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Roommate restrictions for Orono

Limit of three unrelated renters is proposed

By Seamus McGrath

Changes may be in store for off-campus students after Wednesday's Orono Town Council meeting. Members discussed finalizing an ordinance restricting the number of non-family residents allowed in a rental unit. If approved, the decision could impact the availability and prices of apartments in Orono.

The council reduced the maximum occupancy of a rental unit from five unrelated people to three over the summer. However, if the owner of the property has been in possession of the rental unit previous to June 18, their right as a landlord is less clear.

Restrictions for grandfathered properties will be brought to a non-binding public vote at the December public meeting. The vote will be used to determine the amount of

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Friends in 'commons'



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President Kennedy cuts the ribbon to the new Hilltop Commons at the official re-opening ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Seeking Sunfire smashers

Public Safety offers award for information on flipped car

By Michael Dabrieo

University of Maine Public Safety is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the identification of a suspect in their investigation of a car that was flipped in Stodder parking lot early on the morning of Oct. 29.

At approximately 1 a.m. on Monday, after the Red Sox won the World Series, police were alerted of vandalism to a 2000 Pontiac Sunfire. The car was flipped near the bushes of the parking lot, crushing the roof and right front fender and totaling the car.

"I'm disgusted by this despicable behavior," Chief Noel March of Public Safety said. "This stuff shouldn't happen, especially not here at UMaine." This is the first time vandalism, to this extent, has happened on campus since March has been in service.

The car belonged to sophomore athletic training major Shawn Landry, who was at his home in Millinocket when a phone call woke him telling him about his car.

"I was shocked; I didn't even know what to think," Landry said.

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UCU charges ATM service fee

Students can no longer take out cash in the Union for free

By Kassandre Moulton

The University Credit Union ATM in the basement of the Memorial Union has started incurring a \$2 surcharge on all non-member transactions.

Members of the University Credit Union or the SurF network can still use the ATM for free.

The fees took effect on Nov. 1, on 10 of University Credit Union's 12 ATMs statewide.

"The UCU made that decision on their own,"

Director of the Memorial Union, Gustavo Burkett said. "We started looking into it," Burkett said that he was not aware of the issue until students started complaining on the UMaine Forum.

Joseph Gervais, executive vice president of UCU, attributes the surcharge implementation to the increasing costs of operating the Credit Union's 12 ATMs throughout the state.

"UCU exists to serve the financial needs of the students, employees and alumni of the University of

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Campus tobacco debate continues

Senate demands enforcement of laws before implementing new regulations

By Rhiannon Sawtelle

The Student Senate opposed the recent campus-wide tobacco ban, but smokers are still in danger of losing their privileges.

Still in its early phases of development, the Tobacco Free Campus Committee (TFCC) is working on a decision for the university. In the long run, it is the administration that has the final say in the fate of campus smokers.

"Student Government's opposition is merely a recommendation," Sen. Christina Soyden said.

Smokers on campus face the possibility of joining the list of more than 60 universities that claim to be tobacco-free, including Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield.

With smoking policies already implemented on campus, student senators said the rules need to be better enforced before any changes can be made. Currently, each building on campus is supposed to have at least one smoke-free entrance and no smoking is allowed within 20 feet of the building or ventilation system.

"Right now the problem is in the open - people are

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Public Safety verifies campus crime is down

Student Senate debates resolutions funding UMaine College Republicans and University Singers

By Ryan Spencer

In the latest session of General Student Senate Noel March, chief of the University of Maine Public Safety, reported that crime on campus in the first two months of the semester is down in comparison to the same time frame last year.

"Alcohol offenses are down 42.86 percent, disorderly conduct is down 44 percent, fire alarms are down 24.59 percent and that illegal possession of alcohol by a minor is down 65.66 percent," said March. Some possible reasons he suggested are the First Year Residential Experience and the new Student Recreation and Fitness Center.

There were two heavily debated resolutions, the allocation of funds to the UMaine College Republicans and to University Singers.

The resolution was an allocation of \$1,375 to the College Republicans to finance a trip to the Conservative Political Action Conference. The representative for the group, Luke DeNatale, said this is their big event of the year and 25 members want to go. The conference will be in Washington, D.C. from Feb. 7 to 10.

The College Republicans reported they have more than 200 members, with 25 members currently active. In the past, the group has used their own funding to go, and the few members who could pay for the trip attended. The group does not charge dues for membership. The College Republicans originally asked for more than \$6,000. The \$1,375 in the resolution is what the Executive Budgetary Committee (EBC) recommended based on what has been given to other groups to attend conferences.

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President of the Student Body, William Pomerleau, cautioned giving a group money if it is politically aligned. He said that Student Senate cannot have an influence on politics.

"We fund lots of religious groups and often other groups that have their own political agendas," Derek Mitchell, vice president of student entertainment said.

Sen. Sean Rankin proposed an amendment to give the group \$4,000. He cited previous allocations this year to groups, like the Tackle Football Club, saying it was unfair to give this group such a small sum of money.

Arguing in favor of the original resolution was Sen. Abtin Mehdizadegan. "EBC puts a lot of thought into every allocation, and this is a fair amount. This is a political group; it is not the same as the Tackle Football Club."

Mitchell suggested the group look for alternative sources of funding. "The ingenuity of college students is powerful," he said.

Rankin said the issue is about treating each group fairly.

Sen. Samantha Shulman looked at the resolution as an issue of how many people want to go. "Sending 25 people to a conference is ridiculous. Five people can go and bring back the information," she said.

The amendment to the resolution failed the required two-thirds vote. However, the resolution to give the College Republicans \$1,375 passed.

The other heavily debated issue was about giving the

University Singers \$8,053.57 to fund its spring tour. The resolution would go toward paying for a Cyr bus, equipment vans and other accommodations.

Mehdizadegan argued against the resolution. "This is an audition group, so I find it hard to give the full amount requested. To me it is about the people who do not make it into the group. What about them?" he asked.

"I am not a fan of selective groups, but this group is out there in a very audible way promoting the University," Sen. Dillon Bates said.

The resolution to give the University Singers \$8,053.57 passed.

Other resolutions that passed the Student Senate included an allocation of \$1,000 to Wilde Stein for the T-shirt costs for an HIV awareness campaign.

The UMaine Belly Dancers gave a presentation to the Student Senate about a recent workshop that the club attended. Arletta Hayes gave a belly dance performance for the senate.

Anh Do, vice president of financial affairs, announced the following allocations: \$200 to Kappa Kappa Psi, \$650 to Student Athletic Advisory Committee, \$1,375 to UMaine College Republicans, \$1,000 to Wilde Stein and \$8,053.57 to University Singers. At the start of the meeting there was \$87,276.46 unallocated and after the meeting there was \$76,436.91.

General Student Senate will not meet on Nov. 20. Senate will resume on Nov. 27.

THURSDAY

Socialist & Marxist Lecture Series

12:30 p.m. Totman Room, Memorial Union
Record Profits at Any Cost: Exxonmobil, Hyper-Capitalism and the Destruction of Ecosystem. By Arjun Makhijani.

Poetry Reading

4:30 p.m. Arthur Hill Auditorium
By Michael Davidson Part of the New Writing Series.

FRIDAY

Go Blue Friday

8:00 p.m.
Wear blue and/or UMaine clothing to celebrate Black Bear pride!

Environmental Seminar

12:00 p.m. Nutting Hall, Room 204
By Tom Perry. Harvest Project.

SATURDAY

Sea Kayak Rescue Clinic

9:00 a.m. Maine Bound Adventure Center

Collegiate Chorale

7:30 p.m. Minsky Recital Hall
Part of the School of Performing arts season.

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Orono's five-day forecast

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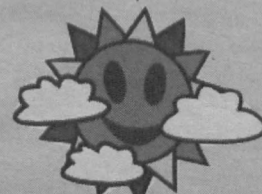
Friday | Rain with snow
37 **23**
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Saturday | Partly cloudy
35 **24**
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Sunday | Partly cloudy
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Monday | Partly cloudy
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Tobacco

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smoking in doorways, near windows. Try to ban smoking and the problem moves indoors, into less-patrolled locations and into more dangerous spaces. The university needs to enforce the policy they have already. Until they can do that, it is not practical to consider one more stringent," said Vice President for Student Entertainment Derek Mitchell.

Problems with who would enforce these new policies are in question. The TFCC has proposed Student Affairs, Human Resources and event staff for public events as enforcers.

If the plan was put into action by the administration it would be a gradual shift that would lead to a tobacco-free campus. Student Government and the TFCC both support informational campaigns to raise awareness and give possible quitting assistance. In its preliminary phases, the TFCC is also looking into designating smoking areas on campus.

Student Government is attempting to stand for student rights. "While we recognize the health risks of smoking, we are looking to protect the rights of the entire student body. We feel that they are not effectively enforcing the current restrictions of distance from buildings in accordance with State Law," said Vice President of the Student Body Steven Moran.

Currently, the TFCC is

debating the time frame they have to enforce the mandate if it was to be put into action. Some feel it is too rapid and the campus should phase out to a completely tobacco-free environment and others feel it should continue at a swift pace to keep momentum. Currently, 2009 is the administration's goal.

The committee is also discussing issues of concern such as the Greek communities and the implications of enforcing the ban in their area, people smoking inside and the need for education.

Members of the TFCC cited concerns such as health risks, general wellness, fire hazards, trash and litter on campus, secondhand smoke and reaching young smokers before they are addicted as their reasons for the ban.

Student Government agrees but said these problems can be solved with alternate resources. Still in the early phases of development, Student Government hopes to influence the committee and the administration in general.

"The Senate as student leaders passed this [opposition to smoking ban] after consulting constituents and believing that a larger percentage of the population was opposed to, or at least not in favor of, this type of a plan," Moran said.

The Student Senate will meet with Dean of Students Robert Dana and Vice President for Administration and Finance Janet Waldron on Nov. 29 to discuss the administration's future plans.

Seeking

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Landry had gone home for the weekend to visit his mother who had undergone open heart surgery, leaving his car in the parking lot.

"It had been pretty stressful before this all happened, and then the car incident made it even worse," he said. Landry, who is a Yankees fan, doesn't think the event was aimed at him specifically.

"There was nothing on my car that indicated that [I liked the Yankees]. I think it was just a bunch of people being dumb," he said. "I just wonder what people are thinking sometimes."

Police are hoping the reward will entice any witnesses to come forward.

The money for the reward comes from a Public Safety fund which is supported by seized drug money that courts have given the station, according to March.

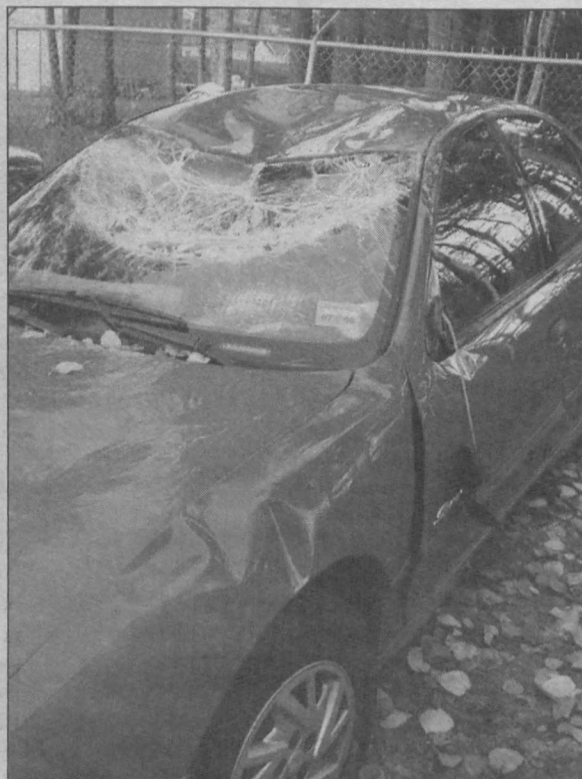
"This was an organized effort," Chief Noel March said. He was unsure if the event was related to the big Red Sox win. "I don't really care [about the reason]," he said. "I want the people who did this to be held accountable. We have handprints from the car and other information is developing."

