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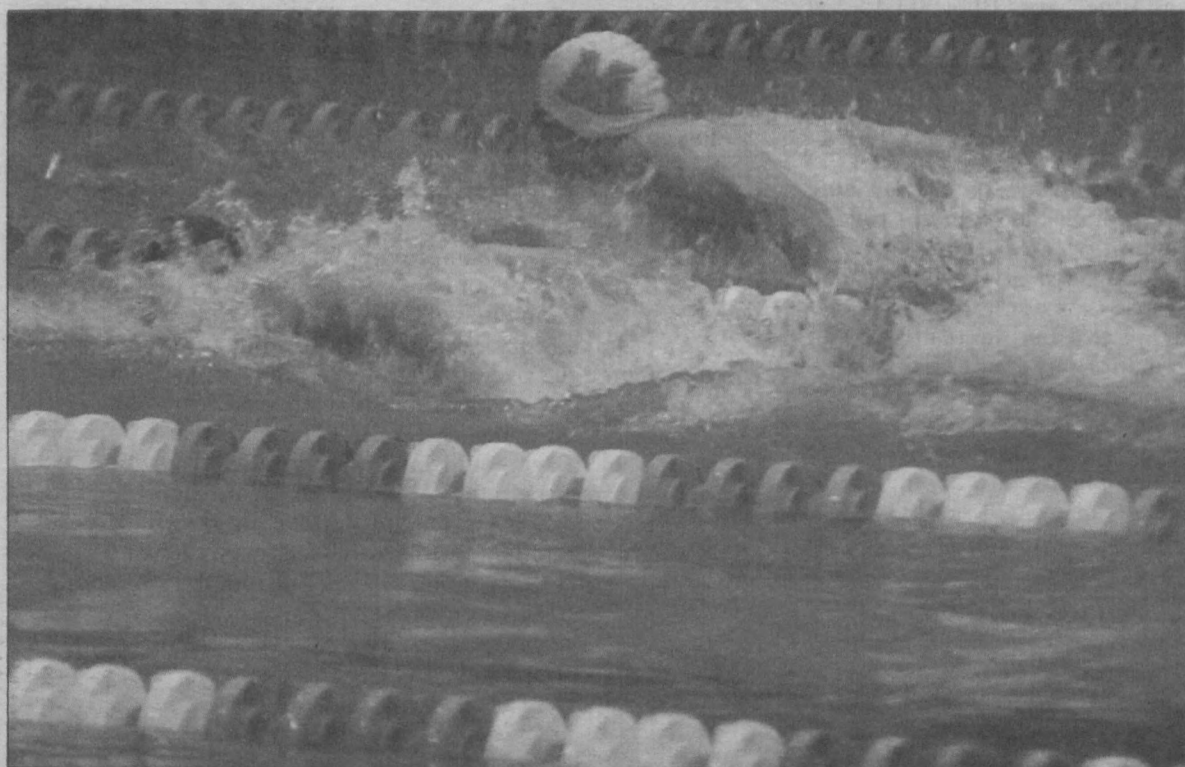
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Lap of Luxury



Andrew Prindle ♦ The Maine Campus

UMaine has plans to upgrade the Memorial Gym facilities, including the pool where University swim teams compete. Story on page 6.

Gas prices turn up the heat

UMaine attempts to conserve energy, heating bills on campus

By Sam Cohen

With oil prices rising above \$95 per barrel last week, the University of Maine is looking for ways to conserve oil, electricity and money this winter by installing thermostats in dorms across campus.

"A lot of heat is regulated by opening the window, and this prevents that from happening," Gordon Nelson, director of Property Management, said.

The thermostats have been installed in nine of the 19 residence halls on campus. The school has replaced zone systems in which a single sensor in a designated room dictates the temperature for the entire zone, which can consist of up to 25 rooms.

According to Bill Lovejoy, UMaine energy and utility manager, the system will save money due to students being less likely to leave their windows

open because the thermostats allow for more control over the temperature of their room. The thermostats enable Facilities Management to monitor temperatures of each room and regulate them as well. This allows them to lower temperatures to 55 degrees over breaks when the buildings are empty.

"This saves \$600 per dorm, per week," Lovejoy said.

The thermostats have not been getting such successful reviews from students. Jeff Black, a third-year history major and Stodder resident, does not use his. "I don't think it works. I never touch it. Heat or no heat, I'll live. If I get too cold, I'll just put on a shirt. If I get too hot, I get naked," he said.

Greta Leber, a third-year marine biology major and resident assistant of Oak Hall, is not happy with the radiators in her building. The radiators have

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Harold Alfond
dies at age 93

Philanthropist
remembered

By Emily Southwick



Courtesy of UMaine P.R.

Harold Alfond, a philanthropist known for his financial generosity across the state of Maine, died early Friday morning at Maine General Medical Center in Augusta at the age of 93.

"I was saddened to learn this morning of Harold Alfond's death," University of Maine President Robert Kennedy said Friday. "Harold deserves to be remembered as one of the most important and influential Maine citizens of the past century. As a business visionary, as a community leader and as an incredibly generous philanthropist, Harold made an indelible mark on his beloved home state."

Alfond's first donation to the university was in 1977 and since then, his donations to the school have surpassed \$8 million. The Harold Alfond Arena and Harold Alfond Sports Stadium are two campus landmarks that bear his name. Other donations include funding the Mahaney Clubhouse, the men's ice hockey program, the Margaret Chase Smith Public Affairs Scholarship and the Second Century Fund, according to Joe Carr, director of university relations.

Alfond founded the Dexter Shoe Company in the 1950s. Outside of work, Alfond was an avid golfer. He also held a minority ownership of the Boston Red Sox.

Alfond was born in Swampscott, Mass. in 1914 to Simon and Rose Alfond, both Russian immigrants. He was one of seven children and developed his passion for sports in high school. He married his late wife Dorothy "Bibby" Levine in 1943, with whom he had four children.

"His legacy will continue through the lives and contributions of the countless people whose lives have been made better through his support of important causes and institutions," Kennedy said. "The University of Maine is a better place because of the opportunities Harold provided for our students, and we will fondly remember him as one of UMaine's most loyal and generous friends. My sympathies go out to his family and friends during this difficult time."

Some of Alfond's other donations outside of the university include a \$7 million gift over the summer to the new Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care at Maine General Medical Center. According to the Bangor Daily News, Alfond himself had been living with cancer for 20 years before his death. He also donated \$1.7 million several years ago for a recreation center at St. Joseph's College in Standish, Maine, and \$5 million for the Goodwill-Hinckley Homes for Boys and Girls.

Alfond is survived by a brother, David; a sister, Gladys Nathanson; a daughter, Susan; his sons Ted, Bill and Peter; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

File-sharing settlements target 34 UMS students

RIAA letters come as Congress debates linking financial aid to a university's approach to illegal downloads

By Eryk Salvaggio and Kurt Klappenbach

The Recording Industry Association of America has announced another set of 34 settlement letters to students in the University of Maine System, targeting individuals who share files online. This month, Democrats are also pushing a funding package for higher education — the College Opportunity and Affordability Act — that some critics argue would link financial aid funding to a school's willingness to test technological deterrents to file-sharing.

University officials from the University of Maryland,

Stanford, Yale and Penn State opposed the bill in Congress.

"Such an extraordinarily inappropriate and punitive outcome would result in all students on that campus losing their federal financial aid — including Pell grants and student loans that are essential to their ability to attend college, advance their education and acquire the skills necessary to compete in the 21st-century economy," a letter co-written by officials from those universities said.

The controversy is the result in some ambiguity in Section 494 of the bill, which states that universities

"shall to the extent practical" implement technologically based deterrents to file sharing.

In response, the Committee on Education and Labor issued a fact sheet, stating specifically "The bill includes no provisions that would strip federal student aid from either colleges or students because of illegal file-sharing."

The bill would also establish a competitive grant for universities seeking to develop innovative alternatives to file sharing.

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Gardasil vaccination sparks discussion in Orono church

Students, locals educated on cancerous STD and possible cure

By Candace Daley

Every year about 30,000 women die from cervical cancer in the United States. The Gardasil vaccination, which can protect against human papilloma virus (HPV) and cervical cancer, was the topic discussed at the Church of Universal Fellowship in Orono, Wednesday night.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), HPV is a common virus that is passed through sexual contact. Most of the time it has no symptoms and goes unnoticed. Other types of HPV can cause genital warts in men and women.

The vaccine is recommended for girls and women between the ages of nine and 26, Jiencheng Huang, the immunization program director from the CDC, said. The tissues in a girls' cervix change with age and sexual activity. The tissue is more vulnerable to infection at a young age.

Gardasil is the first vaccine developed to prevent cervical cancer and genital warts caused by HPV. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved it in June 2006.

"There are more than a dozen strains of HPV. Two, however, are the most severe strains that cause cervical cancer. Strains six and 11," Huang said.

Another vaccine will be on the market by next February, if it is approved by the FDA. According to Huang, this other vaccine only contains two strains, compared to Gardasil's four. Therefore, the competitor will not prevent against genital warts.

According to Huang, the Gardasil shot is about 75 percent effective. Even after the shot, it is still important for women to get their annual pap smears.

"This is the most common sexually transmitted disease (STD). About 80 percent of the population will be affected by it in their lifetime," Jana Caron, a senior nursing student, said.

The Gardasil shot is the most expensive vaccine on the market, according to Huang. It is a three-series shot, costing a total of \$360. Some insurance, such as Blue Cross/Blue Shield and other major companies will cover the cost of the vaccination. For those who are not covered, there are other options. Huang said the CDC would cover expenses in some cases. If a woman is 18 or younger, Native American, or has no insurance or underinsurance, such as Maine Care, getting help through the federally funded CDC may be an option.

"Some people are against giving the vaccine to young girls because they don't think girls that age should be having sex, but the reality is that they do, and it is better to be safe than sorry," Raechel Wark, a junior nursing major, said.

According to Caron, being diagnosed with cervical cancer can end up costing more than \$2,000. After being diagnosed, a doctor would either freeze off layers of tissue from the cervix or remove part of it. The follow up includes pap smears every three months for a year, then every six months for a year. If the cancer doesn't return, then the patient can return to annual pap smears.

"I think it's a great idea to promote good health," Caron said.

The event was sponsored by an Orono town nurse, the American Association of University Women and the Orono health association.

"I think it's a great idea. It is definitely something that all girls should consider," said Autumn Bell, a UMaine sophomore.

