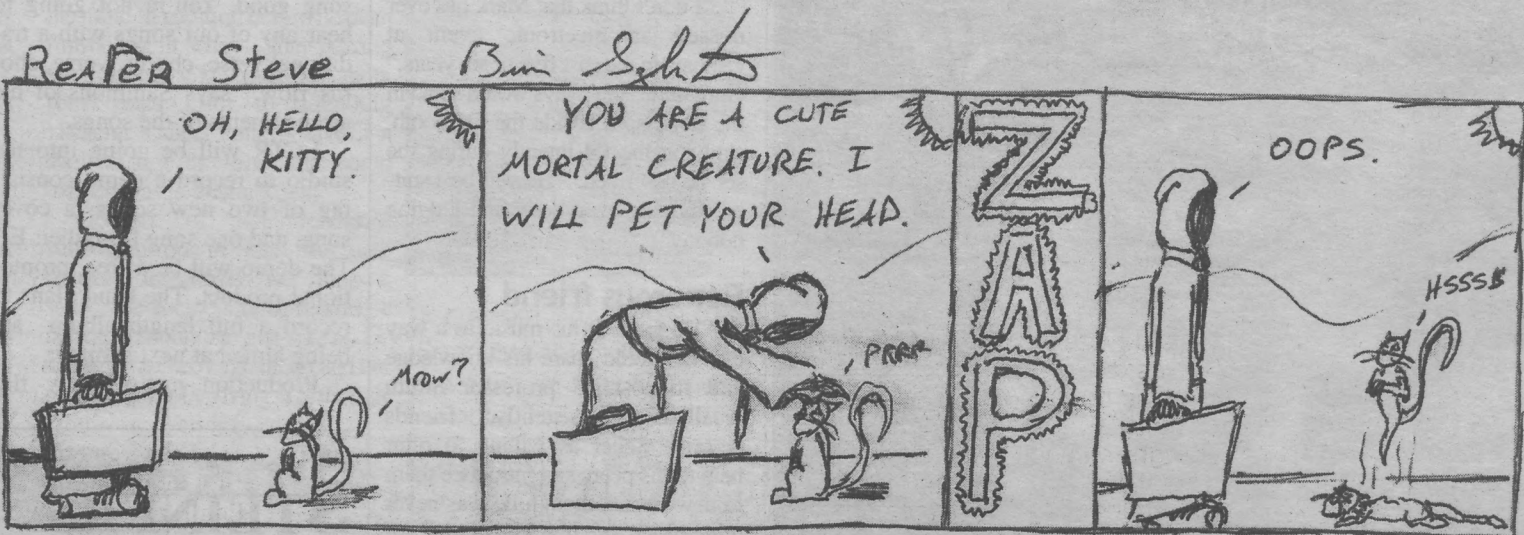
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a five. Great opportunities for advancement beckon, if you'll take the risk. Go for it. Blast through the glass ceiling. It's fragile now.

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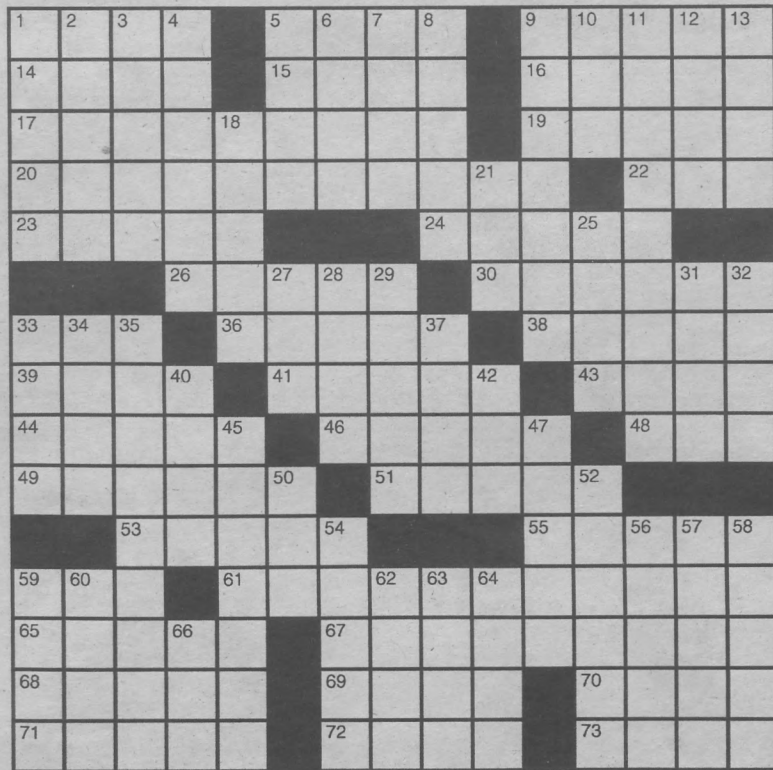


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Glowing fish usher new era for humanity

The future, it would appear, is now. Granted, it may not be the future some of us had envisioned, but it's the future nonetheless. My first inkling should have been when I woke up and microwaved my breakfast. I can just feel the ghost of my grandfather standing behind me, befuddled as I sit down to breakfast with Juan Valdez and Aunt Jemima.

"Wait...you cooked waffles in under a minute?"

Unfortunately, this wasn't it. Sure, it's nice, but microwaves are hardly new. They're certainly not "the future."

Maybe it was when, via the magic of the Internet, I sat down on my couch and scored 18 touchdowns in 10 minutes against some poor kid in Oregon.

"My mom bought me this game yesterday for my 12th birthday."

As fun as it is to get some pre-teen to throw away his birthday gift, I'm pretty sure the Internet's been around for a while. Who here remembers their first 14.4 modem?

No, I didn't realize it was the future until I read this story:

Glowing fish to be first genetically changed pet

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — A little tropical fish that glows fluorescent red will be the first genetically engineered pet, a Texas-based company said.

Excuse me?

Glowing fish to be first genetically changed pet

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — A little tropical fish that glows fluorescent ...

