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Zombies invade
University of
Maine. Page 9



DANCE HALL DAYS — Brigham's speakeasy at the top of York Hall is the primary competition for President Kennedy's new night club.

CRAPUS PHOTO BY STEPHEN BALDWIN

Ushuaia not missed

President McNaughton allegedly involved in rare tropical turtles and speakeasy scandal

By Ryan Clark
Staff Virus

"Here I am, hot stuff."

According to two first-year York Hall residents, those were the magic words spoken by guests hoping to get into student body President Brigham "Brigga" McNaughton's supposed illegal York Hall speakeasy on Saturday.

The residents, William and Stephen Baldwin, said they heard

guests whispering those words into a little hole on McNaughton's lavish fifth-floor door. After uttering the password, the guests were let in by an emerald bathrobe-clad McNaughton, who looked rather bushy faced.

When the door was open, both students believe they saw Dean of Students Robert Dan eating caviar with professor Sandy Caron and

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Kennedy recognizes need to get inebriated

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

The closing of Ushuaia has many students worrying what they'll do on the weekend, but sometimes answers come from where you least expect them. Unless you expected President Robert Kennedy to open a nightclub in his basement.

Last weekend saw the grand opening of "Chez Prez," a new club that Kennedy calls "a safe, responsible venue for students to become inebriated." With seven beers on tap, the best liquor selection in Orono and a wine list that reaches deep into Kennedy's per-

sonal cellar, Chez has something for everyone.

"I was impressed," said seventh-year business student Kevin Young. "When I first went in, I was afraid it would be all old-timey since the DJ was playing 'Hot in Here,' which is so four years ago," Young said. "But later he was banging some Kanye. Prez knows what he's doing."

"I try to offer everything Ushuaia did," said Kennedy, adding that his club also 50-cent well drinks on Thursdays and bathroom stall doors that won't stay closed. "That club played an important

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DDR riot ends afoul

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

Marty Red, a third-year English major, is in serious condition at Eastern Maine Medical Center after chaining himself in protest to the popular Dance Dance Revolution arcade game in the E-Sports room of Memorial Union.

The trouble began Monday, during the busy lunch-hour, when Red, armed with a length of iron chain and a heavy padlock, chained himself to the DDR machine and reportedly swallowed the key to the padlock. Within minutes, a group of curious students began to gather, noticing his odd behavior and hearing his speech about Chinese factory conditions.

Red said that his actions were meant to protest the children starving in India and the poor working conditions of factory workers in China where the arcade machines are produced.

"The workers of China deserve equal pay rates to American workers," Red cried out to the students. "I will remain chained to this machine,

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Milk does body bad

Cookie club crumbles under allegations of member hazing and cooking the books

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

When it comes to hazing on campus, the Cookie Club is milking it for all its worth.

A strange report of hazing was made Monday night following an emergency meeting filed by the Cookie Club. According to a complaint filed with Teagan Thibodeau, vice president of student organizations, 17 members of the Cookie Club were rushed by UVAC to St. Joe's Hospital in Bangor of food poisoning symptoms that included projectile vomiting.

According to witness reports, the students were forced to drink a gallon of milk within 27 minutes in order to gain admittance to Monday's proceedings. For one lactose intolerant club member, whose name will be released following family notification, the hazing proved fatal.

"The Cookie Club is acting

in bad taste. The mess those kids made in the Union bathrooms is indescribable. Their antics leave a stain on this university," said Thibodeau.

The Cookie Club, one of the newest organizations to

*"Around here we funnel
cake, not milk."*

Deb Harris
Cookie Club Advisor

receive club status on campus, claims to offer free cookies to all who pass through Memorial Union on Mondays. Since its inception, the club has left a long trail of evidence suggesting irresponsible leadership.

Cookie Club advisor Deb Harris wishes to wipe her

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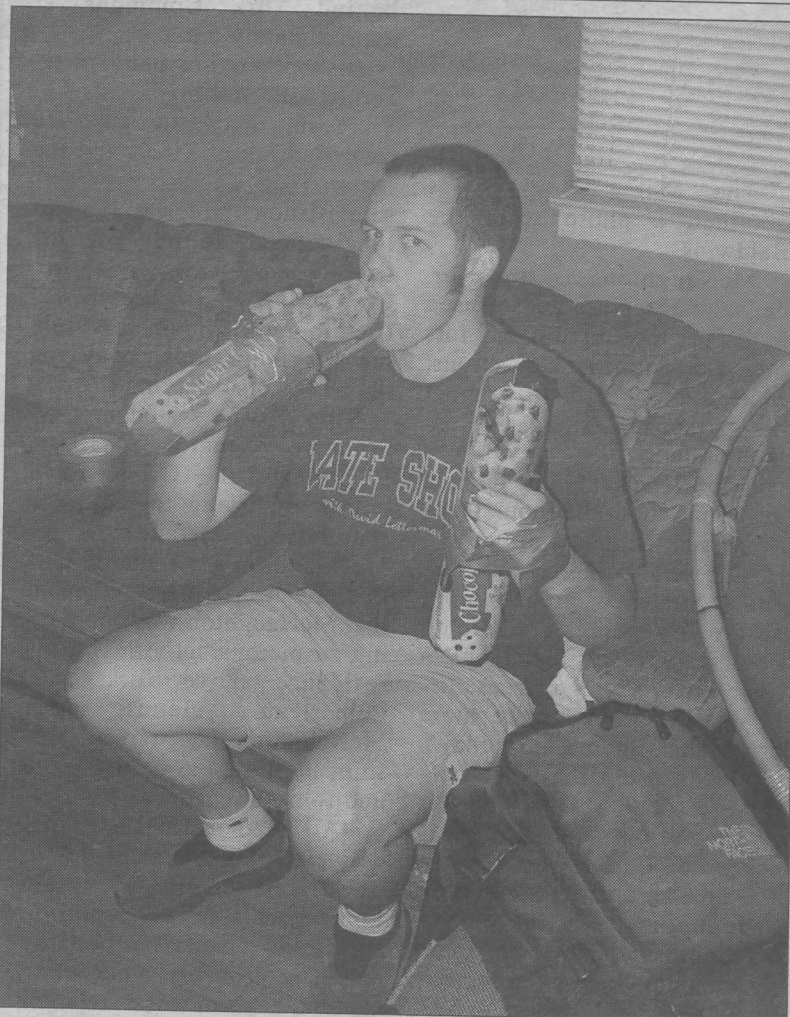


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IN A HAZE — This photo, obtained by The Crapus, testifies to the stark dangers of Cookie Club hazing activities.

KENNEDY

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part in our community and I'm just doing what I can to soften the blow."

Unfortunately, Chez Prez will not feature live acts. "It's just not feasible. The stage is small and is really optimized for a DJ or karaoke," said Kennedy. "And Mary goes to bed at 10, so we all need to quiet down then," he said, referring to his wife, Mary Rumpho-Kennedy.

Rumpho-Kennedy said she first suggested a nightclub in the basement. A professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, she said she's seen the effects of Ushuaia's closure on her students. "Ushie's was a big part of their lives, and I'm glad Bob will continue the tradition."

Some uptight jerks have questioned Kennedy's decision to open a club, but the president said the club fits perfectly with the spirit of UMaine. "You're talking about the only university in America that has a drinking song as its official school song. This is Maine; we drink." He added that

his location is actually a responsible one, as it's centrally located on campus. Students can access his cellar club with their MaineCards.

Although a small staff of Dining Services employees is always on hand, Kennedy mixes most of the drinks himself, and patrons say he's a world-class bartender. "I've traveled a lot, but I always believed Ushuaia made the finest vodka and Red Bull on the planet," said Loretta Snow, a third-year student majoring in English. "Our president has raised the stakes. You can't taste the vodka or the Red Bull in this."

Kennedy said he's had a lot of time to perfect the revered drink, as he's been making it for years. "It's always been a favorite of mine, not that I drink to excess."

One Chez Prez employee disagreed: "He was getting pretty into it on opening night. At around midnight he was kind of gone and broke into some freestyle rapping," said the employee, who asked not to be named. "He was rapping about people's shirts and stuff—it was stuff you couldn't make up ahead of time. He's actually pretty good at it."



PHOTO BY ALEX GRAY

HOUSE THAT ROCK BUILT— Amid rumors of a new bar opening on campus, drunken students were spotted staggering across the president's lawn. Bouncers were escorting the more heavily drunk people off the property.

SPEAKEASY

From Page 1

Dean of Students Angel Larado jumping around on McNaughton's furniture like a little child. The Baldwins also agreed that the music heard in the background was Billy Idol's "Rock the Cradle of Love."

*"For some reason they
all just up and
disappeared like a
fart in the wind."*

Cal Winslow
Detective
Town of Orono

The Maine Crapus has obtained a photo from the Baldwins

McNaughton, however, denied the reports and refused to discuss the situation any further. For additional questions, McNaughton said to contact his personal lackey William Beaudoin.

While McNaughton dodged questions about the room, Dana addressed the media directly.

"These brothers, William and Steven, are simply absurd," said Dana. "Where do they get off wasting people's time like this? It's a cheap ploy if you ask me. They're more proof that anyone in today's world can step into the lime-light."

The same sentiment was echoed by Caron, who said she was nowhere near York Hall on Saturday.

"Come on, doll face," said Caron upon hearing the accusation. "I got better places to be."

Caron and Dana were not the only ones placed at the scene of the party. Included in the mix were student body vice

president Aaron Sterling, UMaine hockey goalie Ben Bishop and Robo DJ, the most popular disc jockey at WMEB. While Robo DJ couldn't be reached, as he was busy covering the WMEB sound boards and carrying the channel, Bishop didn't say either way if he was at the room.

"Look, I don't wet my whistle and then start talking about it," said Bishop. "All I got to say is that wherever I was Saturday, it was rocking. I was really able to break it out."

The problem for McNaughton and company is that Bishop and Sterling were spotted by three public safety officers walking out from behind York Commons at approximately 6 a.m.

Bishop did not deny interacting with Sterling.

"Yeah, that little guy. He reminded me of Pinky and the Brain, Yeah, I remember him," said Bishop. "He was kind of long-winded, to tell you the truth, but he wasn't that bad. Only thing was that when I tried to get his number, he told me his mom took away his phone for misbehaving."

Tipped off by student government senator William Pomerleau, the Orono town police are trying to request a search warrant for McNaughton's penthouse. Pomerleau has been adamant that McNaughton was conducting suspicious activities in his residence above York Hall. Pomerleau claims that McNaughton had rare turtles shipped into the room for some undisclosed reason.

"All I know is this: UPS delivered 3,000 rare turtles to York Hall on Friday," said Pomerleau. "In my opinion, something smells really fishy and he's probably embezzling student government funds for his turtle escapades."

Fellow student senator Adam Kirkland agreed.

"Turtles? Come on, that

screams mischievous behavior," said Kirkland. "Personally, I am a weasel lover. Turtles are just too luscious and ostentatious for me."

The easy way to figure this problem out is by finding proof of the actual creatures. However, the police have had no luck finding any rare creatures at York or in Orono, for that matter.

"We're clear out of the little shelled creatures," said Orono detective Carl Winslow. "For some reason they all just up and disappeared like a fart in the wind. I mean, we have the delivery listing showing the lit-

tle rascals coming but we don't show them going. It's downright puzzling, if you ask me."

According to Winslow, the only other logical place to look is the bottom of the Penobscot River or in Paul Grosswiler's office.

"We've had reports that Grosswiler likes turtles," said Winslow. "So maybe that is somewhere we need to look."

If the police do not find the turtles, they will have no reason to search the inside of the room. Other than the turtles, no suspicious doings have been reported.

"As far as I know, nothing

has happened atop the York Commons," said UMaine president Robert Kennedy.

Not everyone is opposed to a speakeasy. Leading night club expert and journalism professor, Margaret Nagle, feels the speakeasy could provide a boost to the UMaine economy.

"Let's be honest, a speakeasy hosted by Mr. Saturday, Brigham, could do some great business," said Nagle. "In my day, these speak-easy's were all the rage. They really helped young people's awareness of each other and their grammar."

The investigation into the speakeasy is still ongoing.

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PHOTO BY BILL PAMERLEAU

PEACE PIPE DREAM — Derek Mitchell shows he still has love for the street during his campaign for Penobscot Nation.

Savy politician moves to straddle racial divide

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

In a move that did not surprise political observers, Maine's own Derek Mitchell announced his candidacy for another political office in a lavish Dover-Foxcroft ceremony Tuesday that featured free clam dip and egg rolls. What surprised those normally "in the know," was Mitchell's plans not to run in the Maine gubernatorial race against Democratic incumbent John Baldacci, but rather his intention to seek the tribal chief's chair for the Penobscot Nation.

"If I can bring MTV to Bumstock, just think what I can bring to the Penobscots."

Derek Mitchell
Candidate
Penobscot Nation Chief

"I've long admired members of the Penobscot Nation and their willingness to try new things," Mitchell said, with cameras flashing around him. "I've always wanted to run for public office, and since I just came in last in the Orono Town Council elections, it only seemed fitting to try something new and run again."

When asked if Mitchell's Caucasian ancestry and lack of American Indian heritage would prove a hindrance to his plans to run an American Indian tribe, Mitchell retorted with polite narcissism.

"I know I can do the best job for the Penobscots," he said. "I mean, clearly the residents of Orono were off their rockers when they didn't elect me. I know the Penobscots will make the right choice."

When asked if he planned to actually campaign for this position, unlike when he ran for Orono Town Council, Mitchell said he hoped that his "good looks" and "boyish smile" would greatly aid him as he went door-to-door on

Indian Island soliciting votes.

"I mean, come on, who could not love this?" Mitchell said as he took his shirt off, patted his head, and rubbed his belly.

To aid him in his campaign, Mitchell has enlisted the "Vote or Die" group from the 2004 presidential election. Sean "P Diddy" Combs has already agreed to sit on the back of a 1979 Datsun with a loudspeaker chanting "Vote or Die — Derek for Chief!" While both Mitchell and Combs insist there is no actual threat implicit in that statement, Combs did acknowledge in a later interview that it would "be best" for Penobscot Nation members to "choose wisely" when they go to the polls.

Initial polling by The Maine Crapus and UMaine Center for Interlinked Statistical Engineering Politics has revealed that, of those Penobscots that plan to vote, approximately 0.001 percent plan to actually vote for Mitchell.

"It's kind of like in the Orono Town Council election," said political science professor Antonia Bables from her sun-drenched office atop Shibles Hall. "There, you had an outsider who only recently came to the town, and suddenly wanted to rule the town in order to have a great resume builder and save a dance club. It's just plain silly." Bables did say it was peculiar that Mitchell's Facebook page still lists his hometown as Showhegan, given his recent efforts in Orono.

The Penobscot Nation has a rich tradition of excellent leadership and steady growth in its nearly 400 years of existence. It is known as the oldest continuous government in the world. How Mitchell could improve on that impressive record is unknown. Although, he did note in a later interview that his successes in Student Government thus far — he cited his hiring of a fraternity brother for Bumstock director — proves his leadership aptitude.

"If I can bring MTV to Bumstock, just think what I can bring to the Penobscots," he posited with a half-smile that mimicked a bottlenose dolphin.



POLICEBEAT

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter



Fireworks light the way to a bang-up bust

At 2 a.m. on March 28, Orono police received noise complaints from a large party at the Hubbard Farms apartments. As police approached the apartment complex on Colburn Drive, they saw fireworks exploding behind the apartment complex. Arriving in the doorway of the apartment in question, they found a man discharging fireworks. The individual, identified as Gustavo Burkett, 26, was visibly intoxicated. Burkett claimed that he was a resident of the complex, but did not reside in the apartment in question. As police began to place him under arrest, Burkett resisted, claiming that he was a University employee and that they "couldn't do crap to him," and that the town of Orono was "in his pocket."

Inside the apartment they were able to locate a tenant, identified as Peter Bissell, 22.

Bissell became extremely belligerent with the officers, stating that he had ties at the police station, and that they couldn't do anything to him. When asked about the drunken high school girls in attendance, Bissell claimed that he and Burkett had arranged for an overnight trip to the University for curious high school students, to help them "get a feel for the UMaine experience". Bissell claimed he had no idea where they had found the alcohol, though a keg was observed in plain sight in the corner. When asked about the car that had barreled through the front of his building, Bissell asserted that he was against drunk driving, and advised that whoever had done it should be found and prosecuted.

Bissell was placed under arrest for disturbing the peace, and he and Burkett were transported to Penobscot County Jail. After a search of his apartment, officers found extremely questionable materials that fall under federal jurisdiction, and Bissell's hard drive was

sent to the FBI for investigation.

