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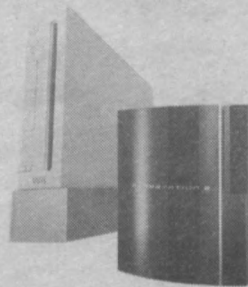


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Fallen alumnus honored

By Emily Southwick
Staff Reporter



Coutu

Veterans across Maine were honored last weekend, but one memorial service hit close to home. The ceremony was for 2004 University of Maine Army ROTC alumnus Matthew Coutu, 23, who was killed June 27, 2005 by an enemy sniper while serving in Iraq.

The service was a short, intimate gathering, including only his family and close friends, and was held in the Blue Star Room in Memorial Union at noon on Friday, Nov. 10. Coutu's father, Michael

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Dispute over SG election spurs senate controversy

Eryk Salvaggio
Copy Editor

Students interested in running for president or vice president of student government have an extra week to file their nomination papers thanks to an election-law snafu. During Tuesday's meeting, senators questioned the handling of the rectification process by senator William Pomerleau. The result moves the filing deadline to Tuesday, Nov. 21.



Pomerleau



Berube

It is required that the public be told of the nomination papers on both the week before and week of their availability. The week prior to elections, president Adam Kirkland took it upon himself to run an advertisement in The Maine Campus. For the week that

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Town pulls Ushuaia's liquor license

By Tony Reaves
News Editor

Flanked by about 10 of his employees, Ushuaia owner Alex Gray appealed to the Orono Town Council for a renewal of his nightclub's liquor license Monday. The council unanimously rejected the request, citing a Maine statutory provision that they said won't allow a new license to be issued for another six months.

After Nov. 17, Ushuaia will no longer be

allowed to sell liquor. It is unknown at this time whether Ushuaia will remain open after that date. Nov. 17 is the date that rapper Bubba Sparxxx is scheduled to perform at the club, and the electronic marquee on the Ushuaia sign calls that date the "last bar night."

Gray has not responded to phone calls since the council handed down their decision.

Ushuaia has been running under a provisional liquor license, issued by the town of Orono so the club could operate while Gray appealed the

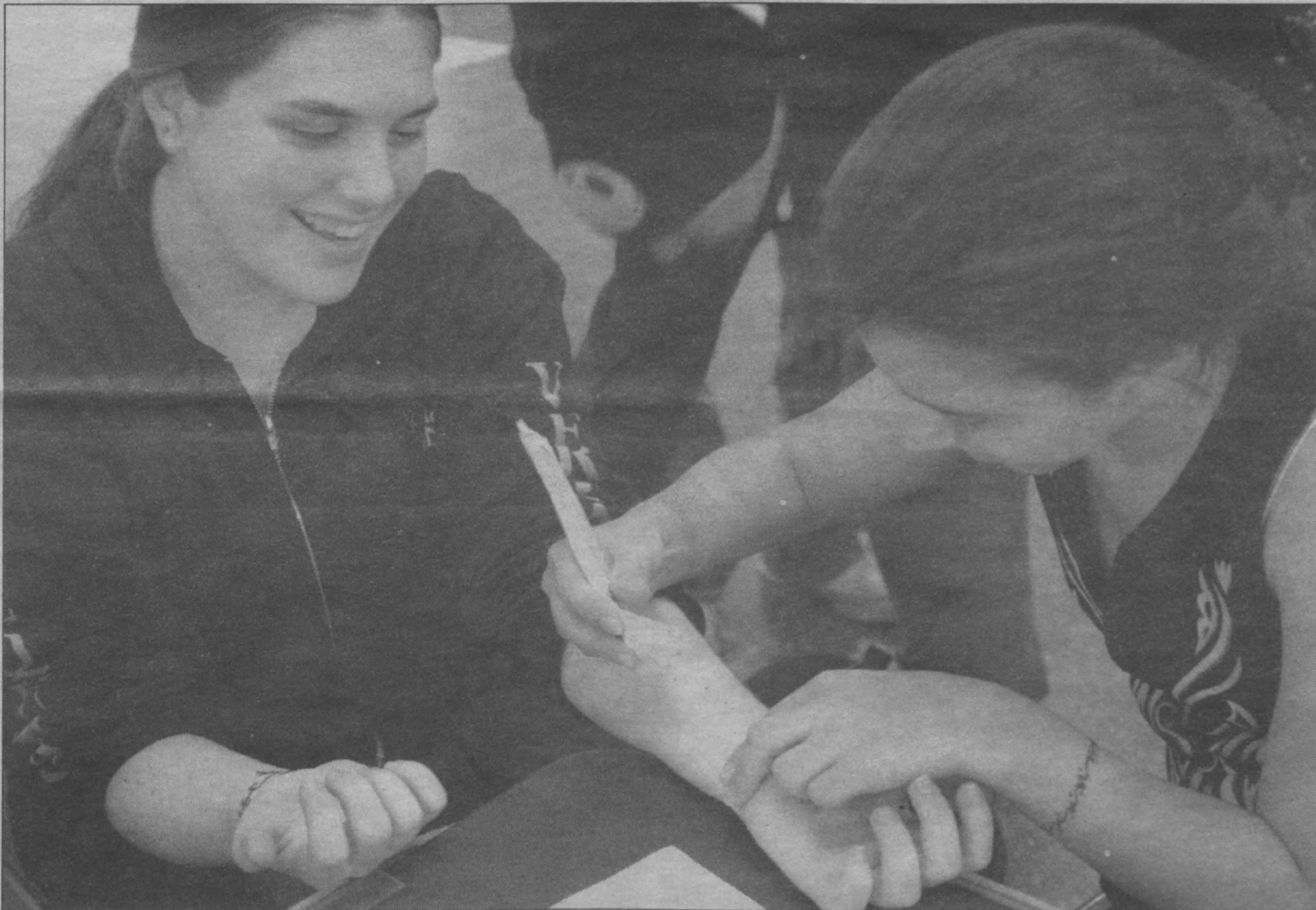
January 2006 denial of his license renewal.

On Oct. 31, Ushuaia's appeal to the District Court was denied. As stated in the conditions of the provisional license, the town council elected to withdraw the license. The State Liquor Licensing Commission had already upheld the town's denial before the District Court heard the case.

"We don't believe he can win it," said

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Skin Deep



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

DESIGNED IN INK — Lindsay Nadeau gets a henna tattoo from Weisan Mohammad at the Islamic Awareness Week table in the Union Wednesday.

Orono, Old Town consider Marsh Island deer hunting

By Meghan Willis
For The Maine Campus

Old Town and Orono are making plans to allow a limited deer bowhunt scheduled for next year. The hunt is to be carried out on private property owned by willing residents of Marsh Island. The hunt will not take place on University of Maine property, which has some officials concerned about the potential for increased deer problems on campus.

"The hunt will take a tightly regulated approach," said Mark Caron, a wildlife biologist with Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The

proposed plan calls for a two-week bowhunt with the consent of private landowners. Only a restricted number of hunters who have completed the Maine Bowhunters Association's Bowhunters-Landowners Information Program receive permits.

Caron will meet with representatives from Orono and Old Town again in 2007 to finalize plans for the hunt, which will be organized by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Representatives from the UMaine, Old Town, Orono and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife met

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Scholarship established in honor of Kay Hyatt

By Brian Sylvester
Assistant News Editor

In honor of Kay Hyatt, a University of Maine employee who passed away on Nov. 5, the Maine Press Association and the



Hyatt

University of Maine Foundation have established a scholarship fund. The principal gift, which will consist of donations from those who knew Hyatt and would like her to be remembered, will be

used to provide scholarship aid for deserving students attending the University of Maine who are majoring in journalism and who demonstrate financial need.

The office of Student Financial Aid and the Maine Press Association will decide who will receive the award.

"I think this is a wonderful tribute from the Maine Press Association to Kay," said Robert Cobb, dean of the College of Education and Human Development. Hyatt worked as the communications coordinator for the College of Education. She

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Maine attorney general to discuss hate crimes at NAACP meeting

By Brian Sylvester
Assistant News Editor

Earlier this week, James Varner, president emeritus of the Greater Bangor Area NAACP and adviser to the University of Maine Human Rights Student Coalition, met with Maine state Attorney General Steve Rowe, and confirmed that the attorney general will be speaking at the GBA NAACP's annual meeting on Sunday, Nov. 19.

Rowe will address the branch members of the NAACP specifically about hate crimes, how to report them, and more importantly

how to prevent them.

"The attorney general is going to define a hate crime," Varner said. "At the meeting we're going to talk about the mission of the attorney general."

Rowe will present his annual report, which he will begin by describing what qualifies as a hate crime. Traditionally, hate crimes include: aggravated assault, arson, burglary, criminal homicide, motor vehicle theft, robbery and sex offenses, in which the victim was intentionally selected because of their actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation,

ethnicity, or disability. Maine state law, in contrast, currently defines a hate crime as "criminal conduct motivated by bias."

The presentation comes in the aftermath of a much-publicized hate crime that occurred last September. A 21-year-old black woman, seven months pregnant, was kicked in the stomach by a 59-year-old white male while four other men watched.

The attack prompted an outcry from the community and the NAACP, leading to several shows of support for the victim of the attack. The alleged assailant turned

himself in several days after the attack, and was released on bail. The attorney general will give an update on that case during the meeting.

The Greater Bangor Area NAACP will elect new officers and discuss forming a civil rights team for Bangor High School. Civil rights teams are groups of interested students who band together to prevent discrimination on the basis of appearance, race, or gender. There are already civil rights teams in Old Town and Orono high schools.

The meeting will take place

Sunday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor, which is located behind City Hall at 120 Park Street. Varner encouraged members of UMaine's student body to attend the meeting and get involved with the NAACP.

The NAACP will also be making a formal announcement about this year's Kwanzaa celebration, which will be held on Dec. 17.

"We have the biggest Kwanzaa celebration in the state," Varner said. He invited students to attend the celebration, which will feature free food.

DEER

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two years ago to discuss how to thin the deer herd on Marsh Island. They came up with a proposal that would allow a two-week archery hunt, most likely taking place in December.

Marsh Island is a state-designated game management area that allows trapping. According to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the island's deer population is estimated at 30 per square mile north of Stillwater Avenue and 60 per square mile south of Stillwater Avenue. The optimum number of deer per square mile is considered to be 15.

For years, residents of Marsh Island have dealt with deer in their gardens and streets. The animals, although sometimes welcome, are more often considered a nuisance because of their overpopulation on the island. The deer cause a variety of problems, including crop damage and car accidents, and can be hosts to ticks that carry Lyme disease.

UMaine, owner of 25 percent of the land in Old Town, has decided

not to participate and will not allow hunting in the University Forest.

"There have only been two occasions in the past five years of deer crashing into academic buildings and only a few traffic accidents with no resulting injuries," UMaine Public Safety Chief Noel March said.

According to March, the safety concerns are simply too great for the university to authorize a hunt on its

The deer population south of Stillwater Avenue is estimated at 60 per square mile.

land. However, with hunting elsewhere on Marsh Island, there is the possibility that deer may seek refuge on university property, which may lead to an increase in problems including on-campus accidents or other nuisance complaints. March said that if such an event were to occur, university officials would need to rethink their position on allowing access to UMaine land for approved hunters.

University officials also fear that

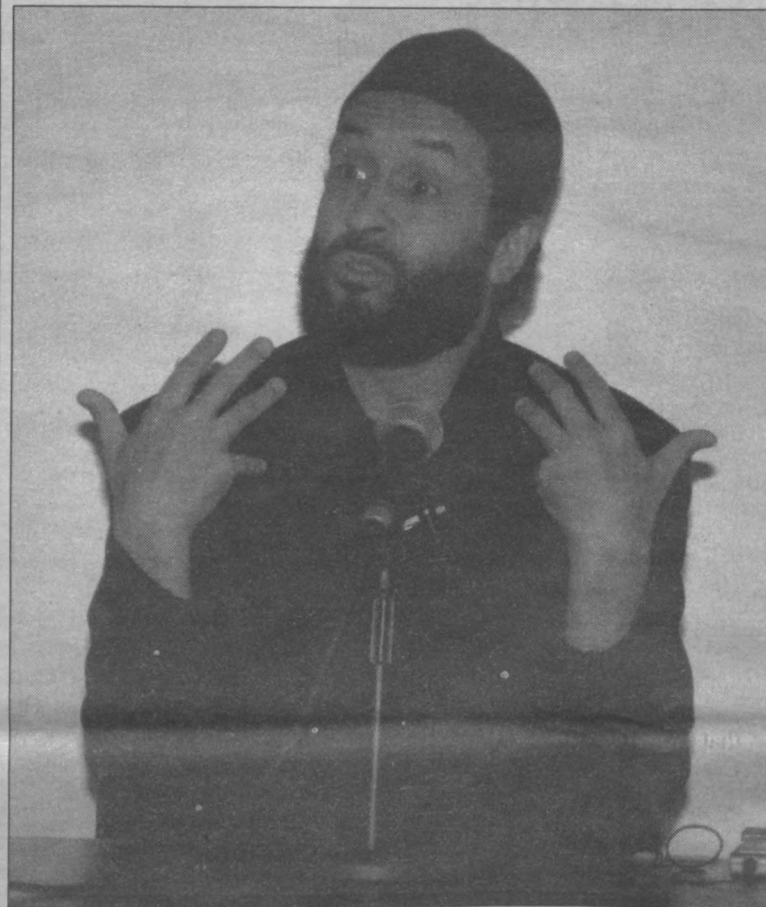
there might be a backlash of student and public opinion if they were to take part in the hunt. Such a hunt could increase the potential for injuries since the university woods are used for recreation by members of the UMaine community and the public.

Old Town and Orono may continue the hunt indefinitely, according to Old Town City Manager Peggy Daigle. "It took us a while to make the decision because there were a lot of political issues and safety concerns," she said.

According to the Maine Bowhunters Association, many Maine towns have taken similar steps to diminish their deer herds. Bucksport administered a similar hunt to reduce the numbers of deer and still have not reported any problems. After acquiring permits, the qualified bowhunters successfully diminished the deer population in Bucksport and continue to do so annually.

Other towns, such as Wells, allow the bowhunters to hunt deer for two weeks each December. The reduction shows signs of success, but is slow in producing results because of the large number of deer in the area.

Explaining Islam



CAMPUS PHOTO BY JOHN KASTELEIN

AWARENESS – Mukhtar Maghraoui lectures on how Muhammad's true messages relate to modern life.

THE MAINE CAMPUS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday

Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held on the first floor of Memorial Union from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Socialist and Marxist Lecture Series

The Socialist and Marxist Lecture Series will present UMaine philosophy professor Michael Howard, who will talk about "A NAFTA Dividend: Fair Trade, Immigration and Ending Poverty in North America." The talk will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge.

Environmental Solutions Seminar

David Cash, director of Air, Energy and Waste Policy in the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs will be presenting "At the Nexus: Environmental Policy, Science and Politics." The talk will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Smith Hall, Room 107.

Islam Lecture

Mutahir Subree will present "Islam: Does it Make Sense?" as

part of Islamic Awareness Week at 7:30 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge of Memorial Union.

Friday

Holiday Bazaar

A holiday craft fair will be held in Memorial Union from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Go Blue

Friday is Go Blue Friday – wear UMaine's colors and show your school spirit.

Saturday

Bookstore Sale

One day only – 25 percent off selected books. Purchase and donate any item for the Holiday Gift and Toy Drive to benefit children and youth in the greater Orono/Old Town area. The bookstore will be open from noon to 4 p.m.

Women's Studies Conference

The "Maine Women's Studies Conference: Globalization, Immigration and Borderlands" will begin at 8 a.m. in DPC 100.

Sunday

NAACP Annual Meeting

The Greater Bangor Area branch of the NAACP will hold its annual meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor, located behind City Hall at 120 Park St. It will begin at 7 p.m.

Monday

Diversity Dialogue

The next Diversity Dialogue will take place at 12:15 p.m. in the Coe Room, Memorial Union. R.J. Reid, a second-year graduate student will present a talk titled, "The role ethicality plays in the development of personality." All are welcome.

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.

HYATT

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continued working in that position until mid-June, when she had to leave because of a worsening medical condition.

"Writing stories about students was a passion of Kay's," said her longtime friend and co-worker Phyllis Thibodeau. "To help a student achieve their goal would be a significant priority for her."

Prior to working for UMaine, Hyatt was a journalist and editor, and worked for The Times Record, the Freeport Post, the Portland Press Herald and the Piscataquis Observer. Before her career in the newspaper business, she taught high school English in Missouri.

Dean Cobb spoke eloquently of Hyatt's achievements in life, both professionally and privately. "She was really revered," Cobb said. According to her wishes, there was no funeral, but a memorial service was held the Wednesday following her death.

