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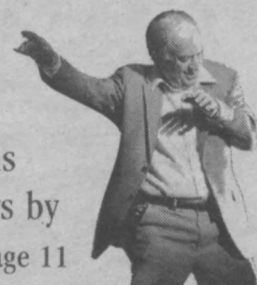
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aren't always by
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Gubernatorial candidates debate at UMaine

Education and spending
dominate discussion as
election draws closer

By Jesse Davis
Copy Editor

Gubernatorial candidates met at the Maine Center for the Arts Wednesday night to debate in front of about 250 audience members. Republican Chandler Woodcock, Green Independent Pat LaMarche, Independent Barbara Merrill, Independent Phillip Morris NaPier and incumbent Democrat Gov. John Baldacci spent more than two hours answering questions from both those running the event and students alike. The debate, broadcast live on the Maine Public Broadcasting Network and its affiliates, focused on taxes, education and stemming the flow of people, money and jobs out of the state.

Chief among the issues was lowering the cost of higher education and providing more opportunities for graduates of Maine high schools to attend college. All of the candidates agreed on its importance but differed on possible solutions.

"We need to invest in Maine students," LaMarche said. "I would like to take a percentage of the money that Nestle makes from our water and use it to fund higher education in the state."

Woodcock stated his concern for students, arguing that the best way to



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

CANDID LINEUP – (from left) John Baldacci, Pat LaMarche, Barbara Merrill, Chandler Woodcock and Phillip Morris NaPier take the stage at the MCA. The candidates debated issues important to the upcoming election.

achieve this goal was to control budgeting and spending.

Despite several verbal spats between Merrill and Woodcock throughout the evening, Merrill agreed that "exercising fiscal discretion" was the best course of action.

When confronted with recently

released data stating that more than 50 percent of the University of Maine System's funding is provided from student tuition, Baldacci referred to his Pine Tree Scholarship program.

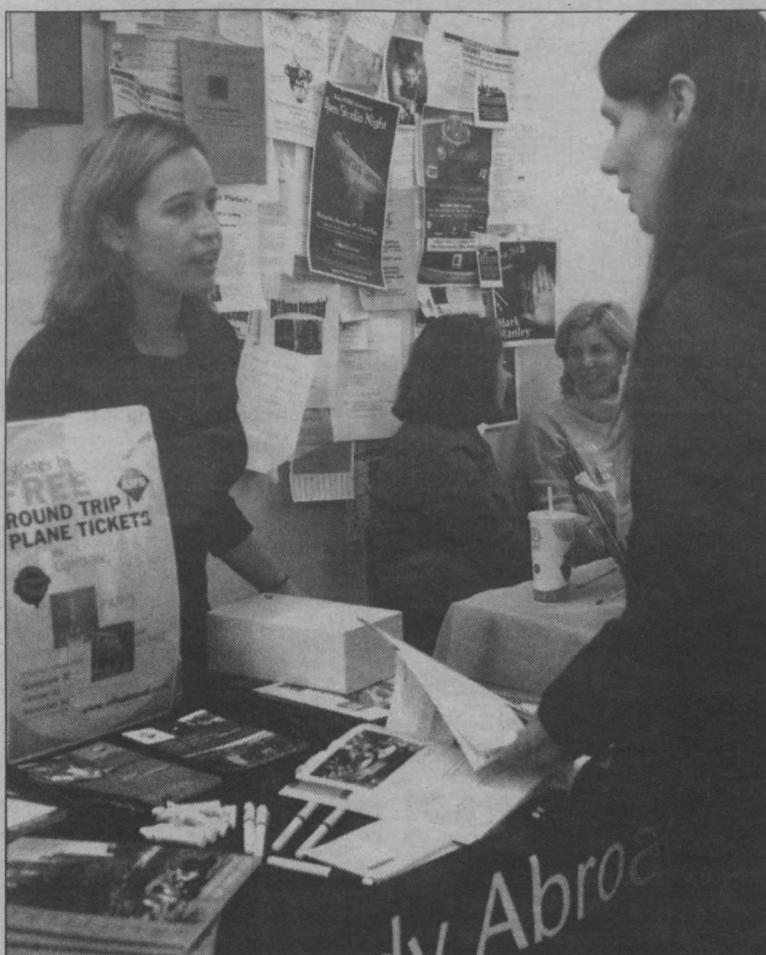
"Students' high school educations are being wasted," NaPier said in response to the statistic. "We need to provide

apprenticeship programs so those who do not continue to college have additional job training for their chosen career."

NaPier, who once spent nine months in prison on a weapons charge, dropped one of the larger bombs of the night by

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Orono Globetrotter



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN — Emily Nelson with AIFS talks to students at the study abroad fair.

Police charge three in vehicle vandalism

Orchard Trails resident suspected in crime

By Tony Reaves
News Editor

Police have formally charged three suspects in connection with the Oct. 22 vandalism of at least 12 vehicles in an Orchard Trails apartment complex.

According to Sgt. Scott Wilcox of the Orono Police Department, Mario Villani, 22; Raymond Vallee, 22; and Jonathan Merrill, 23, have all confessed to the vehicle damage, which included smashing car windows with wooden posts, a rubber mallet and several bicycles.

Villani and Vallee have been charged with criminal mischief, a Class D crime, while Merrill was charged with aggravated criminal mischief, which is a Class C felony. Sgt. Wilcox said Merrill may also be charged with falsifying physical evidence, a Class D crime, for allegedly destroying

a rubber mallet used to break car windows.

Only Merrill is a resident of Orchard Trails. Vallee is a University of Maine student, and Villani was a friend visiting from Portland. The three had attended a party in Orchard Trails Building 5 and were heading back to Building 3 where Merrill lived. All three were intoxicated, according to police.

Then, between 4 a.m. and 4:30 a.m., the three allegedly attacked several cars in the parking lot between Buildings 3 and 4. Sgt. Wilcox said police still don't have a final estimate for the amount of damage done, but he said he's confident that it's "well over" the \$2000 required by Maine law to constitute aggravated criminal mischief.

Officers questioned the three suspects on the night of

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Graduate's technology becomes UM tour guide

By Lalla Sholtz-Ames
For The Maine Campus



From iPods to cell phones to cars, nearly everything in today's society is electronic, so why not a

college campus tour? That is the question Intelligent Spatial Technologies Inc., the leading developer of location-based services for mobile users, had in mind when it adapted its innovative iPointer service for the University of Maine.

IST has deployed an iPointer campus tour at UMaine. The iPointer provides students with a chance to take a campus tour without having to walk around in a large group with other students. The

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For MaineBound employees, work leads to adventure

By Andrew Norster
For the Maine Campus

At MaineBound, trip leaders like James Davis and Kaitlyn Fowle are among the most skilled student employees on campus. They regularly lead trips in areas of the world most students would consider themselves lucky to visit.

The basement beneath MaineBound is loaded up with gear. Ice climbing axes, kayaks, canoes, tents, sleeping bags, medical kits and food are all racked and ready for the next adventure. It seems like a fairly comprehensive collection of equipment and knowledge between the two of them, but they've been on the job a few years and, as Fowle said, "It takes a lot of work and time. You don't just decide to do it and do it ... it takes training."

They've both had their share of training, but these adventurers came into MaineBound with previous experience. Neither knew what they wanted to do in college, but MaineBound seemed like a good idea.

Davis had some experience climbing and was still undecided when he found himself short one credit his first year. He was thinking about majoring in either teaching or engineering. Both fields offered "stable jobs," he said. With one credit left to fill, Davis decided to take a course on setting up gear for rock climbs.

"After that I was into it," Davis said. He didn't start leading trips right away, but he took every course he could. "It was



BOUND FOR THE SLOPES — Kaitlyn Fowle and James Davis check out the ski equipment in the MaineBound center.

what I wanted to do but hadn't thought of [it] before. I tried a lot of sports when I was a kid, just a lot of fads ... nothing stuck like this," Davis said.

Davis has whitewater experience, wilderness first responder training, American Mountain Guide certification and has been a teacher's assistant. He's taken lessons in wilderness survival techniques and also worked as a raft guide separately from MaineBound.

Before college, Fowle lived with a New York state guide and

spent time ice climbing in the Adirondacks. She lived on a horse farm for the last two years of high school, spending as much time outdoors as possible. Coming to college, she got involved with MaineBound after seeing a flier about their pre-semester travel. After the first trip, she quickly got involved and led her first ice-climbing trip that winter. "It's rare to lead a trip your first year on the job," she explains, "but I had a lot of previous experience."

As lead instructors, they do

the smaller trips with relative ease. One of Fowle's first trips was about 13 miles of paddling in a kayak. "Now, I could do it in three or four hours. [Then] it took a lot longer," she said.

That doesn't mean every trip is a breeze. "Some trips are more technical teaching experiences than others," Davis said, "and some are much more relaxed. It depends on the people you have."

One of his favorites was the Canoes and Carabiners Options trip in 2005. They were out during the remnants of Katrina and

met some huge waves, but the people on the trip "didn't even flinch," Davis recalls. "It was great. Now some of them are working here."

Fowle said difficulty doesn't always mean fun and that things can get tough.

One of the roughest trips she's led was an extended boating trip last year. She had done trips nearly every weekend prior to the weeklong kayak trek and was worn out. Besides fatigue, rats managed to eat through a few bulkheads in their kayaks in search of food or fresh water. Then, "communication problems" arose with the trip's co-leader. All in all, the trip was far from smooth. The folks on the trip lacked energy, "which is never great," she said. "They were expecting to go beaching, not paddle 16 miles a day."

For Davis, the roughest times have hit a little closer to his own well-being. During a winter staff training trip, Davis and a group of MaineBound employees were crossing a frozen lake when a sudden feeling of weakness hit him. He thought it was the flu or a bout of nausea, so he kept hiking. After roughly another mile, he said, "I started getting sick and didn't stop for the next 24 hours. It was the first time in a long time that I was genuinely scared."

The rest of the staff packed him in a bivi sack, a self-contained, weather tight sleeping bag, and added several Nalgene bottles full of hot water. Once inside, Davis tried not to move for

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Correction

In the Oct. 30 issue of The Maine Campus there were several errors in the article "Culturefest showcases international foods, talent." A belly dance performance opened the show, not a Vietnamese song. The Vietnamese song was performed by Giang Nguyen. The

dramatic dance performed was Latin, not Spanish, and called the Pasadoble, not the Basadoble. Karen Boucias and Sarah Joughin's names were misspelled.

The Maine Campus strives to produce an accurate newspaper. To report an error, e-mail Matthew Conyers at eic@mainecampus.com

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday

Voting

Early voting opportunity from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Wooley Room of DTAV.

Lecture Series

The Socialist and Marxist Studies Series will present student Georges Kabche, who will be speaking on "Hugo Chavez's Venezuela" from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union.

Myth and Education

The Philosophy Department will present professor Patricia Fagan, of the University of Windsor, who will be speaking on "Myth and Education in Republic 3: Tradition and Subversion in the Purified City." The lecture will take place at 4 p.m. in the Levinson Room of the Maples.

Toddler Research Speech

The Research Cafe series will present Allen Smith, who will lecture on "Speech Timing Characteristics of Toddlers Later Identified as Reading Disability," at 4 p.m. in the Bangor Room, Memorial Union.

Fiction Micro-Conference

The New Writing Series will present a Fiction Micro-Conference featuring Christina Milletti, who will discuss "Innovative Fiction and the Poetics of Power: Gertrude Stein and Christine Brooke-Rose 'Do' Language." The conference will take place in the Wicks Room, Neville Hall, at 3 p.m.

Friday

Latino Heritage Celebration

Latino Heritage Celebration 2006 will be held from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. in Stodder Hall and Commons.

Out of the IP Box

Wei Ding, of the computer applications department of the University of Maine at Fort Kent, will present "Out of the IP Box," from 2:10 p.m. - 3 p.m. in Neville Hall, Room 206.

Voting

There will be an early voting opportunity from 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Coe Room, Memorial Union.

Monday

Biochemistry Modeling

Joan Brugge, professor and chair of the Department of Cell Biology at Harvard Medical School and UMaine's 2006 Staples Lecturer in Biochemistry will present a lecture titled "Modeling Morphogenesis and Oncogenesis in Three Dimensions," at 4 p.m. in the Hill Auditorium.

Tuesday

Voting

Election day. Polls will be open in Orono, Old Town, and on campus from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. On-campus voting will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room, Memorial Union.

Submitting information

Submissions for The Maine Campus Community Calendar are free and can be sent on FirstClass to Brian Sylvester dropped off in The Maine Campus office located in the basement of Memorial Union. Please include all the important information about your event. Deadlines for submissions are 9 a.m. Sunday for Monday publication and 9 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday publication.

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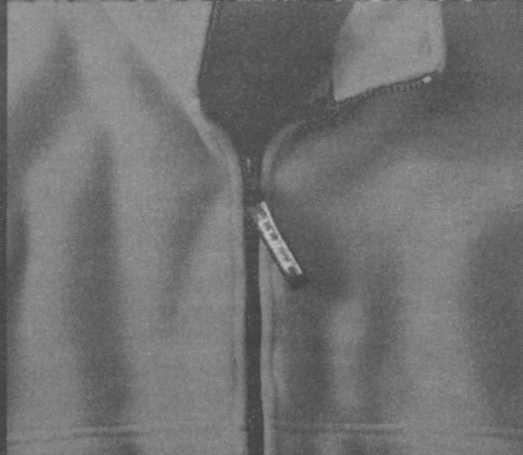
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Estabrooke party spurs ROC debate

By Jesse Davis
Copy Editor

A funding request for Estabrooke's annual Halloween party sparked a long and heated debate at Monday evening's Residents on Campus meeting. The request sought \$450 to cover Hall Governing Board costs for the event, which took place Oct. 16. It had been tabled the week before so two required signatures could be obtained.

Hall representatives raised issues regarding back funding, the 21-plus nature of the event, the presence of off-campus residents and spending procedures during the debate, which lasted almost an hour.

Tom Jones, Estabrooke representative, cited his inexperience with procedure and paperwork as reasons why the request didn't make it to the agenda until after the event.

"I haven't been a ROC member for long," Jones said during the meeting. "I've never been on student senate, so I'm relatively new at this. I apologize for being slow on the uptake with my paperwork, but I can promise you it had nothing to do with planning. Those involved in the event put forth a massive effort, which aided in the success of the party."

Emotions ran high, and though discussion had to be reigned in several times, arguments between representatives remained professional.

"I was impressed with the debate tonight," Vice President Justin Labonte said. "It's important to be critical of any group or organization that comes to us asking for funding, and I felt as though everyone was able to do that in a respectful manner. There was some repetition throughout the debate, but more importantly,

everyone was able to get their HGB's sentiments out there."

The request was eventually amended to \$225 and passed by a vote of 11-3 with one abstention.

ROC also passed a funding request from service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega to help them attend their national convention. Brothers who attend the event bring back ideas to be implemented at the University of Maine. One such idea obtained from a previous convention is the Late Night Local, a weekend busing service the fraternity runs to prevent partygoing students from driving drunk. They were awarded \$1,000, roughly one-sixth of the cost for sending ten brothers.

ROC general assembly meetings are held each Monday in the Bangor Room, Memorial Union, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

well as highlighting the university's use of up-and-coming technology.

"We have the iPointers at the Visitor Center in Buchanan Alumni House, and anyone can come in, check one out and take their own tour of campus," said Liz Downing, senior associate director of New Student Program. Downing added that any students interested in taking the iPointer campus tours can stop by the visitor center and borrow an electronic tour device.