Newspaper editors caught in the act, arrested for trespassing

At 2:30 a.m. on March 11, Public Safety received a call about a possible burglary in progress at Memorial Union. Upon arrival, they found evidence of a forced entry at the rear entrance. The Orono Police Department was called in for backup, and both forces began a sweep of the building. On the lower level, activity was discovered in the Maine Campus newspaper offices, and police were able to detain two individuals as they attempted to flee from the office. The individuals, originally clad in ski masks, were revealed to be Brian Brown and Matthew Conyers, both employees of the newspaper. They were arrested for criminal trespassing and transported to Penobscot County Jail. Further investigation revealed that Brown and Conyers had been attempting to embezzle funds from the Crapus. Both Brown and Conyers will go to trial in Maine District Court on April 1.

Strange character awaits fate after incident at Thriftway

At 9:30 p.m. on March 25, an officer observing the Thriftway parking lot noticed a man exit the store carrying a 30 pack of Pabst Blue Ribbon beer and a bag full of bottles. The officer watched as the man entered the passenger seat of 1972 AMC gremlin. The vehicle began to exit the parking lot, and the officer could see that the female driver did not appear to be 21. The officer stopped the vehicle further down Park Street, and made contact with the driver. The driver, a juvenile female, was visibly intoxicated. Several other juveniles were in the vehicle as well. Officers made contact with the man who had purchased

the alcohol, identified as Randy Cummings, 22, of Old Town. Cummings was visibly intoxicated, and a search of his person revealed a box of condoms, pornographic magazines, and a 4 OZ bag of Oh Berto beef jerky. It was soon determined that the three intoxicated juveniles had consumed alcohol at Cummings's residence earlier that evening, and that they had intended to obtain more alcohol and continue to party. The juvenile driver was arrested for operating under the influence, and Cummings was arrested for providing a place for minors to consume alcohol, providing alcohol to a minor, possession of beef jerky without intention of sharing, and riding shotgun. Cummings was transported to Penobscot County Jail, where it was later learned that he arranged for all charges to be dropped completely if he promised to make President Kennedy look good in the next issue of the Maine Crapus.

Peeping Kennedy takes keeping an eye on Greek life too far

At 11 p.m. on March 27, Public Safety received an anonymous tip of suspicious activity taking place outside the Chi Omega sorority house on College Avenue. Upon arriving at the scene, officers discovered a ladder placed on the side of the building, and an individual standing atop it, peering into a window. Police ordered the man down, and were shocked to discover that it was UMaine President Robert Kennedy. Kennedy would not tell officers what he was doing on the ladder, so they made contact with the sorority house. At that time, the sorority was throwing a "panties & jammies" party, during which sorority members dressed only in their underwear and pajamas and engaged in pillow fights with each other. Charges against Kennedy are still pending.

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College built for educationally inept

Lord Hall set to house UMaine's low-lifes

By Gordon Bombay
Staff Reporter

When it becomes evident that a group of students on campus is being treated unfairly, the University does its best to eliminate such discrimination. Which is why, thanks to Laya Zi, a second year undeclared major, the administration has decided to open the Dishonors College.

"I just don't see why people who put all this effort in get special treatment," said Zi. "It's just as remarkable how little effort I put in, and I deserve to be recognized as an anomaly, too. Not to mention experience the camaraderie involved in belonging to a college whose members' dedication and diligence levels are similar to mine."

The DC, which will be located in Lord Hall, requires a GPA of 1.0 or lower and absolutely no students with a declared major, or direction of any kind, will be allowed in.

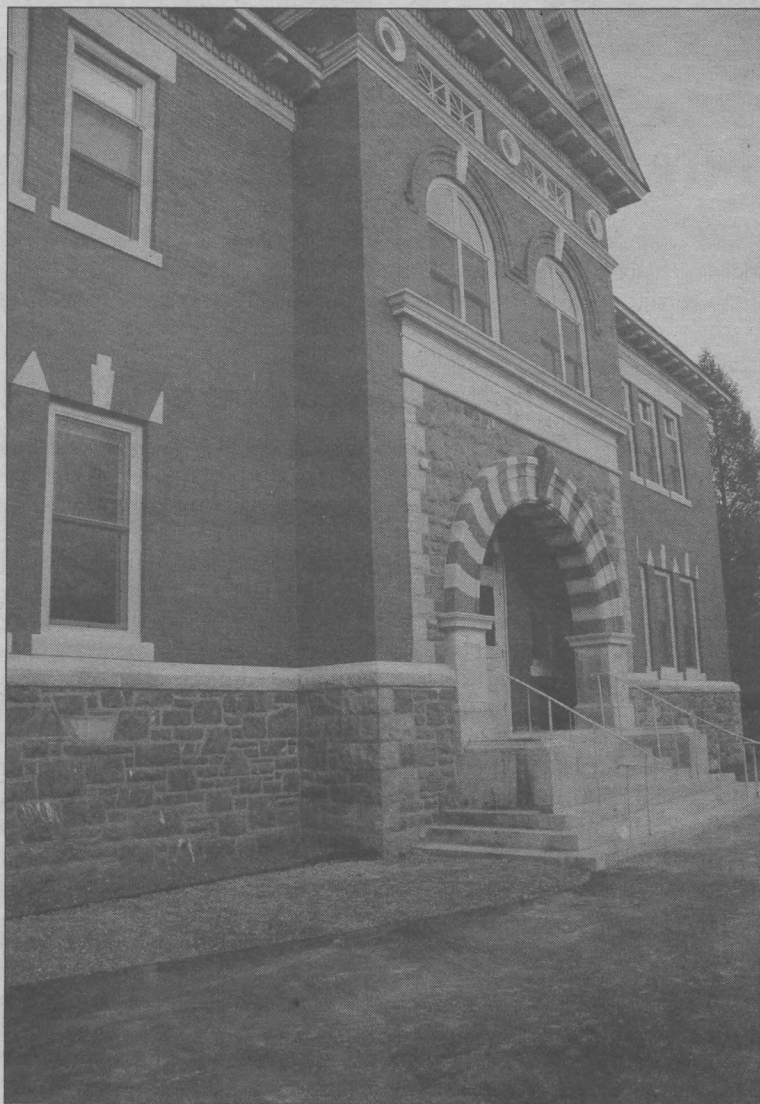
"We frown upon extracurricular activities," said to-be director of the DC Karen Ott. "In fact we tend not to heed applications indicating any sort of full-time or part-time job, work-study or volunteer work. Really an interest in anything at all looks pretty bad, unless of course it is in sleeping, eating or watching television."

The fact, that no one can be in the DC and have a major means that no one can graduate with Dishonors.

"That's what we wanted," Ott said. "We're targeting the people who will spend seven years here and barely earn enough credits to qualify for sophomore standing. Our members shouldn't be graduating at all, and if they want to, that's a pretty strong indication they don't belong in the DC."

The new college will mean more money for the University as well.

"We were excluding a huge segment of Maine's population by focusing on the 'brainy'" said UMaine President Robert Kennedy. "I mean, who were we



CRAPUS PHOTO BY KEVIN REAR-END

THICK AS A BRICK — Lord Hall home of the new dishonors college.

kidding? The fact is that the majority of Mainers are lazy sleazeballs who don't give a damn."

By attracting those of the less motivated breed, Kennedy says UMaine will stand to have a freshman class of an estimated 1,500 more next fall. The biggest jump since coed floors in dorms were instituted.

The new concept hopes to pull in more students from Massachusetts and Connecticut.

"Who doesn't love sharing the highway with those yuppies," asked Kennedy.

Lord Hall will be equipped with extra couches, vending machines and one large-screen television in its basement to accommodate its Dishonors students, but students don't expect to use the facility much.

"I'll probably spend more of my time away from the college," said first-year prospective

DC student Olive Veazy.

Classes being offered through the DC include DIS 100, Understanding Lack of Motivation and DIS 105, Maintaining Lack of Motivation. To do well in these courses, students will need to have poor attendance, low test scores and little to no class participation or demonstration of alacrity. Of course, if they do so well as to bolster their GPA above 1.0, students will be kicked out.

The DC will be accepting applications for fall '06, but it is suggested that students wait and apply at the last minute.

"It would be a good idea to exhibit poor grammar, and just inability in general on the application," said Ott, who added that potential students should use crayon, not No. 2 pencil to fill out the applications.

"Best of luck."

The attention the hazing brings comes at a bad time for Hartwell. The club president still has a chip on his shoulder stemming from the university's scrutiny of club funding allocations.

*"It's sink or swim
out here and frankly,
it's not worth crying
over spilled milk."*

Michael Hartwell
President
Cookie Club

Hartwell stated in a press conference Tuesday, "My club does not, has not, and will not

ever attempt to scam money out of the university."

The Cookie Club is also facing property damage pending results of a lab analysis of brown stains on the Union couches.

Cookie Club vice president Tony Reaves was unavailable for comment, signing that he didn't wish to speak with his mouth full.

Thibodeau, who hopes to bring closure for the victims said, "It's just a matter of time before we wrap up this Cookie Club business. It's just a crumbly deal for all parties involved."

All of the students involved were released Wednesday afternoon with mild stomach aches. The victims are politely refusing care packages at this time but will accept gifts of Pepto-Bismol.

Wheat thins hope to receive just desserts

New club butters up student government

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

Five members of the newly conceived Cracker Club filed a petition with the General Student Senate on Tuesday evening and were approved for funding.

On the petition, Cracker Club President Ryan Clark wrote that he hopes to provide an activity for all lovers of crackers, from the light, flaky Saltines to buttery little Ritz Bits. The vote was tight with only a few senators being persuaded in favor once the condition of serving gouda cheese on the side was added.

*"I just love crackers,
and I know I'm not
the only one."*

Ryan Clark
President
Cracker Club

else are we going to compete with all those others schools that pay much higher activity fees?"

Senator Adam Kirkland raised his hand to admit that he, for one, would be in support of a meatball sub club. He was reprimanded by Pomerleau.

Vice President Aaron Sterling defended the club's request. "Some people just don't like cookies," he said. "We would be doing the student body a huge disservice if we denied them the opportunity to be officially recognized for their love of crackers."

Rumor has it that the Cracker Club may attempt to write Wilford Brimley for donations as well, hoping the Cracker Club's diabetes friendly fare would pull at the heart strings of the celebrity.

Mike Hartwell, the founder of the Cookie Club, shrugged off criticisms, and said, "The Cookie Club accepts everyone, as long as they like a little sugar."

However, the rival club is apparently hitting closer to home than Hartwell is letting on. He was reportedly spotted sporting a pin reading "Say no to Crack...ers".

Marketplace workers also filed a report that several boxes of oyster crackers recently went missing, supposedly stolen, but Hartwell denies all connection.

After the meeting, Clark acknowledged that his inspiration for the Cracker Club had come from the Cookie Club, of which he also had been a member.

"Yeah, Mike and I go way back. But when he said that the Cookie Club had no room for crackers, I wanted out," Clark said.

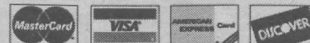
Now that the Cracker Club has been approved, one question lingers: Which club gets to serve the biscotti?

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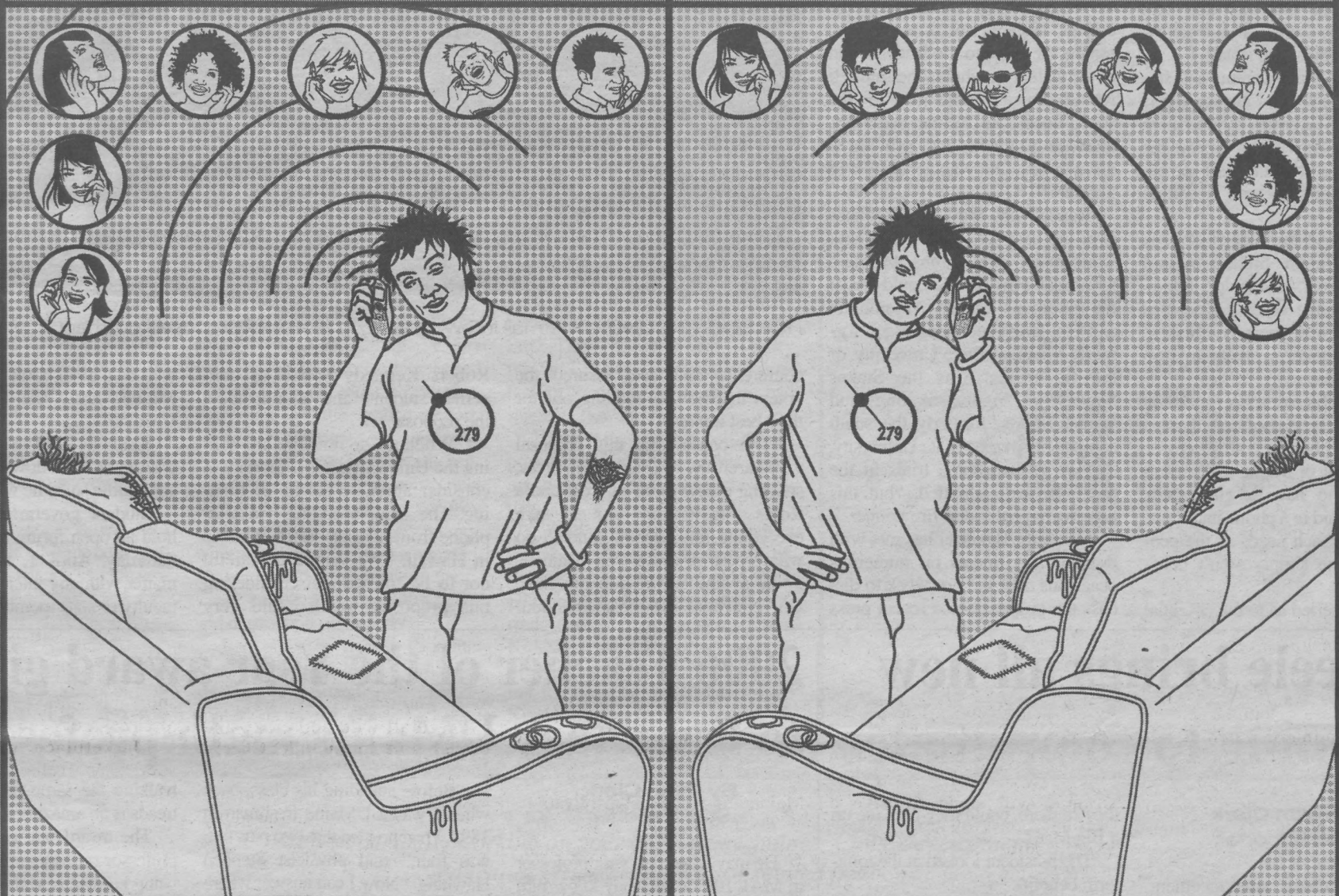
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UMaine to get duded up for the fall of 2006

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

An eccentric oil tycoon from west Texas, Thomas 'T-Bone' Stakes, has made a surprise bid to purchase the entire University of Maine system outright from the state of Maine, with the intention of converting the buildings and land into the largest series of dude ranches in the northeastern states.

Although many parents and students have expressed unease at this suggestion, Stakes has assured them that under his private ownership, the educational curriculum will remain in place, although with a shifted focus.

"Courses at the Stakes College of Dude Ranch Studies would include animal husbandry, horsemanship, equine veterinary science and Medieval Philosophy," Stakes' press manager, Billy-Jo-Bob Randall, said.

Stakes, who made his fortune in the oil industry, is confident that his proposal will be met with success.

"The state of Maine really can't afford not to have a giant dude ranch," he said in a phone interview. "The dude ranch needs of the people of Maine simply aren't being met."

When queried as to the potential

problem shutting down the largest college in the state might pose, Stakes was remarkably nonchalant.

"Ya'll can just transfer to New Hampshire if you don't like horses," he suggested.

Randall, in a second interview, was more candid about the impact of this proposal.

"Under private management, the college system would be able to reduce the costs to the students and to the state as a whole," he said. "It would generate more jobs for the state, boost the Maine economy, increase tourism, and provide a drive to keep the younger people in the state."

Randall has worked for Stakes over the past six years, throughout some other tumultuous business proposals. Few people could forget the infamous Stakes Automobile and Hot Dog Processing Plant, formerly Michigan State University, or the fiasco that was the Stakes School of Figure Skating and Winter Sports, formerly the south campus of Arizona State University.

"We've had some trials in the past," Randall admitted, "but this time we've got a sure fire winner."

Governor Baldacci has met with Randall and Stakes on numerous occasions over the last week to discuss the proposal. In a recent press



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HORSING AROUND —The mall following the completion of proposed overhaul.

conference, Baldacci assured the voters that he was looking out for their best interests.

"I'm considering this proposal very carefully," he said to the press, sporting a new mink fur coat and a Rolex. "It is important to take everything into account, and to do what's best for myself - er, Maine."

In a similar press conference, University of Maine's President

Robert Kennedy spoke to concerned students and alumni about the proposal.