No, I got it. It's just that it's really creepy. The story goes on to talk about how the fish, which will be sold for \$5 apiece, were genetically infused with the same trait that makes a particular species of sea coral glow. I can see where this is heading.

"Honey, I'm going to sleep. Can you turn off the fish?"

I guess I can see the reason for this. Why, just think about all the day-to-day situations where having a few glowing fish on hand would help out!

All right, so I can't think of anything. Well, other than the 30-second novelty of having a bowl full of bioluminescent fish. Scientifically created novelty life for only five bucks! What a bargain! Somewhere in the world, scientists are struggling to cure cancer, but we can all sleep at ease now, because that whole glowing fish thing has been dealt with.

I don't belong to PETA and I really don't often have issues with biological research like this, but I do want to be one of the first to go on record asking where the line is going to be drawn on this one. Things like this have a way of slipping past us — we allow one Britney Spears album and we end up with Britney, Christina, Jessica



By Benjamin Jarvela

and Mandy. Granted, there are laws in place that prevent the scientific community from unleashing anything like that, but I think this issue is going to come up more and more as time goes on.

"From the people that brought you glowing fish, it's: The Pig with Wings! With authentic tree-climbing action! Only \$19.95!"

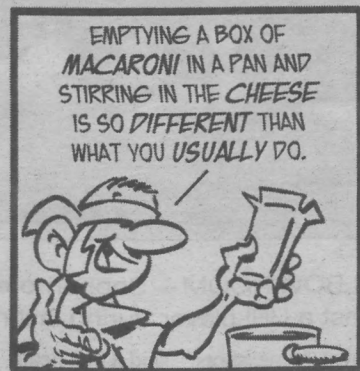
If we're not careful, things are going to start getting really weird over the next decade or two. The "playing God" arguments alone are enough to keep this topic alive for a long time, but by then we may have way too much on hand to ever get rid of it all. I, for one, do not want to sit down to breakfast with Juan Jemima, the glow-in-the-dark coffee-waffle hybrid that cooks itself.

The potential environmental consequences can't be ignored either. A few glowing fish escaping into the ocean might not cause much of a problem, but as time goes on, more aggressive and unnatural mutations may result in a situation similar to *Caulerpa Taxifolia*, a seemingly harmless seaweed from the Pacific that's now smothering thousands of acres of the Mediterranean floor and endangering hundreds of native species. A three-inch glowing fish? Not a problem. But a two-foot, toxic, glowing eating machine with no natural predators? Big problem.

Even seemingly benign things like genetically altered foods need to be examined. Sure, getting a strain of wheat that's twice as productive as normal and grows in half the time seems great, but there have been problems — just a few years ago, a grain much along those lines was found to have also awakened a long-dormant gene in the plant that caused an allergic reaction in thousands of people. What would happen if this new, less-edible stock were to mingle with the standard variety, albeit unwillingly, and reduce the world's supply to useless trash? If Jurassic Park has taught us anything, it's that "life finds a way." Also, that trying to kill a raptor with a shotgun is just dumb. You should use a tank.

This is hardly going to become an issue overnight though. For now, anyone that wants to buy a few glowing fish should be able to do so without any real problems. Just don't look at me when we all have to submit to our new genetically engineered glowing fish masters. Tanks will be useless against them.

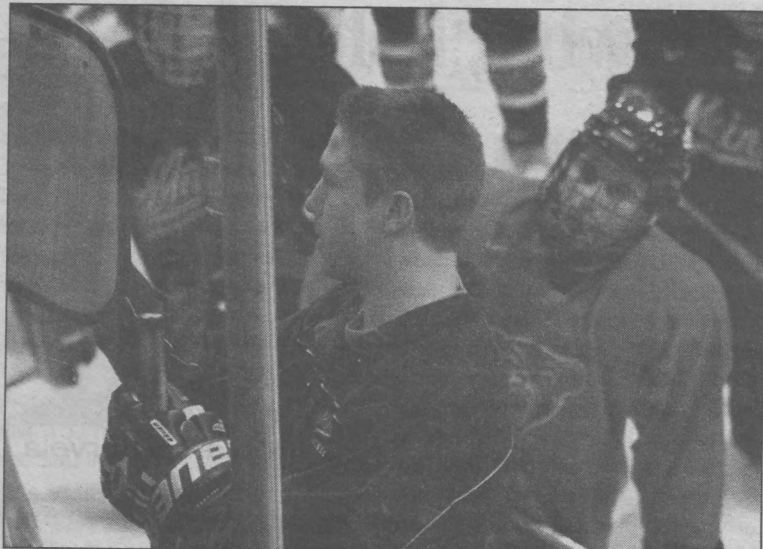
Two Dudes



by Aaron Warner

Ow, My Crotch! written by Tony Reaves, drawn by Jason Unterreiner owmycrotch.blogspot.com





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LEANING TOWER — Right, a UMaine defenseman tips over 6'7" goaltender Ben Bishop during a moment of leisure at practice yesterday. **ABOVE** — Assistant coach Dan Kerluke draws up a play as the Black Bears look on.

REBOUND

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was before those two games," said assistant captain Steve Mullin. "Obviously we're disappointed in the results of those two games, but as far as where we are, we are still looking in the same direction as we were before."

UMaine has lost three of its last four conference games with defeats coming against Boston University, UNH and Vermont.

Whitehead felt the defeat to the Catamounts on Sunday was similar to their loss to BU.

"It was similar to our BU game a couple weeks ago. We got stronger and stronger as the game went on and we felt we outplayed them, and I think we can realistically say that," said Whitehead. "But we built the goalie's confidence early in the game and he ended up playing very well in the third period."

"They're losses. We have to put them behind us now," said Mullin.

To do that, the Black Bears will need to combat a red-hot Providence team, who reside in first place in the Hockey East conference with a 6-2-1 record.

"They're sitting at the top of Hockey East right now," said Mullin. "They're a good hockey team make no mistake about it."

Although the Friars stand at just 6-6-1 overall, the Black Bears feel they are not to be taken lightly.

"First thing we have to do is take our road warrior mentality down there on the road," said Damon. "It's tough playing in their building but we got to come out there and play smart hockey."