The electronic tour has its setbacks, as students are unable to ask questions that might arise from walking around campus by themselves. Elana Mugdan, a freshman at UMaine who has yet to take the electronic tour, said that she enjoys the personal aspects of taking a tour with a human

guide and feels that one cannot get the same experience by clicking around on a computer screen. However, the iPointer product does give students a chance to learn more information about certain buildings they might find interesting.

The iPointer was invented by Chris Frank, who holds a master's degree in spatial information science and engineering from UMaine. Frank works at IST, an Orono-based technology company he founded in 2003 while he was still a student at the university. IST works to develop location-based services and technologies.

For more information on the campus iPointer electronic tour, stop by the Buchanan Alumni house or call the Alumni Association at 581-2586.



POLICEBEAT

By Randy Perkins
Staff Reporter

Driver caught trying to avoid police checkpoint

At a police checkpoint on Rangeley Road on Oct. 28 at 12:45 a.m., officers observed a peculiar vehicle approaching the checkpoint. After passing a sign indicating that all vehicles must stop, the vehicle made a U-turn, to which officers gave chase. The vehicle was soon stopped in the Libby parking lot near York Hall. The driver, identified as Daniel Dixon, 32, of Old Town, admitted that he intentionally tried to circumvent the checkpoint. When asked why, he said that he was afraid that he would be arrested for drunk driving. Police asked how much he had to drink that night. Dixon stated that he had consumed three beers. Dixon was asked to perform a field sobriety test and it was determined that he was not under the influence. Due to his blatant attempt to avoid the checkpoint, Dixon was issued a summons for failure to stop for law enforcement officers at a roadblock.

Roadblock nets drunk driver

At the same vehicle checkpoint on Oct. 28, a red Honda Civic approached officers at 1:31 a.m. The vehicle made short, jerky stops during the approach. After the driver rolled down his window, the officer questioning him could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from inside the vehicle. The driver, Kyle Hodgdon, 23, of East Boothbay, appeared to be under the influence, as his eyes were glazed over and his speech was slow and slurred. Hodgdon, who had admitted to drinking, stated that he was confused and that's why his vehicle was so jerky when approaching the checkpoint. Hodgdon was asked to step out of the vehicle to perform a field sobriety test, which he failed. Hodgdon was arrested for operating under the influence and transported to

Penobscot County Jail, where he blew a 0.20 on a breath test.

Wheel squeal alerts police to DUI offender

On Oct. 27 at 12:31 a.m., officers talking to individuals in the Dunn parking lot noticed a vehicle take a sharp turn in the gym parking lot. The turn was so abrupt that the tires of the vehicle squealed. The officers proceeded to stop the vehicle on Long Road. The driver, Chad Theriault, 26, of Orono, informed the officers that he did not have a valid driver's license. The officer could smell intoxicants on Theriault's breath. His driver's license was checked and found to be under suspension. Theriault was asked to perform a field sobriety test, which he failed. Theriault was arrested for operating under the influence and operating after license suspension. He was escorted to Penobscot County Jail, where he blew a 0.13 on a breath test.

Smoke signals officer to use of marijuana

On Oct. 25 at 12:25 a.m., an officer on foot patrol near Stewart parking lot noticed a parked pickup truck with three occupants. The officer observed smoke coming from the windows and could smell the odor of burning marijuana. The officer visually confirmed the members of the truck were passing a pipe to each other and smoking. The officer approached the vehicle and asked the driver to identify himself. Christian Robinson, 18, was asked to place the pipe on the dashboard and was asked if there was anything else the officer should be concerned about. Robinson then pulled out a plastic bag from under his leg which contained a green, leafy substance. He stated that both the pipe and the bag were his. Robinson was issued a summons for possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana.

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GSS debates resolution sponsorship, speed limits

Eryk Salvaggio
Copy Editor

Twice the normal seating was needed for Tuesday's General Student Senate meeting, with members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, students from the Universidad de las Americas in Mexico, and representatives from the newly approved amateur radio, cootball and competitive soccer clubs in attendance.

President of the University de las Americas Student Senate, Javier Torre, spoke to a costumed senate that included the Blues Brothers, a garbage bag, a man in drag and Zelda Fitzgerald.

"It's important to make this exchange ... so that we can share what makes a group successful," Torre said.

Dean Angel Loredó explained that the two senates often send students for exchange, and that more than 60 Mexican students had come to visit the University of Maine.

Torre described the student senate of his university as similar in design to UMaine, though he noted that they had five senators for every major, meaning their senate was between 130 and 150 members. The university is in Puebla, just outside of Mexico City, and has about 8,000 undergraduate students—roughly the size of UMaine.

A resolution requiring senators to sponsor at least one resolution each semester was voted down after significant debate last week. Noting several resolutions on the table for

the evening, President Adam Kirkland said that "the ultimate goal was met," Senator Andrew Eldridge, the resolution's original sponsor, concurred.

"I'm glad my resolution sparked a little bit. It did more than I thought," Eldridge said, noting that senators had taken it upon themselves to begin drafting resolutions.

Some of the resolutions on the agenda for the evening concerned "Pedestrian and Squirrel Safety," while another concerned the return of the original version of regional soft drink Moxie to campus. Club recognition and a proposal to change the Bear's Den menu were also discussed.

Senator Gabrielle Berube put forth the resolution concerning pedestrians and squirrels. Citing the current Long Road speed limit of 20 mph being flaunted by drivers, who pose a risk to pedestrians and squirrels alike, the resolution sought to examine whether an adjustment in the speed limit was needed.

An investigation of the road's speed would piggyback on another resolution passed earlier in the semester by Senator William Pomerleau seeking an increase in the speed limit for College Ave. The Long Road resolution passed without debate.

Also passing without debate were two resolutions sponsored by Senator Justin Labonte, both concerning changes to Dining Services. Piggybacking his Moxie vote was a resolution to recom-



CAMPUS PHOTO BY JOHN KASTELEIN

WHAT A DRAG — A. Jacquith Porter, left, makes a presentation to Student Government. Porter and Christine Soyden were among senators dressed up for the Oct. 31 meeting.

mend an increase to the options available for meal exchanges at the Bears Den, specifically calling for the replacement of the new "cheeseburger sub" for last semester's steak and cheese. Other recommendations included pasta alfredo, fish and chips, and a soup and salad. This resolution passed, and President Kirkland said he would take the issue up immediately with administrators.

A vote to support volleyball club access to facilities failed, but only because Teagan Thibodeau, vice president of Student Organizations, wanted to gather more information and sponsor a larger resolution.

"Dome time is ridiculous," Thibodeau said. "We can do more with this. It's just premature."

She said other clubs have been reporting frequent problems with access to facilities. After the vote, which was allowed to fail in order to design a heftier resolution, President Kirkland reassured the senate and observers that he would still follow up on the volleyball club's specific complaint.

The Student Women's Alliance noted its Pro-Choice Mondays, launched as an opposition to the anti-abortion protest of professor Terry Hughes, would end for the semester because Hughes had gone to Antarctica.

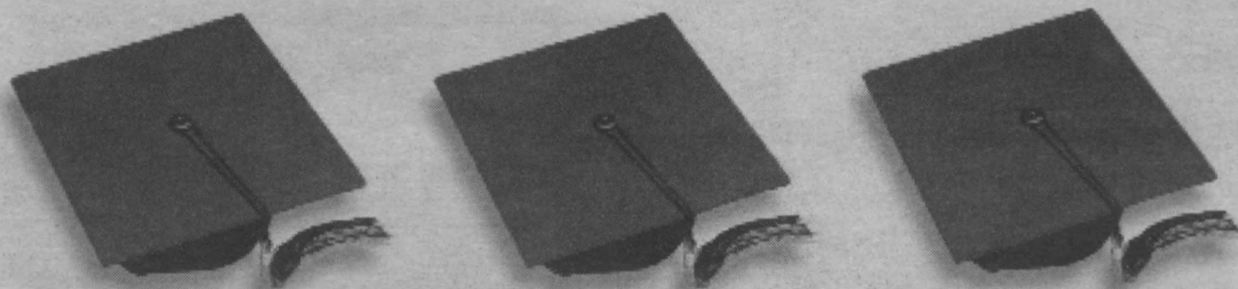
Both the competitive soccer club and the cootball club received recognition. Cootball is a home-grown sport, in which a player stands inside of a triangle with a

squash racket. The competitive soccer club has been on campus for more than five years unofficially, but sought recognition to gain better access to facilities.

"It gets to be that no one wants to play outside when it's dark and snowy at 5 p.m.," said Elizabeth Burleson, president of the competitive soccer club, of their motivation for recognition.

The amateur radio club also received recognition. Club president Joe Grace presented a short speech explaining the history and functionality of amateur, or "ham," radio communications, and explained that the group would be "experimental" in focus. The group is seeking additional members who may share an interest.

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CHARGE

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the crime. Based on statements by one of the suspects, the police began to investigate them further.

The complex will hold an open meeting for all residents to discuss the incident today at 3:30 p.m. Jason Malcolm, an Orchard Trails resident and third-year UMaine student studying history and anthropology, said the meeting and the hiring of a security guard are signs that Orchard Trails is addressing the problem.

Malcolm also said that his bicycle disappeared on the night of the crimes. The bike had been locked to a light post in front of his building. Police recovered three bicycles on Sunday morning and fingerprinted them before allowing their owners to come and identify them.

Wilcox said there may be additional charges for the bicycle thefts. Police are still sorting out which crimes will be

attributed to the three suspects.

Malcolm's bicycle lock was also missing, and he still hasn't recovered his bike. "I'm not too optimistic about it," he admitted, "but you never know."

"I thought they should have had some kind of cameras out there before," Malcolm added. "Because even though it is technically an apartment place, it's still kind of like a community with college kids. So you'd expect something would happen and be prepared beforehand."

Orchard Trails area manager James Goodson was not available for comment.

Villani and Vallee are scheduled to appear in court on Nov. 30, while Merrill faces a court date of Jan. 12 for the Class C charge. If convicted of aggravated criminal mischief, Merrill could face up to five years in prison.

The complex will hold an open meeting for all residents to discuss the incident today at 3:30 p.m. Said Malcolm, "At least they're doing something positive about it."

BOUND

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the entire night. Toward the end of the bout he said, "I could grind up pretzels into a powder and drink small sips of water ... I was actually able to walk myself out." The others went on and Davis hiked himself out. The medicine for Davis? Food, sleep, and Xbox. "It did the trick," he said.

Fowle said that one of her favorite trips was the Options sea kayaking tour. She remembers a crossing with two- to three-foot swells when the remains of Hurricane Katrina hit Maine.

"Things got pretty rough at night," Fowle said, but only until they'd made it to their island destination. They waited out the storm on the island. "In the morning the water was glass. It was really beautiful," Fowle said.

On another trip in North Carolina, during a nighttime summer paddle, dolphins came up out of the dark water. She couldn't see them underneath the water's surface, but when one popped its head up, it was right next to her boat. Even a sea turtle came for a visit that night.

Davis went on to describe the Maine Classic Canoe trip he led. Mt. Katahdin was to their right, and snow was starting to cover

the mountains in late fall. The air was getting crisp. Everyone was in good spirits and things were calm.

"[It was] beautiful," Davis said. "The worst part is probably just coming back and putting everything away."

Davis loves leading these trips and being out in the world, but he hopes to start a business and settle down to have a family.

"This sort of thing can't last forever," he admitted. "Once the back operations kick in, that's how I'll know I've been climbing a while."

As for Fowle, she said she will go "wherever it takes me. Eventually I'll settle down." With all the possibilities, from working

in North Carolina at Barrier Island Kayak where she was this summer, to simply picking a place along the coast and showing up, she's comfortable with it all.

With outdoor recreation and leadership as

"The worst part is probably just coming back and putting everything away."

James Davis
UM student
MaineBound employee

one of the fastest-advancing fields in the nation, Davis and Fowle are well prepared to be at the forefront. Having some of these challenging experiences under their belts, as well as the expanding possibilities of international trips at the university, such as a trip to Africa, there's no telling where they will wind up. Wherever it is, they'll be prepared to take anyone with them on the next adventure.



A special ultraviolet camera makes it possible to see the underlying skin damage done by the sun. And since 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime, what better reason to always use sunscreen, wear protective clothing and use common sense.



Correction

In the Oct. 30 issue of The Maine Campus, there was an error in the Police Beat. Shirin Ansari was 22 years old at the time of the incident, not 20.

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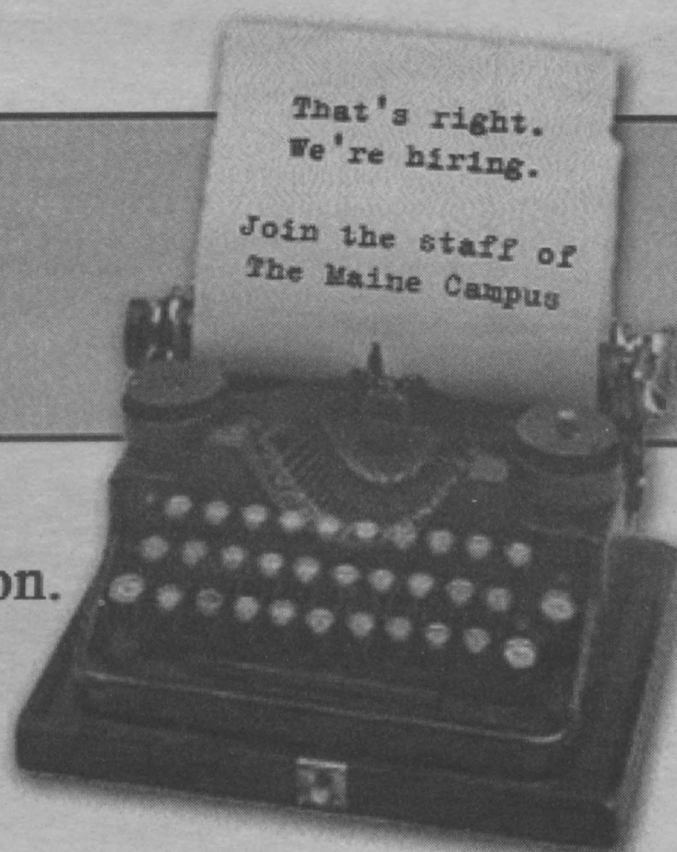
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DEBATE

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using his opportunity to question his fellow candidates to ask Gov. Baldacci to immediately pardon him and all other convicted felons in the state of Maine. Baldacci argued that there were previously established state laws and statutes already in place to evaluate such requests.

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) came up twice during the debate, eliciting even support from the audience both for and against. When asked about possible benefits of the initiative, the candidates quickly polarized.

"It is far too extreme," Merrill said. "It doesn't do enough at the state level and does too much at the local level."