"It was in a sense a celebration of her life," Cobb said of the event. He added, "It was just what she would have wanted it to be." There were no presentations or speeches at the service, only a chance for people who had

known Hyatt to meet and talk about her life. There was a "huge turnout of people from all segments of her personal and professional life," Cobb said.

Hyatt was fondly remembered by many people for her enthusiasm for her work and her genuine love of people. "For her, it was about being here and being with the people," Cobb said. He quoted an e-mail she had sent to him in June, about the time she had to stop working. "During our chat this morning," Hyatt wrote, "I failed to mention what is really important. That is the blessing of being able to come to work and see you and my colleagues each day... I am so lucky to have had this extra time. I hope that is what everyone remembers, and that each of you added brightness to my life."

The creation of the scholarship was initially announced in May of 2006. It was timed so that Hyatt would know about the plans for the scholarship and would be aware of the immense respect which the Maine Press Association, of which she had been a longtime member, held her in. People who wish to donate to the scholarship fund should contact the University of Maine Foundation at 581-5100, or visit their office on the second floor of Buchanan Alumni House.

HONORED

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Coutu, and Col. Kevin Harris, professor of military science at the University of Maine, spoke at the ceremony. A shadow box containing Coutu's uniform was unveiled during the service and, later that afternoon, was taken to the ROTC Hall in Memorial Gym, where it will be permanently displayed.

Coutu was born in Freehold, N.J., and later moved to Illinois, where he graduated from Lake Forest High School in 2000 as the captain of the football team. He then came to Maine to pursue a history degree here in Orono.

While at UMaine, Coutu maintained a 3.4 GPA and was one of the most active members in Army ROTC at the time. Major James Moreno, enrollment officer for ROTC, described Coutu as "a born leader [who] always strove for the best." His dedication to the Army was recognized when Coutu received the George C. Marshall Award — Army ROTC's highest award — as a senior, making him the number one cadet that year.

After graduation, Coutu was assigned to the 64th Military Police Company, 720th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas. He was later deployed to Baghdad.

Graduate student and Second Lieutenant Michael Keighley remembers Coutu as a fellow ROTC cadet when he was a first- and second-year and Coutu was an upperclassman.

"He was the most motivated guy that we had in the program. Everything he had to get done was

going to get done," Keighley said. "And when the work was done, he was the first guy to joke around. He was a good leader because he never acted like he was better than everybody, even though we all kind of knew he was. He was just a really great guy overall."

Keighley recalled the first field training exercise he participated in during his freshman year. He said it was unbearably cold, and it would have been completely miserable if it weren't for the fact that Coutu was the squad leader for that particular FTX.

"He took care of everyone and made sure everyone was okay," Keighley said. It was Coutu's leadership abilities and devotion to his fellow cadets that helped Keighley get through the exercise.

"Anyone that met [Coutu] in his life will remember him; he touched a lot of people," Moreno said. According to Moreno, Coutu recognized that the job of an Army officer wasn't a safe one, but pursued it anyway because it was a lifelong dream.

"I remember that he always wanted to go over and fight," said Keighley. "[He] always wanted to be an officer in the Army."

Also on Friday, Army ROTC held its annual Veteran's Vigil on the steps of Fogler Library. It was a collaborative effort between Army and Navy ROTCs in remembrance of not only Lt. Coutu, but also "to recognize [all] fallen service members who have died defending our country," Moreno said.

Coutu is survived by his father; mother Donna M. Coutu-Freeland; brother Derek Coutu; half brother Andrew Coutu; half sister Holly Coutu; and his grandmothers Alice Matarazzo and Gertrude Coutu.



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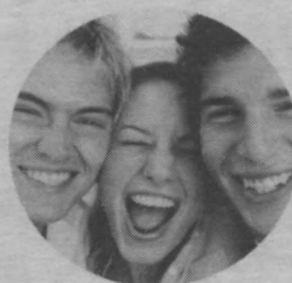
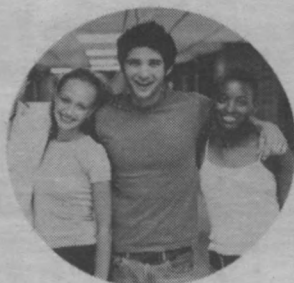
BDU — The uniform of Second Lieutenant Matthew Coutu hangs in the Alumni Room of the Black Bear Battalion ROTC. Coutu was killed in Iraq last year.

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POLICEBEAT

By Randy Perkins
For The Maine Campus



Minor caught intoxicated while on Adderall

On Nov. 9 at 10:19 p.m. an officer was called to the bike path due to a call-box activation. Upon arrival there was nobody there but the officer decided to continue driving down the path for further investigation. The officer then saw three individuals about 100 yards ahead of him. Upon seeing the headlights of the cruiser, two of the three individuals ran away. The remaining male was identified as Lucas Farrar, 18, of Keene, NH. The officer asked who the other two people were, but Farrar claimed he didn't know them. Farrar admitted that he was intoxicated as well as under the influence of a prescription drug for which he had no prescription. The officer observed a blue substance coming from Farrar's nose which Farrar said was Adderall. Farrar was issued a summons for possession of liquor by a minor.

Vomiting male receives ambulance, summons

On Nov. 10 at 11:12 p.m. an officer on patrol on the third floor of Androscoggin Hall observed that there was vomit on the wall and floor. He headed toward the stairwell where he could hear a male vomiting. The male individual was identified as Joseph Carroll, 18, of New

Gloucester. He was found lying on the floor, vomiting on himself. The officer dispatched an ambulance to assist Carroll. A friend who was with Carroll said that Carroll had been drinking heavily. Carroll was issued a summons for possession of liquor by a minor.

Summons for marijuana in Gannett

On Nov. 11 at 1:53 a.m. an officer on patrol on the second floor of Gannett Hall noticed the smell of marijuana emanating from a dorm room. The officer knocked on the door, which resident Derek Adams, 18, opened. As the door was opened, the officer could smell the strong odor of burnt marijuana and observed a fan blowing air from in the room to the outside. The officer asked Adams to turn over any marijuana that he had, to which he turned over a baggie and a glass pipe. Adams was issued a summons for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Alcohol smell tips off police

On Nov. 12 at 12:30 a.m. an officer on patrol in Kennebec Hall noticed the strong smell of alcohol from outside a room. The room was very loud and it was after quiet hours. As the officer approached the room, an individual exited the room. As

the door was opened, the officer observed many containers of alcohol inside the room. The resident was identified as Matthew Pepin, 20, and was asked if the five other people in the room were 21 years of age. When Pepin informed the officer that they were not of age, the officer confiscated 42 cans of beer and charged Pepin with possession of liquor by a minor.

Student leaves scene of parking lot collision

On Nov. 9 at 3:00 p.m. a report was issued from an employee at Stewart Commons. The employee had noticed a vehicle strike another vehicle. The female driver then got out of her vehicle, looked at the front bumper, wiped something off of it, and drove away. After investigation, it was observed that damage had been done to the vehicle that was struck. Officers later located the vehicle in violation in the Jenness parking lot. According to her parking permit, the owner of the vehicle was identified as Courtney Hersey, 18, of Kenduskeag. The next day she was called in for an interview with Public Safety. Hersey admitted that she did not report the accident and that she had seen the damage on the other vehicle. She was issued a summons for leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

ROC updates bylaws, calls for better lighting

By Jesse Davis
Copy Editor

Residents on Campus unanimously approved several minor changes to their bylaws at their meeting Monday night. The changes were first brought to the representatives at last week's meeting and made five clarifications regarding rights of ex-officio members, voting on both resolutions and requests for funding, presidential duties and the temporary dismissal of attendees during discussion and debate on requests for funding. An updated version of ROC's bylaws as well as their constitution can be found on their FirstClass folder.

Lighting on campus has surfaced once again, but this time, in the form of a resolution requesting sponsorship of a separate resolution through the General Student Senate. If approved next week, ROC will submit the second resolution to GSS in hopes that the combined weight of the two organizations will spur quick action from the university.

"By putting a resolution through the senate, it will have more weight," vice president Justin Labonte said. "When administrators see 'sponsored by ROC and GSS' at the bottom, they will be more likely to take it seriously."

The resolution encourages Student Auxiliary Services to

"enhance and add lighting on campus walkways and paths that reflect more off the ground rather than upwards, as the current lampposts do."

According to ROC adviser and Assistant Director for Residence Life and Programs AnneMarie Reed, the area by the MaineBound building behind Memorial Union is "so dark and dismal. It's really frightening."

Several representatives voiced concerns in regard to the recently attempted attack on a female student as reason enough to support the measure.

Responding to a question as to what individuals could do to aid the effort if it is approved by GSS, Reed said, "Keep asking administrators about it and push for change."

During executive reports, Reed updated representatives regarding the recent FirstClass dilemma. According to Labonte, the only people who will be allowed to post in hall folders are residents of that hall and members of Residence Life and Programs. All of the campus and event announcements that previously filled these folders will be relegated to a 'campus announcements and activities' folder within each hall folder. She could give no estimate as to when the updates will be completed, but offered to report on their progress weekly.

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Wells construction to yield modern facility

Remodeled commons will include pizza bar, conference center and marketplace

By Luke deNatale
For The Maine Campus

The Wells Conference Center is under construction. The interior is being gutted for remodeling, according to project managers.

The center was built in 1957 and was used as a commons until recently.

"It was reverted to a banquet and conference center up until last November," project manager for Facilities Management Carolyn McDonough said.

The original goal of the construction was to modernize the facility while maintaining some of its previous functions.

"The upstairs will still remain a conference center, but the downstairs will not be your average commons," McDonough said.

Among planned changes are a pizza bar and a marketplace.

Wells closed in November of last year in preparation for con-

struction. Students will have to wait two years until Wells Commons reopens.

According to McDonough, the project is estimated to cost \$12.5 million, with construction costing around \$8.3 million.

Student Auxiliary Services is funding the project and sees these changes as vital to update food services on campus.

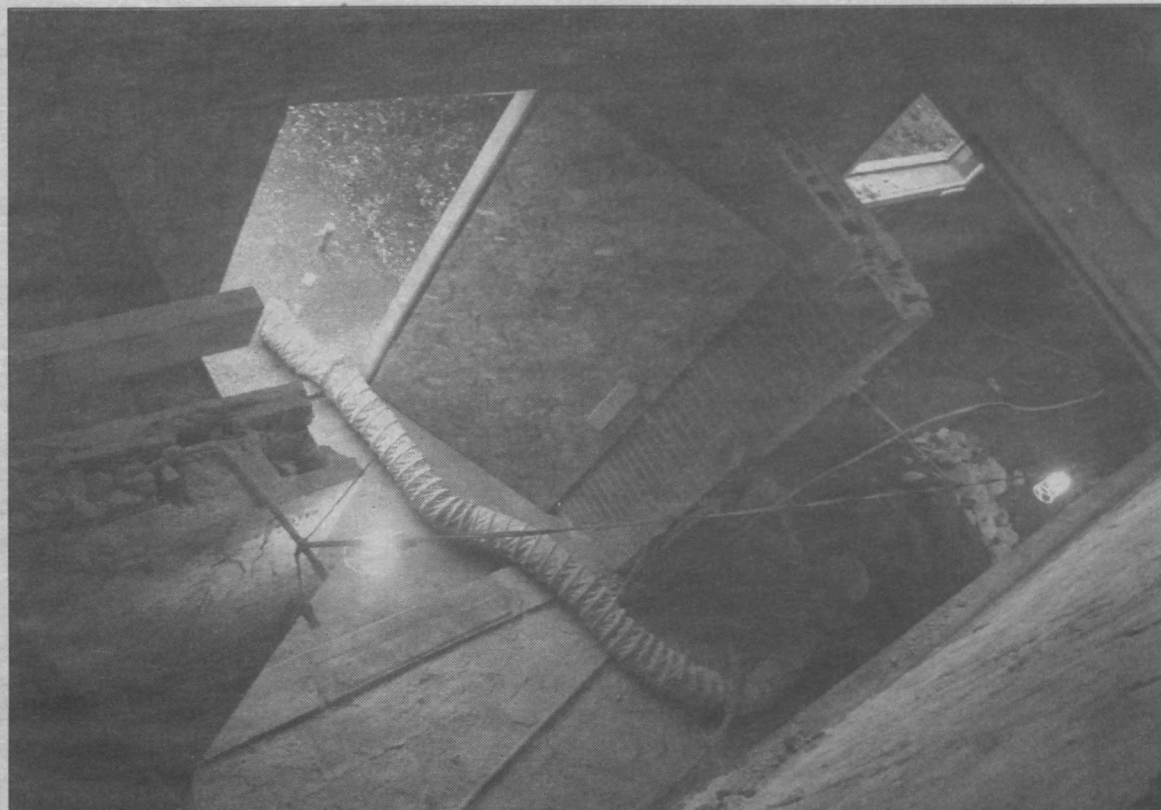
"The facility was outdated in regard to equipment, type of services provided, and not being able to provide some of the food offerings expected today because of outdated equipment and outdated facility layout," said Robin Toderian, assistant vice president of auxiliary services.

Along with facilities updates, there are additional plans to close the John E. Stewart Commons, according to Gordon Nelson, director of property management.

"York Commons will remain open; Stewart Commons will be closed. The three commons that will be running will be York,

"We are trying to reuse and recycle most of the debris we are taking out of Wells."

Gordon Nelson
Director of Property
Management
University of Maine



CAMPUS PHOTO BY HUSSAIN ALSAIHATI

NEW DIGS — Construction continues on Wells Commons, one of the first buildings to be renovated by Dining Services.

Wells and Hilltop," Gordon said.

"Wells is what they call a LEED project, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. This means they are trying to make Wells environmentally friendly. We are trying to reuse and recycle most of the debris we are taking out of Wells," Nelson said.

Among materials recycled are the plaster that is being removed from the building as well as dry-wall and several other types of construction debris.

A firm out of Brewer is in charge of current construction.

"The general contractors are Nickerson and O'Dea; they are the construction manager-at-risk," McDonough said.

After the construction phase, architects and other building specialists will be brought in to finish the project, according to McDonough.

Nelson and others maintain that they are trying to inform the community of the changes occurring on campus.

"We have easels with the designs at the Maine

Marketplace, Stewart and York Commons. We're just trying to let the students know what's going on," Nelson said.

Along with updating the facilities, Nelson said it is important to make life on campus the best experience it can be, which is one of the reasons behind the construction.

"This is being done to modernize our facilities, to 'get them up with the times.' One of my department's goals is to make living on campus the lifestyle of choice," Nelson said.

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ELECTION

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the papers were available, no ads ran. Senator Gabrielle Berube, acting as head of the Fair Elections Practices Committee, noted the rule had been inadvertently violated in the transition of power. The former chair, Kelly Pelletier, stepped down for personal reasons.

"This makes it an insular election," Berube said. "Student government elections should not be open only to members of the student senate."

Berube asked the senate to extend the filing period by a week, in order to run an ad and correct the oversight. However, complications arose when senator William Pomerleau, acting president pro-tempore because of vice president Aaron Sterling's absence, declared that it was out of order. GSS does not have the authority to change FEPC guidelines through a resolution.

This drew vocal opposition from president Kirkland and vice president of student organizations, Teagan Thibodeau. Thibodeau said that as a nominee for vice president, Pomerleau should step down from the pro-tempore position. Pomerleau disputed that it was a conflict of interest. Kirkland said that Pomerleau's ruling was a personal interpretation, and that senate business could theoretically proceed had Pomerleau interpreted it differently.

This led at least five senators to motion for Pomerleau to step down from the chair, which Pomerleau also declared out of order. Pomerleau argued that his call was not interpretive but rooted in the standing rules, and that if anyone had allowed the resolution to pass, vice president Aaron Sterling would be obligated to overturn it later.

The senate went into recess. Called back to order, presidential nominee and current vice president of student entertainment Derek Mitchell filed a complaint against the FEPC as a technicality to allow GSS to serve in an oversight capacity to the FEPC. This gives GSS the authority to rule as a judicial body on the merits of the complaint and to determine how to correct it.

Those who were not members of the senate were asked to leave the

room, which was a point of personal privilege requested by senator Matt Cox. This appears to be a violation of its standing rules. FEPC guidelines state that if GSS serves as the judicial body for a complaint against the FEPC, then it must do so "under the same procedures" as required by the FEPC. In removing all non-senate members from the hearing, GSS violated the standing rule of the FEPC that "voting on complaints of alleged rules violation will be done by a roll call vote at an open meeting." Instead, it was held in a closed session, which is reserved for deliberations on the verdict, not the hearing of the complaint. Had the senate operated under its own rules, under Rule 10, Section Five, the judicial hearings would have had to take place one week after the trial resolution was passed.