March hopes that those responsible will come forward soon. "If they come forward, maybe things can be settled out of court," he said. "Otherwise we will follow through with prosecution. This reward is for positive identification only, not arrest."

It was Landry's first car. He had been working to pay it off over the past few years and was almost done with payments. His insurance will cover some of the damages, but he is responsible for the remaining payments.

"All that hard work is right back to what I started with. It just sucks, college is stressful enough without kids flipping your car," Landry said. "I was proud of my car and how I was responsible for payments. It was my first car, and it had a lot of personal value."

Landry said that if he met the people who did it, he



Shawn Landry • The Maine Campus

The crushed windshield of the vehicle flipped during the madcap Red Sox victory celebration.

would not seek revenge. "If it was the same night it happened, I probably would have had a few choice words, but now I just want repayment."

Any students with information that leads to the positive identification of the perpetrators can contact Det. Sgt. Chris Gardner at 581-4048. Any witnesses who wish to forego the reward and report information anonymously may do so at the UMaine Dept. of Public Safety Web site: umaine.edu/publicsafety/campuseyes

ATM

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Maine system. We strive to provide low cost financial options for our members," he said.

Gervais said without the surcharge, non-members were receiving benefits, which was

unfair to credit union members.

"By continuing to provide 'member services' to non-members, we are depleting our resources that would assist us in better serving our members." Some of the costs associated with maintaining the ATM include the cost of the ATM Hardware, maintenance, cash replenishment and more. He said it was difficult to quantify the costs.

Many students at UMaine are unhappy with this implementation.

"This is just another way of the University attempting to monopolize things. They want you to switch to their banking institution, just like they want you to buy books from their bookstore or purchase meals at places on campus," Joseph Dwyer, a second-year construction management technology

major said.

"Imposing a fee on the once-free ATM, is just the university's way of pushing the students to open up an account with the University Credit Union," Stanley MacArthur, a first-year business student said.

"This decision was in no means made to penalize the students that utilize this ATM," Gervais said.

Other students would like to see more options. "I think there should be some sort of free ATM on campus, but whether or not the UCU supplies it doesn't make much difference to me," Corey Smith, a fourth-year mechanical engineering major said.

According to the Associate Director of Dining Services, Katherine Kittridge, the Union has chosen new cash registers which have credit card capabilities. "There is a plan to have it in the Union and all other concessions [on campus]," Kittridge said. "It is in the works."

Heather Steeves contributed to this report.

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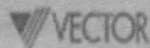
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Dorm drug dealing

Police executed a search warrant for drugs on a second-floor room in Oxford Hall. They found one ounce of marijuana and \$650 in cash in a safe on Nov. 9 at 12:45 p.m. During the search, police also confiscated a set of digital scales, plastic bags and a mirror with marijuana residue on it. Resident Michael Knortz, 18, of Orono, was issued a summons for unlawful furnishing of marijuana.

Restroom Report No. 1

An ambulance was requested to aid an intoxicated male in the third-floor bathroom of Somerset Hall at 12:37 a.m. on Nov. 9. Bradley McLead, 18, of Orono, admitted to providing vodka shots to the intoxicated male in his third-floor room. McLead was issued a summons for possession of liquor by a minor.

Restroom Report No. 2

Police received a report of an intoxicated male in a second-floor bathroom of Somerset Hall at 3:13 a.m. on Nov. 10. Officers located Zachary McIntire, 18, of Orono, who said he was fine. However, he appeared to be under the influence of

alcohol and had previously been issued a summons by Public Safety earlier in the semester. He was issued a summons for possession of alcohol by a minor.

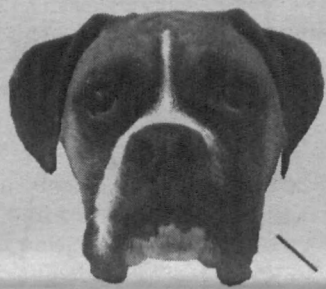
Hockey fan misbehavior

A male was removed from the student balcony and charged with possession of liquor at the University of Maine vs. Providence hockey game on Nov. 10. The usher working on the balcony notified an officer that a Powerade bottle was being passed between students. The officer investigated the situation and issued a summons to William Bolduc, 18, of Orono, for possession of liquor by a minor because his Powerade bottle was half full of Captain Morgan's rum.

Intoxication observation

An officer on foot patrol observed an intoxicated male staggering outside Oxford Hall at 12:49 a.m. on Nov. 11. Charles Belanger, 19, of Orono, showed several other signs of intoxication and was issued a summons for possession of alcohol by consumption.

Compiled by Aislinn Sarnacki



Tyler, from the comic strip "Boxer Romps," respectfully requests that you get your pets spayed or neutered

It doesn't make me any less of a man.

Limit

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public support the ordinance has. The final amended ordinance will be voted on by the council members on the first Monday in January — when many students will be away on winter break.

This decision came after meetings over the past week on how to deal with capping the maximum occupancy and how to regulate and enforce the code.

A new draft was presented on Nov. 5. Landholders are eligible to be grandfathered, or exempt from the new ordinance because it was not in place when they obtained the property. The town would still require the landlords to maintain and upgrade the property for items like trash removal or parking. Failure to do so could cause them to lose their right to lease a building to four or five unrelated tenants.

Some councilors said this will solve the problem, as many properties renting to extra tenants under the new regulation could continue to do so by making a few upgrades to their property.

Another option would be to set a grace period, such as five years, to allow those who owned the property to continue renting to the four or five tenants until the end of the period. Town Councilor Mark Haggerty said if landlords knew that they were

about to lose their leasing options, they would be less likely to upgrade their premises to adhere to town ordinances.

It is still under debate which zones would be affected. Since a lot of families in medium-density zones have concerns over large, unconventional households next door, this new ordinance would help address many of the complaints filed. By restricting them from one area, the burden of handling these bigger dwellings is shifted to the quieter sections of town.

This ordinance not only affects Orono town residents, but could impact sorority and fraternity houses if they lose their university sanction. In this case, they would have to apply to the town as renters. If they successfully re-sanction on an annual basis, they are again exempt from the registration.

A draft of the ordinance deals with setting standards in the medium-density residential areas by qualifying how much parking space is required for each dwelling, handling trash and waste and allotting living space.

In order for any of these standards to be effective, the town will have to keep track of how many tenants are living at each residence and their relation to one another, addressed by initiating the new Renter Registration Program. Violations of the new standards could easily be traced to the tenants and landlords involved with the problem.

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ATMs annoying UMaine students

The University Credit Union ATM in Memorial Union, which was once free, now charges \$2 per transaction to non-members.

Joseph Gervais, executive vice president of UCU, said that the new charge is due to the increasing costs to maintain the machine. He had also said that it was unfair for non-members to receive member benefits.

The University of Maine can be selective of who gets students' business because they allow banks to bid for ATM contracts. The university should take responsibility by regulating fees ATMs can charge. This would be more convenient for students and more competitive for banks.

The MaineCard kiosks and Web site are unreliable and often do not accept debit or credit card deposits. This means if students want to deposit money on their MaineCard they have to pay the ATM fees. This is unreasonable.

Dining Services has taken the initiative to implement new registers which will accept credit cards. They currently do not have the technology in place to be used in this way. We encourage them to fix this immediately.

It is unreasonable to ask students to go off campus to get their cash and it is equally unreasonable to ask us to convert to UCU's bank.

In addition to limiting or eliminating the ATM fees, the university should consider requiring the machines have a \$10 withdrawal option. This would be appreciated on a campus of mostly low-income students.

What it comes down to is that the university has a responsibility to serve its students, which it is currently not living up to.

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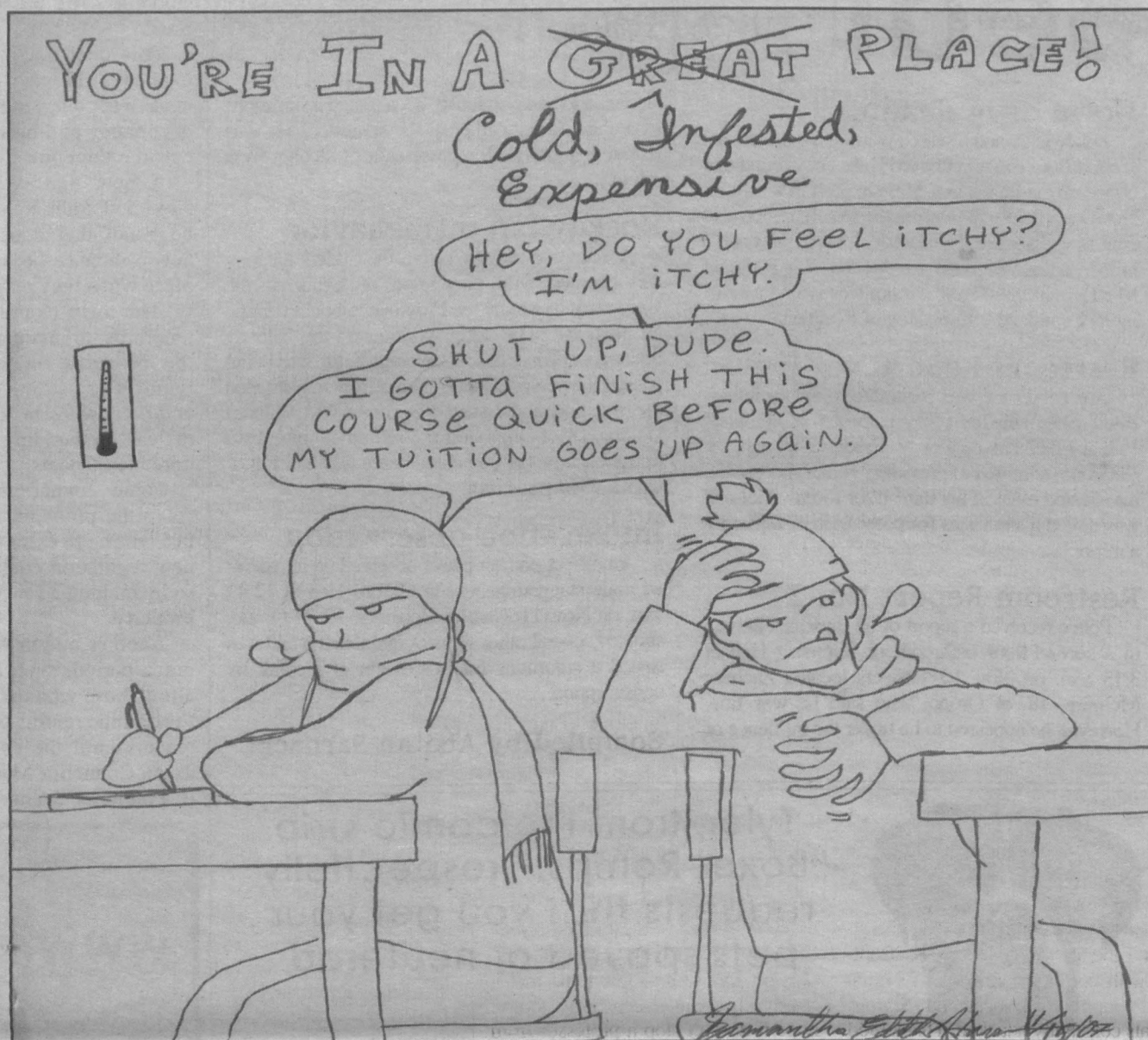
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Perspectives

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007



Heather Steeves

UMaine better at promoting itself than providing services

I recently overheard a conversation between three first-year girls while walking back from a workout and something that might be considered "dinner" at Hilltop Commons — although the meal's status as a "dinner" is debatable. One of them said something that I could not help but laugh at — loudly. "If the campus had smelled like this when I visited, I would never have come here!" She then proceeded to describe the rotten broccoli-type smell that the Hilltop quad is known for. Thank you, paper mill.