Anchoring the Providence attack will be sophomore netminder Tyler Sims, who has registered a 6-5-1 record this year. The mark is good enough for a 2.48 goals against average and a .917 save percentage.

"Sims is having a fabulous year," said Whitehead.



The Black Bears, however, believe they know how to eliminate Sims from the game.

"Like any goalie, if he can't see the puck he's not going to be able to stop it," said Mullin. "We are definitely going to be looking at getting in front of him in the crease and get some ugly goals."

UMaine will also need to shut-down an aggressive offensive attack led by senior Torry Gajada, who has six goals and eight assists. Rounding out the Friar assault are sophomore Jon Rheault, four goals and six assists, and junior Chase Watson, three goals and eight assists.

"They have a good transition game," said junior Josh Soares. "We

are going to have to be ready defensively, like always, and counter on them. Hopefully we can turn offensive mistakes into offensive opportunities for us."

"This is no picnic," said Whitehead.

For the Black Bears, the trip down Interstate-95 represents another single game weekend, something that Damon believes has had a effect over the team the last three weeks.

"I think everyone is a little tired of playing one game a weekend," said Damon. "It just seems like you can't get into a rhythm but you can't make excuses."

UMaine hopes to mix things up

by changing a few offensive lines.

"Every once in a while it's good to juggle a little," said Whitehead.

Damon feels the juggling of the lines could lead to some consistence on offense.

"We haven't been able to find ourselves consistently each night. One night we are scoring nine goals, the next it's one," said Damon. "We have to find that niche, so we can play a complete game."

The Black Bears and Friars butt heads on Friday at 7 p.m. at Schneider Arena.

"We don't want to lose three in a row, so there's going to be a lot of excitement going into this game," said goalie Matt Lundin.



PATROITS CORNER

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

The National Football League schedule this week features countless marquee divisional matchups: New York vs. Dallas, Pittsburgh vs. Cincinnati, Atlanta vs. Carolina, and Denver vs. Kansas City.

As the AFC East descended into the worst division in pro football, the matchup between the New York Jets and the New England Patriots lost the luster it's held in past years and was expected to hold this week.

If there's one team that has no sympathy for New England's overflowing injury list, it's the Jets. Head coach Herman Edwards' troops have lost all of their starting offensive linemen, and three quarterbacks, leaving what was once a dominant offense in disarray.

But, like the Patriots, the Jets don't feel sorry for themselves. Remember Edwards' "Play the game to win the game!" tirade from last season? That's the attitude his team has; they're not interested in throwing their hat in the Reggie Bush sweepstakes. They're interested in spoiling people's seasons.

That, coupled with the overwhelming assumption that the Patriots are going to cruise to their third straight division title, leaves the contest with trap-game written all over it.

Watching the Jets play the woeful Saints on ESPN's Sunday Night Football last week, it was clear that Brooks Bollinger is improving, if only because his receivers aren't bad. Santana Moss is a tough cover for a healthy secondary, never mind one that couldn't contain overrated Eddie Kennison.

Bollinger can't create his own opportunities, but if the Pats' patchwork secondary leave people wide open, he will hit them. If Gus Ferrotte can pass for over 300 yards on them, then why not Bollinger?

Despite their 6-5 record, the Patriots haven't lost two in a row yet this year, and you have to go back to 2002 to find their last losing streak.

Fans are expecting a run that'll propel them to the division title, and with four of their last five games against paltry AFC East teams, the time is now. They sat at 6-5 in 2001 before going on a run that led to the Super Bowl.

Whether they make that run is entirely dependent on making sure the right team shows up every week, consistently.

They have to leave the first 11 weeks behind and start anew, dedicating themselves to dominance every week. It starts at 4:15 on Sunday.

FALTERS

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baskets — both three-pointers by junior Ashley Underwood — came from outside the paint.

"We were able to create tough shots for our opponent without fouling all of the time and we rebounded the misses," said URI head coach Tom Garrick. "It was an all-around great effort by our girls."

"We let a lot of balls slip off our hands and we didn't do our job of taking care of the ball," said sophomore guard Margaret Elderton. "If you don't do the little things then you can't set up the big picture."

Both teams traded baskets in the first half, with neither team leading by more than three points. After five lead changes and eight ties, the teams headed into halftime tied at 25.

"The first five minutes of the game we had kids wide open under the basket," said McInerney. "We could have had easy baskets earlier and at that point URI realized that our ball handlers were really shaky."

The Rams also beat the Black Bears on the boards, 48-34, marking the first time this season that UMaine has been out-rebounded.

"Rebounding doesn't take a lot of talent, just a lot of heart," said senior center Abby Schrader. "They definitely out-hustled us today; they came ready to play."

"We were able to instill our will in the game defensively in the second half and we were able to knock



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

ELBOW ROOM — Sophomore guard Kris Younan drives past a URI player during last night's game.

down some shots," said URI head coach Tom Garrick.

Schrader notched her third straight double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Red-shirt freshman guard Ameshia Bryant had 11 points, all in the second half, along with five rebounds and three assists off the bench.

"She gave us a great boost," said McInerney. "We just seemed very flat and afraid to lose, instead of battling to win the game."

The Black Bears, down by as many as 16 in the second half, pulled within 11 in the final five minutes, but that is as close as they would come as the Rams were able to gain three straight offensive rebounds and

let the clock run down.

"We need other people to step up and we need consistency," said McInerney. "It was a gut check and I don't think we responded."

Junior forward Bracey Barker, the Black Bears' returning leading scorer, struggled from the field, and did not score the first 35 minutes of the game. She finished up with four points and three rebounds.

"We need to go back to doing the little things," said McInerney. "It's getting back to the basics and relying on everyone on the court to get better."

The Black Bears return to action on Saturday when they travel to Ann Arbor to take on Michigan at 2 p.m.

Rhode Island Invitational presents challenge for UM

By Sarah Thiboutot
Copy Editor

The University of Maine men and women's swim teams hope to come home with victories as they

Swimming

swim in an Invitational Meet held this Friday and Saturday hosted by the University of Rhode Island.