"The trial should have been held in a separate meeting, and [senator] Pomerleau, as a candidate in this election, should have yielded the chair," president Kirkland said. "The refusal to recuse himself was inappropriate." Kirkland said he believed an open meeting would ensure the fairness of the election procedure.

Mitchell believed Pomerleau was acting under Parliamentary guidelines with the intent of maintaining the operations of the senate.

Proceedings took roughly 15 to 20 minutes. The final decision was that the FEPC was guilty of violating its own resolutions, and that the nomination papers would be extended until Tuesday, Nov. 24 at noon.

"Based on the discontent of the senate, I would have spent less time saying how we couldn't do it and more time saying how we could," senator Sean Rankin said of Pomerleau, whom he is running against for vice president. Rankin added that he was happy with the decision to extend the filing deadline and allow more nominees to join the process. "Competition brings the best out of all candidates," he said.

"I put my full weight behind everything I did tonight," Pomerleau said. "I would have ruled the same way if I wasn't a candidate." He added that the process allowed the senate to get what it wanted, "and in my eyes it got it legitimately."

"It's only fair to run the ads," Mitchell said, adding, "I think the candidates who will declare have done so already."

Lecture discusses women in Islam

Guest speakers distinguish religious Muslims from political stereotypes

By Eryk Salvaggio
Copy Editor

Eaman Attia and Hind Derar are both women who follow the Islamic faith. They spoke as part of Islamic awareness week to an audience gathered on Monday in DPC 100 to discuss their perspectives on how their faith and femininity interact.

Politics has disfigured the perspective of the Islamic faith, both the politics of the totalitarian regimes — which have mixed Islam with traditional cultures — as well as the politics of the American media, which paints the abuses of these regimes as inherent to Islam. Misconceptions abound in the West, explained Attia, who recently moved to Bangor from Toronto. She attempted to explain some of the more controversial aspects of Islam, from the rights of men to the use of the hijab, a headscarf worn by Muslim women.

"The soul of a man and a woman is the same in front of God," Attia explained. Women can own property, must give their consent for marriage, can divorce, and have not only the option but the duty to educate themselves under Islam, she said. Men and women serve complementary but equally important purposes.

"Allah created women with a special kindness and patience that is central to being a mother," Attia explained. This honor of the mother in her faith is the root of much of the traditions that non-Muslims find confusing.

For example, the Islamic rule that women receive half as much of an inheritance as a man. According to Attia, this is because men have an obligation to care for women of the family, who in turn are expected to care for the children. The

inheritance a woman receives may be less than a man's, but it also comes with no strings — a woman can spend it in any way she likes. The inheritance may be greater for men, but so is the burden. This also applies to the leadership, or headship, role of the male relative.

"Headship does not mean that you become a dictator," Attia said, explaining that Allah appraises men's treatment of their wives upon their death, and that men are expected to consult with their wives as mutual partners.

"The soul of a man and a woman is the same in front of God."

Eaman Attia
Guest Lecturer

One element of Islam which has become synonymous with the oppression of women is the hijab. The hijab is a simple head scarf and is not to be confused with the birkha, the full body dress. Attia said she wears the veil with pleasure.

"We cover everything that makes us beautiful," Attia explained and said that it preserves her dignity. "We are women because of who we are and what we think, not because of what we look like." She went on to compare women to "a precious jewel. Would you show it to everyone all the time in the streets of New York? Or would you save it to show it only to the one you love?"

Men, she added, have similar requirements for dress, which she explained as an obligation for modesty and decency. Men must be

covered from the navel to the knee and are not supposed to show their belly buttons. Tight pants are also forbidden.

Hind Derar, a University of Maine graduate student, spoke on the history of the Islamic faith. She explained that the Quran is expected to remain in its native Arabic. "Translations are considered explanations," she said, but are not considered the actual word of the Prophet Muhammad. Muhammad is considered the last in a line of prophets including Moses and Jesus which began with Adam, known to Christians from the Book of Genesis.

Islam originated in what is now Saudi Arabia, and spread to other parts of the world, including parts of Europe. Attia explained that as Islam spread, elements of native cultures have come into play, changing interpretations and making way for abuse at the hands of regimes where oppression is already a part of society.

"If people would go and read their Qurans ... and practiced Islam as it was meant to be practiced, there would be great prosperity," Attia said.

For now, the religion is used for political ends that are independent of the religion, whose name comes from the word for peace, as well as submission and obedience to Allah.

The evening focused on the religion of Islam, leaving the political manipulation of the religion out of the conversation until the question and answer period. For the audience, familiar with Islam from its portrayal in the American media, the distinction between the faith and the political abuse of Islam needed clarification. For these women, it is likely their faith is so close to them that they did not see the need to explain the difference.

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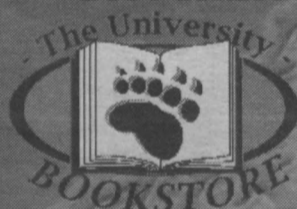
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USHUAIA

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Catherine Conlow, Orono Town Manager, of Gray's appeal. She said the liquor license denial "has been upheld by the state police. It's been upheld by the court."

In denying the permit, the Orono Town Council was following a recommendation from Thomas Russell, the town's lawyer. Russell cited a provision in the statute that lays out eligibility requirements for liquor license applications, which reads that a liquor license can't be issued if "the applicant was denied a license within the six months before the application was filed."

In his letter to the council, Russell said the provision is understood to mean that the applicant must wait for six months after the denial is finalized, although he admitted the wording "is somewhat ambiguous."

Gray and his attorney have contended that the wording allows Gray to reapply six months after the initial denial before the appeals process began.

Conlow said Gray expected the denial. "This gives him the opportunity to say, 'OK, I have a rejection here. Now I can take it and appeal it.'" Gray can still appeal his case to the Maine Superior Court.

The most controversial part of



LAST STAND – A bouncer (right), illuminated by the spotlights, monitors the crowd at Ushuaia during the Dropkick Murphys concert in September.

Monday night came when the town councilors each stated their personal reasons, aside from the legal ones spelled out by the town's attorney, that they were denying the permit.

The council members mostly cited recent incidents of violence. According to records produced by Orono Police Chief Gary Duquette, there have been five violent incidents since the beginning of the fall semester. Two led to charges.

Duquette's report noted 46 inci-

dents at Ushuaia in 2006 up to Nov. 4. Of those, 19, or 41 percent, involved false IDs identified by Ushuaia staff.

Ushuaia "needs to improve its safety record," said council member M. Terri Hutchinson. "That's my personal opinion."

Mark Haggerty, a member of the council and a professor of economics at UMaine, said Russell's recommendation was the only reason he voted against

renewing the liquor license.

Once the council members finished voicing their reasons for the denial, Gray and his employees left the Council Chamber without comment.

Near the end of the meeting, Bill Pomerleau, a UMaine student senator, raised objections to "the way certain members of [the Orono Town Council] directly attacked Mr. Gray." He told the council he was "disappointed" in the decision

and defended the steps Gray had taken to promote safety in the nightclub.

On Tuesday night, Pomerleau presented a Student Senate resolution titled, "An act to support the Ushuaia dance club's existence in Orono, ME." The resolution called for the reinstatement of Ushuaia's liquor license and contained language "to vehemently condemn the Orono Town Council for their demeanor and actions."

The resolution passed after a short discussion.

According to Pomerleau, Ushuaia's close proximity to the university and Orchard Trails means that students who have traditionally walked may now drive to far-off bars. He speculated that an end to alcohol sales at Ushuaia could lead to an increase in drunk driving and noisy house parties.

According to Conlow, however, most assaults at the club were perpetrated not by students but by visitors from as far away as New York and Massachusetts. Conlow said, "I don't even know why they're coming from so far away."

Pomerleau said that heavy drinking, not the club, was responsible for the violence, and that drinking would continue whether or not it happened at the nightclub.

"College students want to drink," Pomerleau said. "That's the way it was in 1950; that's the way it is today."

Correction

In the Nov. 13 issue of The Maine Campus, there was an error in the article titled "Proposed ordinance to target

Orono's off-campus students." The story described last Thursday's town meeting as a discussion about a proposed occupancy limit. While such a limit is under consideration, the Orono town council is also con-

sidering a number of alternatives.

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Editorial

Ushuaia: Not as dangerous as some think

After the March elections, Orono Town Council members said that they would try harder to work with students — a promise that they seem to have forgotten.

The character of this town is defined by UMaine and its 11,500 students. Places like Ushuaia offer them a place to go out and relieve the tension of a busy week of classes. It's unreasonable to expect that clubs where drinking goes on will never have incidents, and it's unreasonable to expect that students will stop drinking when the clubs go away. On Friday, drinking will be pushed out of Ushuaia and into the dormitories, fraternities and apartments where it will be more difficult for public safety officers to monitor.

Council members claim that Ushuaia is a dangerous place and that owner Alex Gray hasn't done enough to curb incidents. Apparently 32 security cameras and trained bouncers aren't enough. Almost 40 percent of the incidents that occur at Ushuaia are employees reporting and turning in fake identifications.

Couple that with the proposed ordinance to limit nonrelatives in a rental unit and Orono is looking more and more unfriendly to students every day.

Wells facelift will be beneficial

While the reconstruction of Wells Commons may currently seem disruptive for students, the rewards will be well worth the months of noise and commotion.

The reconstruction is meant to modernize UMaine's eating facilities and keep them on par with other universities. The goal is to make the commons environmentally friendly, which as we know from Green Campus Initiative pamphlets, is the way the world is going.

The recycling program will help the environment while making the university, once again, look like the frontrunner in helping the environment.

It is good to see that Student Auxiliary Services wants to keep on-campus living as enjoyable as possible, and should be thanked for their help in keeping the campus up-to-date.

Even though the construction may seem to be an unnecessary annoyance right now, the future looks good for Wells Commons.

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Morgan Spurlock takes his Show "30 Days" a bit too far.

Lack of news is disturbing UMaine seems relatively inactive for college campus

Today, absolutely nothing happened. Well, I say that, but it's not true. Things happened. But nothing interesting happened. Not that I heard about, anyway. And seeing how I'm the assistant news editor of the campus newspaper, that makes it rather likely that nothing of interest happened.

Or did it?

You'd think, being a reporter and editor and such, that I would be in the know about what's going on. You might think to yourself, "Now that Brian Sylvester guy, I bet he knows what's what. Got his finger on the pulse of the community, he's always right there when things happen. He probably knows about everything before it even happens." Then you might go on to ponder less interesting things, like cars, classes, girls, boys or dinosaurs.

The truth is, I only know about things when people tell me about them. And there have been a whole lot of people not bothering to tell me anything. I didn't even know Britney Spears was married until I saw her pictures plastered over the front page announcing her divorce.

We get our fair share of stories.

BRIAN
SYLVESTER



ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

But they're so bleeding dull. We're a local newspaper, so we try to cover things that go on in the Orono-Old Town area and the campus. We can cover Orono Town Council meetings as well as General Student Senate. It's so dreadfully depressing, dear reader, to come into work and read another pile of no-news. Drama at the town council meeting — same as last year. GSS apparently violated its own standing rules — no surprise there, they did that last year too. Let's not forget the awe-inspiring interest generated from UMS board of trustees budget cuts that don't affect the student body.

Each day, we editors sit at our desks with our heads down, impatiently waiting for something really big to happen. I long for a triple homicide or a daring crime spree.

Mutants discovered in the woods, UFO sightings, scandal in the administration — something. What do I get? Ushuaia might lose their liquor license.

Oh, my cup runneth over.

Like all members of the Orono community, I blame the students. In all seriousness, the students have unlimited opportunities on this campus to go out and do things. This opportunity to make changes in the community will never be repeated in our lives. Want to start a club? Go for it. Hundreds of students are wading through that lake in the mall that shows up whenever it rains. Start a wading club. Don't like something about campus? Write to the administration, go to the senate meetings, be proactive, and nine times out of 10 you can get the changes you're after. If you want to write a play, learn to paint, build a house, heck, even if your life's goal is to go cow tipping, University of Maine has it all.

You guys could be out there every day making headlines. I'm not saying you should trash the

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Taste of Treason

Merchants Peddle Sweetened Ambrosia of Death

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COPY EDITOR

Maybe I'm crazy, but I'm pretty sure high fructose corn syrup is part of an elaborate conspiracy to kill college students.

High fructose corn syrup is an alternative to sugar used in almost everything Americans drink that isn't some Gucci organic juice. It's an additive to every soft drink in the United States, as well as ketchup, fruit juices, flavored water and that health food staple, yogurt. That's the short list. Start looking for it on ingredient labels; you'll go crazy, because it's everywhere.

The word "fructose" may sound benign. It has a nice, fruity sound to it. But when isolated and given to lab rats, the rats didn't just get sick. They died. They died of heart disease, high cholesterol and hypertrophy, a pleasant disease where your heart enlarges until it literally explodes in your chest. Not so fruity. Granted, these rats are small and the fructose doses were large, but the average American consumes 63 pounds of it a year, according to the USDA. A recent study of 50,000 American nurses found that those who consumed just one can of soda a day for a year gained 15 pounds and had an 80 percent greater chance of developing Type II diabetes.

Glucose, the natural cane sugar that humans used for millions of years prior to the 1970s, can be processed by pretty much any cell in the body. But fructose goes through the liver exclusively, making it work overtime. A Louisiana State University study from 2003 suggests that the liver spits out the difference as fat, which is something normal sugar doesn't do. It also can affect our metabolism, making us hungrier just as we're packing on fat more aggressively.

The process for making high fructose corn syrup involves about 16 factories in the heart of

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NEWS

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campus or commit multiple homicides. You can get in the news for doing something good. Look at those who made the solar car, the students who win national competitions, the people who form new clubs and do projects to help out the school and the community. This is the kind of news we want. It's a lot easier to get on the front page than to get into police beat, and you get made fun of less to boot.

Many will argue that things are happening, and I just don't know about them. Well, here's a thought: Call me up and tell me about it.

The Maine Campus office is in the basement of Memorial Union, and the phone at the news desk is 581-1270. We can't write about it if you don't tell us it's happening.

The University of Maine has somewhere in the neighborhood of 11,000 students. It's one of the most densely populated areas in northern Maine. As the adults keep reminding us, we will be running this state and country in 10 or 20 years. So let's show them what we're made of. Somebody go do something spectacular, I'll cover it on the front page, and we'll both get famous.

That's win-win, people.

Brian Sylvester is sick of being the only proactive member of the community.

TASTE

From Page 8

Cornland, USA: Iowa, where corn is advocated as a solution for everything from gas shortages to world hunger. Why? Because Iowa has so much damned corn. And people listen, because Iowa is the first state to hold caucuses for the presidential primaries. You may remember that the end of Howard Dean's career came from a scream let off after his defeat in Iowa. Iowa loves its corn, and politicians love Iowa. And there you have a symbiotic relationship that has caused countless numbers of subsidies and tax breaks for corn farmers, all from politicians of both parties eager to suck up to the corn farmers, producers, and high fructose corn syrup pimps of the heartland in exchange for a shot at the White House.

Corn syrup slowly phased out cane sugar because America has more corn than it can ever pop or run tractors with. Food manufacturers love it because it's sweeter than sugar, so less needs to be used. This has saved the soft drink industry billions of dollars.

Why do I think it's designed to kill college students? The answer all depends on whether or not the meal plans we buy are intended to be nutritionally comprehensive. If they are, then people who use the meal plan strictly face a dire lack of cold beverage choices that do not contain this miracle ingredient.

In the commons, you have three non-dairy choices: apple juice, orange juice or cranberry drink. In the Maine Marketplace, your meal

exchange prospects are slimmer. If you don't want a hot beverage, you get to wash down your meal with water. Just water. Rumor has it you can use the meal exchange to drink milk. Just stay away from the strawberry — while it doesn't have delicious corn syrup, it's sweetened by cellulose, a non-digestible product used to make paper, gunpowder and rayon. Yum!

If you want to spend additional money in lieu of a beverage — effectively charging yourself an extra \$1.50 — you can purchase a drink from the wall of plastic containers in the marketplace. There, your options expand to include V8, which I think is sort of like having your options expand to include a drink made of blood, ink and salt. Or you can pay \$3.29, plus the \$1.50 for the drink your meal plan covers that you aren't getting, and pay nearly \$5 for an Odwalla Juice.

To be fair, Dining Services isn't responsible for putting high fructose corn syrup into the drinks, yogurt, ketchup and likely any other food with a hint of sweetness. They even bent over backwards to provide sugar-free desserts, which are actually kind of tasty, and don't sell very well.

I'm not calling for an all-out ban, either. As adults, people can make the choice to drink, eat or smoke anything they want, as far as I am concerned. But expanding meal exchanges to include fruit juices, or reducing the price of juice for a meal exchange, would go a long way to reducing the corn syrup dependency that the meal plan enforces.

Eryk Salvaggio increases your chance of Type II diabetes by 80 percent.

