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Kobayashi
takes 'all you
can eat' too
seriously. Page 8



SG candidates debate on Wednesday

Student financial
woes, GSS public
image discussed

By Brian Sylvester
Assistant News Editor

Sparse attendance marred debates between candidates for president and vice president of Student Government last night. The debates took place at 6 p.m. in the North Pod of Memorial Union.

Presidential candidates Priyanth Chandrasekar, Kevin Ballew and Derek Mitchell debated in the second half of the program. They discussed rising financial burdens on students, the importance of leadership skills and diversity on campus and in the senate. The candidates did not significantly disagree on many issues, focusing instead on their different traits and leadership styles.

Chandrasekar discussed his work with the International Students Association, emphasizing his communication and networking skills. "It's important for somebody like the student body president to reach out," he said.

Mitchell spoke about rising tuition costs and the need for



MINIMUM EXPOSURE — The Maine Channel will rebroadcast the debates for student body president and vice president to help make up for the poor turnout Wednesday night.

Student Government to be more open to the student body. Drawing on his experience as vice president of Student Entertainment, Mitchell promised to work to promote senate visibility.

"What we do is crucial," Mitchell said. "An open door policy is crucial."

Ballew said the biggest problem facing the senate is the gap between students and senators.

"Student Government is viewed by the general student as a resume-building club," he said, noting that he wanted to change this perception. "I will make it my principal goal to reconnect stu-

dents to senators."

All the candidates agreed it was important to make Student Government more accessible, more diverse, and to represent student interests over personal beliefs.

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UM-Orono relations committee stuck in limbo

By Pattie Barry
Style Editor

After eight months, students, university officials and Orono Town Council members are still in the discussion stages of the University-Town Relations Committee. The committee was initiated four years ago but had fallen into a period of inactivity until this past March, when three students unsuccessfully ran for council seats.

There are plans to arrange a meeting of the committee in mid-December, Orono Town Manager Cathy Conlow said. The committee has not held a meeting since August.

At the council meeting on Monday, Nov. 13, Off-Campus Board President Morgan Malinowitz was appointed to the Orono Town Council as an ex-officio student representative, a position that the town council had reinstated after the

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Eric Landis named Professor of the Year



TEACHING MACHINE — Veazie Community School teacher Lauree Gott and UMaine professor Eric Landis work in an engineering lab in Boardman Hall.

Emily Southwick
Staff Reporter

University of Maine professor Eric Landis received the Professor of the Year award on Nov. 16 from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation. Other professors were recognized in 42 states, the District of Columbia and Guam, and four national U.S. Professors of the Year were also recognized.

Landis earned a Ph.D. in civil engineering in 1993 from Northwestern University and became a faculty member at UMaine

in 1994. In 2004, he received the Distinguished Maine Professor Award, presented annually by the Alumni Association. Landis teaches several courses at the University of Maine including materials, structural analysis, experimental mechanics, and fracture mechanics. Through these classes, he helps students ranging from first-year to advanced graduate level.

His other accomplishments include more than 75 scholarly publications, the 1996 UMaine Civil Engineering Professor of the Year Award, National Science Foundation

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Campus saddened by unexpected loss

Brandon Shaw, 20, remembered as energetic member of UMaine community

By Brian Sylvester
Assistant News Editor

Brandon Shaw, a University of Maine biology and pre-med student, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes Sunday, Nov. 26. The official cause of death has been ruled as a brain aneurysm, which occurred sometime Sunday evening. Shaw died at his residence in Houlton, Maine. He was born in Manchester, Connecticut. He is survived by his parents, Max L. Shaw and Brenda Martin, his two brothers Bruce and Danny Shaw, and sisters Sandy Shaw and Marsha Libby.

"He was possibly the happiest kid I know," said friend Joshua King, a second-year music education major. "I met Brandon through a friend of mine who lived with him on campus. Every weekend we all got together...When he wasn't there it was boring, but when he was there it was fun."

"I've known Brandon since sophomore year of high school," Kevin Jewett, another friend of Shaw's, said. "He was a very fun-loving, energetic, exciting person. He was always full of energy, always happy."

Jewett recalled Shaw's many extracurricular activities. "He was always ready for the next thing," Jewett said. He was a member of the UMaine Greens and the Green Party, and an active conservationist. He was also a member of a karate group on campus. "He had progressed a couple of belts in the course of a semester," Jewett said. Shaw was a member of the Maine Outing Club and enjoyed outdoor activities.

Shaw was an avid sportsman and sports fan. While attending Bath High School he participated in baseball, football and tennis. King recalled

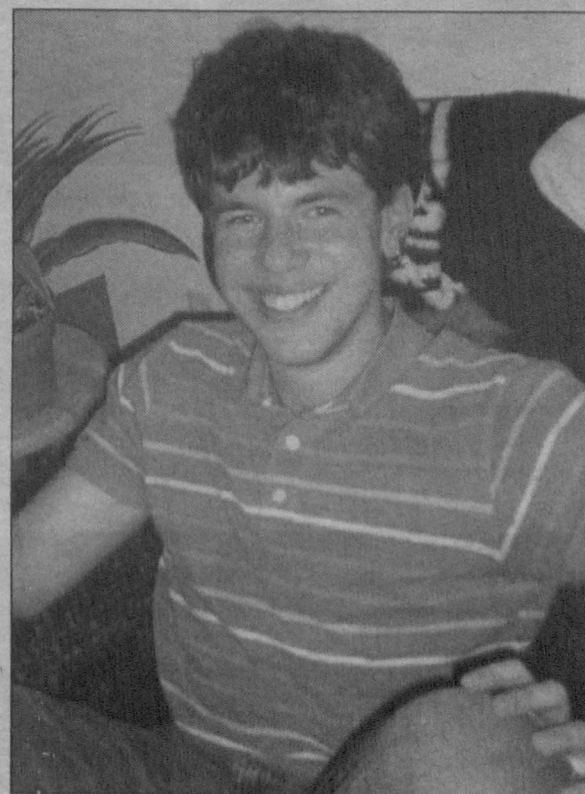


PHOTO COURTESY OF FRIENDS

Shaw in a picture provided by his friends. He passed away Sunday of natural causes.

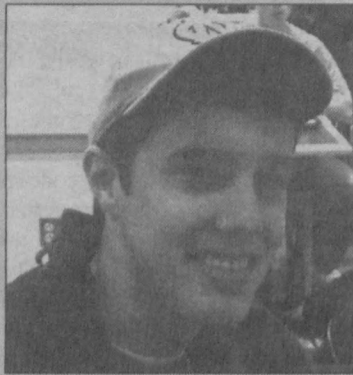
the conversations he and Shaw had about the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox.

Jewett also recalled many of Shaw's favorite pastimes, which included hiking and camping, kayaking, and bowling. "The kid always had a

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WORD OF MOUTH

What was the worst part of your
Thanksgiving break?



"Too short."

Chris Conroy
Second year
Undecided



"Coming back."

Chris Dow
First year
Business



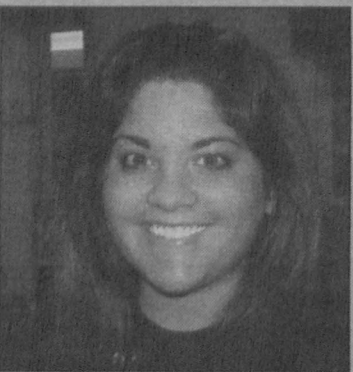
"There was nothing bad
because I was with my
wonderful roommate and
her loving family."

Tricia Duncan
Fifth year
Civil engineering



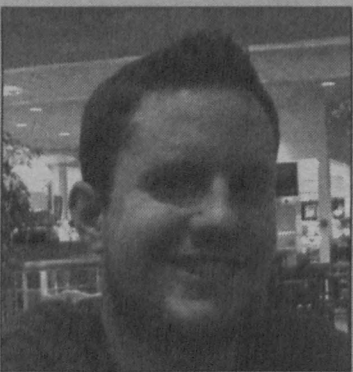
"Stealing my mom's car
and having her
call me right when I got
back at school."

Kristin Smith
Second year
Resource and agricultural
business management



"Having to clean up after
33 people came to dinner."

Sarah Eremita
Fourth year
Elementary education



"Doing homework."

Patrick Devanney
First-year graduate student
Higher education



"No parties."

Justin Zinck
First year
Accounting



"It ending."

Tammy Dufor
Second year
Pre-veterinary

Philosophy department revamps Colloquium Series with new grant

By Maeghan Naimie
For The Maine Campus

The philosophy department's Colloquium Series has been in place here at the University of Maine for more than 20 years. It is one of the most active department series on campus, but hasn't been as prominent over the past two years, which makes this one very special.

Doug Allen, professor of philosophy, is coordinator of the Colloquium Series this year.

"A key factor in whether we can offer a series is funding, since the department has a very limited budget," Allen said. "For this academic year, we applied for a Cultural Affairs-Distinguished Lecture Series Committee grant, and we were informed that our Philosophy Colloquium Series grant was funded in late October. It is amazing that we were then able to offer four programs with outside speakers in November. We'll offer five programs during the spring semester."

Every year, a different philosophy department faculty member gets the responsibility of choosing who will speak in this arena. This way, they can avoid repetition of the same material. However, a few guests have been invited to speak more than once.

Allen has been working with the newly awarded grant to bring in several internationally renowned scholars and public figures. He is very excited about being able to head and revive such an important series on the campus this year.

"We try to organize the Philosophy Colloquium Series so

that the programs are not only philosophically stimulating and extend the educational experience of our students outside the classroom, but also so that the programs are interdisciplinary and reach out to others in the university community," Allen said. "Some of our individual programs are co-sponsored with other departments. As you go through the topics, you can see the interdisciplinary nature of presentations as they bring out connections between philosophy and the classics, English, political science, history, economics, art and music, peace studies and other fields."

Every semester there are between three and five presentations on different topics pertaining to philosophy to the UMaine campus.

"We usually have about six to eight speakers a year in the series. Faculty members in the department put together a list of names of people we know or think would be interesting to hear talk. We have limited funding, so we try to bring people who can get here relatively inexpensively," said Roger King, chair of the department of philosophy at UMaine.

The first speaker was chosen by members of the philosophy honors society Phi Sigma Tau. On Nov. 1, Professor Anna Langstrom talked about the Aristotelian approach to thinking about terrorism.

The second part of this year's series took place on Nov. 2, about the textual connections between Book 3 of Plato's "Republic" and Homer's "The Odyssey." The speaker for this presentation was

professor Patricia Fagan, who teaches in the department of classics, literature, and cultures at the University of Windsor in Canada.

On Nov. 9, professor David Pettigrew from Southern Connecticut State spoke in the Colloquium Series and also in the political science department on the ethical implications of Heidegger's philosophy.

Every spring semester, the department's visiting scholar also takes part in the series.

"This person usually gives a couple of talks, meets with the students in the philosophy capstone course, and spends time providing some feedback on the research work of the faculty member who organizes the series for that year," King said. "So the visiting scholar benefits one particular person in the department each year, but also addresses students and other faculty on campus."

In late November or early December, Professor Arnold Berleant of Long Island University will be presenting "Aesthetics and Community?" In January, professor Allen will present "The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi." The February speaker will be Kirsten Jacobson, presenting "The Philosophy of Maurice Merleau-Ponty." March will bring Japanese philosopher Iwao Hirose on "Rawls's Notion of the Separateness of the Person." The final presentation will be in April with the Philosophy Distinguished Visiting Scholar Bhikhu Parekh, on "Gandhi and Inter-Religious Dialogue and Tolerance."

THE MAINE CAMPUS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday

Hosting a Responsible Party

A Brown Bag seminar, part of "Commuters Count: Celebrating Commuter Students" week. Begins at 11 a.m. in the FFA Room of Memorial Union. Sponsored by Commuter and Nontraditional Student Programs. Contact Barbara Smith at 581-1734.

Wellness/Managing Stress

A Brown Bag seminar, part of "Commuters Count: Celebrating Commuter Students" week. 12:15 p.m. in the FFA Room of Memorial Union. Sponsored by Commuter and Nontraditional Student Programs. Contact Barbara Smith at 581-1734.

"Rent" lecture

"Everything is 'Rent': The Musical, the World It Came From and the World It Calls For." Lecture by Isaac Curtis, UMaine alumnus and Ph.D. student in history at the University of Pittsburgh, part of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Series. 12:30 p.m. in the Bangor Room of Memorial

Union. Contact Brenda Collamore at 581-3866.

Philosophy Colloquium

"The Element of Everyday Life: Three Lessons from Ancient Greece" by John Russon, associate professor of philosophy, University of Guelph, and author of "Human Experience: Philosophy, Neurosis and the Elements of Everyday Life." 4 p.m. in the Levinson Room in the Maples. Part of the Philosophy Colloquium Series. Contact Brenda Collamore at 581-3866.

Friday

Bagel Social

First Friday Bagel Social, part of "Commuters Count: Celebrating Commuter Students" week. Held at 8 a.m. in the Commuter Lounge of Memorial Union. Contact Barbara Smith at 581-1734.

Free massages

Part of "Commuters Count: Celebrating Commuter Students" week. From 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Commuter Lounge of Memorial Union. Contact Barbara Smith at 581-1734.

Tenants' rights

Tenant's Rights lecture by Brett Baber. Part of "Commuters Count: Celebrating Commuter Students" week. 11 a.m. in the Bumps Room of Memorial Union. Contact Barbara Smith at 581-1734.

Holiday Party

Old Fashioned Holiday Party including trimming the tree, singing carols, making ornaments and decorating gingerbread cookies. Refreshments available. 6 p.m. at the Page Farm and Home Museum. Contact Patricia Henner at 581-4100.

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.

Lobster Institute fundraising campaign to add new positions

By Tony Reaves
News Editor

The Lobster Institute on campus is planning a major expansion of its operations, running a long-term campaign to raise \$4.8 million.

The institute's research serves the lobster industry throughout New England and parts of Canada, but since its inception it has relied mostly on annual contributions. The University of Maine has provided support as well, mainly in the form of office space, laboratory access and part of employees' salaries.

Cathy Billings, assistant director for communications and development at the Lobster Institute, said the new Cooperation, Outreach, Research and Education, or C.O.R.E., campaign will create two new positions at the institute and endow the director's position. According to Billings, whoever replaces current director Robert Bayer will have big shoes to fill.

"When it's time for him to retire, we want to ensure there's always an opportunity for someone of that caliber to come in," Billings said. Bayer has been researching lobsters for 30 years.

The campaign would create a lobster health researcher position at the institute, as well as a product development position to benefit the lobster industry. Billings said both positions would start as graduate student positions, so the campaign aims to establish scholarship funds to pay for both.

The C.O.R.E. campaign is named for what Billings called the institute's core functions. "What we're trying to do is secure the lob-

ster resource, and at the same time ensure that there's always a vital fishery," Billings explained. "We feel they don't have to be counter to one another."

In October, the institute received a boost toward their goal in the form of a \$100,000 challenge grant from Riverdale Mills, a Massachusetts-based manufacturer of PVC-coated wire mesh used to make lobster traps.

The challenge grant means that once the institute raises \$100,000, Riverdale will kick in an additional \$100,000. The goal is to convince others to donate money to the institute, knowing that Riverdale would match any donations.

Darden Restaurants, owners of Red Lobster, The Olive Garden and other casual dining establishments, previously gave the institute a two-

to-one challenge grant. When the Lobster Institute raised \$150,000 from other donors, Darden gave them an additional \$75,000.

Riverdale Mills president and founder James Knott has supported the Lobster Institute since its inception in 1987. Knott is the inventor of the wire lobster trap. "I put the first one in the water in 1957," Knott said. "By about 30 years, 99 percent of the traps in New England were made out of wire."

Knott said support for the Lobster Institute could be called an investment for those in the lobster industry thanks to the research they've done. Before the institute, there was "so much mythology out there," he said. "People really didn't know what was going on at the bottom of the ocean."

Myths and superstitions still

dominate the lobster industry, according to Knott. In Canada, he said, many lobstermen believe that wire traps "sing," scaring away lobsters with sounds inaudible to humans. Because of this, he said, wooden traps are still widely used in places like Newfoundland.

Knott is still licensed by the state of Massachusetts to catch lobsters, but he said he only gets out 10 to 12 times per season. In May, Knott received an honorary doctorate of science from UMaine for his support of the Lobster Institute, and even now is calling other potential donors for the C.O.R.E. campaign.