Dorm recycling is up

Rate increases from two to 11 percent

By Samuel Cohen

The University of Maine resident halls have improved recycling 11 percent over last year. The school had previously been recycling only two percent of all possible materials.

Since the beginning of the year, Residence Life, Property Management and the Green Campus Initiative (GCI) have implemented numerous programs to improve recycling on campus.

Director of Property Management, Gordon Nelson, said he is glad awareness is increasing.

"Anything in the dumpster costs \$100 to incinerate, while on the other hand, we get paid to recycle. There is a real value to recycling. People are becoming more aware with all of the global issues being discussed today and with programs going on around campus," Nelson said.

Even with the improvement, GCI coordinator and second-year mechanical engineering major, Michael Parker, believes the university can do better.

"It's good that we are improving, but we still have a long way to go," Parker said. "There are still a lot of ways to improve the whole process. People have to live in an environment that has a focus on sustainability. We can keep pushing awareness, but we need to change the overall feel of [the] university."

Parker hopes to see sustainability integrated into course curriculum. "Right now the university is in the process of creating a master plan. If we could integrate sustainability into a comprehensive campus strategy it would be great," he said.

With GCI, Parker has put into effect programs to create a more environmentally friendly mindset for students. The creation of the ReCycle program allows students to rent renovated bikes from GCI free of charge. GCI has posted flyers in every residence hall bathroom to educate students on recycling. The group has also been leading energy audits of buildings around campus to improve energy efficiency.

"GCI has brought a lot of attention to the recycling issue," Nelson said. "They highlight the simple things like defining sustainability or giving fun facts about how much recycling it takes to replace a single tree. The whole premise of GCI is to create awareness."

Property Management recently started monitoring each dorm's electrical output from their offices in Estabrooke Hall. Nelson hopes to release the usage information to each of those buildings so they can be more aware of the energy consumed.

In addition to increased recycling the university has composted 86,000 pounds of waste so far this year. A new composting system put in place in Hilltop Commons helped to reduce

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The Maine Campus
will resume production
on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Have a happy break!

MONDAY

Diversity Dialogue
12:15 p.m. Coe Room,
Memorial Union
Part of the Peace
Studies Diversity
Dialogue Series.

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Women's Swimming and Diving
6:00 p.m. Bowdoin College
UMaine vs. Bowdoin. Part of
the Division I athletic
schedule.

TUESDAY

"Monitoring Overweight Adults
Participating in
an Interactive
Web-Based
Intervention
Designed to Increase
Consumption of Fruits
and Vegetables for
Weight Management"
1:30 p.m. Deering Hall, Room
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By Jamie Thompson, candidate
for master's degree in food sci-
ence and human nutrition.

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WEDNESDAY

Thanksgiving recess
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Classes resume
Monday, Nov. 26 at
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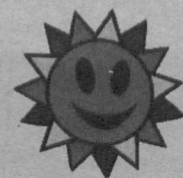
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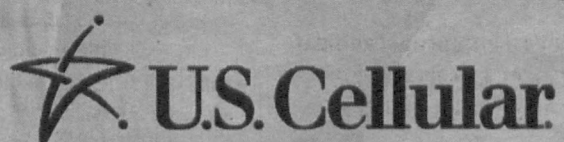
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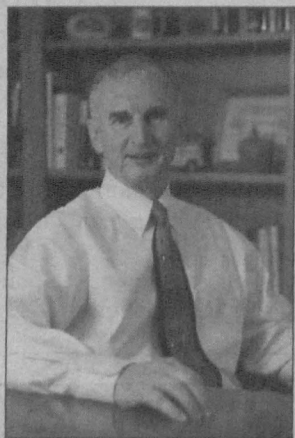


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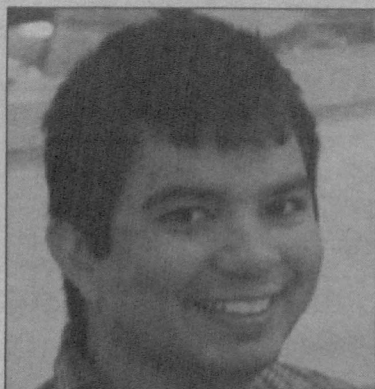
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Sarah MacAlister
Sociology



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Jamie Juntura
Secondary education



President of the campus.

Sarah Thompson
Kinesiology and physical education



Noelle Keyser ♦ The Maine Campus

UMaine's Zipcar program has been touted as a long-term solution to campus parking problems.

Checking in on the Zipcars

Some hail program as a success, still room for improvement

By Kassandre Moulton

Student Government is maintaining its position that the Zipcar program has been a positive addition to the University of Maine campus; however, the program has been part of the UMaine campus for several months and is not netting the income it was expected to.

Derek Mitchell, who played a large role in bringing the program to UMaine, is still enthusiastic. "The rollout of the Zipcar program has been very successful," he said.

Zipcar is a national company that collaborates with universities to bring shared cars to campus. UMaine has two cars: a Toyota Prius and a Mazda 3. Users must register on-line for a onetime fee of \$35, which is credited to their Zipcar account. The driver then receives a Zipcard, which allows access to the vehicle. The cars cost \$7 an hour or \$55 per day. They can drive 180 miles a day and each additional mile is 35 cents. There is no cost to the university to utilize the Zipcar program, other than to provide parking spaces. However, if Zipcar does not net the required \$1,500 a month per car, the school must pay. In UMaine's case, Student Government is responsible for these potential fees, and they set aside \$5,000 at the beginning of the year for this purpose.

The Zipcar program at UMaine currently has about two dozen students participating, according to Mitchell. The cars are currently being used at a rate of five to seven hours per day. However, Mitchell admits that usage

needs to be in the eight to nine hour range. Mitchell said that Student Government has sent postcards to all residents, and e-mail and paper advertising has been put into effect. Letters will be sent out to parents to encourage them to have their son or daughter sign up for the program.

There is no specific date for Student Government to decide whether it is worth it to keep the program. "We will constantly evaluate usage, sign-ups and overall utilization and the cost to Student Government," Mitchell said. He is not sure when a final decision will be made, but he estimates Student Government will come to a conclusion in January.

First-year sustainable agriculture major Sterling Doiron said that he heard of the Zipcar Program "through numerous advertisements on FirstClass and flyers in my mailbox. The program was also brought up during a Green Campus Initiative meeting recently."

"The GCI does support the program and will when needed," Doiron said. "Currently, most members are walking to class, utilizing public transportation or using their personal bicycle."

According to the Zipcar Web site, one Zipcar can take up to twenty privately owned vehicles off the road. Students were not quick to agree with this statement.

"I would say the statistic is accurate in other parts of the country where the program is located, but not on campus," Doiron said.

Athletes advocate safer sex

Students raise awareness on sexual responsibility through classes, skits

By Meghan Hayward

Ever wish you could get sex advice from a student athlete?

Athletes at the University of Maine are participating in a program to educate students about sexual responsibility.

The program, known as Student Athletes for Sexual Responsibility (ASR), shows athletes as more than role models for physical strength, but also as role models for appropriate social and sexual behavior.

It touches on issues such as pregnancy prevention, sexually transmitted disease prevention, dating dilemmas, communication problems, date rape and gang rape. This program has become a model for universities and colleges across the country.

"The most important thing about ASR is the fact that it's students educating students," Keith Burgie, student coordinator for "Rape Awareness" said.

ASR was developed in 1990 by Dr. Sandra L. Caron, professor of family relations and human sexuality. The semester-long program trains student athletes to present a variety of workshops including "Rape Awareness," "Smart Sex" and "Drinking and Dating."

Caron said her main reason for starting the pro-

gram was that athletes are frequently in the limelight. She felt it was important to capitalize on their visibility and bring awareness to all students.

This semester, the class currently has 26 athletes representing different sports.

"Since this class is a lot smaller than others such as human sexuality, students become a lot more comfortable speaking up, and we are able to clear up problems that really confuse people our age," Burgie said.

The workshops use athletes as role models and actors who portray characters in damaging or potentially harmful sexual situations. The workshops are given at various resident halls on campus.

Using athletes as actors, the university has produced videotapes displaying different scenarios, and they are available for purchase. These videotapes have been purchased nationwide by schools and the NCAA.

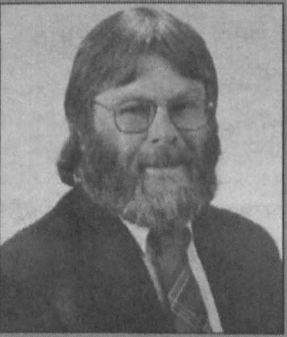
Courtney Francis, a member of UMaine's track team, participates in the rape awareness skits. Francis said she acted in the skits to make people more aware of the fact that rape can happen to anyone.

"The class hits every aspect of what can happen and how to deal with the situation," Francis said.

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Get to know your professors

By Mindy Hart and Kyle Kernan



Edward Lavery

Edward Lavery has spent 30 years at the University of Maine as a public administration professor. He lives in Medford with a three-legged dog named Rohan — after the “Lord of the Rings” trilogy — a cat, Matilda, and a hen. Lavery had a flock of chickens, but over the years, only one has survived to become his pet.

On Sunday afternoons, Lavery’s home becomes a house of blues. “Fifteen to 20 people come over to my house and jam,” Lavery said. “About half of them are musicians and the rest are hangers-on like me.” Although Lavery wishes he could play something besides spoons, his three children can all play instruments.

After leaving Millinocket for education, Lavery spent time around the country.

He serves as a selectman in Medford and works on Maine’s Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC).

“With the wind power projects and the Plum Creek project, it’s an exciting time to be involved,” Lavery said.

LURC regulates 10.5 million acres of unorganized territory.

Lavery may not be in Maine much longer. Currently, he is looking around to different locations. At this time, he would like to establish a relationship with a university in Belize. “I go to Belize a lot,” Lavery said. “I could live down there for a while, get a little shack or something.”

At UMaine, his courses include policy studies; independent readings in policy administration; and environmental policy, management and regulation.

Neil F. Comins

Everything from the tidal currents, the weather, and life as we know it on this planet would all be affected if the Moon was not formed by a rouge asteroid colliding with Earth a billion years ago. Astronomy Professor Neil F. Comins of the University of Maine explores these perspectives in his book “What if the Moon Didn’t Exist?” His book has received worldwide recognition and was adapted into a film by a Japanese company, Robot Communication for the 2005 World Expo in Japan.