It got me thinking about how the University of Maine represents itself. As a journalist, I hate public relations (PR); that's just how it is. It is my personal enemy. Sorry Joe Carr. We're still buddies though, I promise.

PR is what the university does to promote itself. I have found

that UMaine is effective at this.

As a journalist, I am expected to think critically about PR. Let's start with UMaine's slogan: "You're in a great place." It would be more accurate if it said "You're in a cold place" or "You're in a state school which still manages to gouge students with the cost of tuition," or "You're in a place which will forever be begging you for money as an alumnus/a." Maybe the latter two were a bit long. I also strive for brevity. I think "You're in a place" would be the most objective ... and hilarious.

The university also does a great job of pointing out their successful alumni. Yes, I think to myself, this UMainer won an amazing award and makes \$3 billion a year, but how many are farmers or under-paid teachers? Instead of pointing out the amazing people, I think they should show the average incomes of their alumni. "Welcome to UMaine, you are in a cold place where you will earn approximately \$40,000 each year." Getting better.

I have no problem with being a Black Bear. I think it is fitting. Although I've never seen a bear in Maine, I'm sure they exist — although maybe that's another PR scheme. The name "Bananas," however, seems less than appropriate. Bananas? How many bananas have you seen growing in Maine? He isn't even yellow — which I guess makes sense because "home of the fighting yellow bears" would probably be less than intimidating. Maybe that PR stunt is aimed at the diversity factor. It could say: Bananas isn't from Maine and you don't have to be to give us all of your money, either.

I don't know how many of you have gone to the UMaine Web site and read "A day in the life of a UMaine student," but the student, Ben Lankin, has the most efficient day I've ever witnessed. He goes to classes, hangs out with friends, works out at the gym, goes to fraternity meetings, the Bear Brew and the Union just to chill and eat chicken. Wow. I would like to elect myself as the next student to follow. It can be titled "I'll show you how it really goes, prospective first-years." It would be something like this: roll myself out of bed before 10 a.m., go to

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Outcry over offensive assignment borders on opposing free speech

Elizabeth Glunt

Rebekah McDade brought up an important question to the University of Maine community in her Nov. 8 editorial. She says that she has a problem with professors who present a singular point of view on a topic. Well I do too. That's why, if I find myself in a situation where I don't agree with a professor's argument, I say something in front of the entire class. It is ballsy, I know, but sometimes one finds oneself in a situation where it's better to speak up during class. Sometimes I find other people actually agree with me. Sometimes I find people who can only understand my stance but not agree with it. And sometimes I get burned.

McDade said that her problems don't lie solely with Professor Grosswiler and his class. She believes there are deeper issues with opinionated professors on campus. Unfortunately, I feel as though McDade hasn't gotten a feeling for what campus life is like. Conservatives will always be confronted with liberalism. Liberals will always be confronted with conservatism. You will often find your political, social and religious ideals constantly attacked. Thank God or your deity of choice for it.

After all, a society filled with people who all think alike is dangerous and stagnant. A government filled with people who all think alike is even worse. I understand that McDade was offended by what Professor Grosswiler said. I also understand that it is McDade's opinion that offensive speech is speech that offends even one person. Well, this opinion offends me.

You see, it is a dangerous thing

when one is allowed to call anything they disagree with "offensive." This will lead to censoring — and maybe even banning — things like books and art.

I took CMJ 211 in fall 2006. I was there when Professor Grosswiler said the exact same thing about burning the flag and Constitution. His humor wasn't lost on me. I laughed and thought, "Don't encourage college students to play with fire." Having completed the course, I appreciate the provocative nature of his comment. I also know that his definition of free speech is "freedom for thought you hate."

The question that Professor

Grosswiler asks every one of his students is, "Can you allow someone to say something that makes you uncomfortable? What about something that you completely disagree with, even hate? Would you call such speech illegal if it offended

you?" I am not well educated on the Student Bill of Rights, so I can't support or oppose it. I just hope that it doesn't become a censoring tool. I hope it doesn't stop a professor from airing his or her ideas.

This issue has raised the hackles of a few and made others laugh, but I hope for most it makes them think. How do you define free speech? As for the question that McDade raised when she asked that professors present both sides of an issue: What is the opposing side of free speech?

Elizabeth Glunt is a third-year English major who thanks God when people do not like her views.



Jeff Hake

Excessive focus on conspiracies distracts from practical concerns

After the attacks on American soil on Sept. 11, 2001, it became clear that the more than 3,000 dead had been the victims of a calculated attack masterminded by a terrorist network named al-Qaeda. Suspects were apprehended, emotions ran high and the invasions of other lands far from the United States were justified by this vicious atrocity.

However, even then, doubt began to trickle in: had those buildings come down as the reports had said? Where did World Trade Center Building 7 go? Why is the hole in the Pentagon building so small and where did that plane's wings go? Questions like these and many more began to poke holes in what had been, until then, not theory but fact. Another network began to emerge on the Internet, a network of "9/11 truthers." The outcry of this group has become extensive enough to garner open protests, including an unscheduled protest on Real Time with Bill Maher and the firing of a University of Colorado professor for his outspoken and controversial beliefs about the Sept. 11 attacks.

These theories have been denied with a mixture of tactics ranging from bluster to anger to calm commentary on the engineering aspects of the buildings' collapse. However, in the end, the evidence on both sides of the fence is equally substantial, and the debate looks unlikely to end any time soon. People will no doubt continue to argue, but for all that arguing, I must say one thing: it does not matter.

It does not matter, at this time, who flew those planes or launched those missiles or destroyed or control-demolished those buildings or who killed all those people. I don't wish to say that I do not want those responsible to be held accountable for their actions. That would be a horrible obfuscation of justice, and there is no peace without justice.

I say that it does not matter who attacked the United States on that day six years ago because the result is the same: Iraq and Afghanistan were invaded without justification, and people continue to die. Whether or not the attacks on Sept. 11 were an inside job, the Bush administration took advantage of an injury to the American psyche and sold us on a war that continues to kill.

The argument that the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are unjust, unlawful and disgusting can be handily made without so much as a reference to Sept. 11 conspiracy theories. We already know that Iraq and Saddam Hussein had nothing to do with those attacks and that the invasion of Afghanistan has done nothing to stem the growth of terrorism there or elsewhere. We do not need to cite the possibility that our own government attacked us, because their list of criminal offenses against the people of the United States and the world is already lengthy enough to win the case for impeachment.

I am not a conspiracy theorist, though I am open to skepticism. Nor am I an apologist, though I am inclined to give people the benefit of the doubt. The point is that we cannot be sure what happened on that horrible day in September six years ago. Efforts should be made to find out and with great vigilance, but in the mean time, the war drags on, innocent people are losing their lives and the Bush administration continues to trample upon the Constitution of the United States and lie to all of us. With insufficient evidence to reveal the truth of the attacks of Sept. 11, it does not matter who attacked us on one day in the past, because we continue to be attacked in the present.

Jeff Hake isn't on the fence; he is the fence.



Justin Chase

Maine tribe paints unfair picture of racism over racino question

On Nov. 7, a grave injustice was carried out by the voters of Maine when they rejected Question 1. Yet another tragic act was committed by the Bangor Daily News on Nov. 8 when they allowed a member of the news staff, Diana Graettinger, to submit a piece of yellow journalism claiming some 142,000 people of the state of Maine may be racist. The article, titled "Tribe ponders why racino failed," had various quotes from the Passamaquoddy tribe stating that they firmly believe racism played a central role in the election. Now while I wouldn't have cared as much if this fine piece was actually in the appropriate section — the editorial section — one must ask what basis the tribe has for making such outlandish statements about the citizens of Maine.

Looking at the numbers, results show that 130,346 people voted "yes," while 142,714 voted "no" on Question 1. Many members of the Passamaquoddy tribe feel somewhat irritated because in the election held Nov. 4, 2003, the citizens of Maine voted in favor of slot machines at a certain commercial horse racing track which is managed by a non-tribe affiliate. Yet looking at those numbers, one notes that 272,394 voted "yes," while 242,490 voted "no."

While one could read the numbers in various ways, it's imperative to point out exactly what Penobscot Indian Nation Chief Kirk Francis said in the same edition of the Bangor Daily News, conveniently hidden in section B, "What we're learning is the 'no's' really do a better job in terms of getting out to vote." The only thing racist about this question is the seemingly numerous cries of racism from the Passamaquoddy tribe.

It also came as no surprise when many locals I know stated that they didn't even know what was on the ballot this year. Question 1 for the 2007 election was not defeated because of racism; it was defeated by lack of advertisement. In 2003, many may remember

the constant ads and flyers pertaining to the slot machines to be placed in Bangor, and the numbers show even higher activity in the region.

According to Maine state results, 27,858 people from Penobscot county voted on Question 1 in 2007. In 2003 a staggering 53,908 people from Penobscot voted on the question pertaining to slot machines in Bangor. Obviously, since a place like Bangor has a denser population, it only serves logic that more people would be aware, take a stand and vote on the issue at hand. It seems the only thing that was poorer than the advertising campaign conducted by the Passamaquoddy tribe was their choice to have the racino built in Washington county.

Furthermore, some people even claim that too many casinos would actually hurt the economy. If you look at gambling capitals such as Las Vegas, the only reason the city has become so prominent is that it has relied on the illegality of gambling in other areas. If every state had legalized gambling, you would see fewer people traveling to those places which are dependant upon tourists for their income.

As CasinosNO! Chairman Philip Harriman stated, racism has nothing to do with his group's lobbying attempt to rid Maine of gambling. Sure, racism still exists in the world, but that shouldn't be your go-to response when things don't go your way. Many people feel that gambling is immoral and would like to keep it out of their backyards. This does not make those people any more racist than it makes all of those who voted against Question 3, the bond for building improvements, discriminatory against safe buildings.

So before anyone makes wild accusations about racism, they should look at the issues at hand and at least keep in mind they probably just alienated a good percentage of next year's voters.

Justin Chase says that if you do not like this article, you are an anti-editorialist.

Services

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a class, then procrastinate on homework. The other 22 hours of the day are spent on FirstClass. OK, that's a dramatization, but I think Lankin's is too.

What it comes down to is that

UMaine's PR department is great. Somehow they manage to mask the rotten broccoli smell during first-year orientation and make me feel politically incorrect for calling them "freshmen." They are clearly doing their job.

Heather Steeves is a third-year journalism major.

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Style & Culture

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Concert Series
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Thursday, Nov. 15
The Bear's Den

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Poetry Reading
Michael Davidson
4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 15
Barrows Hall

Carlota Santana's
Flamenco Vivo
8 p.m.
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Hauck Auditorium
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What's Up...
UMaine Faculty Art Show
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Lord Hall Gallery

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9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
University of Maine Museum
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FILM

"Out of Balance: ExxonMobile's Impact on Climate Change"
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Thursday, Nov. 14
140 Little Hall

ENTERTAINMENT

Comedian
Matt Goldrich
9 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 16
Dining Room, Union

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How Big?
Christine Jones Forman from
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Thursday, Nov. 15
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Saturday, Nov. 17
Wingate Hall

Mars Invasion
2 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 18
Wingate Hall

Turning "HEROES" worship into heroic change

By David Dauphinee

It is no secret that as college students, our lives are full. More often than not I find that my life is just too busy and many times I even confuse this with being productive. From there, the slope toward apathy is a slippery one. However, with the current state of our world, responsibility demands that we not sit in apathy. Yet many of us, myself included, do. So when a student passionately supports a cause that offers no personal gain, I find it admirable. In the case of Meaghan McBee, the social call to arms came through another passion, her obsession with actor Zachary Quinto.