"While we do not condone selling the University, it is important to consider alternate means of funding," he said, speaking via telephone from his new summer house in Hawaii. "We should be careful not to be too rash in considering this proposal, which could very

well be a great boon for the state of Maine and the students of UMaine."

Kennedy confessed he's always wanted to learn how to ride a horse sidesaddle since he was a little boy.

Student government intends to hold an open forum on the mall on Saturday, April 1, to discuss the matter with any interested students, faculty or staff members.

Scheele brings all new meaning to room-mates

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

In a stunning announcement, Associate Dean of Students Kenda Scheele announced yesterday that the university has dropped its plans to institute coed wings in all residence halls. Instead, Scheele announced that UMaine has adopted a policy that will make all dorm rooms coed.

"There is no better way to build a cohesive community than by forcing members of the opposite sex to live together," said Scheele. "I'm excited about the possibilities that lie ahead."

Scheele said the idea came to her in a dream one night.

"I woke up and said to myself, 'Kenda, you're a genius,'" said Scheele, noting that the idea of restricting hall access to residents also came to her in a dream. "That idea worked so well, how can this one not?"

UMaine President Robert Kennedy was supportive of the plan.

"Personally, I think this is a fabulous idea. Kenda has really outdone herself this time," he said. "Let's face it. Some of our students are so socially inept, there is no possible way they could attract a member of the opposite sex. We're doing all the work for them. Just call us the Love Connection."

Neither Kennedy nor Scheele was concerned about the potential rise in sex-related crimes that could result from male and female students sharing a room.

"If students aren't mature enough to live with a member of the opposite sex, then maybe college isn't for them," said Scheele. "I hear McDonald's is hiring. Oh, and while

they're there, could they pick me up a Big Mac?"

The president looked at the long-term benefits.

"Maybe love will blossom between two students and down the road they'll write us a big fat check," said Kennedy. "I've always found happy alumni are generous alumni. Maybe they'll name a building after me. I've always liked the sound of Kennedy Hall."

Noel March, chief of Public Safety, said his troops were ready for any increase in crime.

"Maybe this will spice things up a little bit," said March. "A lot of times we're paying our officers to sit on their duffs and drink coffee all day. Quite frankly, there isn't a lot for them to do. With this change, maybe they'll start earning their paychecks."

Potential Black Bears taking part in a campus tour had mixed reviews about the changes.

"This is awesome," said Eve Sunstrom. "Despite the high tuition, incompetent facility and the pathetic parking situation, this has made UMaine my choice. Where do I sign?"

Willie Buckston wasn't nearly as excited.

"I don't want to live with a girl. They have cooties," he said. "I was really hoping I'd get a roommate I could connect with. I wanted to live with someone who I could play video games and avoid all social contact with."

Scheele hopes the students will embrace the idea.

"I hope this goes over well. Otherwise, I'm back to pumping gas at Irving. I really don't want to do that."

2006 Teacher of the Year award given to legendary UMaine math professor

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

He may have been your professor in MAT 101 or you may know him as the man in the safari helmet riding his bike to his classes. Now, the University of Maine's most infamous math legend is receiving his just awards.

Reclining in a leather chair, thinking about math and whatever the Union is serving for soup, Professor Henry Pogorzelski looks at a letter on his desk. The letter is more than just something that was sent to him by FedEx: It was sent to him by the Department of Education naming him the 2006 National Teacher of the Year.

"Math is a lot like a woman," Pogorzelski said, his hoarse voice warbling with age and oozing with mathematical genius. "Not sure how they are similar, but it's what I tell my students."

Besides being someone who knows about numbers, Pogorzelski also knows about people. This was the same man who saved UMaine's President Robert Kennedy from burning his tongue on a cup of coffee.

"If there is such thing as infinity, we will all freeze to death. If there is no such thing as infinity, we will all burn up. Which would you rather do?" asked Pogorzelski. "Chew on that."

But it has been more than just his heroics that received notice. Because of his work, people are saying that he could be the greatest teacher since Mr. Feeny from "Boy Meets World." "Pogo" as he is commonly referred to, was nominated for the award because of the impact that he has had in the life of one of his students.

"Before attending his class, back when I was a UMaine freshman in 1892, I had no idea that two plus two was four," said physicist Stephen Hawking. "Now I can answer where do we come from, how did the universe begin, why is the universe the way it is and how will it end."

He was chosen from a candidate pool of over 3,500 of America's top professors. Once it was announced that he was nominated, 3,499 professors withdrew from the race, claiming that going against the professor was a bad idea.

"This man's intelligence on wind resistance allowed me to win those races," said Lance Armstrong, who plans to ride Pogo's bike during the Tour de France. "Although I never attended UMaine, I must say that just

walking the same path as his bike treads is an amazing feat."

The award will be given to the professor on Maine Day. Instead of being known as Maine Day, the day will now be referred to as Pogo Day. This move will go into effect immediately.

Besides changing the name, students will no longer have the day off. Students will be expected to do math only to end their day by watching "Dancing with the Pogo: How to do Algebra even when you walk!"

The DVD has sold a billion copies around the world.

"I wonder sometimes about all this," he said. "Not about all the fame and stardom but whether or not pi is related to mathematics or is it really a food."



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RIOT

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a symbolic example to all American students, until the Chinese workers are given the same rights and opportunities that the rest of us enjoy."

According to witnesses, Red attempted to continue his speech when students began pelting him with wadded up pages of The Maine Crapus grabbed from a nearby newspaper stand.

As the crowd grew, his protest was cut short in a dramatic display by a large group of student DDR enthusiasts wishing to use the machine during their lunch break. The enthusiasts soon turned to violence after their attempts to convince Red to chain himself to another machine in the arcade failed.

"I gotta get my DDR fix, man," shouted Dan DeRalph, a sixth-year computer engineering major, as the situation heated up.

"This is BS," said DeDe Ryans, first year and self proclaimed PA, perfect attack, DDR player. "I'm like so close to getting an A score on Dynamite Rave, ugh this kid like needs to be crucified."

Dean of students Robert Dana came down from his third-floor office in the Union to survey the situation as well.

"This is a serious issue," said Dana. "We here at UMaine believe in free speech but violence like the violence displayed here today is a slippery-slope towards destroying community spirit."

Gus Burkett, assistant director of campus activities for student organizations and Greek Life, also witnessed the riot and was reportedly just relieved that the Greeks were not involved.

As emotions raged, three protestors grabbed pool cues from the adjoining room, beating Red about the head and shoulders in a "rhythmic and rigid pattern," according to witnesses. The attackers were identified as hardcore freestyle DDR enthusiasts who are only known by their nickname, "The Smooth Move Trio."

"It was kinda cool," said Wittney Ness, a second-year art major. "It seemed like they were hitting him with the sticks to a moderately fast techno beat, like there was some rhyme and reason to it all."

Public safety responded to the violence within minutes of being alerted to the riot, admittedly cutting short their coffee and donut break in the Market Place.

"I was almost to the jelly," said Officer Batchelder.

Officers quickly dispersed the rioters and detained several students for questioning.

Red appeared woozy and disoriented, softly mumbling "China workers" as he was easily released from his chains and the machine, according to the police report. Though he had swallowed the key to the padlock, Red had apparently neglected to snap the lock completely shut, said Officer Zubik.

The three pool-cue-assailants, whose names are not being released, are being held on charges of aggravated assault, disturbing the peace and destruction of property.

Red is being treated for blunt force trauma to the head, a dislocated shoulder, two broken ribs, multiple contusions to the chest, back and

sides, a broken jaw and the loss of most of the hair on the left side of his head. His family was not available for comment, but those who knew him best said that such events are not uncommon. "He's kind of a dork," said a friend who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The DDR machine has been removed from the e-Sports arcade until further notice, pending an investigation of the negative effects of having the machine on campus.

Reli Eved, a third-year psychology major, witnessed the riot from afar. "It's a good thing that my friend Bucky ordered a DDR pad from eBay so that I don't have to rely on the DDR machine in the Union to fulfill my DDR-ing needs," she said.

Some of the students expressed regret for their actions. Apolo Getic, a junior business major, felt bad.

"I wish it didn't have to come to violence. But he should have known better."

Others felt it was justly deserved.

"This whole thing wouldn't have been an issue if he'd just chained himself to the Pinball machine," said Prac Tical, a fourth-year forestry major. "I'm sure the Pinball machine factory workers are in just as bad shape in Taiwan."

Former Residents On Campus president Adam Kirkland was on the scene as well and wished to comment.

"Yeah I'm sure this is all a tragedy, it sucks for Red about his nose and all. Him and I used to be DDR buddies before he got all worried about poor people," said Kirkland. "But on a good news note, everyone should support me in my bid for President of UMaine when Kennedy retires."

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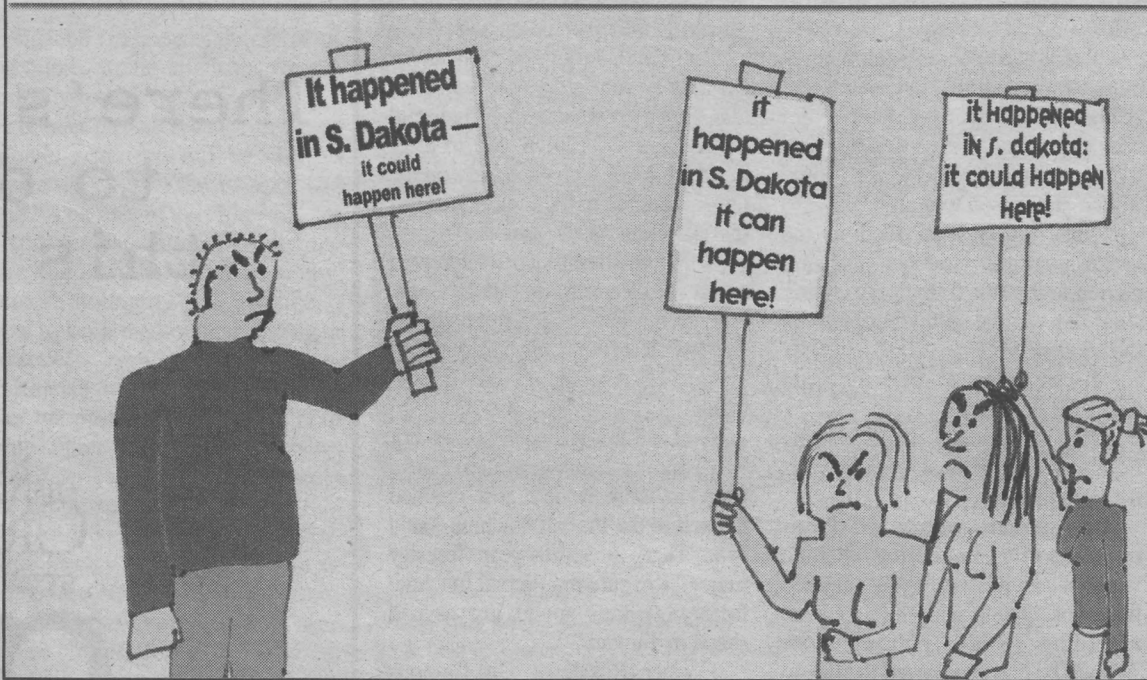
Stick to the legal drinking establishments

At the Maine Crapus, we try to stay impartial on business matters. Our concentration is reporting the news, not promoting one company over another. However, filling the void left from Ushuaia's closing is an important issue that affects the entire UMaine community. We find that Chez Prez will serve UMaine students more professionally.

While it's true that both President Kennedy and President McNaughton deny the existence of the speakeasy, the testimony of senator William Pomerleau and the slurred excuses of Ben Bishop are more than ample in proving it's existence.

Patrons of Chez Prez are entering a legal establishment that is endorsed by a public official. They enjoy mint juleps and white Russians instead of bathtub gin and antifreeze wine. Their ears are treated to modern classics, instead of immoral "jukeboxes" and wild catcalls. They are not subjected to constant raids or the teeth of Public Safety's vicious German shepherds. We hope that all students will stick to the safer venue when they go out on Thursday through Monday nights.

UMaine factoid: On March 20, 2006 anti-abortion activist Terry Hughes and the members of the Student Women's Association held signs with the same slogan.



Forgotten civil rights victories

Not all female pioneers are celebrated at our university

This Wednesday, our campus celebrated International Women's Day. While I agree that it was a good idea to honor the women who helped shape our history, it saddens me to think of the brave heroines whom history overlooks. Don't get me wrong, Gloria Steinem and Flo Kennedy are great leaders and deserve to be recognized. It's just too bad that we have turned our backs on some of those who worked hard for the rights of women.

In the 1920s, shortly after women were given the right to vote, some brave feminist leaders started the Women of the Ku Klux Klan. These women were sick of staying at home and

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sewing robes; they wanted to publicly express their disdain for Catholics, Jews and minorities.

Unfortunately, the WKKK was a mere sister group to the Klan. Women would have to wait until the early 70s before becoming full-fledged members. Grand Wizard David Duke decided that it doesn't require male genitalia to burn a cross

on someone's lawn and welcomed the first "klanswomen" into the Invisible Empire. He let the country know that the Knights of the Klu Klux Klan weren't going to be associated with gender discrimination. America now knows that the KKK is open to any Protestant heterosexual gentile, regardless of which European nation, European race, or European creed they hail from.

It was a hard struggle for women to fight their way into the boys' klub of the KKK. In contrast, they were years behind the black nationalist movement.

In 1967, 16-year-old Tarika

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This place needs peace

MPAC will rule UMaine with a gentle iron fist

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I think it's time people start to get serious about peace. There is so much more this world has to offer, but it's often overshadowed by wars, and rebellions and dirty, dirty republicans. If you really want peace, you have to be prepared to rip out someone's spleen and beat them with it until they agree to stop causing nasty conflicts in foreign countries. As the new self-appointed leader of the Maine Peace Action Coalition, I have instigated several new suggestions that should be followed if people value their rights, freedoms, morality and heads.

First of all, there should be no more delicate "protests" where people express "free speech" protected by the "Constitution." I am sure that MPAC is always right, so therefore, there's no need for debate and uprisings. Just listen to whatever MPAC says. To make sure everyone understands my wisdom fully, I have appointed the MPAC Happy Peace Enforcement Squad. The MPAC HPES will use the peace-giving power of batons and stun guns to quell disruptive non-peace-affiliated demonstrations at close range, and high-powered peace instilling assault rifles to stop the warmongers from afar. Thus, the campus is kept clean of those who would dare oppose the righteous ways of the peace-loving.

After the will of peace, which is coincidentally the same as mine, has been shown to the people of the university, I feel that the next logical step is to solidify the community and show how the way of peace is indeed the better one. Thus, MPAC is currently building the Subterranean Bunker of Peace. In the SBOP, MPAC will house the "peace bullets" and other ammunition for the HPES, as well as peace reinforcement

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Letters to the Editor

In protest of Sylvester

Brian Sylvester, staff writer for the Maine Crapus, has got to go. He writes in various sections of the paper, mostly news, and provides articles with such a vicious liberal slant that I am almost disgusted to read them. Indeed, it is all I can do to hold back my vomit while I carefully cut out those articles, put them in a scrapbook

and pore over them in gross detail, picking out every single sentence which offends me and recording it in my mind until a time such as this, when I can finally tell the world of their horror. Alas, space does not permit my listing them here, and the many hours and days of my life which I spent in their study were an absolute waste. But take my

word for it. He is just plain evil.

The only thing worse than his writing is his insipid cartoon, "Reaper Steve." Death is not funny, sir! It is one of the most depressing and serious things that happen in this life, and I cannot believe that a student would take it into his mind to ridicule the

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Letters to the editor should be no longer than 300 words in length and should include as many exclamation marks as possible. Don't bother including address, academic major or job title since we are going to make them up anyway. Include phone number or e-mail address so that you may receive hate mail. The Maine Crapus reserves the right to edit submissions to make us look good.

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KKK

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Lewis became the first woman to join the Black Panther Party. While some men in the group wanted to keep her away from armed combat with the police, co-founder Bobby Seale said, "If you could do the job, you were assigned the task." This led to Lewis taking an active role in almost every aspect of the Black Panthers, from sit-ins to firearm training. She had no intention of watching the revo-

lution from the kitchen, she was ready to kill along with the men.

Perhaps it was a brave woman who added a pro-diversity message to www.kkk.com. This message, against interracial relationships, reads "Imagine the world with only one race — only one culture — Is that really what you want?" Whoever it was, let's never forget those brave pioneers who fought for the right for women everywhere to hate minorities.

Michael Hartwell contributed to this column.

PEACE

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rooms where, through the aid of car batteries and testicular electrodes, those who don't grasp the omnipotence of peace will be gently reminded of the true nature of the world. The SBOP will also house large statues to the lord of peace who, coincidentally, is me. To ensure respect for peace, I will decree that animals and the occasional virgin be sacrificed at the base of the statues to appease the Great God of Peace, GGOP, a new title that I will assume following my peaceful acquisition of the campus.

