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*"Remember, remember..."*



FIRE BOMB — Philip Turner (center) and Brittany Wallingford (right) toast marshmallows at the Guy Fawkes Day bonfire on Burnstock Field.

CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

## OCB reaches out to Trails residents

Establishes new Orchard Trails rep board

By **Pattie Barry**  
Style Editor

In response to student complaints and multiple incidents of property damage at Orchard Trails, the deans and the Off-Campus Board have teamed up with the complex's management and the Orono Police Department to improve the residents' security.

"We want students to be able to live in a safe and supportive environment where they can study and learn about community," Dean of Students Robert Dana said. "Some say they love the place, but others feel it is too noisy and unregulated."

The last incident in particular, the vandalism of at least 14 vehicles at the complex on Oct. 22,

prompted concern. College Park Communities, the company that owns and manages Orchard Trails, has 78 similar communities in college towns across the nation. It has not previously experienced an episode of vandalism such as this, said Jimmy Goodson, Orchard Trails area manager.

"I think everybody at the company was shocked at the magnitude of the incident," Goodson said.

As a result, Orchard Trails contracted Securitas Security Services to provide a "courtesy officer" Thursday through Sunday nights to act as a buffer between students and Orono Police and monitor illegal or dangerous activities.

"The Orono PD does a great

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## Plan B pill now available at Cutler without prescription

By **Jennifer Hersey**  
For The Maine Campus

The Cutler Health Center at the University of Maine now offers the emergency contraceptive Plan B over the counter for students 18 years and older. Also known as the "morning-after pill," Plan B has been available at Cutler by prescription since early 2001. It will remain a prescription-only product for UMaine students 17 and under at Cutler.

On August 24, 2006, the Food and Drug Administration

(FDA) approved Plan B as an over-the-counter option for women aged 18 and older. According to the FDA Web site, it is a safe and effective method of preventing pregnancy after a failed contraceptive or unprotected sex. Plan B has been available over-the-counter at Cutler since the FDA approval.

Cutler's Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Bonnie Clark is comfortable about Plan B being offered over-the-

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## Alumni House sees theft, vandalism

By **Brian Sylvester**  
Assistant News Editor

This fall, Buchanan Alumni House has been the target of widespread theft and vandalism.

Sometime between Friday, Oct. 13, and Monday, Oct. 16, two rocking chairs and a circular table approximately 48 inches in diameter were stolen from the courtyard of the Alumni House.

The University of Maine Alumni Association and the University of Maine Foundation, both of which are housed in the Buchanan Alumni House, are offering a

\$500 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible.

All three pieces of furniture were made specifically for estates, and would be easily noticeable as having come from the Alumni House. They are made of wood and painted with a thick, white, weather-proof epoxy finish, and bear a brass plate with the name and date of the class who named them.

Public Safety Detective Sergeant Chris Gardner is leading the investigation. "The issuance of a reward is oftentimes of great help in an investigation," Gardner stated.

Many people, he added, "might be on the fence about reporting information and usually would not. This might be the added incentive to get involved and help solve this case and pick up some extra money."

The estimated value of the stolen property is \$7,000. But this isn't the only incident to take place in the courtyard of the Alumni House. There have been multiple incidents involving people kicking over lighting fixtures or ringing the bell displayed there, often on weekends. Since the beginning of

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## THE MAINE CAMPUS 2006 Election Guide

Turn to page 6 for more on the candidates and where to vote.



### Chandler Woodcock-R

Woodcock is both socially and fiscally conservative. Against Dirigo, he believes less regulation on insurance companies will lower insurance rates statewide. He supports TABOR and opposes gay marriage or civil unions for gay couples. Woodcock believes abortion should be illegal except in cases of rape, incest or when the mother's life is in danger, and believes parental consent should be required for minors seeking abortions.



### Barbara Merrill-I

Formerly a Democrat, Merrill accuses Baldacci's administration of giving preferred treatment to large businesses in the state. She says she would create a more fair business environment. Merrill believes Dirigo is well-intentioned but flawed, and that it's hurting private health insurance providers in the state. She opposes TABOR because it would diminish local control, but believes spending at the state level should be reigned in. Merrill supports abortion rights and civil unions, but not gay marriage.



### John Baldacci-D

The incumbent governor's most notable project is the Dirigo Health Program, which aims to extend health care to all Mainers. Republicans have criticized Dirigo's cost, but Baldacci insists the plan will grow stronger and more efficient as it grows. Baldacci is against TABOR but says taxation in Maine is an issue that must be addressed. He supports civil unions for gay couples, although he wouldn't back a movement for gay marriage. He also supports abortion rights.



### Pat LaMarche-G

LaMarche wants universal health care for Maine citizens, but believes Dirigo isn't the way to accomplish it. She has an alternate plan that would be funded by a graduated payroll tax. LaMarche has stated she understands the desire for TABOR, but that it's not the best solution to a problem she attributes to irresponsible politicians. She supports abortion rights and believes that if a church chooses to recognize a gay marriage, the state should recognize it as well.



### Phillip Morris NaPier-I

NaPier has said his primary concern is preserving the rights of felons in Maine. He believes that the label of "felon" is unfair and would pardon the state's felons who had served their time. NaPier supports TABOR and abortion rights, but has stated that the father shouldn't be required to pay child support if he wanted an abortion and the mother chooses to keep the child.

# British students recognize Bonfire Night

By Zach Dionne  
Copy Editor

"Remember, remember the fifth of November; gunpowder, treason and plot." Every Nov. 5, this rhyme rings throughout the United Kingdom in celebration of Guy Fawkes Night, also known as Bonfire Night.

In 1605, Guy Fawkes and 12 others resisted the oppressive rule of King James I with an attempt at destroying the British Houses of Parliament. Fawkes was caught, gunpowder in tow, in the basement of Parliament, and tortured and burned at the stake as a repercussion for the treasonous plot.

And this year, six students studying abroad from England and Wales brought the 400-year celebration of the rescue of Parliament to the University of Maine.

"We all got together and decided that we had to do something for the British celebration," Anna Heaton a student from the University of East Anglia, said. Heaton e-mailed the International Students' Association for sponsorship and requested a \$50 budget for the event. With a fire permit and extinguisher, a sponsor, sparklers and all the fixings for s'mores, the festivity began at 7 p.m. last night on the small remnant of Bumstock Field.

Jenny Bromley, a student from the University of East Anglia, received wood for the fire from a friend on the Woodsmen Team.

"Lots of people asked me the story behind the celebration," Bromley said. "I liked that so many people were interested."

"More people turned out than we thought were going to," said Jen Bashford, a student from the University of Hull. Upwards of 50 people joined the celebration at the highest points, mingling with the various cultures present, waving sparklers, and reading the hand-made display detailing the history behind the celebration. The event drew attention from many UMaine students.

"We usually follow the fire with a huge fireworks display," said Lucy Digney, a student from the University of Wales, Bangor. Catryn Parry, one of the six who organized the event and the only Welsh of the group, attends the same university.

Ashley Clarke, a fifth-year sociology major who spent last year at the University of Wales, Bangor, compared the event to her authentic Bonfire Night experience in 2005. "They had a fire a thousand times bigger than this one [in England] ...

they had to fence people away from it. Little kids made their own Guy Fawkes dummies and the most realistic one was put on the fire," Clarke said.

Due to the illegality of fireworks in Maine, sparklers were an acceptable substitution. "We have fireworks at home because [Fawkes] was going to use gunpowder," said Helen McKinnon, a student from Lancaster University.

McKinnon spoke of toffee apples and bonfire toffee at the traditional celebration. "It kills your teeth; you need a dentist after you eat it. It's good stuff," McKinnon was not the only one of the six British ladies to refer to the night as "Bonfire Night with an American twist."

"It turned out good," said Andrew Paradee, a fourth-year survey engineering major from UMaine. Paradee said, "I'd never heard about [Guy Fawkes Night]. It broadened my horizon for British culture."

"It was much cozier here; it was a much nicer atmosphere," Bashford said, comparing the Americanized Bonfire Night to the annual celebration in the UK. "At home, there are so many people that it feels a bit impersonal sometimes."

"It made us feel at home for the night," Digney said. "It really did."

## PLAN B

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counter. Clark said it is a time-sensitive medication.

"The sooner [Plan B] is available after unprotected intercourse, the more effective it is," she said. Clark estimated that Cutler has been "one of the biggest prescribing clinics in the state" of emergency contraceptives in the 20 years they have been offered.

Last year, Cutler dispensed 158 packages of Plan B by prescription. Cutler's Pharmacy Coordinator, Kelly Estremera, does not believe this amount will increase with Plan B now available over the counter.

"According to studies already published," Estremera said, "usage had not increased with pharmacists being able to dispense emergency contraception at the counter, but time will tell." Cutler will compare the difference at the end of the year.

The over-the-counter option allows students to purchase extra packages of Plan B to have on hand when Cutler's pharmacy is not open. "The sooner [students] obtain it, the better," Estremera said.

The cost for Plan B at Cutler is \$15. Students are able to purchase using cash, check, credit card, or Black Bear Bucks, or have the cost billed to their student account. Estremera said that students' account bills will only list a CHC Pharmacy Charge and will not provide any details about the items the pharmacy fills for students who want to purchase them privately.

The FDA Web site states that Plan B is two levonorgestrel pills taken by mouth within 72 hours after unprotected sex. Plan B, the only FDA-approved emergency contraceptive, is taken as a backup method to birth control and is not meant for routine use because it contains higher levels of a hormone found in daily oral hormonal contraceptives.

Plan B works like birth control in several ways by preventing the release of an egg from the ovary, fertilization of an egg, or the implementation of the egg in the uterus. Clark said it is important for students to understand the mechanisms

of Plan B. "It is not abortifacient and does not affect an existing pregnancy."

Prior to the FDA's over-the-counter approval in August, Cutler required a prescription for Plan B. Students would have to visit with a clinician and go through a screening process that would include discussion of options for alternative types of birth control and proper condom use, and testing for sexually transmitted diseases.

Students seeking Plan B over the counter at Cutler no longer have to visit with a clinician but will still receive counseling, written information regarding its effectiveness, and will be required to fill out an informed consent form for emergency contraception at the pharmacy.

Cutler's interim practice manager, Richard Young, does not see over-the-counter status as a replacement for a clinical evaluation, which may be appropriate or desired by some students. "It is about increased access for Plan B and allows for patients' preference or choice," he said.

Students will still have access to safe-sex counseling, testing for sexually transmitted diseases and free condoms at Cutler. Clark said there are many reasons for a student to still see a clinician at Cutler. "We are in a position to sit down with students as non-parental-type figures and give them options," she said.

Maine is among a handful of states that have legislation in place that require pharmacists to be specially trained to provide Plan B to women without a prescription. Estremera said the required training includes the pharmacist's ability to identify situations in which emergency contraception may be considered necessary, counseling and educating patients, as well as understanding collaborative practice agreements.

The Rite-Aid of Old Town and the Orono Pharmacy have yet to receive over-the-counter Plan B, but will have it as an option by mid-November for women 18 years and older. The Hannaford Bros. supermarket in Old Town carries Plan B, but a prescription is still required. Hannaford does not have a pharmacist trained to dispense over-the-counter emergency contraception.

## THE MAINE CAMPUS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Tuesday

#### Voting

The polls will be open for the 2006 election from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room, Memorial Union.

#### Biochemistry Lecturer

Joan Brugge, professor and chair of the Department of Cell Biology at Harvard Medical School, will lecture on "Mechanisms that Control Cell Survival in Normal and Transferred Breast Epithelial Cells" at 11 a.m. in the McIntire Room, Buchanan Alumni House.

#### Women's Lunch Series

Stephanie Phillbrick will present "Around the Kitchen Table: The Women's Movement and the ERA in Maine 1970-82" as part of the Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program Lunch Series. The lecture will take place at 12:15 p.m. in the Bangor Room, Memorial Union.

#### Breast Cancer Lecture

Joan Brugge will present a second lecture at 7:30 p.m. in the McIntire Room, Buchanan Alumni House, titled "Breast Cancer Research: New Insights into the Etiology of the Disease."

### Wednesday

#### Diversity Dialogue

Diversity Dialogue will take place at 8:30 a.m. in the Coe Room, Memorial Union. Presenters Yvonne Thibodeau and Tina Passman will speak about "Creating Spiritual Community: Interfaith Dialogue." Coffee and tea will be available.

#### CASA Fundraiser

The Central American Service Association will be making cards and jewelry as part of a fundraiser for construction of a library in rural Honduras, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Coe Room, Memorial Union.

#### Nazi Era Lecture

In remembrance of Kristallnacht, Professor Henry Friedlander will present a lecture titled "Concerning the Extra-Legal Persecutions of the Nazi Era" from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Bangor Room, Memorial Union.

#### Teen Powerhouse

Charley Liu, the outreach coordinator for Teen Powerhouse in Bangor, will talk about outreach and programming activities for underserved adolescents in the greater Bangor area at 7 p.m., at the Church of Universal Fellowship in Orono.

### Thursday

#### Lecture Series

David Pettigrew, professor of philosophy at Southern Connecticut State University, will be speaking on "The Task of Justice: Witnessing Genocide in Bosnia" at 12:30 p.m. in the Bangor Room, Memorial Union.

#### Heidegger Lecture

The Philosophy Colloquium Series will be presenting a second talk by professor David Pettigrew on "The Ethical Implications of Heidegger's Thought" at 4 p.m. in the Levinson Room of the Maples.

#### Pluto Lecture

Visiting astronomer Darren Williams of Penn State Erie will present a talk entitled "What is a Planet? And Why Not Pluto?" at 7 p.m. in room 100 of DPC.

#### Senior Registration

Registration for spring classes begins for fourth-year students.