Knott said of the challenge grant that he was "delighted to get something going."

"I'm grateful for what the lobster institute has done for the industry," Knott said.



COURTESY OF JANET KNOTT

ROCK LOBSTER — James Knott (right) is the CEO of Riverdale Mills, which recently gave the Lobster Institute a \$100,000 challenge grant.

LANDIS

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CAREER Award in 1998, and UMaine's Presidential Outstanding Teaching Award in 2002. Landis' studies focus on the relationship between material microstructure and the engineering properties of concrete and other materials.

"I am excited, obviously," Landis said of receiving the award. "Quality teaching is important to me, and I appreciate the recognition for the efforts of myself and my colleagues."

Landis jokingly characterized his students' reaction to the award: "Him? Are you kidding?" Still, he said he wouldn't be where he is if not for his passion to help them. "There is a tightness [at UMaine] between students and faculty unlike any place I have ever been," he said. "We can have heated debates during class in the morning, and have pizza together at Pat's [Pizza] in the evening."

According to Pam Russell, who works for CASE, competition for the U.S. Professors of the Year takes place in several stages, passing through multiple panels and meeting strict criteria. Winners are selected based on outstanding teaching, commitment to undergrad students and influence on teaching.

"Every day presents new challenges," Landis said about being a professor. "Teachers need to be creative in order to reach a broad range of students. The most rewarding thing is seeing the 'light bulb' go on when a student suddenly understands something."

For a complete list of winners and information on CASE and the Professor of the Year awards go to <http://usprofessorsoftheyear.org>.

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Teaching
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Molecular/Cell Biology
Journalism
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Accounting
Computer Information Systems



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POLICEBEAT

By Randy Perkins
For The Maine Campus

Graffitiist summonsed

On Nov. 19 at 12:48 a.m. an officer on patrol around Kennebec Hall heard voices across the field in the vicinity of Lengyel gymnasium. The officer noticed five individuals standing against the building and could hear the distinct noise of a spray can rattling. He also observed one of the individuals standing closer to the building than the other four. Additional officers were called to converge on the scene. When they arrived and the subjects noticed them, the subjects threw an object behind the bleachers near the building. Officers located the subjects a short distance away from the building and determined that six out of the eight were students. Officers found that there was graffiti on the side of Lengyel gym. Robert Miller, 18, of Wilton admitted to the graffiti and was issued a summons for criminal mischief.

Beer breath

On Nov. 17 at 9:06 p.m. an officer was entering Cumberland Hall. While coming through the doorway, a male asked the officer to hold the door for him. The officer stood by and let the male pass. As the male came through the doorway, the officer could smell alcohol. The officer recognized the individual as Justin Brown, 18, and issued him a summons for possession of alcohol by a minor by consumption.

Beer found in bag

On Nov. 19 at 12:29 a.m. a security officer on patrol called Public Safety to report that there was a group of people drinking behind a generator at Barrows Hall. The security officer hollered to the group and they ran in scattered directions. Behind the generator a backpack with open beer containers was found. The group was ordered to stop. One of them did, because he tripped and fell. He was identified as Timothy Berrigan, 19. Alcohol could be smelled on his breath and he had a backpack with seven beers inside of it. Berrigan was issued a summons for possession of alcohol by a minor.

Beer in jacket

On Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. an East Side Market employee reported a male with a mohawk had stolen a 16 ounce can of Moxie energy drink. Later that night, an officer located a man fitting the description in Cumberland Hall. He was identified as Devin Guimont, 18, of Dorchester, Mass. Upon being questioned Guimont asked, "Is this about the Moxie that I stole?" The man appeared to be intoxicated and proceeded to inform the officer that did not have enough money to pay for the drink, so he decided to steal it. The officer found an opened can of Pabst Blue Ribbon in Guimont's front jacket pocket. He was issued a summons for theft and for possession of alcohol by a minor.

ROC finalizes Quebec plans

Tickets for popular winter trip on sale December 2

By Jesse Davis
Copy Editor

The Boston trip, put on by Residents on Campus, has long been known for its popularity with students. The Quebec trip, added more recently, has also garnered strong interest.

"I think that students need an escape sometimes from rural Maine," said Matthew Bennett, vice president for programming in ROC. "While I think that we live and go to school in a great place, a change of scenery can be an exciting experience and makes you have a new appreciation for things."

Bennett has organized both trips, although this year's Quebec trip will be his last. Securing funding for them remains the hardest part, with costs for Boston at a low \$1,500 compared to the \$40,000 price tag for Quebec. Close to half of the funding comes from ROC itself, while General Student Senate foots around the same amount. Ticket sales are also an important factor. Tickets sold for Quebec this year will raise approximately \$17,000 and will be used to cover part of the lodging costs.

Travelers will be staying at

the Delta Quebec Hotel. According to its Web site, "The Quebec City hotel is located right downtown, steps away from Old Quebec, in the heart of North America's only walled city."

Besides lodging and travel, students must pay for their other expenses. Tickets will cost \$65 for on-campus students and \$85 for off-campus students, and will go on sale Thursday, Dec. 2 in front of the ROC office in the basement of Memorial Union.

Many in ROC feel that these trips are successful mainly due to positive student feedback after each one.

"I haven't heard a single negative comment from anyone about either of the trips," Justin Labonte, vice president of ROC, said. "They're the most exceptionally successful trips that any student organization on this campus offers to students."

As for the future of such trips, it depends on several factors, including student interest and, in the case of Quebec, conversion rates and passport law. This January, it will be necessary for U.S. citizens to have a passport to cross into Canada by air. The same rule will take effect for land travel next January.

GSS upholds veto on adding at-large seats

By Robert Morlarty
For The Maine Campus

After a lengthy debate at the General Student Senate meeting Tuesday night, a veto of a resolution adding four at-large seats was upheld.

The senate voted not to overturn the cabinet's veto on a resolution passed by GSS to establish four "at-large seats" and require candidates for these seats to get three signatures from each academic college, as each candidate represents every college.

"The exposure that being forced to accrue signatures outside of your friends gives constituents [the opportunity to] be asking you what you stand for, what you will do — important questions that should be asked of us," said vice presidential candi-

date William Pomerleau, who supported overturning the veto. "Surely I could find 25 friends to sign my nomination forms if I wanted an at-large seat — the three signature requirement should be in to diversify that."

The resolution would have expanded the senate's size to 35, but now it will remain at 31 until a new resolution is penned for at-large senators with a new set of stipulations on how to elect them.

Another resolution, passed unanimously, urged professors to use FirstClass conferences for all classes to make it easier for students to contact them.

James Varner, the Greater Bangor Area NAACP Branch President and adviser to the University of Maine Human Rights Student Coalition, handed out a press release promoting a

photographer's showcase featuring Skip Schiel, a photojournalist from Boston who spent time overseas taking pictures of Gaza. He also promoted the NAACP's Kwanzaa celebration, to be held Dec. 17 at the Unitarian Universalist Society.

Three Financial Affairs allocations were approved. Two were for the Athletic Training Student Organization; \$200 for their office budget and \$225 for supplies, food and an event. The third allocation approved \$729 for the Nordic Ski Team's league fees.

New resolutions were approved to bring back chips as an alternative to fruit if purchased in a meal exchange at the Union and to balance the budgets of the Student Entertainment Consent Agenda.

Rain, Rain, Go Away...



CAMPUS PHOTO BY JOHN KASTELEIN

NOVEMBER RAIN — This autumn has been unusually warm and rainy on campus.

Candidates vie for Dean and Director position

By Lalla Sholtz-Ames
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine is nearing the end of its search for a new dean and director for the UMaine Cooperative Extension Office. The two candidates, Linda Jo Turner and Deborah Maddy, visited the campus for several meetings and interviews this month and both were asked to participate in an open question-and-answer forum.

Turner visited the campus earlier this month and was interviewed by the search committee, which later interviewed Maddy. The search committee was appointed by Provost Edna Mora Szymanski, and is charged with the task of finding the most qualified candidate for the Cooperative Extension position. Many of the committee's members work in the Cooperative Extension office. Others, such as Daniel Sandweiss, hold positions at the University of Maine, but

outside of the Cooperative Extension office. Sandweiss, director of Graduate Studies, is also chair of the search committee.

"Both candidates are very well-qualified individuals and are very highly ranked," Sandweiss said. He also said that the committee has been working for months to find the proper candidates, and that about "20 applicants applied before narrowing the field down to six."

The committee conducted phone interviews and chose three candidates, one of whom dropped out — leaving two viable candidates, Turner and Maddy, as the remaining choices.

"The committee will make their decision and then recommend a specific candidate to the Provost, who has the final decision," Sandweiss said.

Wanda Legere, who works in the Provost's office, provided and gathered the information and biographies of both candidates. She said she feels "both

candidates are well qualified."

Turner is currently the interim vice provost and director of extension at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She has over 28 years of experience working in a college setting and holds three degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where she lives with her family.

Maddy is currently the assistant director at the Oregon State University Extension Service. She has worked at numerous Cooperative Extension offices, including Cornell University and Ohio State University, and has been involved in various 4-H programs throughout her career. Both candidates are interested in having the chance to work at the University of Maine and the Cooperative Extension Office.

For more information on either of the candidates, contact Wanda Legere at the UMaine Provost's Office or Daniel Sandweiss at Alumni Hall.

Former Allied Forces Chief Commander and UM alumnus lectures on Monday

By Laila Sholtz-Ames
For The Maine Campus

On Monday, Nov. 27 U.S. Navy Admiral Gregory G. Johnson, a retired commander in chief of the Allied Forces in Southern Europe, returned to speak at his alma mater, the University of Maine. Johnson, who graduated with a degree in political science in the 1960s, came to the Buchanan Alumni House to give a luncheon lecture called "Lessons of Bosnia and Other Conflicts."

Johnson was awarded several distinguished service medals and Awards over his highly decorated career. He credits much of his success to the four years he spent at UMaine, saying "it taught him a lot of important lessons."

When Johnson attended UMaine, he was a member of the R.O.T.C. Program. To honor him, members of the Navy and Army R.O.T.C. were in attendance to meet and greet both the speaker and visitors.

Many prominent members of the university were in attendance, including President Robert Kennedy, who introduced Johnson, saying that it was his pleasure "to introduce the return of such a distinguished graduate back to the University of Maine."

Dressed in a dark suit and red tie, Johnson took the stage and thanked the 100 or so people in attendance for joining him, and called UMaine "the most important education institute in the state of Maine."

Johnson spoke about his experience with war, particularly in Bosnia and the Balkans area. Johnson mentioned that once he became a commissioned officer after graduating from Aviation Officer Candidate School in 1969, he was soon assigned to numerous sea duty operations. Johnson was first assigned to flying an A-7E Corsair II, then deployed with the USS Independence and served aboard the USS Nimitz as an executive officer.

He gained military experience in the 1990s when he served with the Joint Chiefs of Staff as head of the European Command and Central Command Branch of the Joint Operations Division.

It was during that time that Johnson traveled to the Balkans. "We are reaching the 11th anniversary when the peace treaty was signed in Kosovo," Johnson said. "And hopefully the violence in the Balkans is winding down."

When speaking about Bosnia and the Balkans, Johnson touched on the idea of rebuilding communities after war, how the "economic

development of a country is very important after a war." When Johnson served in Bosnia, he experienced firsthand the level of violence and bloodshed that occurs during war. He compared this violence to the conflict in Afghanistan, saying that "Afghanistan is a test for us. We will see how we do."

Johnson went on to talk about how many other conflicts still occur around the world. "There is violence in Sudan, in places in Africa, and there is still the ongoing conflict in the Middle East," Johnson added.

Before leaving, Johnson answered questions from the audience about his take on world issues and questions about his contribution to the military.

After working in the Balkans, Johnson came back to the United States. In 1999, he was appointed to the position of senior military assistant to Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen. In 2001, Johnson assumed the duties as commander of U.S. Naval Forces. He is now retired, but still gives lectures to various groups across the United States, especially the University of Maine.

Johnson's visit to UMaine and his lecture were sponsored by the William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce with the assistance of the Buchanan Alumni House.

SHAW

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beaming smile," Jewett said. "He had a very infectious laugh." He talked about how Shaw would periodically drive into the Maine country side and camp out under the stars. Sometimes, when one or the other of them was stressed, Shaw would play a CD of loon calls.

"He was a very interesting guy," Dean of Students Robert Dana said. "He was involved in a lot of clubs."

"It's a tragedy," Dana said. "When natural things happen, you don't expect them to happen to 20-year-olds."

Shaw was a direct descendant of a native American tribe, and came to the University of Maine on full scholarship. "He wanted to be a doctor. He wanted to save people," Jewett recalled.

Shaw was a member of the Houlton band of Maliseets Indians and a member of Maine's First Nations Relations club.

"There aren't that many natives here at UMaine," said

David Slagger, a UMaine student and friend of Shaw's. "When we lose one, it's devastating." Friends of Shaw are invited to remember him at a public service in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union, on Thursday, December 7.

Shaw was also active with the peace studies group on campus and was a volunteer at a peace conference held for students this month. Tiffany

Warzecha, a student who worked with Shaw, and Barbara Blazej, Peace Studies Program coordinator, invite any interested people to contact them to set up a dialogue circle to remember Brandon. They can be reached at 581-2609.

Funeral services will be held today at the Dunn Funeral Home in Houlton. A wake for family and close friends will be held at noon, and the funeral will take place at 1 p.m. Interment will be at the Evergreen Cemetery.

Counseling is available for students or staff who wish to avail themselves of that service. The Counseling Center may be contacted at 581-1392; the Employee Assistance Program telephone number is 581-4014.

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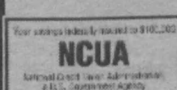
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Student Government Q&A with the candidates

Election Guide

1. What problems do you think are the most important to students on campus?
2. What specific plans do you have to correct these problems?
3. What kind of personal experience will you bring to the office?

Presidential Candidates



Kevin Ballew

Fourth-year
Information systems

1 The pressing issue for students is the disconnected relationship between themselves and their monetary distributive governing body: Student Government. I argue that it is because of this clouded representation of students' interests that students today have no outlet for their criticism, no recourse for grievances and no single unified presence from which to voice their minds. For all matters, whether it be a parking issue, dining issue, or housing issue, all can have effective change done unto them if the student body chooses to do so.

2 Reconnection of students to their respective senators is key. Each senator, representing their college, already has the groundwork laid in place to be a voice for their colleagues. All that is needed is a plan that will solidify the link. As president, I would push for each senator to hold regularly scheduled open forums where members of their college could come and have their voices heard. I would further push that colleges make known to their undergraduate body the names of their representing senators, completing the link between senate and the students. The goal, ultimately, is to make Student Government for the students once again.

3 If elected president, I would bring the knowledge and experience of various student groups which I have served in some capacity over my years so far here at UMaine.

My experience as a Hall Governing Board president assures my understanding of what it is like to live on campus and the issues dorm residents face. Having been a senator for the engineering college, and the engineering college caucus chair, assures that I am familiar with governmental procedures and practices. Furthermore, having served on the Executive Budgetary Committee, I am knowledgeable about how monies are spent within the government, and the practices that go along with them. Finally, being involved with Greek life, and recently serving as president to the Inter-Fraternity Council, assures to all that I have the capacity to lead, while remaining vigilant to the concerns of the persons who installed me into office.



Priyanth Chandrasekar

Fourth-year
Electrical engineering

1 Improving the facilities offered to students: keychain MaineCards, more hours for the library and for dining in the Maine Marketplace. I'd like to convert unused meals to money usable at the Marketplace and convenience stores. Changing the academic calendar to be more student, staff and faculty friendly, and providing one extra move-out day in residence halls are other ideas I'd like to implement.

Transportation has been a key issue for off-campus students. I intend to introduce two new BAT bus pickups at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Also, for commuters I would like to market an off-campus housing guide to help students planning to live off campus to compare rates and locations. For parking, I'm looking into the possibility of creating more temporary (20 minute) slots, and a lottery system for permits. I'd also like to see discounts for students at movies, restaurants and bars in the Old Town and Orono areas.

2 Correcting complicated problems requires dedication, hard work, and most importantly, networking skills. Being an RA has taught me to build relationships and this goes a long way in networking. I am a well-networked student and intend to use these resources to benefit the student body. I am very easygoing and easy to talk to, and many people feel that this is my biggest advantage.