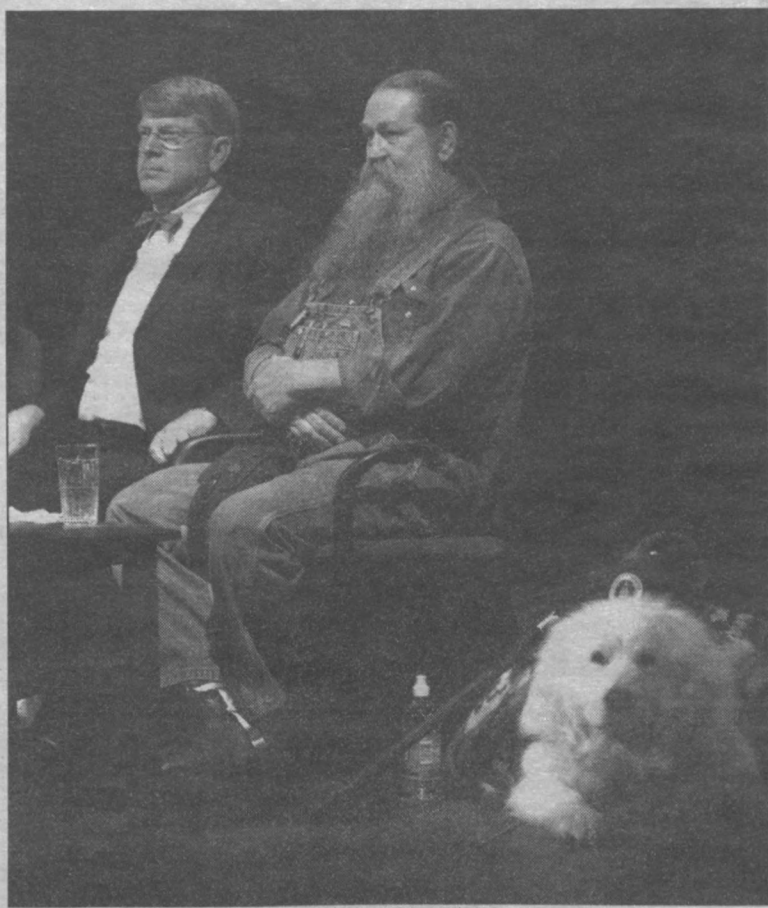
Both Woodcock and NaPier came out strongly in support of TABOR.

"It will bring a necessary reprioritization to government spending," Woodcock said.

The issue was raised once again during the question-and-answer session following the debate, when one person asked whether it would be better to create a separate initiative for Maine than TABOR, which was created in Washington, D.C.

"It's being used for political reasons," Baldacci said. "As I stated earlier, it's the wrong solution to a real problem."

Baldacci went on to reference his plan to cap property



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DOG EAT DOG WORLD — Chandler Woodcock and Phillip Morris NaPier sit on stage along with NaPier's service dog.

valuations to free Mainers from excessive property taxes.

Although all the candidates reached out to the youth voting bloc, LaMarche made one of the most direct attempts at including tech-savvy students. At the end of the scheduled debate, she invited everyone attending to text "Pat" to 30644. They would then be sent a text "ballot," which could be used to vote for the candidate they thought had

won the debate. Results of the vote will be posted on her Web site sometime Thursday.

The candidates also fielded questions regarding road repairs, state poverty rates, health care, liquid natural gas terminals, gun ownership laws, school district consolidation and bringing new jobs to the state.

Audio and video recordings of the debate can be accessed via MPBN's Web site, <http://www.mpbn.org>.

LaMarche appeals to students on Monday

By Laila Sholtz-Ams
For The Maine Campus

On Monday at 7 p.m., Green Independent Party gubernatorial candidate Pat LaMarche traveled to Donald P. Corbett building at the University of Maine to give an hour-long speech on the issues she feels are important for the state.

LaMarche, who is campaigning under the slogan "Common Sense Leadership for Maine," decided to run for governor because she wanted to see changes for the state of Maine. She is a strong advocate of lower taxes, affordable health care, and environmental issues.

LaMarche began her informal speech by fielding questions from the audience about important issues that impact the state of Maine. The audience, which consisted of about thirty UMaine students, staff, and Green Independent Party members from the Orono area, was interested in hearing about LaMarche's ideas for reducing student loans and student debt as well as ways to reduce taxes.

The issue of student debt was addressed by LaMarche, who said that the average student who graduates from a four-year program in Maine will have \$60,000 of student loans to pay off. LaMarche went on to discuss education, mentioning that not everyone is interested in pursuing a traditional four-year bachelor's degree.

"We must be supportive of young people who want to become a plumber or another profession that does not require a college education," she said.

She also addressed a new plan for improving Maine's health care system.

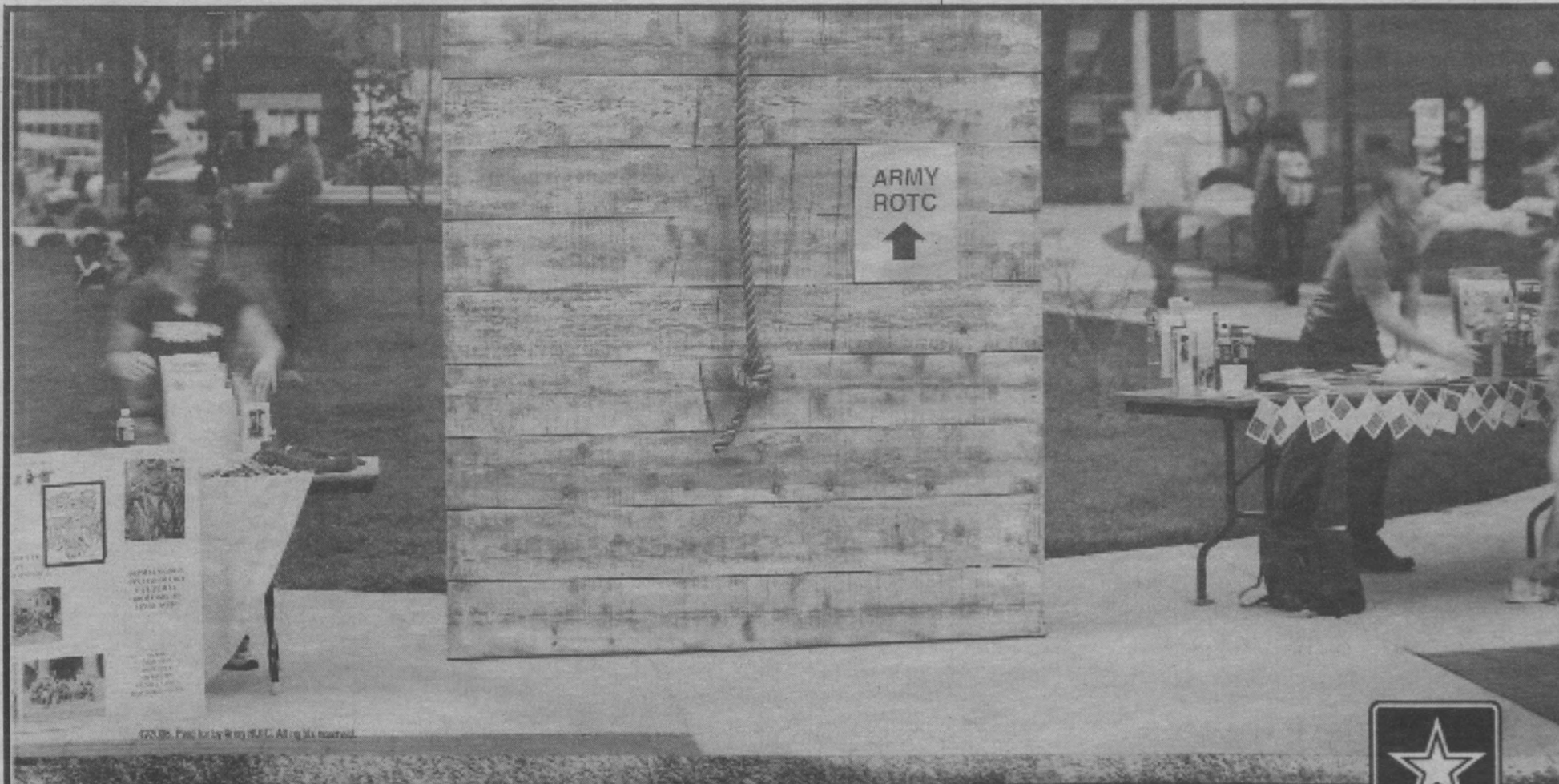
"It's called the 'LaMarche plan,' but really it is the plan for the state of Maine," she said. The LaMarche plan highlights ways to make sure all citizens in the state of Maine have healthcare. Currently, 141,000 people in Maine have no form of health insurance.

"Under my plan, the senators and representatives in Augusta will not be the only ones with a decent healthcare plan," she said.

After campaigning for more than a year, LaMarche has had the opportunity to talk to many people about her plan. "This way, the woman down the road with a lump under her armpit can go to the doctor and get checked out," she said.

LaMarche mentioned that she wants the best for Maine because she loves the state. She also said that she was happy to come speak at UMaine and appreciates the support she has received across the state.

LaMarche graduated from John Bapst Memorial High School in Bangor and went on to study European History at the University of Amsterdam before returning to Maine to serve as a public relations professor and a business manager.



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UMaine stays on politics with debates

Last night, five gubernatorial candidates debated at the University of Maine. This shows that UMaine and its community are dedicated to staying on top of politics. The university is clearly committed to keeping up with the tradition of holding important debates on campus, garnering both political and media attention.

With recent debates between Jean Hay Bright and Bill Slavick for U.S. Senate, and Emily Cain and Lance Cowan for state representative, the university is proving to be a place where people are coming to get informed about elections.

These major debates show that the northern part of the state, and the university, are becoming increasingly important in local elections. It also encourages Maine's youth to be active in politics. Politicians, as well as the university, are seeing that the college population is full of voters, and that it has the power to sway elections one way or the other.

Exchange program a success

A group of 20 Mexican students from the Universidad de las Americas are touring UMaine for the week as part of an exchange program between our university and theirs. Now in its third year, the program was founded in part by Dean Loreda, who takes UMaine students to Puebla, Mexico once a year. This week, it's the Mexican students' turn to experience Maine.

One student from UDLA who visited Maine has decided to attend graduate school at UMaine, and others had applied and shown interest. It's great that this exchange has allowed our university to recruit students from such far away reaches.

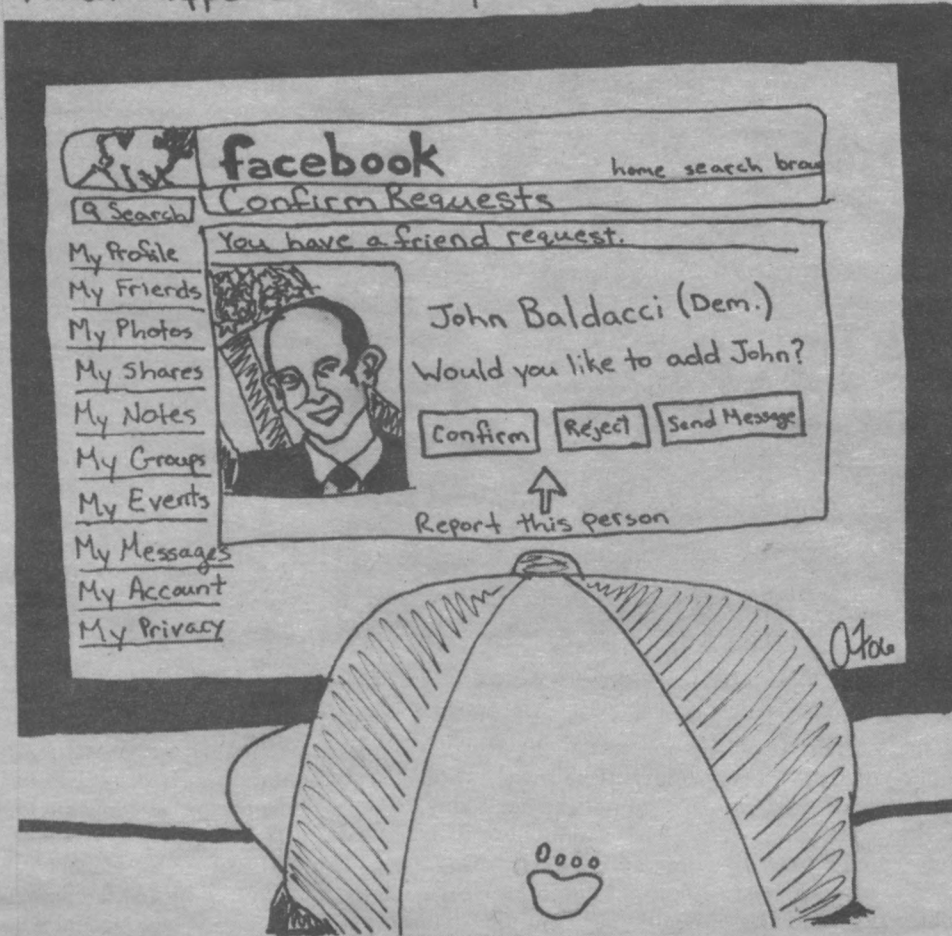
This is an excellent opportunity for them to experience our culture and for UMaine students to learn what life is like in Mexico. If you see the group around campus, try talking with them and you may learn a lot about another culture south of the border. You also might learn more about your own world by seeing how Maine looks through a foreign eye.

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What happened to the private booths?!?



Talking heads misinterpret Kerry Fiasco proves political smears trump practical solutions

University of Maine students: Go to class, study hard and work your tails off. Otherwise, you'll wind up working at Quizno's.

Now, before all the sandwich construction specialists out there open fire, understand that I'm poking fun at Sen. John Kerry's recent remarks about troops in Iraq. More importantly, I'm poking fun at the outrageous response from infuriated Republicans.

Kerry told students at Pasadena City College in California to stay in school and work hard in their studies, or they might get stuck in Iraq. Conservatives were on the warpath following the remarks, saying that Kerry had insulted all American troops by essentially calling them stupid.

I've been called a jingoist, an ignoramus and everything in between for some conservative views I've put in this space. So hopefully my friends on the right will allow me some wiggle room when I say the attacks on Kerry are nothing short of ridiculous.

The truth is, I learned of his comments while watching the

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WILLIAMS

SPORTS EDITOR

afternoon talk shows on Tuesday. Based on the commentators' tones and lengthy leads, I was expecting some racial epithet or direct attack. Kerry's words were tame in comparison to their billing.

No one, Kerry and myself included, is saying that American troops are dumb. Many enlisted despite considerable talents and job opportunities in the private sector. Every person who wears a uniform is as brave a man or woman as any walking this earth and has my respect.

Pinning such a label on Kerry's chest is just the latest in a series of negative campaigns that have tarnished the 2006 election season on both sides of the aisle. Politicians have spent nearly 10 times as much money on negative ads as positive ones this fall, and

the result is mud-slinging contests like the one we witnessed Tuesday afternoon.

Kerry's comment was regrettable and should've been better phrased to indicate an attack on Bush rather than the troops, that's true, and he apologized to offended troops. But why are Republicans pouncing on such a seemingly small faux pas? After all, it pales to their own congressman Mark Foley's scandal.

The reason is the same problem that led to President Bush's re-election in 2004, and still plagues voters today. Everyone sees a problem and no one has a solution.

Think about all the Democratic ads you've seen this fall. Bush has screwed up in Iraq and he's screwed up at home. His policies aren't working, and it's tough to argue otherwise. But has any Democrat proposed a hard solution other than the 'cut and run' idea that most Americans oppose?

Remember all the ads on the right. Mostly, they threaten that

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Rights get trampled

Acts passed bring United States toward '1984'

JEFF
HAKE



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Remember when "1984" was a work of fiction and "V for Vendetta" was tantalizing but unrealistic?

Welcome to "2006," the documentary.

For the second time in two weeks, the Bush administration has seen that the American people and their constitutional rights are belittled in the name of "protecting national security" and the "war on terror," whatever that's supposed to mean.

The first was the ill-reported Military Commissions Act, passed by both the House and Senate — led by Republican majorities and supported passively by both Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins — and signed by President Bush on Oct. 17. This legislation is one more effort by the White House to expand its breadth in dealing with suspected terrorists via military tribunals, which are entirely removed from normal federal courts. As usual, this all sounds nice and important for helping our government protect us from a world of people who all want us dead. But there are a number of truly frightening points to this act.