Quinto, who plays Sylar on NBC's *Heroes* and is set to star as the young Spock in director/producer J.J. Abrams' upcoming "Star Trek" revamp, is the inspiration behind an online community of people that have named themselves SARMY, short for Sylar's Army, inspired by Quinto's "Heroes" character. Quinto has been an avid supporter of the Give Life Foundation, which, in cooperation with the Red Cross, supports blood, tissue and organ donation. "We chose them because Zach supports them, and we started out as a Zachary Quinto Fan group," explained McBee. The SARMY cause is to help raise money for Give Life through the selling and auctioning of merchandise through their Web site (www.sylarsarmy.com) and through the eBay auction site.

"We have individuals that work on *Heroes* Graphic novels for NBC do all the logos for the merchandise, so it's quality stuff," McBee said. "We sell everything from mugs and mouse pads to baby clothes and thongs — you don't want to know where they put the logo on that thing." The group has quickly gained momentum thanks to the awareness brought from various broadcasts sources such as Jimmy Kimmel Live, TV Guide and the E! News network.

"The other day, one of our members saw a student on her campus wearing a SARMY T-shirt. So the cause is definitely spreading," McBee said.

Originally, when the group contacted NBC to inquire

about becoming official, they were turned down. "So we contacted the artists on our own," McBee said, "and got support directly from the creators."

McBee recalls the formation of the SARMY as beginning on a simple online *Heroes* forum under a Sylar thread.

"At one point when there were enough of us, someone said 'Hey, there are enough of us now to be an army,' and I said, 'Yeah we're the SARMY,' and it just kind of went from there." With over 300 members spanning across the world from the United States to Turkey, the members of this discussion board decided to exact some change and chose a charity their namesake was passionate about. The next day McBee made the Web site and has begun changing the world in her own unique way ever since.

In talking longer with the mass communication major, a pattern of social responsibility becomes apparent, going back to early high school where she tackled several projects and causes along the way to SARMY's formation.

"Every once in a while, I get overwhelmed with a project or cause and it just eats at me till I do something about it," McBee said, speaking of the soldiers in Iraq. "I literally couldn't sleep at night until I did something or sent things. It would just make me cry thinking about it." McBee searched online and found a Web site that allowed people to pick a troop and supply lists of items and things the soldiers may need or just want. "I used to collect boxes of things and send them to the soldiers. I mean they're people our age who didn't go to college so they could go and fight, not knowing if they're going to die or not," McBee said, "so if I can even send them a book I think that's good."

In addition to selling autographed and collector merchandise directly from their Web site, SARMY also auctions off some of their more prestigious autographed items on eBay. McBee's hope is that the group will continue to grow in numbers and through support as the word continues to spread about the cause.

"It's really about social consciousness at this point. We have a table reserved at Comic Con in San Diego this summer and about 20 of us are headed out there to work the crowds and raise awareness to the

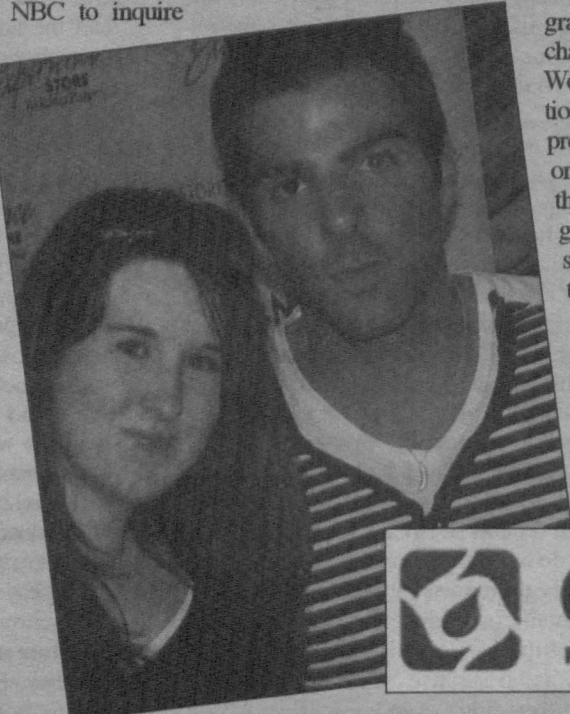
cause," which currently has reached the soon-to-be pointy ears of Quinto himself.

"I was in New York City recently with four other members, and someone mentioned that we were from the SARMY, and he came and said hello with cast member Dania Ramirez (Season 2 addition Maya Herrera) as well as Jeff Loeb, a writer for the show, and all of them had heard of our group," McBee said.

McBee's drive is to motivate others to help in any way possible. The Web site has additional links to resources for volunteering and ways to exact change from even the smallest of moves.

"There are so many ways we (as a society) can help each other whether becoming a living or deceased organ donor or by simply giving blood." In its current state, America is reaching a shortage on blood. "It's supposed to be at a one day supply," explains McBee, "and it's currently at an eight-day wait. It's backed up that far." This is something many students can help with. "It's not that hard to give blood and it's fun. Heck, they give you cookies. I got pizza when I did it in the Union." So if you're looking for a quick way to help out on a budget, the Red Cross is holding a blood drive in the Memorial Union through Thursday afternoon. "Go — listen to your iPod — give some blood — get some pizza. It's simple and it helps tremendously."

As for the future of SARMY, McBee doesn't plan to abandon the cause even if the writers of *Heroes* abandon the character. "If Sylar ever dies on the show, we're going to change the name to ZARMY [Zachary's Army]," McBee says with a big grin, "I came up with that, too."



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Meaghan McBee ♦ The Maine Campus

Meaghan McBee poses above with her "hero," actor Zachary Quinto. Both are supporters of the American Red Cross' Give Life Foundation.

If you would like your event posted in The Maine Campus Style calendar, send time, day, date, place and fee information to Brett Sowerby on FirstClass.

Cook-in' with gas

By Brett Sowerby

Who wouldn't enjoy a CD that begins with the line, "Someone sh— on all the coats."

Dane Cook recently released his newest comedy CD entitled, "Rough Around the Edges," his live show from Madison Square Garden. "Rough Around the Edges" couldn't be a more fitting title to Cook's style.

Separating himself from the repetitive catch

phrases — think, "git 'er done" — Cook once again delivers with a solid showing of comedic talent. Although this album is a bit shorter than his others, it is of equal caliber.

Cook draws his humor from many different aspects. He pulls from his youth and experiences of a semi-drunken father. He pontificates on relationships, sex and the personal quirks that everyone can relate to. He even delivers classic one-liners: "Here's when you know you're drunk: when you get into a taxi cab and you think the fare is the time. 'Oh my God, it's 25 past 24.'"

These styles aside, the classic Cook style seems to be that of "what if" scenarios. One classic example is his exaggeration of the starving children that are often seen on television, who, for 15 cents, you can help. He jests that instead of the kindly old man that usually advocates for the children, we need to be kicked around by an ass in a leather jacket to get us to throw down some pocket change.

Perhaps the most entertaining aspect of Cook is his timing. Phrases that catch the listener off-guard as they surprise themselves with laughter, such as when Cook tosses out the fact that basically anyone with a mustache probably has herpes.

One facet of Cook's album that became slightly irritating was the audience. There were the — practically — constant cheers of "yararghlaaghaaraah" from audience members throughout the performance. Perhaps this is an indication of the drunken cross-section of Cook fans. Luckily, Cook doesn't encourage this behavior and seems to ignore it, even taking a moment to call the women of the audience "sluts."

Lacking from a good listening of Cook's CD is the physical portion of his act. Much of the absurdity of his performance is his dancing, pantomiming and diving on stage. His jokes are usually enhanced by some body language, some facial expressions or some Irish jig. Luckily, when buying "Rough Around the Edges," a DVD accompanies it, allowing full enjoyment of Cook's physical humor.

As funny as Cook's humor may be, his jokes are very similar to those of his past albums. It doesn't seem as though there will be as many jokes that stick around to enter pop culture. At least none as much as "someone sh— on, or around, the coats."

Grade: B



Youthful artists breath new life into poetry

By Kyle Kernan

More than 60 people flocked to Soderberg Auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 8 to hear poets Sawako Nakayasu and Aaron Kunin read from their work. The young and upcoming poets were a worthy installment to the prominently engaging New Writer's Series. These two young poets range considerably in their styles and motives for writing, but they made up one of the New Writing Series' most engaging and worth-while nights of appreciation for poetry.

Poet and translator Nakayasu was born in Yokohama, Japan and has lived mostly in the United States since she was six. She published several works of poetry, including the recent "Nothing Fictional but the Accuracy or Arrangement." She is an avid hockey fan and is, apparently fond of ants.

Nakayasu read selections from her book and several translations from "Four From Japan." Nakayasu had an apparent obsession with ants as the minuscule creatures were reflected in most of her poems. Her ability to craft the ant in different perspectives in her poetry to clarify different meanings demonstrated her talent and freedom as a poet. She is a writer who opens the deepest realms of wonder and possibility for the reader, and this feeling echoed through the

audience. Her wonderful imagination was eloquently expressed through her use of abstract free verse. Nakayasu also possesses a calm, somber voice that would delight a toddler before bedtime.

One of her most engaging poems was "Charge." This was written by Nakayasu after someone suggested that she write a poem including this word. Like most of her poetry, pleasing simile — yes, the personification of the ant — were abundant. She built momentum and feeling through her poetry, as she described the character's frustration of not being able to start their car while being stuck in a sweltering desert. The character then decides to round up a bunch of ants. At the end of the poem, the character orders the ants to "Charge!" and push the stressed human forward.

Like many of the poets seen in the Writer's Series, Nakayasu, and Kunin thrive on free-verse poetry. This means that the poet does not use a strict manner of rhyme or meter through the poem, but creates their own style internalizing the feeling of the poetry as they write it. This enables the poet to have more freedom in what they want to describe to their audience, and Nakayasu and Kunin are beginning masters of their craft.

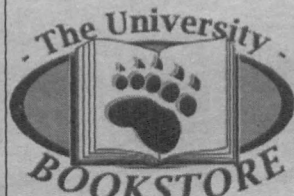
Kunin read from a poetry manuscript in progress and concluded with several chap-

ters from the end of his forthcoming novel, "The Mandarin." Kunin, who is anything but your conventional poet. His innovative work is best described as "tragicomic." The audience identified with this term as his poems reflected passionate frustration and anger but ended in witty sarcasm. In "The Mandarin," he stages toenails and dust bunnies engaging in dialogue. His offerings may be unintelligible and provocative for some, as many gave perplexed faces of intrigue to what this jittery young poet was saying through the introduction. However, if you comprehended any of it, you received a sense of the writer's brilliance and insight.

One of the issues he touches upon is the United Fruit Company of America's trading of tropical fruit grown in third-world plantations in 1958. This company sold fruit in the United States and Europe and monopolized the business in this region for sometime. Kunin is deeply frustrated and provoked by the ordeal as the corporate control of Latin American countries strenuously impacted their economic and political development. Kunin explored the situation's injustice through his poetry.

Professor Jennifer Moxley introduced Kunin's reading and described him as being daring, funny and strange. She could not have epitomized him more perfectly.