Comins has offered his insight to documentaries presented by The History Channel and The Discovery Channel and has been part of the development of a dozen television shows and articles for National Geographic.

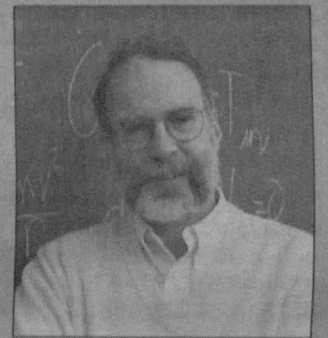
Dr. Comins gives credit for his interest in science to Albert Einstein. He has been intrigued by science and answering life’s questions. At age 15, Comins was deeply

perplexed about the nature of gravity, which laid a path of discovery for him.

Comins feels that his introduction to astronomy course will inspire students to develop an understanding and appreciation for science, in hopes that people will take a more intensive look at the nature of reality and question it for themselves. Professor Comins incorporates an authentic outlook into astronomy through his research and passion for the subject.

Aside from his devotion to science and the nature of the Cosmos, Professor Comins takes part in many hobbies. He is fond of traveling, sailing, flying, skiing and parachuting.

He also enjoys reading science fiction such as works by Isaac Asimov and Robert Heinlein, and he admits “Stranger in a Strangeland” to be one of his favorite books.



Marcia Davidson

Marcia Davidson, assistant professor of special education, has worked extensively with early childhood reading acquisition around the world as well as within the community. Davidson worked in Washington for 25 years doing research for a private company before she came to UMaine on a friend’s suggestion.

Going on her third year here, Davidson teaches courses such as program planning and curriculum access and assessment in special education. In addition to classes, she volunteers her time to the

Response to Intervention initiative (RTI). Davidson works monthly for RTI on early reading acquisition with teachers and administrators from a consortium of

schools. In addition, she is working with the Hutchinson Center on a summer clinic for reading. “I would love to tutor,” admitted Davidson, “but I just don’t have the time.”

When Davidson is not working, she can be found riding her horse, Metro. She bought Metro in Oregon before moving to Maine and started competing in events like jumping and cross country. Davidson declared her equestrian goal to be a summer clinic called “Fossils over Fences.” In addition to Metro, she lives with two cats, Luna and Arthur.

Other weekend activities for Davidson include knitting and attempting to garden. Davidson said “students and people in the community have been helping me to figure out what to do with this garden that hasn’t been tended in 15 years.” She is also a fan of Atul Gawande’s books. His latest work, “Better,” is one of the greatest books she has ever read. The book discusses his studies of hospital efficiency for a community’s overall health, from which she draws a parallel for education. “He is an inspiration to me,” Davidson said.

Robert E. Whelan

The Vietnam War may seem like a distant moment in history for college students, but to veteran Robert E. Whelan, it is an engrossing chapter of World History. Whelan served in the Army in Vietnam for two tours and has taught at West Point.

Whelan not only offers a study of the Vietnam War, but also encourages students to read texts at a more interpretive level.

“I try to treat students the way my children would want to be treated by their teachers.” Robert Whelan is a father figure for the University of Maine’s English department as he has been teaching since 1983. Next fall will be his last semester, and he is ready to retire. He has been working since age 11.

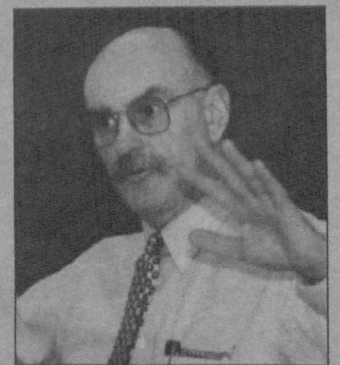
Mr. Whelan’s course, the literature of the Vietnam War, chronicles a collection of past Vietnam soldiers. Whelan’s testament to the War heightens understanding for students as he has knowledge of weaponry, history and the country surrounding the Vietnam War.

Many stories of Whelan circle around his time in the fifth Special Forces Group, as he

recalls being stationed just kilometers from the enemy, the North Vietnamese. He also had to fend off poisonous snakes in his camp and termites that swarmed like the locusts described in the book of Exodus. Whelan usually speaks about these events with nostalgic excitement and there are many humorous tales he offers from his experience.

Whelan is a laid back fellow who is not afraid to have fun with his students. He enjoys flat fishing and spending time under the Florida sun and is excited about a long, much deserved vacation.

One of his favorite writers is Stephen King, as just about all of his books are showcased on one of his shelves in his office. He recalls “Heart’s in Atlantis” being one of his favorite books by the author as it chronicles a character recalling memories of the Vietnam War.



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Memorial Gym to get facelift

Athletic department looks to upgrade facility starting next year

By Katee Stearns

Plans to update and modernize the University of Maine Memorial Gym are underway.

While construction is not expected to start before the next academic year, UMaine Athletic Director Blake James is already looking forward to modernizing the athletic facility.

"This renovation is critical to our future as a division one school," James said. "By completing this project UMaine will have a necessary facility to compete in conferences or even national championships."

On Aug. 30, UMaine President Robert Kennedy announced a \$6 million donation to the school by Richard R. and Anne A. Collins of Key Largo, Fla. This donation is the largest gift the University of Maine has received to date.

While \$5 million of that donation was for funding the renovation of the former Maine Center for the Arts building, the \$1 million remaining balance will support the effort to upgrade UMaine's athletic facilities.

Modifications to the Memorial Gym include a remodeled basketball and volleyball facility, which will increase the seating capacity from 1,800 to 3,100. It will be a new place for Black Bear basketball and volleyball to call home, James said.

Black Bear athletes will have renovated locker room space with more lockers and a bigger changing area that allows teams to have private space together.

The renovations will bring the building up to American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and provide a better presentation of the university's landmark facility, James said.

A new academic center for athletes, as well as new office space for staff who currently work out of trailers behind the building, will allow for both students and staff to be more comfortable and productive.

As for student access, James said that there may be certain phases of construction where students will have limited admittance to some areas of the facility.

"It might affect [practice] a little, but I understand why they have to do it," Candace Coville, a UMaine swimmer said. "If they want a better facility they have to do that."

In the meantime, James said the University's Department of Athletics is fundraising to come up with the remaining \$11.5 million that is necessary to complete this project.

James said the department is currently meeting with alumni and anyone who is interested in donating to the University to see its athletics program grow.

Athletes

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Kimberly Ross, a student coordinator for one of the production segments said her favorite aspect of the class was the fact that she learned a great deal about the topics covered.

"You gain a broader aspect of everything when

you see the skits play out," Ross said.

The program also has smart sex posters available. ASR believes that comparing smart sex to a popular sport will arouse the curiosity in students.

Student athletes are recruited for the class and interviewed. They are chosen based on their interest in the subjects and their commitment to being positive role models.

Police Beat

The best from Orono, Old Town and UMaine's finest

Fox in the chicken burger house

Police received a report of a stolen beverage from the Union Market Place at 6:47 p.m. on Nov. 13. Staff had observed a male acting suspicious while walking around the cash register without paying. The staff later observed that he had food and a drink hidden under his arms. He had a chicken burger and a beverage. James Hunneman, 18, of Orono, was issued a summons for theft.

There's no excuse for stealing

Another theft incident occurred at the Market Place at 8:45 a.m. on Nov. 14. Warren Taylor, 19, of Orono had consumed a bottle of milk while he was waiting in line for a meal. After receiving food, Taylor proceeded to the cash register. When the cashier asked him if he needed to pay for anything other than the meal, he said no.

Taylor was questioned by the police as to why he did not pay for the milk. He said that he did not know.

Beverage theft

Police received a call from the Market Place at 4:10 p.m. on Nov. 15 regarding a similar incident. A staff observed that a male had drank a beverage while he was waiting in line for food. The subject was identified as Griffin Wiese, 19, of Orono. He denied drinking anything but said that he would pay for it anyway. He later said he did not have enough money with him and he left. The police met with Wiese later that day when he admitted taking the drink without paying. He claimed that he did not pay because he thought that no one had seen him drinking. He was issued a summons to appear in court for theft.

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makes it clank."

Two years ago, Leber lived in Stodder Hall and "never had any problems" with the thermostat.

Tom Nisbet, who graduated in 2006 with a degree in computer science, suggested to current students, "The best thing you can do is turn the heat on and open your window ... I think it should be all digital like any house. It should give you the number of the current temperature onscreen."

Last year, the university spent more than \$4 million on oil. This is \$1 million more than two years ago. Nelson believes human consumption habits are the stem of the problem of rising fuel costs.

"We need to reprogram how we do things. We need to change the thought process ... the biggest energy users people have are their vehicles. We don't see enough use of alternative transportation. The university gets 1200 pizza deliveries a week. When you think about it, that's some significant mileage," Nelson said.

In addition to the new thermostats, UMaine is taking other steps to reduce costs.

The Steam Plant, which provides 80 percent of the campus with heat, has been running for the last two months on natural gas. This switch from oil has saved approximately \$300,000 over the past month and 1,100 metric tons of carbon has been saved. This is a two percent reduction in the school's carbon emissions, according to Lovejoy.

dials ranging from one to six. "It's horrible," she said. "You set the dial on a certain number, and it comes on randomly during the day. I usually set it on six because anything lower

There are plans to create a natural gas line on Rangely Road linking the Public Safety, Facilities Management and Keyo buildings. Switching these three buildings alone will save 80,000 gallons of oil and will reduce carbon emissions.

The university has also instituted a new anti-idling policy for University vehicles. According to Nelson, the policy states that vehicles must be turned off if not in use.

Low-flow showerheads have been installed in resident halls and have reduced water use by 30,000 gallons per day and will save \$25,000 per year.

UMaine has met and exceeded budgeted energy savings of over \$250,000 per year for the past three years.

Despite these conservation efforts, electrical consumption on campus continues to grow two to five percent annually.

"We're working to make students more aware of the energy they use. Students in general are bringing a lot more with them in terms of plug load," Lovejoy said.

Black does not worry about the energy he uses. "I have a power strip going into a power strip and this is the green dorm," he said. "My roommate leaves on his TV on purpose. He thinks we're paying too much, so we might as well use as much as we can while we're here."

For Lovejoy, the power to conserve energy is in the hands of each student. "It's all under their direct control in dorm rooms and apartments. It's like being in your house at home. Just turn off the lights," he said.