3 Individual accountability, delegation, and collective responsibility form the pillars of my leadership style. I became an active member of the UMaine community in my freshman year. I was a senator in my third month at UMaine and this led to various other officer positions, like president of the International Students Association and becoming a Senior Skull.

Being a new member in the executive body will add fresh blood and new ideas. I have worked with a variety of organizations on campus and held numerous leadership positions. These experiences, coupled with my passion and love for the University of Maine, qualify me to serve as your next president. I intend to bring back the "student" in Student Government. It's not my platform. It's your platform and your voice. How do you want to be heard?



Derek Mitchell

Third-year
Journalism & political science

1 Students are most impacted by the costs associated with attendance at the University of Maine. Ever-increasing tuition, rising costs of food and textbooks, and the cost of living in the UMaine community challenge students to innovate new ways to afford an education.

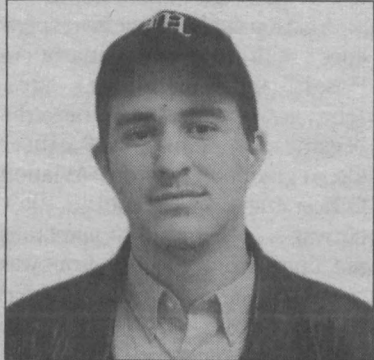
2 If elected, I will work with the faculty and administrators to assure that students have access to professor evaluation data. Students should not need to rely on <http://ratemyprofessor.com> to make critical course selection decisions; whether a professor is 'hot' has little bearing on your success in the course. College is a major investment, and like the stock market, it would not be wise to invest without investigating and examining the stock.

If elected, I will also create a student lobby day in Augusta. Legislators hear too often from administrators — and not enough from students directly impacted by decisions to allocate funds to the university system. Students will interact directly with those making critical funding decisions — decisions having a significant impact on student bills each year.

3 After serving as student senator for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and a term as vice president for Student Entertainment, my understanding of Student Government is thorough and firsthand. Collaborating through challenging times and through times of great success, my experience has given me an opportunity to learn the strengths of Student Government, and the areas in need of improvement.

Voting takes place
Dec. 4 on FirstClass,
or in the back of the
Wade Center.

V.P. Candidates



William Pomerleau

Third-year
History & secondary education

1 Issues involving the rising costs of dining and tuition — any issue where students are facing rising increases and are being forced to pay more money out of their pockets.

2 Work with Derek Mitchell to sit down with campus administrators to negotiate more reasonable prices, and get members of Student Government down to Augusta to speak with legislators about important issues affecting students at the University of Maine.

3 Two years of experience as a Student Senator, where I participated in lobbying legislators in Augusta, talking with many campus administrators about policy, as well as helping to direct policy for Student Government. Serving a year as the GSS president pro tempore where I've had to chair meetings of the senate coinciding, with a membership in the National Association of Parliamentarians from my studies on parliamentary procedure.



Sean Rankin

Second-year
Business

1 I feel the largest concerns I have heard and share with students are the rising tuition costs, inadequate dining services, and frustrating parking issues. Many students have great concerns with these issues, but the worst of it is they do not feel anyone is working to solve these problems, especially Student Government.

2 At the present moment I am working with several state representatives to lower in-state tuition in the UMaine System. On Nov. 23, State Representative Gary Moore and myself submitted concept legislation to the Reviser of Statutes in Augusta that would in fact serve to lower tuition costs. On Dec. 5, I have been invited by Rep. Moore to address his caucus and discuss solutions.

3 I came into senate this year a student who wanted to fix student problems. To accomplish this I quickly realized that senate needed to be changed; it needed to add the students' interests back onto its agenda. I have been a UMaine student a lot longer than I have been a UMaine senator. If elected, I will be a student fighting for students' interests on senate, not a senator deciding what the students' interests are.

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Candidates weigh in on SG, student disconnect

By Robert Moriarty
For the Maine Campus

While Student Government presidential candidates Kevin Ballew, Priyanth Chandrasekar and Derek Mitchell have different approaches to the issue, they all agree that General Student Senate is not well connected to most students.

The three candidates expressed concerns about how distant the GSS is from the student body at the group's meeting on Tuesday. Derek Mitchell, a third-year journalism and political science major currently serving as the vice president of Student Entertainment, was adamant that the student body must be more connected to Student Government.

"It's important that the students' voices be heard in all aspects of campus and campus life," said Mitchell, who is running with William Pomerleau as his vice presidential candidate. "After all, the university is funded by a student investment by tuition and fees and I think it's important the students' voices are heard through the use of that."

Mitchell also proposed that there be a student-run campus beautification project. The funding for the project would come from collected student parking fees, which average \$300,000 per year.

Ballew, a fourth-year information systems engineering student and president of the Interfraternity Council, agreed that the student voice is important, but argued that it was more important for students to be able to put a face to the people making decisions.

"[I believe that] reconnecting students to their senators is the most important thing we can do," Ballew said. "I personally know that a lot of students don't know who is representing them at senate meetings and that is a major concern. If you have the senators meet with their constituents, they can come to the senate and represent them. Above all, I will put people before policy."

Ballew also said he would work on organizing a new place off campus for students to go now that Ushuaia has stopped serving alcohol.

The issue of a new off-campus hangout was a concern of Chandrasekar as well. He is a fourth-year electrical engineering major who started as a senator. During his speech, he said that he would improve the greater Orono-Old Town area by working with movie theaters, restaurants, and bars to provide discounts to students.

His other goals included instituting a "meal rollover plan," which would allow for students' unused meals to carry over to the next week or be changed into dining funds for the Union or the markets, designating more temporary parking spots and implementing a lottery system for parking permits, and switching to a "mini-keychain" MaineCard for convenience, saying that it would be harder to lose and the smaller size would make it less likely to break.

All three candidates have different approaches to the same goal. Chandrasekar's slogan sums it up: "It's not my platform. It's your platform and your voice. How do you want to be heard?"

DEBATE

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Mitchell said he would encourage the administration to lower student expenses. "I think they need ... to take every cost-cutting measure they can," he said. He promised to start a fund to finance campus beautification projects using money from student parking tickets.

"Students come to UMaine because it's affordable," Mitchell said. "We need to maintain that."

Ballew and Chandrasekar echoed this sentiment. Chandrasekar mentioned that he had been meeting with Muhammad Ali and Kathy Kittridge of Dining Services in an attempt to address rising food costs.

Chandrasekar spoke about the need for increased diversity in the senate. "We definitely have a lack of participation from certain groups," he said.

Responding to a question about their qualifications, the candidates listed a number of extracurricular activities and leadership positions they have held. Ballew served as an RA, president of the Interfraternity Council, and the

budgetary committee of student senate. Mitchell is currently vice president of Student Entertainment and an active member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Chandrasekar is the president of the International Students Association and has served as an RA for three years.

Before the presidential debate, vice presidential candidates, senators William Pomerleau and Sean Rankin, discussed ideas for improving senate visibility, parliamentary procedure, and the importance of experience in senate.

"Student Government is like a workers union," Pomerleau said. "Without workers, there is no union, and without students there is no student government." Pomerleau discussed his platform for addressing student concerns like rising dining costs, parking problems on campus, and making professor evaluations available to students.

Rankin hopes to bring new ideas and fresh energy to the senate. After joining senate, he said, "I quickly realized ... senate needs to be changed."

"If elected, I promise to fight for student needs," Rankin said. He talked about his work with Maine state senators trying to lower tuition costs for UMaine students.

we don't go there with specifics, then we are going to have a hard time keeping anybody's interest," Conlow said.

Some priorities that will be discussed at the meeting are a fire prevention ordinance and issues relating to rental property maintenance, Conlow said.

Malinowitz expressed that she feels student voices have not been heard in regards to recent discussions that have come before the council in regards to Ushuaia's liquor license and the occupancy of rental properties.

"It's great to have committees, but what's the point if they don't listen to us?" Malinowitz



CAMPUS PHOTO BY JOHN KASTELEIN

A FRIENDLY DEBATE — William Pomerleau and Sean Rankin debated Wednesday night for the position of vice president of the student body.

Both candidates discussed the need for students and senators to work more closely together. "Students need to be more involved in senate," Rankin said. Pomerleau outlined a plan to have periodical statements from the senate to the student body and events to bring senators and students together socially.

Pomerleau stressed the need for the administration to address rising costs. "Whenever we have to pay more of this," he said, holding a dollar bill aloft, "it's a problem."

Rankin echoed his sentiments, stressing the need for a change in leadership. "This change can only happen by electing a new leader," Rankin said.

Elections for student government will be held Dec. 4. Students may submit their ballots via FirstClass or in person Memorial Union.

The debate was moderated by Kyle Webster and sponsored by the Fair Elections and Practices Committee.

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elections last March. The position was first held by last year's OCB president, Jesse Ouellette, but had been vacant since May.

Malinowitz, who happened to be one of the three students who had run for council seats, hopes the position will be more than just an empty gesture.

"I feel that we're not getting anywhere," Malinowitz said in an interview last week. At the same meeting, the council made its decision to again reject Ushuaia owner Alex Gray's application for a liquor license — the action which had incited concern from some students that their opinions were unheard by the town council.

The committee first formed four years ago in September 2002, when Orono resident Michael Curtis was assaulted after trying to quiet down a party on Pond Street. When the University-Town Relations Committee reformed in March, they had not held a meeting in two years.

Conlow stated that the problem with forming the committee is the high turnover rate, between council members and students.

"We're having a hard time keeping people's interest, and everything turns over before much gets done," Conlow said.

In its present state, the committee is composed of three student representatives, two university officials and three council members.

In late October, several university and Orono town officials went to a conference on university-town relations in Clemson, South Carolina. Conlow said that she is waiting to follow up with the individuals who went to the conference before planning an agenda for the next committee meeting.

"What I'm thinking is that if

said. "There has got to be some way to remedy this disconnect."

Another issue of contention is the timing of the Orono Town Council elections. Malinowitz said that she has made it one of her goals as president to facilitate the coordination of the town council elections to a time when school are in session. Currently, the elections fall during spring break when many students leave the area.

Conlow said that the town does not have any position on changing the time of the council elections and that changing the time of the elections would require a town-wide vote.

"The history of that whole

thing is that our election days have been fixed in our charter for 150 years," Conlow said. "The spring break of the university has been known to move ... If we change [the time of the elections], there's nothing to say that the university won't change its spring break again."

In the meantime, Conlow urges students to vote by absentee ballot.

The University-Town Relations Committee meetings will be open to the public. Students and Orono residents are encouraged to call the town office at 866-2556 to offer their input to the council, Conlow said.

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Professor's award benefits UMaine

Move over lobsters and baked potatoes — the state of Maine has a new claim to fame. Two weeks ago, University of Maine professor Eric Landis received the Professor of the Year title from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation. For students, seeing a professor snag such a commendable award is a welcome sight.

With so many concerns from students and alumni about who the school is bringing in to teach, it is encouraging to see professors receiving national recognition. The work of Landis — who teaches a variety of courses including materials, structural analysis, experimental mechanics and fracture mechanics — goes a long way in highlighting the efforts and hard work of professors across the campus. The honor is not only a feather in the cap for Landis but also for the entire university.

At the same time, the award speaks to the quality of the College of Engineering at UMaine. There is no question that with more professors like Landis, the university will continue to rise as one of the best places to go for an engineering degree on the east coast.

Relations committee lacks effort

Last March, Dean of Students Robert Dana and members of the Orono Town Council made plans to revive the University-Town Relations Committee. Since this initial talk, hardly anything has been done. As of right now, the committee hasn't met in three months.

Catherine Conlow, the town manager, cites frequent turnover of town council members and students as a reason. However, the council has been the same since March.

There is no reason to postpone this committee. The town council and university should have a stronger dialogue about town issues. The Town Council makes many decisions that affect students, and having a student liaison on this committee would ensure students more of a voice in town matters. If you care about Ushuaia losing its liquor license, or the possibility of stricter occupancy limits in Orono apartment buildings, then you should care about the University-Town Relations Committee.

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Politicians need more pizazz

Romanian president gets attention for charisma, style

There is a new political trend on the horizon, and it's being led by Romania, of all countries. Not only has the former communist country recently been accepted into the European Union, but the Romanian president has been stealing headlines with his unorthodox charisma and his "pop-star air."

An article from The Associated Press by William J. Kole describes a night at the Golden Blitz club with Romania's Trajan Basescu. The article describes him as "unbuttoned, unorthodox, some say un-presidential." The United States, as well as other countries, could take a note from Mr. Basescu. As sad as it may be, politics does not interest everyone. According to census numbers, about 64 percent of voting-age citizens turned out for the 2004 election — not just any election, the presidential election. That means that 36 percent of the people of voting age had no interest in voting for the president of the United States.

Now, let's look at Trajan

JOEL CRABTREE

OPINION EDITOR

Basescu — he seems to have his finger on the pulse of "the scene," and is a suave guy. He's pretty much like Don Johnson during the days of "Miami Vice" — only political.

No U.S. president or presidential candidate — possibly excluding John F. Kennedy — has had a persona even remotely like this one.

This is a strange way for a leader to act, especially considering that just 17 years ago this country was under a strict communist rule. In 1989, Romania abolished communism and has now become my favorite semi-presidential democratic republic. This was clearly a country that was ready for a change — and now it may have gotten a little more than it bargained for.

Now, the United States has been free for about a couple hundred years now, and we have never had a president act quite like Mr. Basescu. During the 1992 election, the media made a big fuss over Bill Clinton playing the saxophone on Arsenio Hall's show. With this act, Clinton reached out to a younger voter demographic, but that pales in comparison to what Basescu is doing. He is down in the city mingling with the people — his voters and supporters — in style.

In another attempt, Sen. John McCain stiffly worked his way through an episode of Saturday Night Live in 2002. It just wasn't that funny; it was another bland attempt for a politician to get the attention and love of the public. Unfortunately, many politicians are already too disconnected from the public to understand what people are interested in. And the media wonder why the voting statistics are not as high as they should be.

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Season's eatings

Kobayashi:
Undisputed king of his domain

LAURA GIORGIO



PHOTO EDITOR

'Tis the season to gear up for a heavy overload of food. Thanksgiving day officially kicked off Eatin' Season, a time of year where most Americans consume more food in two months than in the other ten months combined. What better time than now to train for your new career as a professional gastro-athlete?

Evolutionarily speaking, eating more in the winter is perhaps related to a desire to fatten up for long seasons where food is scarce. In this age, we eat for glory. According to the Web site of the International Federation of Competitive Eating, Thanksgiving eating contests date back to 1621, at the very first Thanksgiving, when William Bradford lost to Squanto of the Pawtuxet.

Competitive eating ranges from the national limelight to smaller backyard local venues. Maine is home to several lobster- and chowder-eating contests, as well as pie-eating contests at fairs statewide. Our university is prime, fertile ground for a stellar competition, and I propose that the Campus Activity Board get with the times and sponsor one. Competitions are a great way to settle personal disputes.

Personally, I plan on subjecting my best friends to a pie-eating contest to determine who will be my maid of honor. Whoever eats the most pie wins, and let me tell you, it's going to be a brutal battle. One of my friends is already training even though I'm not planning on getting married any time in the next decade. I'm thrilled at the opportunity to bring the joys of competitive

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Basescu is clearly connected to the public. He has presented himself to the people as a man who loves his job — and the Romanian people. What

Basescu is doing should be supported. He's getting attention and people seem to love him, what more could a president ask for? For the first time in my life, I have the pleasure to say "I love Romanian politics."

Joel Crabtree is the Don Johnson of journalism.

EATING

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eating into my own life.

You may be familiar with Takeru Kobayashi, the svelte 24-year-old from Japan who has revolutionized competitive eating contests, setting the bar and breaking records all over the world. Kobayashi is a legendary genius of gluttony, but many people are trying to dethrone the king. I'm all for it. I want to see more people chow down tit-for-tat with "The Tsunami" Kobayashi in a blaze of digestive glory.

Here are more names you should get familiar with: Eater X, Pat Bertolotti, Sonya Thomas and Joey Chestnut. They are thin, young, and eating their way into the hearts of Americans everywhere. These are the pioneers of the new wave of hardcore eaters, and they are all after one goal: defeating Kobayashi. At large-scale contests around the country, they are making their names known, earning big money along the way. Heavy eating can be quite lucrative. After all, the International Federation of Competitive Eating awarded over \$230,000

in prize money last year to winners of various competitions.