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5. The Black Ghosts Any Way You Choose To Give It
6. Mad Caddies Keep It Going
7. Sally Shapiro Disco Romance
8. R.E.M. R.E.M. Live
9. Stars In Our Bedroom After The War
10. Underworld Oblivion With Bells
11. Para One Epiphany
12. The Owls Daughters And Sons
13. Emery I'm Only A Man
14. Polysics Polysics Or Die: Vista
15. The Fiery Furnaces Widow City
16. Broken Social Scene Presents: Kevin Drew Spirit If...
17. The Buck Brothers Me
18. Band Of Horses Cease To Begin
19. Dead To Me Cuban Ballerina
20. We Are Wolves Total Magique

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Dr. Phil's prescription for teen pregnancy



By Eryk Salvaggio

This week in sex

If there was any doubt that Dr. Phil should not be turned to for sex advice, look no further than the Nov. 9 episode of his program. Mark these infamous words, regarding Portland's King Middle School distributing birth control and contraceptives to its students:

"Your point is what?" asks Dr. Phil. Wait for it: "You've got to give it to them because they're going to have the sex?"

Indeed, Dr. Phil, they are going to have "the sex." The program, if you didn't catch it, consisted of the good doctor conniving with Bishop TD Jakes on what bastards the Portland school board are for making sure that irresponsible kids don't end up raising children. In a classic spin of the sex-hating wheel of denial, TD Jakes outlines the ideal world that he lives in.

"It should start with the parents," TD Jakes said. "It should start with the parent teaching the child to value their body enough that they won't go out and do that ... they won't sell their life down the river by getting pregnant at 13 or 14 or 15-years-old."

There's a lot of "should's" in that statement, and those "should's" have been arguing against sex education for a while now. You see, in a world where "should" matters, I ride to school on a unicorn that bypasses traffic by taking a magical rainbow to a campus made of ice cream.

Unfortunately, my "should's" dissolve in the face of

cold Maine mornings, chattering my teeth while my Hyundai heats up.

In a world where 13-year-olds don't get sexually abused or engage in any kind of sex, I would wholeheartedly agree that birth control would be an unnecessary option for middle schoolers.

Unfortunately, children are abused — often by the same parents who "should" be teaching them moral lessons. Others choose to have sex while they "should" be watching Dr. Phil's trashy rants. Inevitably, some of these kids end up pregnant.

Though there are parents terrified of talking frankly to their children about sex, there's no excuse for that; it's bad parenting. However, I question the wisdom of those who assume that our culture is going to change.

Meanwhile, the U.S. government is dumping hundreds of millions of dollars into programs ensuring that no one else will talk to these kids about sex. Just this month, the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy — a non-partisan organization — released a report proving just how ineffective these abstinence-only programs were.

According to the report, comprehensive sexual education programs were the most successful, leading to kids who waited longer to have sex and were safer when and if they did. The logic seems to be that kids who knew about the risks of sex were more confident with their own decision to wait. This also means that a common canard of the Dr. Phil's of the world — the idea that teaching kids about sex will make them have sex — was patently false.

Maine is one of the only three states that rejected government funding for abstinence-only education. Not sur-

prisingly, Maine's teen pregnancy rate is also one of the lowest in the nation — and is continually decreasing, according to the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. Maybe it's something in the Moxie, but I'd venture to guess the people running the school board know what they're doing.

Dr. Phil's homeland of Texas, by the way, has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the country. I'm not surprised. Dr. Phil's philosophy — on everything from drug addiction to teen sex — is always the same: "You've got to stop doin' whatcha' doin'!" In the episode tackling the Portland middle school issue, he spoke to "Marci," a mother in Portland whose 14-year-old daughter was having sex with her boyfriend. What was Dr. Phil's solution? Tell the daughter not to have sex, and, stunningly, he suggests that Marci "scare her straight" by informing the teachers and her church of her sexual exploits.

Why not tattoo a scarlet letter on the 14-year-old's fore-

"It should start with the parent teaching the child to value their body enough that they won't go out and do that ... they won't sell their life down the river by getting pregnant."

Bishop TD Jakes

head? After all, scaring the hell out of kids until they're terrified of their own bodies hasn't been yielding the best results. Marci was a "wait-till-marriage" kind of mom. If you can wait until marriage, God bless you. For everyone else, empowering children with a positive self-awareness of their bodies and sexuality seems like the best policy.

However, we don't live in that world. Therefore, if the kids are going to have "the sex," there's no reason they have to have "the abortions." We can sit around waiting for parents to do their jobs — creating plenty of new parents in the process — or we could give kids the kind of education and access to the protection they need. If you chose the former, I'll take you up on a unicorn ride.



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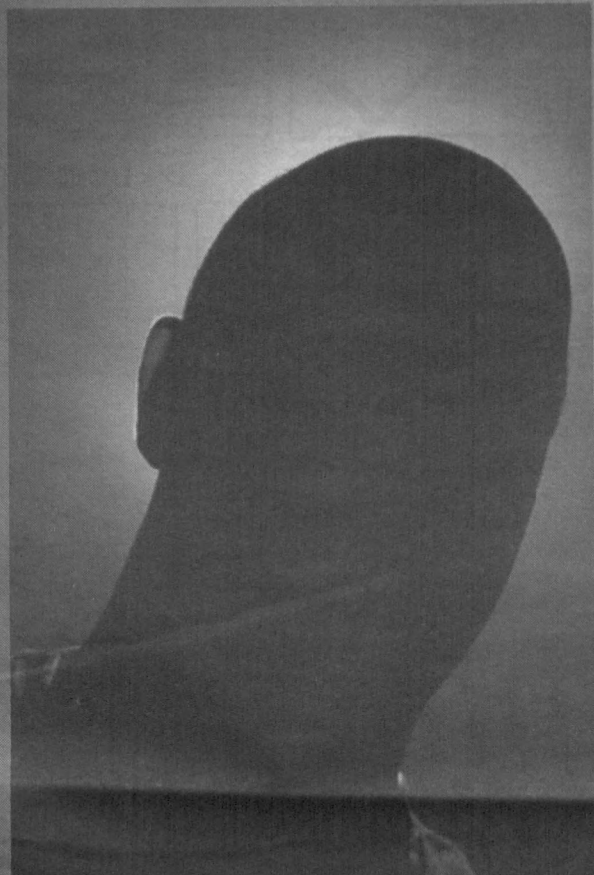
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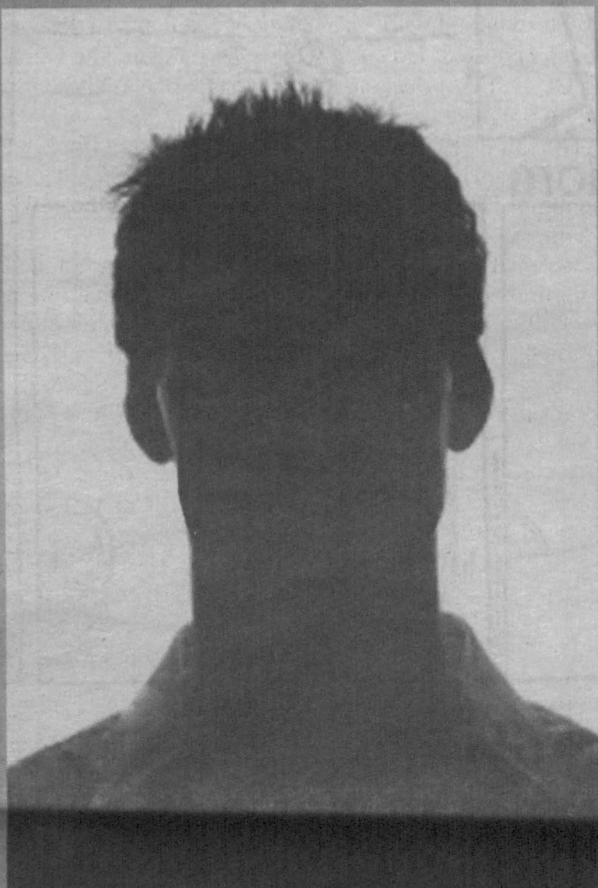
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Taurus

April 21 to May 20

This morning you will be very successful on a short business trip. You are advised to remain calm if things do not unfold the way you would like them to.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

In the morning you may receive a significant amount of money. It may either be an inheritance or the payment for a side job. You can make plans for the future. If you intend to invest in business, you should have no hesitations.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

An elder person will give you a piece of information that you can use for starting a profitable business. You are advised to consider your loved one's opinions. This is not the time for speculations of any kind.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

A close relative will offer you a gift that will make you happy. Your communication skills will be great and will help you solve a financial issue. In the afternoon a friend will invite you to a party.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

In the morning you will be compelled to make a decision which will require changing your whole schedule. You could start making preparations for a party together with your friends.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Your excellent communication skills will have a positive influence on your relationships. You are likely to make a trip in a family interest shortly.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

A business trip will prove to be very successful. You are advised to remain patient and avoid getting involved in controversies with your partners.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

You intend to stay with your family and relax, but you may be unable to do so. Urgent issues may demand your attention in the morning.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

You may rely on intuition and cancel a trip that you have planned for today, for you may only lose. You have good chances to win a significant prize in a contest.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

You are advised to consider the needs of the other members of your family, no matter how much time and money this may cost you.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