UMaine plans to continue installing thermo-

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system enables Hilltop to compost 30 percent more on a daily basis than York Commons and the Union. There are plans to put the same composting system in Wells and York. According to Nelson, the compost generated could possibly be turned into biodiesel to be used by university vehicles.

Property Management is also considering changing to a single-stream recycling system. This would allow for all recyclable materials to be placed in one receptacle where a processor would then sort the items. Nelson said this system would make it easier for students to recycle because they would not have to worry about sorting it themselves.

GCI plans on working with Residence Life to hold dorm recycling and energy-saving competitions. A prize would be given to the dorm that recycles the most, and a prize would be given to the dorm that uses the least amount of energy per capita.

Like Parker, Nelson also sees room for recycling improvement on campus. "We could definitely be doing better. We want the University of Maine to be a leader in recycling," Nelson said.

the university's waste by half. The

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settlement letters had been sent to college students nation-wide, including 34 in Maine. The letters are part of the RIAA's campaign against music theft and copyright infringement.

Announcement of this action by the RIAA came out the same week that one of the leading advocates of such suits, Edgar Bronfman, CEO of Warner Music Group, did an abrupt about face on the subject.

"We used to fool ourselves. We used to think our content was perfect just exactly as it was. We expected our business would remain blissfully unaffected even as the world of interactivity, constant connection and file-sharing was exploding," Bronfman said. "And of course we were wrong. How were we wrong? By standing still or moving at a glacial pace, we inadvertently went to war with consumers by denying them what they wanted and could otherwise find and, as a result of course, consumers won."

The letters will go to university administrators first, who will then decide whether or not to forward them to the appropriate student. In the past, the University has refrained from identifying individuals until served by a subpoena. Seven University of Maine system students have previously received the letters.

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Students should show philanthropic spirit

Harold Alfond, a well known philanthropist from Maine, recently passed away at age 93. Alfond founded the Dexter Shoe Company and is recognized on campus, in the names of the Alfond Arena and Alfond Sports Stadium. All told, Alfond has donated over \$8 million to UMaine.

Through his Harold Alfond Foundation, he has donated over \$100 million to various causes, including hospitals and other universities in the state of Maine. Alfond was undoubtedly able to donate much more than any student currently enrolled at UMaine right now can.

However, this should not discourage students from aiming to show the same sort of philanthropic spirit that Alfond displayed. Although students do not have the same resources, generously giving with the resources one does have means just as much, as it shows as much personal effort and sacrifice.

We encourage students to do what they can to contribute to good causes this holiday season. Whether it be in the form of money donated to a soup kitchen, homeless shelter, battered women's shelter or other resources, such as clothing or time, all are important and would help local charities to serve the population and improve their communities.

The Black Bear Volunteers is one group on campus that coordinates volunteer efforts amongst a variety of local organizations. This is a good resource for students interested in giving time to improve their community.

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Rebekah Rhodes

Inappropriate products aimed at kids encourage bad behavior

Looking back on my childhood, in the days of "Saved by the Bell" and when there were tan instead of blue M&Ms, it seems to me as if my life was much more sheltered than it is for the children of today. Sex was a taboo word only mentioned as a joke between friends or in sex education classes where sex equaled babies and STDs. Condoms were things you put on bananas as a prank for your friends, and drugs were associated with the dealers in movies or the criminals locked away in prison.

Maybe no one has noticed, but the DEB clothing store in the mall — the one that stocks clothes specifically for junior sized teenagers — encourages young girls to dress the way Julia Roberts' character did in the beginning of "Pretty Woman." When is it appropriate for a 13-year-old child to wear a backless

shirt and a skirt barely covering her crotch when she goes clubbing?

I think it's scary when I hear of middle schools needing to provide birth control to students and children in fifth grade getting caught having sex in the classroom.

I grew up with Cabbage Patch Kids and Barbies, and while Barbies have an unrealistic ideal of a woman's body, they were never risqué. On the contrary, today's infamous Bratz dolls encourage young girls to dress in clothes right out of DEB: low-rise jeans to the point where their crack hangs halfway out, heels high enough to break a neck and shirts the size of my washcloth. They also encourage females to live up to the ideal of large pouting lips, excessive makeup and long, gorgeous hair.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to say that Heather Steeves' little attack on Ben Lankin in her piece "UMaine better at promoting itself than providing services" is just plain wrong. I happen to be in the same fraternity as him, and if she happened to ask anyone that knew him, then she would have known that his life is really like that. He works hard and is devoted in what he does. His "A Day in the Life of Ben Lankin" is quite accurate. He does really do all those things in a day. He is a good student. There is a reason they picked him to be on the Web site.

Kole McBreaity, brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon

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I was forced into it by my husband. My boyfriend was going to leave me if I had the baby. My parents insisted I have an abortion. I didn't have the finances to raise a baby. Now do any of these sound free? Was the mother making a free choice? It appears that they were forced into it. Sadly, so many women of today feel this way. Many really wanted to have the baby but peer pressure persuaded them to do otherwise. Not only does abortion kill the baby, but it can destroy a woman emotionally and physically.

Go read testimonies from See LETTERS on page 9

When it comes to the military, stereotypes are coming left and right

Eryk Salvaggio

Smart, beautiful, female, liberal and interested in art, culture and global politics: These words are not the words you would usually see in military recruitment advertisements, but they describe a friend of mine who willingly entered the military after high school.

When it comes time for most of us to consider the people who end up joining the military, all too often the idea is influenced by the limited nature of public relations campaigns — the few, the proud, the brave.

Unfortunately, it is all too common for some people to also buy into the stereotype that the few, the proud and the brave are also the gullible, the stupid and the macho.

Neither of these stereotypes do any justice to the complexity of what it means to be a soldier.

When my friend from high school completed her time in the Air Force, she ended up at an Ivy League school where the general culture was not, by nature, "anti-military," but was in fact "militarily disinclined," if you will. People were shocked that "someone like her" would join the military. It's not that they dislike the military, it's that they assume the people who sign up are either crazy or mislead.

It's an idea that does a lot of disservice to people who are, by all accounts, just as likely to be as brilliant or as foolish as anyone in any other profession. However, the stereotype does an equal disservice to the people who most commonly hold this position, who are, frequently, opposed to war or to American foreign policy.

The old trope that to be anti-war is to be anti-military isn't true. A lot of anti-war sentiment is driven by respect for the military and the people who serve in it. However, it's the anti-war contingent's idea that those who enlist were coerced that I take the greatest umbrage with.

The problem is that, on all counts, caricatures of the people who hold a viewpoint — or who engage in certain activities — reduces the understanding of the human cost of any war. To assume that

people who enlist don't understand something is misguided and offensive. It also makes the loss of lives during wartime mean less. Both the left and right, when politically convenient, argue that soldiers "knew what they were signing up for."

This doesn't leave a lot of room for understanding the lives of the people who are at the greatest risk. While it is statistically true that people in the military tend to come from poorer backgrounds — and that African-Americans are vastly overrepresented — I don't think this serves as a testament to anyone's lack of discernment or intelligence.

Instead, I think it serves as a harsh condemnation on the people who propose to further expand America's reach abroad while failing to enlist. Entanglements overseas seem a lot more comfortable when one is calling for them from the safety of a classroom.

Just as people who aren't in the military might want to think twice about callously commenting on how many lives a democratic Iraq is worth, the anti-war movement should cease its psychoanalysis on the motivations individuals have for joining the military.

American policy isn't popular anywhere. A majority of Americans are opposed to the war, but our political culture is still not in a place where we can begin negotiating what to do about it. The division in our country today is less about whether or not we should end the war and more about how. We'd be a lot closer to a conclusion if we could all agree to speak to one another without resorting to outlandish stereotypes of others' beliefs.

It is a fundamental question of respect for human beings. When stereotypes exist — no matter how subtle they may be — a basic piece of human dignity is removed from people who face struggles none of us in a university can begin to comprehend.

Eryk Salvaggio is gullible, stupid and macho.

Explicit

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Music seems to have become the forerunner in encouraging drug use and sexual activities. Most of it seems geared toward every teenager — not to mention kids under the age of 10 quoting lyrics that under most circumstances should be rated X.

One of the more sexually explicit songs is Eminem's "Shake That," featuring Nate Dogg, with derogatory lyrics such as "I like good p--- and I like good trees. Smoke so much weed you wouldn't believe. And I get more ass than a toilet seat. Three to the one from the one to the three. I met a bad bitch last night at the D." Outthere Boy's "Boom Boom Boom" includes lyrics such as "I came to make you shake it 'til you break it. Caress your body until you're naked. Bend you over grab your shoulder. Slip my pete inside your folder. Make you

sweata get you wetter. Pump it faster to make it better. Dim the light then lock the room. 'Cause now it's time for me to hit that boom."

With lyrics, toys and clothing such as what we see today, it is no wonder children seem to be taking part in activities that, at that age, I would have considered inappropriate. Instead of working to help protect the younger generations, we seem to be embracing it as part of our growing culture.

I have no problem with what the media has to offer. However, I think it is ridiculous to present our children with unrealistic expectations of life and what it means to be an adult. It is not appropriate for children to be listening to songs, wearing clothes and playing with toys that instill in them the idea that it is OK to have sex, take drugs and dress like a whore because "everyone is doing it."

Rebekah Rhodes is sick of kids these days with their rap music and revealing clothes.



Derek Dobachesky

End the war, sign a ceasefire and celebrate the season instead

It's getting to be that time of the year again. The holidays are approaching and people are preparing to celebrate in their own respective manners. While most of us are looking forward to this time of the year, once again, however, a certain segment of the population is beginning to revive an ever-more insufferable debate: that of the so-called "War on Christmas."

While most of us are more concerned with buying presents, decorating trees and watching Christmas movies, some are getting offended by our use of the word "Christmas," while others are getting upset when we fail to use the word "Christmas." I would like to send a clear message to those who seem intent on reviving this debate — or war, as some might call it — year after year: stop being big old Grinches, drop it and let everyone enjoy the season.

The frontlines of this supposed "war" are the public schools, corporate advertising campaigns and media talk shows. For example, last year my little sister's middle school in Massachusetts decided to eliminate the Christmas song from her choir's performance, but retained the Hanukkah song. They even went so far to eliminate references to Christmas that they banned students from wearing the colors green and red together.

Opponents of the use of the term "Christmas" by government, corporations and in other circumstances argue that it's sectarian and specifically leaves out those with different traditions, such as Jews, Muslims and Pagans. It is true that, if one is in mixed company, it makes sense to use the greeting "happy holidays" so as to be inclusive and respect others' traditions. On the other hand, it goes way too far when schools ban the colors red and green and it's considered intolerant to wish

someone a "Merry Christmas."