The Invite will host four teams, including UMaine, Vermont, Holy Cross and Providence, while most meets consist of only two teams. Because of the number of swimmers and the more competitive atmosphere, this invitational meet is a useful way for the team to prepare for the America East Championship meet in February.

"This meet having multiple teams will help us get the same type of environment we have at champs," said fourth-year swimmer and one of the team's four captains, Kirsten Riley. "Most of us on the team are used to swimming at meets with multiple teams. We swim at championships against several teams, and most of us swim in big meets in high school or for our YMCA teams. Having more than one team to swim against shouldn't phase us."

Junior swimmer Sarah Holmsten described the meet as, "an invite, and an opportunity to swim against more than one team, some of the other teams are resting for this meet, but we are just swim-

ming it like any other. Our focus is on championships in February."

Major competition on the men's side is expected to come from URI, who beat UMaine by three points in the first meet of the season.

Providence is the only school that the girls have not competed against this season, but they are looking forward to some good competition from other teams, as well.

The meet this year will differ from years past because of the relationships of team members and the size of the squad.

"This year our team has a lot of depth," Riley said. "The team has grown in size over the past year, and we have picked up a lot of great swimmers. I think that this year we'll be a lot stronger at this meet than in past years."

The Black Bears had success in the URI Invitational last year, something they hope to continue this weekend.

"We swam awesome at this meet last year, so I expect that we rise to the occasion as usual, and swim the best we can," Holmsten added.

The coaching staff has been a positive aid to the swimmers this season, and has done an excellent job keeping the large team of swimmers close and motivated.

UMaine expects to rise to the occasion of this meet, and come home with some great times and a win.

Red Sox reel in big fish with Beckett

By Brian Sullivan
For The Maine Campus

It is the year 2003 and it's Thanksgiving time. People all over the country are celebrating the holiday with their families.

Commentary

People in New England are doing a little extra celebrating because the Boston Red Sox just landed perennial all-star pitcher Curt Schilling in exchange for Casey Fossum, not a bad trade.

In the following year, the Red Sox went through the season and into the playoffs, all the way to their first World Series title in 86 years.

A good offense will win you some games, 11-7 in the regular season, but in the playoffs it is the pitching that wins games.

During that run, the Sox had Pedro, Schilling, Derek Lowe and Tim Wakefield all throwing gems every time out there, and they won.

In 2004, Boston let Pedro and Derek Lowe go and brought in Matt Clement and David Wells to fill the void. Things didn't quite work out; Clement started out like a house on fire, but as the season went on and the games got bigger, he folded like a girl working at American Eagle after a big sale.

David Wells was known as a

big game pitcher, he got a lot of offensive support but in the end was just OK. Schilling's injury from last year bothered him all year, and he was flat out bad, whether playing as a closer or a starter.

The great offense was still there and got the Sox to the playoffs, but with no pitching they were swept out.

Two years later, people are once again celebrating Thanksgiving with their families, and once again New

minor leaguers, key players being highly-touted prospect shortstop Hanley Ramirez and pitcher Anibal Sanchez.

In this trade the Sox receive a frontline pitcher, a proven set-up man and a third baseman who had great career numbers until last year, which he hopes was a fluke, and had nothing to do with the steroid controversy.

Ever since the Red Sox traded Jeff Bagwell for Larry Anderson, people have disliked the idea of trading our prospects.

One thing to keep in mind is that Larry Anderson immediately stepped in and helped the Sox reach the playoffs that year. Bagwell would later go on to do big things which have overshadowed Anderson's worth.

Hanley Ramirez will probably start this year for the Marlins. He has an excellent glove, but hasn't been able to hit big league pitching, and there aren't many signs that say he ever will.

The Red Sox fleeced the Marlins in this trade; they got three proven commodities for four unknowns.

Josh Beckett is 25 years old and throws around 98 mph. His arm hasn't received much wear-and-tear over the years. The best of his accomplishments was shutting down the Yankees in the World Series, and garnering MVP honors.

So, he can pitch the big game and beat the Yankees — sounds like our kind of guy.

Clement started out like a house on fire, but as the season went on and the games got bigger, he folded like a girl working at American Eagle after a big sale.

Englanders get the news that Boston has landed another front-line pitcher.

The trade sent Josh Beckett, relief pitcher Guillermo Mota and third baseman Mike Lowell to the Red Sox. In exchange the Marlins got four

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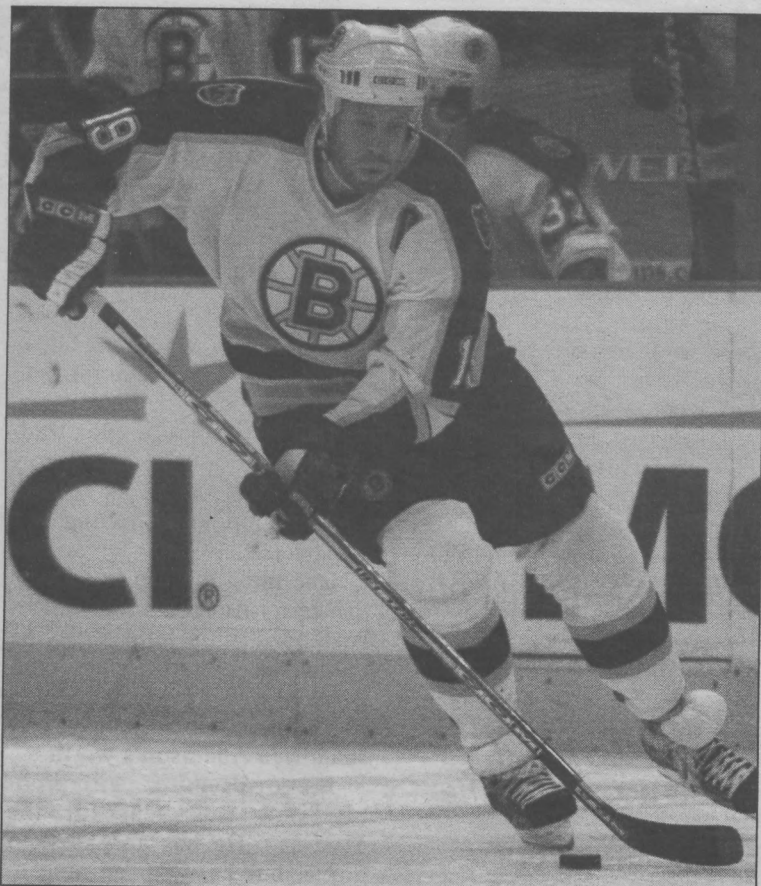
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SAY IT AIN'T SO, JOE — The Boston Bruins traded All-Star center Joe Thornton to San Jose late Wednesday night.