Although some may say college professors are, as a whole, already liberal and peace-minded, I have serious problems with the amount of warmongering and evil diversity being expressed with a

select few professors. In an effort to stop the spread of conflict, I suggest that professors only be allowed to say "peace is king" throughout the entire class period, a curriculum I have called "Learning Peace is Fun." Tests will consist of questions asking, "How great is peace?" and "Is peace the only way?" Failing will result in a "peace labor" program designed to help one come to terms with peace through the tranquil healing process of back-breaking manual labor.

Peace is not something that just happens; it has to be fought for, whether through a modest genocide or pulling the fingernails off an insurgent with pliers. Just remember to worship the GGOP, pray in the SBOP, and support the HPES unquestionably. Because MPAC is watching you.

Junior peace studies minor Chris J. Allen contributed to this article

LETTERS

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deaths of men, women and children with such characters as a smoking rabbit and a cat who kills people. I can't begin to describe how offensive it is to our undead community. Have you no decency, you fiend?

And lest we forget, this very same writer sometimes writes opinion columns. Now, far be it from me to impugn upon another person's point of view, but that man should not be allowed to speak, ever, and should be kept locked up in a very small room and given no food. How dare he say that some students should not

be called on in class? What right does he have to tell us how to write hate mail? I have no need of your help, you smarmy son of a you-know-what. Save your pretensions for the judgement day. I call upon each and every one of you out there, who no doubt all share my obsessive and pointless dislike for this author, to join me in a candlelit protest against his awfulness Saturday evening, at 9 p.m. in the mall. Together we can keep Brian Sylvester from polluting the minds, wills and souls of all the good students of this campus.

And maybe if they fire him, I can have his job.

Dave Marshall
— Third-year philosophy major

The one thing our dining halls need

Serving booze would take the edge off eating on campus

All right, I'm going to come right out and say it: They should be serving hard liquor in all the dining halls on campus. I'm not kidding here. You know all those machines that spit out juice, milk and coffee? Scrap all that trash and put in liquor. Really, it doesn't even have to be hard. Beer, wine, mixed drinks and straight-up hard stuff will all do the job equally well. Don't believe me when I say it? I'm going to outline my reasons below. I know you'll agree with me when I'm done. You always agree with me. I mean, if you didn't agree with me, why did the Thanksgiving Dinner Girl stalk me and put chocolate in my bed-sheets? You say that it wasn't chocolate? Oh dear. Either way, let's get on with the show.

First, there's taste. It's pretty much openly acknowledged that you're better off not tasting the commons food when you eat it. Green Noodles are probably the best example of this principle. Therein lies the beauty of taking your meals wasted: You can't taste a thing. If you can't taste the wonderful fruitiness of a rotten banana or the pungent taint of rancid butter, you might as well eat it anyway. Drunk people never care about what their food tastes like because they can't taste a thing. Give every kid in the commons a few drinks and then see how much they complain about going to dinner. Of course, there's always the problem of...

Getting Sick. Someone was

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spreading a rumor a while ago that the dish detergent used by Dining Services was making people sick. I really don't know about that, but it doesn't matter. People have been complaining about the food on campus making them sick before they even laid the foundation for Stewart. That's why alcohol is so beautiful: if you give out unlimited free drinks, everyone will already be sick. They won't even need to eat to enjoy the simple pleasure of projectile vomiting. How will people be able to say with a straight face that the commons made them sick when the table in front of them is covered in plastic tumblers full of vodka? It simply doesn't work that way. Get wasted. Get sick. Vomit. Repeat. There's just no room for complaining about the food in that sequence.

Then there's clean-up. All right, so they don't exactly clean the facilities all that much. I found a dead rat and three fetal pigs under the milk machine at Stewart commons one day. But there's something about extreme vomit spillage that leads to extreme cleaning. Well, unless, of course, you're talking about the second floor men's bathroom

in Hart Hall. There's vomit in there from before they shot JFK. But anyway, vomit tends to require cleanup. That's a beautiful thing. You see, if every visible surface in the dining hall is covered with puke, the staff will actually have to clean things. No, looking at the tables and finding them relatively dry does not count as cleaning. I'm talking about sand-blasting and acid-baths. Just be certain when you find yourself ill that you go for maximum coverage. We wouldn't want them missing a spot.

Don't forget sex. It's not difficult to see that the dining situation on campus is a little Spartan. All those commercials on TV show people eating and screwing and having a ridiculous time putting on their deodorant. Why shouldn't our eating experience be sexier? Well, if you put free booze in all the commons, it definitely will be. There's just no getting around the fact that alcohol produces raunchy times. That's what I want to see. I'm talking full-out orgies. You know you want it too. I mean, sure, we have to eat from those tables, but what's keeping them from being used for something a little less puritanical? Besides, you weren't really planning on eating that banana, were you?

So there you have it. I told you I'd convince you. Drink up, UMaine.

Ian Marquis, whose AIM name is Yannikatana, contributed to this article. Go ahead, try it.

Living-impaired rights go too far

Undead student enrollments are choking this campus

Call me old fashioned but I appreciate the old days. I believe in baseball games, apple pies and staying dead. Over the last couple of months the undead have been awakening at an alarming rate and showing up around town. Call me an aliveist if you must, but who wants dead people clogging up the already over crowded campus? This article isn't about the dislike for the undead; it's about their arrogance in believing they have a right to change our campus. Groups such as People for the Ethical Treatment of the Undead have formed. However, these groups don't have the interest of the whole student body in mind.

As of now, those undead related to faculty of the university are demanding half-price tuition. The clause in which faculty relatives are allowed to attend the university for half the cost gives teachers incentives to stay at UMaine while keeping tuition costs down, but enough is enough. If we allow every undead person to come back and collect benefits, our economy will be ruined. Some people are pleased to see their loved ones and believe that zombies have rights too, but one has to look at this on a long-term basis. Many civil activists feel the undead will move into our neighborhoods, breed within our families and in time our differences will be forgotten. I see a much different world overrun with chaos.

Many people feel that these zom-

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bies aren't hurting anyone, but I beg to differ. The dorms smell even worse than they used to and biting mishaps have risen 8 percent in the past 3 months. When all of these zombies see that UMaine is letting them in for half price more and more turn to the campus in order to further their careers. Even dead professors have been showing up demanding to have their pension reinstated. Some of the undead professors have even started to teach again. While most of the student body hasn't really noticed others are too terrified of seeing detached lambs over campus to make it to class. This will have a significant effect on the school's overall GPA.

The half-priced tuition demand isn't even the tip of the iceberg. As more and more undead enter the campus they demand for more say. They've already infected the student government which has declared, in a unanimous decision, to rename the Black Bear Grill in the Union to the "Bear Brain Grill." Every group should have rights, but these zombies are going too far. The biggest

problem students face is the change in the classroom pace. The undead also have little regards for the rest of society. Recently several undead students put together a film called "Night of the Living" in which a group of zombies are stuck in a house surrounded by the living. They try to survive the night as savagely portrayed humans try to break in and devour the students. I think this movie is distasteful and rude. The latest change on campus is the affirmative action clause which states that all sport teams are now required to select half of the teams players as undead regardless of talent.

I don't have any personal agenda against the zombies. I just think we need to compromise. The undead wouldn't be all that bad if they could hold a conversation for more than five minutes without slurring their speech and grabbing at your skull. Death is a necessary function in nature and to defy it will only create problems. The zombies at UMaine have to be stopped if we are ever going to restore order. It is time the university's administration stopped buckling under the powerful undead lobby. As a school, it is important to prevent one group from gaining too much control, or they will lose sight of what is best for all of us.

Justin Chase also contributed to this arti-aghhhh AAGGHHHHH... BRAAAAAAIIINS!

THE MAINE CRAPUS

Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down

- Edible windows
- Maine Steiners
- Coming back from the dead
- Robo DJ
- Raffi

- DDR
- Saying "random" and "sketchy"
- When other people insult DDR
- Mall trees
- Chuck Norris jokes

go.

MUSIC

Raffi comes to Java Jive
8 p.m.
Tuesday, April 4
Main Dining Room, Memorial
Union

Comin' on Out
Opening Bash at Chez Prez
9 p.m.
Saturday, April 1
Chez Prez, the president's
house

Your favorite band
8 p.m.
Saturday, April 1
At least a four-hour drive from
here

Second Annual night with
Brendan Fraser
10 p.m.
MCA

Soul Lemon Jams In
Fridays through Thursdays
Soma 36

ART

"Tampons and Teacups:
Explorations in Feminist Erotica"
until April 28
Norumbega Hall, University of
Maine Museum of Art
Bangor

The Maine Attraction: Joe
Schmoe
Appeared on Comedy Central
8 years ago
9 p.m.
Friday, March 31
Free

COMEDY

Rev. Desmond Speaks the
Word
9 p.m.
Main Dining Room, Memorial
Union
Free, love offerings accepted

MOVIES

Kickin' Flicks "Soldier"
7:30 and 10 p.m.
Friday, March 31
Bangor Room
Memorial Union

"Hentai Exposed"
Anime Club feature film
6 p.m.
Friday, March 31
Free with MaineCard

"Peace: What is this thing we
keep talking about?"
MPAC Movie Series event
7 p.m.
151 Little Hall
Free

ENTERTAINMENT

Learn popcorn tricks with the
Crabtree brothers
8 p.m.
Tonight
Maine Crapus Office,
Memorial Union

BARS

"Drink 'til we call Public
Safety"
Bear's Den
Friday night
\$1 PBRs, baby!!!!!!

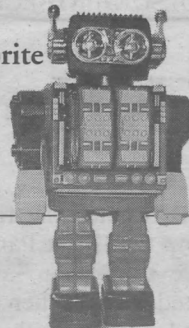
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Penny drafts as long as the
Orono PD don't show up
Fridays
Ushuaia

If you would like your event
posted in the go calendar, send
it to someone who cares.

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you are! Page 12

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DJ takes the
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The Bumstock binge

University officials offer compromise on the issue of underage drinking

By Ryan Clark
Staff Virus

Still deciding how you're going to get wasted before
Bumstock? University officials want to give you a hand.

Concerned that some students might get too drunk before
the April 22 event, Police Chief Noel March and his staff have
been busy back at the station creating a bartender's manual
that will provide drink recipes designed to keep students safely
sauced.

"We see time and time again on Bumstock weekend that
the freshmen just down half a handle of Five O'Clock vodka
in 20 minutes and find themselves in the emergency room by
the end of the night," March said. "We aren't idiots. We know
they are going to drink. The least we can do is to provide stu-
dents with decent recommendations so they aren't just taking
shot after shot of cheap liquor off some sorority girl's chest."

The booklet, which features 10 pages of "Maine made"
recipes, will be distributed in several locations in Memorial
Union and in the dormitories in the days before Bumstock
weekend, March said. Highlights include classy combina-
tions like the "Black Bear Ball-Buster" and the "Kennedy's
KrunK."

"I even put in a couple of my own special recipes," con-
fided the Director of Judicial Affairs David Fiocco. "I'm
especially fond of 'Bumstock Bananas.' It's true what they
say, 99 Bananas goes down as easy as the Bumstock equip-
ment."

The move by university officials has certainly come as a
surprise to many students. Earlier this semester, the deans had
denied the Bumstock Committee's request that alcohol be
served at the event.

"If you think about [why we denied the request], it makes
perfect sense," Dana said. "If we served booze at Bumstock,
the entire 21-plus crowd would be drinking at the event
instead, and the minors might be forced to turn to less safe
ways of getting absolutely intoxicated, since they couldn't
find a buyer."

However, student and faculty reactions to the cocktail
cookbook have been marked by skepticism.

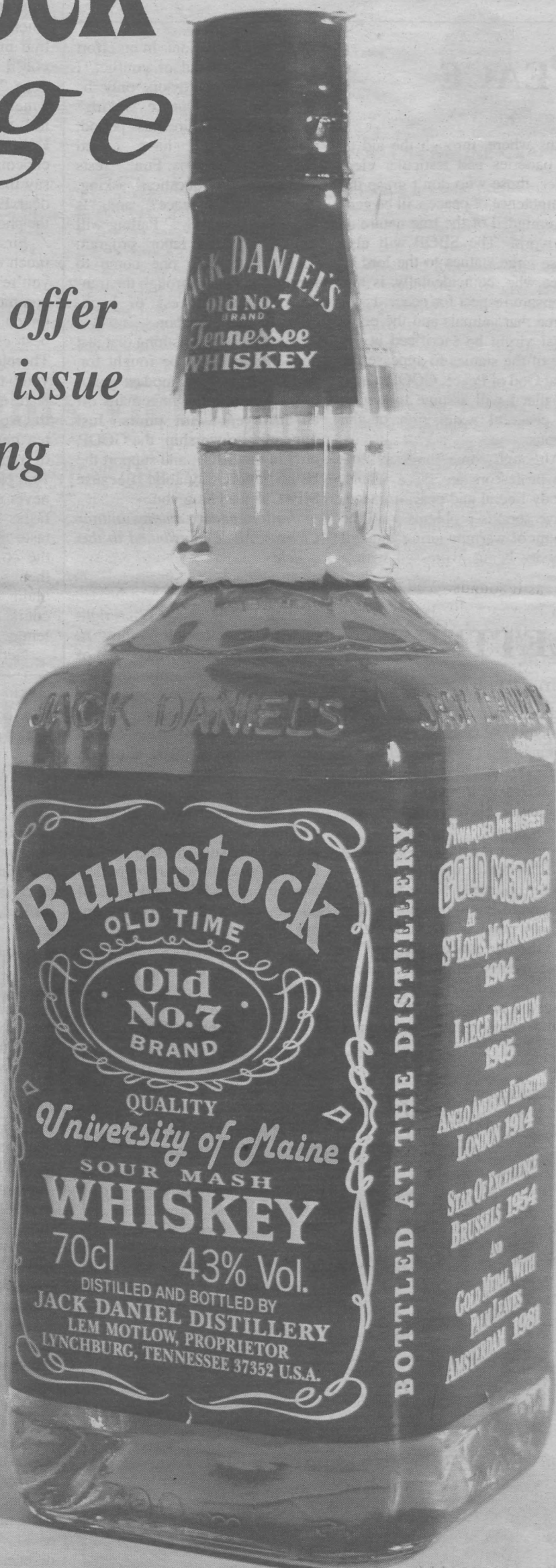
"I find it very hard to believe that [university officials] can
make a margarita better than me," said Beta brother Andrew
Knapp. "If any ladies want lessons, hit me up on Facebook."

Lauri Sidelko, director of the alcohol and drug education
program, also expressed some concerns.

"The university is doing students a disservice by publish-
ing a manual to mix hard liquors," Sidelko said. "Students
should consider more conservative options such as wine and
beer, which would allow them to drink in higher quantities for
longer periods of time."

As the fate of Bumstock is up in the air, one thing remains
clear: The booze will still be banned from the event premises.

"We know that we aren't able to stop students from drink-
ing," Dana said. "We just want you to do it somewhere else."



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Making it when you're a single guy

A
Single
Guy



By Ryan Clark

I was working the other night, folding clothes at the store with my friend Matt. My manager came up and asked, "Hey guys, getting lucky with the ladies?"

I didn't know how to respond, being single and all. My friend Matt immediately chimed in, "I'm wearing tighter pants, you know, showing off my 'Meatnormous,'" and it got me to thinking maybe it's time for me to change things up a bit.

Being the single guy that I am, I carouse the late night bars and all. It's great not having to look over your shoulder and see the old ball and chain giving you the horns when you're eyeing some hottie-too-naughty across the bar.

I need serious help though, when it comes to being single.

Being single is not as easy as it sounds. You have to learn how to do things, like my friend Matt's doing. He's showing off his "Meatnormous" to the ladies, while I'm just sitting here being single. Maybe I should take some tips from my friend. I mean, "Meatnormous," this guy must be reading stuff that I've never even heard of. Maybe I fell behind while I was living the "married" life.

So I took my friend to T.J. Maxx and the mall. We were hanging out, looking at the polo shirts and whatnot. Matt approached a P.Y.T — pretty young thang — and got her number. When I enquired as to how he did this, he simply said: "the Incoming technique."

He read in a book by David Morrell about the "Incoming technique" of getting girls' numbers. Apparently, while I was living the "married" life, I missed the book.

So my friend Matt, simply walks up to a P.Y.T and yells out, "Incoming" and somehow gets the girl's number.

Whoa.

That's news to me, but useful because I'm single and all.

So what did I learn from my experiences of hanging out with my friend Matt and being single? Maybe there's more to being single than carousing the bars every weekend, maybe it's about reading books and talking about "Meatnormous." There's a certain "je ne sais quois" to being single that does not apply to the "married" life.

I guess we'll just have to wait and find out, but one thing's for sure: I can't wait for our next trip to T.J. Maxx.