#### Submitting information

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

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## POLICEBEAT

By Alisha Tondro  
For The Maine Campus



### Suspect receives three charges after foot chase

On Nov. 3 at 1:59 a.m. a man tried to get into Ushuaia after hours. The police were notified and, upon arrival, identified the man as Ryan Quintal, 22. Quintal ran from the officer toward Building 3 of Orchard Trails, which is located just behind Ushuaia. He tried to get into the building from the back door, but it was locked so he ran around the building and entered the front door, which had been propped open. Quintal then proceeded to run into an apartment. The officer followed and found Quintal locked in the bathroom of the apartment. When the officer tried to apprehend Quintal, he resisted. Quintal had to be restrained and secured with duct tape. Quintal continually banged his head against the police car.

After this, he started complaining about injuries. As the police were transporting Quintal to the hospital, he became overly rude and abrasive. He continued this speech with the nurses at the hospital. When Quintal was cleared medically, he was taken to the Penobscot County Jail. Quintal was charged with violation of condition of release, failure to submit to arrest and refusal to sign a summons. Quintal had already been charged with OUI and a previous violation of bail. According to Quintal's bail conditions for his OUI, he could not possess or consume alcohol.

### Ushuaia denial of entrance leads to two charges

On Oct. 27 at 12:21 a.m. Tryce Yanok, 20, of Brunswick, tried to use a fake ID to gain entrance to Ushuaia. The club alerted police to the situation. Yanok had changed the date on her U.S. Air Force ID card to make herself appear over 21. She was charged with possession of a false identification card. Scott MacDonald, 21, of Orono, who was with Yanok, became belligerent regarding the situation, punched a glass door and then left. MacDonald was later located and issued a criminal trespassing warning.

### Underage male tries using fake ID at Thriftway

On Oct. 27 at 7:48 p.m. police were notified that a man was trying to purchase alcohol at Thriftway. The customer had shown his identification and when asked for a second form of ID, he presented his MaineCard. The clerk denied purchase and the young man left the store. The police identified the man as Cody Watson, 20. When the police located Watson, he admitted to purchasing the ID card in New York and that he was trying to purchase alcohol. Watson was summonsed for possession of false identification.

### Summons for underage drinking

On Oct. 28 at 12:09 a.m. an officer saw a male with a silver can

walking down Washburn Place by Orchard Trails. As the officer approached, the man tried to hide the can as he was walking away. The man was identified as Jason Dutremble, 20. The officer seized the beer and charged Dutremble with illegal possession of alcohol by a minor.

### Man attempts to hide beer in pocket

On Oct. 29 at 12:43 a.m. an officer approached a young man holding a silver can. The man started walking away from the officer. The officer told the man to stop, but he continued to walk away. As the man was walking away, he emptied the can and tried to hide it in his pocket. The officer finally identified the man as John Kauffman, 24. Kauffman had an existing warrant and was arrested and transported to the Penobscot County Jail.

### Intoxicated male tries to enter wrong apartment

On Oct. 31 at 11:01 p.m. an officer saw an intoxicated male trying to get into a room in Building 5 at Orchard Trails. The officer identified him as Samuel Omeara, 19. Omeara denied drinking but could not balance himself while standing. Omeara admitted to trying to get into his own apartment, but he was at the wrong building. Omeara was charged with illegal possession and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

## BOARD

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job, but they can't be everywhere all the time," Goodson said, citing that the police have already charged three suspects in the vandalism case.

Part of the proposed solution is an Orchard Trails Representative Board, similar to the hall governing boards in the campus residence halls. According to Goodson, at least 525 of the 535 residents are students at the University of Maine.

In addition to a representative board, university officials hope to coordinate periodic forums where students can express concerns, distribute materials related to how to be good neighbors and avoid conflict, and create an opportunity for the Orono Police Department to build relationships with the residents, according to Dana and Malinowitz.

On Thursday afternoon, Orchard Trails residents met with Associate Dean of Students Angel Loreda, representatives from the Off-Campus Board and the Orono Police Department, as well as manager Goodson. At the meeting, which was attended by around 15 residents, a plan for the representative board was put into action, according to Malinowitz.

"We're shooting for [starting the representative board] pretty soon

— right now I'm drafting up a change to the bylaws and a written description of the board," Malinowitz said.

Ideally, the board will be made up of student representatives from each building at the Orchard Trails complex, one of which would serve as a representative to the OCB. The board would serve as a forum for students to communicate their concerns with other residents, Orchard Trails management and the Orono Police Department.

"To have a board where [residents] can talk about their complaints or to clearly disseminate what's going on in the development, that benefits everybody," Goodson said. "I think our residents recognize that we are trying to enhance communication."

"Police officers themselves can establish relationships with tenants," Malinowitz said of the board's plan to improve student security. Fostering relationships with the tenants will "help diminish some of this irresponsible behavior."

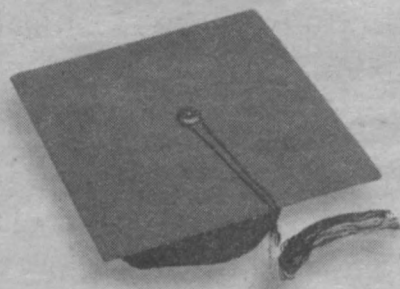
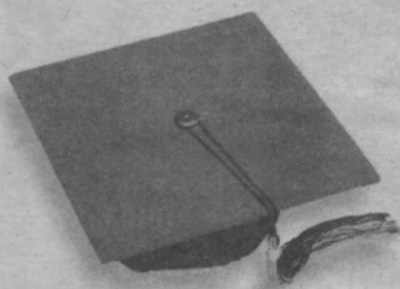
Ultimately, the responsibility of their safety is in the hands of the residents who live at Orchard Trails.

"By and large most of the residents there want this place to be a wonderful and positive living environment and I believe they want to be part of any solution to make this work," Dana said.



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## U.S. Senate

### Olympia Snowe-R



The incumbent senator is known as a moderate Republican. Along with Sen. Susan Collins, she votes against party lines often enough to have been called a "Republican in Name Only" by conservatives in her party. While she has voted against the GOP on environmental issues, stem cell research and Social Security privatization, Snowe often votes conservatively. She supported a constitutional amendment banning burning the American flag and voted to adopt the USA Patriot Act in 2001. Snowe initially supported the war in Iraq, but has since backed an amendment that would set conditions for a withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq.

### Jean Hay Bright-D



The Democratic challenger's campaign is based on immediate withdrawal from Iraq. She has attacked Snowe's positions on issues like the flag-burning amendment and civil liberties of suspected terrorists. Hay Bright contends that Snowe was moderate before the events of Sept. 11, but has since grown more conservative.

### Bill Slavick-I



Slavick sees the United States' presence in Iraq as a contributor to problems in the Middle East rather than a solution to them. Slavick has said that the country should use money appropriated for military funding to fight poverty. He favors stricter environmental controls over corporations and believes that market-driven economics is the main force hurting the environment.

## U.S. House of Representatives

### Michael Michaud-D



The incumbent house member has made health care and prescription drugs his main issues. He introduced a bill that would allow the federal government to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for lower prices by buying medication in bulk. A former mill worker, he champions the labor movement and supports an increase in the Federal minimum wage. Michaud supports the amendment against flag-burning and opposes a federal amendment against gay marriage.

### L. Scott D'Amboise-R



D'Amboise has expressed a willingness to work with Democrats and not merely toe the party line. He supports helping senior citizens with prescription drug coverage. Like Michaud, he supports the flag-burning amendment, but says he would have voted for an amendment against same-sex marriage as well. Unlike Michaud, he opposes an increase in the minimum wage, saying it would raise the cost of living for everyone.

## Referendums

### Question 1: Citizen's Initiative (TABOR)

Do you want to limit increases in state and local government spending to the rate of inflation plus population growth and to require voter approval for all tax and fee increases?

### Question 2: Constitutional Amendment

Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to state that a citizens' initiative or people's veto petition must be submitted to local or state officials by the constitutional deadline in order to be certified and, in the case of a citizens' initiative, must be filed with the Secretary of State within 18 months?

## State Senate

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John I. Simpson, R

Maine House of Representatives, District 19  
Emily A. Cain, D  
Lance Cowan, R

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Judge of Probate - Allen Jr. Woodcock, R-Bangor

Treasurer - Daniel J. Tremble, D-Bangor

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Commissioner, 3rd District - Steven S. Stanley, D-Medway

## Voting Locations

On campus  
Multi-Purpose Room, Memorial Union

Orono  
156 Park Street (American Legion Hall)  
59 Main Street (Municipal Building Council Chambers)

Old Town  
791 Main Street (Earland Sleigh Training Center)  
5 Gilman Falls Ave (Knights of Columbus Hall)

# Mexican Cultural Exchange Students share culture, heritage with UMaine

By J. Astra Brinkmann  
Production Assistant

University of Maine students may not wake up each morning to a view of a snow-topped volcano and one of the world's oldest pyramids, but last week, they had the opportunity to talk to Mexican students who do. As part of the Mexican Cultural Exchange program, 12 students and four faculty members visited UMaine in an effort to obtain knowledge, experience and memories to bring back home to their campus, the Universidad de las Americas, located nearby the fourth-largest Mexican city, Puebla.

On the week-long agenda for the students were educational, professional and recreational opportunities, including a trip to Bar Harbor. UDLA students met with UMaine's General Student Senate and members of Res Life to learn strategies to implement in their own administrative affairs. In return, UMaine received vivid slices of Mexican life including entertainment, food and celebration.

UMaine Residential Director Gerry Blanco described most students who chose to take part in the excursion as "active

members of their community," and a few of them are resident assistants at their own dormitories. Blanco, now working towards a master's degree in higher education, is a graduate of UDLA, an institution whose tuition tops out at around \$10,000 per year. This may seem moderate by United States' standards, but UDLA is the most expensive university in Mexico.

Although the student body is smaller than ours, UDLA bears some resemblance to UMaine. Known best for its programs in engineering and business, UDLA attracts mostly out-of-state students from 31 neighboring states in Mexico. Blanco described the courses at UDLA as being "just as demanding" as those at UMaine, but explained that there are fewer general education requirements. "Students have to choose a major upon admittance to UDLA," Blanco said, adding that this requirement is universal for all Mexican universities.

UDLA student Heraldo Escaroz compared the large neighboring city of Puebla to the city of Boston, in terms of size. He described similar social activities, such as going out to bars, restaurants and movies. Escaroz added that, "Puebla has a lot of culture,

historically. It's the oldest continually populated city in Mexico."

Escaroz himself comes from Yucatan, a region heavy with Mayan ancestry, where the ancient language still thrives. He went on to describe the cultural climate of the city of Puebla as an interesting collision of modern customs and traditional perspectives. For example, although Catholicism is banned from implementation at the university, there are 360 churches found in the city of Puebla.

"Each church has its own saint, so there is always a party. It's not one with drinks or alcohol, but it's more like a fair," Escaroz said.

As far as more modern aspects, students of UDLA are just as accustomed to dependence on the Internet as UMaine students. While not all students own laptops, UDLA student Claudia Quintanilla said that normally there are "computers at home."

About 489, or 4 percent, of all non-international UMaine students are of non-Caucasian descent, according to statistics found on the Web site for the Office of Multicultural Programs. Only 78 of those students identify themselves as Hispanic-Americans.

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the fall semester, an estimated \$12,000 worth of damage has occurred.

"It's too bad," said Amos Orcutt, president and CEO of the UMaine Foundation. "It takes away from our efforts here to raise money for the people, for the students. Every minute that I'm spending on vandalism, I can't be out raising scholarship money."

The Alumni House will be installing security cameras sometime in the next few weeks in an effort to curb the vandalism. "We've had some lights kicked over," Orcutt said, "usually on a Friday or a Saturday night. Hopefully, we'll get some pictures." He theorized that students or community members out drinking were probably responsible for most of the damage. Each light costs between \$100 and \$200 to replace.

The theft of the furniture, however, likely required more planning. The furniture is much too large and heavy to have been carried away, meaning that the thief or thieves must have loaded them onto a truck or other form of conveyance.

"The whole facility was built for our alumni," Orcutt said. Students who are responsible for the damage, he added, are only hurting themselves. "They're destroying something

that's going to be theirs when they graduate."

If anyone has information about the stolen furniture, they are encouraged to contact either Amos Orcutt at 581-5100 or Det. Gardner at Public Safety. Any information can be given anonymously by phone or at Public Safety's Web site using the 'Campus Eyes' feature.

"It would be nice to come in some morning and find it sitting on the porch," Orcutt said.



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REWARD OFFER—The Buchanan Alumni House is offering a \$500 reward for the return of this table and chair, stolen recently from their patio.

## Venezuelan student tells of life under Chavez

By Eryk Salvaggio  
Copy Editor

On Thursday in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union, Georges Kabche gave a presentation about the political climate of his home nation of Venezuela. Part of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Lecture Series, the talk was titled "From the Fourth to the Fifth Republic: Hugo Chavez's Venezuela," and as implied, dealt significantly with an analysis of the domestic policies of controversial Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

"Coming from different places, people tend to mediate things in different ways," Kabche said, noting that he was a first generation Venezuelan whose parents came from Libya and Columbia. He said that when he came to the United States, he noticed some differences in cultural perceptions, which often come from education and media. "We are taught two different histories," Kabche said, with each defining themselves as American.

Because of this difference in perspective, Chavez has emerged as a controversial political figure. Kabche spoke of the resistance to Chavez within Venezuela by its own neo-conservative right wing, which he said had close ties with the current administration of the United States.

One common misconception is that Chavez is a dictator. This is not true, Kabche said. While he originally led a coup against the Venezuelan government, he was imprisoned when it failed. While

Chavez was in prison, the president was impeached in a corruption scandal. Another coup took place, toppling the regime and putting Chavez into power.

But then Chavez made a move that made him a "heroic symbol" to Venezuelans, Kabche said. He made several reforms, including dissolving the Venezuelan Congress to be replaced by a National Assembly, and then resigning from the military to run for election. He won, and has been called to special elections several times by the opposition party, but has remained in office.

Chavez was part of a lower social class, and Kabche described him as "a practically illiterate person who educated himself for his entire life," and continues to educate himself while in office. Class still creates "a notion of distinction" in Venezuela, more so than in the United States, Kabche said. But he explained that one could still move from one class to another.