The main trouble is the vagueness of its language. While the legislation repeatedly stresses that it only applies to "alien" enemy combatants, a position backed by the right-leaning Cato Institute, the language of the legislation also implies that you can be detained without knowing what your crime is. Furthermore, evidence can be withheld from you if it is "properly classified" or "detrimental to national security." That same information can have sections deleted, or other information substituted in, if it is

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KERRY

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the most extreme parts of the Democratic Party will bring radical changes to American culture and are rooted in cheap scare tactics. They acknowledge the fact that their policy is failing, so they've convinced voters that Democrats would make it worse.

It works because there are no Democrats out there outlining a step-by-step plan in contrast to what Republicans are putting in their mouths. Kerry lost in 2004 because middle-of-the-road people acknowledged Bush's problems, but the public never convinced that the Massachusetts senator had any better ways to fix them.

Maybe that's the biggest problem: There might not be an answer. We're in Iraq and it's going to be hard to get out. We're fighting a

war against a mortal enemy that isn't going to surrender or go away. In all honesty, it's going to be a long process that requires patience, but voters aren't a patient bunch.

There is no cookie-cutter solution to this thing, and it's easier for politicians to hop on the U.S.S. Smear Campaign than to try to propose real answers. That's why television will be filled with 'breaking news' about words taken out of context used as political cannonballs for the next week instead of lively debate that will help us decide who should run America.

That's why there's not going to be any progress, regardless of who wins on Tuesday. I just hope there's at least one Washington newcomer with the chutzpah to go back to the drawing board in January.

Matt Williams is so disgusted with smear campaigns that he's thinking of writing in Bret Tyler for a Massachusetts Senate seat.

RIGHTS

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decided that the accused is allowed to read it. How is someone supposed to prove that they are not an alien in their own country if they're not allowed to know their alleged crime? The contradictions err heavily in favor of the accusers. And I almost forgot to mention that the judge can choose to keep the accused out of the courtroom if he or she decides the accused is interrupting proceedings.

All of this generally amounts to a repeal of habeas corpus, one of the basic tenets of law established by the drafting of the Magna Carta way back in 1215. Now you may be saying, "but it would take quite a stretch for Bush or Rumsfeld to actually think that is okay." However, we've seen quite clearly that this administration is not afraid to push the limits or ignore them if it is in their interests. The illegal wiretapping scandal and buying-out of Iraqi newspapers for the support of the American military should have been enough proof. I trust this administration will use legislation of this importance to its greatest capacity, especially if the people subject to it continue to ignore it.

We may yet be safe from an administration that, in theory, could arrest nearly anyone they want to and imprison them for as long as they please. The Military Commissions Act has yet to pass through the Supreme Court, and it is believed that a majority of the judges will view this as an absurd overreach of the executive branch. We can only hope that another Supreme Court judge won't up and die before then, leaving a hole for Bush to fill with some other friend of his.

The second and more

Orwellian of the latest salvos against the American people is the establishment of the new Pentagon "media unit," which is designed to "develop messages" for the 24-hour news cycle and "correct the record," according to al-Jazeera. That's right: Our government is spending money and time to tell the major news networks and media blogs what to say. They've had enough of reporters doing actual reporting on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Instead, they'll tell CBS and Fox what to tell the people of the United States. That's integrity in journalism if I've ever heard it. Sadly, Donald Rumsfeld claimed that "terrorist groups manipulating the media" is what keeps him up at night. Shouldn't it be the thousands of deaths he's helped cause that keep him up at night? I guess we all have different priorities.

More uproar has been created about the Military Commissions Act than the "media unit" initiative. Keith Olbermann delivered a blazing special comment a week ago that made clear what the administration is now capable of, and the ACLU has come out strongly against it. However, the American people have been given no say in what they hear from the news, and while Fox blithely ignores the Pentagon's shiny new propaganda machine, BBC and al-Jazeera have been reporting it heavily with an almost mocking tone. The rest of the world is watching our nation's people be slowly consumed by their government while we ignore it, convinced that it doesn't affect us. In that case, why bother to be concerned?

It's time to wake up and recognize that our government is attempting to manipulate us. It does affect you. If you're not outraged, you're not listening. If you're not listening, then all is lost.

Jeff Hake is a loose cannon.

The worst Halloween costume ever

Man dresses up as bin Laden, gets more trick than treat

When I think of al-Qaida, I think of crying children, terror and spooky, dark caves full of creeps. When I think of Halloween, I think of all of that stuff, plus candy. So I wasn't too surprised to hear about Tom Connolly of Scarborough's whole "Osama bin Laden is an appropriate Halloween Costume" idea. But I was a little surprised to see that it had led to his arrest.

After all, Osama bin Laden has been parodied in all sorts of ways since Sept. 11, from South Park to bumper stickers, including comedy skits that paint him more as a hapless loser than a diabolical force. While I don't expect al-Zarqawi masks to overtake Harry Potter next year as a best-selling children's costume, I'm sure that Connolly isn't the first, or the last, to dress as Osama bin Laden to make a political point.

Connolly told the press that he felt the First Amendment had disappeared. I did too, until I looked a little closer at the story. As he was approached by officers responding to a complaint, he accidentally dropped some toy hand grenades. You can imagine that this would make the cops kind of skittish.

But then, how many toy guns have I seen out in the world on Halloween? Why did the officers decide, even after realizing he was armed only with plastic toys, that Connolly should have been arrested anyway? Why would a terrorist dress as Osama bin Laden and wave a weapon around on a highway? I always thought secrecy was kind of important to those guys.

ERYK
SALVAGGIO



COPY EDITOR

On the other hand, why would anyone dress up as Osama bin Laden and wave a fake gun around on a highway? Especially all of you anti-war activists out there, like Connolly. Do you really want to give Homeland Security another reason to haul you away to a secret Eastern European prison?

My advice for next year's trick-or-treaters: Leave your wacky terrorist costumes at home.

My advice for the police: Terrorists don't usually wear "I'm With Jihad" T-shirts and hold parades.

All this Osama shenanigans points me to the following conclusion: Terrorism has warped our perspective of common sense, no matter which side of the issue you're on.

Think back to 2003 when the space shuttle Columbia exploded. I remember more than one of those pundit types on the news pointing out that the space shuttle

had burst into flames over Palestine, Texas. Therefore, they wondered aloud, would it be too early to rule out a terrorist attack?

Of course, no one really considered the ridiculousness of space terrorists. In America, Jihadists with jet packs flying around outer space shooting down spaceships are just as likely an explanation as anything else. Given more time to speculate, perhaps these pundits would ponder how Bin Laden had beaten us to flying jet pack technology, complete with missile launchers so sophisticated that they could track an object traveling at 12,870 mph.

But Osama bin Laden does not have superpowers, unless you count his supernatural ability to make everybody totally stupid. As we go about our daily lives, five years after Sept. 11, we still look at every tragedy through the lens of terrorism, from space shuttles to E. Coli in the spinach. Maybe Osama bin Laden is going to hack into your MySpace account and post embarrassing photos.

My advice for next year's trick-or-treaters: Leave your wacky terrorist costumes at home. My advice for the police: Terrorists don't usually wear "I'm With Jihad" T-shirts and hold parades. For everyone else, you're more likely to get killed in a car accident than by terrorists. This state of constant paranoia attributes a superhuman strength to deranged, frustrated people, and gives them much more power than they should ever have.

Eryk Salvaggio dressed up as a sexy lamp for Halloween and was not arrested.

How far has society evolved?

The world still relies on the ways of the hunter-gatherer

A man walks into a store. He knows what he wants. He knows where to find it. It's instinct. He finds it. He buys it.

A woman walks into the store. Oh, is that on sale? Ew. Who would wear that? Do they take Discover here? Excuse me, miss? Do you have size small? Would I even fit into a size small? Why did I come into this store to begin with? Oh! Isn't that adorable!

You get my point. The man hunts the shirt down and takes his prize home. The woman wanders about, scoping out all the options gathering as much information from the store as she can. This prompts the question: Are we still hunting and gathering?

I would like to think that even here in Maine no one is running around with their knuckles on the ground, sniffing bear stool to track their dinner. Are we really as far past that point in history as we think?

How often do men try to impress women or their friends by telling stories about how they triumphantly defeated level 483 of "Ninja Warrior 8,000?" How many pairs of shoes does that girl really need? Don't criticize the girl; the answer is always "at least one more." Can we use this logic to confirm that she is a gatherer?

HEATHER
STEEVES



FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

The man feels the need to rip off the other ninja's head in "Mortal Kombat XXVI" because he is a hunter by nature. Today the unlucky prey just happens to be Liu Kang.

Here's a good example for you disbelievers: bathrooms. If you place a man and a woman in front of two separate bathrooms and let them run loose, timing the ... umm, well, lets just say the man pulls it out, shakes it off and leaves. The woman finds the right stall; this stall must be free of any evidence that anyone has ever used it. Once the correct stall is found, the purse is hung on the hook. Then, a nest is formed. If you are not familiar with the nest, to be sanitary, it must be three layers thick of toilet paper covering the seat for a nice, cushiony, sanitary time. Once the urge comes to her and has left her she then flushes, takes her purse and closes the door behind her. She then politely smiles at the woman next to her,

compliments on her shoes even if she doesn't mean it and washes her hands. Once the hands are washed and dried they must not be contaminated by the door, which everyone else has touched so she grabs an extra handful of paper towels to grab the dirty door handle with, then props the door open with her foot to throw out the towel. Elapsed time: Man: one minute — maybe. Woman: 20 minutes, tops.

Perhaps I have lost the men. The point is, men see the prey and get it. Women have to find the prettiest berries and gather all of them. Think of what kind of brain it takes to be a woman. It is pretty hard to shoot a "bad" deer. Berries, on the other hand? There are thousands of poisonous berries; you have to be analytical and choosy.

I don't mean to piss off the feminists — too much. I'm also not trying to say that everyone meets my polar view of things. I just wanted to bring up the point that although we aren't collecting huckleberries and sniffing bear poo, I don't think that we can say that we have evolved as much as we may have previously thought.

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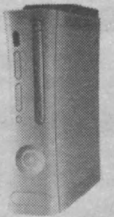
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Cultural Exchange

Mexican students, teachers
share their custom of
El Dia de Muertos
with UMaine community

By J. Astra Brinkmann
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For seven years, Eunice Loreda, a Spanish teacher at Searsport High School, has brought El Dia de Muertos (The Day of the Dead) to the communities of Maine. However, Wednesday's celebration at the University of Maine's Hudson Museum was a little different. Exchange students from the Universidad de las Americas constructed their own complementary altar, whose elements will be reused in demonstrations to come.

The altar's presence in the Mexican festival El Dia de Muertos is an important one. The tradition's roots date back thousands of years, contemporaneous with the Aztec and Mayan cultures. Since Mexico is predominantly Catholic, some of the customs have been modified to better fit the modern religious atmosphere, such as the integration of the saints and the display of the cross during the celebrations.

With its comical skeleton figures and bright orange hues, El Dia de Muertos appears superficially similar to the aspects of Halloween. In reality, it could not be farther from the American tradition. When UDLA student Ivan Romero was asked if it bore any similarity to Halloween, he contemplated for a while before he answered that, "children ask for money, for candy, but it could be at night, the day, or in the afternoon [over the course of the three days]."

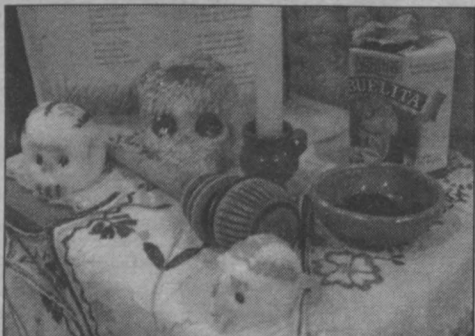
A fundamental concept in Mexican culture is the natural progression of life into death — this is not necessarily a solemn event by any means. Loreda explained that the process of writing poetry, a practice "very common among students" to pay homage to the dead, contains ample amounts of humor and satire. The themes do not digress to the point of damaging the character of the deceased, however.

Since the practice of El Dia de Muertos varies from region to region, pinpointing exact dates for the length of the festivities is difficult. The sentiment for El Dia de Muertos, however, remains the same. While some families focus on creating an altar in the home, others bring the festivities to the grave of the deceased.

"[Some of the families] go to a cemetery and they make a little party around the grave. They sing as if the dead person was still alive," UDLA student Monserrat Rubio said.

According to the customs local to Rubio's hometown, starting Oct. 31 every year, people honor the saints with tokens of "what you would assume saints would like," Rubio said. The altar is changed the next day to honor the children who have died; the last day is spent honoring the adults who have passed. Each occasion merits different types of decoration. Adults' altars can be adorned with cigarettes and favorite alcoholic beverages; those of the children might have toys or articles of clothing. At the end of the celebration, Rubio said, the "the

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(Top and middle) UDLA students brought up items to decorate an El Dia de Muertos altar, and spelled out "Zapata Vive" in front of the altar in the Hudson Museum. Candy skulls, candles and food adorn the altar. (Bottom) Eunice Loreda, Spanish teacher at Searsport High School, speaks at the event.

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Legend Bo Diddley charms MCA crowd

By Kalina Jonson
For The Maine Campus

Sporting a flashy silver jacket and preening his signature rectangular-bodied guitar, "The Originator" sat before a crowded audience on Halloween night at the Maine Center for the Arts. Soulful musician Ruthie Foster and blues-rock guitarist Alvin Youngblood Hart set the stage for the legendary singer, songwriter and guitarist Bo Diddley.

"Light man, turn up the lights. If anybody will be throwin' a brick, I want to see where it comes from," Diddley joked, then went on to say it's too easy to do "bad things in the dark," with a conspiratorial chuckle.

Diddley sang about his slick agenda, surely with the same vitality he must have had when he wrote "I'm a Man" — "Now I'm a man / Made 21/ You know baby, / We can have a lot of fun."

Now at 78, he still inspired his audience to get up on its feet and groove to his beat, thanks to his tried-and-true charisma, showmanship and penchant for fun.

University of Maine student Collin McGovern, staying back for a minute after the concert to gaze at the empty stage admiringly, gushed, "Bo Diddley is my new hero! I'm not lying either. He made me laugh so many times. I haven't seen a concert that made me that happy in a long time. He's a genuine dude."

Concert goer Jim Kenny saw Diddley play his first concert in 1955 at the Brooklyn Paramount. He attested to the quality of the artist's performance by saying, "He's even better now."

Credited with playing a significant role in the transition from blues to rock 'n roll, Diddley is best known for vigorous rhythms and downplay of harmony in his music. Rhythm is so much his focus that his songs often contain a single chord. He introduced the "Bo Diddley Beat," which is a rumba-based beat influenced by the "hambone," in which street performers keep the beat by patting their body and chanting rhythms. His style is exemplified in his hit songs "Who Do You Love?" and "Hey Bo Diddley."

Naturally, as one of the founding fathers of rock 'n roll, Bo Diddley has made waves throughout his musical career. He was the first African-American to appear on the Ed Sullivan Show. Rolling Stone named him an Immortal — One of the 50 Greatest Artists of All Time. His songs have been covered by the likes of the Rolling Stones, the Who, the Doors and Aerosmith.

At Tuesday's concert the charming performer paused his set so he could tell a joke about young boys and their adolescent conquests, then went on to warn them in verse, "Don't be diggin' in my yard."

At the end of the show, everyone was up, smiling, and clapping to the beat as he got down and played on the drums and maracas.