'Mouthguard' gains national syndication

By Ryan Clark
Staff Virus

Michael Hartwell exudes a carefully prepared aura of self-assurance and confidence. When I spoke to the famed creator of "Mouthguard," the campus TV show which recently received national syndication, he wore a dark, Italian-cut suit that projected professionalism with an undertone of menace.

"Mouthguard," of course, is a debate show which comes from a long line of debate shows which I am surprisingly knowledgeable of because I am cultured and attractive. Debate first came to television in 1984 with CNN's "Crossfire." Guests on the show debated hotly contested issues and, in the end, came to definitive answers which reshaped society.

Watching "Mouthguard" is like reclining in a Greek acropolis, slowly pulling apart a juicy pomegranate while seasoned debaters ponder on love, justice and truth. The most prominent difference is that when guests on "Mouthguard" can't come to an agreement, they strap on boxing gloves and fight until the issue is resolved.

So, I asked Hartwell what it was



CRAPUS PHOTO BY RYAN CLARK

TABLE TALK — Hosts and guests discuss very important issues on their very important show, Mouthguard.

like to have the show he created become syndicated and watched by people as far from Maine's rocky shores as San Francisco and New Orleans. I worded my question carefully, verbs and nouns and articles expertly moving from my tongue into the open air, where vibrations hit eardrums and our minds convert their frequency and amplitude into concrete ideas. Hartwell's answer,

while more than competent, lacked the subtle poetry of my language.

I sipped my cappuccino and tapped my foot to a Miles Davis song playing from the next room. It was from "Bitches' Brew," one of Davis' less-appreciated albums. I shared this thought with Hartwell but found his appreciation for jazz lacking.

"I never expected to make money from this show," Hartwell said, his

language clumsy. "But I won't turn it down. We've put a lot of work into this show, and it's nice to see something for it." I nodded, stroking my chin. I was considering growing a soul patch. While I prefer the clean-shaven look, I knew a soul patch would reflect my thoughtful nature and my appreciation of culture.

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Rumors confirmed: Raffi coming to campus

By Ryan Clark
Staff Virus

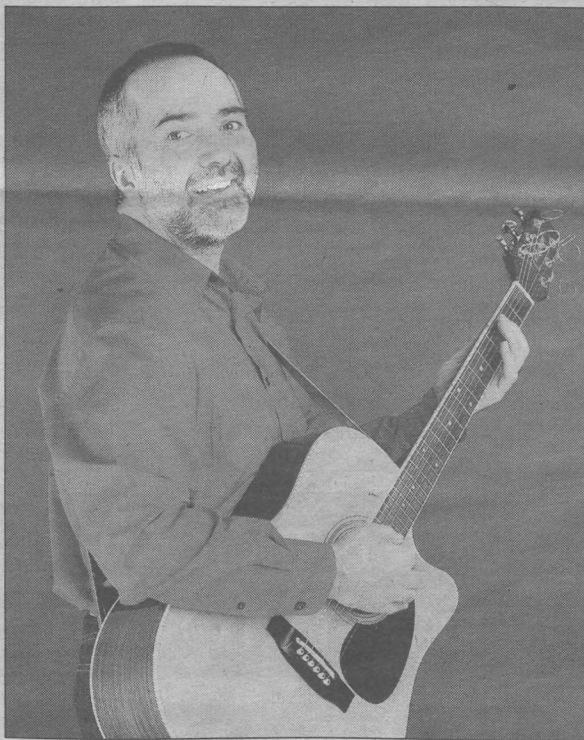


PHOTO COURTESY OF RAFFI

DON'T FRET — Beloved children's music icon Raffi will perform in the Union Tuesday

Known for more than 30 years of heartwarming acoustic performances, Raffi will be playing this Tuesday's Java Jive. It will take place in the North Pod of Memorial Union at 8 p.m.

Raffi is surely renowned for his popularity with young children, but his music is also valued by the college-aged and older crowd. This show is eagerly anticipated. Several students have already been apprehended for scalping tickets to the event, even though admission is free. Officer Deborah Mitchell herself was caught for selling \$50 tickets to a fellow officer looking to see Raffi play live.

The reactions to Raffi's arrival have been both enthusiastic and dramatic. First-year student Gromit Rockefeller learned about the show while waiting in line at Starbucks. "Raffi, as in the genius behind such hits as 'Baby Beluga' and 'Robin in the Rain?' I want to love that man!" she exclaimed. Everyone in line smiled and began to hum their favorite Raffi songs. This experience was so

inspiring for Rockefeller that she is changing her name to Raffi.

As if this show needed any more incentive than Raffi's wonderful music to attend, Raffi has agreed to autograph any and all CDs and bananaphones that are brought to the show. The Union is sure to be packed.

The results of a recent survey given by the Maine Crapus showed that 99 percent of UMaine students are Raffi fans. The other 1 percent prefer Rick Charette and the Bubblegum Band.

The most devoted Raffi fan of all, is surely Knox ROC Rep Erika Scarpignato. She raved, "His child-like appeal is certainly a quality more of us should possess. I am so excited for his arrival and performance here on campus. I will absolutely be the first in line for autographs with my Raffi and The Rise and Shine Band CD ready. This is a long overdue appearance!" She truly speaks for us all. For the 1 percent of you that are deprived enough to not appreciate or know about Raffi, visit www.raffinews.com and listen to just one song. You'll be hooked.

Kennedy: I love DDR

UMaine prez sponsors dance game tourney

By Ryan Clark
Staff Virus

It turns out that Dance Dance Revolution is not only enjoyed by the students at the University of Maine, but the staff as well. President Robert Kennedy himself is such a fan of the game, he decided to bring a tournament to e-Sports in Memorial Union this April 22.

"We've got dozens of people already signed up," Kennedy said. "It's going to be outstanding. It will be one of the main driving points to get students, faculty and staff through the rest of the semester."

One such faculty member, Paul Roscoe, will be in attendance with his dancing shoes on. "I have a pair of shoes specifically designed for DDR," Roscoe said. "I call them my

boogie shoes. They're actually Ben Sherman, but he designed them specifically for DDR."

Kennedy got the idea for a tournament last semester, when the University of Maine held its first Dance Dance Revolution competition. "I saw what was going on and I thought to myself, 'we need something like that, but not just for students or teens, something targeted toward everyone, including the faculty or staff.'"

Kennedy said that in order to compete at your highest level of gaming, you have to play the best in the game. "It's a bit like chess in that sense," he said.

Roscoe though, enjoys both forms of competition. "Well, I

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CDREVIEW

"Spring"
Printemps
God, Allah or Yahweh

This April brings the first Spring album in just under a year, and no surprise: It's another "Greatest Hits" collection. Not willing to change course from the formulaic "snow thaws, grass grows, squirrels scamper" formula that earned Spring worldwide acclaim last time around, this year's release shows many signs of an artist feeling the strains of age.

The transition from winter to spring comes with all the subtlety of a child smearing green paint all over white walls. While seasons such as the fall allow

you to slowly ponder its changes, Spring puts it all out there up front. In the grass and in the treetops, Spring has been too reliant on having us "look at how green it is." Yawn.

That's precisely what Spring has done every year. To be certain, some elements stand out for their nostalgic value — who can deny the appeal of "Robin Redbreast" or "Rain Showers," no matter how many times we encounter them? But such successes rolled out year after year only serve to remind us of just how tired this artist has become. Where is the



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The magic way to make yourself thin

Helpful
yet
sketchy



By Ryan Clark

We've all seen a lot of diet and exercise ads plastered on TV and in magazines that promise to help you lose weight. They all have two things in common: They're expensive and they don't work. Fortunately for us, a cheap and effective ancient Roman tradition lies in the nearest restroom.

When it comes to Bulimia Nervosa, there's really nothing to be nervous about. It's a natural way for us to relieve our bodies of unwanted food. Think of it as your stomach having an abortion.

Bulimia is almost magical. You can eat anything you want and not gain weight. If you decide you want to try this wizardry, the first thing you're going to need is a magic wand. Get a cheap rubber-tipped kitchen spatula and a pair of scissors. Cut the tip of the spatula into a nice small round shape that can comfortably fit into your esophagus. Keep this handy for when you're ready to "cast a spell."

You might also want to invest in some mints or breath spray. Some people may need a smock to keep stray splatter off their clothes. Eye

drops are also a good idea. If people see you come out of the bathroom with red eyes, they won't know that it's because you're serious about weight loss; they'll think you're a stoner!

A lot of people assume that a good purge starts in the bathroom. That's wrong. True aficionado bulimics begin when they sit down to eat. If you're in public, try to sit facing a rather large person. Stare at them while you eat. You may need this image burned into your memory for inspiration when it's gametime.

You should always resist the urge to "binge eat" before you're going to. You may get waylaid on your trip to the altar of St. Vomitus or get interrupted before you've emptied your stomach, so this can really backfire on you. Do feel free to spring for a few scoops of ice cream after your meal. It will help neutralize the burn of stomach acid on your esophagus when it comes back.

Next is the main event. Find a nice, private place. Bathrooms are the norm, but if it's a nice day, try behind a grove of trees. Now, keeping in mind what we just talked about concerning stomach acid, it's a good idea to drink a little water before starting the ritual. Next, you need to take a deep breath, hold it for a second, exhale in one fluid motion, open wide and gouge your magic wand as deep as it takes to "summon" your last meal. It will probably take you a few pushes to get it all

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Russell's 'Soldier' the most important film ever made

By Ryan Clark
Staff Virus

★★★★★

In 1998, Kurt Russell and Paul W.S. Anderson redefined the science fiction and action genres with a film entitled "Soldier." "Soldier" is, simply put, one of the best films ever made. It is such an important film, that the TNT television network has dubbed it a "new classic" along with "Deep Blue Sea" and "The Mummy."

Kurt Russell plays Todd, a man trained from birth to be a soldier with no emotions. Let me repeat; a soldier with no emotions. He shoots a woman in order to kill a bad guy who was using her as a shield. The scene is absolutely gut-wrenching.

Eventually, Todd is replaced by upgraded "models," as these super soldiers are called. In one intense scene, Todd is tested against his arch-nemesis Caine 607. The audience may cry when they Caine 607 wins the fight, and Todd is dumped on a trashy planet, considered useless by the government that once treasured his services.

Russell plays Todd like he's a Clint Eastwood character from one of the Sergio Leone western films, but a Clint Eastwood character from a Sergio Leone's western film, who is half-machine, half-human, and all soldier. Meanwhile, Jason Scott Lee's performance of Caine 607 works wonderfully as a foil

character to Todd, and the two actors, when on screen together, really create magic. If these two were to create any more magic on screen, this movie would not be suitable for children.

Some may say the film may not be suitable for children. It has some violence, but at the same time it handles the violence in a responsible manner. Besides, the message found within the film is so important that children really should be forced to watch this film in schools and learn from Todd's message. After all, isn't there a little Todd in all of us? And if not, wouldn't you like a little Todd in you?

I cannot praise the directing work of Paul W.S. Anderson enough. Every shot has the camera placed so gingerly and with such precision, you can just feel how much love he put into this fine piece of cinema.

Some have criticized both Paul W.S. Anderson and screenwriter David Webb Peoples for stealing a lot of the plot points from the 1996 film "Solo." While the plots are similar, it must be understood that "Solo" was a hollow action film that goes no further than blowing up villages and having Solo, the film's main character, do flips around said village. "Soldier" really explores the dynamics of, as Clarence Carter would say, what makes a man a man, and that is what truly makes it a TNT New Classic.

WMEBSpot



CRAPUS PHOTO BY RYAN CLARK

Robo DJ wins hearts at UMaine

By Ryan Clark
Staff Virus

Late at night and random times of the day, listeners of WMEB are treated to the smooth banter of Robo DJ, an experimental prototype droid created by a British robotics firm. The firm's statement, on file with WMEB, says they hope to one day create thousands of these droids to help radio stations worldwide cut down on inappropriate behavior by human DJs, to reduce potential fines by the FCC, and to increase station profits.

For agreeing to take on the experiment, WMEB received half of this year's operating budget from the unnamed robotics firm. In 2007, Robo DJ will replace all human voices on air, at which point the station will receive its entire operating budget from the firm.

"Some student DJs might be disappointed, but this is the future of radio," said station manager Tom Grucza. "Either robots do the work, or we outsource it."

Robo DJ has been seen as a success, with some exceptions. DJs say Robo DJ is a great way to keep

the station live during the off hours, but none would go on record over reports of the robot's moodiness and disdain for the human race. There have been numerous stories of "malfunctions" that only narrowly avoided endangering the lives of others on the staff. Some involved the various weapons built into the robot's arms for its duties as night watchman, but other plans were also mentioned, including using the radio station's antennae to convert radio waves into a weapon capable of controlling lightning. These stories were laughed off by staff and station engineers.

"I can assure you, that it is absolutely absurd to mention within earshot of the robot," said program director Mary Holt. "Robo is a great and courteous addition to our staff."

Robo is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and only one serious malfunction has been documented. Several anonymous "technicians" from the unnamed robotics firm arrived after it began playing Joy Division's song "Transmission" for 48 hours straight, refusing to open the door for

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CDREVIEW



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"2 Church 4 Life" 2Pac & Charlotte Church Interscope

Sept. 13, 1996 is a day remembered with sorrow and respect for fans of gangsta rap; that was the day that Lesane Parish Crooks a.k.a. "2Pac" died from gunshot wounds received six days prior. Tupac's notoriety only increases as time progresses, as he released more albums posthumously than in his actual lifetime. Yet another album is added to the list: on March 21 of this year, a never-before-heard CD featuring collaborations with future classical diva Charlotte Church emerged on the scene and shook the world.

"2 Church 4 Life" was recorded three months prior to 2Pac's death, and one year before Church was signed to Sony. The album features 13 tracks, seven of which Church offers her vocal talents, and contains similar material as found on,

"All Eyez On Me." Until now, Church has never mentioned in interviews about the unlikely duet and sites her reticence to a profound sense of grief she felt at only age 10 after hearing of his untimely death. Church says that it was this experience that provided her the inspiration and the title for her 1999 debut album, "Voice Of An Angel."

So what does "2 Church 4 Life" sound like? It's unusual, sobering and refreshing, and will doubtlessly inspire more artists to venture into the realms of "classical rap." This will appeal more to fans of 2Pac rather than Church, but classical fans should check out "The Lord's Prayer," which features a tastefully done infusion of 2Pac's lyrics with Church's angelic voice providing the refrain over strings. Although 2Pac is known for his violent lyrics and references to the thug life, there is definitely an overwhelming and almost eerie spiritual tone to this soon-to-be-classic album.

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WMEB staff. While no one at the station has talked about it, rumors surfaced that the robot shot and wounded one of the firm's representatives during the repair. Station management, however, nervously laugh the incident off as rumors and speculation that they cannot talk about on account of the stations contractual obligations.

My communication with the android assured me that there is absolutely nothing to worry about, and that humanity will be better served by a nation of Robo DJs in control of our news and culture. Anyone who disagrees should be put alone in a room with the robot, as I was for a period of 18 hours, and they'll come to the same conclusions I did: That completely harmless robot sure plays some great music!

God help us. God help us all.

WHSNTop20

- 1 YELLOWCARD • Lights and Sounds
- 2 ARCTIC MONKEYS • Whatever People Say I am, That's What I'm Not
- 3 MATISYAHU • Youth
- 4 HAWTHORNE HEIGHTS • If Only You Were Lonely
- 5 SAY ANYTHING • Is a Real Boy/Was a Real Boy
- 6 STROKES • First Impressions of Earth
- 7 BIG CITY ROCK • Big City Rock
- 8 ISM • Monkey Underneath
- 9 DAMONE • Out Here All Night
- 10 SOUNDS • Dying to Say This to You
- 11 LASHES • Get It
- 12 SHE WANTS REVENGE • She wants revenge
- 13 SOUTHCOTT • Flee the Scene
- 14 ROCK FOR RELIEF • Various Artists
- 15 SLOW RUNNER • No Disassemble
- 16 NINE BLACK ALPS • Everything Is
- 17 GET SET GO • Ordinary World
- 18 ELECTRIC SIX • Senor Smoke
- 19 JACK JOHNSON AND FRIENDS • Sing-alongs and Lullabies for the Film Curious George
- 20 PISTOLITA • Oliver Under the Moon

Tune in to the Husson college radio station, 89.3 FM, cause WMEB plays pretentious hippy music.

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Garnering mainstream success can be like sitting in a Volvo filled with poisonous snakes: There is a superficial feeling of security, but failure means a deeper, more pronounced fall. Hartwell articulated this in his own pedestrian way when he said, "I hope people like us."

I cannot overemphasize John

Enkosky's contribution to the show. Enkosky hosts the show with a sharp wit that complements Hartwell's obtuse posturing like lemon pepper on a good Cajun dish. I watched their interaction during one taping and saw something beyond debate. I saw an artful interplay between two masters of their craft.