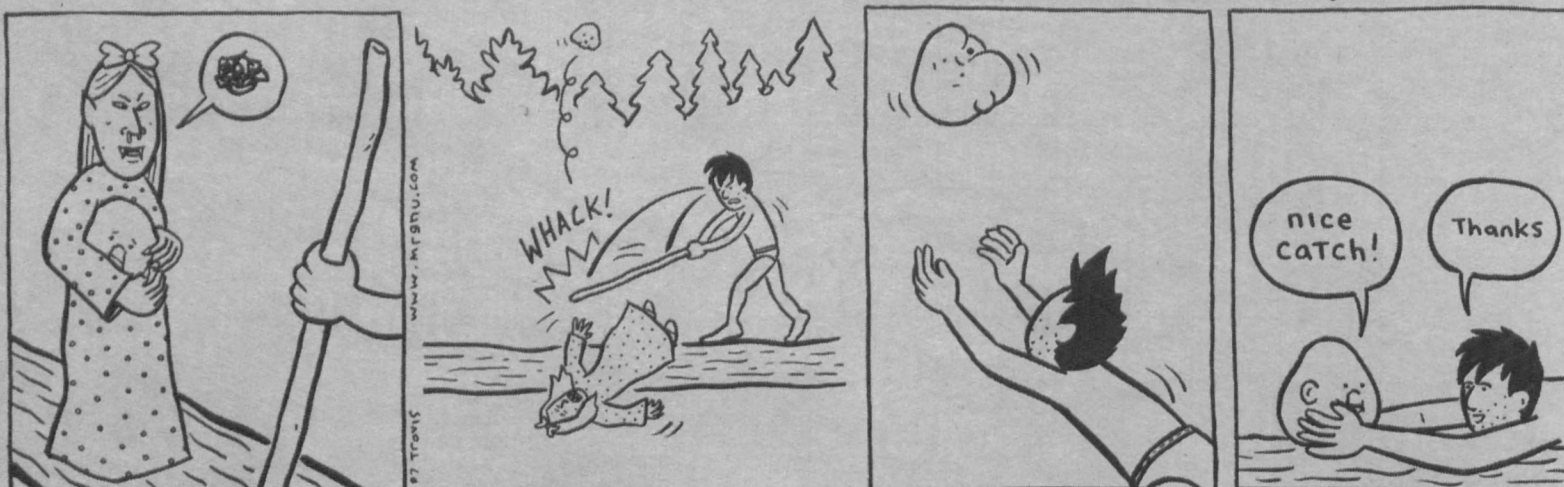
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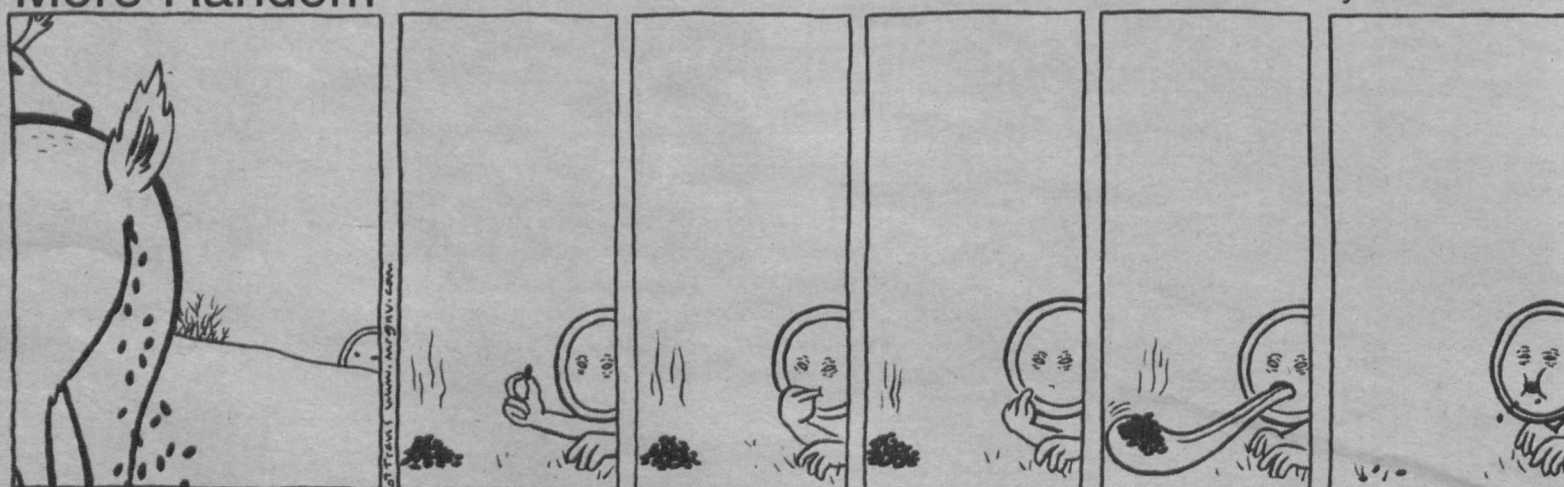
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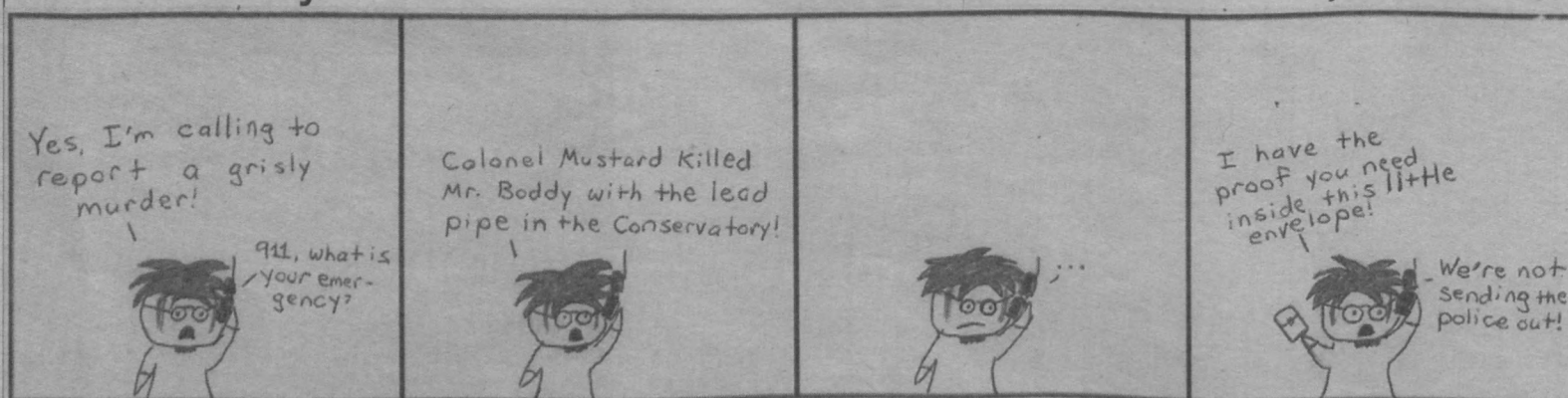
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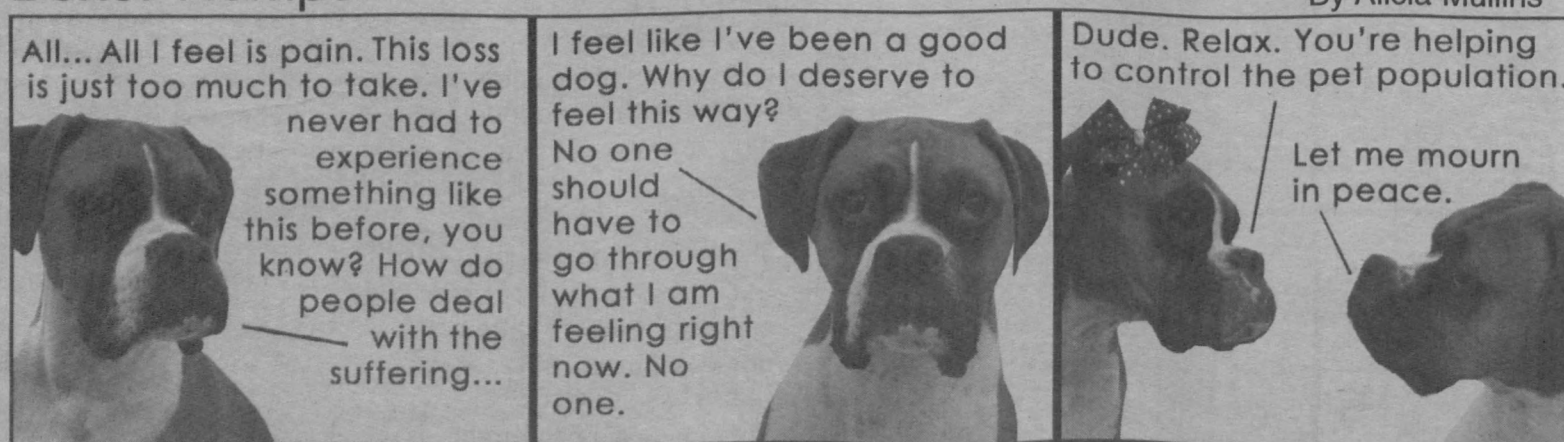
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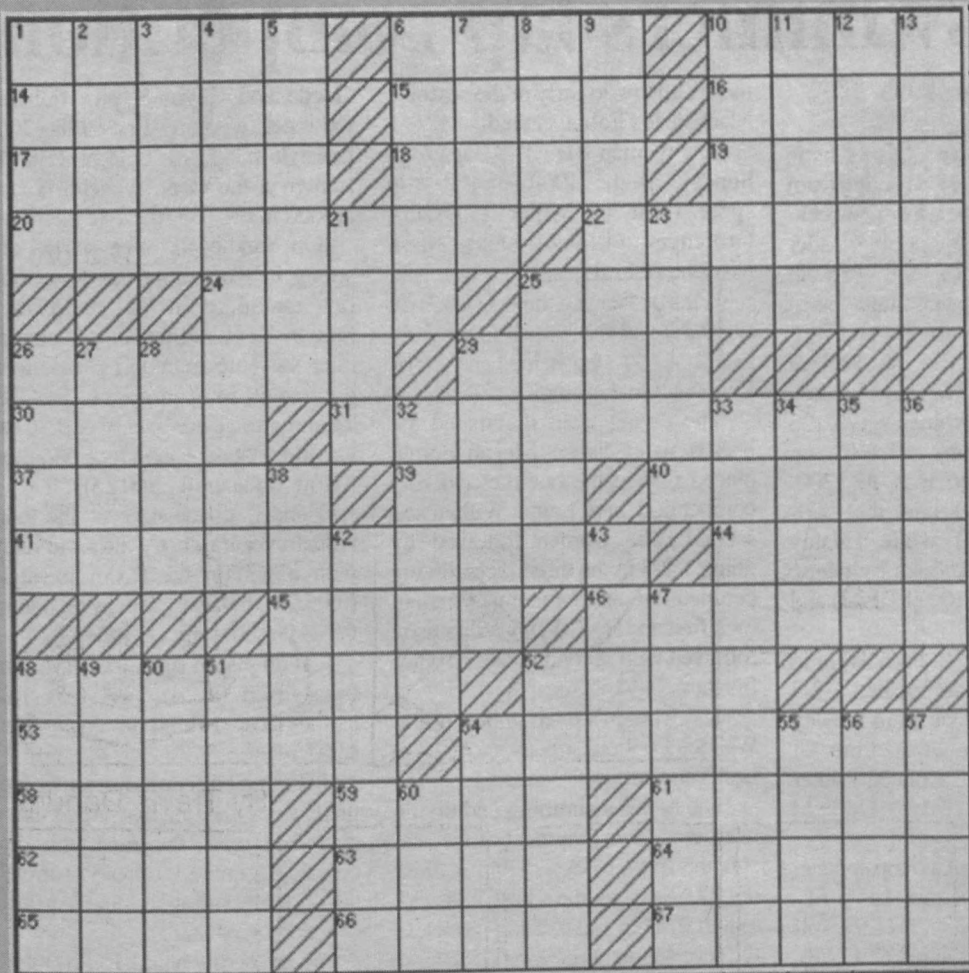


Boxer Romps

By Alicia Mullins



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ACROSS

1. San Antonio fort
6. Dross
10. Savor or relish
14. Bart Simpson's father
15. Persephone
16. Against
17. Strike out
18. Commodious boats
19. Grows into a plant
20. Flower
22. Stringed
24. Informed
25. With short, stiff, coarse hair
26. "Energy" level of gasoline
29. Dry
30. Owl sound
31. Co-worker
37. Opera diva _____ Callas
39. Metric unit of area
40. _____ mortis
41. Beef dish
44. Actress/singer _____ Horne
45. Religious sisters
46. Laneways
48. 100 years
52. Hillside along a river
53. Excise
54. Not masculine
58. Precipitation
59. Work of art
61. Front part of a step
62. Being
63. Inventory
64. Makes less sharp
65. Sow
66. French for "Summers"
67. Anneal

DOWN

1. Attention-getting sound
2. Actress/singer _____ Falana
3. Chieftain
4. Latin for "Consideration" or "Pondering"
5. Western state
6. Burn with a hot liquid
7. A title for God
8. Noah's boat
9. Pertaining to the digestive system
10. Foundation or understanding
11. Concerning
12. Metal 13. Child
21. Margarine
23. More broad
25. Concise
26. Units of electrical resistance
27. Outer garment
28. Unit of pressure
29. Hairstyles
32. Backside (slang)
33. 1000 years
34. "A Death in the Family" author James _____
35. Award for Broadway shows
36. Historical periods
38. _____ Dei = Paschal Lamb
42. Radiance
43. Ranch
47. Counts (Scottish)
48. Concerns
49. Delete
50. Bothersome sounds
51. Corrected the frequency
52. Defeats
54. Consolidate
55. Island
56. Singer/actress _____ Carter
57. Formerly
60. Hole in the ground

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The illegal use of university issued parking permits can result in more than a fine. For example, you might find a valid parking permit and decide to use it. Finder keepers, right? Wrong, if you are caught you could be charged with Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property. The right thing to do is return the parking pass to Student Services. Let's say your parking pass expired and you decide to alter the expiration date. If caught you could be charged with Theft of Services. It would be a lot less expensive just to renew your parking permit. Both charges are Class E crimes with a fine up to \$1,000 if convicted.