Black Wednesday

Jumbo Joe's departure ends an era and leaves one Bruins fan in despair



By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

My brother called me from Boston at 10 p.m. to deliver the news. He had just seen it on NESN: The Bruins had traded team captain Joe Thornton.

I didn't believe it; it was impossible, I said. I had never heard of any of the three players we were supposedly getting from San Jose for our franchise player. I checked the date to see if it was April 1. It was a farce.

I told my brother the report was from TSN-Canada and couldn't be trusted. I sent the kid to bed thinking he'd wake up in the morning with some hope for the Bruins season.

I underestimated the sheer stupidity of Boston's front office.

Within an hour, ESPN had confirmed through a Bruins spokeswoman that Thornton was indeed headed to San Jose.

It's 2:15 a.m. as I write this for today's paper, and since word of the trade came a few hours ago, I haven't been able to piece together a coherent thought.

I'm guessing most Bruins fans, all eight of them left after their horrid start this season, feel like I do: like they just took a Bernard Hopkins left hook on the chin.

Thornton was the number one overall pick in 1997 and was supposed to save the Bruins franchise. He's 26 years old and considered one of the top players in the world. He's just coming into his prime, yet general manager Mike O'Connell seemingly gave up on him.

Anyone with half a brain knows Joe Thornton isn't the root of the team's problems. O'Connell stocked up on free agent forwards and failed to acquire a capable defenseman.

Now he wants Thornton to take the fall for his dismal mistakes.

What makes this worse for me is that I've spent the last five years of my life defending this moron. I thought Byron Dafoe was overrated and that Bill Guerin was a greedy jerk. I argued that Bourque was disloyal for skipping town, and I truly believed that with the salary cap, the Bruins were committed to winning.

Now, the joke's on me. O'Connell, you are an idiot. You want to shake up the team? Trade lazy blue-liner Nick Boynton, or slumping goalie Andrew Raycroft. Move an injury prone, undersized Russian forward, because we have an abundance of those on the roster.

No one in the Bruins' front office thought this was a mistake? They traded a guy who's going to dominate pro hockey for the next 15 years for spare parts! No team other than the Sharks were willing to give up at least a potential All-Star for the 6'4" 220 lbs. monster that Barry Melrose says is impossible to contain?

Anyone who's thinking addition by subtraction or Bill Simmons' infamous Ewing Theory should have a CAT scan. They've lost their best player and didn't address the ills that got them in this rut to begin with.

The B's are in first overall draft pick territory now, though I'm sure if they get a player of Sidney Crosby's caliber they'll trade him before he hits his prime.

I went to the Bruins-Flyers game at the Fleetcenter last Friday, and witnessed Thornton score on a breakaway in what would turn out to be his final goal as a Bruin. That'll be the last B's game I go to for a long time.

For the first time in my life, I want the Bruins to fail, to fall flat on their face. I could care less about BC goon Andrew Alberts and his mates.

At this late hour, they're dancing in the streets in San Jose because they just got the steal of the century, the Babe Ruth deal of the new NHL.

And as usual, I'm left wondering where it all went wrong, and why it always has to end this way.

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the Black Bears had a 0-3-2 record on the road, as they were about to start a six-game road trip. However, with the sweep in Grand Forks, the Black Bears improved their overall record to 8-3-3 as they will look to jump back into conference play after a two-week layoff.

UMaine's last Hockey East venture went poorly, as they tied and lost to Providence at the Dunkin' Donuts Center. Although they have gone undefeated since, UMaine fell to seventh in the conference standings, just one point above newcomer the University of Vermont.

As for their trip to Grand Forks, the team left on Wednesday, and even though they may have missed a traditional Thanksgiving, they did have dinner on the plane after a lay-over in Minneapolis. According to head coach Guy Perron, some players such as team captains Cheryl White and Morgan Janusc did have family travel to Grand Forks since they lived nearby.

Even though some players had family travel to see them play, the real treat for many was North Dakota's Ralph Englestad Arena. Outside of the marble floors located in certain sections of the building, the 400,000-square foot arena was unlike any the team had played at all season.

With a capacity exceeding 11,500, the arena consisted of 48 luxury suites and a training facility featuring a 10,000 sq. ft. weight room.

"We never played in a building like that and I do not think the program has done that for the last few years," said head coach Guy Perron. "It was very nice to play there plus we got the job done on top of that especially when you win two games outside of your conference."

Despite the glamour of the arena



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

FEMALE FRACAS — Members of UMaine's women's hockey team clear the front of the net last month vs. RPI.

and the fact that the players had the option of watching the game from scoreboard or just looking on the ice, it still did not phase the Black Bears as they won 2-1 to take the opening game of the series.

North Dakota took an early lead as they took advantage of a power play situation. The Fighting Sioux's Melissa Jaques blazed down the ice and fired a wrist shot to beat Genevieve Turgeon for their only goal of the game.

It didn't take the Black Bears long to tie the game when Kim MacElhaney used a wrister of her own to beat Amber Hasbargen with eight minutes left in the frame.

The Black Bears eventual game-winning goal came in the third period as an early strike from freshman Vanessa Vani put UMaine ahead. The Ontario native got behind the Fighting Sioux defense and walked in on a partial breakaway as she used a series of moves to dazzle Hasbargen and give the Black Bears a lead they would hold for 18 minutes.