One of the most controversial issues internationally is of Chavez's role in censoring the media.

"By broadening laws that punish disrespect for government authorities, the Venezuelan government has flouted international human rights principles that protect free expression," Jose Miguel Vivanco, Americas director at Human Rights Watch, said in a statement issued in 2005. The laws in question regulate speech offensive to Chavez by imposing a sentence of up to 40 months in prison; offending other parts of the government, including the military, can be punished by

imprisonment for 20 months.

Venezuela has one state-sponsored channel and has had four private channels, but Chavez supporters claim the channels are owned and operated by financial interests which have been harmed by Chavez's policies, and as such, they have an interest in seeing him removed from power. Kabche described one incident as a "media coup." As a military coup attempted to topple Chavez's presidency in April 2002, TV stations aired anti-Chavez advertisements sponsored by the oil industry. When the coup showed signs of failing, as it ultimately did, the news channels opted to air "Tom and Jerry" cartoons instead of any kind of coverage.

"There are things people say that are unprintable, even in the United States media," Kabche said, referring specifically to racial slurs against African-Americans. "That is similar to what they were calling Chavez."

Kabche explained that Chavez has drawn fire from financial interests due in part to his social and educational policies, which operate alongside pre-existing private institutions. Under this system, poor citizens have access to public health care and schools, while wealthier classes maintain access to private versions. But one of the more controversial programs is the right of the Venezuelan government to "borrow" private land if there is no proof of ownership, which has unnerved some in the elite classes who have owned undeveloped land for generations, but cannot prove



CAMPUS PHOTO BY JOHN KASTELEIN

COMRADE — Georges Kabche gives last week's Marxist lecture, which focused on Hugo Chavez and contemporary Latin American social problems.

ownership. This is similar to the United States' "Eminent Domain" laws in which private land can be adapted for the public good, but in Venezuela it has been employed on a larger scale.

Despite Chavez's attempts to create joint ventures with corporations, instead of privatizing or socializing the oil industry completely, "Latin American governments are in a vulnerable position to global corporations," Kabche said. Chavez is attempting to create a more multi-polar balance of glob-

al power through Venezuelan oil revenues, explained Kabche. "The idea is to try to regain a balance between existing powers and emerging ones," Kabche said, stating that Chavez believes that any consolidation of power should be curbed. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, power has been concentrated around U.S. interests, which South American nations have resented since the Monroe Doctrine aimed to mold the United States into a dominant force in the Americas.

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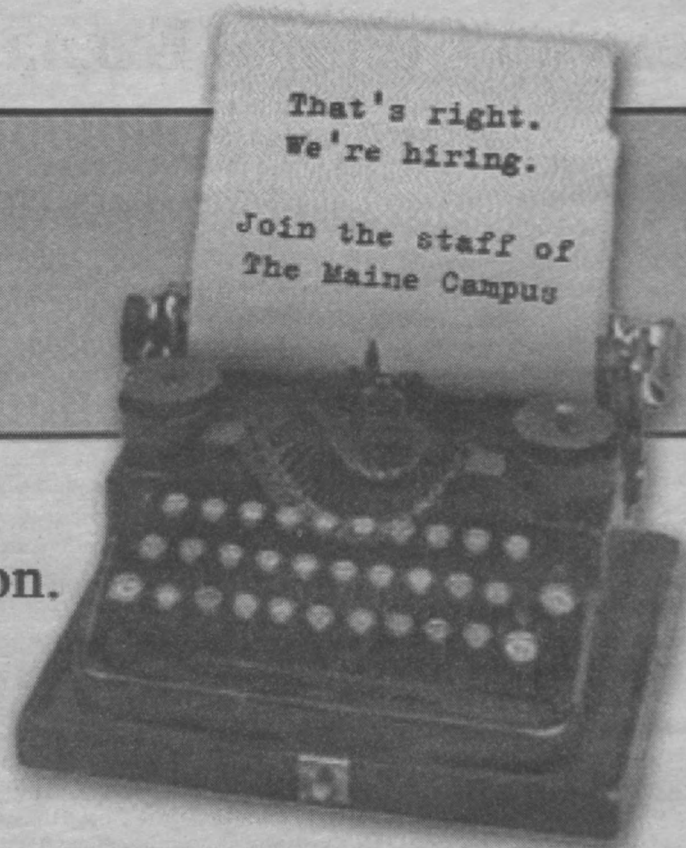
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## Editorial

### FirstClass attempts to prevent spam

Recently, the administrator of FirstClass made the residence hall folders accessible only to residents of that hall. This will serve as a step toward the annihilation of unnecessary spam in folders, and will encourage students to make use of the folders now that they will be uncluttered.

Spam discouraged residents from checking their hall folders and made it more difficult to find the relevant material. This made the hall folders almost irrelevant to their original goal.

Until this move, hall folders were used heavily for advertising, though that is not what they are intended for. Advertisements belong in general forums and the campus announcements forum, not hall folders.

The intention of hall folders is to maintain individual hall business. This will allow for halls to keep residents updated on what's going on in their hall, and keep out information that does not necessarily pertain to them.

### Kudos to Cutler's new Plan B policy

The morning-after pill is now available without a prescription at Cutler Health Center, making the University of Maine the first provider in the Orono-Old Town area to offer it over the counter.

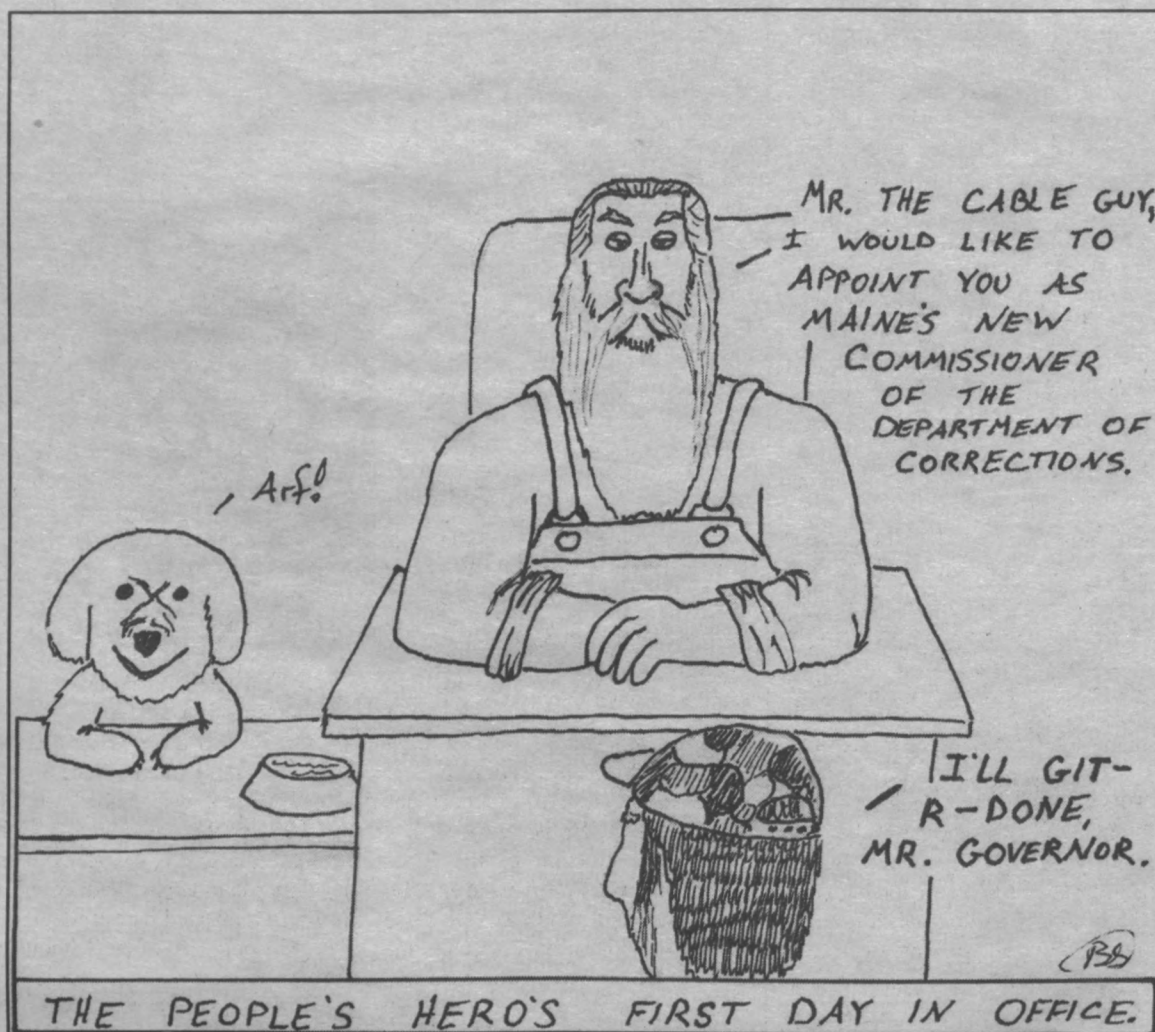
Making the morning-after pill more available is beneficial for several reasons. Since there is only a 72-hour window in which it is effective, it is important for patients to be able to obtain the pill in a timely manner. Many health professionals say it is a good idea to have it on-hand ahead of time. Also, making the process less difficult shows consideration for victims of sexual assault.

Under state law, Cutler still requires patients to have counseling before receiving the medication. It is important for anyone considering using the pill to be aware of the risks involved, and this law is in place to make sure that happens. By providing its students with this service, UMaine stands out as a progressive institution that has their best interests in mind.

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## A safer campus

Although October is over, domestic violence remains

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FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

It's happened: you've met that person you want to spend the rest of your life with, or perhaps you are just meeting up for coffee and a movie. You meet a lot of people here on campus, and it's a place where many new relationships form. Hopefully these relationships will turn out wonderfully. Unfortunately, not all relationships are so great. October was domestic violence awareness month. Now that October has passed, you shouldn't forget how important a healthy relationship is.

Because of misconceptions about domestic violence, many people have trouble recognizing what is, or may become, a violent relationship. There are warning signs. Does your partner ever belittle you in front of your friends and family, or call your ideas or goals stupid? Does your partner say that you are nothing without them, or try to prevent your own activities? Does your partner ever treat you roughly, even in small ways such as grabbing or pinching? Do they make you account for the money you spend? Do they pressure you to have sex when you don't want to? Do they ever threaten to hurt you or themselves?

These are all signs of a violent and unhealthy relationship. Unlike a healthy relationship based on mutual respect and an equal partnership, an unhealthy relationship is based on the power and control one partner exerts over the other.

In a healthy relationship, the people involved respect each other. They each understand that the other person is an individual, accepting and respecting each other's differences of opinions. They trust one another and expect honesty. Good communication is key. They explain when something is wrong and appreciate the good things the other person has done.

Unhealthy relationships are not always abusive. However, they still result in a lot of bad feelings. If someone is disrespecting the person

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## What's the answer to Question 1?

Taxpayer Bill of Rights is cry for help, not solution to problem

Tomorrow Mainers will go to the polls and make a decision that has the potential to create a dramatic effect on our government. You've probably heard about it — the Taxpayer Bill of Rights.

The much-publicized referendum No. 1 reads: "Do you want to limit increases in state and local government spending to the rate of inflation plus population growth and to require voter approval for all tax and fee increases?"

The debate about TABOR has been the hot topic of this election day, as it should be. Opponents argue that it has the potential to drastically hinder the services that our state and local governments provide, such as schools, medical care and emergency services.

PATTIE  
BARRY



STYLE EDITOR

Proponents say: Enough is enough.

TABOR is a response to Maine's economic slump. A recent report by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston indicated that Maine was one of only two states in the nation that experienced an economic activity decline in the last year — the other state being Louisiana, who suffered due to Hurricane Katrina. Furthermore, it's no secret that Maine has had the highest local and state tax burden in the

country for the past nine years.

Maine taxpayers want answers. Despite all the doom and gloom that has been forecast about the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, the polls reported in the Bangor Daily News on Friday indicate that 40 percent of Maine voters favor the referendum, and 10 percent are still undecided on how they will vote.

Indeed, TABOR seems like a logical answer to Maine's high tax burden. When you are spending too much money, you need to make a budget and stick to it if you want to cut spending. Maine taxpayers want accountability from government administrators.

However, all TABOR will do is treat a symptom of the problem with-  
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## Letters to the Editor

### UMaine and the Race For Governor

My name is Alex Hammer. I am a candidate for governor of Maine as an Independent — [www.hammer2006.politicalgateway.com](http://www.hammer2006.politicalgateway.com) —

and a graduate of the University of Maine, 1988, No. 1 graduate in the College of Arts & Sciences; USAA National Scholar, etc.

Not to be too dramatic, but you may be the last great hope of this

state. By "you," I mean college students.

Ever since JFK stirred up a nation and the nation's youth by what you could do for your country

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out addressing its cause. We must ask: Why are taxes so high for Maine citizens?

Last month, the Brookings Institution, a private nonprofit, non-partisan policy research organization, released the report "Charting Maine's Future: An Action Plan for Promoting Sustainable Prosperity and Quality Places." In it, the authors address several of the causes of Maine's economic woes, naming a "pervasive pessimism" in the state and difficult challenges of high taxes, deindustrialization, sprawling development and lack of skilled workers.

However, they also state that Maine has shown strong population growth and a diversifying economy, with many innovative industries emerging. They cite several reasons why our economy is not improving.

First, suburbanization and low-density development has begun to dominate the rural landscape of Maine. In the past 20 years we have lost an area of rural land that is roughly the size of Rhode Island to development. The suburban sprawl has lead to an overwhelming strain on our local governments, who must build new schools and other services to meet the demands of new residents.