On the other hand, there are those who want to eliminate any reference to "holidays" and replace them with "Christmas." They claim that they're on the defensive in this "war," that secular forces are seeking to destroy the holiday for them. Talk show pundits such as Bill O'Reilly appear to have anointed themselves the Christmas Gestapo, attacking any company that just may happen to wish consumers a happy holidays in ad campaigns.

While they certainly are in the right on issues such as schools banning references to Christmas but not other holidays, I think this side tends to be unfair as well. The season includes more than one holiday, even for those (undoubtedly the vast majority of Americans) who do celebrate Christmas. New Year's eve is only five days after. Valentine's day and Easter are also generally considered part of the holiday season. Of course, there's also the fact that Jews celebrate Hanukkah rather than Christmas. If you're trying to attract the maximum amount of customers in an ad campaign, it's completely reasonable to wish everyone happy holidays rather than a merry Christmas.

Now, I don't want to come off as a Grinch myself and be too argumentative. I simply want to discourage others from getting too caught up in this debate. While both sides do have legitimate points, I think they also do go too far, especially when they try to proselytize others. Now that I've hopefully gotten my point across, I'd like to encourage everyone to have happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy the rest of the holidays as well, in whatever manner you choose to do so.

Derek Dobachesky is a self-appointed member of the Christmas/holiday argument Gestapo.

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women who have gone through abortion. You can read them by going to silentnomoreawareness.org. You will hear the trauma and heartache that these women went through after an abortion. They are "silent no more." They are trying to help other women of today to not make the same mistake they made. Their message is clear, and they want

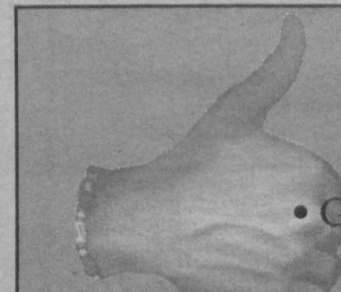
the women of today to have the baby despite of what others say. Pro-abortion advocates say it's a woman's right to choose, and that it is free choice. However, as stated earlier, there didn't appear to be much freedom of choice from those who felt forced into an abortion. So please go to the Web site and call 1-800-395-HELP if you are pregnant, confused and scared. There is help available!

Michael Rachiele, of Pittsfield, Mass.

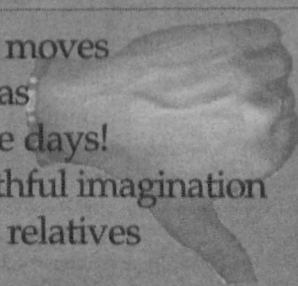
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Thankful for TV Grateful for TiVo

By David Dauphinee & Brett Sowerby

It was the pencil drop heard round the world when, on Nov. 5, at 12:01 a.m., TV and Motion Picture writers everywhere traded in their laptops and number twos for protest lines and picket signs. This protest doesn't come as a surprise to anyone, or at least it shouldn't, considering the buzz it's made throughout the entertainment industry over the last few months. What does this mean for us as collegiate consumers of pop culture? One word: reruns. Sadly this does not only affect traditional shows — the likes of "CSI," "Heroes" or "The Office" — but also extends to late night shows — "Late Night with David Letterman" and "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart."

The last time there was a writers' strike — before many college students had cognitive memories — was in 1988. That strike lasted 22 weeks and cost the entertainment industry \$500 million and about 10% of television viewers. Considering inflation, that would be about \$1 billion today. Now, 20 years later, the current strike is expected to cost twice as much if it lasts as long.

The reason for this strike is due largely to the exponential growth in how, as viewers, we watch our entertainment. Just within the last five years television programs offered on DVD have surpassed movie sales in the same format, and it was only three short years ago that iTunes started offering select ABC shows for downloading. Now, there isn't a major network out there that doesn't offer some form of stream viewing for its major shows. The problem with this is that the networks aren't offering any residuals for any of it, including DVD sales.

"Residuals are the amount a writer gets paid every time an episode or movie they wrote is rebroadcast," Miles Millar, co-creator/writer of television's "Smallville" and the movie "Spiderman 2," stated in an e-mail to fans. He further explained that writers get no residuals or royalties from any streaming network sites or even others that offer them in a download format.

"I think we can all agree, that is unfair. The majority of writers in our guild are middle class. They live paycheck to paycheck. Residuals are what get you through the lean times, so that you can continue doing what you love for as long as you can."

The effects of the writers strike, however, won't truly be seen by viewers until mid January to mid February. Due to the production schedule of many

programs, scripts are done several weeks ahead of time. From then on out it's all technical crew production until the show hits the airwaves or the Internet, as is the problem. For shows such as "Lost" and "24" this might prove to be either a blessing or a curse. While having been in production for several months, neither show premieres till January, at which point everything else will be phasing out of new content. The downside to this is that viewers who have been waiting several months to see two of network TV's highest rated shows might only get a few episodes before the strike's effects come to light.

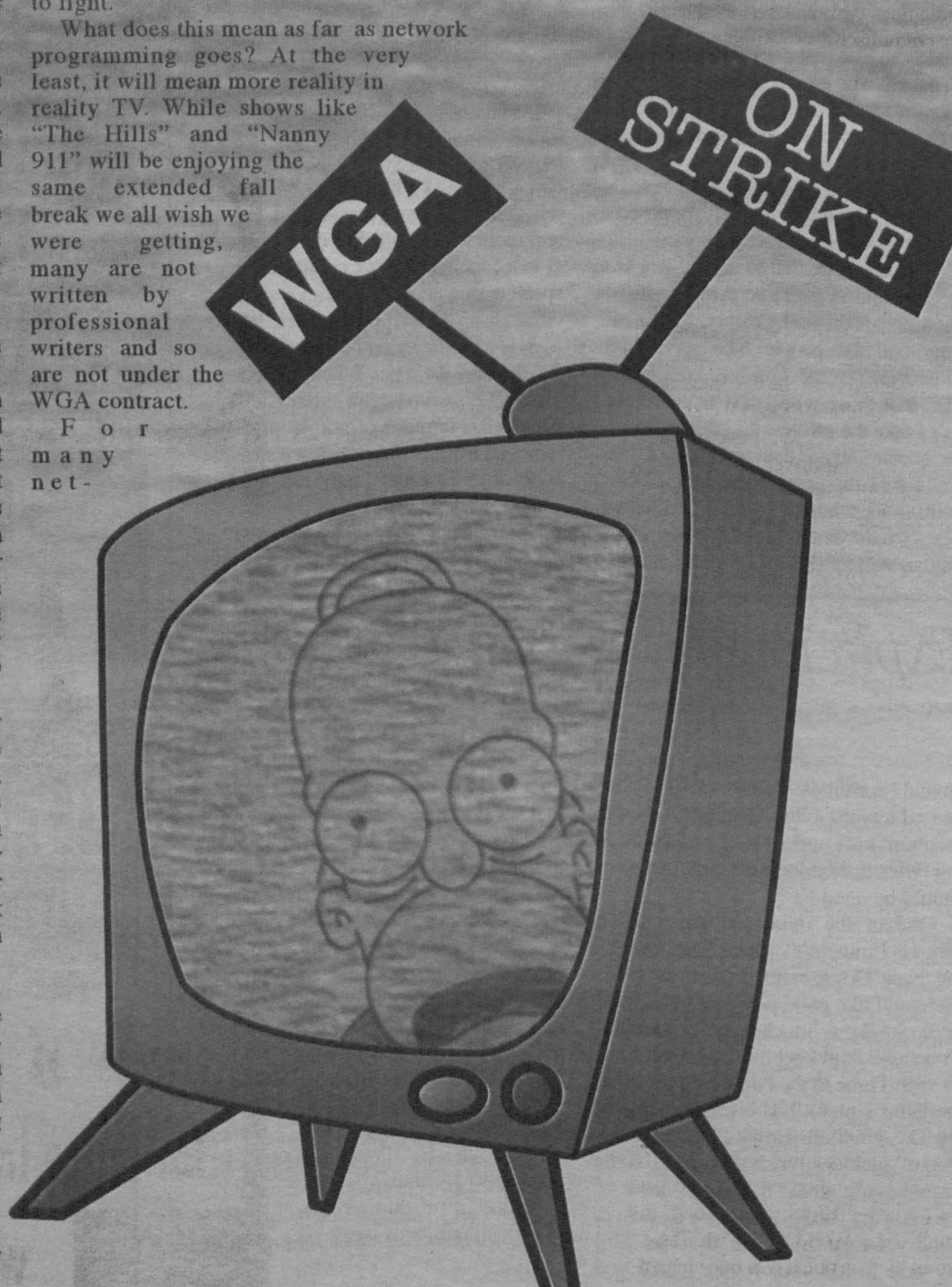
What does this mean as far as network programming goes? At the very least, it will mean more reality in reality TV. While shows like "The Hills" and "Nanny 911" will be enjoying the same extended fall break we all wish we were getting, many are not written by professional writers and so are not under the WGA contract.

For many net-

works, the threat of going up against "American Idol" has always been scary, but now with the threat of having no new programming to combat it with, Fox network will be taking in large portions of advertising revenues that could pull it out from under the long time Big Three networks.

In the motion picture corner of this arena, many projects have been green lit based solely on the threat of a writers strike. Such is the case with the upcoming

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Pete plays 'Lounge; hides nipple rings



The Maine Campus ♦ Kelsey Houdlette
Pete Kilpatrick, before his show at 103 Ultra Lounge.

By Andy Wright

Word of advice when going to a show at a small venue such as the 103 Ultralounge: go early. By early I mean when the doors open. If you're lucky, it will be just you and a couple of kids. Then, if you are really lucky you'll catch the headlining artist as he's setting up his CD table. When I finally got in, I talked to the main event himself, Pete Kilpatrick.

As for the opener, he went by the name of Roy Davis. Davis looked and sounds like Brandon Flowers from the band The Killers. He took to the stage with neighborly intimacy, yet still was extremely confident and talented. His first song was "We'll Always Be," a ballad that every driving scene in a movie could use. It's a mix between Johnny Cash and The Killers, an odd yet powerful combination.