Students get little from evaluations

Bubble sheets could serve campus if data was released

Ever wonder what those little bubble sheets you fill out at the end of every semester actually do?

They aid in administrative decisions concerning tenure and faculty development. Essentially, they help to determine which professors are offered 'tenure' — the right not to be fired without proper cause. These evaluations play a role in a process that may result in a professor staying with the University of Maine for many, many years.

However, they offer little resources to students.

Tuition is on the rise — consecutive 8 percent tuition hikes for the last two years. Students are paying hundreds of dollars more than they once did, for no marked improvement in the quality of their education.

What's more, without access to professor evaluation data, students are being forced to invest blindly in their education.

It makes no sense to invest thousands of dollars into stock for a company that you have never heard of and cannot investigate. Why doesn't that same concept apply to a college education?

Without access to overview data of university instructors, how are students expected to make educated and informed decisions when it comes time to register for classes?

It would be ridiculous to ask that every evaluation be released and bound into a book. However, it seems reasonable to seek online access to the overview data — graphs of student responses to a professor's teaching style; the per-

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sonality of a given professor; the textbook in use; the clarity of assignments and tests.

Some teachers fear that their evaluation has more to do with 'popularity' and less to do with their teaching abilities. Do you think RateMyProfessor.com is any better? Much like a telephone survey, it collects data only from students who choose to participate — and likely either loved, or hated the course. In-class evaluations offer teachers an opportunity to survey the entire class, to gauge the opinions of their students.

As a student, I'd prefer to know what most students think about a professor, not the thoughts of one or two students who had a bad experience.

A quick scan of RateMyProfessor.com generated the following data:

One particular professor, simply, "is the man."

Another instructor, "ladies drool over."

And another, "Horrible. That's all I have to say."

Admittedly, some of the professors had profiles that did give a solid representation of their teaching abilities and overall interactions with stu-

dents. Many, though, were left with short personal attacks without explanation. Why were they horrible? Why shouldn't you take the class? Why did you change your major after having this professor? Students need answers — whether an instructor is attractive or not is beside the point.

The evaluations can do more than just help faculty build job security. They can help the students — the very reason for the university's existence. Evaluations could celebrate the excellence of our academic faculty, and provoke improvement in those educators who do not perform to UMaine's level of achievement. Evaluation data could prevent students from enrolling in a course only to find that the instructor rewrites the textbook on the chalkboard, or administers examinations and assignments that are vague or unclear. The opposite is also true — a course in which a student was nervous about enrolling could find that the professor is helpful and understanding of challenges, and that the textbook is a fantastic resource to supplement in-class discussions.

With the cost of education rising each year, it is critical that we have the data we need to make informed decisions. Students deserve to know more than whether or not the professor is 'hot' on RateMyProfessor.com. Just this year, Ohio State University released professor evaluation data for the first time in the institution's history. It's time for the University of Maine to do the same.

Derek Mitchell is a candidate for president of Student Government.

Action figures straight out of 1987

How today's children missed out on the best playtime

Action figures were a big part of my childhood. And when I say big part, I really mean it. I first remember idolizing the masculine forms of Peter, Ray, Winston and Egon with their proton packs on their backs. I remember first learning about the birds and the bees through He-Man and She-Ra having action-figure intercourse. I also remember the fun times Casey Jones used to have 'chillin' with the Ninja Turtles, just having some pizza that, for some reason, would be shot like a missile out of a pizza box. But there was one thing that these action figures had in common: they were not at all realistic.

These days, I pity the poor children who have to deal with realistic-looking action figures that cannot move. The figures these days are stiff, and while they may look realistic, they are not fun to play with. This could be because the audience who once loved action figures has grown up and still loves them, but would rather just stare at them than play with them. While this is true and understandable, what fun are kids going to have with these chunks of plastic that may look like Johnny Depp, but don't play like Johnny Depp?

And if the action figures don't look realistic, then they look like anime characters. Really, would a child want an Obi-Wan Kenobi action figure that looks like he just walked out of the latest episode of "Avatar?" Bear in mind, I have never seen "Avatar,"

ANTHONY CRABTREE



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but I am aware of its existence.

What should be available on the market these days are those cheap hunks of plastic that moved their arms, legs and torso, and looked vaguely like the character they were modeled after. These things may not have looked like actual characters, but they were fun to play with.

As an adult, I have to admit that I do appreciate the work — the leaps and bounds if you will — that Todd McFarlane and other action figure designers have done to create such realistic pieces. It actually raises them to a level that could be considered an art form. However, they are depriving the children of tomorrow the same enjoyment that we had as kids, throwing the flimsy Wolverine figure around and beating the hell out of Warpath. I mean, who really liked Warpath anyway? What did Warpath even do?

The action figures that McFarlane makes, while beauties to look at, could not withstand entering a wrestling ring to duke it out with another favorite figure. They would break. They would chip. They would crack. They would be pinned

and defeated; useless to children. With that said, where are the action figures that children can actually play with? I just picked up a "Pirates of the Caribbean" action figure because I just could not help myself. My Jack Sparrow, looking not-so-much like Johnny Depp, is certainly ready to enter the squared circle with any other action figure. Not like my other Johnny Depp, created by McFarlane, that is a flimsy Icabod Crane who can barely move his arms.

Usually, they also make the comic-book action figures pretty sturdy too. Try to put Christian Bale as Batman up against Christian Bale as Patrick Bateman — and yes, I know you've seen it too — any day of the week. The Batman figure will obviously come out on top. Always.

Action figures were a big part of many children's lives, and while that generation still loves He-Man, do they really want to buy new "more buff" versions instead of just purchasing the originals? No, and wisely the originals were re-released so that children of tomorrow can have grand He-Man vs. Skeletor battles just like we did. I mean, it's Dolph Lundgren vs. Frank Langella! What child would not want to play out that battle using miniature versions of the characters from the brilliant and underrated film? 1987, here I come.

Anthony Crabtree doesn't look or play like Johnny Depp.

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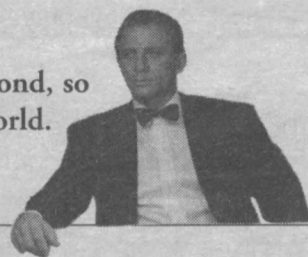
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CONSOLE WARS

By Joe Kester
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Sony and Nintendo

reach out to new
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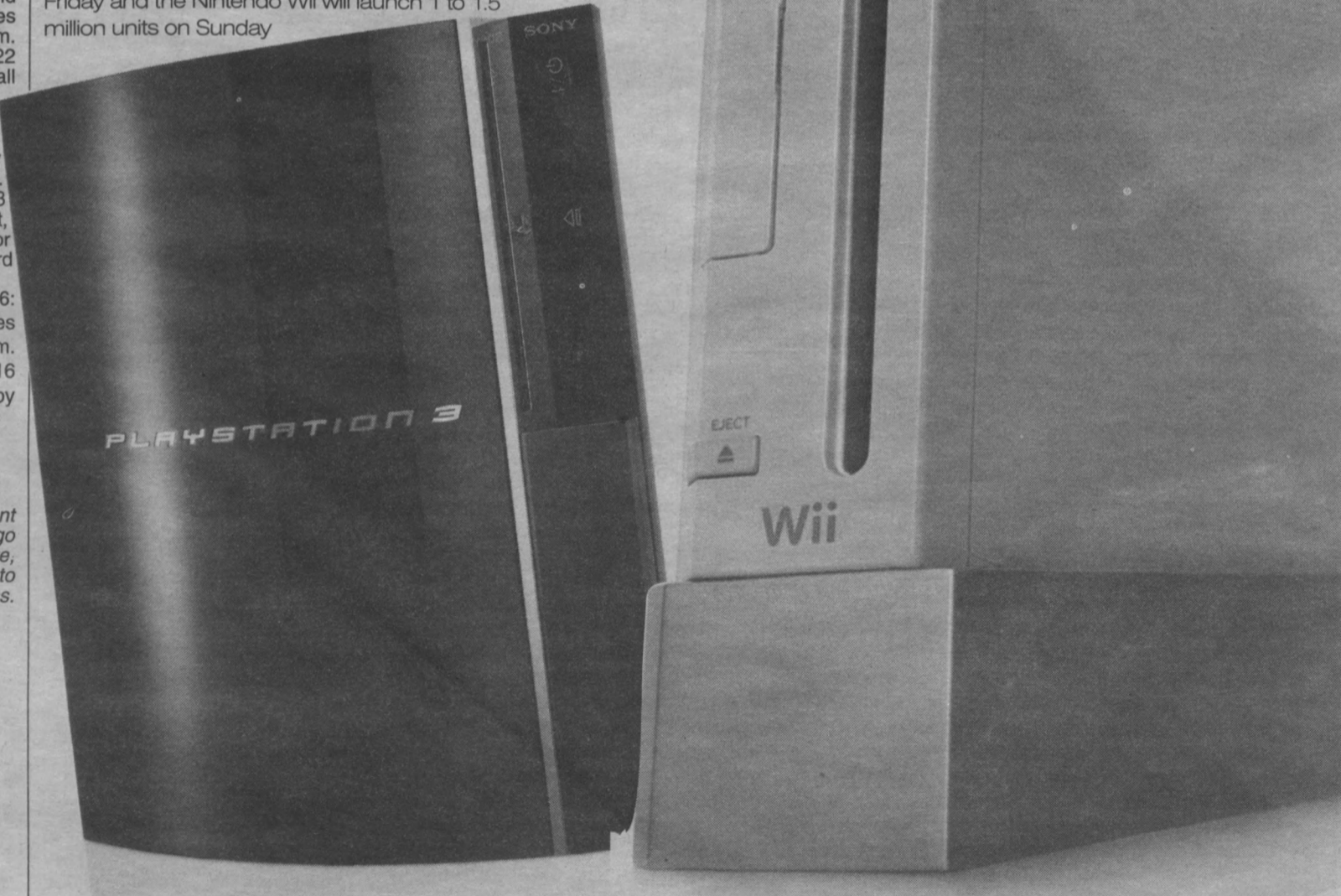
It's an exciting time to be a gamer, and I'm sure there are a lot of you out there who can't wait to get your hands on either the Sony Playstation 3 or Nintendo Wii. That's right, the next generation of video game consoles is set to launch in less than a week. Soon, we will be inundated with the promises of new control schemes, online services and realistic graphics. I'll be taking a look at what each camp is offering, and what your chances are of scoring one of these great new systems.

First, the PS3. At its core is the experimental new processor called "Cell," developed in-house by Sony in collaboration with Toshiba and IBM. Another new technology, called Blu-ray, is used for the console's disc drive, and it can store over five times more data than a DVD. The PS3 is pushing for new interactions between gamers and their game systems. It will come with the recently named "SIXAX-IS" wireless controller, which features motion-sensing technology. The PS3's online capabilities and marketplace are expected to rival Xbox Live, and will be free to boot, though game makers will have the option to apply fees. The console will be able to communicate with Sony's Playstation Portable system for extended gameplay options. Finally, the console will be able to read flash-based memory cards, meaning you can play movies, music, and pictures on the system.

The only thing I foresee being a problem for the PS3 is the number available at launch: only 500,000 units for North America, due to manufacturing delays. The PS3 launches on Friday, and will come in two configurations: a system with a 20GB hard drive for \$499, and one with a 60GB hard drive and Wi-Fi connectivity for \$599.

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The Playstation 3 (left) will launch 500,000 units on Friday and the Nintendo Wii will launch 1 to 1.5 million units on Sunday



Montreal band to play awareness week

The Sound of Reason performs on Friday

By Zach Dionne
Copy Editor

This Friday, the unique musical experience known as The Sound of Reason will perform in the North Pod of Memorial Union. The performance is part of Islamic Awareness Week put on by the Muslim Student Association. The Sound of Reason, hailing from Montreal, Canada, will step up to fill the spotlight as a more than worthy culmination of the week of eye-opening cultural experiences.

"When I first heard [The Sound of Reason], it sounded like they were doing something political," said Nasro Mohamed, former vice president of MSA. "The first song I listened to was about

Palestine. I like the music."

The song she referred to is in fact titled "Palestine," and the chorus echoes, "Palestine, always on my mind." The Sound of Reason consists of two members who refer to themselves as Francis and Ku. The two combine melodic, acoustic tunes with serious lyrics, such as those heard on "And We Fall" and "Palestine," with catchier hip-hop, rap and R&B styles, showcased on tracks like "Shoulder to Lean On" and "It's All a Dream."

"They are very positive. They're not saying 'let's go to war and kill Israelis,'" Mohamed said, referring to the lyrics of "Palestine." "It's more educational."

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Do you dig your crib?

Residents on Campus hosts second annual dorm competition

By Anthony Crabtree
Staff Reporter

The word "crib" generally evokes thoughts of babies gently rocking within. Others might think of the famous show on MTV, "Cribs," and remember that yes, a crib can also mean the living space for an adult. Some would say it is a place where adults "rock," as well as babies. So, if the living space of an adult can be called a crib, what does that make dorm rooms? "Campus cribs," no doubt, and that is exactly how ROC is referring to them with its upcoming Campus Cribs Competition.

The idea for the competition was birthed at the North East Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (NEACURH). This is a conference where different groups toss around program ideas that other colleges are welcome to use. The Campus Cribs Competition was introduced to UMaine last year.

The Campus Cribs Competition is open to all residents on campus, and the idea is to design the most creative room on campus.

"It's not based on material things, so much as how the space is used and how neat it is," said Matthew Bennett, vice president of programming for ROC. The main idea behind this event is for students to show how stylish and

hip their pad is through a series of pictures and a write-up. Many students may be tempted to brush off the write-up, thinking that the pictures will speak for themselves. A clever write-up can be just as persuasive as those pictures of you standing in your b-boy stance surrounded by all that Scarface merchandise.

"People who were creative and funny in how they wrote about their room stood a better chance," Bennett said of last year's event.

After the inaugural run of the competition last year, there is increased interest this time around. When talking about last year's event, Bennett said, "We had quite a few people apply, but I would have liked to see more."

This year, however, all signs point to more people submitting their cribs. "We've already had a bunch of applications," Bennett said. "We're already beating what we did last year."

The judges for this particular event are the programming representatives from each residence hall, and Bennett will be the deciding factor in the event of a tie. As for prizes — something the celebrities on MTV do not receive after showing off their massive living spaces — they will present a \$100 gift card for the book store to

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Project-winner and singer Richardson livens up Jive

By Jennifer Bashford
For The Maine Campus

Despite the rain, the North Pod of the Union was packed Tuesday night for one of the busiest Java Jives this semester. And for good reason: Sara Richardson was the star of the evening. Armed with her acoustic guitar and a group of friends, Richardson presented a truly relaxing evening of live music, both vocally and instrumentally impressive.

Her nine-song acoustic set was a mixture of original material interspersed with cover songs, including "Here's Where the Story Ends," by The Sundays, "Case of You," by Joni Mitchell, and Nickel Creek's "Out of the Woods."

Playing her electric-acoustic guitar for

most of the hour, Richardson began the evening accompanied by the talented Evan James on the violin. "Simpler Love" established the fresh yet chill atmosphere. For the Nickel Creek number, she was joined by friends Jesse Hannington on the electric piano and Angie Richards on violin. The trio played and sang together flawlessly, creating a stunning cover. Next, bandmate John Bailey joined Richardson on stage with his guitar, and the two sang a couple of songs that Bailey had composed.

Surprisingly, Richardson had just mastered guitar this past summer and she expressed some hesitation as to how the show would go. However, this soon evaporated. "This was the first time I had

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JIVIN' THE POD — Brian Monahan (left) helps Sara Richardson (right) before her performance Tuesday.

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UMF comedy troupe performs

Lawn Chair Pirates known for improvisational games, films

By Thomas St. Pierre
Staff Reporter

Are you interested in seeing local comedic talent? If you are, the University of Maine's Campus Activities Board is hosting improvisational troupe The Lawn Chair Pirates from the University of Maine Farmington as the feature of Friday night's Maine Attraction in Memorial Union at 9 p.m.

The Lawn Chair Pirates, organized in 2000, originated from a group of theater majors interested in improvisational comedy. Since then the group has become an official student organization, now consisting of not only theater majors, but also interdisciplinary students who have shown a keen interest in comedy. They hold ongoing competitive auditions judged by current and previous Lawn Chair Pirates' members that hone in on the comedic elite of the college, according to Caleb Collins, the troupe manager who has been involved with The Lawn Chair Pirates for three semesters.

The troupe, initially composed of 15 members and two managers,

has over time limited membership to 10 troupers and one manager who also participate in the presentations. The group members are Benjamin Well, Tyler Perry, Scott Lovejoy, Aaron Bechard, Joshua Boucher, William Gray, Elliot Brackett-Lyons, Gavin Pickering, Emily Young and Shannon Thurston.