According to the report, families are moving out of town for lower property taxes and cheaper homes. Local regulations such as building codes and parking ordinances make redevelopment of older buildings cost-prohibitive. Furthermore, towns

in Maine fail to collaborate with each other in zoning and land-use decisions, despite the fact that the economy is "quintessentially regional in nature," with residents "living in one town, working in another, and recreating in still another."

The second reason the authors of the report give is excessive government spending, not only on social benefits or high demands, but on bureaucracy. Maine is fourth-highest in the nation in an administrator-to-student ratio, and ninth-highest in the administrator to teacher ratio. The report argues that these expenses "crowd out" our ability to invest in programs that really matter.

The answer to Maine's economic slump is not to simply cut government spending and taxes, but to take taxpayer money and commit it to investing in sustainable solutions which will build on our state's strengths: our beautiful environment and our innovative economy. Moreover, Maine needs to shift more of the tax burden onto tourists and non-residents, who pay less in lodging tax here than in any other New England state and far less than in many other tourist destinations.

Regardless of its passage on Tuesday, our newly elected government officials should take the Taxpayer Bill of Rights' message to heart: Maine's taxes are too high and our economy is suffering. It is never too soon to start working together to promote smart development and streamline government services in order to fully realize our state's potential.

*Pattie Barry adds to our beautiful environment and innovative economy.*

## SAFER

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they're with, extremely jealous or suspicious, these are elements of an unhealthy relationship. Please consider how you and your partner treat each other. Are you honest with each other? Do you trust one another? Do you try to solve disagreements without insulting each other? Everyone deserves respect and equality in their relationships.

If you think you are in an unhealthy relationship, you should consider accessing some resources on and near campus to see what assistance they can give you. If you think you are in a violent relation-

ship, or if you are being abused, you need to get out now. Abuse does not go away, it is not caused by temporary stress, drug problems or mental illness. It is never the victim's fault. Domestic violence is not a "loss of control," it is a deliberate way to take control over someone. Batterers use violence to have power over an intimate partner. If you are being abused, you need to leave that relationship now for your own sake.

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UMaine Counseling Center:  
581-1392

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rather than the other way around, modern political college students and campuses have taken the lead in pushing for progressive social and political changes across the ideological spectrum.

When I attended UMaine as a transfer from Bates College — where I also did very well — I dreamed of the day that I might be able to make a large contribution towards the benefit of our state. And I've prepared myself to do so.

As many know, Maine has had two recent Independent Governors — James Longley 1975-1979 and Angus King 1995-2003 — and has a rich history of esteemed political figures reaching across party lines to provide solutions Mainers demand.

This contest for governor, called

by some experts the widest open in decades, is also a critical election. Maine is, or I believe remains, at a crossroads. The significant challenges Maine faces at this time, given four years of erosion, could then become at that time almost unmanageable.

Our campaign is large enough to produce a strong run yet small enough that those that wish to personally make a difference in Maine can fill leadership roles.

Hammer For Maine Governor has put forth the most sophisticated and insightful solutions of any of the candidates for governor. For example, links to excerpts from over 20 Op-Eds published across Maine's major newspapers can be found at the campaign Web site cited above.

But we need you, and your efforts, ideas and contributions to make it happen.

All of you.

I'd say Maine needs you too.

Alex Hammer

## Fighting terrorists: \$339 billion

### Knowing my kids won't be named bin Laden: Priceless

This article is in response to "Web site shows money spent on war" in the Oct. 30 issue of The Maine Campus.

After reading Seamus McGrath's article and realizing we have spent \$339 billion on the War on Terror, I only have one thing to say. That's it? McGrath argues that the "billions of dollars could be used more effectively." Unless there is any way I can sneak some of those billions to get a lifetime supply of Wendy's frosties, I'd have to argue that Iraq is our best alternative.

Let's forget about weapons of mass destruction and focus on the real reasons we went to Iraq. Iraq is a strategic country in the Middle East, bordering six other countries where angry, radical Muslim extremists are hiding. We have spent a worthy \$339 billion killing terrorists in Iraq and Afghanistan, forcing them to fight battles in the Middle East, instead of on U.S. soil. Those billions have helped coerce information out of neighboring countries that has helped stop the British terror plots, a potential destruction of the Sears Tower and who knows what else. So how much is it worth to save these lives? Should we have reached the \$300 billion point in the war and decided that the costs outweighed the future lives that would be lost?

Bringing democracy to Iraq is not only making us safer, but the rest of the world as well. Though it is easy to sit back and call us a bully, a democratic Middle East is the only way we can ever feel safe from future ter-

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rorist attacks. It is a breeding ground for radical Muslims; extremists who do not believe women are equals; who do not have any intention of coexisting with other "infidel" religions; who have publicly admitted numerous times that they have the right to use nuclear or chemical weapons to kill Americans by the tens of millions; who have sunk back to the Dark Ages by barbarically beheading their prisoners; who recently snuck into a plant in Iraq, told a 14-year-old boy he was a "dirty Christian sinner" and beheaded him on the spot.

There are countless more examples. We aren't in Iraq because it's where Bush's dart landed on the world map. We are spending \$339 billion because it is a strategic point to bring democracy and eventual peace to a ravaged part of the world that will only get worse without us there.

It sounds poetic when McGrath talks about all the things that could have been. We could have more low-income housing, health care and scholarships. But alas! We have foolishly spent the money keeping Americans safe, while people somehow still have places to live, stu-

dents somehow still finance their college education, unemployment recently hit the lowest since 2001, the economy is thriving and the stock market is at an all-time high. Wait, how is this possible when we have spent \$339 billion on the war on terror?

McGrath goes on to say the costs of this war have caused Iraq's citizens to be "slaughtered." While I stick to the crazy notion that our troops are attempting to kill the actual terrorists, I'll admit that there are casualties of war. And while every single human life is precious, I believe the ultimate goals outweigh the terrible costs we have faced. If there were a missile we could launch to kill just the terrorists, I'd be the first one in line to light that fuse. Unfortunately, that's not the way war works. He also argues that "when you build bombs, you only destroy things." I don't have a dictionary at hand, but I'm pretty certain that's the point isn't it? If we wanted to ask Osama bin Laden out on a date or show our love for al-Qaida, I think flowers would be more appropriate.

Has the war been perfect? Not by a long shot. Some strategies have failed, while others have succeeded. But the main objectives of a democratic and prosperous Middle East and the complete annihilation of al-Qaida are so important to our future that they cannot and should not be given a price tag.

*Travis Griffin and al-Qaida are no longer Facebook friends.*

## Residence Life takes care of its people

### RAs get plenty of respect, benefits as team players

Frequently, I may have an opinion opposing an editorial in the newspaper. However, it is most unusual that I would respond to an editorial. The editorial written by Sean O'Mara and published in The Maine Campus on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006, "RAs get no respect," compels me to write a response.

Residence Life's values are the highest of any department I have ever worked in. Expectations of every staff member are clearly defined. Each and every member of this Res Life team is valued highly and cared for by Res Life and the Department of Student Affairs. Every staff member has rules, regulations, guidelines and expectations that have to be adhered to from the moment they are hired. Each staff member receives intensive training. He or she knows what is expected as they become part of an intricate team and each member is expected to live up to those expectations.

All students' first and foremost responsibility to themselves should be to earn good grades while experiencing college life. I'd say 97 percent or more of the UMaine resident assistants maintain good grades while providing caring, responsive leadership skills to the UMaine community.

I wonder how many RAs were interviewed and why? If there is a discontented RA out there, he or she is not discussing these matters with their supervisor — RD, area coordinator or director of Res Life. Out of 97 RAs, I'd suggest that

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O'Mara did not talk to many of them for his editorial. I would believe it is a small percentage of the staff. I would agree that if even one out of 97 is unhappy, then that is too many. I would encourage him or her to schedule a time to meet with their supervisor and have a discussion about their concerns. All opinions matter and are given consideration by Res Life staff.

Res Life values every person applying to be an RA. Res Life staff interviews RA applicants and would not hire a person that is incompetent and unsociable for an RA position. Every RA gets the position because Res Life believes them to be a team member and a person of high integrity with the ability to be a leader in the UMaine community.

It was stated that the RA on duty has a difficult time studying at the desk because of interruptions. RAs have responsibilities, and desk duty is not intended to be study time. If an RA has completed his or her responsibilities and is studying, then he or she should welcome interruptions as part of their on-duty commitment.

As far as RAs having extra hall

furniture, that has never been an option as far as I know. If furniture was brought in from the lounges, it was not requested by the Res Life office. This was not condoned or agreed upon. RAs meet with residents in their rooms but that is why they have a room without a roommate.

RAs are staff members and are treated with the utmost respect by this department. They are respected in their halls, and most RAs contribute more than expected to the safety and welfare of students. They are valued staff members and they receive room and board — over \$7,000 a year — as payment for their responsibilities and have a room to themselves. Leadership skills learned as an RA are valuable when applying for positions after graduation and are of great value to corporate America. When an employer looks at a resume and sees not only a good student, but a leader in their community, that resume stands out from the others.

I have been the administrative assistant with Residence Life for 11 years and I can honestly say that every staff member is carefully chosen, as well as respected and valued for their role in an awesome Res Life team. Student Affairs is a great place to work and appreciation for what we all do is evident and applauded.

*Doreen Thibodeau is an administrative assistant for Residence Life.*

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MUSIC

Chamber Jazz Performance  
7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 7  
Minsky Recital Hall, Class of  
1944 Hall  
Students free, public fee

Java Jive featuring Nadine Zahr  
8 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 7  
North Pod, Memorial Union

Rock for Diversity  
8 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 11  
North Pod, Memorial Union  
Free

University Singers Concert  
2 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 12  
Minsky Recital Hall, Class of  
1944 Hall  
Students free, public fee

## ENTERTAINMENT

Games Night: Name That Tune  
8 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Monday, Nov. 6  
Memorial Union

The Maine Attraction: Baron  
Vaughn  
9 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 10  
Memorial Union

Karaoke  
9 p.m. – 11 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 11  
The Bear's Den

## MOVIES

"Talladega Nights: The Ballad  
of Ricky Bobby"  
7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 8  
100 DPC  
Friday, Nov. 10  
Bangor Room, Memorial  
Union

## THEATER

"Les Sacres  
Monologues"  
A performance of Grégoire  
Chabot works by the Franco-  
American Theatre Troupe  
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 9  
Minsky Recital Hall, Class of  
1944 Hall

The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial  
An LA Theatre Works production  
starring Eric Stoltz and David Selby  
8 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 10  
Maine Center for the Arts  
\$26-\$31

"Wintertime"  
7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 9 to  
Saturday, Nov. 11  
2 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 12  
\$8 admission, free with  
MaineCard

## ARTS

The Art of Printed Books and  
Artists' Multiples  
8 a.m.  
Through Nov. 22  
Lord Hall

Bernard Langlais: Wood Reliefs,  
Richard Estes: Prints, and John  
Marin: A Print Survey  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Through Jan. 13  
UMaine Museum of Art, Bangor  
Students free, public fee

If you would like your event post-  
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calendar, send the time, day,  
date, place and fee information to  
Pattie Barry on FirstClass.

### Inside

UMaine students marching to  
the beat of their own drums —  
whatever they may be. Page 12

# style

CAMPUS ILLUSTRATION BY J. ASTRA BRINKMANN

Role-playing favorite  
Final Fantasy returns  
with No. 12.  
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By J. Astra Brinkmann  
Production Assistant

## Decadancetheatre forces audiences to rethink their notions of hip-hop dance

A style of music, a choice of dress, a way of thinking; while the definition of hip-hop may not know boundaries, its place in pop culture is restrained by stereotypes. Take MTV's music videos depicting wealthy rappers as kings of the world, with their harems of scantily clad, transient beauties writhing in the background.

These anonymous beauties now have a message: They're done with anonymity, and they demand their own spotlight.

A total of eight women stormed the stage Saturday night at the Maine Center of the Arts. They were part of the DECA crew, a troop of female dancers weaving stories without words and matching their movements to the beats of a live DJ.

Taking their cues from the urban expressions of break dancing as well as the graceful sweeps of ballet, "Decadance vs. the Firebird" was arguably the highlight of the evening.

Their dance retold the Russian folktale that inspired Igor Stravinsky's "Firebird," and featured mash-up selections from the classic ballet itself.

Stephanie Vouvou, appropriately wearing

red and orange attire, was the piece's Firebird, the creature that Princess Iva, portrayed by Tomoko Onozawa Peters, ends up relying on for help in her adventures. The scenes where the Firebird and Iva are battling what the program called the "evil b-girl antagonists" demonstrated the skill and precision required to effectively put on such a production, as fists, kicks, and flips flew left and right.

Significantly, there were three shorter choreographed pieces that comprised the remainder of the performance. The first piece, titled "I Was There From the Beginning..." struck right at the core of the issue cheekily, as two dancers came out and pulled some moves which could have been straight out of a rap video, but the recontextualization made it seem to be more empowering than degrading.

"I Can Feel the City Breathing," described in the program as being "inspired by a 12th century Japanese ghost story," elicited a surprised response from the audience just from the women's costumes. When the lights dimmed, not only were their costumes glowing blue and red, but they flashed in relation to

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY JOHN KASTELEIN

ON FIRE — The women of Decadancetheatre tell stories through hip-hop beats and creative synchro and organic dancing.

# Kickoff is a success for Maine Channel

By Zach Dionne  
Copy Editor

Fans of watching UMaine's grassy mall throughout the year are facing dark times — the Maine Channel has officially launched. Channel 42 on campus, which almost exclusively showed non-stop mall voyeurism in previous semesters, will now air a fresh batch of original programming.

The Maine Channel's birthday kickoff celebration was held in The Bear's Den last Thursday, Nov. 2. Hosted by UMaine student and comedian Dan Frederickson, the evening was a three-hour live broadcast that included performances from Massachusetts-based Fly

Upright Kite and Maine five-piece The Bay State. Each band integrated fiddle into its indie rock sound.