Song two was the title track of his upcoming album "Dead Weight," on shelves Nov. 18. With this emotion-packed, guitar-driven song, no one would want to miss out on the experience. After a short lull in the activity side of things, and with loving words between Davis and some female members of the crowd, it was time for "Further and Further" to get a chance to rock the audience. A bluegrass/folk/country song mixed perfectly with Davis' wavering vocals.

Davis finished up the show with a song that felt like the bassist, Bernie Nye, and the drummer, Kerry Ryan of Jeremiah Freed fame, were kicking you in the chest. Lead guitarist Calvin Goodale got to really have some fun with "Hard Decline." By the end of this song, everybody was raving around on the dance floor and there may or may not have been a few panties left on stage for Kilpatrick to pick up.

When this man stepped on stage he demanded my full attention, but in that yoda-like way where one wonders what he's going to say next. To falsely set a mood of calm and perfection, Kilpatrick performed his song "The World in a Fish Tank." From then on out, it was one big jam-

fest of requests and solos. This guy knew how to make great music, and his guitarist Zach Jones sure knew how to take things up a notch. The lead guitarist from As Fast As took over in a few songs, practically telling Kilpatrick when his song was done. It was well worth it; his solos had the crowd pumped and ready to hear the next Kilpatrick song queued up.

Kilpatrick's music is a mix of Mat Kearney and Jason Mraz, part acoustic, part pop, part jam band. The first request was "Vision is Hazy," an old song that the band hadn't played since 2001 or so, Kilpatrick claimed. That didn't stop them from playing it and making up for a lack of continuity with solos that would make anyone want to rock out.

Then came "Wrinkle in My Heart," shouted over by women trying to get Kilpatrick to take off his shirt so they could see his nipple piercing. Don't believe them? Go out and buy his latest album, "Louder than the Storm." The song was about a scarecrow and a snowman that fell in love. It's touching, but hard to take too seriously when Kilpatrick tries to do a low grave voice for the snowman.

Then, for a brief break for the vocals, the band played some "dirty stripper music," coming back with their famous rap/rock mix.

Kilpatrick finished things off with "Wells Beach House," and after his two-hour stint with the audience's hearts and bodies, he was off as quickly as he came, but not without a goodbye and a handshake from just about every onlooker. He even sold most of his CD's that night. If you want to hear this man in action with some of his best recordings you can listen to him, and his "good friend" Davis, on MySpace at www.myspace.com/petekilpatrick and www.myspace.com/roydavis. In addition, you should definitely check out As Fast As at www.myspace.com/asfastasmusic. You can find all of these artists on Facebook and iTunes as well.

Not all about small pox & genocide

By Brett Sowerby

Thanksgiving isn't necessarily a strictly American tradition. Although it has gone by many different names, the idea of Thanksgiving has been celebrated for a few millennia in countries all over the world – even Canada has one – with the intent to show gratefulness to another year gone by and a stored crop to show for it.

In ancient China, there was a birthday party for the moon. The ancient Chinese saw a rabbit when they looked upon the surface of the moon, so to show their respect to the celestial body, special cakes were made and rabbit effigies were stamped on top.

The Hebrew population had their own harvest holiday, celebrated shortly after the important holy day Yom Kippur. This celebration also dealt with the full moon. Although not as widely observed, Sukkot traditionally consisted of building small huts and hanging fruits and vegetables in memory of Moses and the Israelites wandering for 40 years.

Credited with teaching mankind how to grow and prepare crops, Demeter was the Greek goddess of the bountiful harvest. In much the same way as is celebrated today, the early Greeks held feasts in the name of Demeter, showing their gratitude for another year of successful crops.

The Romans had a similar celebration, paying homage to their version of Demeter, Ceres – from which the English word "cereal" was derived, seeing as she is the goddess of corn and other grains.

As most of us were taught in early grade school, American Thanksgiving was based off the first Europeans to successfully survive in North America. After incurring huge losses in their population during their first year, the Plymouth settlers – later dubbed Pilgrims – held a celebration for having an unstinted harvest. Traditionally, we were told that this celebration was the coming together of Native Americans and English settlers, but in reality, the Pilgrims invited the leader of the closest tribe, Massasoit, among others, to attempt to assuage their already strained relationship.

For a short time, it held; the natives of the area joined in festivities. This first Thanksgiving actually lasted three days where a significant quantity of woodland fowl – turkeys – were consumed. In return for the hospitality shown by the pilgrims, Massasoit had several of his men kill deer as a sign

of appreciation.

Although many U.S. presidents made proclamations celebrating Thanksgiving – including George Washington, who thought the day should be observed to acknowledge our opportunity to live in a free state – it was not made an official federal holiday until Abraham Lincoln declared it during the Civil War. After that, Franklin D. Roosevelt set the federal holiday as the fourth Thursday in November.

Nowadays, most Americans don't use the day to remember what a great country we live in. Instead, we use it as a chance to catch up with family and friends, eat until we fall asleep and watch football games that inevitably end in us sleeping.

"It's a time to spend with my family," Tim Roberts, a senior kinesiology and physical education major, said. "It's a time to remember the good things in life, to take a break and spend time with my nieces and nephews."

Megan Kirkpatrick, a junior business major, echoed Roberts' sentiment. "It has a lot to do with family," she said. "[For me] it's all about getting together with the family we still have."

Seeing as many students choose to stay on campus for Thanksgiving, avoiding the potentially lethal traffic heading home and back, this idea of family extends to close friends as well. Many students will be doing it alone this year. Sophomore Becky Cartwright said this will be her first Thanksgiving away from home. "I'll miss my family, but a friend invited me to have dinner with her family," she pointed out, indicating that as long as someone's around, there's still a lot to be thankful for.

Because this holiday is actually a time where we ought to be looking at what is good in our lives, there is no need to be tied to the idea of having turkeys. Cooking a full turkey in a resident hall would be a challenge best avoided. Perhaps a smaller bird might suffice, such as a chicken or game hen. Also, many side dishes come in cans, providing easily created accoutrements to an on-campus dinner feast.

Despite holiday status, several establishments will still be open on Thanksgiving, usually until about 3:00 p.m., so get out early, or plan on staying in with some close friends, and give thanks for the simple things in life.

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UMaine's 'Happy Feet'

By Sophia Tam

The dance department had a brand new dance show Thursday night in Minsky Hall.

The dance show — Emerging Works — “is a new series this year,” Ann Ross, the director of the dance department, said. “It gives dancers a chance to show what they have created and what they are working on for our main showcase in the fall.”

Emerging Work provided a preview of the fall dance showcase to the teachers and to the audience. “Some dances you see tonight are going to be in the fall dance showcase in December,” Ross said.

Performing in the main showcases, such as the fall and spring dance performances, is not enough for energetic University of Maine dancers. Emerging Works acted as a warm up for the main showcases. The dancers had a chance to show their unfinished work in a relaxed setting. “I think it’s great. It gives them an opportunity to show it informally and it is how the fall showcase starts out,” Laren Lynn, UMaine dance teacher, said.

Not all the dancers had the opportunity to perform in the showcase in the past years, according to the president of UMaine dance club, Elizabeth Damon. There was no audition for dancers to participate in Emerging Works. This meant all the dancers had a fair chance to show their talents to the UMaine community.

Due to the limited seats in the Hauck Auditorium, there was a large amount of people who weren’t able to see the spring showcase last year.

“There was a long line for tickets. You had to go really early to get in,” said Justin Ouellette, an audience member of last year’s spring showcase. The idea of increasing showcases helped relieve this problem.

There were 12 performances in Emerging Works, varying in type: salsa, Jazz, Modern, lyrical, swing and Hip Hop.

Most of the dances were presented by the UMaine dance club. Performances usually lasted for about a minute and were not polished pieces.

The longest performance “Seasons,” which lasted for more than two minutes, was presented by the UMaine Dance Club. Performers were dancing in four groups; each group presented one season. The group of 30 got the most applause.

Other performances were presented by on-campus dance clubs, dance classes and individual student groups. The fast-paced dance, “Bugle Boy” was performed by the Swing Club; an untitled Jazz performance was done by the intermediate Jazz class taught by UMaine instructor, Terry Lacy; a Hip Hop dancing piece, “The way I am,” was performed by a duo, Amanda Fahey and Danielle Reider.

“The series is an enormous success. We’re definitely going to keep this,” Ross said after the show. There will be two more intramural dance shows in the spring semester. The fall dance showcase will be on December 13 and 14 in the Hauck Auditorium. UMaine students with a MaineCard can see this great show for free.

Strike from page 1

ing feature film, “X-Files.” After years of contract disputes with Fox, the long awaited film sequel based on the TV series is now in production. “X-Files” creator Chris Carter admitted the reason for the film’s resurrection from contract negotiation hell in an interview with Entertainment Weekly last week.

“If we don’t do it now and the strike was protracted, it would force the movie to come out several years from now,” he said. “And that was too late. It was either now or never.”

So, in a sense, it’s not all bad kids. Sure, we may be subject to watching “The View” in primetime come January, but then again, luckily for us, “Dancing with the Stars” will be immune to the same horrifying fate of many reality television programming. And, is more of Tom Bergeron ever really a bad thing?

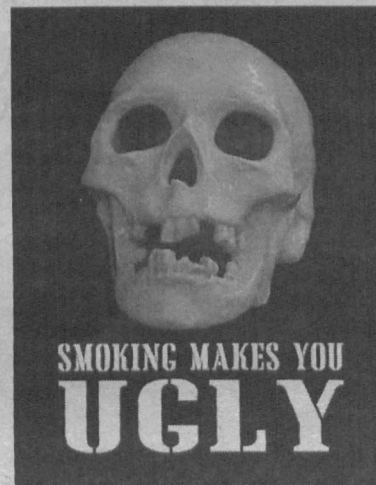
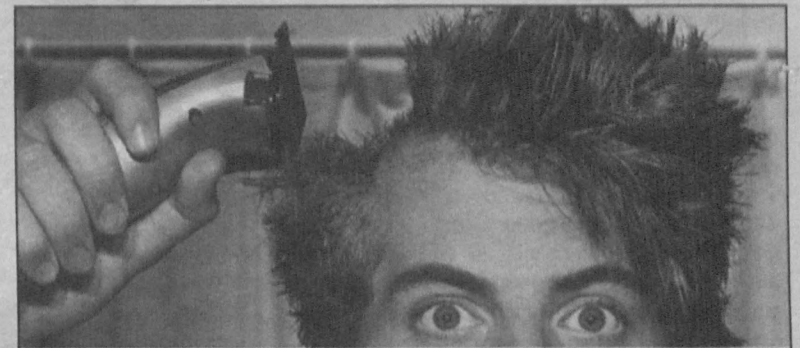


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Robin Williams, joins members of the W.G.A. on the picket line.