Unfortunately, the professionals at the company that bought the show will replace the show's original producer, Andrew Eldridge. Eldridge's filming techniques stylistically

recalled "La Dolce Vita," "The Seven Samurai" and other movies I have seen. His directing vision elevates what could be a debate show into an epic, dramatic glimpse at the human condition and themes of conflict, desire, inspiration and shame.

I recommend that everyone watch the show when the UPN begins airing it in June. If I can't catch it, I will record it with my TiVo player and watch it at my leisure while sitting cross-legged and sipping Pinot Noir.

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enjoy a challenge every so often. But playing against a newcomer, that's a good feeling," he said jokingly. "My goal is to crush my opponent, and if I play [amateurs] it makes it that much easier."

Many students were impressed by the skill that the faculty has brought to the DDR machine at e-Sports. "You know, when you hear about people like this playing DDR, you never quite know what to think. But they came out here and did their thing," said Dance Dance Revolution expert Anthony "Mad Max" Crabtree. "I mean, watching these guys, it inspires me, you know?"

Kennedy, who has traveled all over the world to play the best DDR machines, has but one goal left in his Dance Dance Revolution career: to find the Thunderdome of Dance Dance Revolution machines.

When Kennedy asked Crabtree about how to get to Thunderdome, Crabtree responded "That's easy, pick a fight."

"I'll find it someday," Kennedy said. But as of now, he is looking forward to one thing only: winning the university's tournament that he created.

"Make no mistake about it, this is my house and I will own it on April 22," Kennedy said.

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out. That's okay. Just picture your own body, or if you followed my earlier advice, someone else's and you should have the willpower to conjure. The important thing is to go at your own pace. Straining too hard is never good, and you risk bursting a blood vessel in your eye.

Treat yourself to a victory toast of H₂O and clean up. Have some mints, use your eye drops and check your clothing thoroughly. Wipe off any mess you've made around what-

ever vessel you were aiming at, or push some leaves over it if you're outside.

Overly ambitious bulemics can damage their insides, so space it out to once every two or three days. If you're not satisfied with your modern diet, you may want to try some other techniques while you await results. Laxatives can also help remove food from your body. If you find yourself in a hurry to lose 21 ounces, you may want to donate a lung to a smoker. That is, if you are comfortable with saving a smoker's life. People who don't take their health seriously should be left to fend for themselves.

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bold genius that inserted snowfall into the end of April back in 1962?

As solid as they are, an artist can't coast on a hit like "Rainbows" for an entire career. A message to Spring's producers: Invite some guests to share the stage, maybe an international artist like Spain's Horizontal Lightning or Canada's Aurora Borealis.

It's easy to understand why Spring would stick to its greatest hits. What's less understandable is why the same filler keeps showing up on every tour. Consider the horrible cover version of the Summer's "Frogs Jumping In The Road To Get

Crushed By Your Car." The Summer's original version was never well-liked, but Spring's version is awful. It's repeated inclusion is a complete mystery, and I am sure I am not alone.

There are well publicized problems in the entire "Season" scene. In a multimedia era, many fans are no longer content with mere "climate changes." The Summer has also hinted at experimenting with these new formats. Who can forget the rumors in 2002 that summer would bring not only a change in temperature, but also change the way we experienced gravity? The disappointment among fans was palpable.

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Horoscopes

By Julianne Siegfriedt

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Everything is lined up for you today, Aries. Things are looking up but in order to benefit the most, you need to take the initiative and make the most of the situation at hand.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Do you feel something different in the air, Taurus? The universe is shifting and it's in your favor; this will greatly affect your relationships. You can tell, something is slightly different but it will make all the difference.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

At first, things may seem a little glum today, Gemini. That's all right, everyone has those days but know that this is only temporary. Do what you need to in order to get through it but the blues will be gone before you know it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today will be a roller coaster ride, Cancer. Your day may start off in a way that makes you wish you were back in bed, especially when someone offends you. But don't worry, your day will turn around and everything will be better.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

The day will be productive for you, Leo. You will be hard at work all day but not to worry, it will all be worth it for in the evening will be your time to let it all hang out and enjoy yourself!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You have spring fever, Virgo! Get out and enjoy yourself and do something out of your regular routine. It's time for a change.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You have a great energy today, Libra. Your insight and the intensity of your life right now are going hand in hand to make a dynamic combination. Take it for all it is worth and explore the possibilities!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is NOT a day to stay in, Scorpio. Everything is working in your favor and you are bound to make an impact today. Spend time on something that means a lot to you, maybe even your love life, for whatever you sink your teeth into will return ten-fold.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Things are looking up, Sagittarius. If there are things left undone right now, you should work to finish them because you are entering a new phase and can get out of that funk that's been weighing you down.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your love life is a little rocky lately, Capricorn. But not to worry, all you really need is to get out and enjoy yourself; get away and do those things that you like to do.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

There will be some minor bumps in the road, Aquarius. But nothing that you can't handle! Do what you can to fix these by treating yourself to some good old-fashioned you-time.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today will be a good day, Pisces. You have a great energy and are down-to-earth about certain decisions that will be beneficial to you. Things are looking up and if you keep that energy, you never know what might be just around the corner.

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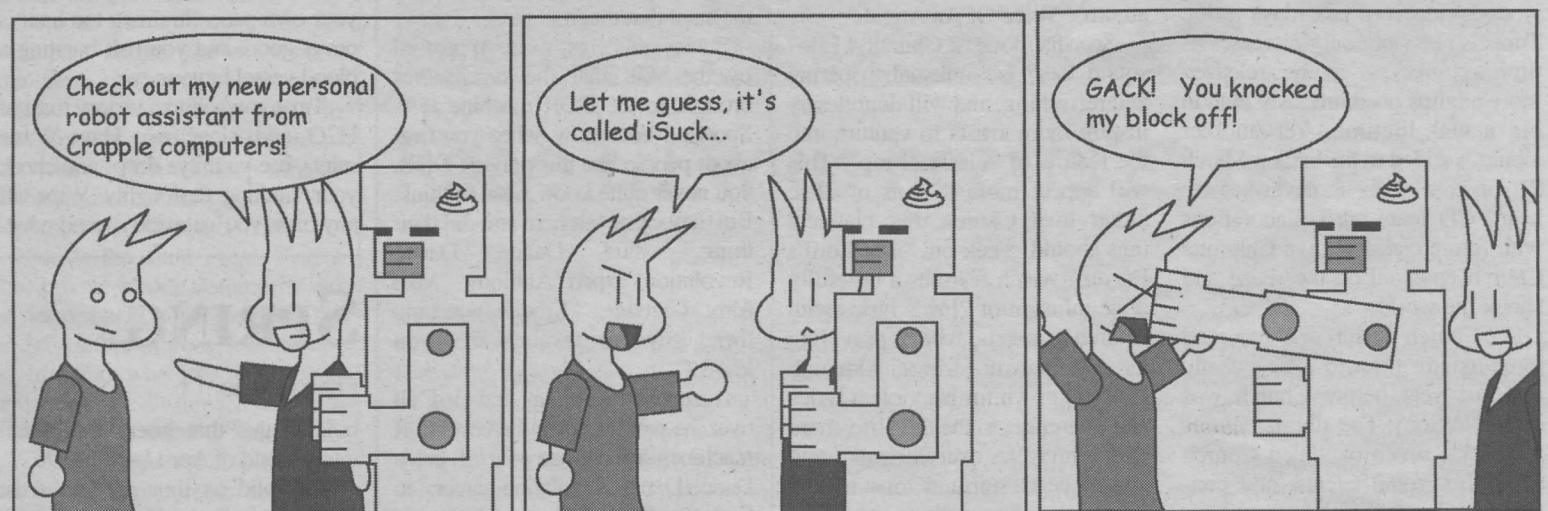
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With spring blooming Rambling Tool turns other cheek

**Hugs and
kisses
with Benji**



By Benjamin Jarvela

Spring is upon us. Granted, this means little more than mud and gray skies in Maine. But in other, possibly better, parts of the world, spring is a time for change. A chance to refresh. Out with the old, in with the new, as the saying goes. Wandering the campus of this fine university, I can't help but reflect on such things while I scrape the mud off my shoes.

"Maybe," I say to myself, "I've been too hard on these people. Everyone means well. I'm sure no one is INTENTIONALLY stupid." Then everyone around me takes a few steps backwards, wondering why I'm standing in the middle of the mall talking to myself.

I start to think about all the times I've been accused of being an insensitive jerk. Or a brainwashed child of the right. Or a hippie liberal tool.

"Maybe," I say, continuing to myself, "It's time I put the harsh tactics of the past behind me. Maybe, instead of making fun of the girl that wears too much makeup, I should get to know her and try to understand the

deep-seeded social reason she's trying to look like a hooker."

This sounds like a fantastic plan. Starting right now, I'm going to start being nice to the people of the University of Maine. I've developed a five-step plan to achieve this.

Step 1: Change the name of the column.

"Rambling Fool" brings up too many bad memories and has way too much associated with it. I pondered a long list of potential names and have settled on "Hugs and Kisses with Benji." To top it off, I'm going to start every installment with a detailed description of the hug I gave to a random person that week. Won't that just be GREAT?!

Step 2: Change my mug shot.

Just like the name, the picture of me associated with the column has come to stand for smarmy sarcasm. But no more! Starting next week, the picture will be of me petting a kitten while helping an old woman across the street applications are being taken for the roles of old woman and kitten. It's time I put my days of punching kittens behind me and start petting them as nature intended. They're SO CUTE!

Step 3: Become a registered member of the Communist Party.

Now, this took some doing. Given the fact that I tend to use

the word "Marxist" as a synonym for "moron," the people at the door were less than thrilled to see me coming. In fact, the receptionist punched me. After a lengthy explanation however, they were as happy to learn of my conversion, as I'm sure the rest of UMaine's smarter half re: the leftist elite will be. I've now been given the title of "Comrade, 143rd Class," meaning I'm of approximately the same value to the proletariat as soap scum. Nowhere to go but up! I'm so excited! My first job is to wander the halls of the political science and history departments, lecturing all in earshot about the benefits of Marxism and how, if we just give it a 57th chance, we're SURE it'll work this time.

Step 4: End the war in Iraq.

This is such a divisive issue. Surely, the end of the war would mean that the students of UMaine could all stand hand-in-hand singing "Kumbaya" and eating organic products raised by migrant workers with fair, six-figure incomes. I can think of no greater goal. My plan? I'm going to travel to Baghdad and tell the people we're sorry and suggest they all just be friends. Following that, I'll convince President Bush that an immediate withdrawal of all our troops is critical, explaining that the war is just tearing this school apart at the seams. I'm sure

he'll agree and I'm sure things in Iraq will be just fine without us.

Step 5: Stop making fun of people.

This may actually be the hardest part of the entire plan. It's become such a habit! But, I have to keep reminding myself that it's for the people of the university. I have to start being NICE. Why, student government could start paying for the sex change operations of illegal alien convicted felons and you won't hear a peep from me! It's worth it, though. I'm perfectly willing to abandon all sense of integrity or civic obligation if it means that everyone is happy and we can all be best friends! Forever!

All that being said, I'd like to take this opportunity to apologize to everyone I've ever offended. If anything I've ever said or suggested here has offended you, listen up: All of you can gather on the front steps of Fogler Library at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 1. I will give you each \$20, a personalized apology, and a hug for the emotional stress I've caused you. After that, the bunch of us can go... ummm...hand out granola to orphans. Whatever it is that wussies do.

Benjamin Jarvela became nauseous while writing this and can't wait until things are back to normal.



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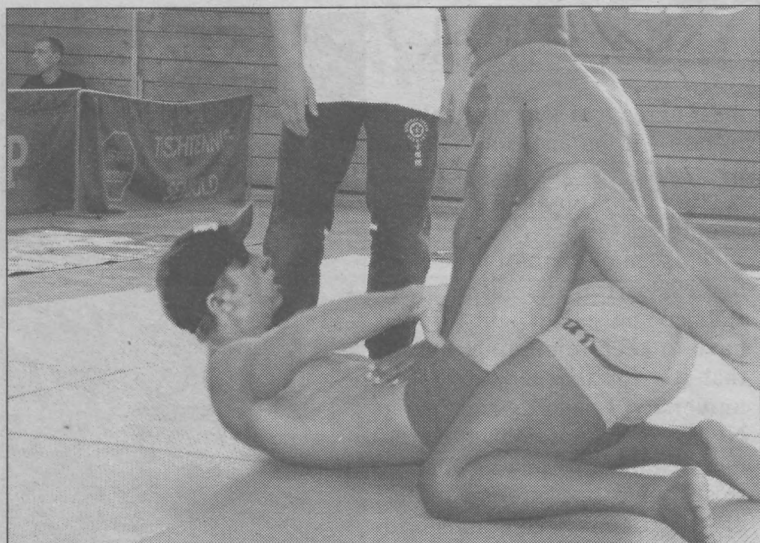
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FIGHT TO THE FINISH — An exclusive Crapus photo of UM baseball training for the Ultimate Fighting Championships.

MMA

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Thai kickboxing to prepare fighters for both the striking and grappling-submissions aspects of mixed martial arts, also known as vale tudo.

As for relating the experience to baseball, the group believes improved quickness and stamina could be crucial over the course of the season.

"The better shape you're in, the better you're going to play and we're all definitely in better shape than when we came out here," Quintal said.

First year UMaine baseball coach Steve Trimper said that while it wasn't his idea for members of the team to study no holds barred fighting, he thinks it might be worth extending to the entire team.

"It's a way to stay in shape beyond the bore of running and lifting. If all you do is baseball, baseball, baseball it gets monotonous and that's not good for the team," Trimper said.

In addition, the players cited that sometimes baseball gets violent and this training will help them be ready to defend themselves.

"I think every pitcher should know a little bit of this stuff," Robinson said. "If you go inside on a guy and hit him, sometimes he gets real ticked off and he'll charge you. I sort of hope someone tries to charge me this year, after what I learned at Chute Boxe."

Bench-clearing brawls like the several seen between the Red Sox and the Yankees in recent years were also on the minds of some of the Black Bears.

"I'll bet if Joe Torre had A-Rod learn Ultimate Fighting, Varitek would've thought twice before he stuffed his mitt in the guy's face," Trimper mused.

As for suspicion that the team decided to train at Chute Boxe because of the now infamous incident with members of the hockey team in November, the players only smiled slyly.

"I'd like to think we'd be here even if that never happened," McGraw said. "Let's just say we wanted to be ready for anything."

UM players headed to World Cup

Injuries to Brazil open door for Black Bears to join squad

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

RIO DE JANEIRO — Apparently being Brazilian does not mean anything these days.

With the recent injuries to the Brazilian National Team, the Seleção have called up soccer players from the University of Maine men's soccer team. This will be the first time that anyone from UMaine has played for the Brazilian National Team.

"Since so many of our players are out with injury, we heard about these guys in Orono, and after seeing the way they play on the field and in FIFA '06, we said 'why not?'" said Brazil caretaker Carlos Alberto Parreira. "Our staff is excited to see what these guys can do."

The players from Orono who were named to the squad were Chad Mongeon, Kevin Forgett, Ben Wilcox, Cooper Friend, Adam Chenault, Jason Jacobe, Kyle Vosmus and Gabriel Germano. Germano is the only person on the list who has any ties to Brazil; he lived there for a few years.

Needless to say, the move comes as a shock to many in the country. The biggest supporter of this move is current FIFA World Player of the Year Ronaldinho. The midfielder, whose spot at attacking midfield is threatened with the arrival of Forgett, has said nothing but good things.

"There are rumors that my spot is up for grabs but we shall

see," said the FC Barcelona star. "I am a little nervous because I have seen this kid play, plus he had this great goal against some team in a tournament this season. I think it was a bike."

"We heard about these guys in Orono, and after seeing the way they play on the field and in FIFA '06, we said 'why not?'"

Carlos Alberto Parreira
Team Brazil soccer

Besides the call-up from Brazil, the players are also getting some looks from some professional European clubs. By the end of the week, many speculate that Forgett will sign a deal with Manchester United. Besides Forgett's move to the English Premiership, it is said that Chenault and Vosmus will move to Chelsea for an estimated 13 million pounds each.

Although Jacobe has another year left for the Black Bears, reports have said that he has signed with Italian footballing powerhouse AC Milan. The move to the Bianconeri could mean that the Windham native may become the long-term

replacement for defender Paolo Maldini.

"To be thrown into that kind of category is amazing; the odds are one in 1,833,343," said the engineering major from Windham. "As for the odds of me succeeding in Italy, it's about 4-3."