"I think North Dakota was a huge win on the road and it gave us confi-

dence considering it was a long trip" MacElhaney said. "Everyone is doing a great job of stepping up and we are all doing well because everyone is contributing."

In the second game, UMaine did their damage in the second period, thanks to two power play goals as they won 2-0. The first goal came when Kate Sunstrum scored a little more than ten minutes into the period. The insurance goal came when Brigitte LaFlamme chipped in a puck that trickled through Hasbargen's legs on a blast from the point by Kim Meagher.

Besides the dominance on the power play, Maine found a way to make things easy for junior goalie Rachel Gettings as the Black Bears only gave up two shots in the first period. The win was Gettings' third of the season.

"I had noticed the game before that they like to skate down the middle and the defense played great in front of me," Gettings said. "When you have three goalies you have to be on top of your game so when you do get your chance, you make the most of it."

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Jimmy Howard shines in first start for Red Wings

Former Black Bears All-American goaltender finding success early on in his rookie season in the National Hockey League

By Amanda Chasse
For The Maine Campus

Jimmy Howard, the former University of Maine All-American goalie, got his first NHL start for the Detroit Red Wings Monday night.

"My legs were shaking when I first skated on the ice," Howard said. "All I was thinking was 'I can't let in the first shot.'"

Howard, 21, made 22 saves and came out with a win at the Staples Center against the Los Angeles Kings.

Playing college hockey and playing professionally are extremely different, according to Howard.

"Instead of 5,000 fans watching you play, there were 18,000 people in the stands and tons more watching on TV," he said. "You are playing with all-stars and future hall of famers. The speed of the game changed dramatically, the players are a lot faster, smarter and lot more skilled."

The Detroit fans reminded Howard of times in front of some of college hockey's most loyal fans at Alford Arena, where he set the school record for career goals against [1.89], save percentage [.931], and shutouts [15].

"The fans here sell the arenas out and they are always in abundance wherever we go, similar to the UMaine fans."

Howard has experienced many of life's changes since deciding to forego his senior season at UMaine and begin his professional career late last summer.

"Hockey is a lifestyle now; it's a job," said Howard. "There's no job security like there is in college. They can't send you anywhere."

"Here, they can send you, trade

you, release you any time they want. I could get a phone call right now and be traded."

Before Monday, Howard had been playing Detroit's top minor league affiliate, the AHL's Grand Rapids Griffins. Howard was recalled and told he would start Tuesday two nights before the game.

Howard's opportunity came when Detroit's starting goalie, Manny Legace, was placed on the injured list with a sprained knee, and their backup, Chris Osgood, surrendered six goals in two of his last three starts.

"You just have to play well and work your tail off every single day because there's always somebody that wants your job and you can't let them take it."

Jimmy Howard
UMaine's career
goaltending leader and
current Detroit Red Wing

"My parents couldn't come on such short notice, but they watched on the television and I think my mom cried like three times. They are very supportive of me and the team supported me a lot also. I felt comfortable out there after the first five minutes," said Howard.

Howard, who set NCAA records in 2003-04 with a 1.19 goals against and .956 save percentage in leading

the Black Bears to the NCAA championship game, also noted the challenges the NHL's new rules present for a young goaltender, and especially cracked down on defensive holding that sometimes leaves netminders open to brutal hits.

"They cut down on hooking, so the forwards are taking liberties of going to the net hard and a lot of goalies are getting injured and getting concussions. Forwards are literally taking us out to score. I didn't get rushed at all, thank God," he said.

Clearly ready to make the jump to professional hockey, Howard's decision to leave UMaine was a difficult one, and he plans to finish his degree during the off-season.

"The only thing that I regret now for leaving a year early is not having the school part done. Now I have to go back in the summer time and finish it. I don't regret it, but it's rough that I still have a year left to finish."

Another sacrifice that Howard faced in becoming a professional hockey player was moving away from home for his senior year of high school to play for the USA Under-18 Development Team in Michigan.

"I got drafted in 2003, when the Red Wings first recognized me when I was playing for the USA team in Ann Arbor, Michigan, which is about a half hour away from Detroit," Howard said.

Becoming a professional athlete takes dedication, hard work and passion.

Every year, an NHL Combine is held in Toronto, in which they invite the best prospects to come and try out in front of professional scouts and general managers of pro hockey teams.

"They put you through a series of ridiculously tough tests and inter-



CAMPUS FILE PHOTO

DETROIT'S MAINE MAN — Former Black Bear Jimmy Howard, seen here between the pipes for UMaine last year, earned his first NHL win Monday for the Red Wings.

views with different teams. Every general manager and all the pro scouts are in the room watching you go through these series of tests, like you're a piece of meat, watching you with a clip board," Howard said.

After the tests, players have to go through a series of interviews with the teams that are considering signing the prospect.

"It's pretty intimidating. Based on all of the tests, they will see if you are the right pick for them," he said.

Howard was the first true rookie to dress for Detroit on opening night since 1997, as he began the year backing up Legace when Osgood was hurt.

He didn't get a start and was sent to the AHL when Osgood recovered, where he had a 4-1-1 record.

Howard is scheduled to get his second straight start, and first start at Joe Louis Arena Thursday night against Florida, according to the Detroit Free Press.

With a bright career ahead of him, Howard says the most important thing any athlete can do is go out there every single day and put their heart on the line.

"You just have to play well and work your tail off every single day because there's always somebody that wants your job and you can't let them take it."

Men's Basketball Statistical Leaders

Scoring

1. Ernest Turner	17.4
2. Jon Sheets	11.2
3. Rashad Turner	10.0
4. Olli Ahvenniemi	6.6
5. Ammar Harknell	6.0

Rebounding

1. Ahvenniemi	7.4
2. Chris Bruff	7.0
3. Phillippe Tchekane Bofia	3.7
4. E. Turner	3.6
5. R. Turner	3.4
Christian Cavanaugh	3.4

Assists

1. R. Turner	5.4
2. Sheets	2.2
3. E. Turner	1.8
4. Jason Hight	1.4

HAWKS

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defeat Cornell 73-71 for their first win of the season last Saturday.