"It's one of the best [concerts] I've seen in years. It's like the earthquake in San Francisco. You could get right into it," confided audience member Carroll Hardy, who continued, "... and that's two r's and two l's, because I'm a boy."

MCA Review

Mushroomhead to play at Ushuaia Friday night

Ohio band could be venue's 'best' rock show yet

By Zach Dionne
Copy Editor

University of Maine students dressed up all weekend to enjoy Halloween parties on and off campus. They dressed up again Tuesday for the big night itself. But tomorrow, Nov. 3, Mushroomhead will keep the Halloween spirit alive at Ushuaia for one more night. The seven-piece band from Cleveland, Ohio have been around for over a decade, always donning surreal masks and makeup for live shows.

Alex Gray, owner of Ushuaia, said that Mushroomhead "might be the best rock show that [he has] seen at Ushuaia," adding that they "bring in a huge light show with a professional lighting director."

Supporting Mushroomhead will be Soil, Brand New Sin and The Autumn Offering.

"Soil is very good even with the loss of their front man to Drowning Pool, and Brand New Sin seems like the best band that has come to Ushuaia in the past few years," Gray said.

Mushroomhead features audio samples, keyboards and two vocalists, as well as the standard drum-

mer, guitarist and bassist. Jeffrey Popson, better known as J. Mann in the group's history, was a founding member and one of the two vocalists. His departure in 2004 was well-publicized, and a replacement was eventually found in Waylon Reavis. Reavis was chosen not only due to his friendship with the band, but also because his vocal style is strikingly similar to Popson's.

"I was a bit skeptical about the new singer, but as soon as the songs started and Waylon did his thing, I decided he was a great replacement," Jesse Potter said. Potter, a Husson College student and longtime Mushroomhead fan, saw the group for the first time at the State Theater in Portland in August of 2005. "The show was great. The stage show was full of props, strobe lights, and smoke machines. [Reavis] sounded a lot like [J. Mann] and also added a mix of his own style," Potter said.

Mushroomhead is touring to support the release of their album, "Savior Sorrow," through Megaforce Records. It is their first album since 2003's "XIII."

Tickets for the all-ages show are \$20, and doors open at 8 p.m.

Extra credit for life's lessons

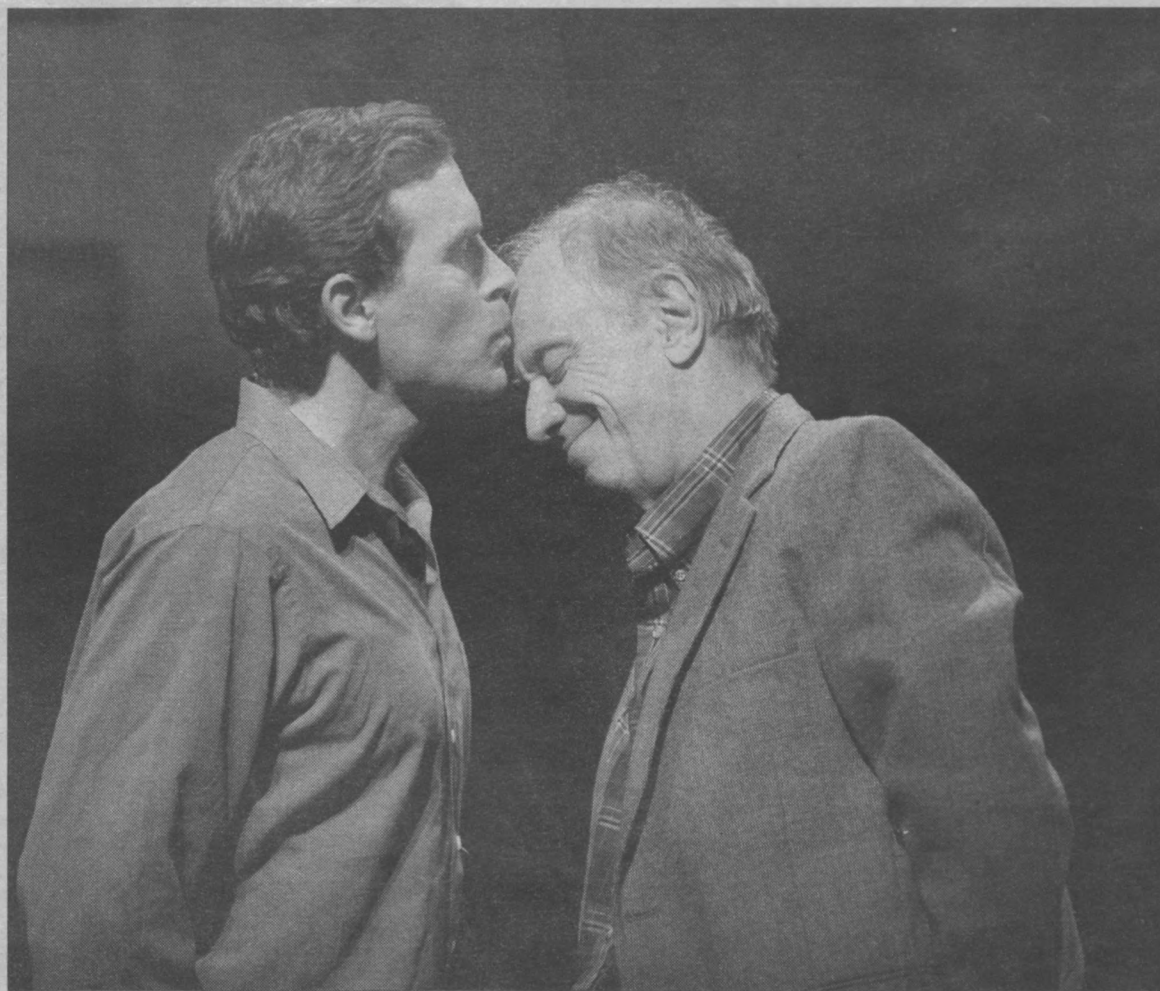


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TEACHABLE MOMENT — Penobscot Theatre Company is producing "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Jeffrey Hatcher and Mitch Albom. Kent D. Burnham, left, portrays Mitch and Thomas A. Ryan, right, portrays Morrie, the only two characters in the play.

Inspirational novel 'Tuesdays with Morrie' translates to stage

By Pattie Barry
Style Editor

"Dying is only one thing to be sad over," Morrie Schwartz tells his student Mitch. "Living unhappily — that's something else."

It was one of many poignant pieces of advice that Schwartz would dispense to his student, up-and-go sports journalist Mitch Albom, who would later record these meetings in the best-selling novel, "Tuesdays with Morrie." The novel, which spent more than six years atop the USA Today national best-sellers list, was translated into a theatrical production and made its New England off-Broadway debut last night at the Bangor Opera House.

The true story began in the '70s, when Albom was an undergraduate at Brandeis University. There he met Morrie Schwartz, a professor in sociology, and the two became close friends. In the play, Albom's character jokes that in college he "majored in Morrie," having taken all of the classes that Schwartz had offered.

After Albom graduated, he lost touch with his mentor, and 16 years passed before he saw Morrie again. Schwartz continued to teach at Brandeis until he had been diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease. When Albom saw a feature on Schwartz on ABC's Nightline with Ted Koppel, he flew from his hometown of Detroit to Boston

to see Morrie. After their painful reunion, Albom arranged to come to Boston every Tuesday afternoon in order to take one final "course" with Morrie.

"The class met on Tuesdays, and had only one student," Albom's character says at the opening of the play. "The subject was the meaning of life."

The book, which met enormous success in part because of its universal nature, translates powerfully to the stage. Over the course of 90 minutes, actors Kent D. Burnham, as Mitch, and Thomas Ryan, as Morrie, create viable three-dimensional characters from Albom's non-fiction account of Morrie's last days. Ryan in particular delivers an impressive performance as the withering old mentor whose body is shutting down little by little, scene by scene.

The play is touching in as many ways as the book was. In one scene, Burnham, as Mitch, brings a tub of egg salad, Morrie's favorite lunch, to his old professor. Ryan, as Morrie, struggles futilely to raise his fork to his lips, and in that tense and uncomfortable moment the tangible realization of Morrie's fatal illness is shared between both the actors and the audience.

A recurring theme in the play is the fear of death and the attempt to understand it. After Mitch visits Morrie a second time, Morrie remarks that most people who visit him come because "people want to know what to pack." In dealing with these and other questions, Mitch comes to

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Event honors Latin culture, food, music

By Pattie Barry
Style Editor

In the spirit of culture, understanding, and most importantly fun, the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) will be hosting the 10th annual Latin American Heritage Celebration this Friday, Nov. 3. All members of the community are welcome and encouraged to attend the event, which will honor Latino culture with food, poetry, discussion and dancing at Stodder Commons.

LASO co-president Jessica Cancel stresses that the event is good

"not only for Latinos, but for the community as well."

Also attending the event are the 12 exchange students from the Universidad de las Americas — Puebla, Mexico, who have been visiting the University of Maine this week as part of an ongoing cultural exchange program between the universities.

"This is the perfect opportunity for them to see how LASO has grown," Cancel said, noting that the date of the event was selected specifically with the Mexican students in mind.

This year is the fourth time that

UMaine has hosted a group from UDLA. As a result of the exchange, UDLA student Gerry Blanco, who is resident director of York Hall, is pursuing his master's degree in higher education at UMaine.

Like last year, participants can expect to sample a variety of Latin cuisine. On the menu will be rice, beans, Spanish chicken and empanadas, which is a dish made of meat and cheese rolled up in dough.

Before dinner, members of LASO and the Spanish Club will read poetry in Spanish with English translations. Members of LASO

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GameU College tour to come Friday

By Zach Dionne
Copy Editor

When class lets out on Friday, Nov. 3, let the games begin. Some of the highest-tech video games in the industry — that is, the 2006 Game U College Tour — will visit the University of Maine campus with an elaborate setup that should fulfill any gamer's sweetest dreams. The tour will take over the Field House from 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Over 40 plasma screen kiosks will play Xbox 360, Xbox, and PC games from companies including Microsoft, EA Sports, Midway, Ubisoft, Sierra and THQ. Games will include "Project Gotham Racing 3," "Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six: Vegas," "Mortal Kombat Armageddon," "Eragon," "F.E.A.R.," "Saints Row," and EA Sports' entire catalog of 2007 sports games, including "NHL 07," "Tiger Woods PGA Tour 07," and of course, "Madden NFL 07."

A live DJ, Doc Fu, will spin tunes throughout the day. Gamers can see a tricked-out model of Suzuki's new SX4 vehicle, retrofitted with plasma screens and game systems. And yes, it will finally be time to move from the dorm room and the Xbox Live to a good old-

fashioned "Halo 2" competition in the Field House to determine who is the best of the best at UMaine.

"Admission is free and gameplay is unlimited," said Derek Mitchell, vice president of Student Entertainment, which is sponsoring the event.

The "groundbreaking" Best Buy Home Theater Experience will be set up — it's a completely high-tech, customized home theater system and a great chance to see the latest gear in gaming.

The tour is put on by Xbox and includes the aforementioned game publishers as sponsors, as well as Suzuki, Best Buy and others. The 2006 Game U College Tour will stop at 40 campuses nationwide this fall.

"This tour was designed to give video game enthusiasts a chance to see the newest and often unreleased games and what's coming out for the Xbox," Mitchell said. "The [tour] is a great opportunity to play all of the newest videogames rolling out this winter. It's completely free, and students can play as long as they want."

Stop by the Field House between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. tomorrow to take advantage of the videogame extravaganza. As Mitchell said, "it's a great way to wrap up the week."

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have also prepared Power Point presentations about the cultures of Argentina, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Columbia, Peru and Mexico.

Speaking at the event will be Southern Methodist sociology professor and author Tony Cortese. Cortese has written three books and several scholarly articles on social problems, ethnic and race relations, social policy, social ethics, media and gender, and sociological theory.

LASO held the event in March of last year, when Operation Breaking

Stereotypes, a group of exchange students from the Bronx, were able to attend the event. Cancel herself had been one of the students who came to UMaine in the first year of the program.

"I've definitely seen an improvement since coming to campus four years ago," Cancel said. "Throughout the years I've been here, coming and going, I've seen the diversity on this campus grow ... I think we've got a great start, and it's programs like this and Black History Month that we need to keep diversity growing stronger."

While tickets were required last year, this year no pre-registration is necessary. Admission is free for

students and \$25 per person for non-students. Dinner will begin in Stodder Commons at 6 p.m. and no one will be admitted after the first speaker. Individuals can come to the dance later, at 9 p.m., which will last until midnight. The event is sponsored by Student Government, the Programming Fund, Multicultural Programs, The Division of Student Affairs, The Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, the Spanish Club and the Latino American Students Organization.

For more information, call 581-7205 or visit the LASO table in the Union this week, or contact LASO co-presidents Jessica Cancel and Jessica Umel on FirstClass.

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whole family has to eat the [remaining] food."

The altar provided by the students of UDLA focused on the remembrance of the popular Mexican revolutionary hero, Emiliano Zapata Salazar, because "we wanted something that would represent the country," UDLA Student Senate President Javier Torre said. A portrait of Zapata rested on the top of the altar, which was surrounded by tiers of candles, flowers, a bottle of tequila and dressed up calaveras, or edible skulls made out of sugar and starch.

Due to the constraints of traveling by air, the altar prepared by the students of UDLA did not provide as much food as they would have liked, Torre said. Dishes using tamales or mole, a sauce made with peppers and chocolate, provide an essential element to El Dia de Muertos.

Loredo called upon volunteers in the audience, which mostly consisted of high school students from Mount Desert Island, Searsport and Millinocket to simulate the experience of being a returning spirit. As "spirits don't have stomachs," she explained, the importance of the scent of food is great, as this is the method by which they "taste" the treats lovingly provided by bereft families.

Loredo's expertise on El Dia de Muertos intensifies each year as she returns to Mexico to gather more research on the traditions. According to Dean Angel Loredo, Eunice is applying for a grant to do a documentary.

Interim Director of Multicultural Programs Jose Cordero was delighted to have the both UDLA students' presence and Latino Heritage Week coincide with Loredo's lecture. "In the years past, it's been similar, but we were missing [the students'] beautiful altar. They give a little culture to it; in fact, they give a lot of culture."

MORRIE

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realize that, "The wise and powerful things you want to say at the end are the things that you should say all of your life," as Morrie told him one Tuesday afternoon.

Scott R.C. Levy, producing artistic director for Penobscot Theatre and the director of "Tuesdays with Morrie," said that he chose the play because, "really, it's a very simple story. It's about love and living."

In New York, Levy was the

associate producer of the original off-Broadway production, and referred to "Tuesdays" as "one of those titles that people are familiar with."

The play previewed last night and will preview again tonight at 7 p.m. "Tuesdays with Morrie" opens on Friday, Nov. 3 at 8 p.m., and will also be performed at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, at 7 p.m. next Thursday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. Student rush tickets are available one half-hour before any performance for \$5.

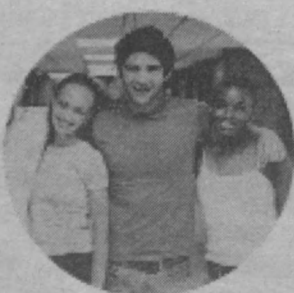


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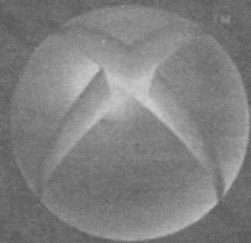
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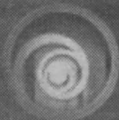


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Horoscopes

By Miss Astra

Pices

Feb. 21 to March 20

If you're complaining that you can't be in two places at the same time, then you need to rethink your position on human cloning. The world really does need more people like you.