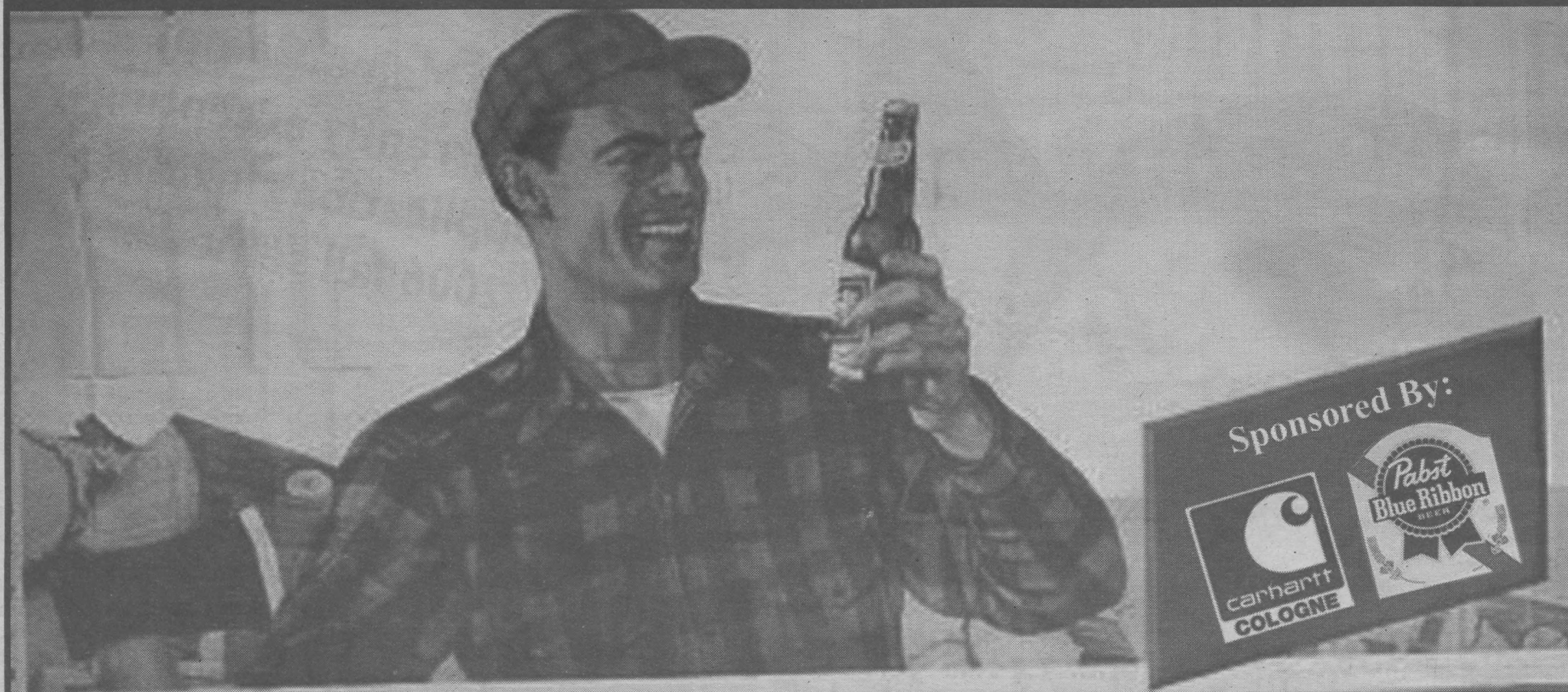
Friend, who can play center midfield, will be transferring to Bayern Munich. By going to Munich, Friend will see time at center defensive or attack midfield. Joining him at Bayern will be Germano and Mongeon. Since Bayern has lacked scoring, they will count on Germano who has scored 228 goals per game while playing at Maine. As for Mongeon, there are questions about whether or not he can handle the pressure of playing in Germany since there are NBA scouts after the former McDonald's All-American player.

As for their game with Brazil, they will be taking on England. Besides the usual suspects on the English squad, they will go against teammate Andy Price. The Leeds native is said to be looking forward to the game, but nobody could understand what he was saying during a press conference.

The full lineup for Brazil will be as follows: Dida, Mongeon, Cafu, Cicinho, Jacobe, Chenault, Lucio, Wilcox, Ze Roberto, Forgett, Friend, Juninho, Kaka, Germano, Ronaldinho, Robinho, Ryanisto and Conyersista.

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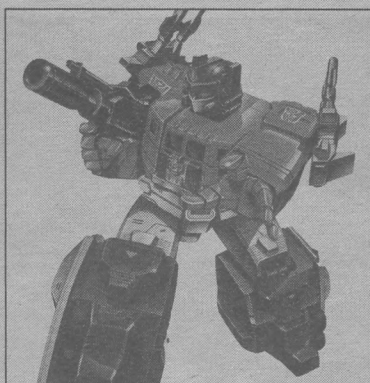
POUND A BEER, AND SHOOT A DEER

The Maine Crapus Top Five AD Candidates



The Sea Otter

Pros: Expert on swimming, 15 years experience at Leeds University in England.
Cons: Diminutive in stature, has been described as a "stiff."
Outlook: Clearly the favorite, but must show more personality.
Odds: 3-1



Optimus Prime

Pros: Authoritative voice, multi-dimensional, world-famous.
Cons: Size makes it difficult to build him an office. Intimidating to female athletes.
Outlook: Stands a chance if he blasts the other candidates.
Odds: 10-1



Mr. Peanut

Pros: Distinguished, witty, great dancer. Great fundraising skills.
Cons: Not much experience, light-hearted attitude, and is a little nutty.
Outlook: Peanut is the X-factor.
Odds: 4-1



Blake James

Pros: Knows UMaine, good baby-kisser, not afraid to lay down the law.
Cons: Hard to get a hold of, not a great dancer.
Outlook: A shoe-in before the Sea Otter showed up.
Odds: 4-1



Potato Sack

Pros: Not easily upset, has enough eyes for everything.
Cons: Too prone to being buttered up, can get mashed or baked with no notice.
Outlook: The field's too strong to give Idaho's favorite a shot.
Odds: 20-1

FINALISTS

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job. This theory was one Townsend and the other members of the community wanted to squell quickly.

"This is a legitimate job; we want to hire the best person, creature, cartoon character or sack of food possible," said Townsend. "Mr. James had better be ready to work. All of these candidates are going to be extremely tough-competition for him."

UMaine President Robert Kennedy was pleased to hear of the various choices. In a press conference, Kennedy made it known who he is pulling for.

"I couldn't be happier with the choices," said Kennedy. "To have Mr. Peanut and Optimus Prime wanting to be in charge at your school. I would take either of those two fine gentlemen in a second's notice."

When asked about the Sea Otter, Kennedy said he was excited to finally get the chance to meet him.

"I am just so glad that I am going to finally meet the legendary Sea Otter," said Kennedy. "On paper he is the best choice. From what I have heard he is a fine gentleman. Supposedly he is really outgoing and that is something I think this choice needs to be."

For James, the strong field of applicants was not what he expected. When he was finally reached on Tuesday after repeated calls and e-mails, James seemed upset.

"What do you want me to say, I am running against a Sack of Potatoes and a Cloud, I'm not happy," said James. "You work so hard for the community and then they shove this on me. How can I be expected to compete against the likes of a Cloud. For God's sake it can create rain!"

Once James calmed down, he expressed concern that people will overlook his ability to chat up boosters for Mr. Peanut's charisma.

"Mr. Peanut is full of it," said James. "People don't understand that while he may be a colorful, nutty kind of guy, he lacks that ability to avoid cracking under pressure."

James said he can easily handle the stress of the job, while he is not quite sure the Sack of Potatoes can.

"Mr., Peanut is full of it."

Blake James
Interim Athletic Director
Permanent AD candidate

"Stress is not a question for me," said James. "But if you look at the Sack of Potatoes you got to believe it might smush under the pressure."

In response to that accusation, the Sack of Potatoes gave James a blank stare in the press conference. The Sea Otter and the Cloud were the only candidates not present at the conference. The Sea Otter was busy walking up the East Coast to Maine after swimming across the Atlantic, while the Cloud was at some thunderstorm in Texas.

"If they don't care to show up, then they shouldn't get your votes people," said Optimus Prime to a crowd of people attending the conference. "We cared. We came. Now let us take you to the new world of Maine athletics."

Mr. Peanut opted to take a lighter attitude than Prime and joke around with the crowd of gatherers.

"Look I know what you're thinking, a Peanut, what can he do that a Sea Otter can't," said Mr. Peanut. "Well, I'll tell you. I am one heck of a dancer. I bet you don't see any Sea Otters dancing all over the place."

As the conference progressed the candidates began to trash talk between one another. The applicant who took the brunt of the negative comments was the Sack of Potatoes.

Unwilling to respond, the Sack took the bashing for more than 10 minutes. Anchoring the assault on the Sack of Potatoes was James, who declared to the Sack, "You're not in Aroostook County anymore kiddo."

When he was reached by phone, the Sea Otter expressed concern over the immature name calling.

"I am seriously worried that these others are not representing the university with their best behavior," said the Sea Otter. "One thing I can promise you is that everyone will take this school and me seriously if I am chosen."

When confronted about the fact that he might be the favorite for the position, the Sea Otter brushed it off ever so modestly.

"I don't think like that," said the Sea Otter. "All I want to do is focus on this school and try to make it better. I would like nothing more than to help the student athletes, coaches and university achieve their dreams."

In the opinion of the Sea Otter, every one of the six candidates stands a chance.

"Every single one of them is a great candidate, all the way down to James," said the Sea Otter. "I mean from top to bottom it's going to be hard selection process for the search committee. I wouldn't want to pick against Mr. Peanut if I were them. Or Optimus for that matter."



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UM quarterback elects to enter professional ranks

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

Pro-football fans received a pleasant surprise last night when University of Maine quarterback Ron Whitcomb entered the 2006 NFL Draft after being granted a "special exception" from NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue. Black Bears fans are no doubt devastated by the decision.

Although the draft entry deadline was March 1, Tagliabue negotiated an eleventh-hour legal maneuver between the league, NFL owners and the players union, which allowed the 22-year-old Whitcomb to be exempted from draft deadline restrictions. After receiving word that Whitcomb was pursuing late draft entry, Tagliabue and NFL owners engaged in a "phone frenzy," said one league official.

"I was forced to make a special exception for Ron's case," said NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue. "I need to do what's best for the NFL, and there is no question that the league is better off with Ron in it."

"I'm just sorry I won't get to work with him. I considered not retiring when he decided to come out, but that wouldn't be fair to the rest of the league."

NFL analysts have praised the UMaine phenom as "the total package," lauding his strong arm, vocal leadership and cool demeanor under pressure.

Whitcomb has started every game for the Black Bears over the last three seasons and would've almost certainly rewritten the UMaine passing record books during his senior season. The Atlantic-10 Rookie of the Year in 2003, Whitcomb has thrown for 6,965 yards and 59 touchdowns with an overall efficiency rating well over 100.

"You look around the country and not too many guys start all four

years," said UMaine coach and Whitcomb's mentor Jack Cosgrove. "That's because if they're talented enough to start as freshmen, the pros will snatch them up. This isn't a big surprise to us."

Cosgrove went on to admit that last season's brief experiment sharing quarterbacking duties with Chris Legree was an attempt by the staff to mask Whitcomb's talents from pro scouts that would be in attendance at Nebraska and would be looking to lure away their star signal-caller.

*"...we may trade up
to snag him.
Tom who?"*

Bill Belichick
Head coach
New England Patriots

"Ron's draft appeal is so enormous because he's a guy who will put fans in the seats," said senior ESPN analyst John Clayton. "He will add instant credibility to whichever team is lucky enough to land him."

Clayton felt that Whitcomb's decision may hamper the draft prospects of the "big three" quarterbacks, which include Matt Leinart of USC, Jay Cutler of Vanderbilt, and Vince Young of Texas.

According to eyewitnesses on the University of Texas campus, an enraged Vince Young was reportedly seen vandalizing property and shouting excessive profanity, immediately following Whitcomb's announcement. When asked for comment, Young said Whitcomb's decision made him "highly regret" the decision to bypass his senior sea-



CRAPUS PHOTO BY RYAN CLARK

FIELD VISION — Ron Whitcomb (12) throws one of his final passes in a Black Bears' uniform late last season. The UM legend will begin his NFL career in the fall.

son at Texas, although he said a lawsuit against the NFL was unlikely.

"How am I supposed to compete with that, man!" shouted Young. "Yesterday I would have told you that I was bar-none the best playmaker in the draft. But now with Ron in the mix, I feel like your average Joe Blow."

Reports out of Hollywood have indicated that the announcement has pushed Nick Lachey over the edge. He was seen outside a high-end California nightclub in tears, lament-

ing having befriended the wrong quarterback over the last few years, presumably referring to his friendship with Leinart.

Inside sources say that Whitcomb has already received endorsement offers from the hair gel manufacturers Dep. and L.A. Looks. According to L.A. Looks spokesman Trevor Doyle, Whitcomb is a "marketing dream."

Bill Belichick, the stoic head coach of the New England Patriots, was unusually candid when asked

yesterday of his thoughts on Ron Whitcomb's entry into the 2006 draft.

"I've been a 'Roniack' for years," exclaimed Belichick. "Just take one glance at his numbers. He's a player that only comes around maybe once in a generation. We may trade up to snag him. Tom who?"

When contacted by telephone, Whitcomb declined to comment until discussions take place with his agent Christian Pereira, a former Black Bears receiver.

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future," said Bellamy. "I hate to let down my teammates, but the possibility of being injured might not be worth it."

Bellamy, who leads the Black Bears with 75 penalty minutes, has scored six goals to go along with nine assists and has been pivotal in the team's run in the playoffs.

"We have been completely blindsided," said head coach Tim Whitehead. "I can see if this was one of the Canadians, but a Mass kid? Unbelievable."

Underwood, who averaged 13.3 points and 2.7 assists per game, fought through various injuries to stand out as arguably the best all-around player for head coach Ann McInerney's team this season.

"Ashley is a great competitor and tough as nails," said McInerney. "I guess we just didn't realize that she was an ice princess, too."

Joining Underwood and Bellamy is forward Lindsey Hugstad-Vaa, who will provide a live singing element that has not yet been utilized in professional competition.

"Rob and I were tired of hiding our feelings and sneaking in between school and practices and homework," said Underwood. "When Huggy agreed to be our vocalist, we knew the time was right to tell the world."

Hugstad-Vaa will return to the women's basketball team next fall, but says she is solely focused on her roll in Bellamy

and Underwood's success in competition.

"I made a commitment to the University of Maine so I'll be back for the season," said Hugstad-Vaa. "But for now, my focus is on singing. If they need me during the season, I won't hesitate to be wherever they are."

Freshman goaltender Ben Bishop has been one of the few to step forward in support of Bellamy and his decision.

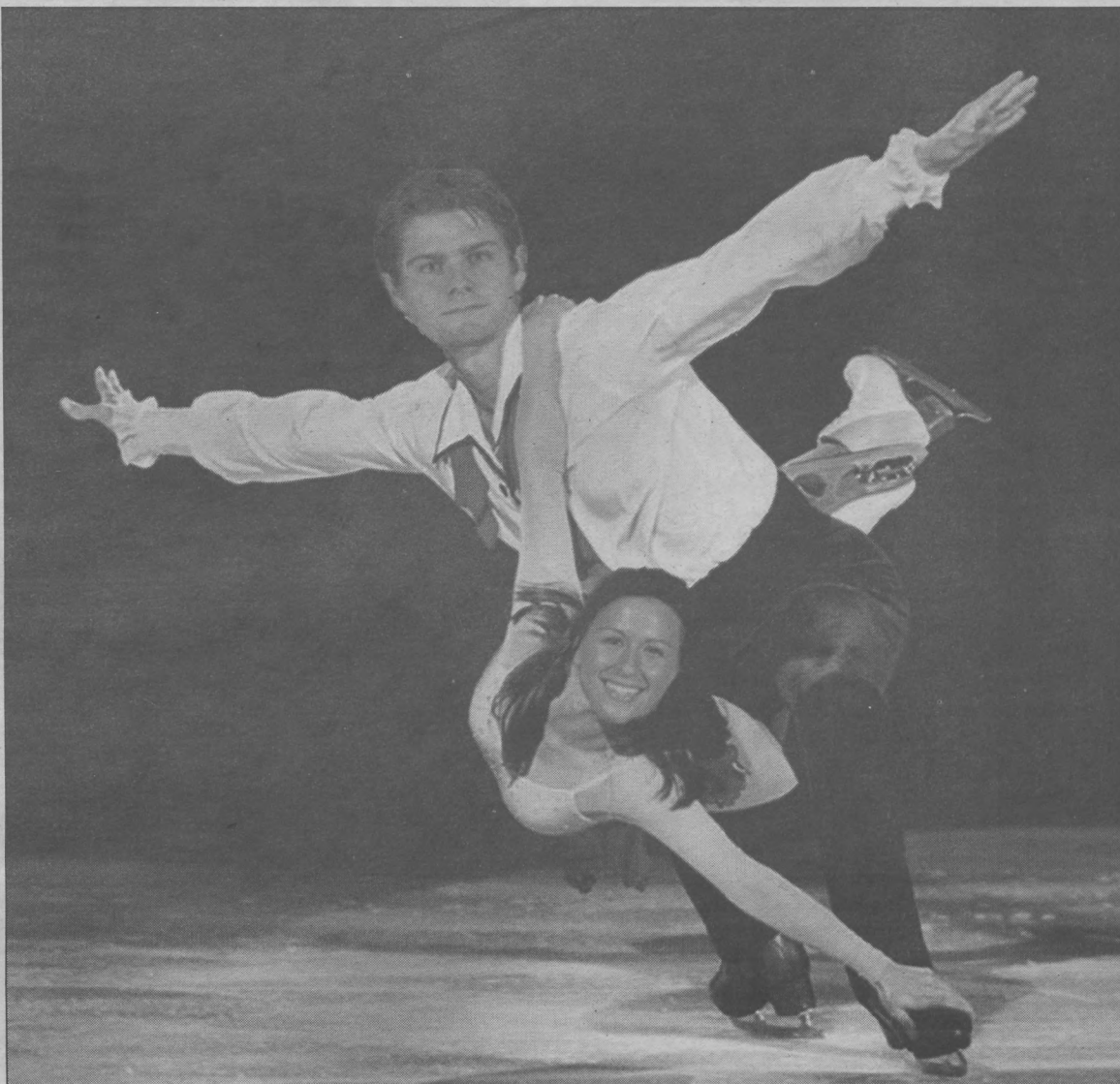
"First he fights, now he's the next Brian Boitono?"