Advice Girl

My parents want me to major in (a popular major) but I want to major in (a weird major that doesn't make much money) what should I do?

-anonymous

This is a matter of choosing to be practical or following your heart. Is this major that you want to do at least somewhat practical? Are you going to be able to find a job eventually so that you can support yourself and your future family? I mean, I always wanted to be a rockstar, but that is clearly never going to happen. Just think about it some more, and do what is important to you. Sure, your parents have been there for you all your life, but they should respect your decision, as long as you've got the facts straight. If you do decide to change, it wouldn't hurt to sit down with your parents and let them know that you have thought things through. Maybe you could show them some of the job opportunities available in your new major-good luck.

I am having difficulty keeping my cat comfortable in my dorm room. What can I do to make the tight space more comfortable for the cat?

-Adam

Aside from the fact that you aren't supposed to have a cat in your dorm room? Make sure the cat has plenty of room to play, toys, a comfortable place to sleep, food, water, and a clean litterbox. If she was an outdoor cat before you moved her into the dorm, she probably isn't very happy. I would suggest trying to find her a new home where she can have more room — being cooped up in a dorm isn't the best life for a cat.

I am a resident student with a meal plan, and I eat at the commons or get a meal exchange at the Union when I eat. There are a lot of different choices, wherever I eat, and I feel like I am not eating well at all. How can I make healthy choices while I am at college?

-feeling fat

There are many healthy choices available in college dining; you just have to know where to look. The salad bar at either commons is decent, and is a great way to get your daily servings of vegetables — you can eat a big plate of salad without feeling guilty about it. Just take it easy on the croutons and dressing. There are also salads available with a meal exchange at the Union or the markets. The commons also marks dishes that are healthy choices—just look for the apple symbol on the tag that accompanies the dish. While there are some good options available, a lot of it depends on you — use your judgement and self-control. Try limiting your desserts to once a day and watch your portions.

Got a predicament? Need some help?
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● Each 3x3 box must have numbers 1-9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

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Football

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While Santos is one of the best players in the FCS, and in college football, his team's Achilles heel is their defense. New Hampshire had their struggles this season defending opponents. Giving up 30 points per game and almost 450 yards of total

offense, they relied on their offense throughout the year to bail them out. Over the past two weeks, the offense has sputtered and scored just 20 points while the defense gave up a total of 58 points.

"We have nothing to lose," Cosgrove said. "This is a huge football game for our program, for our young men and [for] our seniors going out because it gives us a chance to finish on such an up-note."

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UM swimmers lap competition

By Dana Bulba

The University of Maine women's swimming and diving team picked up two more wins this weekend during their doubleheader against Stony Brook and Fairfield University and remained undefeated with a 3-0 record.

Two wins each by Mimi Chovanec and Courtney Healey helped secure the women's 175-125 win against Stony Brook on Saturday. Chovanec won the 200-freestyle (1:59.09) and the 500-freestyle (5:11.15) while Healey dominated the backstroke by taking the win in both the 100 (1:01.45) and the 200 (2:10.59).

The first individual event went to Maine as the women finished 1-2-3 in the 1000-freestyle. Caitlin Shelley captured the win in a time of 10:56.52, ahead of Colleen Miller (11:01.60) and Lily Herbold (11:07.58).

UMaine took the two top spots in the 200-butterfly, as Adi Levy finished first in a time of 2:11.93, followed by Kiki O'Donnell (2:17.78). O'Donnell also finished second in both the 500-freestyle (5:18.93) and 200-yard IM (2:15.65).

On Sunday, Maine traveled to Connecticut where the women schooled the Fairfield Stags, 163-80.

Shelley won the 200-freestyle in 2:14.60 and the 100-breaststroke (1:18.24).

"It's great to have a freshman [like Caitlin] proving herself and

motivating us so early in the season," Mackenzie Grobmyer said.

The women went 1-2-3 again on Sunday, as the 100-butterfly's top spots went to Miller (1:08.45), Grobmyer (1:09.74) and Nissa Marione (1:11.86).

Wins by Levy in the 800-freestyle (9:30.27) and O'Donnell in the 200-IM (2:31.97) also helped the Black Bears secure their win.

The diving team dominated the boards, as UMaine's Megan Barrett placed first in the one-meter diving competition and Laura Williamson second. The women followed by going 1-2-3 in the three-meter diving competition as Samantha Graham took first and Barrett and Williamson followed with second and third place finishes.

The women's team will return to Wallace Pool on Sunday, Nov. 18 to host Vermont.

The men's swimming and diving team won their first meet of the season this past weekend during their doubleheader as they beat Fairfield, 138-102. They fell to Stony Brook in the second matchup, 177-118.

Jeremy Bender took first in three events, winning the 200-butterfly (2:03.03), the 500-yard freestyle (4:58.38) and the 200-yard IM (2:07.72).

Tyler Cox also took some top spots in the breaststroke events, winning the 200 with a time of 2:24.37 and taking second in the 100 (1:06.08).

Cully Wakelin, John Quinn, Mike

Goede and Kevin Staples finished the meet by taking first in the 200-freestyle relay in a time of 1:30.91. Earlier in the meet, Wakelin placed second in the 100-freestyle (49.50).

On Sunday the men started out strong in Connecticut as they took first and third in the 200-medley relay. Kevin Staples, Wakelin, Nicholas Ruckman and Goede won the event in a time of 1:54.78. Teammates Tyler Isherwood, Cox, David LaMarche and Doug Moulton followed for third (2:00.25).

Bender set the pace of the individual events directly after the relay with a win in the 800m freestyle (9:05.99); he also came in second in the 100m butterfly (1:04.31).

Quinn placed second in the 200m freestyle (2:06.24), and Cox followed close behind to place third (2:07.14).

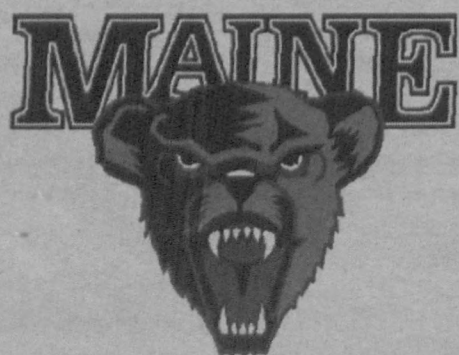
"We stayed focused even though there were factors that could have distracted us - the meet the day before, the entire weekend of travel, the pool measuring in meters instead of yards," Cox said.

On the diving board, Keith Burgie and Isaac Forbes fared well at both meets. Burgie took first in the one-meter competition at Fairfield and placed second in every other diving competition of the weekend. Forbes took third in both the one-meter and three-meter at Stony Brook and third in the one-meter at Fairfield.

Both teams will face Bowdoin College in Brunswick on Monday, Nov. 19. b

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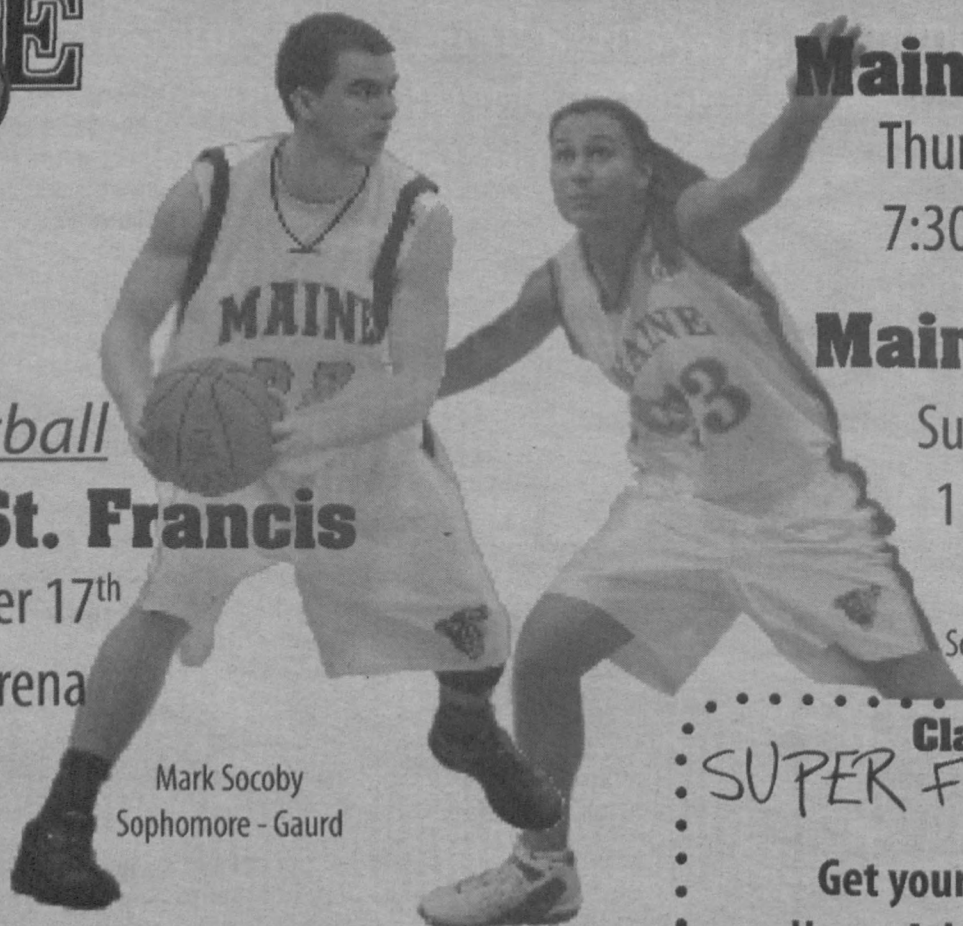