Senior center Kenny Adeleke is playing his first season at Hartford after transferring from Hofstra and sitting out last year due to NCAA regulations. The 6'9", reigning America East Player of the Week leads the conference in scoring and rebounding, averaging 18.7 points per game with 10.3 boards.

Adeleke recorded the 37th double-double of his collegiate career, with 20 points and 14 rebounds, and also blocked Cornell's potentially game-tying shot as time expired in leading the Hawks to victory over Cornell.

The Black Bears hope to contain Adeleke with a young frontcourt that features junior Olli Ahvenniemi and red shirt freshman Christian Cavanaugh. Ahvenniemi set a career high with seven blocked shots against Robert Morris and ranks fourth in the conference with 7.4 rebounds per game, while Cavanaugh will look to match Adeleke's offensive production.

Also contributing for UMaine up front is junior Chris Bruff, who has taken advantage of increased playing time recently and ranks just behind Ahvenniemi at fifth in the conference with 7.0 rebounds per game.

UMaine has not released any information on the status of senior guard Kevin Reed. The Black Bears' career leader in three-pointers and a preseason All-Conference selection, Reed suffered an undisclosed foot injury and has yet to play a game this season.

At the time of the injury, it was reported that Reed would likely miss 4-6 weeks and would probably not miss any conference contests. However, there has been no word as to how Reed's recovery is progressing or when he might try to return to the court.

Senior Ernest Turner has carried the scoring load in Reed's absence, ranking fourth in the conference with 17.4 points per game and notching 20 or more points in three of the Black Bears' five games this season.

Junior college transfers Jon Sheets and Rashad Turner have started all five games for UMaine and are off to strong starts in their Black Bear careers. Turner leads the team with 27 assists and Sheets is second with 11. They rank second and third on the team in scoring with Sheets' 11.2 and Turners' 10.0 points per game.

Saturday's game will mark the first conference tilt for both teams. The Black Bears were picked to finish third in the preseason coaches' poll, while the Hawks came in fifth.

The Hawks' lineup is rounded out by seniors Aaron Cook and David Ruffin, who average 10.3 and

9.3 points, respectively, per game.

The Black Bears are coming off a disappointing trip to Pennsylvania where they lost a pair of games in different ways. They dug an early hole that they couldn't crawl out of while playing against Big East opponent Pittsburgh on Saturday, then had a good start that got cold late in succumbing to Robert Morris Monday. The losses came despite improved defense that saw UMaine limit both opponents to less than 55 points after allowing a season low of 36 to UMFK in their previous contest.

Pitt jumped out to a 20-point lead early in the first half of Saturday night's game and the Black Bears couldn't draw closer than seven points the rest of the way, losing 62-49.

UMaine trailed 32-18 at the break, but started the second half with a 5-0 run and continued playing well to cut the deficit to 36-29 on an Ernest Turner trey.

But the Panthers did enough to stay ahead the rest of the way, including hitting seven free throws in the game's final two minutes to maintain control.

The Black Bears played with tremendous energy to claw back into the game against a Pittsburgh team that has won 52 of its last 53 home games against non-conference opponents and has never lost to an America East team.

UMaine head coach Ted Woodward was pleased with the way his team responded after the

game's first 10 minutes, and also credited Pitt and the quality of their athletes for the fast start that buried UMaine.

Ernest Turner had 15 points and Sheets had 14 as the two combined to hit seven three-pointers.

Bruff pulled down a career high 11 boards to help the Black Bears out-rebound the Panthers 42-40 in the game.

Monday night against Robert Morris a late scoring drought doomed UMaine, as the Colonials went on a 9-0 run to end the game and secure a 62-53 victory.

Rashad Turner, who had a career high 23 points, drained a three-pointer to tie it 53-53 after UMaine had surrendered a four-point lead and trailed 51-46.

The Black Bears started the game with a 7-2 lead but then surrendered a 14-0 Robert Morris run. They would battle back with two at 18-16 and trailed 23-21 at the half. UMaine's defense held the Colonials to just 23 percent shooting in the opening half, in part due to a career best seven blocks in the game by Ahvenniemi, four of which came in the first.

Senior co-captain Freddy Petkus played his best game since returning from a back injury that sidelined him all of last season, coming off the bench to grab seven rebounds and add seven points for UMaine.

The Black Bears' next home game comes next Monday against Morgan State at Alford Arena.



Black Bears stumble in second half, fall to URI

By Meghann Burnett
Staff Writer

Combine stifling guard defense, 22 offensive rebounds and holding the opposing team's leading scorer to four points, and it makes for an all-around solid effort.

URI	65
UM	48

Unfortunately for the University of Maine, it was the Rams of the University of Rhode Island who executed this formula.

URI was able to open up the sec-

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ond half with a 15-4 run, thanks in large part to a scrappy full-court press, and never looked back, defeating the Bear's 65-48 at the Alford Arena.