"The event went about as smooth as possible; we couldn't have asked for any more people to be there," said Andrew Eldridge, executive producer of The Maine Channel. "We had a goal of about 200 people, and we believe there were over 300 people at our event. 180 people entered in our free raffle, all the pizza was eaten, and the 200 sodas ran dry. I'd call that a success."

The Bear's Den was indeed swarming with friends and supporters of The Maine Channel.

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*A reason to celebrate*



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

BIRTHDAY BASH — Evan Smith and Tom Tash of The Bay State perform at the Maine Channel's first anniversary party on Thursday night.

# Community, students learn and celebrate Latino Heritage Friday

By Kalina Jonson  
For The Maine Campus

Still complaining about a lack of diversity and culture around Orono? Stop complaining and check out your university's events calendar. There are plenty of engaging happenings, free with the flash of your MaineCard.

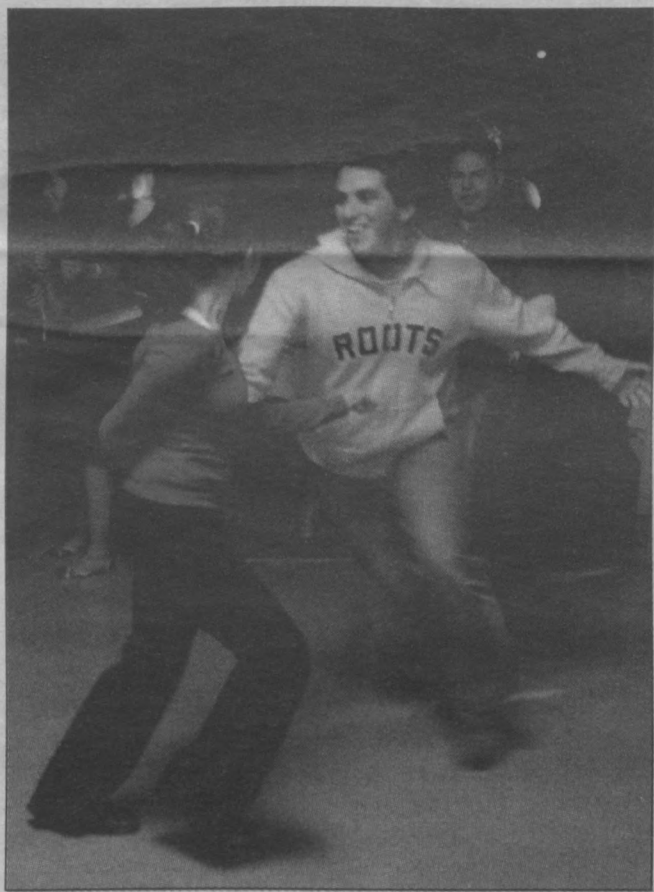
For example, Friday night 12 students from the Universidad de los Americas in Puebla, Mexico joined University of Maine students in Stodder Commons for the 10th Annual Latin American Heritage Celebration. This year the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) scheduled the festival to coincide with the students' two-week visit to Maine.

A semi-formal ambience and excellent ethnic cuisine set the scene for the intermingling of international students, Maine students with dual citizenship, and UMaine students whose genetic makeup stems from foreign lands over a few generations.

"It's a good opportunity for international students to bond," Isaac Chittenden announced over a forkful of guacamole fajita.

During the dinner, LASO adviser Jose Cordero pointed out to the audience that his father is Puerto Rican. "Thank you for your support in helping me further

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

BAILAMOS — Alejandra Torres-Gonzales and Rodrigo Mendoza-Sanchez dance at Latino Heritage Night.

## MOVIEREVIEW



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"Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan"

Released Nov. 3, 2006  
20th Century Fox

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Did you know that Kazakhstan is the ninth-largest country on Earth? Did you also know that the Kazakh wedding ceremony involves the man capturing the unwitting — and quite possibly unwilling — bride-to-be in a sack specially made for the occasion?

Chances are, most Americans would find the first fact to be plausible, but surprising as well. The next one is a bit more outrageous, but maybe, just maybe, true. It is this perceived ignorance on the part of the American people, especially those in the south, of Kazakh and perhaps foreign cultures in general that Borat Sagdiyev, played by British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen, exploits to gut-bustingly hilarious effect in his new "moviefilm" "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan."

Borat, a naively anti-Semitic, misogynist and ziganist Kazakh reporter, is the brainchild of improvisational iconoclast Cohen, known to some for his cult hit "Da Ali G Show" on HBO, on which the character Borat had a recurring role. During interviews, he speaks in his unique brand of broken English interspersed with random Hebrew

and Polish phrases, and often elicits shockingly intolerant responses from his unknowing subjects by egging them on with his own outrageous views.

The film kicks off with Borat giving us a brief tour of his country, Kazakhstan. Here he points out such noteworthy sights as the town rapist and his sister, the "No. 4 prostitute in all of Kazakhstan," as well as informing us that his country wants to learn about American culture in order to improve its economy and education. Therefore, they are sending him, the sixth-most famous man in all of Kazakhstan, to explore and bring back information from America.

The rest of the film details Borat and his producer Azamat's exploits, first in daily interviews in New York, then on their cross-country road trip to California in an ice cream truck. Here Borat hopes to be united with his new love, "Pah-mel-ah" Anderson. The plot, however, is merely a catalyst for the main attraction — Borat's hilarious hijinks at various cultural events and interviews with unsuspecting victims.

One particularly hilarious incident occurs when Borat is permitted to sing the national anthem at a rodeo in Virginia. He begins by stirring up the crowd by shouting "We support your war of terror!" and "May George W. Bush drink the blood of every man, woman and child in Iraq!" After having won the crowd over completely, he then proceeds to enrage the

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## Going organic is cheaper than you think

Nature  
Called



By Erin McNamara

It's not always easy for a college student to live naturally. Organic foods are expensive, locally farmed produce costs more than produce at Hannaford, and natural body products are usually twice the price of a bottle of Suave body wash. Being healthy on a

tight budget can be tough, especially when it comes to cleaning your home and yourself. But there are some things you can purchase that will be well worth the extra pennies and will last longer than your average bar of Irish Spring.

Natural cleaning products are safer and better for use in close spaces like dorm rooms and small apartments because they don't give off any toxic fumes or noxious smells that can linger for days on end. They're usually unscented or lightly smell of the natural oils they're made of, like peppermint, lavender or olive oils. And who doesn't want their living space or clothing smelling like peppermint

or lavender? They also tend to clean better, without leaving streaks, film or a tacky feeling like some of the cheap knock-off cleaning wipes and sprays.

Dr. Bronner's Peppermint Soap is an awesome addition to your bathroom shelf or shower basket. You can literally wash anything with it, like hair, clothes, babies and dishes. It's available in a huge array of sizes, from 2 oz. to 5 gallons and everything in-between. You can get it around here at the Natural Living Center, The Store Ampersand, and other random places. Prices vary from store to store but tend to be in the range of

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# Taking the percussion to the streets

By Zach Dionne  
Copy Editor

"Anything around you can make music."

This philosophy, according to third-year biochemistry major Dave Roberts, is the idea behind the University of Maine's newest musical group, Garage Band. Banging on trash cans with drumsticks may not sound like music to many, but to the five UMaine students that have founded Garage Band, there is music to be heard in the art of banging on everyday objects. The group originated with Roberts, Jesse Call, Carl Stecher, Taryn Reese and April Cummings.

The group was Cummings' conception. Growing tired of the trend of new groups in the music department focusing primarily on choral a capella, Cummings, a second-year elementary education major with a concentration in music, turned to her roommate, Reese, a first-year graduate student in the percussion performance program.

"We don't want to be Stomp," said Cummings, specifying that while Stomp and the Blue Man Group are large influences, the goal isn't to become carbon copies of the established acts.

"Stomp is just identifiable with this. There's no real genre," Call said. "I've been calling it street percussion."

The group held a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 25, for all interested students. The five core members are excited by their plentiful ambitions for this group in terms of members, roles, music and goals.

"What's nice about it, though, is you're just banging on trash cans; on whatever you want," Roberts said. Trash cans, both metal and rubber, as well as brooms, wooden poles, break drums, kitchen utensils, basketballs, and a PVC instrument similar to the Blue Man Group's setup are planned instruments so far. The group stresses that anything portable that makes sound can be incorporated, and body percussion will be used alongside vocal percussion, or beatboxing.

Those interested in joining are encouraged to "bring in everything they think would make good sound," according to Call. "It was mentioned during our first meeting that if you think something's too weird, it isn't. The point is to make something out of nothing and to open a few eyes."

At the meeting on Oct. 25, the five members played a piece

Garage Band makes music with anything and everything



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

BANG BANG — Members of Garage Band work on their technique at a recent practice.

titled "It Came from the Garage," which UMaine's percussion ensemble performed last semester. The piece showcased no shortage of trash-can-and-bucket banging to intricate and catchy rhythms. The goal of the group from the outset has been to begin with a few similar compositions; there is a surprisingly large composition collection to choose from for this genre.

Garage Band will not focus solely on the musical form, either. Dance, theater and music will mix together for a diverse experience. New members are encouraged to bring their ideas and will have a part in molding of the group in its most raw and experimental phase.

The group encourages everyone to join, regardless of musical background or lack thereof. "People wanting to be there is more important than the musical experience aspect," Reese said.

"My previous percussion experience is basically air drums," Stecher said at the meeting.

Hopes are high that Garage Band will be a success and reach

out to UMaine students looking for an enjoyable time creating unique music. The group would like to work out a tour at the end of next semester, doing clinics and playing at local high schools.

The group will meet either once or twice per week, as the schedules for incoming members are worked out. Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled for Fridays from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. in Room 100 of the Class of 1944 Hall. \$10 is requested of new members to go toward the large amounts of trash cans and other instrumental items purchased. The donation is encouraged and beneficial to the group, but not a condition of joining. Anyone interested in joining may contact April Cummings, Taryn Reese, Jesse Call, Dave Roberts or Carl Stecher on FirstClass.

"We should all invest in some earplugs," Call said. "They're like a buck."

Garage Band should be kicking up enough of a ruckus to justify Call's suggestion.

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the rhythm of the music.

DECA director Jennifer Weber said that this piece originally took six weeks of rehearsal, but due to the varying nature of the venues, such as clubs or elementary schools, that constant editing and maintenance was required to keep the performance in top shape.

Originally founded in 2000, the

crew has seen many women and many acts, but Weber said that it really was the Firebird piece that has garnered such attention.

"If you wanted to get up and dance, then I know it was a good show," Weber said. Luckily for her, the audience joined in with a rousing applause at the finale to show their support and appreciation for the dancers' hard work.

Changing stereotypes is hard work, but "Decadance vs. the Firebird" proves that it's definitely not impossible.

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Those involved with the channel donned custom T-shirts and sweatshirts with The Maine Channel logo — UMaine mascot Bananas clenching a television in his jaws.

The live broadcast was shown on the big screen at The Bear's Den as it was filmed, and the game show "Misfortune" was broadcast live from the event.

Travis Bourassa, executive producer of the show "Mouthguard," commented on the hard work of all involved at The Maine Channel in the past months, saying "Everybody ... has been working like mad to get programming ready. The news team has put together five or six

episodes, counting practice runs, and each episode has seen light years of improvement since the last."

"Mouthguard," the program where students debate on an issue and proceed to duke it out in a boxing match, is one of many programs that will be routinely aired in the coming weeks. "I am a bit biased, but I truly think that ['Mouthguard'] is getting better every week," Bourassa said. Other future programs include "The Today, Tonight, Tomorrow Show," "Fame in 15," "Black Bear Nation," and "Black Bear Classics."

Eldridge is a determined and productive leader for The Maine Channel, eager to broadcast nearly everything that happens at UMaine on the station.

"Now with our event done, we hope to have increased student awareness, and now we can

focus on programming, promotions, and filming every event possible on campus," Eldridge said.

The Maine Channel has an account on MySpace, <http://www.myspace.com/themainechannel>, as well as an account on YouTube, with the user account "TheMaineChannel." Episodes of Maine Channel programs will be posted on YouTube, and a schedule should soon be posted on the MySpace page. In the meantime, stay tuned to channel 42 to catch some of the programming aimed directly at the UMaine community.

At the conclusion of the evening's live broadcast, Bourassa summed things up with a few simple words: "Stay tuned because from this point on, you're watching The Maine Channel."

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[become familiar with] my identity," Cordero said graciously.

Anthony Cortese, a professor of sociology in Dallas, Texas and the evening's keynote speaker, raised awareness concerning the relevance of social agendas far from Maine, including the ongoing

racism around the United States' southern border. He described the motions of minutemen, armed citizens who take it upon themselves to "protect" the Texas border by shooting at will, a kind of power which is reminiscent of the recently signed "John Warner Defense Authorization Act of 2007," which overturned the Insurrection Act and moves toward martial law. He also spoke of the border wall currently under construction.

An edifying though sobering account, the gravitational pull of Cortese's points of presentation was counteracted by recitation of poetry, in Spanish and English, a slideshow of Latin and Southern America's customs and culture, and finally a very spirited Latin dance.

UMaine students will also have the opportunity to visit Mexico over the upcoming Spring Break for credit. For more information, contact the Languages Department.

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**"Final Fantasy XII"**  
Square Enix  
Oct. 31, 2006

"Final Fantasy XII" by Square Enix is the latest in a relatively new trend of Final Fantasy games: a sequel. Set in the land of Ivalice as seen in Final Fantasy Tactics Advance, this is the story of the war-torn and occupied country of Rabanastre.

The story develops slowly, and does not follow the usual role-playing game clichés. At 20 hours in, there is no sign of a specific final villain or the revelation that the quest is to save the entire world from destruction. Perhaps I just need a few more hours to find them— or perhaps this is very different kind of story.

The game boasts an impressive polygon count and rich textures, though if you're quick you'll notice Square cheated on loading times by letting you explore an area while its inhabitants are still loading. This usually causes the first monster you encounter to appear out of nowhere.