According to chairwoman of the Maine Attraction, Katie Clegg, who

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saw The Lawn Chair Pirates perform at UMaine two years ago, a typical Lawn Chair Pirates show "can include anything from short films and skits to the more traditional improvised game." She described their style as being reminiscent of the popular improvisational program "Whose Line is it Anyway?"

According to Collins, the presentation will involve a "high level of audience participation," another element similar to "Whose Line..." Specifically, Collins plans on playing approximately 10 games with

his troupe, including such popular games as Party Quirks, MacGyver, and Lines.

In Party Quirks, one player hosts a party of three guests who each have a characteristic oddity that the host must eventually guess. In the next game, MacGyver, two players are trapped in an audience-suggested scenario where they must utilize the three random objects they are given to escape. Previous settings, Collins said, have included getting trapped in a prison and a nutshell. Lines, the third game, involves two members conducting a scene with never-before-seen lines composed by the audience that they must incorporate into their presentation.

"They are very good," stated Clegg, recalling their last show, "but a lot of it depends on the group at the time, which will of course have changed." Clegg said she is mostly excited about the unique opportunity to actually have students showcasing their talent during the Maine Attraction instead of various professional comedians commissioned by the University from an agency that

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British popularity best defined by new Bond man

The Modern Man

By Joel Crabtree

There is a new British invasion and it is best defined by the new James Bond, played by Daniel Craig. A shift in the Bond franchise is like a shift in the presidency; it reflects the desire of the people. As the world goes, so goes the Bond franchise. Not to say that Craig is leading the invasion, which has been evolving for a few years. Through TV series and films portraying British gents, it is clear that they are not mere modern men, but rather a new wave of British gentlemen.

What is striking about this change is that it is happening outside of Hollywood. Art is imitating life as Britain is presented differently in Hollywood. America's views of the British are being shaped by a foul-mouthed chef, a men's clothing designer with a larger-than-life ego

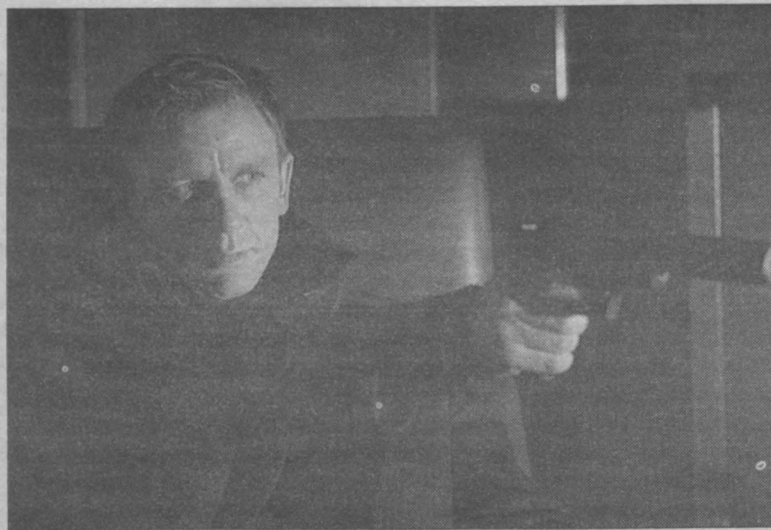


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and, of course, Simon Cowell.

"American Idol" judge Simon Cowell served as a stepping stone for audiences to see what direction the British gentleman was heading in. Cowell is an uncouth, brutally honest star of what remains one of America's most-watched shows. Many people watch solely for his rude comments and his criticism of wannabe popstars gone bad. His behavior goes against the grain of how Americans believe a British gentleman should act, but it is

becoming apparent that the English are more edgy than Americans may have known.

One name stands out in American minds when thinking of the British: Hugh Grant.

Grant has been and continues to be one of the better actors working today. "About a Boy" was, hands down, one of the best films of its year, primarily because of his performance. But in the '90s with "The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill and Down a Mountain," "Four

Weddings and a Funeral," and "Mickey Blue Eyes," Grant was really one of the premier British actors working in Hollywood — except, of course, the Fiennes brothers. Many Americans probably assumed that nearly all Englishmen were like Grant. His slightly goofy but loveable style of comedy made Americans laugh — at him. Americans poked fun at him, especially after his mugshot was released for being arrested while trying to pick up a prostitute. But we still loved him.

With Cowell, American audiences began to realize that all Englishmen are not, in fact, like Hugh Grant. They are edgy, funny, sarcastic and, most of all, they have a little bit of bad boy in them. It comes as no surprise that the Fox network would later capitalize on this and begin a new show called "Hell's Kitchen," starring none other than England's favorite chef Gordon Ramsey. When America thinks of cooking, they think of Emeril. And let's face it, nobody really likes Emeril. Ramsey is the opposite of Emeril. At times he's offensively honest and has a colorful array of four-letter words to go with it. He plays soccer, he's a tough

guy, and yet he is a chef who hosts television shows. This "bad boy" is a prime example of how the British gentleman has evolved.

British fashion designer Ozwald Boateng is yet another example of a modern gentleman who also got his own TV series, "House of Boateng" on the Sundance Channel. Boateng is a character, much like Cowell or Ramsey, only with a more extroverted ego. The show focused on Boateng trying to start his own store in America, and when asked if he's ready for the states, he answers, "Of course I'm ready!"

Now, the coming of the new James Bond represents all of these gentlemen. These aren't the type of guys who listen to Duran Duran's "Hungry Like a Wolf," or "Wild Boys." Instead they listen to Duran Duran's "Ordinary World." Times have changed since the Hugh Grant era — the Grant days, were still wonderful times — and Hollywood and television are catching up with this new era. All we can do is sit back and see how these modern gentlemen do — and hope that the contestants on "Hell's Kitchen" know how to make a beautiful risotto.

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According to the group's Web site, <http://www.thesoundof-reason.com>, "The Sound of Reason is filling that void preaching consciousness and political awareness with melodies and instrumentals hot

enough to sell themselves alone."

Their Web site also cites appearances in numerous magazines, newspapers, and television channels, where the group has "[tackled] tough issues such as politics, faith and the state of music in general."

With the inaugural Islamic Awareness Week at UMaine drawing to a close, Mohamed's feelings were positive. "It's been going

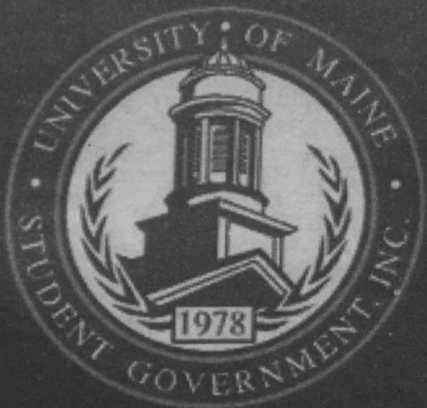
great." She was pleased with a turnout of over 70 for the "Women in Islam" talk on Monday night in DPC 100.

Francis and Ku, The Sound of Reason, will take the stage at 7 p.m. in Memorial Union. Don't miss the opportunity to see one of the more original acts at the University of Maine this semester and be a part of Islamic Awareness Week.

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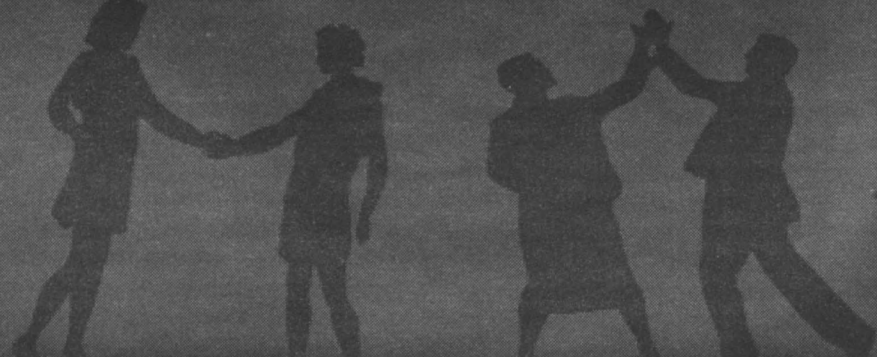
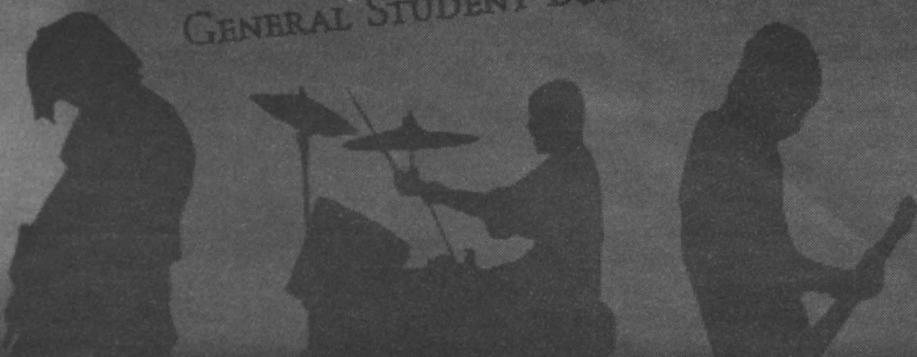
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both residents in the room. Prizes will be awarded for second and third places, as well; both residents of the second place room will receive \$75 bookstore gift cards, while each resident of the third-place crib will receive \$50 bookstore gift cards.

Students will be disqualified if

any of the room codes are broken. ROC will be accepting applications through Nov. 27, so there is still plenty of time to put up all your KISS memorabilia, dress up like Gene Simmons and take pictures pretending you're the man himself, starring in your own episode of MTV's "Crips."

Entries will be judged on Nov. 28, and only then will we truly know who has the single best crib on campus.

JIVE

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ever performed and accompanied myself at the same time before," Richardson said. "So I didn't know what to expect, but all in all, I felt it was a pretty strong performance and I'm glad so many people were able to show up. That made the experience all the more memorable and I couldn't be more thankful for everyone that came."

Joined again by James, the show ended on a more playful note with Richardson singing about key lime pie and tootsie pops in two recently written songs. She received a positive reaction from the attentive crowd.

"I thought it was great," said Alex Poulin, as she shared how she often hears many of

Tuesday's performers playing music and singing around her dorm. Others commented that it was a good opportunity to see Richardson perform outside of her usual role within a group. After the show, Aimee Poulin explained; "I've only seen [Richardson] play in an ensemble before, so it was really good to see some of her original stuff."

No stranger to performance, Richardson is part of Glosoli, who took first place in The Project competition in April and is also part of the university's female a cappella group, Renaissance. Tuesday night, however, Richardson was making a name for herself, and this she definitely achieved. As usual, CAB's Java Jive proved to be another welcome hour of tranquility, transporting the audience briefly away from the stress of college life.

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they traditionally host. According to Clegg, The Lawn Chair Pirates gave a successful performance in their last show, and she is glad to have the opportunity to invite them back.

Traditionally, the troupe mostly performs at Farmington, so the members are excited to be coming to Orono. Collins hopes to get a good turnout and, most importantly, entertain the audience and have a good time.

Clegg reminds everyone to arrive early on Friday and participate in the raffle for the best seat in the house — a leather couch positioned in front of the stage — in order to be in a prime location for what Clegg expects to be a fantastic performance from a lively group of entertainers.

CONSOLE

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Nintendo is going for a different kind of approach. Forsaking powerful hardware, the Wii console is defined by its unique control scheme. The "Wii Remote," resembling a common remote control, utilizes motion-sensing technology that directly translates hand and arm movements into the in-game environment. By doing so, Nintendo hopes to capture the casual gamers and people who have never played a game before.

But fans of Nintendo need not fret, they haven't forgotten

you. The console features in-depth online options, including the "Virtual Console," which will allow players to pay for and download all of Nintendo's classic games, from the Nintendo Entertainment System to the Nintendo 64. The Wii will also get a boost from the simultaneous release of "The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess," marking the first time in the popular series' history that it has been a launch-day title.

Will gamers and the greater populace go for this radical new gaming machine? Only time will truly tell, but Nintendo is anticipating a high demand: About 1 to 1.5 million Wiis are

due at launch on Sunday, and 4 million total will be introduced to the market by the end of the year. Price is another positive factor; one configuration costs \$250, including the Wii Sports game pack and the "nunchuck" Wii Remote controller attachment — the cheapest of any next generation console.

My money is on the Wii, both literally and figuratively. I plan to buy one on launch day, and I think that the innovative controls and high accessibility will make the Wii a hit with the mainstream crowd. Whichever console you're eyeing, be sure to get to your favorite electronics or video game store bright and early, just to be safe.

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By Miss Astra

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Why are you going to college if you have such an amazing natural ability to walk and chew gum at the same time? You're wasting your time and your degree.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

There's not enough feta cheese in your life, or kalamata olives. There is, however, way too much high fructose corn syrup in your diet.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Your horoscope next week is going to be the best one you've ever had!

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Your friend thinks baby seals are the cutest, while you think baby pandas are the cutest. Don't back down because pandas everywhere are counting on you.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

Is the pressure of being marvelous too much for you? How about you settle for being fabulous and call it a day.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

If people can make money by selling bottled water, then the same should go for air. Don't worry about developing a fancy marketing campaign, just get some air filters and swanky bottles and let the cash roll in.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

You're tired of hearing about Britney and K-Fed. Write them a letter pleading them to choose either stupidity or fame, but not both.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Surprise a friend by celebrating their birthday on your birthday. Insist on taking the rest of their identity, too, especially if they have a more attractive significant other.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

If you're ever worried about being awkward, don't become a contortionist because it would be quite easy to put your foot in your mouth.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Bang! Pow! Whack! Boff! Get out of this old Batman show before you get hurt!

Aquarius

Jan. 22 to Feb. 19

While most people smell flowers, you should let a flower smell you today. It will appreciate your thoughtfulness, but only if you remember to shower.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 20

Who has enough time to exercise if there's sleeping to be done. Practice sleepswimming and sleepjogging to compromise. If you're a cat, you might just want to stick to sleepjogging.

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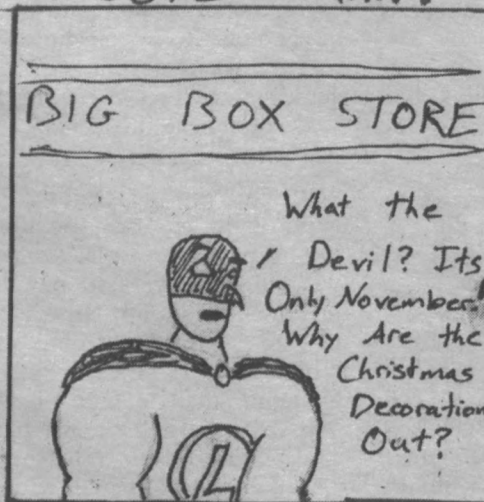