Aries

March 21 to April 20

Proudly display your patriotism by taking your glue gun and making the adage "united we stand, divided we fall" a reality.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

If you have been yearning for a deep conversation, get a shovel, dig a hole, and talk out loud to yourself.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Don't celebrate Opposite Day. It's horrible and so are you, so you should be mean to everyone and avoid having fun.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Be strong and stay away from old habits. This applies to you especially if you are a nun with a penchant for wearing dirty laundry.

Leo

July 23 to Aug. 22

If you want to climb a mountain, start by kicking over molehills. This means that if you want to accomplish big things, don't focus on the little problems.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

Your job this week is to bring back the Macarena: in class, in your car, on the roof, in the woods. Hey, Macarena!

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Brush up on the meaning of nihilism today, Libra. Or perhaps, you shouldn't. What's the point?

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

If you are worrying about whether or not your new pants look good on you, you need to readjust your concerns. Get naked and think more about global warming.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Kids shouldn't have all of the fun. In fact, they should have none of it. Deprive a small child of its joy and revel in your newly stolen happiness.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

There are many important world records waiting to be broken. Get started on the "Longest amount of time whistling while jumping on a pogo stick."

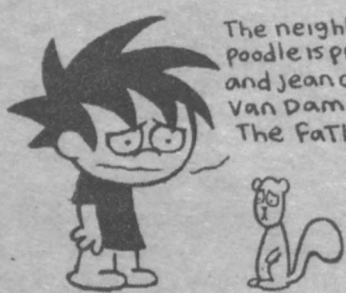
Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 20

Follow an urge to redecorate, even if it's a desire to egg someone's house. Maybe that's the finishing touch their house needs, but they were too afraid to act on it.

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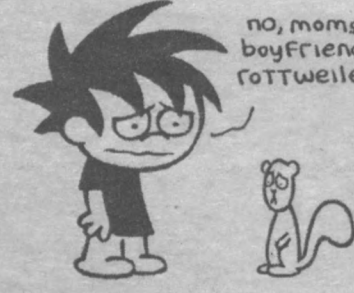
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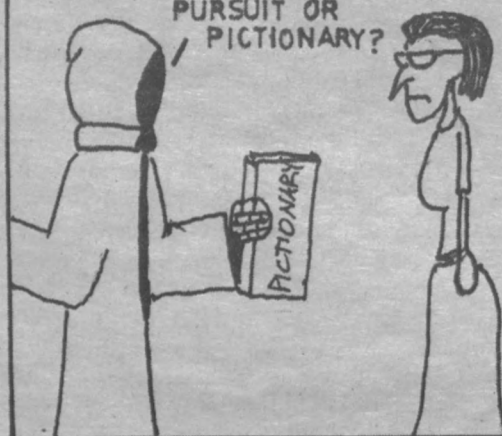
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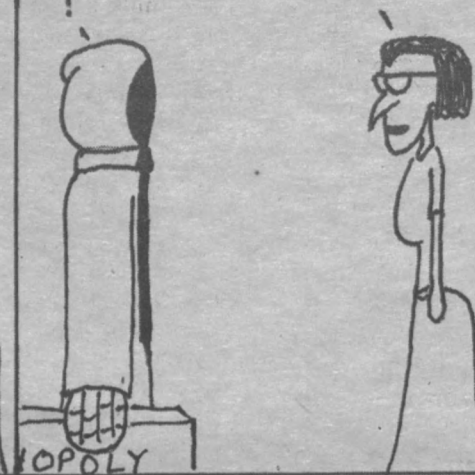
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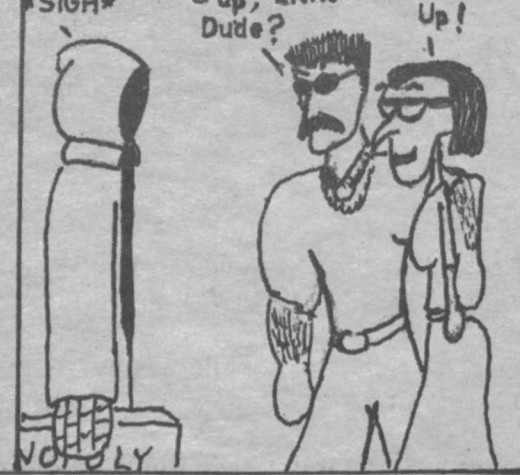
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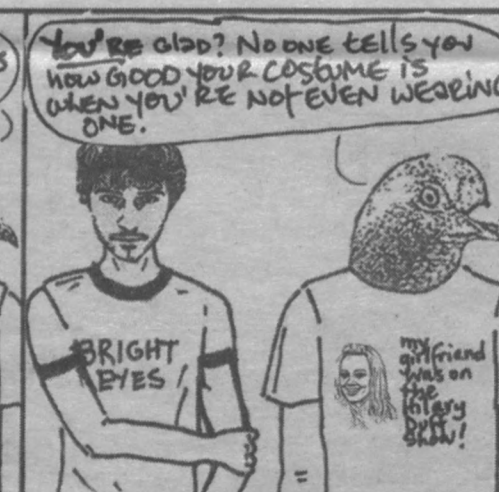


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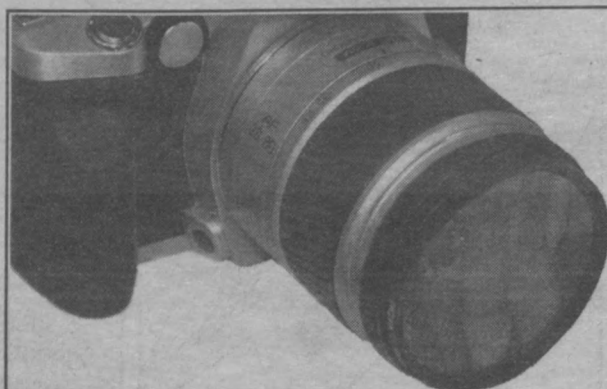
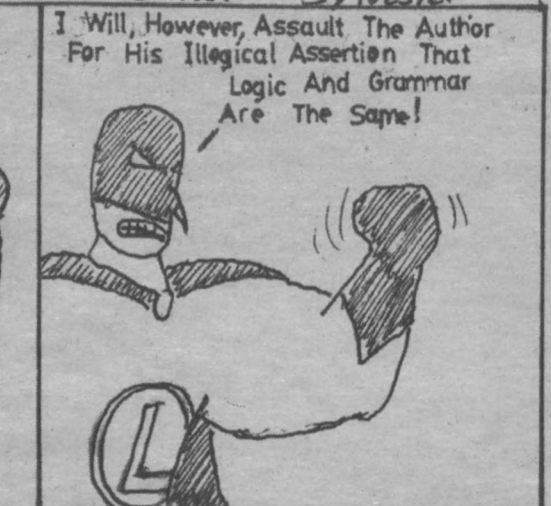
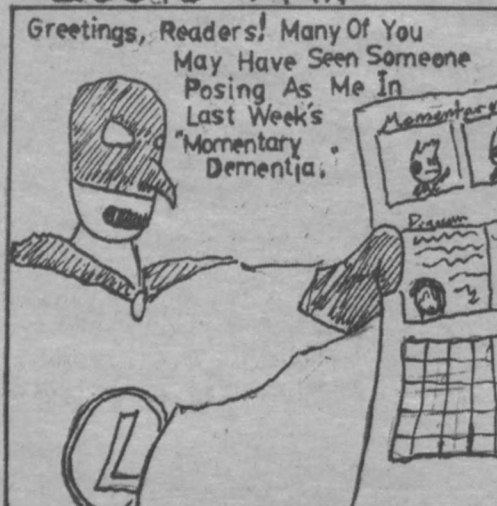
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An open forum on the Internet

Ah, the Internet— communication tool of the masses, opening doors for the common man to a new frontier of knowledge, opportunity, and hot 18-year-old Russian women willing to show you all for \$4.99 a month. Act now.

I'm a big fan of the Internet— and of hot 18-year-old Russian women willing to show all for \$4.99 a month if I act now. More over, I'm a fan of the idea of the "forum" site, a place where people can get together and exchange information, video, pictures, and anything else that comes to mind — INCLUDING hot Russian women willing to show it all for \$4.99 a month if you act now — in their leisure time.

If you think I'm getting tired of the Russian women joke, think again.

If you're unfamiliar with the concept of the forum, think of it as an at-your-own-pace chat room. Someone writes something, you read it and, if you want to, you reply. They come by a while later, read you and reply. Lather, rinse, and repeat over the course of several hours, days, weeks, whatever. The net is loaded with hundreds of thousands of these, ranging from your mom's knitting club, movie and video game freaks discussing the top 100 reasons Uwe Boll should be shot. And yes, hot 18-year-old Russian women discussing which one of them has made the most money



Rambling Fool

By Benjamin Jarvela

off of me.

It's a valuable resource. Most people are, like me, too lazy to research questions or topics of interest or, like the Russian women, are far too busy undressing and re-dressing to do the same. This lets us piggyback off the knowledge of others and meaningful discussions about the video where the monkey eats its own poo.

Like so many other aspects of life, there are a few more prevalent personality templates that are well-known and acknowledged in these forums:

Mr. Off Topic: This is the guy who strolls in to a discussion about, say, breeding Persian kittens and begins talking incessantly about his new truck.

"It's got a Hemi! Kittens are for wussies!"

Or, let's be fair, the girl who wanders in to a group of nerds talking about Anime and begins insisting that Grey's Anatomy is the hottest show ever. Mr. — or Ms./Mrs. — Off Topic doesn't care what the place is for, what the banner up top says, or what people are already talking about. They're there with an agenda (usually self-serving) and, by God, it's going to be filled.

The Sales Pitch: These people actually exist. They are placed on the Internet, full time, by companies paying them, usually a notable sum, to run around and underhandedly promote some product or service. I am not making this up. For example:

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Person A: "Errr..."

The Pollster: Everything is political. The Sept. 11 attacks were the fault of the Republicans. The most recent school shootings are the fault of

the Democrats. Hot 18-year-old Russian women willing to show you all for \$4.99 a month — act now! — are the fault of, well, me. Whatever. The point is that the pollster has his cause or viewpoint. Everything good in the world is a direct result of the success of his views or party, and everything wrong is the fault of the "other guys." I've seen Democrats blame Republicans for Bill Clinton lying on the stand. I've seen Republicans blame Democrats for Mark Foley out trolling for some hot representative-from-Florida-on-underage-congressional-male-page-action. Whatever the issue at hand is, it's political, the pollster is the only one in the room with even half a brain, and he's going to make sure the conversation turns into an all-out war within 30 minutes or less or your pizza is free. Speaking of Mark Foley, though...

I'm Gonna Be on Dateline!: Ick, ick, ick, ick, ick. Are you 13? Do you have a picture? Have you ever been kissed? It only gets creepier from here. While most of this particular brand of disgusting tends to stick to the active chat room crowd, there are those brave few who wander out in the general population and head to the forums. You'll know it when you see it. The middle-aged man in the "I love Hello Kitty!" forum, 27 and doing his best to make sure the eighth graders at Jefferson Memorial Middle School know he feels their pain and, if he gets his way, more. Personally, I think there's nothing about this little societal problem that couldn't be handled with a rusty can lid, but that's me.

The Persona: Whatever it is, wherever it's done, The Persona has been there and done it. If you start keeping track, you can actually discover that while the Persona was fighting in Afghanistan, he was also attending medical school, dating a porn star, making millions on Wall Street, hacking your computer because you got him mad, and being sent to space to help build the new space station. It was quite a busy Wednesday. Usually, the Persona retreats when, for example, you ask him why a Colonel in the Air Force is playing Halo 2, but he'll be back. Next time, it'll be after he did something explicit with your mom. Or hot 18-year-old Russian women willing to show it all for \$4.99 a month. Act now.

CANADIAN ~ OR ~ SCIENTOLOGIST?

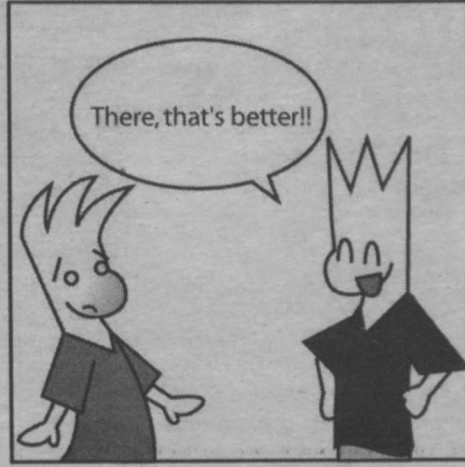
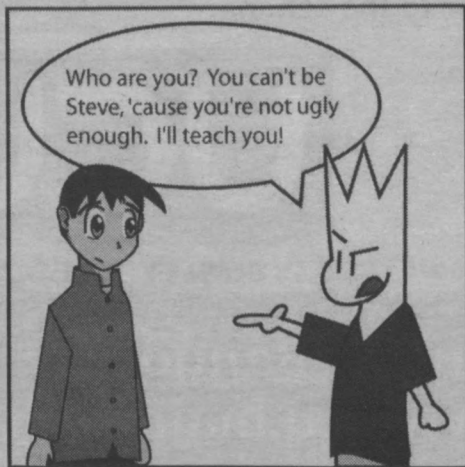
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| 3. Juliette Lewis | 13. Chaka Khan |
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| 5. Kirstie Alley | 15. Howie Mandel |
| 6. Elisha Cuthbert | 16. Nancy Cartwright |
| 7. Tom Green | 17. Alanis Morissette |
| 8. Jason Lee | 18. Men Without Hats |
| 9. Michael J. Fox | 19. "Rowdy" Roddy Piper |
| 10. Martin Short | 20. Sonny Bono |

Canadian: 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19. Scientologist: 2, 3, 8, 12, 13, 16, 20.

A Situationist Anthology — Eryk Salvaggio

Momentary Dementia - Ohhh, Mr. Fancy Pants...