Voice acting is done well; however, all of the actors make the amateurish mistake of mispronouncing every French word in the script. Ouch. I also encountered such a rampant overuse of the letter "k" that I wondered if I were reviewing "Mortal Kombat" again. I understand the origin of "Magick," even though I don't need a hard consonant to

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distinguish between Harry Blackstone's magic and the power to engulf my enemies in fiery death, but carrying it over to make "Technick" was a bit much. Square, you lose points on linguistic style.

The music of FF XII draws many cues from FF Tactics Advance. The music fills the background, but there are few hooks that make you come out and notice the score as in previous games. I have also yet to find any music in the game that invokes emotion. It's good, but not up to the high bar set for the series.

Combat in Final Fantasy XII is in real time and nearly identical to the battle system used in the Final Fantasy Massive Multi-player Online Role-Playing Game (MMORPG). The key difference between them is that XII is a single-player. This means that instead of controlling one character, you command the entire party. A bit of a trick in real time, wouldn't you say? That's where Gambits come in.

Gambits are a list of automated actions each character can take. They are simple, consisting of a target, an action and a priority. The game starts you off with few options for gambits, but it doesn't take long to make complex strings of action that can take care of many weak enemies for you.

Another departure from FF XI is that no character has a set class

Visuals: 4/5  
Audio: 3/5  
Gameplay: 4/5  
Features: 4/5  
Overall: 4/5

or abilities. All the magicks, technicks and equipment in the game can be used by any character, provided they have bought the proper license with points earned from defeating monsters. You may pick and choose several different areas or development over the License Grid, and the patient can simply get everything for every character if they take the time to kill many more foes.

If you want to explore the world, you'll have no shortage of extra license points to spend, because it is a vast, expansive land. Optional large areas of wilderness surround every town, each filled with monsters, treasures, caves and paths to still more terrain. The game places emphasis on exploration, which has the unfortunate side effect of extending the time between story sequences.

I have some time yet to spend with Final Fantasy XII, and I look forward to it. Though the story and music are drop-offs from their high water marks in Final Fantasy X or the original FF Tactics, I still can't put FF XII down.

—Andrew Young

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whole arena by singing what is supposedly the Kazakh national anthem, which begins with the lines "Kazakhstan is the greatest country in the world / All other countries are ruled by little girls."

Throughout its duration, the film kept the entire audience waiting with bated breath for the next outrageous shenanigan. They were never disappointed, nor did they ever have to wait long, as the laughs in this film are absolutely nonstop. The humor most likely goes a little — OK, much — too far for some, especially the pervasive anti-Semitic, misogynist and sexually explicit gags. In what is certain to be the most infamous scene in the film, Borat and

Azamat, who happens to be extremely overweight, wrestle in the nude for a long period of time after Borat walks into the hotel room to find Azamat "making a hand-party" to pictures of Pamela.

Those without strong compositions will still find much to enjoy in the more zany, less offensive gags such as one involving children chasing Borat's ice cream truck and a bear. However, for those who have the stomach, the over-the-top humor is probably some of the best to be found anywhere. It also serves as a heavy-handed satire of those who may, in reality, agree with Borat's made-up intolerant views. This is perhaps one of the funniest and most outrageous movies ever put to film, and is strongly suggested for all but the most politically correct out there.

—Derek Dobachesky

## NATURE

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\$6 for an 8 oz. bottle. It's a little pricey, but you only need a tiny bit of the soap for whatever you're cleaning, which makes the bottle last a lot longer than the typical toilet bowl cleaner.

The Method cleaning line offers a wide array of more specialized natural cleaning products, from hand sanitizer to laundry detergent and just about any other household cleaner you could want. These products tend to run in the \$5-\$10 range, depending on what kind of cleaner you're getting. Probably the

best buy you'll get off this line are their all-purpose cleaning wipes and sprays. You can use them on just about any hard surface in your dorm or apartment, including your desk or television. They only cost about \$4. Method products can also be found at the Natural Living Center, or you can go up the road a little further and get them at Target.

Even though the initial cost can be a little more expensive, natural cleaners are worth the investment because of the health benefits and the length of time a bottle of product can last you. Using natural, organic products doesn't have to break your bank account if you buy wisely.

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November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.— UCU Orono, Rangeley Rd.

November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.— UCU Bangor, 977 Union St.

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November 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.— Totman Room, Memorial Union, UMaine

November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.— UCU Bangor, 977 Union St.

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November 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.— Totman Room, Memorial Union, UMaine

November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.— UCU Bangor, 977 Union St.

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## Horoscopes

By Miss Astra

### Aries

March 21 to April 20

Invent an obscure disease and convince people of their new affliction. Gain newfound respect when you reveal your other new invention: the disease's cure.

### Taurus

April 21 to May 20

Question 3 on this year's ballot has been a tough call for you, but a dream you have tonight will finally offer some much-needed clarity.

### Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Musicals have an undeserved bad reputation. Reinvigorate this art form by bringing it to unconventional locations, such as your business administration classes.

### Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Somewhere over the rainbow, a \$57 million lottery ticket is waiting for you to put your name on it. You're going to have to fight an angry leprechaun for it, though; he's tired of no one believing in him.

### Leo

July 23 to August 22

Tired of the RIAA oppressing you? Fight back by saying that all of your "illegally downloaded files" are really just part of your extensive research of categorizing the various famous artists that have ripped you off.

### Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

If you're looking for an opportunity to make new friends, get on the bus. While bus seats are pretty, it's best to restrict your conversational targets to humans.

### Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Looking for a new place to live? Hang out in the basement of the Union next to the advertising TV screen. It's guaranteed that if you stand there long enough, you'll get at least a one-week stay at the local loony bin.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

A friend was going to hold a surprise birthday party for you, but they saw this horoscope and changed their mind. Oh well.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Hey, your shoe's untied!

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Plant owners advise talking to your houseplants, but outdoor trees need it too. You'd be surprised how many trees list "Poe" on Facebook as their favorite poet to be read aloud.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

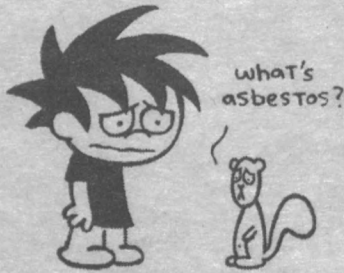
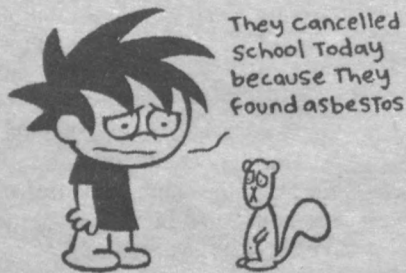
You'll have special powers to see precipitation that no one else can this week. This also includes falling cats and dogs (finally!).

### Pisces

Feb. 19 to March 20

If you keep up with superstitions this week, you will be rewarded by an unexpected monetary bonus.

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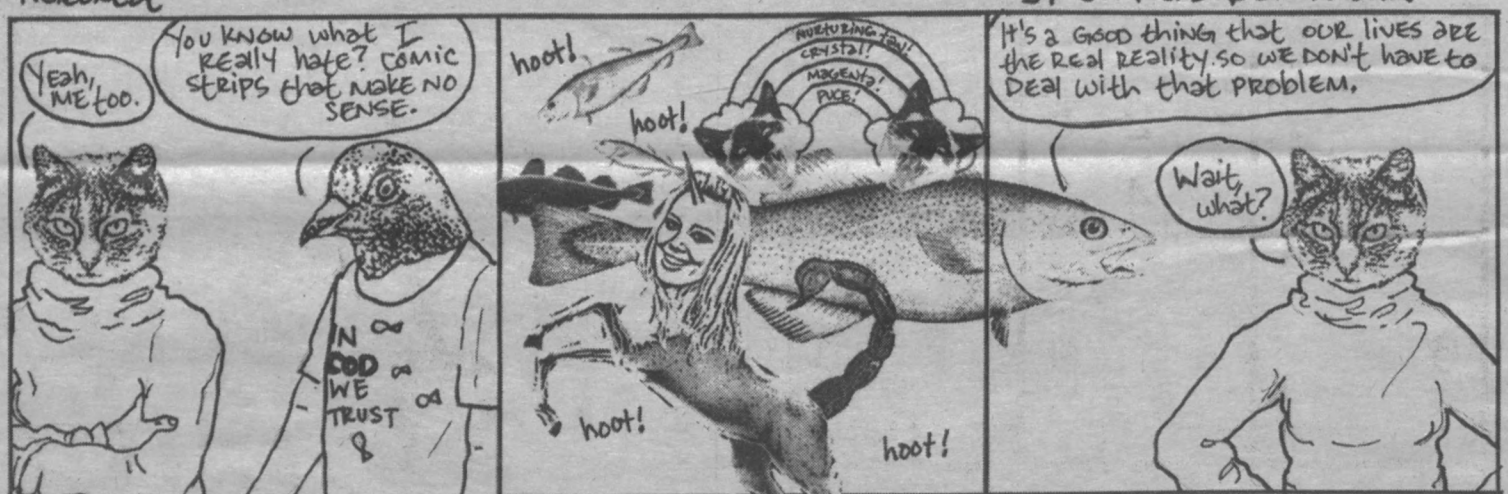
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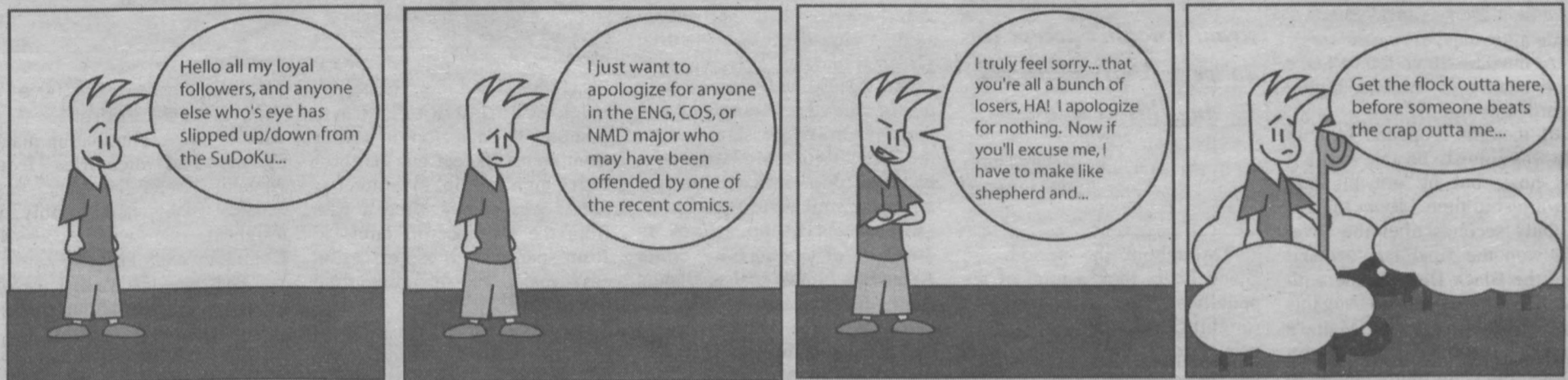
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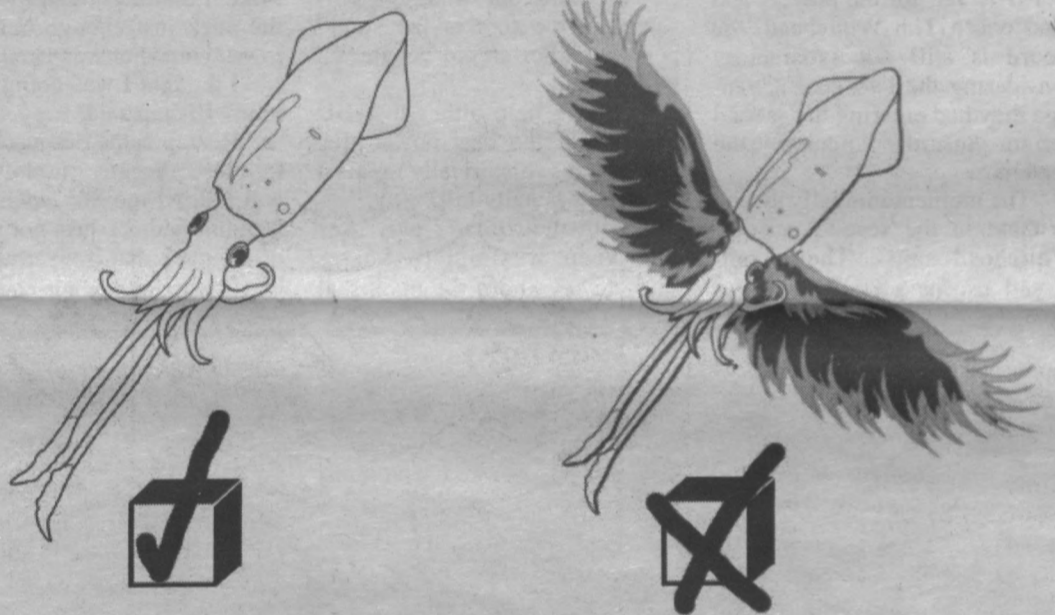
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## An Even More Expensive Beer

By Brett D. Baber  
Student Legal Services

A year ago, I wrote an article about the high costs associated with alcohol-related offenses including furnishing alcohol to minors, illegal possession of alcohol by minors and OUI. The Maine Legislature did not believe that you read my article. As a result, the Legislature passed new laws which increase the penalties and fines imposed on certain alcohol-related offenses. As a result, the prices of underage drinking and other offenses have climbed to severe levels with the hope that these penalties will deter underage drinking.

Here is a menu you do not want to order from - the prices are steep! There are minimum fines, suspensions, and/or penalties, which go up for

repeat offenders.

Illegal transportation by minors - Civil Infraction, \$500 max fine, plus 30-day driver's license suspension;

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Consumption of liquor by minors - Civil Infraction, \$200-\$400 fine;

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Allowing minors to consume on premises - Class D crime, \$1,000 minimum fine;

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OUI - Class D offense:

First offense: \$500 minimum fine; 90-day license sus-

pension; 48 hours in jail if test result is .15 or higher, or speeding by 30 mph, or eluding police, or operating with a passenger under 21 years old (plus additional license suspension).