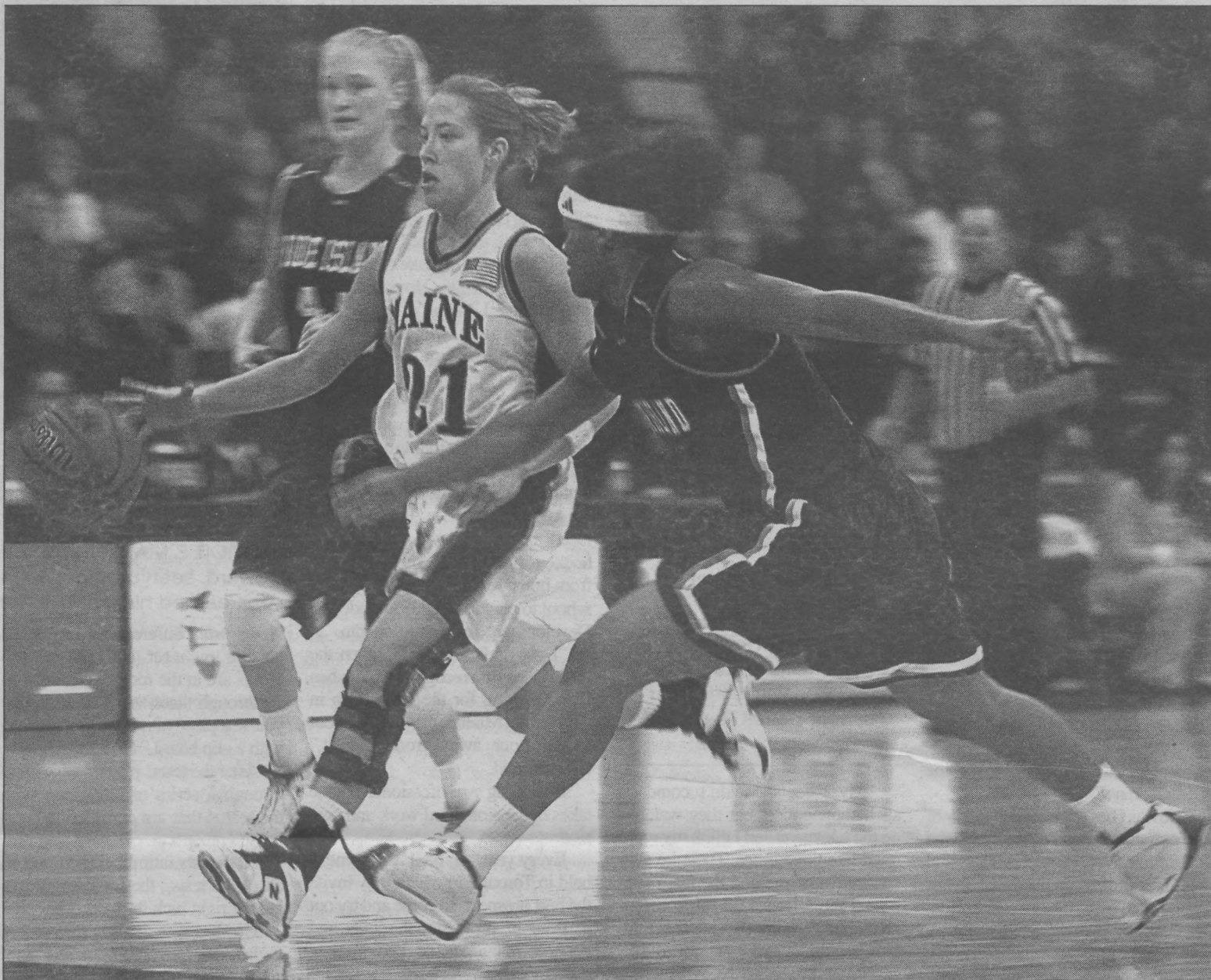
"URI came out in the second half; they were aggressive and they attacked us," said UMaine head coach Ann McInerney. "We got caught back on our heels."

The loss marks only the second time that the Black Bears have ever lost back-to-back home games against non-conference opponents. UMaine fell to Dartmouth on Saturday in the annual Dead River Classic tournament.

"We went away from our team concept of passing and moving the ball, and obviously 27 turnovers and giving up 21 offensive rebounds you aren't going to win many ball games," added McInerney.

The Bears' struggles didn't end there. While UMaine shot 11 for 21 in the first half, only two of those

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

SPLIT DECISION — UMaine's Margaret Elderton moves between two URI defenders during last night's game at Alford Arena. The Rams downed the Black Bears 65-48.

Road sweep sends UM to vital series

By Ryan Clark
Staff Writer

The Providence Friars may hold the championship, but the road to a Hockey East title may have started in North Dakota.

Women's Hockey

After earning the first road sweep of the season against the Fighting Sioux, the University of Maine women's hockey team will look to continue their streak against conference opponents Northeastern on Saturday.

"Going to North Dakota was good because it motivated us. We know that we can win on the road," said freshman defenseman Chantal Jaillet. "I think getting the flow for us before Christmas break is an objective because after that it will be easy for us to move forward."

Before their Thanksgiving weekend set against North Dakota,

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Hockey looks to rebound at PC

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

One month ago, the University of Maine men's ice hockey squad had a single loss to their name. Heck, it was

UM V. PROVIDENCE
FRIDAY, DEC. 2
7 P.M.

an overtime defeat to Colorado College. The Black Bears were practically undefeated.

Life was good.

Then came November and with it, Hockey East competition.

On Friday, the Black Bears will be hoping to shake off a lukewarm November when they travel to Providence and tango with the soaring Friars.

UMaine will be looking to rebound after a month that saw them go 2-3-0 and finish with back-to-back defeats in Hockey East, the last of which came Sunday against the ever resilient Vermont Catamounts.

UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead isn't too worried at the moment.

"Nobody is hitting any panic buttons," said Whitehead. "There's no big mysteries as to why we lost that game 2-1 to Vermont."



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

SHOOTING GALLERY — Black Bears goalie Ben Bishop makes a save as a teammate fires a shot at practice.

The Black Bears have every reason to stay optimistic in December. They enter the month not only ranked seventh in both the USCHO-CSTV and USA Today-USA Hockey Magazine but ranked the second best defense in the country.

"Hey it's only November, its no reason to panic, there's still a lot of

time left," said UMaine forward Derek Damon.

With a current record of 9-4-0 and 4-3-0, the Black Bears are not about to let their recent struggles get to them.

"Our focus is still the same as it

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UM set to face Hawks

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

The University of Maine men's basketball team opens America East conference play this weekend, facing the Hartford Hawks Saturday afternoon at Chase Arena in Hartford.

UM V. HARTFORD
SATURDAY, DEC. 3
1 P.M.

The Black Bears are searching for their first road win of the season, after a tough opening schedule that saw them come up winless in the William and Mary Tip-Off Classic before falling on the road to Pittsburgh and Robert Morris last weekend. In between the Black Bears defeated UMaine-Fort Kent at Alford Arena to leave their record at 1-4 on the young season.

Conversely, the Hawks are 1-2 on the year, 1-1 at home. They opened their season with a loss at Massachusetts before coming home to lose to Brown and then narrowly

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