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Maine Vs. St. Francis

Saturday, November 17th

7 p.m. - Alfond Arena



Mark Socoby
Sophomore - Guard

Maine Vs. Dartmouth

Thursday, November 15th

7:30 p.m. - Alfond Arena

Maine Vs. Holy Cross

Sunday, November 18th

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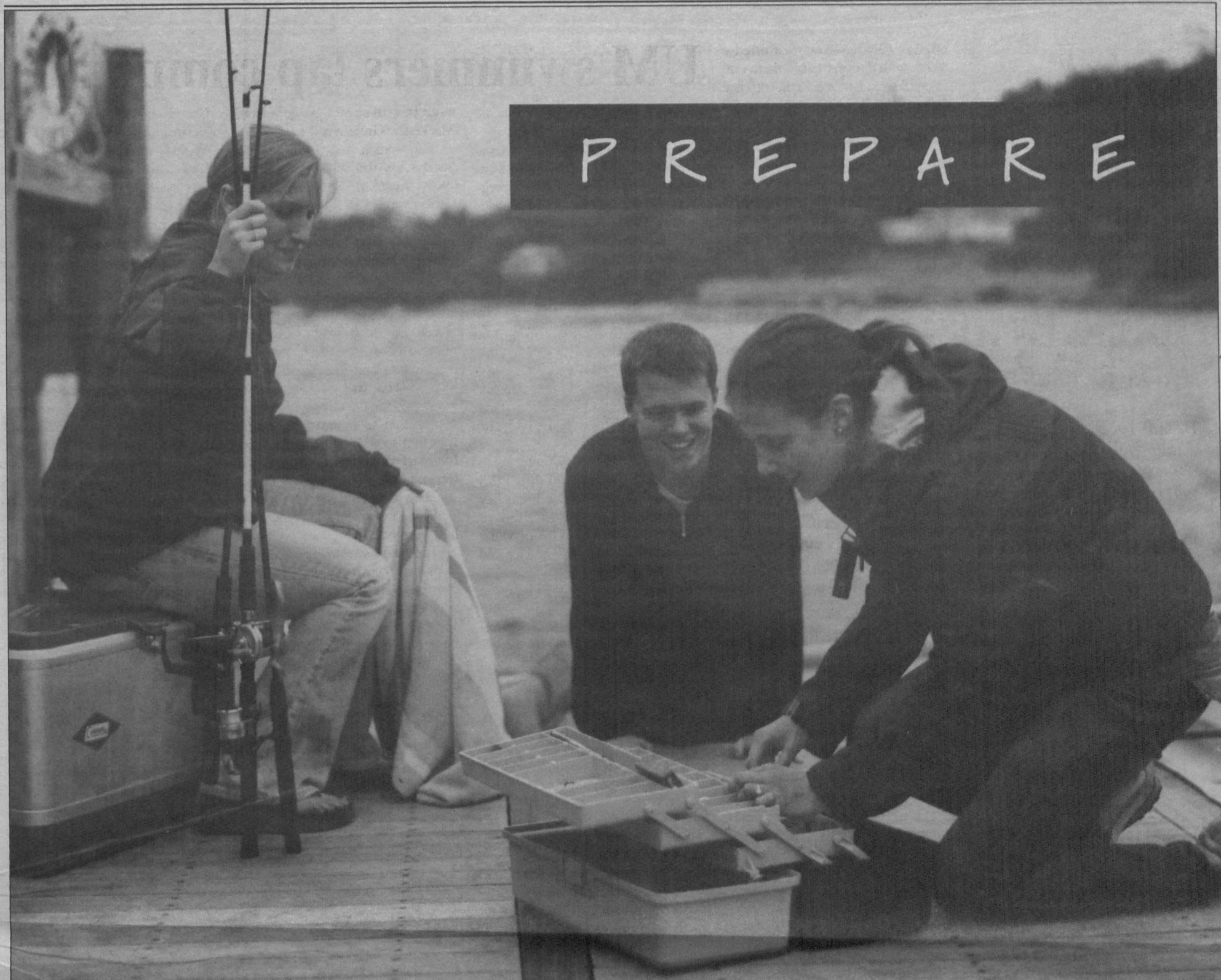
Maine Vs. UConn

Friday, November 16th

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UMaine swim and dive squads make splash, show promise in last weekend's doubleheader

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Black Bears look to capture Brice-Cowell Musket

UMaine football, coming off dominating win over Rhode Island, heads to rival UNH for last game of season

By Adam Clark

On Oct. 20, the University of Maine Black Bears were in Stony Brook, New York, taking on the Seawolves, an FCS mid-major team (formerly 1-AA). On that day, the Black Bears suffered their second overtime loss of the season and sixth loss in a row. They hadn't won since Sept. 1 and still had four conference games left on the schedule.

While they could have held their heads down and packed it in for the season as they had been eliminated from playoff contention, they fought through.

On Saturday, the Black Bears look to close out the season with four straight wins as they travel to Cowell Stadium to take on archrival New Hampshire in the Battle for the Brice-Cowell Musket.

"We had some awful difficult losses, losing two in overtime, but we managed to pull ourselves up and [look] to end the season on a high note," head coach Jack Cosgrove said in Monday's CAA teleconference.

UMaine (4-6, 3-4 CAA) is coming off its most impressive win of the season—a 35-0 thrashing of Rhode Island on Senior Day. With the win, Cosgrove tied Harold

Westerman for first place in program history with 80 wins.

Led by sophomore quarterback Michael Brusko, who started in place of injured redshirt first-year Adam Farkes, the Black Bears set the tempo early against the Rams. On the first possession of the game, they drove 94 yards on 19 plays and took 8:47 off the clock. The drive culminated with a one-yard touchdown run by Brusko.

"We were ready to play and that was very important," Cosgrove said. "We felt like we had to come out of the gate strongly to establish the importance of the game."

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Brusko was the top performer offensively in the game, rushing for two more touchdowns and adding two more through the air for a total of five in the game. He racked up over 300 yards of total offense for the game.

Also on offense, junior running back Jhamal Fluellen, who played with an injury, passed the 1,000-yard mark for the season. He became the eighth back in school history to accomplish that feat.

For the third straight week, the

vaunted Black Bear defense continued their dominance. Playing without senior tri-captain and linebacker John Wormuth, UMaine limited the option attack of Rhode Island to just 91 total yards and forced four fumbles.

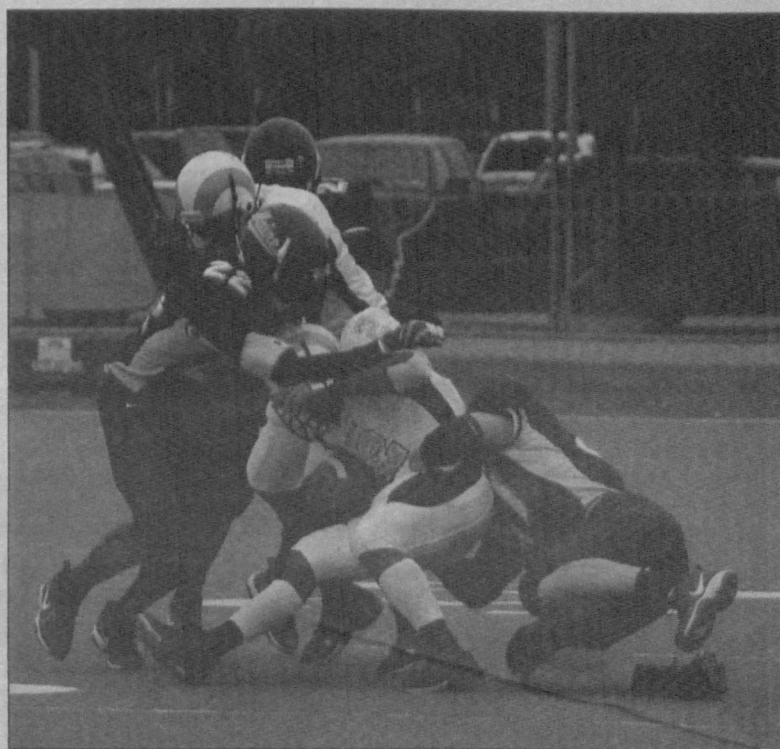
Junior defensive end Jovan Belcher led the Black Bears with five tackles and a forced fumble. He was later named the CAA Co-Defensive Player of the Week for the second straight week.

"Our front was very physical," Cosgrove said of his veteran-laden defensive line, which has three seniors and a junior. "Our group of seniors and Belcher did a great job Saturday."

While the Black Bears are coming off three straight wins, the Wildcats (6-4, 3-4) are limping to the finish.

Just two weeks ago, New Hampshire was a near guarantee to make the FCS playoffs. However, after consecutive losses to Northeastern and UMass, their playoff chances are slim.

Led by senior quarterback Ricky Santos, the Wildcats present a much different look than that of Rhode Island. They boast one of the most prolific scoring offenses in the conference at 35.5 points per game.



Sean Collins ♦ The Maine Campus

UMaine takes down Rhode Island players during Saturday's game. Maine ultimately won 35-0.

Predominantly a passing offense led by Santos, the Wildcats average 272.1 yards per game through the air and over 400 yards of total offense.

"I don't know of another name that is more recognizable [in the Northeast]," Cosgrove said of

Santos, the reigning Walter Payton Award winner and preseason CAA Offensive Player of the Year. "The only name that comes to mind is Doug Flutie."

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UMaine upset in sweep of Alford

Providence College Friars hand Black Bears first two conference losses

By Alex Leonard and Candace Daley

The University of Maine men's hockey team suffered a surprising sweep at the hands of Hockey East foe Providence College, losing 6-2 on Friday night and 1-0 the following night.

Providence started the scoring in Friday's game with a quick wrist-shot from the top of the circle. The energy in the stands and among the Maine players seemed to deflate after the goal.

Black Bear killer Jon Rheault scored on a breakaway to give the Friars a two-goal advantage. Rheault has been a thorn in UMaine's side his entire career with six points in nine games.

The Black Bears were able to cut the deficit to one just over a minute later as Andrew Sweetland scored his first collegiate goal. Sweetland was able to corral a loose puck and score on a wrap-around, making the score 2-1 after one period.

"It's a great feeling to get your first college goal. I think it's every college player's dream, in any league actually. It was great to be in front of home fans here.

Too bad the outcome was what it was," Sweetland said.

The second period saw Maine play better overall, but they were still lacking continuity on offense. About halfway through the period, the Black Bears took to the power play and capitalized.

Again, it was Sweetland with the tally for Maine, but this time he was the recipient of a great passing display. Senior Billy Ryan had a saucer to pass to fellow senior Rob Bellamy who found a wide-open Sweetland at the side of

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the net for an easy goal.

Maine went back on the power play just 23 seconds after they had tied the score. However, the Friars were the ones who capitalized with a short-handed goal from junior defenseman Matt Taormina.

The third period belonged to Providence who scored three goals, all on the power play. Junior goalie Ben Bishop was pulled in favor of Dave Wilson, who saw his first action of the year. Wilson made nine saves in

the 13-plus minutes he played, but did allow two goals.

The first period of Saturday's game opened with solid defensive play. Bishop made seven saves in the first seven minutes.

Maine and Providence played evenly into the second period until forward Ian O'Connor received a five-minute major and game misconduct for hitting from behind and was ejected from the game. Norton served the major. Shortly after the penalty ran out, Norton pursued the puck to Maine's side and fed it to forward Nick Mazzolini, who shot past Bishop, tallying his second goal of the season and giving Providence the 1-0 lead over Maine.

"Unfortunately we didn't get the result we wanted, but we got the effort, and that's a big step in the right direction," Head Coach Tim Whitehead said.

"I thought we played a lot better than last night," forward Rob Bellamy said.

The weekend left the Black Bears' record at 4-4-1 overall and 2-2-1 in Hockey East. Maine is slated to take on Merrimack on the road this weekend starting Friday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

Bears dominate Fisher

Maine's defense leads to first victory of season

By Danny Bartlett

The University of Maine men's basketball team hosted Fisher College Tuesday night in the Alford Arena for its home opener in front of a crowd of 1,148. The Black Bears dominated the game 81-36 and advanced to 1-2 on the season.

UMaine entered the game 0-2 after a pair of very close losses at the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament in Tennessee on Nov. 5 and 6. The Black Bears controlled the opening tap of this game and scored first off a Junior Bernal steal that resulted in a lay-up by senior Brian Andre. Fisher kept the score close early on with back-to-back three pointers by guard Louis Williams.

There was a timeout with 11:42 left to play in the half and Maine was up 20-14. Maine came out of the timeout and found an offensive spark in first-year Sean McNally who scored six consecutive points to lead the Black Bears in a 12-0 run. Fisher did not score a bucket until the 4:56 mark off a free throw by Williams. Maine closed out the first half on a 21-7 run with the score at 41-21.

In the second half the Black Bears put together a string of baskets that resulted in a 9-0 run. Sophomore Mark Socoby scored off a drive with 15:15 to play, which was followed by a three pointer by junior Jason Height. Bernal scored off a pass from Height and Andre scored immediately after that to notch the score at 54-25. Bernal and Socoby, who were quiet offensively in the first half, found their rhythm and scored a few buckets to ignite the Maine offense which outscored Fisher 40-15 in the second half.

The big story of the game was the Maine defense, which forced 35 turnovers, blocked 11 shots and had 23 steals. Fisher was only able to force 13 turnovers, block five shots and had

only four steals against Maine. The Black Bears used their height advantage to out-rebound Fisher 54-46. Coach Woodward said in the preseason that his team was going to be defense and rebound oriented and showed they were in this game.

The Black Bears return to action Saturday, Nov. 17 against St. Francis at 7 p.m. in the Alford Arena.

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