Michel Leveille on teammate Rob Bellamy's newfound career in pairs figure skating

"When I played forward, Sasha Cohen approached me and asked me to give up hockey to pair up with her," said Bishop. "When my dad found out, he slapped goalie pads on me, and the rest is history. Bells is courageous and I have his back."

Interim athletic director Blake James is unsure whether or not he will allow Bellamy to rejoin the team, if he does in fact decide to make the trip to Milwaukee.

"While this has come as a shock, we must continue to focus on the national championship run," said James.



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GOING FOR GOLD — Rob Bellamy and Ashley Underwood in an exclusive Maine Crapus photo taken during one of their secret figure skating practice sessions at Alford Arena.

"Rob's announcement may not sit well with some of his teammates and could hinder team chemistry."

Among those the decision is not sitting well with is assistant captain Michel Leveille.

"First he fights, now he's the

next Brian Boitono," said Leveille. "I refuse to support such anerie."

A benefit supper will be held in Memorial Union on Saturday, April 1, to help Bellamy and Underwood raise money to cover the entry fee of

their first competition. The dinner will commence at 7 p.m. For more details, contact Benjamin Bishop or FirstClass.

They hope to reach the Winter Olympics in Vancouver in 2010.

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There is no doubt that the McCarthy Athletic Center won't be the same without him next year, and he will be sorely missed.

Gonzaga head coach Mark Few said Morrison transferring will hurt more than him leaving. "We were expecting him to go straight to the NBA, so it's not a total loss," he said. "But for Adam to choose another program over ours, really is a dagger to the heart."

Junior guard Derek Raivio, who averaged 10.7 points per game, 18 fewer than Morrison, will be forced to lead the team next year.

"I guess it's on me next year," he said. "Losing J.P. [Batista] and Adam in the same year...It's like losing both Kobe and Shaq at once, but you just have to move on," Raivio said.

The addition of Morrison to the Black Bears lineup undoubtedly will make them favorites to win the America East title next season. Coach Ted Woodward feels the same way.

"Hey, anytime you can add a player of Adam's caliber to your roster, you're going to be in good shape," he said.

Morrison should fit in just nicely with the already guard-oriented UMaine offense. The Black Bears had 10 guards on

the roster this past season, and the three-point shot hailed supreme. But it was also their downfall in the America East tournament, when the Bears' top two leading scorers went a combined 5-15 from behind the arc.

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Mark Few
Head basketball coach
Gonzaga

One of those players, junior guard Rashard Turner, who averaged 10.8 ppg, feels that their philosophy will change come November.

"Adam's a great three-point shooter, so that part won't have to change," Turner said. "We're just going to have to do our part to get him open, so he can do his thing."

Morrison's transfer will definitely shake up Division I basketball for some time to come. It's not everyday a major superstar says "no" to the NBA, and while Gonzaga and the aforementioned Association may be disappointed, UMaine's not complaining.

SUSPENDS

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gressions and offered helpful direction in how to deal with the offenders appropriately," James said, referring to the former UMaine athletic director turned America East commissioner.

Highlighting the list of offenders were receiver Arel Gordon of the football team, Ryan Shelley of the men's ice hockey team, and Patricia Gagnon of the women's ice hockey team. These three are the most controversial of the suspensions since their sports don't compete in America East and may not be subject to the conference's rules.

Gordon will miss next fall's season opener for violating a portion of the Student Athlete Conduct Code that stipulates student-athletes must spend a certain amount of time sleeping and participating in activities that aren't related to school.

According to James, Gordon regularly studies into the wee hours of the night and refuses to take part in leisure activities that aren't related to football or his studies.

"It's nice that the kid is spending his time trying to better himself, but rules are rules and they're there to keep our athletes balanced and to reduce stress," James explained.

Gordon, who can participate in spring practices, didn't deny spending a lot of time studying, but said he has always been a light sleeper.

"I never thought I'd miss out on a game because of my sleeping habits," said Gordon.

UMaine football coach Jack

Cosgrove was astonished by the decision and plans to appeal to the Atlantic-10.

"I can tell you for sure that no football coaches anywhere in the world could pass this sleep-time test," said Cosgrove. "We're hoping our own conference will step in and fix this mess for Arel's sake and for the sake of our team."

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UM football coach

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As for Shelley, he cannot dress for the Frozen Four in Wisconsin, though he will be allowed to make the trip. His punishment comes after it was discovered he had been distributing Jolly Rancher hard candies to other members of the team before games. According to regulations, athletes may only have food and drink officially approved by the team and the NCAA at game-time, and Shelley's treats are not on the list.

"I think this is absurd," said men's hockey coach Tim Whitehead. "Unfortunately, we won't have time to appeal before

next week's national semi-finals. It's a shame for Ryan, and for our team because we're really going to miss those Jolly Ranchers."

Gagnon will be forced out of the first two games of next season for the lady Black Bears. Her suspension comes as a result of scoring too many points as a freshman, due to an archaic rule that was designed to protect playing time for upper classmen decades ago.

"Hasn't this so-called rule ever heard of Paul Kariya?" said UMaine coach Guy Perron, who expects the suspension to be tossed by Hockey East commish Joe Bertagna over the summer.

James went on to suspend men's basketball team members Rashard Turner and Christian Cavanaugh for being too short, and too tall, respectively. The ideal hoopster is of a medium build, like Chris Bruff, according to James.

"If everyone I had was Chris Bruff's size we'd never rebound for beans," said men's basketball coach Ted Woodward. "Chris is a tremendous player, a warrior, as are Rashard and Christian. They can't play because of their height? I know we have some international players, but this is still America right?"

Two players each on the baseball and softball teams were suspended from games and practices for the next two weeks because cork was found in their dorm rooms. Their names were not released.

"Yes, it's true that the corks were in the form of bottle tops," James said. "But we can't take any chances, especially with the recent scandals in the major leagues. Cork is banned."

Woodward lands All-American

Gonzaga's Adam Morrison forgoes draft to play senior year in Orono

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

The lasting image of Adam Morrison in tears, after Gonzaga's heartbreaking loss to UCLA, will be his last in a Bulldog's uniform. Maine, now it's your turn to cry: tears of joy that is. Adam Morrison has decided to skip the NBA draft and make the unprecedented move of transferring to the University of Maine.

The nation's second leading scorer will significantly improve a Black Bears team that only averaged 62 points per game last year.

Morrison led the Bulldogs to the Sweet 16, where they were ousted by UCLA in a season when they were expected to contend for the national title. So what's the reasoning for leaving Spokane so soon?

"I did everything I could for them [Gonzaga] and I feel I have nothing left to prove, those guys let me down in the tournament and it's time for me to move," Morrison said.

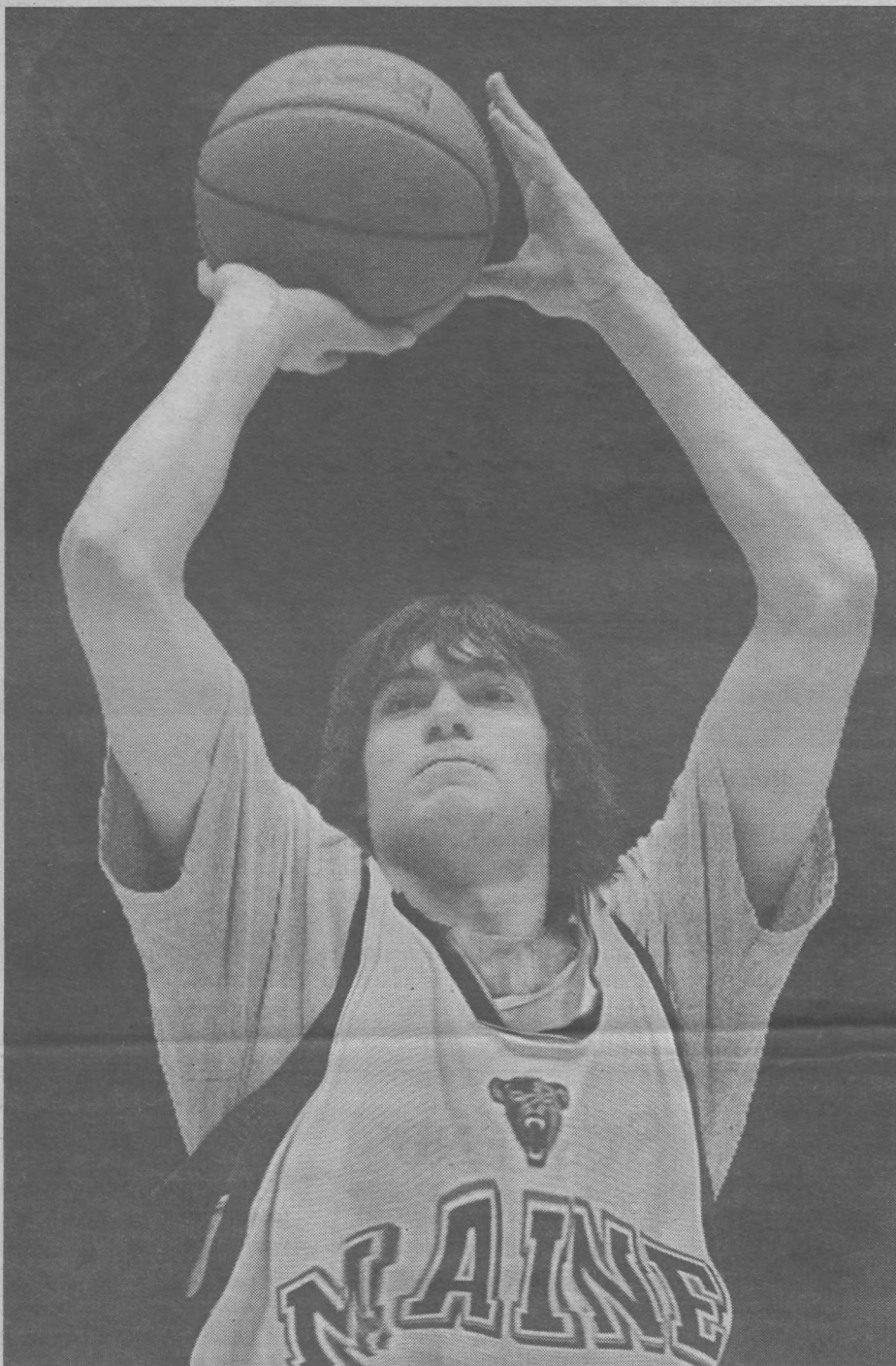
The NBA draft seemed like the most viable option for the small forward who played in every game last season.

"I'm going to make plenty of money anyways, whether I come out this year or not," said Morrison. "I said I had nothing left to prove at Gonzaga, not in college basketball. I want to prove to everyone that I am the best, and can win it all, which is why I decided to transfer to Maine," he said.

Of all the Division I schools in America, why UMaine?

"I just needed to get away," said Morrison. "Maine was the furthest place away from Washington. It just seemed like the right place for me," he said.

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CRAPUS PHOTO BY RYAN CLARK

MAINE BOUND — An artist's rendition of what consensus All-American Adam Morrison will look like sporting the blue and white next fall.

Cutting Edge

Black Bears' duo to pursue pairs figure skating glory

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

Two of the University of Maine's toughest competitors have announced that they are calling their collegiate careers quits to pursue a dream they both have been secretly sharing for the past two years.

Women's basketball standout, junior guard Ashley Underwood, and hard-hitting sophomore forward for the men's ice hockey team Rob Bellamy announced yesterday that they will begin competing nationally in pairs figure skating starting next month.

Bellamy failed to specify as to whether or not he'll be making the trip with the team to Milwaukee for the Black Bears' Frozen Four match-up with the University of Wisconsin.

"Ashley and I haven't decided if the trip to the Frozen Four is worth the risk to our

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James suspends 10 UM athletes

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

If a staunch disciplinarian is what the University of Maine is looking for in its next athletic director, then Blake James just might be the man for the job.

UMaine's interim AD handed down a total of 10 suspensions yesterday and nary a team on campus was left unscathed.

"There are a lot of rules on the book we haven't been enforcing and it's high time we started observing them," James said at a press conference yesterday.

Many of the violations stem from America East rules, as UMaine is a member of that conference in all but three sports.

"Patrick Nero tipped us off to a lot of these trans-

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Sea Otter, Mr. Peanut among AD finalists

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

Watch out Blake James, competition is on the way.

SPECIAL CANDIDATE BREAKDOWN PAGE 17

Late Tuesday, the University of Maine announced the five other candidates up for the position of Athletic Director. To say the least, the current interim athletic director is going to have to put up a fight if he wishes to remain at the helm of Black Bear athletics.

Leading the pack of qualified candidates is The Super Enchanting Sea Otter from Britain. While the Sea Otter may only stand 36 inches, he more

than makes up for it in his experience. Hailing from the far land of Liverpool, England, the Sea Otter has at least 20 years of expertise in dealing with college athletics. For the past 15 years, the Sea Otter has led the charge for Leeds University.

That's not to say the Sea Otter is the clear cut favorite either. Among the five other choices, are a Cloud, a Sack of Potatoes, the transformer Optimus Prime and Mr. Peanut.

The search committee, which is headed by ocean sciences professor David Townsend, hopes to make their decision by the end of April.

The stacked lineup of potential athletic directors has surprised many who thought James would essentially be given the

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Baseball team learns the ropes

Several players take up mixed martial arts fighting in California

By Ryan Clark
Staff Reporter

LOS ANGELES — You've heard about it, maybe even watched it a few times. The Ultimate Fighting Championships: no holds barred grappling and one of the most effective self-defense systems in the world. Mano-e-mano at its epicenter.

Recently, the fastest growing sport worldwide caught the attention of several members of the University of Maine baseball team. Five Black Bears spent time in Los Angeles over the weekend, studying mixed martial arts under some of the sport's most famous masters.

"We saw the reality show about being an ultimate fighter over the summer and thought it was pretty cool," said senior Ryan Quintal.

Joined by teammates Matt McGraw, Josh Zyskowski, Curt Smith and Scott Robinson, the crew

attended Chute Boxe Academy. Chute Boxe is affiliated with Pride Fighting Championships in Japan and boasts the top middleweight fighters in the world in Wanderlei Silva and Mauricio Rua.

Though the stars were in Japan preparing for upcoming fights, the Black Bears got to work with top trainer Roberto Piccinini.

"He didn't pull any punches," Smith said. "That's one tough little dude and he put us through the ringer."

The group's five-day crash course in MMA action included 12-hour work days and sleepless nights spent on hardwood with no covers. Waking at 6 a.m., they were put through rigorous calisthenics routines, followed by weight training and time spent learning techniques. Piccinini allowed the group three meals per day and as much water as they could handle.

"They were good students," the

Brazilian master said. "They never complained and they showed true respect for the art."

Each night after dinner, the Black Bears spent time working on their minds. They meditated and pondered philosophical questions under Piccinini's direction.

"That was probably the coolest part. It was very enlightening," McGraw said.

While none of the team members felt they were ready for a sanctioned fight, each made significant progress over the course of the week.

"Improved quickness, some strength, and the powers of control and relaxation are more evident in each of my students then they were when they came to me," Piccinini said.

Chute Boxe teaches a combination of Brazilian ju-jitsu and muay

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