The fines, suspensions and jail time go up dramatically with subsequent offenses. There is a one-year suspension of a driver's license for anyone under the age of 21 if they have any alcohol in their blood (add another 180 days if you had a passenger under the age of 21).

Thinking of having a few young friends over for a few beers? You are risking \$1,000 to pay the minimum fine. Want to give a minor a few beers? Try a \$500 fine. You might also plan to spend a few days in jail.

My point - It's not worth it! Wait until you are of legal age and then consume alcohol responsibly!

## TIED

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ing in the extra frame, Ryan had a chance to hand-deliver UMaine not only their eighth victory but also the program's best start to a season. However, Curry was thinking otherwise.

Moments after receiving a hard pass from Brent Shephard, Ryan broke free for a one-on-one with Curry. Thinking five-hole, Ryan crept in close on Curry.

"Brent Shephard gave me a great pass coming through the neutral zone and I beat the kid wide [on the boards]," Ryan said. "I was in alone and John Curry made a great save."

At the time, Ryan felt he had a good chance to beat the highly regarded netminder.

"I thought I opened him up and was going to be able to slip it five-hole, but he got his pad down just in time," Ryan said.

Only seconds after the save, BU won the final face-off and sent the Black Bears home with another winless trip to Agganis Arena. Coupled with UMaine's victory over Merrimack on Friday, the team returns home to Orono with a still-unbeaten mark of 7-0-1. Yet, for the players and head coach Tim Whitehead, the record is still not satisfactory considering the two-goal advantage they had entering the second period Saturday against the Terriers.

"The momentum really swung to them in the second period," Whitehead said. "They outplayed us for sure. They were

getting all the loose pucks and really seized momentum. Thankfully the Zamboni came out and we were able to regroup."

During the first 15 minutes of the second period, Soares believes BU outworked the Black Bears.

"They saw a two-goal lead is sometimes the worse thing in hockey," Soares said. "It's only two goals but sometimes you get a little too comfortable and I think that is what happened tonight."

*"It's a definite wake up call. Maine hockey usually doesn't accept ties so we're pretty much taking this as a loss."*

Billy Ryan  
Junior forward

Throughout the period, the Black Bears took a total of six penalties. The collection of roughing and holding calls proved to be their undoing with both BU tallies coming courtesy of special teams.

"We came out and shot ourselves in the foot taking stupid penalties after stupid penalties," Bishop said.

It didn't help either that BU has one of the best power-play percentages historically against UMaine's penalty kill.

"With their power play they just keep it simple," Soares said. "They shoot the puck real

hard and go to the net."

The first power-play goal for the Terriers came early in the second when Matt Gilroy tapped in a wide-open rebound at 6:46.

According to Bishop, the tally was gift-wrapped.

"It hit a body close to him and it went right back to him," Bishop said. "It just was kind of a lucky play. The puck bounces off one of our guys and goes right to him for an empty net."

Almost eight minutes later at 14:21, defenseman Kevin Schaeffer evened it up with a laser that went directly off Bishop's left knee and into the net.

"We just definitely have to get out of the way of Bishop," Ryan said. "He can't be getting screened like that."

At 15:37 the Terriers nearly turned the tide completely in their favor. While shorthanded, the Terriers' John McCarthy, who had shut down Michel Leveille all night, broke free for a break-away on Bishop. Evoking dreams of being a South American futbol goalie, Bishop came out and met McCarthy just below the blue line. With one failed swipe at the puck it looked like McCarthy had his chance at the net, but a back-checking Mike Lundin caught the tip of the puck just enough before the low-laying shot was fired.

"I thought I was going to beat him," Bishop said.

"Bishop came out just enough to cause the guy to slow down and allow me to catch him," Lundin said. "I just got enough of the puck that it went wide."

UMaine built their lead in the



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NEUTRAL ZONE CHASE — Chris Hahn races toward the puck Saturday against the seventh-ranked Terriers.

first on a Keenan Hopson wrist shot from about 20 feet out that beat Curry high at 1:36. Five minutes later Wes Clark fired a pass from the left face-off circle to Josh Soares, who tapped in an easy goal at the far post on the power play.

At this point, UMaine looked in postseason form, but McCarthy and the rest of the Terriers proceeded to tighten the screws on UMaine.

Parker talked about their idea to clamp down on Leveille.

"We decided we were going to cover Leveille," Parker said. "He's the best player in the league, and when you take him out of the game, things change. I haven't covered anyone like that since Ben Eaves was at BC."

Bishop finished the game

with 29 saves, eliminating many of the bad memories from Agganis Arena last year. Last January, Bishop had arguably his toughest game on Commonwealth Drive.

"That was last year, I wasn't even thinking about that," Bishop said.

Curry concluded the decision with 22 saves.

On Friday, UMaine received goals from Shephard, Lundin, Johnson, who sat out Saturday with a sprained knee, and Soares for the win.

The Black Bears are set to play again Friday against UMass-Lowell. They will, however, have to wait until February for revenge on the Terriers.

"We will get them back at the Alfond," Bishop said.

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## Forecasting Bowl season

Can't wait until January? Find out who'll be battling for college football glory now

**By Matt McGraw**  
For The Maine Campus

As the college football season comes to an end, there is always a lot of speculation in the air about where the coins are going to fall. Who will the BCS rankings place in the national championship? Will there be any mid-conference at-large bids? Will Notre Dame hang on to play in a bowl game? All of these answers can be found within the words of this article. Or, if you're old fashioned, I guess you can just wait until the end of the regular season, because there are spoilers ahead.

**National Championship:** Ohio State vs. Louisville

**Why:** It is assumed that right now the real national championship game will actually be in Columbus on Nov. 18, when Ohio State hosts Michigan. Getting back to the story, when Ohio beats Michigan, and Louisville wins out, and to be safe toss in a Florida loss, this is how the BCS rankings will finish. If I were a betting man, I'd take Louisville to win, but I'm not, and therefore I'll be wise and say Ohio State will win the national title.

**Winner:** Ohio State

**Rose Bowl:** Michigan vs. California

**Why:** Michigan is the obvious choice to fill in for Big 10 winner Ohio State, since they are really still the No. 2 team in the country. California also has a better chance to survive their remaining schedule than USC, because USC has three top 25 match-ups left.

**Winner:** Michigan

**Fiesta Bowl:** Texas vs. West Virginia

**Why:** Well at this point with the at-large picks, I'm really just guessing, but here is my logic. West Virginia will still stay in the top 10 in BCS rankings because the loss to

Louisville won't hurt them badly. Texas is almost a lock to win the Big 12, barring an upset from Texas A&M.

**Winner:** Texas

**Orange Bowl:** Georgia Tech vs. Florida

**Why:** With the Boston College loss this weekend, Georgia Tech seems to have the best position for the ACC title. Wake Forest has a few tough games left, including Maryland, and that should give Georgia Tech the upper hand. Florida will still make a bowl appearance and leave everyone complaining about BCS fairness.

**Winner:** Florida

**Sugar Bowl:** Auburn vs. Boise State

**Why:** Boise State should be able to qualify under the new BCS at-large requirements. And they will follow the path of former mid-con team Utah by winning a BCS game! Nah, I'm just kidding. But they will hopefully give Auburn a good run for their money and show that mid-con teams can still hang with the best.

**Winner:** Auburn

So were there any surprises? To be honest, I don't think Notre Dame has performed well enough to be considered for BCS contention. Arkansas is absent; however, they still have some tough games ahead to survive before people have legitimate concern to complain. For all the USC fans in Orono, it is my best guess that your run is over, and it's Cal's turn this year to represent the Pac 10.

While I, like every other college football fan, have no idea what the BCS rankings will actually look like when the final numbers are crunched, I know we're all in for a good final month of college football. So, let's sit back and watch the final weeks unfold.

## SHOT

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pointed about the results, we came in here thinking we were going to win and wanting to make history," head coach Atherley said. "At the same time we have been here for four years. A lot of teams can't say that."

"That goal beat us, its not like we beat ourselves."

The shot heard round Connecticut by Reimer, a Nutmegger herself, came at 75:15. In one quick motion, Reimer, resting quietly atop the middle of the 18, booted the free ball into the top left corner of goalie Jasmine Phillip's net. On the play, Reimer managed to one-time the ball after it had bounced off the head off Sara Flowers, who was five feet from the goal line. By electing to wait at the top of the 18 on the direct kick that Flowers headed, Riemer managed to put herself in perfect position for the one-timer. For the Black Bears, the situation couldn't have been any worse. By doing exactly what they were supposed to do on the play, stay tight on the forwards inside the box, they had let the America East Striker of the Year roam freely.

"It was a world-class goal," Atherley said. "There was nothing Jasmine could've done on it."

After the match, Phillips said that she thought the ball was off target maybe.

"I thought it was going out at first," Phillips said. "I don't think anyone could've gotten it."

Moments after the match, an elated Reimer couldn't even describe the play.

"I don't even know what happened," Riemer said. "I mean what was it? I was just open in front of the 18 and shot it left. I just shot it, I didn't think about it."

For Reimer, the score came after she was harassed all day by the pickle-jar-tight UMaine defense.

Along with Reimer, the UMaine back five shut down speedy wing



AMERICA EAST PHOTO BY STEVE SLADE

**HART-BREAKER** — UMaine's Brittany Saisselin battles Hartford's Meagan Riemer during Saturday's title game.

Kacey Busque and center-mid Sara Flowers. The Black Bears allowed nine shots on net, with just three coming in the second half.

"In retrospect, I don't know if we could've been any more ready or prepared for the game," Atherley said.

UMaine's best chance to get on the board came at 3:03 when Laura Harper, playing at the top of the goal box, twirled to the left and found Saisselin, who rocketed the shot far over the net.

Still, the Black Bears' only shot on target was a lame duck popup to Cook from Christine LaBelle.

"We just really weren't dangerous in the attacking third which was very reflective of our first game here against Hartford," Atherley said.

In the waning moments of the decision, UMaine had one final shot at the net. With the clock stopped at three seconds, the Black Bears pushed everyone into or around the box and had Phillips take the direct kick off a Hawks fouled. On the kick, Kim Stephenson found the ball and kicked it five feet past the near post as time expired.

"I was just trying to get anything on net and hope it

went in," Phillips said.

In the first half, UMaine established the early pace until Hartford reversed momentum. The Hawks nearly got their one-goal advantage at 29:13 when Riemer hit the post from inside the 18' at a two o'clock angle. Riemer finished with five shots, while UMaine's leader was Canuel with three of her own.

The title victory for Hartford is their sixth, a new record in the America East. At one point this season, the Hawks were 1-7. They then proceeded to go undefeated in league play.

The squad will now wait to see if they make the NCAA tournament next Sunday when the field is announced. The outcome looks dim right now.

"It will be very challenging," Atherley said. "One of the things we're up against is that Boston University is ranked ahead of us in the Northeast region. I would be very surprised if Boston University did not get an at-large bid and I just don't see two at-large bids coming out of our conference."

UMaine set records for wins this year with 14 and fewest goals allowed in a season, eight.

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# Meagher leads UM to thrilling OT win, Sioux sweep

By Tyler Francke  
For The Maine Campus

ORONO — The University of Maine women's ice hockey team defeated North Dakota Saturday night in a 5-4 overtime effort to complete a week-end sweep of the Fighting Sioux that started on Friday with a 3-1 victory. With the wins, the Black Bears improve their season record to 3-7-0, while the loss drops UND to 2-8-0.

## Women's Hockey

Both teams showcased a strong offense Saturday. The game was an exciting and fast-paced battle with both teams playing hard and generating terrific scoring chances. The game featured five lead changes as the teams went back and forth all day. Neither team led by more than one goal at any point. The winning goal was scored in overtime by junior Kim Meagher, who netted UMaine's fourth power-play goal of the game. Seniors Katie Sunstrum and Brigitte Laflamme assisted on the play as Sunstrum got the puck on the draw and fed it to Laflamme, who dished it to Meagher for the score.

"We just never gave up," senior captain Kelly Law said. "We worked hard the whole game even though they kept coming back."

Head coach Lauren Steblen said

that the biggest reason for the Black Bears' victory was their "all-around work ethic, both in practices and out on the ice." She said the team played tough the whole game, and that having last week-end off gave the team a big advantage, with more time to practice and prepare.

Sophomore Robyn Law of UMaine was the first to score in the game, with an unassisted power-play goal at the 17:29 mark of the first period. Jody Karnik, the goalie for North Dakota, was able to block Law's first shot attempt, but she gathered her own rebound and pounded it home. But UND took advantage of their own power-play opportunity late in the first period, when Alexia Gagnon-Laplante beat UMaine goalie Genevieve Turgeon to tie the score 1-1.

Action in the second period started early when UND's Samantha Bowers scored 1:06 into the period. The Black Bears quickly got even, however, with a power-play goal by senior Kelly Law while goalie Turgeon was credited with the assist. UMaine took a 3-2 lead at the 14:10 mark with an unassisted power-play goal by freshman Jenna Ouellette. UND tied it up once again less than two minutes later, completing the scoring for the second period. The Fighting Sioux came out aggressive in the third period and notched a go-ahead goal just 2:07 in, but did not remain ahead for long as the Black Bears were able to even it up at the 6:42 mark. The goal was scored by Brigitte Laflamme



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**LIGHT THE LAMP** — UMaine's Brigitte Laflamme celebrates Pam Patterson's first period goal during Friday night's 3-1 win at Alford Arena.

for her third of the season. Seniors Sonia Corriveau and Pam Patterson were credited with assists on the goal.

Steblen added that her squad's superior conditioning contributed to their winning effort in the overtime contest.

Law said her team played well, especially on offense. She added that everyone was working really hard, which was a big factor in the

team's success that night.