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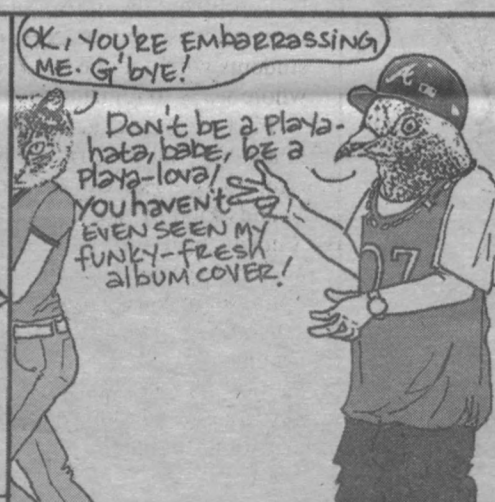
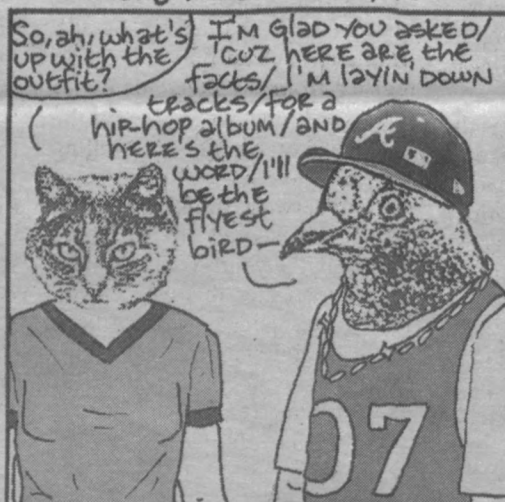
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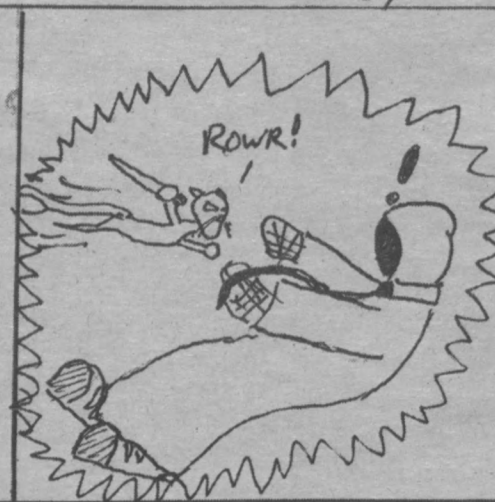
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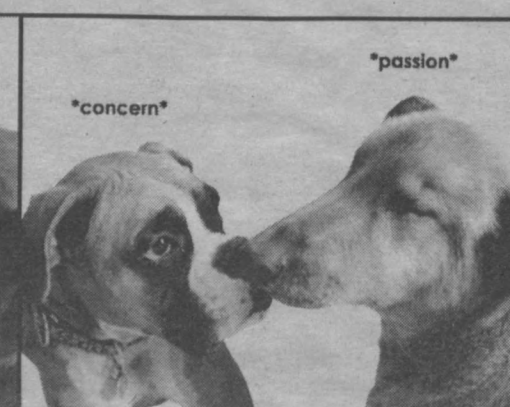
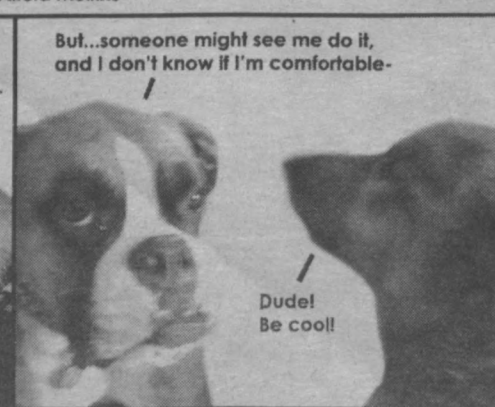
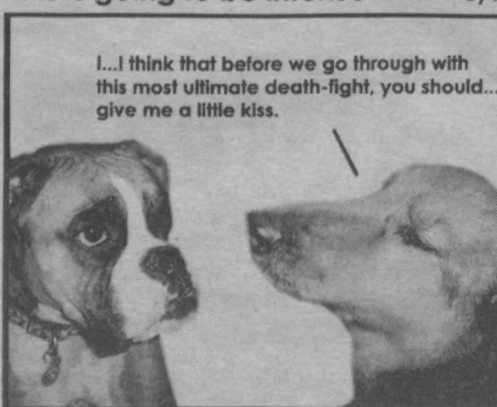
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By Alicia Mullins



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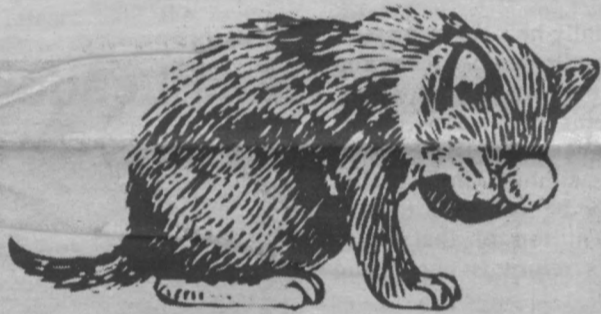
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It's that special time of year

Rambling Fool

By Benjamin Jarvela

Registration time is here once again at the University of Maine, (Whose motto is: "The only place in America under more water than New Orleans"). This means that thousands of students, from the newest, naive freshman to the most grizzled, disillusioned senior are sharing one of those special bonds that can only develop over mutual experiences like throwing computers out of windows, running phones over with large vehicles, and cussing out an aging population of usually helpful secretaries.

I get a little misty-eyed just thinking about it.

Registration is a nightmare no matter what institution of higher learning that individual attends. The simple fact is, no matter where you are, the minute 8,000 people are trying to do the same thing at once, problems develop. That's understandable, much in the same way that a policeman going upside your head for making "oink" noises is. To alleviate the problem, the university has even gone so far as to provide students with not one but THREE whole ways to register.

First off is the traditional "walk in and beg" method, or as I like to refer to it, "The Go & Grovel." Sounds kind of like a gas station. Students walk from place to place, attempting to track down administrative staff so as to assemble their schedules for the day. Fortunately, this is a very reliable method. Unfortunately, it will usually involve 1,743 different "identification numbers," 47 depart-

mental secretaries, and roughly 82 miles of walking. The university itself likes to recommend this to the even-tempered, the jobless, and the pudgy. If such a method appeals to you, there are some things you should be aware of:

- There will be lines. Think, "last helicopter out of Saigon."

- People will have issues. The smelly guy in front of you will complain. He'll want to either sign up for four credits and complain how that should be considered full-time, or sign up for 37 and whine when they won't let him. Bring a can of body spray for the former and a heavy text for the latter. I've found that anything from the psychology department usually has enough heft to take someone down.

- Every conceivable question has been asked of these people at least ten times. Today. Don't be offended when they look at you like you're mentally retarded because statistically, the odds aren't in your favor.

- Bring \$300 in twenties and a stapler. Every piece of paper that crosses over the counter towards the person behind it should have a crisp twenty stapled dead center. Sure, they'll laugh and tell you it's not necessary, but keep doing it anyway. You'll never have registration problems again.

The second method of registration is the Distributed Student Information System (DSIS) or, as I like to call it, [expletive deleted]. [Expletive deleted] allows you to register from the convenience of your own home, something for the ladies to keep in mind — telling your professor you were home in your underwear thinking of him when you signed up probably won't HURT your grade — Note: if you are a guy, this won't work very often and, when it does, you'll wish it hadn't.

Like any other computer system, though, [expletive deleted] is somewhat shy of perfection.

Those prone to typos need to be especially careful, otherwise a ham-fisted forestry major could easily find himself taking 17 credits of lesbian studies — I'm going to ignore the joke that could be made here should that ham-fisted forestry major be female.

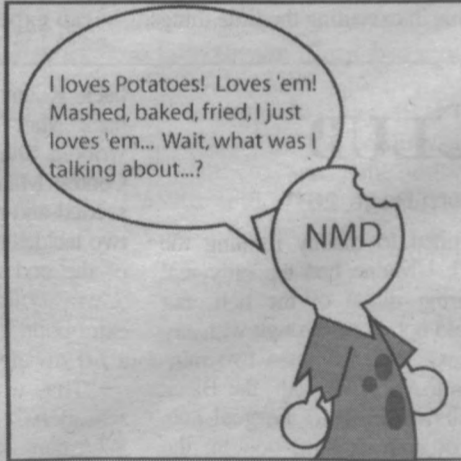
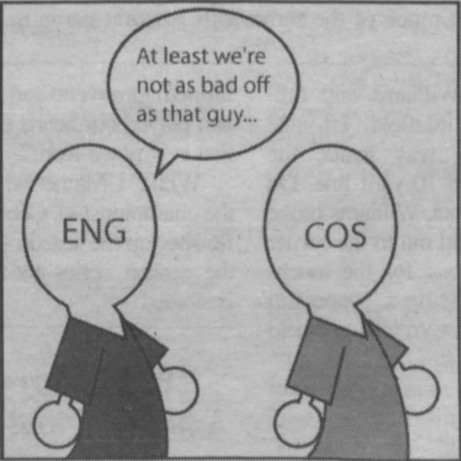
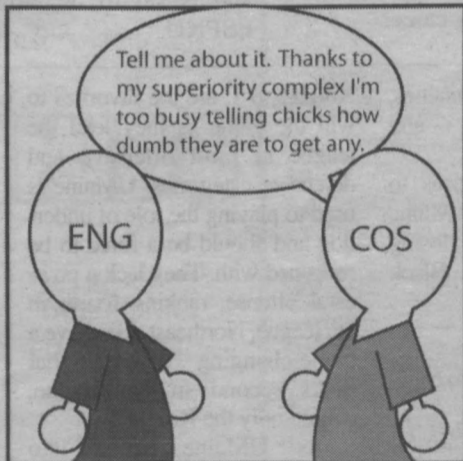
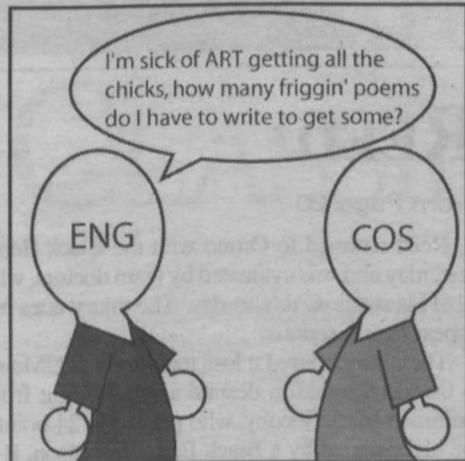
The system also likes to complain that you're not meeting requirements that it clearly says you do. To know what this feels like, go to any store. Buy \$50 worth of anything and attempt to leave. Were the store run by this system, it would promptly stop you at the door and say you still need to pay, while holding your wadded \$50 in its grubby little fist. Lather, rinse, repeat.

DSIS also likes error messages, usually ones that involve long strings of weird letters. "Error 2838754-01DmCQ Requires permission. Contact Princess Twinkles, Ruler of the Fairy People for help." I'm sure that on at least one occasion, DSIS called me something vulgar. "Error 4590302Ca-0745LME Over hours. Bitch."

Lastly, there's the phone system. The less said about the phone system the better. Suffice to say it seems to be a weird hybrid of a 1-900 phone sex line, a suicide hotline, and the cell phone of an easy sorority girl on any Friday night all wrapped up in to one. You can never get through, everyone else trying is looking for a good time, and if you finally get what you were looking for, you'll probably want to kill yourself.

In closing though, I will say this: attempting to register for this spring has been informative. How, you ask? I'll say this: the next time someone wants to get legal with either the Maine Campus or myself, they need only go to DSIS, enter the CRN 15311 and enjoy the ride. The world will be a happier place.

Momentary Dementia -Hey, that's not nice...



By - Steven Lindquist

Momentary Dementia - Been there, saw that...



By - Steven Lindquist

STING

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defeat. Actually, it's not even close. As far as they're concerned, it's the six-day lay off in-between that is killer.

"After a loss like that you're just itching for another game to redeem ourselves," UMaine assistant captain Soares said.

"Everyone is just really anxious to get back out there," forward David de Kastrozza said.

This Sunday the No. 1 Black Bears will have that chance to redeem themselves with a one-game slate at Alford against the seventh-ranked Boston College Eagles. For UMaine, it's clear that the duel couldn't come soon enough.

"BC is going to be a big game and we're just ready to prove that this was a little bump in the road," said sophomore defenseman Simon Danis-Pepin. "We're not going to let this hurt us at all."

UMaine will enter the Hockey East Contest still clinging to their No. 1 national ranking. Monday, the Black Bears were again given the top spot in the USCHO-CSTV poll with 22-of-40 first place votes. They were, however, displaced in the USA Today-USA Hockey Magazine poll by Minnesota who bumped them into second place. With a record of 8-1-1 and 3-1-1 in conference play, UMaine is eager to start up another lengthy win streak.

"We're going to spend all our energy this week preparing for them so we don't have another case like UNH," senior Brent Shepherd said.

In the opinion of head coach Tim Whitehead, the Black Bears just need to put the game behind them and focus on what they did right for the eight of their first nine games this season.

"It is just one game, and we have only one choice now — to show up Sunday and play Maine hockey, win, lose or draw," Whitehead said.

Whitehead said he anticipated the squad's encouraging reaction to the loss and is pleased with how they have handled it.

"I mean we were upset with the tie at BU," Whitehead said. "I think we will now see some renewed focus in executing the little things."

Still, Whitehead is like his players — he wants to showcase that renewed faith right away.

"It's a little awkward, I'm not a big fan of that," Whitehead said about the lay-off between the games.

On the other hand, the timing of the match for Boston College could be just right or disastrous. If the Black Bears harness their early week fire, then there's no doubt that Boston College could be looking at their third-straight loss at Alford. Or they could continue further downhill like they did last year after a UNH defeat in November.

Senior Keith Johnson believes there's no question that the Black Bears will be up for the game against one of their most heated rivals.

"It's a big duel between Schneider and Bishop."

Simon Danis Pepin
Sophomore defenseman
UMaine men's hockey

"Ever since I've been here, its probably been the biggest rivalry we've played," said Johnson. "We've played in Frozen Four games and Hockey East tournament games against them. They're always up there in the standings with us. It's definitely a big rivalry."

Unlike the past few years in the Border War, the series between the Eagles and Black Bears has been both unpredictable and unforgettable with the teams meeting in the Frozen Four and Hockey East Semifinals three times in three years.

"It's going to be a great match-up," Soares said. "They're a young team with great goaltending and forwards."

In the past three years, the foes have seen a little under a third of their games go into overtime.

"That's a sign of two good programs," said Johnson. "I think we bring out the best in each other. It will probably be another one-goal game."

On Sunday, UMaine's faithful can expect much of the same with

both teams expected to compete for Hockey East's regular season title.

At the top of the heap of elite players for Boston College lies Brian Boyle. After helping to lead BC to the National Championship game last season, Boyle has kicked off this year with three goals and six assists. Even the most novice of college hockey supporters know the conversation begins with Boyle when the Eagles are brought up.

"You always have to be aware of Brian," Whitehead said. "He has amazing presence on the ice with his size, skating ability and skill."

The Black Bear defense and specifically Danis-Pepin are excited for the opportunity.

"He's going to be a big guy to stop," Danis-Pepin said. "I can't wait to play against him. It's always fun playing against big guys who are more your size."

"We just can't give a lot of space, he has a great reach," Soares said. "We're going to have to be physical on him and not give him any time or space."

Whitehead, however, is quick to point out that Boyle isn't the only Eagle to worry about.

"They have a lot of weapons. You have to be careful on putting all your emphasis on Brian Boyle because there are a dozen other players that could get two-goal games," Whitehead said.

A couple of those weapons are sophomores Benn Ferriero and Nathan Gerbe who led the team with five goals each.

"I've always liked Gerbe dating back to the national program," Whitehead said. "When they got a commitment from him I was like, 'that is going to be a good player for them.'"

Rounding out the offensive assault for the Eagles is Joe Rooney, with two goals and 10 assists, and Brock Bradford with three goals and six assists. As always, the dominating force of Cory Schneider will be in net with a 2.14 goals against average and a .928 save percentage.

"It's a big duel between Schneider and [Ben] Bishop," Danis-Pepin said.

In regard to Bishop, 1.86 goals against average, Danis-Pepin says he will be ready to rebound in a big way Sunday after the worst game in his career.



CAMPUS PHOTO BY LAURA GIORGIO

ARE YOU KIDDING ME? — UMaine hockey fans Jack Kiernan and J.P. St. Pierre howl in disgust during last weekend's defeat against rival New Hampshire.

"Mentally he's so strong, so I think he will be one of the top players this weekend for us," Danis-Pepin said.

Healthwise, the Black Bears will be without Chris Hahn, who may be out four to five weeks. On top of that Keith Johnson's return is not a sure thing.

"It's early in the year — I want to make sure when I come back I'm 100 percent, so I'm not going to rush anything," said Johnson. "It's kind of a day-to-day thing. I see how it feels every day. But Sunday is still not out of the picture."

The game begins at 3 p.m. and is set to be aired live on ESPNU.

UM Leaders

Player	Points
1. Michel Leveille	9-7=16
2. Ted Purcell	5-8=13
3. Josh Soares	4-8=12
4. Bret Tyler	1-7=8
5. Wes Clark	4-3=7
6. Keenan Hopson	3-4=7
7. Keith Johnson	3-4=7
8. Mike Lundin	2-5=7
9. Billy Ryan	1-6=7

Goaltending

Ben Bishop — 8-1-1;
1.86 GAA, .922 svp

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Limited to mainly running the ball, UMaine had the only real scoring threat of the half, but could not come through with any points. With less than two minutes to go in the half, the Black Bears marched to the goal line. Close to punching one in, the Warriors' defense came up with a monumental stop, stuffing UMaine inside the one on fourth-and-goal.

"We played a very sloppy first half, but we're very fortunate that they played just as sloppy," said player and coach Eric Whitman.

In the third quarter, the Black Bears finally got on the board. After both teams traded turnovers to begin the half, the Black Bears used a punt by Gil Cyr to pin the opposition deep in their own end and a three-and-out by the defense to set up good field position for themselves at mid-field. After long runs by both running

back Kevin Williams and full-back Matt Littlefield, UMaine worked their way inside the Central Maine 10-yard line. On second-and-goal, Williams broke two tackles and ran to the corner of the end zone for the touchdown. Following a successful extra point by Cyr, UMaine held a 7-0 advantage.