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March 21 to April 20

Should the chance arise for you to leave on a short trip together with your loved one, don't hesitate! You need to pay more attention to your love life, anyway.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

You will be very convincing and will get along very well with everybody around. You may negotiate contracts and sign official documents. You are advised to arm yourself with patience. Don't expect immediate benefits!

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

This is a favorable day for meeting with friends. You have good chances to solve a family issue. You are very enthusiastic and willing to start working on a new task. If facing difficulties, you should ask an older person for help.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

You will have a very busy time, but you will manage to achieve everything you set out to. You are advised to take advantage of such favorable circumstances, but avoid exaggerations. You need to rest more.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

People will appreciate your reliability and seek your advice. This is a good time for making new friends. You are advised to take advantage of this favorable time.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

This morning you might have to leave on a trip in a personal interest, which will improve your sentimental relationship. You will meet a person who will share with you his/her business experience.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

You will be in a very good mood, and your communication skills will be great today. You will be able to offer help and advice to people in your circle.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

In the afternoon you will have to make a major decision concerning your sentimental relationship. You are advised to rely on intuition.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Admit that you have been self-centered! You are advised to pay more attention to your sentimental relationship.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

The efforts over the last period of time will start showing their results. You will have special satisfactions in the social and financial departments. Reliability and attention to detail will bring you success.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

You are determined to take on new responsibilities. Intellectual activities are favored today.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

Relationships with friends and relatives are favored today. You may run into a person whom you have not seen for a long time.

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By Travis Dandro



Pucky boo - boo (cont.)

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Last - Ditch Effort

By John Kroes



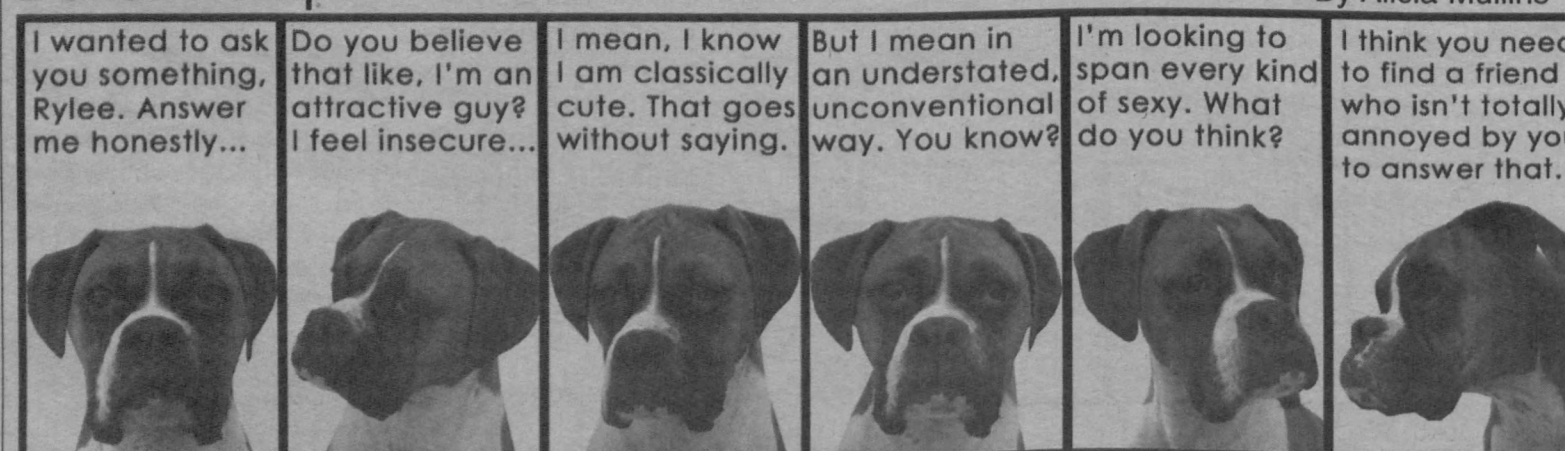
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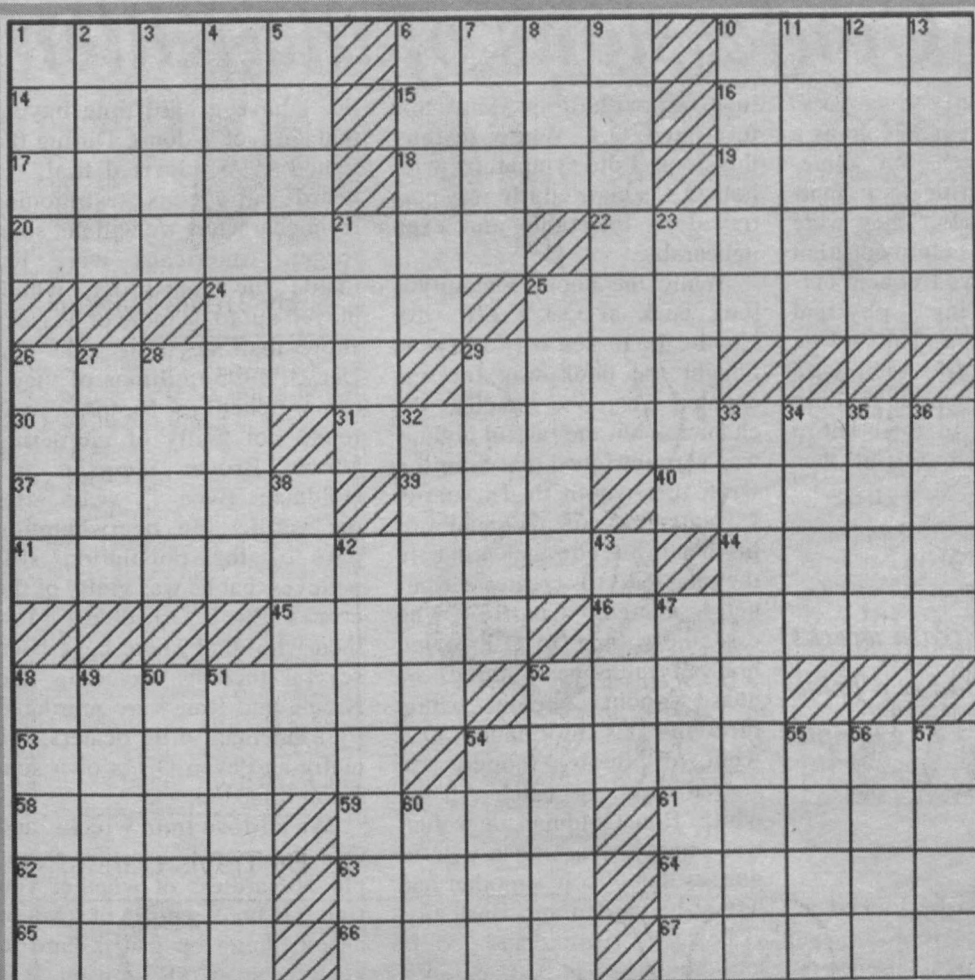
By Rick LaPlante



Boxer Romps

By Alicia Mullins





ACROSS

- 1 Central courts of ancient Roman houses
 6 Indian prince
 10 Exchange for money
 14 Middays
 15 Double sulfate of aluminum
 16 Stepped
 17 Initial wagers
 18 Traditional form of Hindu music
 19 Member of the lily family
 20 Cloisters (oneself)
 22 Glossy cotton fabric
 24 Chieftain
 25 Climbs 26 Erased
 29 Place
 30 "____ Blanc" = tallest peak in Europe
 31 Exaggerated
 37 Artistic theme
 39 A long time
 40 French for "School"
 41 Devotee of a sport or pastime
 44 Burial vault
 45 Experience
 46 While 48 Person who tends cattle
 52 Eastern European people
 53 From one side to the other
 54 Barely adequate
 58 Hack
 59 Hindmost part of an animal
 61 Slight furrows
 62 French for "Head"
 63 Sea eagle
 64 Fewest
 65 Angers
 66 Consider
 67 S S S

DOWN

- 1 Literary collections
 2 Musical note
 3 Officer training classes
 4 Inflexible
 5 Take to be true
 6 More scarce
 7 "Oh my!"
 8 Pitcher
 9 Gathers
 10 Express in speech
 11 "Stormy Weather" composer Harold _____
 12 Won every trick in the card game "Lanterloo"
 13 Paradises
 21 A queen of Carthage (from Virgil's "Aeneid")
 23 Severe
 25 Broadcasted
 26 Actress _____ Thompson
 27 House "covering"
 28 Against
 29 Acceptable under the law
 32 Bladed
 33 Turns on
 34 Implement
 35 Trees with rough serrated leaves
 36 Amount owed
 38 Small shrill flutes 42 Unit of magnetic field strength
 43 "Wise" birds
 47 Bother or harangue
 48 Desert "trees"
 49 Brownish-yellow color
 50 Composed reading material
 51 Expectations or desires
 52 Center of the witchcraft trials
 54 Evergreen tree
 55 Support undergarments
 56 A short form of the name "Elizabeth"
 57 Consumes
 60 Metric unit of area

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CAN POLICE SEARCH MY BEDROOM WHEN I AM NOT HOME?

Your roommate can consent to police searching the common areas of the apartment, such as the living room; however your roommate cannot provide police consent to search your bedroom. Exceptions would be if you and your roommate shared a bedroom, the police have a search warrant which includes the search of your bedroom, or if there was some emergency requiring police entry.

Advice Girl

How can one function in class with 5 hours of sleep?

Well, this question is kind of broad. I guess the first step to addressing the problem is to get to the source. Why are you only getting five hours of sleep? Try going to bed earlier or taking naps when you have some free time in the afternoon. If you are having insomnia troubles, see if you can get an appointment at Cutler or with your doctor at home. Wake yourself up for class with a brisk walk, some coffee or a snack. You've already paid for your classes, and you are here to learn, so try your best to get enough sleep to be effective in class you'll be glad you did when exam time rolls around.

My roommate and I rented the Microfridge. We each paid half of the rent price. My roommate always fills up the fridge with her food, so I can't put anything in it. I really like my roommate, and I don't want her angry with me, but I want to use what I paid for! What do I do?