By - Steven Lindquist

Men's Hoops Preseason Coaches Poll

| Rank | Team (1st) | Pts |
|------|-------------|-----|
| 1. | Albany (8) | 64 |
| 2. | UMaine | 49 |
| 3. | Vermont | 48 |
| 4. | UNH | 45 |
| 5. | BU | 42 |
| 6. | Binghamton | 30 |
| 7. | Stony Brook | 22 |
| 8. | UMBC | 15 |
| 9. | Hartford | 9 |

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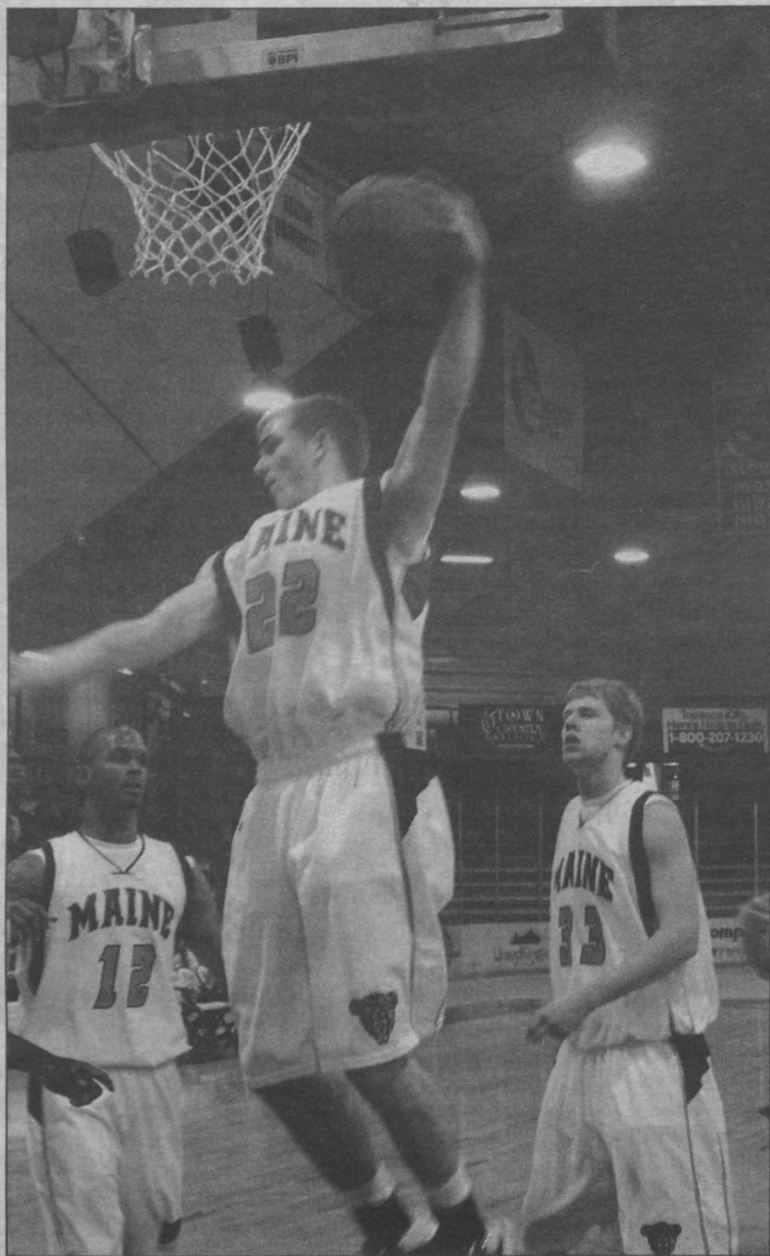
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UQAM (65) —

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Vistozky-Bernier 4-16
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9, Debrosse 3-9 0-0
7, Beauchamp 2-11 2-2
6, Daoust 1-2 2-2 4,
Linido 2-2 0-0 4.

UMaine (75) — Bernal
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2-2 16, Ahvenniemi 5-5
0-0 10, Socoby 2-4 5-6
10, Reed 2-10 2-2 6,
Bofia 2-8 2-2 6, Sheets
2-9 0-0 5.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

BANGOR NEWS — Freshman Mark Socoby comes down after a dunk during the blue and white scrimmage at Alford Arena. The Black Bears open the 2006-07 season against Harvard on Nov. 11.

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playoffs having won two of their last three games after suffering a three-game losing streak during the middle of the season. They'd previously won two straight to start the season.

"[We need to make] less mistakes [as] we have had fumbles in each of our last three games," said player-coach Eric Whitman. "We can't put our defense in bad positions early. Our running game has been great our last three games. We have had some slow starts to games offensively, so we do need to be quicker out of the gate."

Central Maine has been a different story.

After starting out the season with a four-game losing streak, with one of those defeats at the hands of the Black Bears, the Warriors, 3-4, have rebounded to win three straight, including salvaging a split with a win against the Black Bears. They are hoping to make it four straight before they head into the playoffs as they play a make-up game this weekend against the Northeast Knights.

While UMaine and Central Maine split on the season, each having won on their home field, statistically the Black Bears hold the advantage. This season the Black Bears have scored 112 points, making them third best in the league, while Central Maine has only mustered 87 points, which stands second to last. On defense, the Black Bears have a distinct advantage as they are tied for second in points against, giving up only 70 on the season. The Warriors, however, still have one more regular season game to play and they have already given up 112 points, good for second to last in the league.

"[We need] consistent play on every play, [to] establish the running game early to control the tempo of the game, [and

get] solid special teams to control the field position, and put our defense in position to make a big play for us," Whitman said of UMaine's strategy for winning next weekend's game.

On offense, the Bears possess a deep and potent running attack in which Whitman, Matt Littlefield and Kevin Williams lead the way. The passing game, led by quarterback Brett Davison, has been suspect throughout the season, but in the past few weeks it has come along as wideout Gil Cyr has emerged as his go-to guy.

On defense, there are no question marks. Led by Dan Sprogis and Rob Laverdiere, the most points the Black Bears haven't given up more than 19 points. While UMaine has a solid offense and spectacular defense, special teams could make the difference. If the game comes down to a battle of field position, the Black Bears have one of the best punters in the league in Gil Cyr, who gives them yet another weapon in their arsenal.

"It is very huge and means a great deal to us," Whitman said of his team making the playoffs. "We wanted to make sure we had a quality team and represented UMaine well. We have a very special team with not only great players, but great guys all around, and I had no doubt from the beginning that we had an opportunity to do something special."

With a week and a half left until the Black Bears host the Warriors in their first-ever playoff game, they will rest up this weekend as they have a bye week. The Warriors, however, have a make-up game on the road at the Northeast Knights, and then on Sunday, Nov. 12, the two will square off in the conference playoffs for the right to go to the NIFL Championship against the winner of the Western Conference playoffs. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m.

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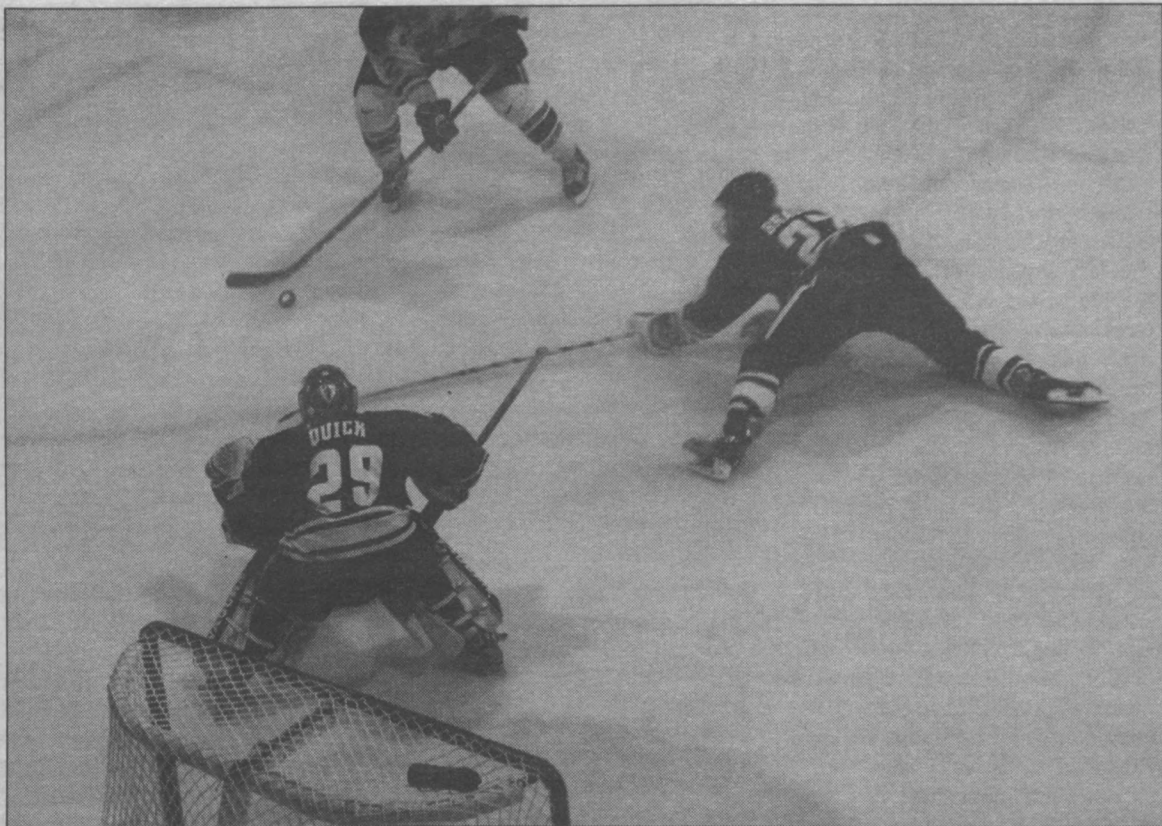
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ANGULAR PROGRESSION — Teddy Purcell delays a shot as UMass goalie Jon Quick and a Minuteman defender move into position to block his wrist.

TUSSLE

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The duel — small beans at the start of the year — has become increasingly interesting as the season has progressed. With the Warriors already knocking off Providence and proving to be a formidable opponent in all their games, UMaine is well aware of the task at hand.

"Merrimack is certainly coming off their best weekend of the year," Whitehead said. "They got three out of four points. The Warriors always play hard. They're understandably feeling good about their game at the moment."

However, the fun doesn't stop there. On Saturday, UMaine continues southbound for their first engagement with Boston University this year. The decision marks the first time the Black Bears will grapple with the Terriers since last year's season sweep by BU.

"I think that is all in the past right now," said forward Billy Ryan.

According to the Black Bears, what is more important is continued focus on what they have done successfully this year.

"It's a different season," said Soares. "We're thinking about this year. We know it's going to be a tough battle."

If the Black Bears do manage to escape unscathed from both games, they will be tied for the best start to a season by any UMaine hockey team.

"We're pleasantly surprised that we've been able to get these results, but we've been through this and know that it is early," Whitehead said. "We feel confident that we can play with the best in any leagues, we just have to continue to prove that consistently. It's not enough to do it for a few weekends. You have to play at that elite level week in and week out."

To match the 8-0-0 start that the 2003-2004 team posted, UMaine knows they will need to take out BU's go-to guy, netminder John Curry.

"Their goalie is definitely their strong point," Ryan said. "We just have to get people in front of him and blocking his eyes. That's all you can do when you're playing against a

kid of that skill."

Whitehead expressed the same concern.

"We're going to have to get a ton of shots on him," said Whitehead. "He's obviously a very strong goaltender. He's proven that for several years now. The key with Curry is making sure we get some traffic in front of him so he has trouble seeing the shots."

In their first four games, Curry has registered a mark of 2-1-1 with a 2.46 goals against average and a .908 save percentage. Supporting Curry between the pipes early on has been senior Sean Sullivan, with one goal and five assists, and junior Peter McArthur, who has a team-high four goals along with two assists.

"BU always has come out physical against us," Ramsey said.

"Their goalie is definitely their strong point."

Billy Ryan
on BU netminder
John Curry

In Whitehead's opinion, the Black Bears bring their own physical nature to the ice.

"That was one of our concerns. We lost some of our bigger kids and more physical players," Whitehead said. "All the players we lost had built themselves up to be strong physically. That was one of our challenges and the guys have elevated."

"We've really shown a good knack for taking hits. We've shown a willingness to take a hit to make a play. That's the really encouraging thing."

Ramsey figures that Merrimack, 1-4-1, will bring the same type of intensity.

"We always like going in there because the ice is good," Ramsey said. "It's a small arena and we're a physical team so it kind of plays to our favor. Small arenas really bring a physical match up."

On the ice, the Black Bears will need Brent Shephard and Chris Hahn to continue their recent string of physicality in the absence of Rob Bellamy, who will be sit-

ting out both games this weekend.

The last time the Black Bears matched up with the Warriors, a pair of Merrimack players and an assistant coach were suspended for the follow-up game. As far as the tensions being high again, Josh Soares doesn't see it like that.

"Maybe there are a few grudges but it's just going to be a hard-played game," said Soares. "We have some great team speed and I think we can use that to our advantage."

Soares, with two goals and four assists, will lead UMaine's first line into battle against Merrimack. Alongside Soares are Michel Leveille and Teddy Purcell, who were named Hockey East Player of the Month and Hockey East Rookie of the Month, respectively, on Wednesday. Leveille has a team-high 11 points off six goals and five assists, while Purcell has five tallies and three assists.

"Levs is just on fire right now and leading the way," said Purcell.

In a mere six games, the trio has developed a close bond and it shows on the ice. Purcell feels the chemistry appears off the ice as well.

"Levs is an upperclassman so he doesn't live in the dorms, but he makes every effort to call us and include us in everything he does," Purcell said. "It's the same with Soares, I went out to dinner with him the other night. They make you feel welcome and warm. They don't treat you like a freshman."

The Black Bears made a clean sweep of the monthly Hockey East awards with Ben Bishop garnering Hockey East Goalie of the Month.

Both Hockey East duels begin at 7 p.m.

UM Scoring Leaders

| Player | G-A=Pts |
|----------------|---------|
| 1. M. Leveille | 6-5=11 |
| 2. T. Purcell | 5-3=8 |
| 3. B. Tyler | 1-6=7 |
| 4. W. Clark | 4-2=6 |
| 5. J. Soares | 2-4=6 |
| 6. K. Johnson | 2-3=5 |
| 7. B. Ryan | 1-4=5 |
| 8. K. Hopson | 1-4=5 |

Weekend split keeps UM title hopes alive

By Joseph Burnham
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's rugby club played two games this weekend, winning one and losing one. The Black Bears played Coast Guard Academy on Saturday and lost 27-7, and faced the University of Vermont on Sunday, winning 19-17. With the split, UMaine upped its record on the season to 7-1.

Men's Rugby

UMaine played Coast Guard Academy on an almost unplayable field in miserable conditions. With 20 mph winds and heavy rain, the movement of the game was slow and the play sloppy.

"The weather was so bad we had to get inside right after the game to avoid hypothermia," freshman Danny Purpura said. "Yeah, we couldn't even stay outside to pose for photos or sign autographs."

With a host of penalties by the Black Bears, Coast Guard jumped out to an early 9-0 lead, all on penalty kicks. This was the first time that UMaine had allowed more than 7 points in a game this season. With many more mishandled passes and dropped balls, UMaine found themselves on the wrong side of a blowout, going into the half down 20-0.

UMaine found its hard-nosed play again in the second half, and played even with the Bears, with each team scoring seven points. The lone try scored by the Black Bears was by sophomore Eric Anderson.

"At that point it was about pride," Anderson said. "This

team has too much pride and talent to be shut out."

After a night to rethink their game strategy, the Black Bears came out with a new tenacity against the University of Vermont. The conditions were more of the same, with a combination of sleet and freezing rain to accompany the ferocious wind.

"The conditions were so bad during our game, it was more a matter of surviving than winning," junior Mike Groth said.

The men's club kept their passes tight and crisp, and used their size to punish the Catamounts for 80 minutes. The conditions took their toll on both teams, with multiple players having to leave the game early due to the cold. Two players for Vermont had to be taken to the hospital for stage-one hypothermia.

UMaine opened up the scoring when Stephan Scarks, senior club president, drove home the initial score with a bruising run through the heart of the Vermont defense.

In the second half, Anderson and senior Brian St. Pierre did the scoring for the Black Bears. The Catamounts put up a flurry of points late in the game, but UMaine was able to put up a goal line stand at the end of the game to seal the victory and a chance to play this weekend.

With the success over the weekend, the men will travel to New York to take on SUNY Albany, who placed first in the New York division of the National Rugby Union. With a win, the Black Bears will advance to the next round of the playoffs in Connecticut, where they will play for seeding in the national championship tournament held in the spring.

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offense was hampered by heavy rain and wind.

"Our playbook got slimmer because of a couple of extra players out there: mud and rain," Cosgrove said. "Defensive coaches are pretty smart and they know there's things you can't do [in those conditions]. There's 11 guys on their defense on scholarship that are pretty good players and that just makes it easier on them."