"That was one of the most sensational runs of the year," Whitman said of Williams' touchdown run.

With the 7-0 lead, UMaine withstood one last Central Maine attack late in the fourth quarter. Once again, the defense for UMaine stood out and came up big. After a tackle for a loss by captain Rob Laverdiere, line-backer Dan Sprogis forced and recovered a fumble, sealing the first-ever East Division title for the Black Bears who are in their inaugural season.

"We knew coming in that we needed to establish our running game early and often, as well as play punishing defense," Williams said. "We did both —

limited turnovers and penalties, and played our hearts out — and that is why we won."

While UMaine advances to the championship, Central Maine finishes up the season 4-5, losing the season series to the Black Bears 2-1.

"We ... played our hearts out, and that is why we won."

Kevin Williams
Running back
Tackle football club

"It's a huge win against an eastern rival and a solid football team like the Warriors," said Williams of the team's first ever playoff victory.

With the East Division wrapped up, UMaine must now set its sights on the league championship game as they try to avenge regular season losses to the Northeast Knights. The

Knights, 8-1, are the favorites to win the game as they lead the league in most offensive and defensive categories. UMaine is used to playing the role of underdog and should be a force to be reckoned with. They lack a powerful offense, ranking fourth in the league, Northeast does have a game-changing defense that ranks second in the league, behind only the Knights.

As UMaine heads into Saturday's showdown against the Knights, they must remember two things. First, they must carry their "why not us" attitude into this weekend, as they have gone up against the odds all year and risen to the top. In their first year in existence they have come out of nowhere and taken the league by storm. There is no reason to stop now.

Finally, UMaine has been anchored by their defense. They must remember one thing: offense wins games, and defense wins championships. This Saturday, UMaine will be out to prove just that.

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Reed returned to Orono with the Black Bears yesterday and was evaluated by team doctors, who label his status as 'day-to-day.' The injury does not appear overly serious.

The injury marred a loss that dropped UMaine to 0-3 on the season despite a career night from freshman Mark Socoby, who poured in 24 points, the highest total by a Black Bear this season. It is the longest winless start of third-year coach Ted Woodward's tenure.

The Black Bears shot just 35 percent from the field in falling to the Bengals, who moved to 1-1 on the season. Jon Sheets contributed 9 points while Chris Bruff and Junior Bernal added eight each. Reed had no points and one rebound in seven minutes of action before leaving.

Monday night, UMaine dropped a 57-50 decision to Detroit despite keeping control most of the game. The Black Bears led 27-23 at halftime and extended the advantage to 33-25 after the break. But the Titans battled back to keep UMaine winless on the young season.

The Black Bears play in search of their first win Saturday, when they visit St. Francis College. Reed's status for the contest is up in the air and will be evaluated on a day-to-day basis.

Men's rugby enjoys historic fall campaign

By Joseph Burnham
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's rugby club finished a record-setting season last Sunday with a 1-1 split to place in the Northeastern region. With those two games, the final record of the team is 9-2, setting an all-time record for wins in a season. The team traveled to Batavia, New York to compete for a chance to play in the National Rugby championship game in Sanford, Florida.

UMaine opened up the tournament by playing top-ranked Middlebury College. The two teams came out hitting hard, with Middlebury trying to work the ball out, but the swarming Black Bear defense kept the ball in the middle of the field. Late in the first half, UMaine committed a penalty that would allow Middlebury to leave the first half up 3-0.

"They were fast, but we popped them in the mouth early," said sophomore Rocco Andreozzi. "We took them out of the game that they wanted to play."

To start the second half, the Black Bears took the opening kick-off and marched down the field, converting a penalty kick of their own to tie the score at 3-3. This would be the last time UMaine scored in the game.

Middlebury began to use their superior speed and ball movement to get by the outside of the UMaine defenders. After Middlebury succeeded on a try to make the score 8-3, senior club president Stefan Scarks went down with a leg injury. After he left the game, the Panthers went on to score 12 more unanswered

points and win the game 20-3.

"They were a good team," said sophomore Ian Larson. "But in the end we beat ourselves more than they beat us."

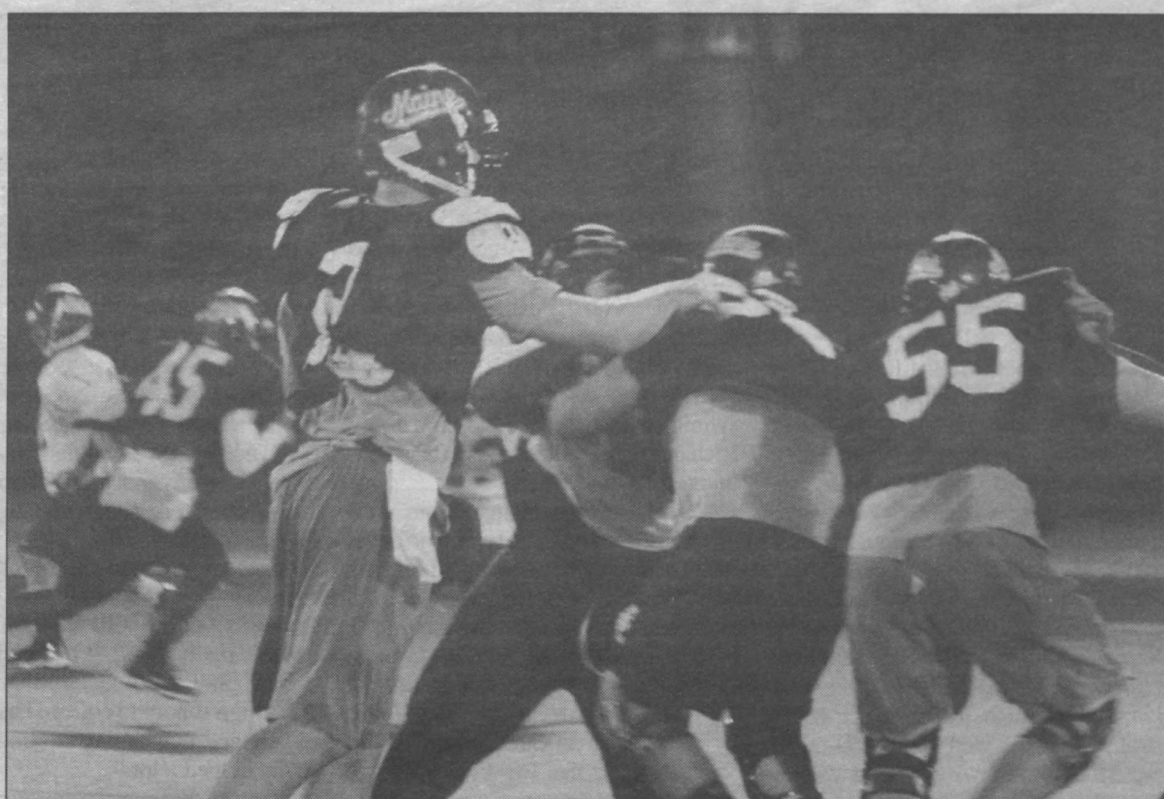
After the loss on Saturday, UMaine played in the consolation game against Vassar College. Still feeling the effects of the day before, the Black Bears came out of the gates slowly, playing evenly with the weaker Vassar team to start. Only a penalty kick separated the two teams by half time, which UMaine went into leading 3-0.

"We knew that this was going to be the last game of our season," said senior Brian St. Pierre, "so we came together as a team and made the decision that we would play the second half balls to the walls, no mercy."

With this fiery attitude, the Black Bears outscored the Brewers 26-10 on the back of sophomore Eric Anderson's three tries and senior Tony Desjardins' one. The Black Bears were the clear winners in every aspect of the second half, running harder, hitting rucks faster and scoring almost at will.

On the season, the Black Bears finished No.1 in Maine, No. 3 in New England and No. 3 in the Northeast. The team will look to carry this momentum into their spring season when they play in tournaments in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Georgia.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg for Maine rugby," said sophomore Tony Purpura. "We know what we are capable of, and we will build off that this spring. We accomplished a lot of what we wanted to. But we know we can improve, so we are still hungry."



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ANDREW GORDON

DIRECTING TRAFFIC — UMaine quarterback Ron Whitcomb runs through the offensive sets during practice on Wednesday afternoon.

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rankings. They have a high-power offense, we're the number one defense in the country. There's two forces there and which side is going to win?" said Cosgrove.

UMaine's seniors, looking to close out their careers with a perfect 5-0 mark at home, are hoping it's the Black Hole that wins the day. As good as the defense has been, it has been even better at home, yielding only 8 points and 172 yards per game and recording 21 sacks.

The Black Hole thrives on pressure, which will prove difficult against the slippery Santos. He has rushed for 10 touchdowns this year and put up over 100 yards on the ground against UMaine the last two seasons.

"I just think I have to get to him faster, not give him a chance to get out of the way," said safety Daren Stone, a blitzing force off the edge with 4.0 sacks.

"We have to be careful and close the pocket in around him, not give him a lane out," said senior Mike DeVito, an All-American defensive tackle. "If we make him throw, the guys on

the back end can cover them."

Ball torched UMaine's secondary in the second half of last year's 59-47 loss despite being held to one catch at halftime. He's a tall receiver who can burn a team after the catch if he's not tackled, and his matchup against the Black Bears secondary may decide the game's outcome.

"It's the last game with your teammates, so there's a lot of emotion. But we have to focus and have fun."

Alex Goyins
Senior safety
UMaine football

The Wildcats defense isn't nearly as strong as their offensive counterparts, so the game could turn into a shootout again this weekend. Whitcomb has thrown for 1,217 yards and 12 touchdowns against the Border War rivals and will be looking for a milestone in touchdowns and yards this weekend. In addition, senior Arel Gordon, the offense's catalyst all season, can top 1,000 yards rushing with a

big day this weekend. King, second nationally with 10.5 sacks, needs 3.5 to break the school record in that category.

In addition, Saturday will be Senior Day as the Black Bears' 12 upperclassmen play their final games in the blue and white. Whitcomb, Gordon, King and DeVito are joined by Justin Roberts, Daren Stone, Alex Goyins, Manauris Arias, Steven Williams, Joe Vandestine, Kenny Henry and Anthony Cotrone as final game honorees.

"This game means a lot — everybody will be going all out," said Stone. "We go all out every game, but this one will be more emotional both before and after."

"It's the last game with your teammates, so there's a lot of emotion. But we have to focus and have fun," Goyins agreed.

One of the best teams, defenses and senior classes UMaine has ever seen will hang up the pads for good Saturday. But before they do, they have one last order of business to attend to and one last relic to reclaim for the Black Bear locker room.

"We want to play like the best defense in the country and we want to win the game," DeVito said. "But most of all, we want that musket."

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Remember when?

Heading into their final game, Black Bear seniors share their favorite memories



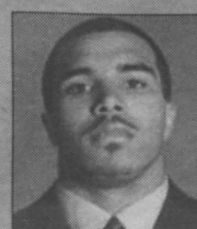
Matt King

"Definitely the win at Mississippi State (9-7 in 2004). That was a great win. It was a surreal moment, the locker room scene after the game was unreal."



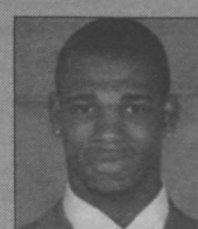
Mike DeVito

"This year, being able to play for a championship, has been great. But the feeling after we beat Mississippi State, I haven't felt anything like that."



Alex Goyins

"All the wins at home are special moments. My favorite plays would be the punt I blocked at Towson or the tip that was intercepted against Villanova."



Daren Stone

"All the games against I-A teams where we came together and played them well. Mississippi State's up there because we got the win. I called everyone I knew after that."

Swim squads start strong

Shpaizer, Richard earn conference honors

By Matt McGraw
For The Maine Campus

Last weekend at Wallace Pool, the University of Maine swimmers posted two solid performances against the University of New Brunswick and conference opponent Stony Brook. The women's team walked away with two victories, while the men split the weekend, which was also highlighted with a trio of America East accolades. Tal Shpaizer and Nathan Richard were named America East Swimmers of the Week, and Maine diver Keith Burgie earned America East Diver of the Week.

The Black Bears were led by Shpaizer, who took first in the 50-meter butterfly, 200-meter backstroke and placed second in the 50-meter backstroke. Richard won in the 50-meter butterfly, 50-meter freestyle, as well as the 200-meter breaststroke.

For Shpaizer, being named America East Swimmer of the week for the second time this year is something to be happy about, but will only push her to work harder.

"It was a nice surprise; it's a good way to open my last season at UMaine. It motivates both myself and the team to keep up the hard work in practices, because at the end it will pay off and we will be able to get the results we are working for," Shpaizer said.

The women's team also received solid performances from Adi Levy, who won the 800-meter freestyle, Megan Wolters, who won the 100-meter backstroke, and Jessie Ellis-Alcaide, who won the 50-meter and 100-meter freestyle races. For the men, Chris Card picked up two wins in the 100-meter breaststroke

and the 50-meter backstroke.

The race of the weekend came Sunday afternoon when Richard faced off against defending America East 100 breaststroke champion Jon Sigurosson. Richard, who finished second to Sigurosson last year at championships, defeated Sigurosson this time around with a time of 58.08. While neither swimmer was in championship form, Richard's win still counted for something.

"I am sure it will make him push much harder knowing he is not home free for the America East title. I know it will make me push as hard as I can to beat him at this year's America East," Richard said after the meet.

Things are looking good in general for the men's team in 2006-2007. Despite losing on Sunday 138-103 to Stony Brook, the Black Bears have down improvement over last year. America East Diver of the Week Keith Burgie turned in a terrific performance, winning the one and three-meter dives. Chris Card won the 100-meter breaststroke and backstroke and Brendan Amy placed second in the 1,000-meter freestyle.

The women's team beat Stony Brook 140-98 and were led by Sarah Holmsten and Mackenzie Grobmyer who finished first and second respectively in the 1000-meter freestyle. Shpaizer finished first in the 200-meter freestyle and 100-meter backstroke, and Kari Boffa who placed first in the 100-meter freestyle.

The women's team will travel to Vermont Saturday to face the Catamounts. Both teams return to action on Nov. 20, facing Bowdoin College.

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with Middle Tennessee State on Saturday.

"I think to come out and have that kind of intensity and give the team effort that we did really set the tone for what we want to be all about this year," head coach Ann McInerney said. "It was a great first night for us."

The Blue Raiders from Murfreesboro opened their season with two consecutive losses, a four-point heartbreaker to No. 1 Maryland and a 72-61 decision to South Dakota State.

"They are a very athletic team," McInerney said. "They're pretty much full-court in-your-face defense so it'll be a very good challenge for us at a different level."

Taking the brunt of the ball handling duties is freshman point guard Greene, who hails from Eden Prairie, a Minneapolis suburb.

"It's really exciting this early in the season to be able to play at home," said Greene. "The transition from high school to college has been quite a learning experience but having a good core of seniors has really helped a lot."

Among those seniors is guard Ashley Underwood who is still hampered by a stress fracture, but made her presence felt against the Tribe.

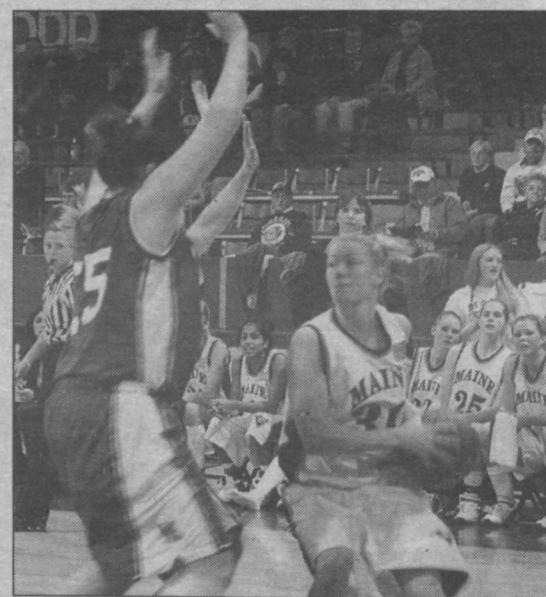
"Ashley really set the tone for us on defense. We didn't need her to score 20 points in order for us to win; other kids stepped up," McInerney said. "She has proven to be so valuable for our team."

Forwards Bracey Barker, Katie Whittier and Hugstad-Vaa will look to continue their success with the high-low offense.

"Their forwards are really aggressive and strong," said Hugstad-Vaa. "But everyone is working really hard and we're very excited."

Leading the Blue Raiders is senior guard Chrissy Givens, the reigning Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, All-Conference First Team and Sun Belt Tournament MVP. If that isn't enough, she led the conference in scoring and steals.