Competitive eating can bring a new flavor to the economy. Eater X allegedly consumes four pounds of scrambled eggs every day, chased by a gallon of water, to train for competition. Undoubtedly, egg farmers must be excited about

Imagine if the world was full of Kobayashis!

The economy would be booming. Farmers, restaurant owners and rendering plant employees alike would rejoice.

this man. The annual amount of beef consumed during eating competitions must be phenomenal. Kobayashi consumed 97 Krystal hamburgers last month in 8 minutes and 50 Nathan's hot-dogs in 12 minutes last year. Imagine if the world was full of Kobayashis!

The economy would be booming. Farmers, restaurant owners, and rendering plant employees alike would all rejoice.

If we were all prepared to do some heavy competitive eating now and then, we would have a new and fun way to settle disputes in a non-violent fashion. This holiday season, I encourage you to find ways to bring a little flavor to your gastro habits. Let your stomach be your only weapon.

Laura Giorgio is a vegetarian who only eats meat for sanctioned competitions.

Three requirements for office

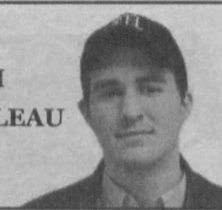
A handful of assets speak volumes about leaders

I see three requirements of effective leadership at any level. Any lack of one is a hindrance to all, and as such, makes effective leadership much more difficult. Every effective leader in history possessed all three qualities — JFK, Reagan, Clinton, FDR and all other great leaders you can think of. Student Government elections aren't even in the same universe, but the merits of leadership still apply. So what are they? And why should you vote Pomerleau for vice president on Dec. 4?

1. Experience — most vital of the three. Experience in an organization enables a person to play different scenarios, know the ropes and understand why things have happened the way they have. Why wouldn't you want to run for President of Mongolia? Other than because we don't live there. It's because neither you nor I know how Mongolia runs, its history or anything about it.

I have been a student senator for nearly two academic years. I've sat on nearly every body within Student Government, and I actually helped to revamp the entire committee system. And, as I know how the system works, I can propose feasible ideas for representing and informing students. That has been a major issue with Student Government — visibility and fostering direct relations with students.

WILLIAM
POMERLEAU



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With that comes the issue of how people feel about Student Government. It was once a great organization that students spoke well of, and we can bring back that sentiment.

2. Knowledge — No. 2 on the list of importance. You've got to know the fundamental information required to actually perform your job. You don't go into carpentry with a crash-course knowledge of carpentry, and you don't become secretary of state without some knowledge of foreign policy.

For vice president, it's all about parliamentary procedure. All formal business transactions are done with parli-pro. I have two years of hands-on experience and knowledge with parli-pro. It's actually become one of my hobbies. It's true and sad — it's even on my Facebook! I am also an accredited member of the National Association of Parliamentarians; the requirement for such membership is a rather in-depth entrance exam. Yay for scoring 92 percent. The second part of the "knowledge" factor here, merges with our No. 3 requirement.

3. Relations — Leadership

requires relations of some kind with the powers that be and relations that are positive and friendly. Major policy reforms led by Student Government executives cannot happen without positive rapport built upon a mutual respect. It's much easier to effect change with relations already in place when you come to the position, rather than work to establish them once you're already there.

Over the last few years, many positive changes and decisions I was involved with would've been significantly more difficult, if not impossible, if it weren't for the friendships and rapport I've built with several members of the Division of Student Affairs and in other parts of campus. And in terms of vice president, without effective, working relations, the 50 percent of the job that requires adequate leadership and representation falls far short. Keep in mind, when the president is MIA, the vice president steps up.

My dedication and respect for the student body and this university are the reasons for the countless hours I've spent trying to better them over the last two years. Some things haven't worked, but many have. And I would like to be able to help out a little more. Please check my name on Dec. 4.

William Pomerleau is the president pro tempore of General Student Senate.

What is the Meaning of Life?

Thanksgiving serves as perfect time for deep philosophy

Over the course of our recent Thanksgiving break, I tried to isolate and identify the Meaning of Life. This was an ambitious undertaking which failed spectacularly. I am no closer to knowing the Meaning of Life than Michael Richards is to getting a stand-up gig at the Apollo.

I did identify several things that most definitely are not the Meaning of Life. As you fellow seekers of meaning in an otherwise empty and soulless college career are no doubt aware, every yahoo and his brother try to give you advice on what the Meaning of Life is. I therefore present here, for your edification, a few of those things which are not the Meaning of Life on the off-chance that you, like myself, have been pursuing this vexing question with the same narrow-minded determination of a Michael Moore film.

Eating: Eating presented itself as a candidate as the primary activity for most people in my family. However, there are problems with this theory: Firstly, there are tons of foods that are horrible. The meaning of life cannot reside in stale fruitcake. Besides which, eat-

BRIAN
SYLVESTER



ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

ing makes you fat. No benevolent deity — or blind process of natural selection if you prefer

42: I spent a long time carefully analyzing Douglas Adams' popular theory that the Meaning of Life, the universe and everything is 42. Alas, despite my enormous respect for the author, I must disagree ...

— would cause the purpose of life to be turning ourselves into bloated sacks of immobile flesh tissue.

Sleeping: Despite being possibly the best part of life, sleeping is also disqualified from being the Meaning of Life in light of it's being traditionally defined as the Meaning of Death.

Family: I was not able to find a suitable reason to disprove the theory that having a family is the Meaning of Life. I merely decided that I vehemently hope it is not the case.

Love: This idea is charming, in that it allows you to give an answer to "What is the Meaning of Life?" without actually saying anything.

42: I spent a long time carefully, analyzing Douglas Adams' popular theory that the meaning of life, the universe, and everything is 42. Alas, despite my enormous respect for that author, I must disagree. For no other reason than if the meaning of life really does reside in mathematics, I might have to kill myself in horror.

And so I leave you, intrepid searcher for meaning. I can only hope that by avoiding these pitfalls, your search will be more successful than mine.

Brian Sylvester is the Meaning of Life.

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Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down

- Krystal Hamburgers
- The Gumby cut
- Remembering Robert Altman
- "The Final Countdown" by Europe
- Legitimately purchased Moxie

- Nathan's Famous hot dogs
- The bowl cut
- Having to live with Paul W.S. Anderson
- Every other song by Europe
- Stolen Moxie

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"The Nutcracker" to be
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MUSIC

School of Performing Arts
Jazz Concert
7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 30
Hauck Auditorium
Students free, public fee

Opera Workshop
7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2
Minsky Recital Hall, Class of
1944 Hall
Students free, public fee

Collegiate Chorale
Performance
2 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 3
Minsky Recital Hall, Class of
1944 Hall
Students free, public fee

Performance by the Athena
Consort and Black Bear Men's
Chorus
7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 3
Minsky Recital Hall, Class of
1944 Hall
Students free, public fee

ENTERTAINMENT

The Maine Attraction
Comedian James Smith
9 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 1
Main Dining Room, Memorial
Union

Karaoke
9 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2
The Bear's Den

MOVIES

"Beerfest"
7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 1
Bangor Room, Memorial
Union

THEATER

"The Nutcracker"
Featuring the Bangor
Symphony Orchestra, the
Robinson Ballet and Bangor Area
Children's Choir
2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2
3 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 3
Hutchins Concert Hall, Maine
Center for the Arts
Admission Fee

ARTS

New Writing Series
Celebration of Sylvester
Pollet's Backwoods Broadides
4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 30
Soderberg Auditorium,
Jenness Hall

Bernard Langlais: Wood
Reliefs, Richard Estes: Prints,
and John Marin: A Print Survey
9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Through Jan. 13
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Pattie Barry on FirstClass.

what's the BUZZ?

By J. Astra Brinkmann
Production Assistant

Utopia doesn't have to exist solely within the confines of a textbook. Idealism has been driving an activist-turned-artistic Maine-born collective for six years, and it's thriving.

Representatives of the Beehive Collective, which encourages the reproduction of its uncopyrighted works, found themselves educating and entertaining for two hours in Neville Hall at the University of Maine last night. The speakers were more interested in generating discussion around the issues that had inspired the art, while providing some historical background to their efforts.

Regular Common Ground fairgoers may have seen their sprawling black-and-white posters brimming with images of insects, nature and activity. The collective is best known for its two completed "graphics," or posters, embodying the complex topics of free trade within the Americas and the anti-drug-war strategy of Plan Colombia, both respectively completed before 2003. One speaker, who calls herself Emma "Bee," promised that the collective would be issuing a third graphic by July 2007, but in the meantime the group is in a transition period, branching out to connect graphic artists with other non-profit organizations.

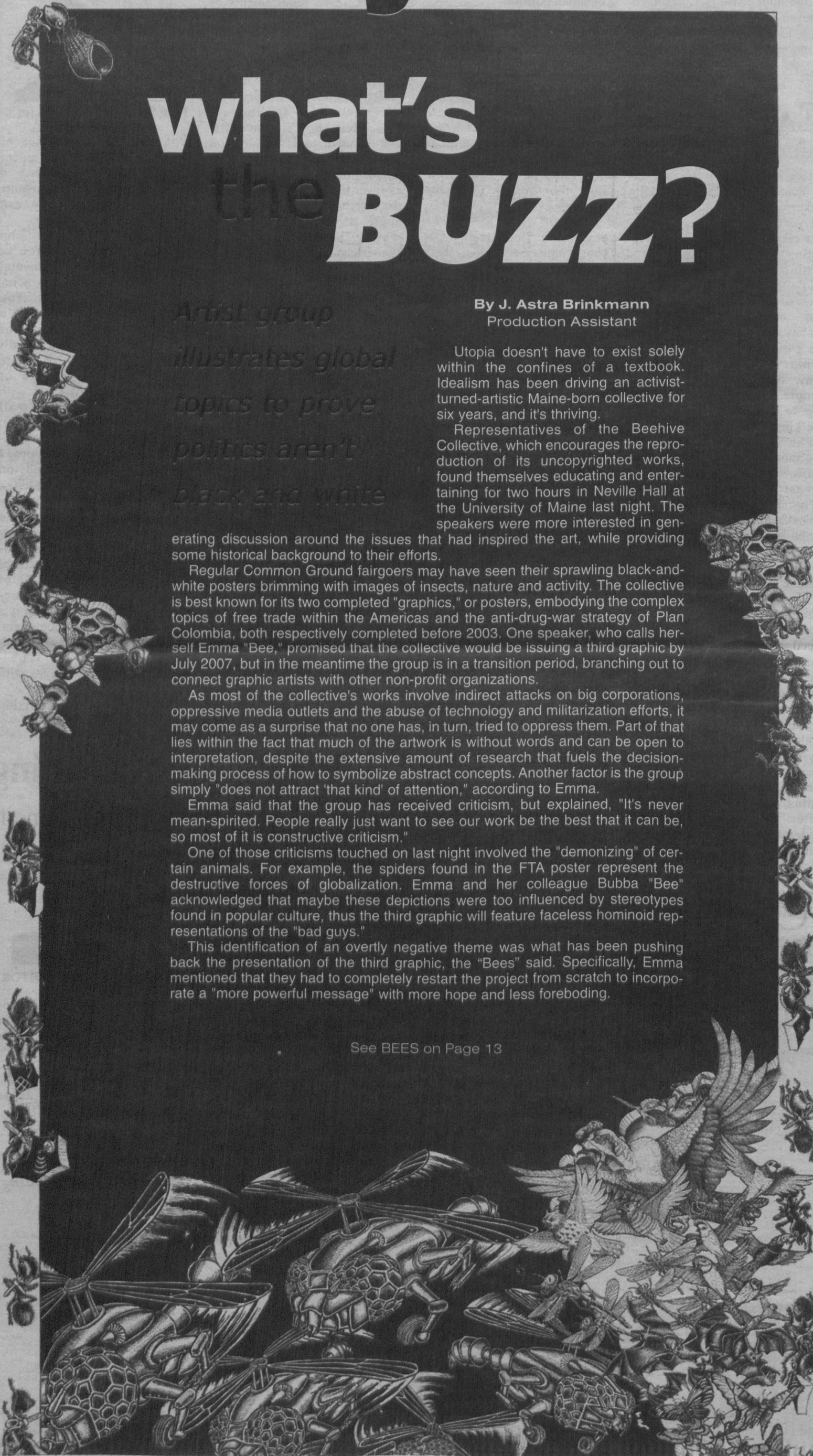
As most of the collective's works involve indirect attacks on big corporations, oppressive media outlets and the abuse of technology and militarization efforts, it may come as a surprise that no one has, in turn, tried to oppress them. Part of that lies within the fact that much of the artwork is without words and can be open to interpretation, despite the extensive amount of research that fuels the decision-making process of how to symbolize abstract concepts. Another factor is the group simply "does not attract 'that kind' of attention," according to Emma.

Emma said that the group has received criticism, but explained, "It's never mean-spirited. People really just want to see our work be the best that it can be, so most of it is constructive criticism."

One of those criticisms touched on last night involved the "demonizing" of certain animals. For example, the spiders found in the FTA poster represent the destructive forces of globalization. Emma and her colleague Bubba "Bee" acknowledged that maybe these depictions were too influenced by stereotypes found in popular culture, thus the third graphic will feature faceless hominoid representations of the "bad guys."

This identification of an overtly negative theme was what has been pushing back the presentation of the third graphic, the "Bees" said. Specifically, Emma mentioned that they had to completely restart the project from scratch to incorporate a "more powerful message" with more hope and less foreboding.

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Saturday concert to revitalize Orono's music scene

By Pattie Barry
Style Editor

It's not often that the Orono music scene is infused with fresh energy — especially from an old source.

WMEB DJs and Orono scene veterans Patrick Anderson and Beth Farnham, better known as DJ Clarity, hope to change that. This Saturday night at the Blues Cafe, the pair are bringing back many of the old names

in progressive electronic music from Orono for a "rebirth" of the music scene.

"Not only are these people the best in the state of Maine as far as the genre, but we haven't seen them in years," Farnham said.

Joining DJ Clarity will be Unity, Jefferson Hobbs, KTF Terison and Anna Schauffler for a variety of progressive music including breaks,

house, artist work and trance.

Five to six years ago, the progressive dance scene was big in this area, cresting around the year 2000, Anderson said. Over time the scene had changed and many of the people who were major figures had moved away.

"At least my last year at UMaine, there was a lot of problems within the techno

house DJ scene," Farnham said. "No one was really having conversations on Facebook anymore about songs or what was interesting them, it was all just 'come to this show'... A lot of it was that these people had left."

Anderson said that though electronic music is not as popular as it has once been, he feels that it is becoming more and more

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8 p.m.
Saturday
Blues Cafe

Student filmmakers get red carpet treatment

Maine Channel offers resources to entice entries in festival

By Eryk Salvaggio
Copy Editor

Film director Werner Herzog once said he would climb into hell and wrestle the devil himself to make one of his films. Luckily, that may never be necessary for filmmakers at the University of Maine.

The Maine Channel is reaching out to student filmmakers by providing a budget and a showcase for short films as part of its first annual student film festival.

"The Maine Channel belongs to the students, and we want to give something back to them," said Liz Boardman, The Maine Channel's promotions director. "We're a great resource, and we want them to know we're here."

At least 10 films will be produced with money the channel will grant according to each film's proposed budget. Costumes, make-up and props are eligible for funding of up to \$100.00 per project. Students may also have access to The Maine Channel's cameras, DV tapes and editing equipment with permission, as well as being able to consult with the channel's staff. The channel will also help put teams together for approved scripts if necessary.

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"Our goal is to eliminate one of the major problems associated with creating films — money."

Andrew Eldridge
Executive Producer
Maine Channel

problems associated with creating films — money," Andrew Eldridge, executive producer of The Maine Channel, said in a statement about the festival.

"If you have a good idea and it's only a minute long, that's going to be okay," Boardman said, citing challenging genres such as clay animation. "All you need is a film idea and a willingness to do it."

Scripts and schedules are due Feb. 16 and must be finished by March 19. If students want to work on films over winter break, they are encouraged to get a proposal in early. The film festival itself is scheduled for March 22.

Works submitted for the festival will include those funded by The Maine Channel. However, students who have completed films they would like to show are encouraged to submit their film for the festival's lineup. These films are ineligible for funding, but may still compete with others for an as-yet-undetermined prize.

"[The Festival] was something that I've had in the back of my head for a while now," Eldridge said. "I went to the Camden International Film Festival with a class and realized what a great idea it would be to have a film

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Open Acoustic



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

JIVIN' JAVA — Former contestant for The Project Megan Mathieu presents new songs at Tuesday's Open Mic.