Despite Saturday's performance, the Black Bears' offense has averaged 279 total yards per game. Their point total, on the other hand, is only 20.6 per game. This reflects an offense that has struggled when closing in on the end zone, an area of emphasis this week.

"If something's not working, you have to practice at it, right?" Roberts said. "When you get in the red zone there's not a lot of space to put your guys, so it comes down to execution and staying poised."

The Black Bears have a chance for a breakout day against the Huskies, who allow 358 yards per game defensively. Led by senior tailback Arel Gordon, UMaine's spread-option offense may be able to take advantage of a bigger, but slower, NU front.

Freshman Ryan Callahan is still uncertain for the weekend's game after missing last week for personal reasons. Cosgrove expects to know his status for certain today, and missing the talented Maryland native who averages over 10 yards per touch could hurt

the Black Bears again this week.

Still, this game isn't as much about what Northeastern does as it is about the Black Bears getting back to business.

"I think that's our plan every week and something the coaches stress. It doesn't matter what they do, if we execute and we're disciplined we'll have success," said senior captain Mike DeVito, who's tied with co-captain Matt King for the A-10 lead in sacks. DeVito's Black Hole unit is sixth in the country in I-AA in total defense and seventh in all of Division I football against the run.

"We don't hang our heads because there's nothing to hang our heads about."

We can still do everything we want to do."

Justin Roberts
UMaine football

Focus will be a priority against a Northeastern club that's had its ups and downs, but has refused to go away. This weekend marks the Huskies' seventh-straight contest against a ranked team, and they're a respectable 2-4 in those matches after stunning No. 18 Delaware and then No. 6 UNH in back-to-back weeks.

"They should be commended for that," Cosgrove said. "They had a very tough start and then they had a bye week, found themselves and got two huge wins."

Northeastern's big threat is a

familiar one: Maine native and former Black Bear Kendrick Ballantyne, who transferred from UMaine to NU following the 2003 season. The senior tight end is the Huskies' leading receiver with 434 yards and five of the team's six passing touchdowns.

Though UMaine has won six of the last seven meetings between the clubs, the Black Bears aren't overlooking the Huskies. They can't afford to after last week's upset, considering the damage Rocky Hager's club did to UNH and Delaware.

"I think in some ways [the loss] is a blessing in disguise because it shows the young guys that we can lose. You can see any team win in any given week, and as a team we have to be fired up every week," DeVito said.

Both Northeastern's wins over ranked opponents have come in the cozy confines of Parsons Field in Boston. The Black Bears don't expect a four-hour drive to Orono to derail their opponents.

"I've been in this league a long time and A-10 football is A-10 football. When they get here, they're going to be amped to play a ball game," Roberts said.

Focus and determination are paramount, but once the noon kickoff Saturday at Alford Stadium rolls around, the Black Bears will also look to ease the pain of last week's loss and have their wounded pride to add fuel to the fire.

"I don't know if we feel mad about a loss like that, but you feel emotionally hurt," Roberts said. "We have to bounce back because that's not how we play. That's not Maine football and we want to show that to everyone."



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

WINNING IT ALL — The women's soccer team is aiming for UMaine's first conference championship this weekend.

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Saisselin. "We've gotten into a rhythm this season and if we can find that we will be successful."

The third-seeded Black Bears have already played the regular season champion Hawks once this year; they lost in a 1-0 overtime thriller. The team knows what it needs to do in order to change the outcome of this game.

"I think that the first time it went pretty well," said junior captain Marie-Andree Canuel. "We didn't finish and let up a bad goal. But we are just going to have to go hard in order to win."

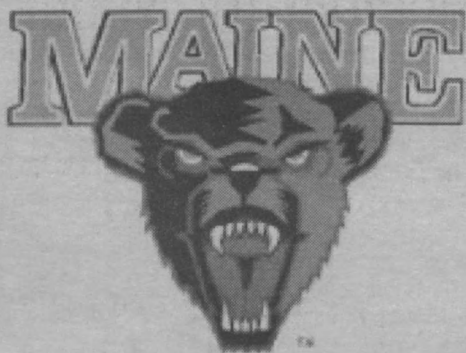
UMaine will rely heavily on its key players to make big plays for a winning effort. Five Black

Bears were recognized for their great play this season. Canuel and junior Laura Harper were named to the all America East first team. This is the first time that Harper has made the first team, and it is the second year in a row that Canuel has been a first team all-star. Juniors Marie-Michele Bouchard and Jordan Perkul both made the America East second team. This is the second time that Bouchard has made an America East team, while it is the first time for Perkul. Freshman Laura Martel was named to the America East all-rookie team.

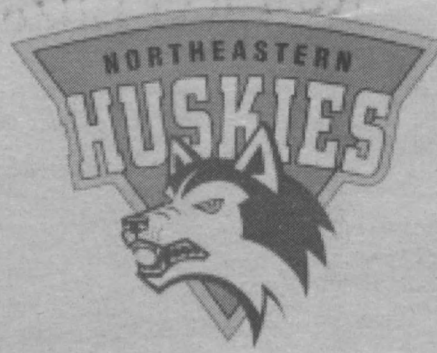
A win would give UMaine an NCAA championship berth for the first time.

"This would be the first time in history, so it would be very exciting," Canuel said. "We are glad that we have the chance."

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ond time," Thebarger said. The defeat was six games back, and having won four out of six since, the team has clearly evolved and learned from their mistakes.

"We've made a lot of changes since then to our attack and defense, so we're just going to take that and make some more changes that we need to match up with Albany," Thebarger said of the team's preparation for the game. "I'm very excited. I think we've got a great shot."

"Team spirit is very high," co-captain Katie Flaherty said, echoing coach Thebarger's confidence. "We didn't have our best showings against BU and Albany, which are probably the two teams we'll play this weekend, and they'll probably be expecting us to come out and play the way we did the last time. We're ready to show them our stuff."

The game could be the final contest in the college careers of the squad's seniors.

"I don't want it to end," Flaherty said. "I want to keep winning; we all do. The girls are all very close and we just want to keep playing and being together."

If their confidence, hard work and team spirit pay off, Flaherty and her fellow seniors will end their college careers with an American East championship title.

Barker, Whitter lead undermanned UMaine

By Meghann Burnett
Staff Reporter

With only eight players available for Tuesday night's exhibition match-up with the University of New Brunswick, the University of Maine women's basketball team looked strikingly similar to last season's whittled down roster.

Unfortunately, it was not just injury but substance that bite the Black Bears.

Despite the setback, senior forward Bracey Barker threw the team on her back and asserted her dominant presence with a game-high 25 points and 11 rebounds to go along with six assists and four steals to lead the Black Bears to a 74-65 victory over the Varsity Reds.

Senior Lindsey Hugstad-Vaa, red-shirt freshman Brittany Boser, and freshmen Sandra Vaitkute, Katia Bratishko and Tiffany Colon each served a one-game suspension for violating team rules. Senior tri-captain Ashley Underwood, who is still nursing a leg injury, has been medically cleared and is expected to play Sunday against Assumption College.

"I don't care if it's the national championship or an exhibition game ... I'm never going to sacrifice winning or losing for what it means to be a student athlete," said second-year head coach Ann McInerney. "I'm extremely proud. It was a gutsy performance and a tough team lesson to learn."

Senior Katie Whittier tossed in 20 points and had six rebounds.

"Bracey and Katie are two of our best and smartest players, and they showed that tonight," said McInerney. "I think they showed what they are about, as both players and people."

Junior Kris Younan gave the Bears intensity and excitement to the tune of 11 points, eight assists and six boards.

"Kris Younan is a gamer," said McInerney. "She really established herself today as playing the two guard and attempting to play some defense on their top gun who really had a night for herself."

New Brunswick's top gun, Christy McBride, scored 20 points and Katie Springer added 14.

Another bright spot for UMaine was the play of freshman point guard Abby Greene, who didn't score, but had three steals, three rebounds and only one turnover in 33 minutes.

"Abby is a true point guard and is constantly looking for pass first, shoot second," said McInerney. "As she becomes more comfortable with the college game and what we want, she's only going to get better."

Freshman Amanda Tewksbury chipped in with seven points and five rebounds.

The jitters were evident early on as the Bears found themselves on the wrong side of an 11-0 run that gave the Varsity Reds a 13-6 lead. Sophomore Brittany Bowen came off the bench and scored seven points to help give UMaine the lead at 24-16.

"They didn't miss from the outside, and that was something we focused on," Barker said. "We knew they were going to come out and



CAMPUS PHOTO BY HUSSAIN ALSAIHATI

HAND CHECK — Abby Greene guards the perimeter during Monday's game against New Brunswick.

they were going to be 3-point shooters and we didn't quite get our hands up and they were making some tough shots."

Behind two steals and eight points from Barker, including a buzzer-beating three-pointer, the Black Bears went on a 13-2 run to take a 38-34 lead into halftime.

"From last year we knew that they're quick and scrappy," Whittier said. "We knew they were going to be a good opponent."

The Bears pounded the ball inside to open the second half and led by as many as 12 to pull away for the win.

"We came out and tried to work the ball together, tried to get the high-low, we got it more in the second half," said Barker. "It was just a good learning experience for all of us to

get into the swing of things before the year starts."

UMaine will take on Assumption College in their final exhibition game on Sunday at Alford Arena at 2 p.m.

Preason Poll

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UM eyes first crown

By Joseph Burnham
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's soccer team is looking to rewrite history this weekend when they take on Hartford College in the

Women's Soccer

America East Championship game in West Hartford, Conn. at 2 p.m. Saturday. This is the fourth consecutive America East title contest for the Black Bears, but the team has never claimed

the crown and NCAA tournament berth.

UMaine has broken many old team records this year. They have the most wins ever in a season with 14, the least goals allowed with an astonishing six and tied records for fewest losses with three and shutouts with 12. Clearly, things are different for UMaine this year.

"By now we know what we need to do to win, and we know what we need not to do," said junior Brittany

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Season full of firsts

Strong inaugural campaign nets tackle football club division title, playoff berth

By Adam Clark
For The Maine Campus

Coming into this season, the University of Maine tackle football club didn't know what to expect. They had been in existence for just eleven months, but only practiced twice a week, and had yet to play a game. Two months later, things have changed.

The Black Bears are now East Division champions and next Sunday they look to achieve another first in team history as they battle East

Division runner-up Central Maine in the conference playoffs at Alford Stadium.

UMaine, 4-4, is coming off a road loss at the hands of the Southern Vermont Storm this past weekend. The West Division runner-up Storm used a timely offense and stifling defense amidst blustery and rainy conditions to defeat UMaine.

The Black Bears, who have been up and down game after game all season, come into the

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Score to settle in Terrier tussle



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

BOUND FOR THE SIN BIN — Sophomore defenseman Matt Duffy exchanges pleasantries with a UMass player and game officials during last Saturday's 4-1 Black Bears win.

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

During the regular season, the University of Maine men's ice hockey team will skate five days a week. This Tuesday was not one of those days.

After a thrilling 6-0-0 start to the season, the Black Bears, ranked No. 1 in both national polls, took Tuesday off. That's right. Instead of the constant drone of 20 hockey sticks smacking the icy surface or the puck colliding against the glass, Alford

Arena was practically silent.

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In fact, the only sound heard from the ice was young Zac Whitehead cruising up and down the rink. As Zac cut in and out of the stacks of floorboards, placed on the ice for the women's basketball game later that night, his proud father, Tim Whitehead, trailed closely behind.

At the risk of sounding cliché, it was a father-and-son moment destined for the scrapbook. But for Whitehead, head coach of the Black Bears, it was also the calm before the storm.

Over the weekend, UMaine will take to the pavement and head down I-95 for their first Hockey East road trip of the season.

The competition begins Friday when the Black Bears face-off with Merrimack in North Andover, Mass.

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Black Bears hoping to tame Danes

Field hockey ready for postseason play

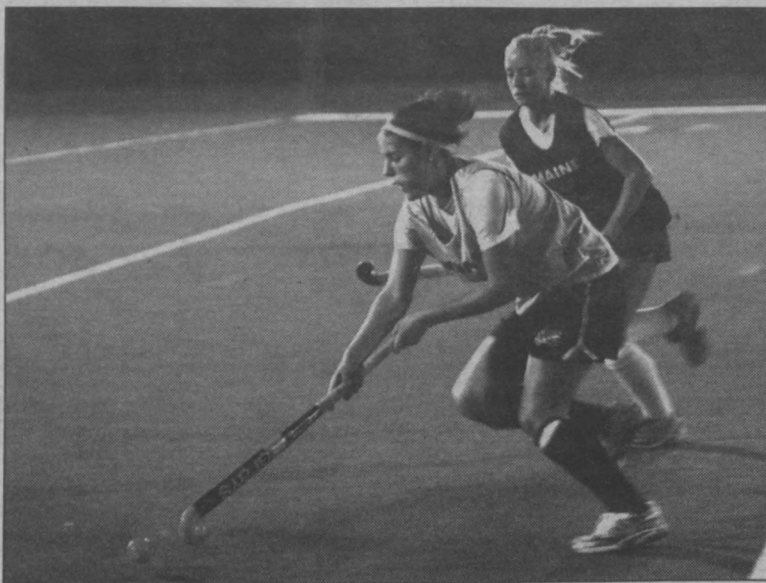
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The University of Maine women's field hockey team will face Albany in the America East semifinals this Friday in Boston. In the final

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game of the regular season, the Black Bears dropped a 3-0 decision at the hands of Boston University, leaving them tied for third place in the final standings. First-seeded BU will host the tournament, with UMaine playing their game on Friday at 2:30 p.m. If the Black Bears lose, the season is over. If they triumph, they will play for the America East championship title on Sunday.

UMaine stands at 7-10 on



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CRUNCH TIME — The UMaine field hockey squad gets set for this weekend's win-or-go-home showdown with Albany.

the season, while Albany sits at 12-6. The teams have faced each other once this season, with the Black Bears falling 3-0 at the end of September.

The No. 3 seed, UMaine will enter the all-or-nothing game against second-seeded Albany with the memory of the defeat.

UMaine suffered at their hands. However, head coach Andrea Thebarger is positive the experience will help the team prepare for the game.

"I think it's a great thing playing someone for the sec-

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It's not over: Football set to dispel critics, NU

By Matt Williams
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If you listen to the doom and gloom in some circles, even in the national polls, things aren't looking too hot for the University of Maine football team after last week's upset loss at Rhode Island.

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But if you ask the Black Bears, that's just life in the ultra-competitive Atlantic 10. UMaine, now ranked No. 22 at 5-3, 4-1 A-10, was extremely disappointed with the setback. But they're poised to take a step forward this weekend against visiting Northeastern.

"We don't hang our heads because there's nothing to hang our heads about. We can still do everything we want to do," said Justin Roberts senior offensive lineman.

What they want to do is claim the A-10 championship and with it a berth in the I-AA playoffs. UMaine's 4-1 record is good for second in the North division, behind No. 4 Massachusetts. Should the Black Bears win out including a game at UMass and against No. 9 New Hampshire, the playoffs are well in hand. None of that is possible without a bounce-back victory over the upstart Huskies Saturday.

"The only thing we can do to fix it is win this week," said UMaine coach Jack Cosgrove. "I don't see us being devastated by [the loss] or losing confidence from it. The fact is we didn't win and we need to get on to the next game."

In particular, the Black Bears offense has come under scrutiny after failing to score in the 3-0 loss last week. Near-monsoon conditions in Rhode Island certainly didn't help their cause, as the

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