Amber Holt, a transfer from Southeastern Illinois College where she was a second-team NJCAA All-American as a freshman, averaged 20.3 points, 10.9



CAMPUS PHOTO LAURA GIORGIO

COURT VISION — Brittany Bowen looks to pass inside through a Tribe defender.

rebounds and 3.6 steals per game. The 6-0 junior guard poured in 28 points in the Blue Raiders' loss to Maryland and freshman Chelsia Lymonn, who did not play in the preseason due to an ankle injury, scored 13 points in nine minutes of action.

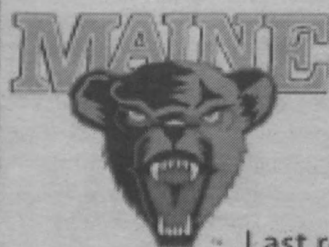
Unfortunately for UMaine, Lymonn comes from hearty basketball stock. She has two cousins who are NBA stars: Tim Hardaway, who played for the Miami Heat, and Jalen Rose, who is currently playing for the New York Knicks.

"We're going to have to switch up our defense and really attack their defensive pressure," said McInerney. "We're going to work on our zone defense this week and really try to just slow them down."

Mirroring Underwood is sophomore Johnna Abney, who started in 30 of 31 games last season, burying 66 three-pointers, and was second in the conference in three-point percentage (.407).

Also in the tournament is Princeton University where two of Greene's former teammates, Jillian Schurle and Jordan Barns play. Fellow Apple Valley resident and long time friend of Hugstad-Vaa's Leslie Knight will suit up for the Golden Gophers.

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Maine vs. Boston College

3 p.m. - Sunday, Nov. 19th
Alfond Arena

Men's Basketball

Maine vs. St. Joseph

6 p.m. - Wednesday, Nov. 22nd
Alfond Arena

Women's Basketball

Dead River Company Classic

Clemson vs. St. John's

4:30 p.m. - Friday, Nov. 24th

Maine vs. Brown

7 p.m. - Friday, Nov. 24th

Brown vs. St. John's/Clemson

3:30 p.m. - Saturday, Nov. 25th

Maine vs. St. John's/Clemson

6 p.m. - Saturday, Nov. 25th
Alfond Arena

Men's Basketball

Maine vs. Robert Morris

1 p.m. - Sunday, Nov. 26th
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MAN on a MISSION

Ron Whitcomb bent on ending with a win

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Career Statistics

2003
Completions: 186-329
Yards: 2,428
Touchdowns: 21
Interceptions: 10
Rating: 133.5
2004
Completions: 213-350

Yards: 2,318
Touchdowns: 22
Interceptions: 13
Rating: 129.8
2005
Completions: 205-357
Yards: 2,219
Touchdowns: 16
Interceptions: 13
Rating: 117.1

2006
Completions: 123-203
Yards: 1,196
Touchdowns: 8
Interceptions: 7
Rating: 116.2
TOTALS
Completions: 727-1,239*
Yards: 8,161#

Touchdowns: 67!
Interceptions: 43!
Rating: 124.9

*School Record
! Tied for school record
Needs 330 yards to set the school record

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

The only thing Ron Whitcomb ever wanted was to be away from home on Thanksgiving. It's not that he doesn't like his family, or the taste of turkey and stuffing. Thanksgiving week means a little more than Pilgrims and parades in the I-AA football world. It's the time when the 16 best teams in the country are hard at work preparing for the playoffs.

Unfortunately, it looks like a bevy of circumstances including getting stuck playing a D-II club and a near-monsoon at Rhode Island will send the quarterback home to Rochester, N.Y. again this Turkey Day. That hasn't deterred Whitcomb's drive and determination for his final game this weekend, though.

"I'm thinking about getting a win," the 23-year-old signal caller said. "I'm trying to teach a lesson to the younger guys that if a senior can bounce back after possibly not ever playing again, then anyone can. And you can play every game like it's your last."

As emotionally scarring as last week's 10-9 elimination loss to UMass was, it's not surprising to hear the squad's captain talk about setting examples and building for the future. After all, Ron Whitcomb has never been about Ron Whitcomb.

Poised to rewrite the University of Maine passing record books this fall, his stats took a back seat as an offense that features only three seniors matured around him.

"The fact is we weren't ready to be a good throwing team," said UMaine coach Jack Cosgrove. "As the season's gone on, we've gotten better, but for Ronny it was never about the records. It was always about the team."

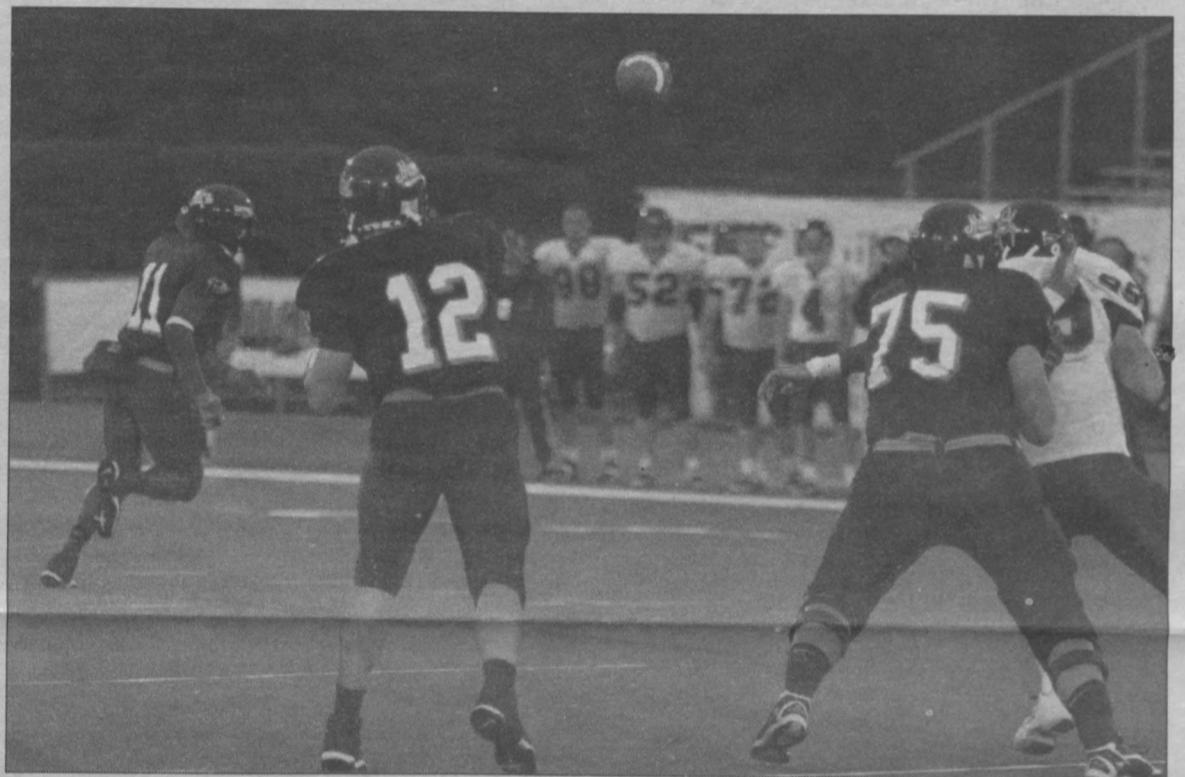
Whitcomb's name is at the top in school history for a number of categories despite producing the lowest numbers of his illustrious career this season. He is first in completions, total yardage and tied with Mike Buck for touchdown passes with 67.

"I think later on in life I'll look back and say 'Wow, I was a pretty decent player,'" Whitcomb said. "Right now, I still have the sting of that loss. I wanted to be in the playoffs so bad, I think getting there would've allowed me to enjoy the records more."

The Black Bears' offense has struggled at times in 2006, in part because of youthful inexperience and in part because of a change in systems

from a traditional pro offense to a spread-option style. Whitcomb, who carries a 4.0 grade point average, made the switch possible through his intellectual gifts and ability to understand a defense.

"What coach Wilder and the staff have put on him far exceeds what any quarterback we've had has had



to do," Cosgrove explained. "There's a 25-second play clock, and he has to get the signal with flawless focus, and he's had that."

"Then once the play starts he has to decide if he's running, pitching, handing off — all while there's bad guys trying to rankle him and upset him. There's a tremendous amount of work he has to do every play."

That kind of intimate understanding doesn't come naturally packaged with talent. Whitcomb spends 10 hours a week in meetings with offensive coordinator Bobby Wilder in addition to 12 hours of film study he does in his spare time.

"He's as prepared as anyone we've ever had at the position. I coached Mike Buck and Mike Buck couldn't hold a candle to Ron in terms of preparation," Cosgrove said.

Whitcomb attributes his work ethic to an inherent desire to win, inspired by a fierce competition for the starting quarterback job before his redshirt freshman season.

"I wanted to start as a freshman, so I worked harder than everyone else in front of me. If you want to be successful, you have to put the time in," Whitcomb said. "I still remember the day coach Wilder told me I was starting against Montana. That's a special moment for me."

The 6-2, 203 pounder with gold hair to match his golden arm has started every Black Bears contest since, compiling a 23-21 record while throwing for 8,161 yards and 67 touchdowns. He was Atlantic 10 and ECAC Rookie of the Year after that first season and has been one of

the most respected players in New England since. Along the way, he's learned a lot about himself and about the game of football.

"The biggest thing is knowledge of the game. You think you know a lot, but you have no idea what you don't know yet," Whitcomb said. "As a freshman you're just learning the plays, but as a senior you're understanding coverages and blitzes — things you wouldn't have dreamed of as a freshman."

Of UMaine's 21 losses over the last four years, 10 have come by less than eight points and several have been last-second setbacks that have kept Whitcomb out of the postseason. He's never been phased by the hard luck, a testament to toughness that is essential at the quarterback position.

"Ronny's not going to come out. He'd play through anything. That's the toughness factor he owns," Cosgrove said. "That drive he led us on last week to almost tie the game, that's as mentally tough as you can ask for. He's won some and lost some but he's not afraid of those pressure situations, he's embraced them."

In addition to 1,196 yards passing and eight touchdown tosses, Whitcomb's run for 299 yards and a team-high six scores this season. While he's not the most fleet-footed player in the Atlantic 10, that willingness to do anything it takes to win is an important part of his legacy at UMaine.

"That's the story of my career, not being a very good athlete and just coming in, losing the weight, getting

quicker and making plays," Whitcomb said. "People will remember me as a kid that probably, talent-wise, wasn't the greatest player, but because of my work ethic I played above where, athletically, I should've been."

With one game remaining to leave an impression on Black Bears fans, Whitcomb looks to secure the ninth seven-win season in the 114-year history of UMaine football. He takes pride in leaving the program in better shape than when he arrived, putting Orono back on the I-AA map. He also has one more game to throw that record-breaking touchdown pass.

"If it happens, it happens, but a win would be better," the quarterback said.

Even at the end of the road, that's typical Ron Whitcomb — always about the team.

The Whitcomb File

Hometown: Rochester, N.Y.

Birthday: Nov. 1, 1983

Major: Secondary Education

Favorite TV Show:

Watching Kobe Bryant play
Favorite Athlete: Kobe Bryant

Favorite Actor: Tom Hanks

Celebrity Crush: Jessica Simpson

Little known fact: Carries a 4.0 grade point average.

Favorite receiver: Josh Radulski



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One game for glory: UM eyes a big finish

Football looks to bring Musket home as America's top ranked offense, defense collide

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

There's a hole in the University of Maine football locker room, a place that's been collecting dust for three years. The Brice-Cowell Musket — the spoils for the winner of the UMaine-New Hampshire showdown each year — belongs there. Despite not being able to play for an Atlantic 10 or national trophy, the musket is one piece of hardware the 2006 Black Bears can claim.

"I remember being on the sidelines when we lost it. They came and took it in the third

quarter. The game wasn't even over, and there was nothing they could do about it," said defensive end and captain Matt King, referring to UNH's 47-24 2003 win. "That hurt. It's a missing piece you see every time you walk into the locker room."

While some would question the Black Bears' ability to bounce back after a crippling and demoralizing loss to Massachusetts last week, those inside the Musket-less locker room laugh at the notion.

"The character of this team is stronger than that," said senior quarterback Ron Whitcomb. "I still think we're a great team

and we're a better team than New Hampshire. We didn't get worse because we lost [to UMass]."

Tale of the Tape

UM Defense		UNH offense	
Stat	Nat. Rank	Stat	Nat. Rank
227 ypg	1	420.1 ypg	3
60.9 rush ypg	2	161.1 rush ypg	43
113 pass rat.	32	152.8 pass rat.	11
12.5 ppg	5	38.2 ppg	2
36 sacks	1	2590 pass yds	9

While the clubs are focused on capturing the musket, the 96-year rivalry wasn't always para-

mount in the minds of either team. But UMaine coach Jack Cosgrove and UNH boss Sean McDonnell are longtime friends and brought the zeal back to the Brice-Cowell showdown.

"It's special, and it's taken on a greater zeal in recent years. I never felt the musket was a big deal when I played or early on in coaching here. Sean and I have really taken to emphasizing that to our teams," Cosgrove said.

The No. 10 Wildcats have won three in a row against No. 22 UMaine thanks to an explosive offense that's racked up 156 points over the course of the streak. UNH is 7-3 and playing

for its playoff life this weekend, led by quarterback Ricky Santos and receiver David Ball, who broke Jerry Rice's D-I touchdown record earlier this season.

The Black Bears, on the other hand, hold a 6-4 record on the strength of the best defense in the country. UMaine allows 12 points per game compared to the 38 per game UNH is scoring, setting up an irresistible force and immovable object battle for the ages Saturday at noon on Morse Field.

"We're both ranked, we're both very close in the computer

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Black Bears shaking off sting of loss

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

Over the course of the last 12 years, the world has survived the Y2K bug, watched "Shakespeare in Love" beat out "Saving Private Ryan" for an Oscar and experienced not one but two Britney Spears marriages. To say the least, it has been an odd, but eventful stretch.

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Yet all those events seem normal compared to the University of New Hampshire's 8-2 trouncing of the University of Maine Sunday at Alford Arena. In just two and a half hours, the Wildcats not only flushed a 12-year old streak down the toilet but proved after much speculation that the Black Bears could be had at home. The blowout was the worst at the Alford since the late '80s.

According to the Black Bears, that wasn't the worse part about the

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GET OFF MY FRIEND — Travis Ramsey enters the fray to pull two New Hampshire skaters away from teammate Rob Bellamy during last weekend's 8-2 setback.

CAMPUS PHOTO BY CHRIS PERSICO

Reed day-to-day after hurting knee

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

Another promising season for the University of Maine men's basketball team may be in jeopardy due to an injury. Tuesday night, senior captain Kevin Reed left a 66-57 loss to Idaho State University at the CBE Classic in Milwaukee and did not return.

Men's Basketball

The Associated Press reported that Reed, a preseason All-America East selection, injured his right knee in a scramble with 12:47 remaining in the first half. The 6-2 guard fell and immediately grabbed his knee before being helped off the court several minutes later. He received medical attention on UMaine's bench and didn't return in the second half.

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Gopher natives excited to return to home state

By Meghann Burnett
Staff Reporter

Ask University of Maine women's basketball players Lindsey Hugstad-Vaa and Abby Greene what could possibly be better than going to your home state for a tournament after winning in the season opener.

They'll tell you: pretty much nothing.

Women's Basketball

"I've been counting down since October for this," said Hugstad-Vaa, a native of Apple Valley, Minn. "My family has come out here to watch a few times, but my family from California is coming



Hugstad-Vaa



Greene

out and they've never seen me play. I just want to do well and make them proud."

On Friday, the Black Bears travel to Minneapolis for the University of Minnesota Tip-Off Tournament.

UMaine opened the season with a 66-46 win over William & Mary, and will look to ride the momentum and high-spirits into their match-up

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Football club in NIFL title game

By Adam Clark
For The Maine Campus

This season the University of Maine tackle football club has played in a wide variety of weather conditions, ranging from thunder and lightning, rain and wind, to near freezing temperatures. So when the Black Bears took the field Sunday afternoon amidst rainy conditions, they knew what to expect.

In a game where defense was at a premium and offense at a minimum, the Black Bears scored the first and only points of the game on a third quarter touchdown and held on for a 7-0 win over the Central Maine Warriors, capturing the Northeast Independent Football League's East Division crown.

UMaine, now 5-4, advances to the NIFL Championship Game this Saturday in Manchester, New



CAMPUS PHOTO BY JOHN KASTELEIN

SUPER BOWL — With a 7-0 playoff win last week, the Black Bears advanced to the NIFL's biggest stage.

Hampshire, against West Division Champ, Northeast Knights, 14-8 winners over the Southern Vermont Storm. Kickoff is slated for 3 p.m.

In the first half, the rainy weather dictated the play of the game.

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