WMEBTop20

- 1 **The Blow** • Paper Television
- 2 **Depeche Mode** • The Best of ...
- 3 **My Chemical Romance** • The Black Parade
- 4 **Beck** • The Information
- 5 **Hot IQs** • Dangling Modifier
- 6 **Klaxons** • Xan Valleys EP
- 7 **Tom Waits** • Brawlers, Bawlers, and Bastards
- 8 **Rotary Downs** • Chained to the Chariot
- 9 **The Hold Steady** • Boys and Girls in America
- 10 **The Decemberists** • The Crane Wife
- 11 **The Zutons** • Tired of Hanging Around
- 12 **The Horrors** • The Horrors EP
- 13 **Forward Russia** • Give Me A Wall
- 14 **Willie Nelson** • Songbird
- 15 **The Trucks** • The Trucks
- 16 **As Tall As Lions** • As Tall As Lions
- 17 **Shiny Toy Guns** • We Are Pilots
- 18 **Ben Folds** • Supersunnyspeedgraphic
- 19 **Jeffrey and Jack Lewis** • City and Eastern Songs
- 20 **Brazilian Girls** • Talk to La Bomb

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James Smith: Australian for comedy

Comedian from down-under in finale to semester's Maine Attraction lineup

By Zach Dionne
Copy Editor

This Friday at 9 p.m. will mark one of the final chances this semester to laugh until it hurts as James Smith, the funniest product of Australia since Foster beer commercials, comes to Memorial Union for a free evening of comedy presented by The Maine Attraction.

Smith's laid-back brand of observational humor, coupled with his Australian accent, results in a hilarious combination.

"The worst is the backhanded compliment that I have to get," Smith said of his Aussie dialect in a YouTube video of an act in New York. "Like this guy last night says to me, 'Dude, with that accent, you'll get so much [action].' The implication is that without it, [gestures hand to mean no chance]. Thanks buddy! I was a virgin in Australia! But now, I'm gonna get laid."

Surprisingly, Smith is a banking and finance attorney by

profession. He began public speaking and comedic performing while enrolled in law school. In 1995, he won the Australasian Public Speaking Championship, according to his Web site, <http://www.james-smith.com.au>. The site refers to his rise to comedic success as "meteoric," citing his progression to the national final of the "Comic of the Year" at the

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Friday
Memorial Union

Sydney Comedy Festival within two months of his debut.

He was also selected in both '95 and '96 to compete in the World Debating Championships at Princeton University and the University College of Cork, Ireland. In 2001, Smith won the \$25,000 Star Quest title, the most prestigious event of its kind in Australia. He has performed at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival

and on a large number of Australia's major television programs, including "The Comedy Channel's Headliners" and "Rove Live." Smith has performed all over the globe, including in the UK, Singapore, Malaysia and the United States.

"From what I understand, he is trying to break through to the American scene by playing at a lot of campuses," said Katie Clegg, a member of CAB and chair of The Maine Attraction. "He is really funny and definitely worth taking the time to come out and see."

Next Friday, Dec. 8, The Maine Attraction's final event of the semester will be the Last Comic Standing finale. The Last Comic Standing is a semester-long competition for local and on-campus comedians. The finalists are Mike Johnson, Joe Burnham, Kate Maupin, Adam Hatch, Charley Phipps and Scott Rodenhauer. Two judges from co-sponsors CAB and Theta Chi will choose three winners based on the original. See SMITH on Page 13

WMEBSPOT

'West of the Fields': ambitious look at alt-rock

By Anthony Crabtree
Staff Reporter

The title of Travis Gass's Monday afternoon show comes from an R.E.M. song off of their album "Murmur." While not one of their most known tracks, Gass said he "thought it kind of had an epic-sounding quality."

R.E.M. is also Gass's favorite band.

"I always play a song from them at the beginning and at the end," he said. This fits with most of the music Gass plays, as "West of the Fields" consists mostly of alternative rock songs.

"I play mostly alternative rock stuff. I play some electronic music. I'm kind of interested in pop and rock bands from different places around the world, so I've got a few things from German bands and some Japanese stuff," Gass said.

Recently on his show Gass has been playing a lot of two relatively unknown artists: a Danish band, Mew, and a Japanese artist, Ringo Shiina.

"I've been forcing her on everyone I meet," Gass said about Ringo Shiina, a relative unknown in the United States.

Of course, Gass does not always deviate so far from the norm. He frequently plays musicians and artists better known than Mew and Shiina Ringo. "There's always Radiohead. That's of course another college radio staple," Gass said. He also enjoys a lot of "clas-

sic stuff," citing David Bowie, as well as other '90s music.

Unlike other DJs, Gass likes to improvise his show.

"I know some people make up an exact set list beforehand, but I don't usually like to have it too planned out other than 'these are a pile of CDs I might play today,'" Gass said.

He also enjoys mixing and matching certain artists and types of music with each other. "If I'm playing some electronic-oriented stuff, I try to stick with that. If I'm playing a Chemical Brothers track I usually try to follow it with Soulwax or Vitalic, or some other electronic artist I'm into," said Gass.

Gass began his life as a WMEB DJ eight years ago, when he was an English major at the UMaine. He graduated in 2001, but still does the show. He feels that it has taken him awhile to become the DJ that he is today.

"Not necessarily in the choices of music I made, but just feeling comfortable on the air," he said about how he developed as a DJ. "I feel like it took me a good three or four years to really get comfortable with what I was doing, and be able to get on the air and tell them what I wanted to tell them about the artist or about the show that week."

Gass's show is ambitious, and the music he plays will certainly give listeners a diverse look at alternative rock. Gass's show airs every Monday afternoon from noon to 3 p.m., on 91.9 FM WMEB.

'Nutcracker' returns to MCA for holiday

By Zach Dionne
Copy Editor

"The Nutcracker" returns to the Maine Center for the Arts this weekend, and his friends in the Bangor Symphony Orchestra and Robinson Ballet are coming with him.

Peter Tchaikovsky's 1891 composition has become synonymous with the holiday season as the foremost Christmas ballet. The Bangor Symphony Orchestra and Robinson Ballet have helped to further the holiday popularity of "The Nutcracker" in the com-

munity of the University of Maine, where they have performed the piece together since 1984.

"It has become a tradition for many families," said Johnna

**2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
MCA**

Lacey, director of marketing and public relations at Bangor Symphony Orchestra. "[Families] who began attending years ago

now bring their own children."

For those who have not seen the full-scale production coordinated by the two accomplished groups, there is no time like the present. And although the enchanting ballet is an annual affair, there is also incentive — beyond the show's high-caliber experience — for past viewers to return.

"Each year there is something new, whether it's new choreography, scenery, whatever," Lacey said. "This is the only 'Nutcracker' production in the

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New Writing Series celebrates author's 100th published work

By Thomas St. Pierre
Staff Reporter

The Backwoods BroadSides Chaplet Series, established in 1994 by University of Maine English lecturer Sylvester Pollet, published poetry from various local and international contemporary authors in pamphlet form. This past summer, Pollet completed the project after publishing his 100th piece. In celebration of this milestone, the English department's New Writing Series will be hosting Pollet and various local contributors who will read some of their Backwoods BroadSides pieces tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. in the Soderberg Auditorium.

Born in Woodstock, New York in 1939, Pollet found himself immersed in the poetry scene of the 1960s, working in the 8th St. Book Shop in New York City, which attracted the "hip" poets of the time, accord-

ing to Steve Evans, coordinator of the New Writing Series. In 1971, Pollet built a house in Ellsworth, Maine, where he became an English lecturer at the University of Maine. In 1982, Pollet published his own work, "Entering the Walking-Stick Business." As associate editor for the National Poetry Foundation, Pollet primarily focuses on editorial work.

His Backwoods BroadSides Collection, started in 1994, was inspired by his work in the '60s at the 8th St. Book shop, where he saw "poetry change hands in every imaginable form, usually for free." Specifically, the Chaplet Series has featured poetry from 100 poets including Amiri Baraka, a famous African-American poet; Robert Creeley, a renowned Beat poet; Nicole Brossard, a Quebecois poet; and Anne Waldman, another Beat poet. These are all former guests

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Smooth acoustic-soul- rock fills Union tonight

By Jen Bashford
For The Maine Campus

Turn down the lights. Go get yourself a slow sipping drink. That's where you'll want to be when the smooth soul of Ryan McCalmon "washes over you," according to the performer's Web site, <http://www.ryanmccalmon.com>. Hailing from Portland, Maine, McCalmon will bring his emotionally charged "Acoustic-Soul-Rock" fusion to the Frequency at Memorial Union tonight at 8 p.m. for what looks to be a great evening of music.

Nominated
Best Singer-
Songwriter at the

Boston Music Awards this year, McCalmon has impressive achievements. His current album, "Come Home," marks a return to his acoustic roots. He has spent time playing with a range of other groups in recent years. Released in December 2005, McCalmon's album has garnered critical acclaim. Consisting of eight tracks, it is a "low-key, soulful album, charming enough to woo anyone with a beating heart," wrote Amy Martin in the Portland Phoenix on its release last year.

McCalmon's style echoes older soul classics of the 1970s, such as Marvin Gaye and Bill Withers, while complementing his contemporaries including Amos Lee and Ray LaMontagne. Usually joined by Matt Lydon on drums and Gavin Castleton on keyboard, McCalmon will give a solo performance tonight.

His MySpace page, <http://www.myspace.com/ryanmccalmon>, provides readers with a four-track sneak preview, which includes "Had to Lose," "Walking Away," "Ocean Eyes" and "All This Time." For more information, tour dates or photos, check out McCalmon's official Web site.

**8 p.m.
Today
Memorial Union**

Sam Pfeifle, writing for The Phoenix, described McCalmon's music as "soulful and thoughtful R&B, pop and soul" in which "everything's languid, but it's sultry Courvoisier languid, not groggy morphine languid. Bear-rug-in-front-of-a-fireplace languid." And if the weather is finally on the turn, tonight's Frequency could be a great opportunity to welcome winter snuggled in with a few friends. So grab yourself a coffee and settle in for an hour or so of stress-free soul — rug optional.

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pervasive in today's music, appearing in hip-hop and indie rock.

"I think that enabling [this concert] to happen will spark people's minds with the music," Anderson said.

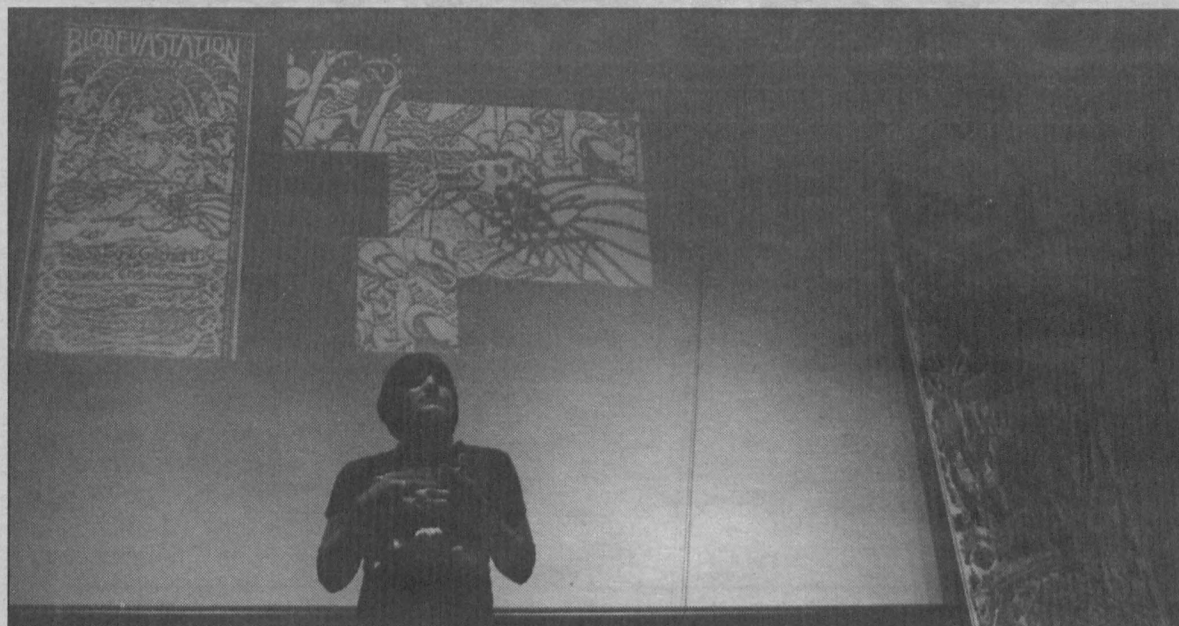
Anderson reflected that, in the going-on-four years he has been a

student at UMaine, the musical styles haven't changed much from jazzy jam bands or the vibrant punk scene, which is good but stagnant.

"Change needs to happen, and it needs to happen more often," he said.

The event, titled "Rebirth," will take place at the Blues Café starting at 8 p.m. on Saturday night. The event is free, and admission is 21-plus.

Illustrating the issue



CAMPUS PHOTO BY ROSE COLLINS

BEE STRONG — A member of the Beehive Collective discusses the political work by the group of artists at a lecture Wednesday night.

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at the New Writing Series. Thursday's particular New Writing Series event will feature readings from local poets Tony Brinkley, Kathleen Ellis, Benjamin Friedlander, and Jennifer Moxley, not to mention remarks from Pollet himself. Theodore Enfin, a widely published poet from southern Maine, will also be at the event.

Evans, impressed with Pollet's accomplishment, hails the project as a "marvelous ongoing anthology in real time." Usually, remarked Evans, it takes decades for poetry to be compiled into anthologies, mak-

ing Pollet's production untraditional and oftentimes innovative. For Pollet, Backwoods Broadides provides a way of "getting people in touch from different countries." Indeed, Pollet has not only published American and Canadian poetry, but also works from Japan, France, Belgium, Spain, Czech Republic, Italy, and the Netherlands. Most importantly, it "gave a place where people could get work out quickly and easily."

Copies of the pieces from the Chaplet Series will be on sale at Thursday's event for \$1 per copy. Any other questions concerning the purchasing of Pollet's anthological publications should be directed to Pollet personally at pollet@maine.edu.

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inality, content and stage presence they display in their seven-minute routines.

"The top three prizes will be gift certificates to a local retailer ... perfect for Christmas,"

Clegg said. The top prize will be worth \$300.

But before the Last Comic Standing finale, see The Maine Attraction's final headlining act of the semester, the man who Melbourne, Australia's The Age says "effortlessly makes you laugh" and Revolver magazine refers to as "a methodical, furiously intelligent thinker."

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festival just specifically for students."

Organizers are hoping students can present their works to an audience in an atmosphere complete with popcorn and drinks, and then celebrate with an after party.

"That was one of the cool things about the Camden Film Festival," Boardman said. "You could just hang out and talk to the directors afterward." She said The Maine Channel hopes to bring a similar atmosphere to the campus festival.

A jury, including The Maine Channel's executive and senior directors, director of programming and faculty advisers, will determine the prize-winners from entries they hope will span from animation, experimental, documentary and short films, among others. Emphasis will be placed on short films that run longer than five minutes, but works in at least three categories will receive recognition.

Amateur film producers interested in participating can contact Andrew Eldridge on FirstClass or call 581-1559. Wrestling the devil does not appear to be a requirement.

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The process of creating a graphic involves both intensive research, interaction with concerned communities and, naturally, the layering and shading of individually drawn components. It's considerably intense as well — not unlike what motivated the group to convene in the first place.

According to Bubba, the group was started when a woman underbid on a commission to design a handmade mosaic on a floor of one man's house in coastal Maine, she needed to seek outside help. She attended a protest with fliers in hand and gathered enough interest to complete the project, overcoming the initial setback of sheer cost. As the art of making a mosaic by hand is quite meticulous — and thus,

not commonly practiced — so is the process of creating the posters that the collective is renowned for.

The UMaine crowd received the presentation well, even those for students who were not aware of the collective's mission.

Student Melanie Rockefeller said, "I had no idea what it was, but I'm really glad that I came."

Student Nicole Mercier was also pleased with the presentation. "I was interested in it because I wanted to see what they would say about monoculture and genetic engineering."

Emma concluded her extensive explanation with the meaning behind the two graphics' various symbols with a refreshing and consistent idealism. She told the audience, "Now you own the story as much as we do — you may not remember it all, but we hope that it will spark some inspiration within you."