Turgeon, a sophomore, made 28 saves and is credited with the win for the Black Bears, while North Dakota's Karnik registered 22 saves.

UMaine hopes to use the week-end sweep as a building block for the rest of the season. Steblen mentioned that despite the team's early struggles, "a couple of bounces here and there," could've produced different results.

"The season's only a third over. It's definitely not too late to turn it around," Steblen said.

The Black Bears' next action will be this weekend, when they host the Providence College Friars on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. It will also be a return to Hockey East play for the Black Bears, who are still hunting for their first league point at 0-4-0.

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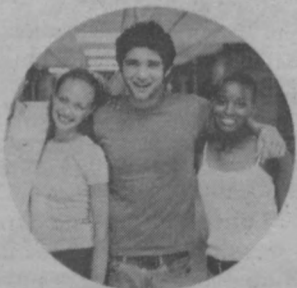
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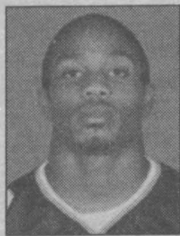
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## Freshman stud elects to leave UM

One of the University of Maine football team's brightest young stars has left school to attend to personal matters at home in Maryland.



Callahan

Freshman Ryan Callahan told coach Jack Cosgrove he'd be leaving the team last Thursday.

"It's been a strain on that young man to be as far away from home as he was," Cosgrove said.

A running back and wide receiver, Callahan had been a vital component of the Black Bears' offense. Despite a diminutive frame at 5-7, 160 lbs the elusive playmaker had elite speed and vision that made him a threat to score every time he touched the ball.

"It was surprising," senior Arel Gordon said. "There's a lot of reasons people do things of that nature. Most of the time, there's not a lot you can say to change their mind because it's not a spur-of-the-moment decision. Things were building up and he had to take care of some things within himself."

Callahan had racked up 184 rushing yards, 164 receiving yards, three touchdowns, and had the best yards-per-touch average on the team. Success on the field, however, didn't ease the strain.

"I feel like we failed him," Cosgrove said. "The number one thing as a coach is to be a teacher and an educator. You try to teach not only the game but life skills and you hope young men will stay and persevere."

Callahan missed the Oct. 28 contest against Rhode Island and was unsure about whether he would return in the middle of last week. But by Thursday his mind was made up.

"He'll be greatly missed," Gordon said. "He was a family member, so we'll always remember and we'll kind of play still thinking that all of our family's still here."

In Callahan's absence, Teron Allan and Jhamal Fluellen have shouldered the load in the running game, while running back Arel Gordon has spent more time at receiver and Steve Williams has seen more action.

— Matt Williams



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

FLUSHED OUT — A-10 Defensive Player of the Week Matt King sacks Northeastern's Jason Sperezza as Daren Stone (4) moves in to help finish off the play.

## ATTACK

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Arel's the only one who can catch it. It was really an athletic play by him."

Gordon gave the passing game a lift by lining up at the wide receiver spot more often than usual, catching seven balls for 152 yards to pass the 1,000-yard receiving mark for his career, and in total yardage for the season. He was held to 35 yards rushing, but did score the game's first touchdown on the ground.

"We saw we had some good match-ups with their secondary, so we said, 'why not put me at wide receiver since I played there the last three years,'" Gordon said.

The move paid off as Whitcomb completed his first 11 passes and 17-of-20 overall for a season-high 281 yards, and UMaine held a 427-172 total yardage edge.

"We got our butts whooped, simply stated," said Northeastern coach Rocky Hager, whose club fell to 3-6, 2-4 A-10.

The victory moved the Black Bears to 6-3 on the year, and 4-1 in Atlantic 10 play, keeping them a game behind Massachusetts for the North lead. More importantly, it keeps their playoff hopes alive and serves as a springboard after last week's tough loss to URI.

"Last week there was a sharp pain going through everybody," Gordon said. "We're back to not having any doubts about how we're going to perform — back to playing Black Bear football."

The Black Bears scored on their first possession and the Huskies answered with their only score of the day, a 42-yard field goal by Mat Johnson. UMaine fumbled on the next play and the Huskies drove inside the 5-yard line, but the Black Hole defense forced a field goal try

that sailed wide of the uprights.

"That's a huge lift. If they score they have the lead, and even the field goal puts them a point away. It's a real lift when the defense can do something like that," UMaine coach Jack Cosgrove said.

UMaine went for the jugular, scoring on its next two drives to take the 21-3 lead into halftime. The Black Hole, which hasn't allowed a touchdown in 10 quarters, got a crucial end zone interception from Andrew Downey to preserve the streak midway through the third.

"The past couple games we've picked [our red zone defense] up. Andrew Downey made a big play; it was a great all-around effort by everybody on the defense today," said senior Matt King, who had 3.5 sacks and caused a safety in the fourth when he stripped the ball from NU quarterback Jason Sperezza.

**"We got our butts whooped, simply stated."**

Rocky Hager  
Head coach  
Northeastern football

With opponents continuing to focus on stopping Gordon's zone-read running plays and the loss of freshman phenom Ryan Callahan, the Black Bears showed some new moves on offense. In addition to Gordon's plays at wide receiver, UMaine used sophomore Teron Allen as an I-back.

A thick 5-10, 214-pounder, Allen's downhill style gave the Black Bears a physical runner for the first time this season. After limited chances earlier in the season, Allen delivered by leading the team

with 51 yards and a third quarter touchdown.

"I don't really feel like I was waiting," Allen said. "Everybody has their turn. It took me a while to realize that, actually, because I'm the type of guy that wants to get in there and play. That's what it's about — taking advantage of opportunities."

"I'm really happy for him because he's been waiting in the wings, so to speak, to get those reps and carries today. He's been a real good teammate," Cosgrove said.

A slew of players stepped up in Callahan's absence. Allen and sophomore Jhamal Fluellen ran well, while Whitcomb completed passes to five receivers including impressive showings by sophomore Manzi Pierre [4 catches, 41 yards] and junior Matt Mulligan [2 catches, 44 yards].

"What I stressed at the team meeting last night was getting everybody involved. We had a lot of guys involved on offense that you guys hadn't heard about, Teron being one of them. He kind of represented everybody," Cosgrove said.

Northeastern was also hampered by chippy play that led to eight penalties whistled against them for 108 yards.

"Believe me, the second guy gets caught 100 percent of the time, and there were too many times we let ourselves be the second one noticed," Hager said.

With this game behind them, the Black Bears turn to No. 3 Massachusetts. Two of the top teams in New England meet Saturday in Amherst with the A-10 North and UMaine's playoff hopes on the line.

"We haven't had this since 2002. That's the last time we were here in November playing for a championship, so this is exciting," Cosgrove said.

## THE MAINE CAMPUS Gridiron Greats

After each UMaine football game, The Maine Campus hands out its Saturday superlatives.

### Game Balls

**Offense:** Ron Whitcomb, who was near perfect at 17-of-20 for 281 yards and two TDs, tying UM's all-time record.

**Defense:** Matt King earns his second game ball of the year and A-10 Defensive Player of the Week honors for a 3.5 sack effort that included forcing a safety.

**It was over when:** Arel Gordon sped by everyone for a 73-yard touchdown catch, the 67th scoring strike of Whitcomb's career.

**Record breaker:** Whitcomb tied Mike Buck for first in TD passes with 67, and set a new record for career pass attempts.

**Going Streaking:** UM hasn't allowed a touchdown on defense in 10 straight quarters dating back to Oct. 28 against Hofstra.

### Scoring Summary

NU	3	0	0	0	3
UM	7	14	7	2	30

**First Quarter:** UM — Gordon 4 run (McNeil kick), 12:00. NU — FG Johnson 42, 7:29.

**Second Quarter:** UM — Gordon 30 pass from Whitcomb (McNeil kick), 8:20. UM — Gordon 73 pass from Whitcomb (McNeil kick), 6:34.

**Third Quarter:** UM — Allen 5 run (McNeil kick), 11:57.

**Fourth Quarter:** UM — King safety, 12:05.

## TERRIERS

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Black Bears had failed to generate a shot in the first half.

"We made some changes offensively at halftime and we had an attack going," Theborge said.

The Terriers All-Conference forward Sarah Shute beat UMaine goalie Rebecca Giroux

just three minutes later to notch the game winner. BU added insurance goals from Hadley Adams at 54:55 and Amy Seaman at 68:02.

The loss ends Theborge's first campaign as head coach at 8-11, including a 3-2 conference mark. UMaine lost seven straight games in the middle of the season, but pulled together to advance to the championship game for the fourth time in the last five seasons. A grueling

schedule included games against national powers Providence, Indiana, and No. 6 Boston College.

"We worked hard through a very tough stretch," Theborge said. "Those games prepared us for the end of the season and we came back and fought through it."

The Black Bears advanced to the title game with a 1-0 overtime win over regular season co-champion Albany on

Friday. All-conference midfielder Amy Zdrojesky won it for UMaine 9:05 into the extra session, while Giroux was outstanding between the posts making six saves.

The victory over the Great Danes avenged a 3-0 defeat at Albany's hands earlier in the season.

"Friday was a huge win for us," Theborge said. "We had a horrible game the first time, but we came out ready to play and

took their best players out of the game. That was the difference."

Giroux and Zdrojesky were named to the All-Tournament team for the efforts, as was UMaine's Katie Flaherty. BU's Pam Spuehler was named the tournament's most outstanding player.

The Terriers are now 14-6 on the year and earn America East's automatic trip to the NCAA tournament, which will have its field announced on Tuesday.



# Championship weekend: UM thwarted



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Women's soccer title hopes dashed by well-placed shot

Three late goals help Terriers close out UMaine for second straight year

By Matt Williams  
Sports Editor

Despite an all-around tenacious effort, the University of Maine field hockey team came up short in their bid to unseat host Boston University in the America East championship game. The Terriers found the back of the cage three times in the game's final 25 min-

utes to break a 1-1 tie and end the Black Bears season for the second straight year, 4-1.

"We had momentum for a short while, but BU scored a couple of minutes after our goal and then got a few more," said UMaine coach Andrea Theborge.

Joanna Fernandes knotted the game at 48:40 after the

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By Matthew Conyers  
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WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — With one perfectly placed shot, Meagan Riemer, the Most Outstanding Performer of the America East Women's Soccer Championship, denied the University of Maine women's soccer team their elusive America East Championship.

Saturday, the Black Bears, hoping to earn the program's first bid to the national tournament and snap three straight years of heartache, fell victim to Reimer and Hartford, los-

ing 1-0 in the Championship bout.

"This hurts," said junior defender Brittney Saisselin upon the completion of the title defeat. "We really wanted to do it for not only the school but for ourselves and the program."

Appearing in their fourth straight title game, UMaine managed to shutdown the Hawk's potent wing attack and limit star forward Reimer's space for much of the contest. In fact, the Black Bears did little to lose the decision. Despite only posting one shot for the entire game, UMaine remained locked with the No. 1 seeded Hawks in a classic

defensive duel throughout.

"We fought hard and did everything we could, but sometimes things just don't go your way," said netminder Jasmine Phillips, who garnered four saves on the day.

Led by the steadfast goaltending of Phillips and the disciplined defense of Saisselin, the Black Bears appeared to be headed toward their second straight shootout and more importantly a chance to break their run of ill fortune in the Championship game. That was before fate and Reimer decided to intersect.

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## Air force one: Black Bears unleash passing attack

Whitcomb tosses 67th TD, ties Buck's career record

By Matt Williams  
Sports Editor

ORONO — For eight games, Ron Whitcomb was a good soldier. On the verge of rewriting the University of Maine passing record books, the senior signal caller let his arm, and his stats, take a back seat as the speed-option running game came to the forefront.

Saturday, the No. 22 Black Bears unleashed their aerial attack and the captain responded with his finest day of the season to lead UMaine to a thorough 30-3 win over Northeastern on Morse Field at Alford Stadium.

"We've been working hard on our passing game all season," Whitcomb said. "With guys getting hurt and the weather, we haven't had a chance to explode. Days like today allow us to show what we can do."

Whitcomb's second-quarter touchdown passes to senior Arel Gordon were the 66th and 67th of his career — moving him into a tie with Mike Buck for first place all time at UMaine. The latter was a 73-yard bomb that saw Gordon simply outrun the coverage to give the Black Bears a commanding 21-3 lead.

The first, however, was perhaps Whitcomb's most impressive pass of the season — a perfectly timed, 30-yard precision strike that hit Gordon in stride just a step outside the end zone.

"He was actually covered by the linebacker, but the linebacker wasn't looking," Whitcomb explained. "We teach to just throw it at the linebacker's head so

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IT'S GOOD — Ron Whitcomb throws his arms up in celebration as Teron Allen (right) powers his way into the end zone for a Black Bear touchdown during Saturday's win over Northeastern.



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IN THE DOGHOUSE — Defenseman Matt Duffy slows down a BU offensive push during the rivals 2-2 stalemate.

## Off period leaves UMaine all tied up

By Matthew Conyers  
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BOSTON — Clock it. After seven games and 34 minutes of competition, the top-ranked University of Maine men's ice hockey team received its first wake-up call of the young season.

Only 20 minutes after they burst out of the gates at Agganis Arena for a 2-0 advantage, the Black Bears allowed a beaten

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Boston University squad to climb back into the foes' first Hockey East meeting of the year. For the Terriers, ranked seventh in the country, the second period rally was all they needed to derail the Black Bears' perfect record.

Saturday, using the two-goal second period as motivation, Boston University managed to deliver the Black Bears their first tie of the season with a 2-2 outcome. In the eyes of UMaine, the final tally on the scoreboard was an unsavory one.

"Maine doesn't accept ties or

losses," said sophomore netminder Ben Bishop after the contest.

Despite a rash of offensive chances late in the game and in the five minute overtime period, UMaine failed to break BU goalie John Curry for that elusive third goal.

"It's a definite wake-up call," junior Billy Ryan said. "Maine hockey usually doesn't accept ties and we know that, so we're pretty much taking this as a loss."

With just 11 seconds remain-

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