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area that offers live music with the dancing." She stressed "the costumes, colors, and fun dance routines" as integral parts of that show that entertain both children and adults.

Many of this year's new items come from the Robinson Ballet's half of the collaboration. The three-year Color for Costumes campaign has concluded, allowing the group to "improve and update their end," according to Julie Lisnet, managing director of Robinson Ballet. "We've been able to have new costumes built and also had heirloom costumes refurbished. We've been able to update the technical end of the production, including two new

Christmas trees built by the University of Maine Engineering Department."

A press release from the Ballet states that the two new trees, known as the "traveling Christmas tree" and the "MCA Christmas tree," can extend to 16 and 18 feet in height, respectively. The trees were created, designed and constructed by two teams of students in UMaine's engineering program. "They did a fantastic job and we appreciate their hard work [and] attention to detail," Lisnet said.

"The Nutcracker" will once again feature Ian Robinson, son of the ballet company's namesake family. Robinson, who danced with legendary ballet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov over the summer, will fly in from France for the production.

"Many of our musicians have

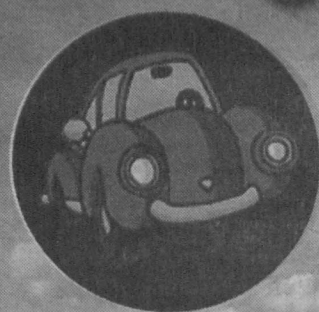
been performing this production since it began 23 years ago," Lacey said of the dedicated Bangor Symphony Orchestra. "But each year the musicians really look forward to it. Most have the score pretty much memorized. Interestingly, since they perform in the pit below the stage, many of these musicians have never even seen this production."

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By Miss Astra

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March 21 to April 20

If you find you have a lot of weight on your shoulders this week, maybe you should stop putting boulders in your book bag.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

Host a time-traveler's convention in your room this weekend. Don't worry about sending out invites; everyone already knows when and where.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Want to get into graffiti but afraid of getting caught? Start out small, like tagging the backs of fliers in the Union, then advance to disposable napkins.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

You've always disliked your sign's connection to disease, so write a letter to the Astrological Department of the Universe with appropriate suggestions. Some starters include: Swordswallower, Thor, and Mastodon.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

Avoiding the paparazzi is going to be tough this week. Stick to wearing wigs and surround yourself with at least four bodyguards at all times.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

When you go out with your pals to buy orange mocha frappuccinos, avoid hosing your friends down with gasoline. It could end up deadly, especially if someone's a smoker.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Write a spammer back today and let them know that you appreciate their dedication to a profession that is the backbone of this fine nation.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

When you get into a fight with a loved one over something you did last week, convince them that it was really your identical twin who did it. This may take some good convincing if the loved one is your mom.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

All human Sagittarians: man, you are on a roll this week! All lobster Sagittarians: things aren't looking so great for you.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Classes this week are going to be a bit boring. To spice it up, plan to do "the wave" every hour, unless you are using the bathroom.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

Good news, Aquarius: you're immortal! Unfortunately, there is some bad news: you're going to have start preparing now for Y3K.

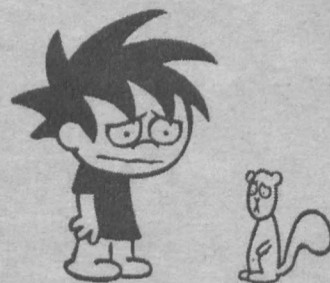
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Feb. 19 to March 20

Getting up in the morning is no fun for you, especially after a fun night of partying. Invest in a silent alarm clock to ease you from your slumber. It will go well with your collection of fire-proof matches.

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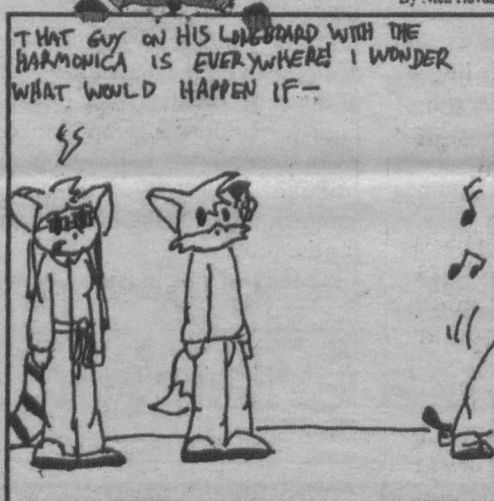
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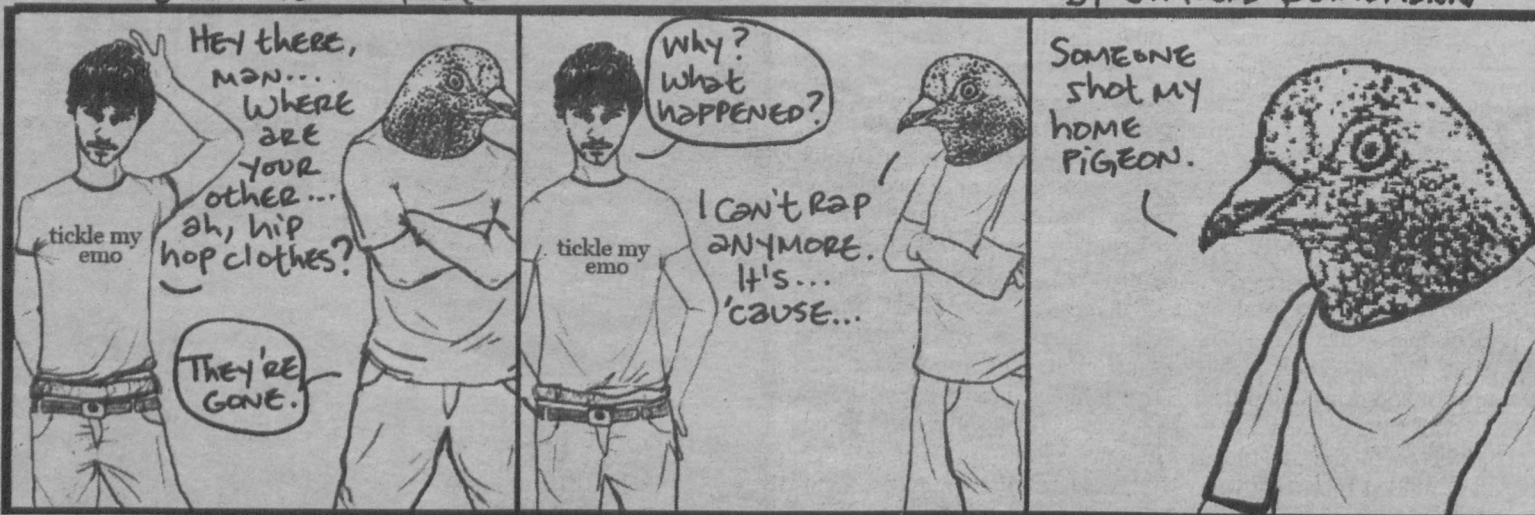
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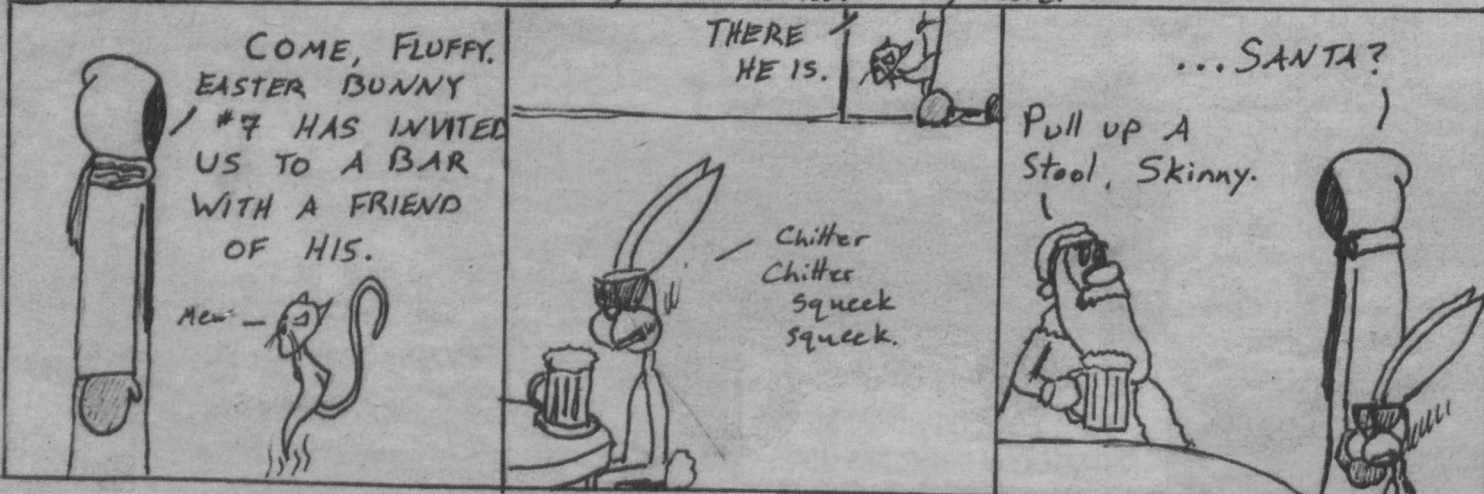
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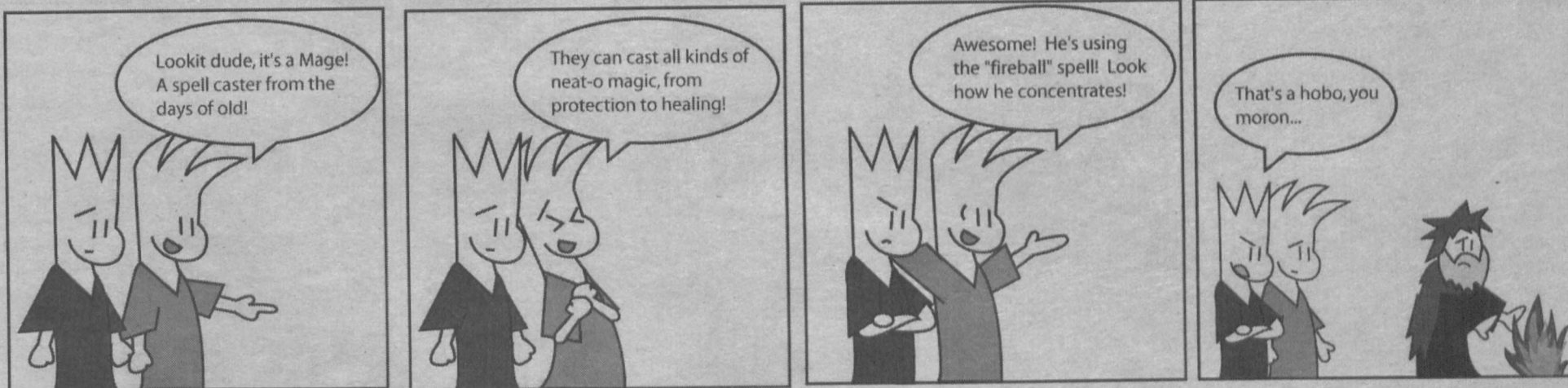
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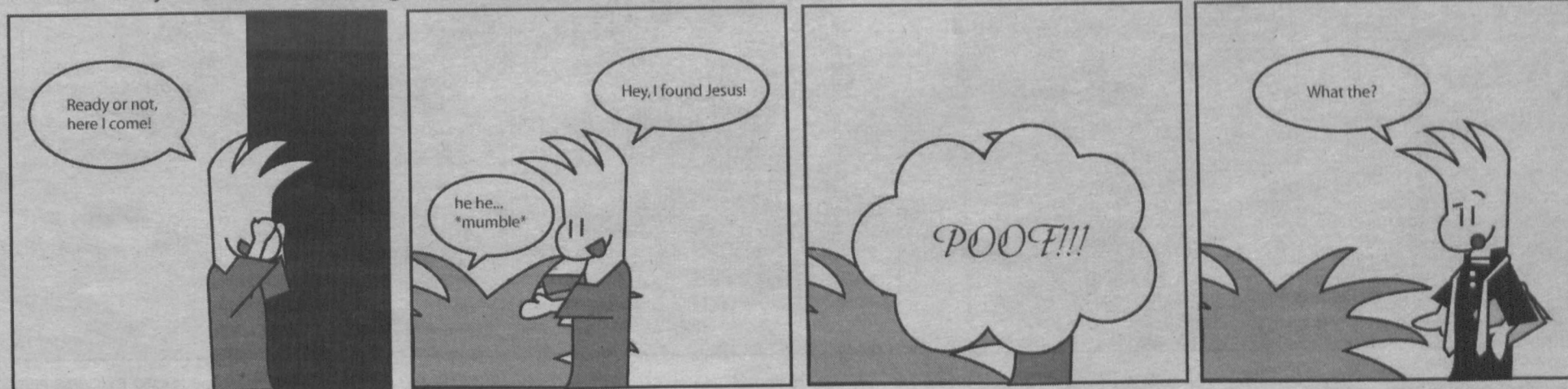
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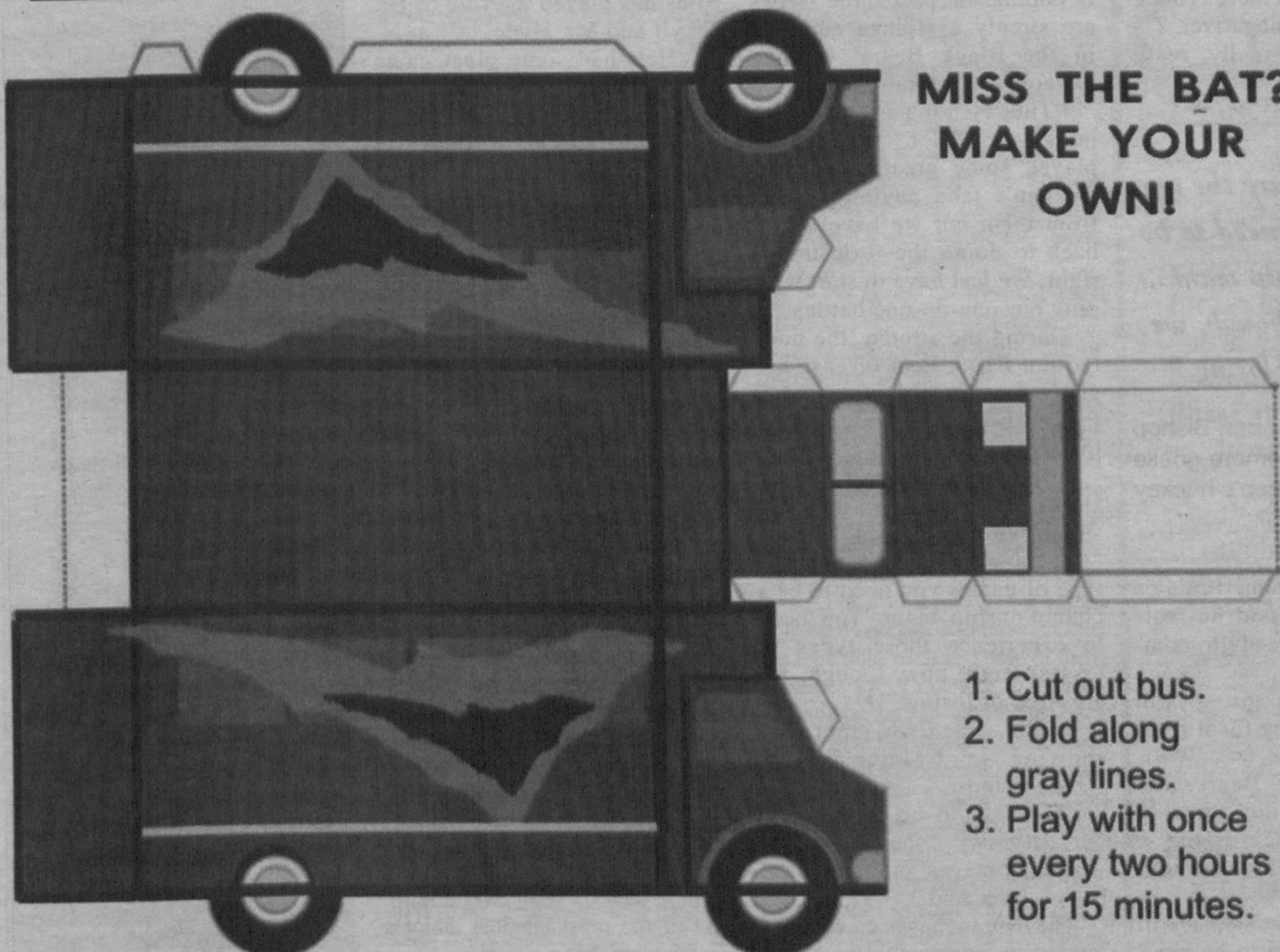
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SPLIT-SECOND REACTION — UMaine goalie Ben Bishop reacts to a Vermont shot as Black Bears Mike Hamilton (22) and Matt Duffy (21) look to protect the net. The Black Bears, who have lost their last three games, look to rebound Friday when they host Providence College.

SLUMP

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their lofty perch as the No. 1 team in the land. Now, with three defeats tucked under their belt, UMaine is ranked No. 3 in both national polls. Minnesota and New Hampshire have side-stepped the Black Bears on the path to No. 1.

"For the team we have, we shouldn't be losing three games in a row," said junior defenseman Bret Tyler. "I think we have one of the best teams in the country and we showed that at the beginning of the year. You're bound to take some bumps and bruises along the road. We're glad it's happening now at the beginning of the season rather than at the end. But we have to bounce back. A three-game losing streak at Maine is unacceptable."

Over the next nine days, the Black Bears will play three games, with their biggest coming this Friday at home against Hockey East foe Providence College. Making matters worse, the Friars, stumbling themselves with a 4-9-1 mark and a 3-5-1 Hockey East record, match up extremely well against the Black Bears.

Throughout the past few seasons, no Hockey East team has played UMaine as tightly or as physically as the Friars, who took two out of three from the Black Bears last year despite a sixth-place finish. The biggest of those victories came when head coach Tim Army and his feisty Friars came to Orono and pummeled UMaine 4-0 on Jan. 20. The victory marked the first time since 1986 that the Friars won at Alfond Arena.

"Providence is always a

good team, they work hard. They are physical and have a good goalie," said captain Michel Leveille. "We better be ready for them."

The Black Bears enter the pivotal December duel with Providence still unclear on where Hobey Baker candidate Leveille stands. Last Saturday against the Catamounts, Leveille was sidelined with a back injury, leaving a gaping hole atop the Black Bears' first line.

"It's definitely better than it was Saturday night right after the game," said Leveille. "Right now it's just a day-to-day thing. I hyperextended my back. The good thing is there is nothing broken in there. The X-ray came back negative. The muscles are just really, really stiff right now."

"Those losses are the type of games you need to be a championship team ... Right now, though, we are tired of losing."

Ben Bishop
Sophomore goalie
UMaine men's hockey

When asked about Friday's contest, Leveille said he feels he is going to be ready to compete.

"I think I can go — I'm planning everything for it right now," said Leveille.

For the Black Bears, the game will offer the squad a much-needed chance to play a night match after three straight day games.

"To get a night game back in the Alfond is going to be big,"

Bishop said. "I think everybody is just excited to play a night game back in the Alfond."

In the past three weeks, the Black Bears have played two Sunday games and a Saturday afternoon decision. With each match having at least a six-day layoff between, the Black Bears have struggled.

"Unfortunately we've only had three games to play in the three weeks. It's kind of made this more stretched out than we would like," said assistant captain Josh Soares. "It's definitely difficult; you want to get back out there and play right away."

Despite the losses, UMaine is hoping the past three weeks are simply a strange anomaly in the Black Bears' journey towards a third national title.

"This is not part of Maine hockey," Tyler said. "We played some great teams and we can't take anything away from them but we have to get back to doing the little things right. We just have to start winning our one-on-one battles."

During the stretch, the once red-hot Black Bear offense has gone quietly cold with Teddy Purcell noticeably absent from the score sheet.

"Both games against BC and UVM were games that we should've won," said Bishop. "But those tough losses are the type of games you need to be a championship team. You need to experience those types of losses. Right now, though, we are tired of losing."

At the same time, cracks are showing in UMaine's once steady defense.

"We have to be concrete on our defensive zone — that is where our biggest problems have been," Tyler said.

The defense has been working toward improvements the entire

season, and continues to do so.

"We're making progress in those areas but that is something we are going to have to keep focusing on all year," said head coach Tim Whitehead. "Team defense is not something you can fix with three or four practices or one game. They are habits you have to execute day in and day out. We're just refreshing our habits and tightening them up."

With or without Leveille, the Black Bears will have their hands full with junior netminder Tyler Sims. In his career against UMaine, Sims has taken the form of both Dominick Hasek and Sean Burke. Depending on the day, Sims has played the role of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

"He's had some great game against us but he's also had some tough ones," said Tyler. "I think if you get a couple on him early he gets a little rattled. He's a great goaltender and I don't want to take anything away from him, but maybe if you get under his skin and get to the net better we can take him out of the game."

Three months into the season, Sims is 3-6-1 with a .902 save percentage and a 2.67 goals against average.

"Sims is exciting to watch — last time the fans even got under his skin," said Bishop. "However, the whole team is fiery, their coach has instilled that in them. They go 110 percent every shift."

Anchoring the Friars' deep roster are senior Tony Zancanaro and sophomore Nick Mazzolini, who each have three goals and five assists. Not to be discounted are forward Colin McDonald and sophomore defenseman Cody Wild. McDonald leads the team in scoring with six goals, while Wild, one of the most talented athletes on the team, has six points.

"Obviously Providence is a good team; they always play us well," said junior forward Rob Bellamy. "We have to come out hard and physical and really set the tone early."

The game is set to begin at 7 p.m.

"We just have to bear down here and chip away," Whitehead said. "We have to rebuild that confidence we had going so strong at the beginning of the year. It's a long season in college hockey, so you have to be prepared for some ups and downs."

Stat Sheet

A look at UMaine's scoring leaders

Player	G-A=Total
1. M. Leveille	11-8=19
2. T. Purcell	5-10=15
3. J. Soares	4-10=14
4. B. Ryan	2-7=9
5. K. Hopson	4-4=8
6. B. Tyler	1-7=8
7. W. Clark	4-3=7
8. K. Johnson	3-4=7
9. M. Lundin	2-5=7
10. B. Sheppard	3-2=5
11. M. Duffy	2-3=5
12. R. Bellamy	0-5=5
13. M. Hamilton	2-2=4
14. S. Danis-Pepin	1-3=4
15. C. Hahn	0-3=3
16. Z. Sill	1-1=2
17. T. Ramsey	0-2=2
18. D. de Kastrozza	0-1=1
19. T. Czuba	0-1=1

Goaltending

Ben Bishop — 8-3-1, 2.04 goals against, .917 sv%
Dave Wilson — 0-0-0, 7.54 goals against, .625 sv%

BRUFF

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Last night, led by 19 points from Jon Sheets, UMaine bounced back with a 68-65 win at Mount St. Marys.

While UMaine has played markedly better over the last three games than in the first three, the improvement is neither a complete credit to Bruff, nor an indictment of Ahvenniemi. Think of the swap of starting spots more as a tinkering than a replacement.

"We've always believed we have a good core of seven or eight guys that will contribute," UMaine coach Ted Woodward said. "A part of [the switch] was the teams we were matched up against and this gave us more flexibility and versatility."

Bruff, a 6-4 forward seen as an ideal sixth-man for his versatility in terms of both penetration and perimeter shooting, has excelled in bringing energy off the bench for the last two seasons. Despite that, starting the game on the floor rather than the bench hasn't changed his even-handed approach.

"It doesn't change my outlook that much," Bruff said. "Regardless of whether I'm starting or not, I know I have to rebound well, finish my shots and be a good part of the team."

That sort of selfless attitude has helped Bruff sink two-thirds of shots since entering the starting lineup, shooting an impressive 14-of-21 from the floor. Bruff averages 7.7 points per game in part because of a pass-first outlook that allows him to take high-percentage shots.

"When it comes to taking shots, I'm pretty selective," said Bruff, who ranks third in America East with a 56 percent mark. "Every shot I feel I'm going to make because I'm working around my teammates. I know Kevin [Reed] needs shots to

get going, so I'll try to find him. The same thing goes for [Jon] Sheets.

"If I go to the basket and they're open, I'll always kick it out. I trust them shooting anything they want."

As for Ahvenniemi, the 6-10 center and senior co-captain gives the Black Bears some needed height and defensive presence on the second unit. Frequent foul trouble between Ahvenniemi and sophomore forward Philippe Tchekane Bofia was leaving UMaine with a small lineup, so splitting the pair from starting roles helps spread out two of the squad's best defenders.

"If I go to the basket and they're open, I'll always kick it out. I trust them shooting anything they want."

Chris Bruff on sharpshooting teammates Kevin Reed and Jon Sheets

The result for the 2-4 Black Bears is a three-guard starting lineup without a true center, something they can afford because, despite his 6-3 height, Reed is the leading defensive rebounder in the conference.

"That's part of it, but Chris is also one of our best rebounders," Woodward said. UMaine's top three rebounders — Bruff, Bofia and Reed — are all in the starting lineup.

"There are a lot of things Chris does that help us. He's a very good ball handler. We were playing teams that we knew would pressure us and he's able to help us in those situations."

Sunday's loss to Robert Morris was a benchmark for the Black Bears, who excelled defensively and

held an edge in turnovers. Typically, those areas help teams win on poor shooting nights, but UMaine made an excessively bad 5-of-27 in the second half and only 5-of-26 from behind the three-point arc in the game.

The Black Bears were America East's best three-point shooting team last season, and though they don't have Ernest Turner, Reed and Sheets are two of the most prolific three-point scorers in school history and won't be ice cold in the same game often.

"We didn't drive to the basket as well as I would've liked. We executed well enough to get in position but we didn't knock down the shots," Woodward said.

Still, UMaine held Robert Morris — picked by many publications to go to the NCAA tournament out of the Northeast Conference — to 55 points, by far their lowest total of the season.

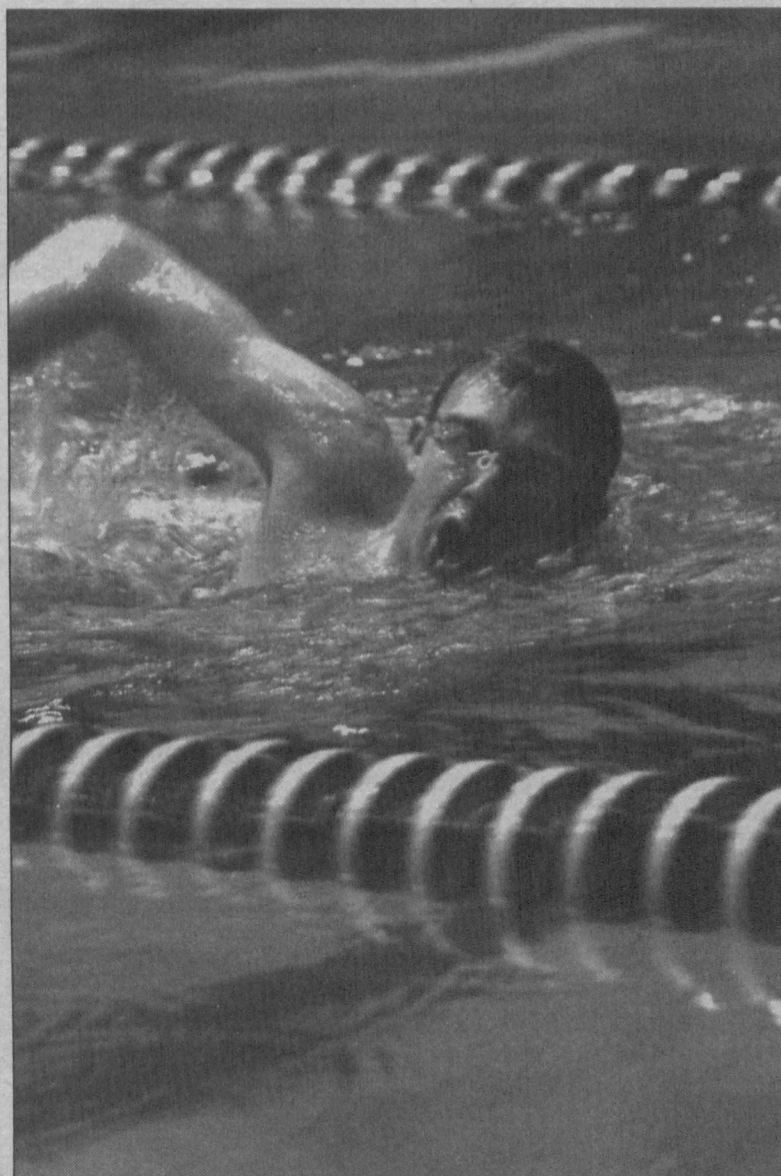
"We're rebounding, playing good defense and turning teams over. We just need our offense to catch up to our defense, and I feel like that can be a big strength for us going forward," said Woodward.

The Black Bears third-year coach has a wealth of talent on the offensive end. The team is led by a balanced attack as Bofia, Bernal and Reed each average over 11 points per game, while Sheets scores 9.3 and freshman Mark Socoby chips in at 8.3.

As those weapons get to know each other's strengths, the shooting percentages will continue to rise. If they continue to execute on the defensive end and get comfortable with their rotation, the Black Bears will continue to have chances to win.

"It's really just team work," Bruff said of UMaine's recent resurgence. "We're starting to get away from doing little things that hurt us, and the more we play together the better it's starting to work."

Stuffed to the gills



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WALK ON WATER — UMaine's swimmer Brock Libby works on his stroke earlier this week. The Black Bears compete in the URI Invitational this weekend.

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Arcane dress code doesn't suit anyone

By Derek McKinley
For The Maine Campus

In the NFL, it's fairly safe to say that most of the controversy takes place on the field. If there is a bad call to be made, it gets made by the referees.

Commentary

However, a good deal of controversy has recently found its way to the sidelines, and the bad call came courtesy of National Football League executives.

A handful of NFL coaches, the most visible among them San Francisco 49ers boss Mike Nolan, have decided to pay their respects to the origins of football by dressing in a suit and tie on the sidelines a la Vince Lombardi and Nolan's own father, former 49ers head coach Dick Nolan.

Is there a problem with that? Is there anything wrong with wanting to pay respects to previous generations and bring a little class to a game that has been consistently tarnished by substance abuse and felony charges?

Apparently, the NFL thinks the answer is yes.

It seems that the powers that be in the NFL have decided against allowing coaches like Nolan and Jacksonville Jaguars head coach Jack Del Rio to wear suits on the sidelines. The reason lies buried in the

politics of the NFL, deep among marketing strategies and contract negotiations. There lies the reason that Bill Belichick is allowed to wander around Gillette Stadium looking like a vagabond in a tattered sweatshirt and windpants, but completely out of the question for Nolan and Del Rio to look sharp in a nice suit.

It seems that the NFL has inked deals with Nike, Under Armour, and most prominently, a \$250 million contract with Reebok. Because Reebok does not make suits and ties, coaches are strictly prohibited from wearing them. No coach or player can wear any brand of apparel other than those approved by the NFL. Earlier in the year, superstar running back Reggie Bush was fined \$10,000 for wearing Adidas cleats. The irony is overwhelming, as Adidas now owns Reebok.

Is this really the sort of thing the NFL needs to be arguing about? First-year commissioner Roger Goodell desperately needs to start off his tenure on the right foot. Does he really need to focus his energy on the dress code? The NFL is so obsessed with appearances. Everything has to look right. Michael Vick was once fined for wearing the wrong socks with his uniform. It's all completely ridiculous.

Maybe instead of worrying about putting on their own little fashion show every Sunday, they should be worried about the hulking linemen

pumping HGH or the mellowed-out running back smoking reefer to "combat social anxiety." The NFL needs to crack down on the true offenders, the guys that are really breaking the law.

Alas, they'd rather focus on draining the excitement out of football with Chad Johnson rules and merchandise contracts.

There is a good reason for it, I suppose. Money from the Reebok deal serves to create a higher salary cap, which means teams can spend more money on talent, but really, this is too idiotic for words. I can't imagine penalizing someone for wanting to show a little bit of respect. It's not like it's a major distraction. The NFL has made some changes in its policy and Reebok has announced that it will be meeting with coaches like Mike Nolan to design something a little more stylish. Coaches are also allowed to wear a suit and tie — manufactured by Reebok — for two games a year.

Nolan and Del Rio have sported the look once each and both of them came out with a victory. I'm just saying, maybe the Pats might have been able to save face against the Broncos and the Jets if Belichick had donned a little bit more dignified garb. And think of how the Steelers might have done if Cowher had stood on the sidelines poking his chin out over some tasteful threads. The suit is certainly a force to be reckoned with in the NFL.

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Black Bears building on 23-goal explosion

By Helen McKinnon
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's hockey team will enter play this weekend with the momentum of a successful Thanksgiving weekend. The Black Bears stormed to two impressive victories over Sacred Heart, winning 13-1 and 10-4 on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

Women's Hockey

"Offensively, I thought we played very well," said head coach Lauren Steblen. "We did break down a little defensively, but I think that was to be expected with how offensive we were being."

The first game saw 13 different players notch points, including freshman Jenna Ouellette, who topped the scoring chart with one goal and five assists. "I was very happy because our freshmen who haven't seen a lot of playing time got a lot of ice time, with spectacular results," said Steblen.

On Sunday, four Black Bears scored a pair of goals with Pam Patterson adding two assists to her tallies to lead the team in points.

This weekend, UMaine returns to the ice to face off against Hockey East rival Northeastern, a team they have already played this season.

Nearly a month ago, the Black Bears were leading 5-1 after thirty minutes, only to ease up and fall to a 6-5 defeat, and are determined not to let it happen again.

"The girls are taking the game very seriously. They're really getting pumped up and ready for the game," said Steblen. "Northeastern is always a tough team — this time we're looking to play a full 60 minutes."

The games are significant, with only one point separating the two teams in the Hockey East standings. Both squads are hoping for the four points to break away up the standings.

With their victories against Sacred Heart, the Black Bears have extended their unbeaten streak to five games. The team's improvement has been recognized, with individual players receiving awards for their impressive play. Two weeks ago sophomore goaltender Genevieve Turgeon received the accolade of Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week, whilst two days ago freshman Jenna Ouellette was named Hockey East Rookie of the Week following her sparkling performance at the weekend.

UMaine will be looking to continue its winning streak against the Huskies, with both contests set to begin on the Alford Arena ice at noon.

SPARKS

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adrenaline from a 80-78 thriller over Atlantic Coast Conference foe Clemson to capture the Dead River Co. Classic title. It was just the third Dead River championship in program history and the team's first win over a major conference foe in the McNerney era.

"The players have been able to stick through the adversity we had last year and build on that and stay driven," said McNerney. "I think you're looking at a bunch of great, driven individuals who want to succeed and came here for a reason."

The Black Bears must now leave Orono to face the hardest portion of their schedule, with six straight road games spanning the entire month of December ahead. The trip includes a matchup against Boston College, which was ranked No. 22 in the AP Top 25 before falling to UMaine rival Vermont on Saturday.

"This is a bunch of kids that have worked together consistently since the beginning of the year,"

said McNerney. "We have a group of young ladies that just fight, fight, fight."

The Black Bears are led by a nucleus of Maine natives. Bracey Barker of Bar Harbor, Ashley Underwood of Benton, and Katie Whittier of New Gloucester top the statistical charts, along with fellow senior Lindsey Hugstad-Vaa.

"We have a group of young ladies that just fight, fight, fight."

Anne McNerney
Head coach
UMaine women's basketball

Barker is tops on the team in scoring at 18.0 points per game, rebounding at 6.6 boards per game and assists at three per game. Underwood is right behind her at 12 points per game. The duo exploded for 24 and 22, respectively, against Clemson.

"It shows a lot about where we're going this year and if we keep it up, we keep doing the little

things like we're doing now, I think we're going to have a really good year," added Barker.

The two-guard rotation has also proved to be successful. Freshman point-guard Abby Greene and classmate Amanda Tewksbury, who scored the game-winning basket as time expired against Clemson, have shown offensive poise, while junior Kris Younan and freshman Tiffany Colon add an exciting defensive dynamic.

"The confidence the seniors have in the freshmen is huge," said McNerney. "This team collectively and the individuals that are leading and buying into the team system, is really starting to show dividends."

The Black Bears will look to continue their success as they take on Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. next weekend. Leading up to that game, however, the team will have some time off as they are without a contest this coming weekend.

"I think when you can start a season off as well as we're doing right now, and having contributions from everybody from freshmen to seniors, I think it shows a lot about how our team can bounce back," said Barker.

Bears come from behind to tip Green

The University of Maine women's basketball team enjoyed a night of firsts in a 72-61 win over Dartmouth last night.

The Black Bears rallied from a halftime deficit to win for the first time in second-year coach Anne McNerney's tenure, and also won their fifth November game for the first time in pro-

gram history to move to 5-1 on the season.

Senior captain Bracey Barker led the comeback bid. The Black Bears leading scorer had no points at the break but scored 17 in a dominant second half performance.

Classmate Ashley Underwood chipped in 13 points while post-players Katie Whittier — 8

points, 12 rebounds — and Lindsey Hugstad-Vaa — 8 points — also played well.

The Big Green were limited by injuries with only eight players dressed for the game and seven available by the end. UMaine took the lead midway through the second half on a Barker turnaround and never looked back.

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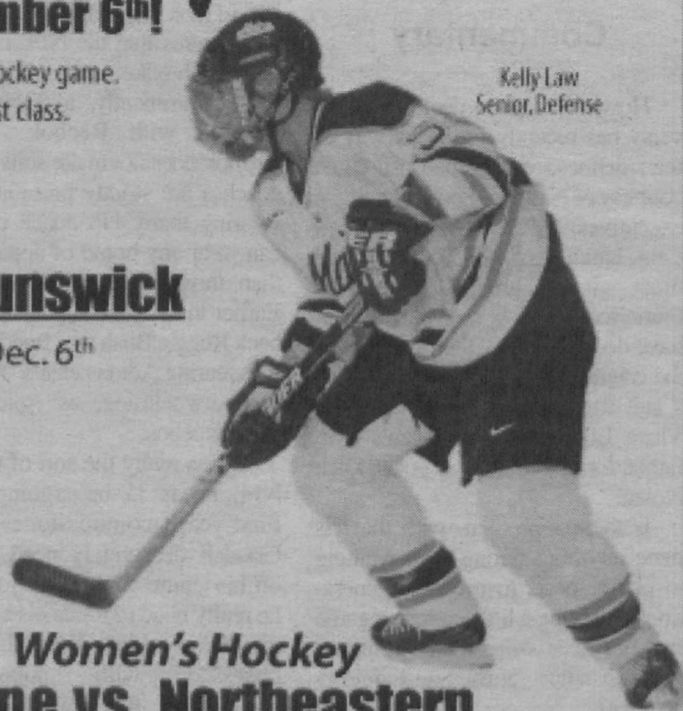
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FLUID MOTION — ABOVE — Jhamal Fluellen dips a shoulder to make a defender miss during the season finale.
RIGHT — Manzi Pierre makes a leaping catch.

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the havoc he brought on opposing quarterbacks this season.

Perhaps underappreciated in the face of King's heroics is the second UMaine player who should earn All-America honors: Mike DeVito. The defensive tackle had to be double-teamed on every snap and still racked up 7.0 sacks and 10 tackles-for-a-loss.

"These guys next to me, No. 9 [King] and No. 90 [DeVito], they're as good as there is. I wouldn't want to face them," Cosgrove said after they held Villanova to negative rushing yards.

Beyond the line were linebackers that didn't force many turnovers but were some of the surest tacklers around. Sophomore Andrew Downey — who Cosgrove says has more natural athletic ability than Cooper — earned an All-A-10 nod for his breakout season, as did junior John Wormuth.

Then there's the secondary, which didn't get a lot of ink but was solid nonetheless. Consider All-A-10 first-teamer Manauris Arias. Despite diminutive size, no one in the league would challenge him at cornerback because of his superior technique. Cosgrove called his selection the most satisfying honor of his tenure.

Daren Stone earned one preseason All-America nod and sacrificed some playmaking ability to chip in as a blitzing safety, notching 4.0 sacks and keeping offenses off-balance by ducking in and out of coverage. He's headed to Hawaii for the NFL scout-rich Hula Bowl and should be drafted next spring.

Every great defense needs its emotional leader, and for this group, that Ray Lewis type was Alex Goyins. The senior safety burst into the starting lineup in week two and never let go, making play after play and being certain that the offense knew about it. He kept the Black Bears fired up at all time, and while DeVito, King and Stone provided the muscle, Goyins was the Black Hole's heart.

"Alex is just a guy that gets it. He knows what it takes to win," said Cosgrove.

Arel Gordon was the Black Bears' only postseason honoree offensively after he amassed 1,378 total yards. Quarterback

Ron Whitcomb moved into the all-time lead for touchdown passes as the duo led an inexperienced group that would've played better with an extra year under its belt. Not to be forgotten is Justin Roberts, who led a resurgence on the offensive line and deserved an all-conference nod.

As hard as it is to fathom, there are more important things in football than what happens between the stripes on Saturdays. Where many UMaine teams have underachieved, the 2006 squad should be remembered for having overachieved by climbing the backs of a great senior class' character.

"As senior, we set a new standard for working hard, staying here all summer, watching video and having camaraderie," Whitcomb said. "That's established as a standard — not just five or six guys doing it alone."

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Jack Cosgrove
Head coach
UMaine football

Never was this group's determination and drive more apparent than in their final game against New Hampshire. Despite a season-crippling loss at UMass the week before, they never quit. Witnessing the emotion on the seniors' faces after a missed extra point cost them their championship dreams, one would've thought it was over.

Witnessing Matt Mulligan bear-hug kicker Devin McNeil and tell him he played great as the freshman faced reporters after the miss let you know it wasn't — this team's resolve was greater than that.

"People thought we were a demoralized group, and I looked that up in Webster's because I didn't think we were in a state of confusion," said Cosgrove. "That's the most impressive thing about this team, and our seniors. They're phenomenal young men, and that's a credit to mom and dad because they came here that way."

The reward for efforts was another heart-wrenching loss, this time in overtime. The worst thing about 2006 was just how close the Black Bears were — a bounce



here or there and they're 9-2 or better and still playing.

"I got asked about being a spoiler, and Ronny got asked too. To be honest with you, I thought Ronny was going to choke the guy because being a spoiler means you stink and this team doesn't stink. This is a team that can play with anybody in the country," said Cosgrove.

Indeed, UMaine's strength of schedule hurt as much as it helped, with the Black Bears losing to No. 2 UMass, No. 4 Youngstown State, No. 9 UNH and I-A Boston College. They lost in a monsoon at the University of Rhode Island to boot.

Still, the bar has been set higher for next year's club and unlike in past years, the underclassmen have a glowing example of how to conduct their business to build from.

"That's the legacy we want to leave and hopefully the younger guys can carry it on because it's all they know," Whitcomb said. "We showed them it's not acceptable to guys to do nothing all summer or play selfish and want the ball."

If the 2007 UMaine squad wins a title, these seniors won't get rings or banners. But they should be remembered for never asking "Why us?" after several quizzical losses and for planting the seeds of greatness in these young minds.

"I played with a lot of guys who play on Sundays now, a lot of guys who influenced me as a player and a person. I hope I was that person for someone on this team this year, leading by example and showing the right way to be everything a student-athlete is," said King.

What's the legacy of 2006 as we close the book on yet another UMaine football season? They were the best defense in school history and perhaps even better as leaders. They were uncrowned champions on the field who deserved better but didn't sulk. They were winners, no matter what the final record says.



Postseason Honors

*A summary of the various awards and honors earned by UMaine football players in 2006**

Matt King: All Atlantic-10 first team at defensive end, Buck Buchanan Award finalist[^] (60 tackles, 18 tackles-for-loss, 12.5 sacks, 3 FF, 2 FR)

Mike DeVito: All Atlantic-10 first team at defensive tackle (28 tackles, 10.5 tackles-for-loss, 7.0 sacks)

Manauris Arias: All Atlantic-10 first team at cornerback (30 tackles, 3 tackles-for-loss, 2 pass def., 1 INT)

Daren Stone: All Atlantic-10 second team at safety, Hula Bowl invitee (50 tackles, 7.5 tackles-for-loss, 4.0 sacks, 5 pass def., 1 INT)

Arel Gordon: All Atlantic-10 second team at running back (843 yards rushing, 535 yards receiving, 8 TDs)

Bruno Dorismond: All Atlantic-10 third team at defensive tackle (32 tackles, 8.0 tackles-for-loss, 3 sacks)

John Wormuth: All Atlantic-10 third team at linebacker (63 tackles, 7.0 tackles-for-loss, 1 INT)

Andrew Downey: All Atlantic-10 third team at linebacker (72 tackles, 2 sacks, 5 pass. def, 1 INT)

** All-Americans not yet released. [^] Announced 12/14/06*



Righting the ship: Black Bears look to end slump

Leveille hopes
to be healthy for
pivotal contest

By Matthew Conyers
Editor in Chief

In the past 20 years, only two teams in University of Maine men's ice hockey history have had the dubious honor of being saddled with a four-game losing streak.

Friday, the 2006-2007 edition of the Black Bears will look to avoid becoming the third.

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After coasting to an 8-0-1 mark to begin the year, UMaine has fallen on hard times, losing its last three games against the Universities of New Hampshire, Vermont and Boston College.

"The same thing happened to us last year at the same time," said sophomore netminder Ben Bishop. "It's better to let this happen right now than at the end of the year. We're getting the kinks out right now."

The run of ill fortune has displaced the Black Bears from

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DOWN GOES FRAZIER — Rob Bellamy — seen here taking a spill against Vermont — and the Black Bears have stumbled to a three-game losing skid with their last win back on Nov. 11.

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Black Hole among the all-time greats

Football's seniors
leave strong legacy

By Matt Williams
Sports Editor

In 10 years, the 2006 incarnation of the University of Maine football team might be remembered as a squad that couldn't finish — one that should've contended for a national title and instead stumbled to a 6-5 finish, a No. 24 national ranking and a bag full of hard-luck what-ifs. Before we get to that point, though, there are a few other things to consider about these Black Bears and their legacy.

First, and most obvious, is the defense. Led by captains Mike DeVito and Matt King, the group redefined the term "Black Hole," stealing the limelight from the legendary 2001 and 2002 units as simply the best defense UMaine has ever seen.

"We've had better individual players, but we've never had a better group," said 14-year head coach Jack Cosgrove.

This Black Hole didn't have the flash of Stephen Cooper, but it had the best defensive line in the country and a stout group that finished with I-AA's top-



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SIMPLY THE BEST — From left: Matt King, Daren Stone, Mike DeVito and Alex Goyins helped form the top defense in UM history in 2006.

ranked run defense and second overall total defense. King posted the best individual season, recording 11.5 sacks officially, though a scoring error on a quarterback forced-fumble robbed him of one that would've given him 12.5 — good for the national lead.

"I think back to when I came in and I thought that was the best defense I'd ever seen. They had guys like Coop, [Dennis] Dottin-Carter, Jermaine [Walker] and Brandon McGowan and all those guys got shots in the NFL," King

said. "We had a bunch of guys who came together this year with one goal — to be the best defense in the country."

King's monster season earned him a nomination for the Buck Buchanan Award — I-AA's defensive Heisman — and All-Atlantic 10 honors while he added 60 total tackles — 18 for a loss. His teammates on the defensive line have a saying that pressure bursts pipes and makes diamonds, and King's crown is certainly studded with jewels after all

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Hot start sparks women's hoops

By Meghann Burnett
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This time last season, the University of Maine women's basketball team held a 2-2 record heading into December, where they would win only one, and set the tone for a disappointing campaign. First-year head coach Ann McInerney had already coined the phrase, "Man, I hate to lose."

Fast forward to 2006-07, and fortune seems to be smiling on her sophomore year at the helm. Her Black Bears are 5-1, the program's best start since the squad's seniors were in seventh grade and idolizing UMaine Hall of Famer Cindy Blodgett. In addition, the team is riding the

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Bruff emerges for UM

By Matt Williams
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Finding the right combination of players and an effective rotation are critical steps in the building process for any basketball team. So, when his team stumbled to an 0-3 start, University of Maine men's hoops coach Ted Woodward tweaked his starting lineup, inserting Chris Bruff in place of Olli Ahvenniemi.

The result is three wins in four tries that could easily be four straight as uncharacteristic poor shooting cost the Black Bears against Robert Morris.

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