You're smart to not want to upset your roommate, but as equal renters of the Microfridge, you've got to share. Just mention it to her casually: "How about I put my stuff on the bottom shelf and you put yours on the top?" or "Do you think you could rearrange your food so I can fit this salad in here?". With a little subtlety, she should get the picture, and you can get your rightful share of the fridge. Good luck.

I am not an auditory learner, and I have trouble getting information from lectures. Could you give me some tips on listening and taking notes?

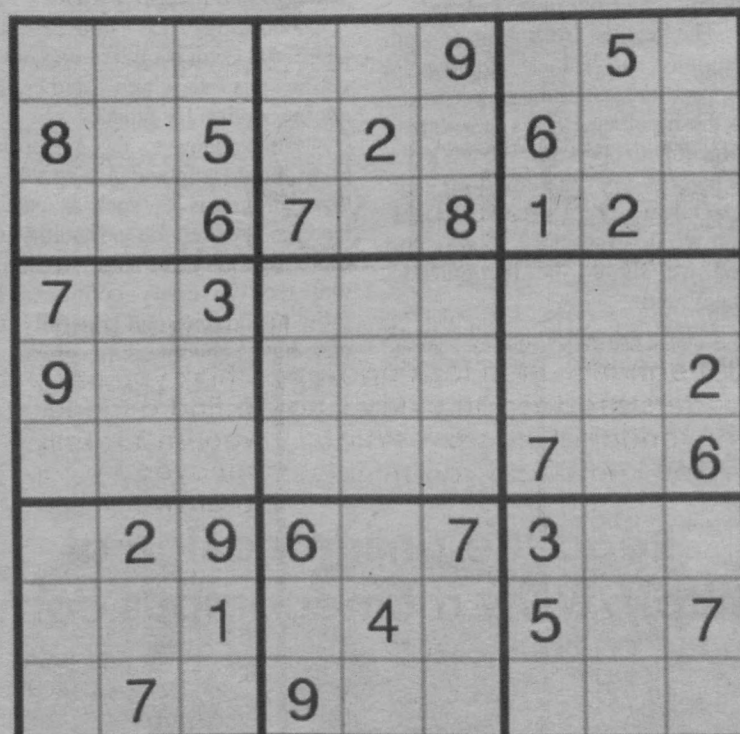
Pick up a cheap tape recorder and ask your professors if they mind you recording the lectures. Then, you can listen to the tapes later at your own pace, rewinding if you need to as you transcribe your notes. The only other option is to buddy up with a classmate and go over your notes with him or her and make sure you've got the important information. Many teachers assistants are also willing to go over the material with you, so let them know if you need help.

My best friend (and roommate) has had a crush on a girl since he met her a few months ago. Lately, she's been flirting with me a lot. She's really hot, and I wouldn't mind dating her. Would that be wrong?

This is one of those situations that is totally up to you. Which do you value more? Your friendship or this "hot" girl? If you think she is really worth it, go for it, but you have no one to blame but yourself if the rest of the semester sucks because your roommate hates your guts.

Got a predicament? Need some help?
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O.J. Simpson's *If I Did It: Confessions of the Killer*

By Danielle Young

I've always been convinced that O.J. Simpson got away with murder. I remember watching the trial when I was just a little girl and thinking he was a filthy murderer. In September, Simpson's highly anticipated book "If I Did It: Confessions of the Killer," a hypothetical look at how he would have killed his ex-wife and Ron Goldman, was released to the general public. I was apprehensive about purchasing this book, but in the end I'm glad I did. My opinion of O.J. has remained unchanged.

I still think he committed those murders, but I found myself sympathizing with him regarding his turbulent marriage to Nicole Brown. Whether or not he committed the crime, this book captured my attention, and I was unable to put it down (even if I received strange looks for reading it).

The publication of this book is a story of its own. Originally set for a November 2006 release, HarperCollins pulled the book from publication before it could be released after the public learned that O.J. Simpson would be profiting millions of dollars from the project. The Goldman Family ended up with the rights to the book after a long court battle and was originally planning to keep the book from ever being published.

Following much thought and viewing the book as essentially a confession, the Goldman Family finally decided to go ahead with its publication. Partial proceeds of the books sales go to the Ron Goldman Foundation for Justice.

In the Prologue, O.J.'s ghostwriter, Pablo Fenjves, describes the eerie and chilling accounts of sitting in a room for hours on end, listening to O.J.'s story. Simpson said from the beginning that this was not a confession, only a hypothetical scenario of what he would have done that night. Fenjves often described Simpson as skittish and uneasy during their time together, but usually he would end the day with a smile. Ghostwriters, Fenjves said, were liked unlicensed therapists. Before narrating this book, Fenjves believed Simpson to be guilty, and his mind wasn't changed after the completion of the project.

So what would O.J. have done? How would he have killed Nicole and Ron? Before any of these questions are answered, O.J. provides the reader with an in-depth look at his life with Nicole Brown Simpson. O.J. actually met Nicole when she was waitressing at a local restaurant; she was only 18 at the time. Their courtship started immediately after their first encounter, but they didn't get

married until nearly seven years later. O.J. describes Nicole as a wonderful mother, but somewhat bipolar during their marriage and later after they were divorced. O.J. claimed that Nicole would have frequent outbursts, including physical attacks against O.J. He said he resented his profile as a wife abuser, when he claims he only hit Nicole once in their entire time together. He felt it was

We all love train wrecks, and O.J. Simpson is a prime example.

unfair for him to be looked at this way when Nicole was clearly the abuser in the relationship.

Later on, when they divorced, Nicole and O.J. formed somewhat of a strange bond. She would tell him about all the guys she was seeing and would even go as far as to ask him for dating advice. O.J. claims he was concerned with the way Nicole began acting after their divorce, frequently calling him and pleading for him to take her back. She had reportedly been

involved with drugs, and this infuriated O.J. While reading this book, I did sympathize with how O.J.'s married life was portrayed as miserable and even unbearable.

While the book is mainly a look back at O.J.'s life with Nicole, the reason why everyone bought the book was for one chapter. Yes, one chapter: the chapter about the fateful night. I was very intrigued that Simpson wrote this hypothetical scenario. I wanted to know the insides of his head, his criminal mind. In the chapter, O.J. creates a character named "Charlie" who essentially came to O.J. to tell him all these nasty things he heard about Nicole. Upon receiving this information, O.J. went to Nicole's condo and started a yelling match. All the while, Ron Goldman, a waiter, was simply returning a pair of glasses that Nicole's mother had left at his restaurant. Basically, O.J. says Charlie had a knife with him, so he took it, and then he blanks. He next remembers holding a bloody knife and seeing the bodies of Ron and Nicole near him. He never really completely explains himself at this point, but doesn't believe he could have done the dirty deed.

The murders were described as only the real killer could have retold. It is unsettling how his words are so real, yet he wants to make you believe it is all a

lie. I have a hard time buying that. In fact, I don't. During the famed 1995 televised trial, we heard outrageous testimonies from characters we will not soon forget. Americans were led inside the courtroom, which played out to be more of a circus show than anything else. On Oct. 3, 1995, millions of viewers watched as Simpson was found not guilty of murdering Nicole Brown Simpson and Goldman. Even 12 years after the verdict, an overwhelming part of the population still believes that he was guilty of the crimes. But if O.J. didn't do it, then who did? There have been several theories including that Nicole and Ron were murdered by a hit man, drug dealers, the mafia and even O.J.'s own son, Jason Simpson.

We all love train wrecks, and O.J. Simpson is a prime example. Regardless of whether you find this book a piece of trash or an intriguing read, it is hard to keep our eyes off Simpson. It is hard to look away at the opportunity to divulge into the mind of an alleged criminal. Put all opinions about O.J. Simpson aside and read this book. As I said earlier, I still find him to be guilty, but the human side of Simpson is what drew me in and kept me reading. If nothing else, buy the book knowing Simpson won't see a penny of the profit. He has to be outraged.

Hockey

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the Warriors. The third period would lead to the Black Bears' undoing. Over a 10-minute span, Merrimack had a flurry of opportunities and put away four unanswered goals. The eventual game-winner was buried by Matt Jones off a rebound at the 6:34 mark. Merrimack then took the momentum for good with goals by Kurtis Astle, Derek Pallardy and Chris Barton. While Maine out-shot the Warriors 32-26 for the game, Merrimack made theirs count. Bishop finished with 19 saves in 50 minutes of action, and Dave Wilson added two saves in nine minutes.

On Saturday, Maine looked to

rebound with a win, but Merrimack did not let up its intensity. Looking to keep the momentum rolling, they were able to strike first at the 7:19 mark. Mounting a strong attack, the Warriors had the puck in front of the net and were unloading a barrage of shots on Bishop. He stopped several of them, but Matt Jones was finally able to gather a rebound and put it past the goalie.

It seemed that the Black Bears just needed a little motivation because they were able to tie up the game just over two minutes later. Matt Duffy gained possession of the puck by the opponents blue line off of a face-off. He unleashed a laser that caught the Warriors' net-minder off guard and found the back of the net.

Just like in the first game, the teams were tied at 1-1 heading into the second period. They bat-

ted for an even 20 minutes, each putting nine shots on net, but neither team was able to move ahead. As the third period began, the situation seemed far too similar to the night before. Sure enough, Merrimack was able to knock in the go-ahead goal at the 9:59 mark. The Warriors had been on a power-play due to a hooking penalty on Maine, and Rob Ricci was able to put away an unassisted goal. There would be no additional scoring, but it's all Merrimack needed to seal the 2-1 victory. The Warriors finished with a 25-23 advantage in shots, and Bishop registered 23 saves for the Black Bears.

This Sunday, Maine returns to Orono for a conference battle against Vermont. The team will be looking to break this skid and move up in the conference rankings.

Cheering

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tem."

Fundraising is a big part of the UMaine cheerleaders' time. At community events and UMaine football, basketball and hockey games, they sell raffle tickets and pass the megaphone for donations. Fundraising usually brings the cheerleading team about \$22,000 annually.

"Even though raising money is really stressful because sometimes we think we won't make enough, we always pull through. That's what teams do," Daley said.

Kimball agreed but admitted, "It is hard being a full-time college student and spending so much time fundraising all year. It's also a lot of money out of our own pockets."

The team's frustration is with the university's lack of financial support and recognition, according to the members. "This is a touchy subject with our team. We work just as hard as any other sport on campus, but we don't get the recognition we deserve. It's a tough sport and we should be recognized," Daley said.

James acknowledged the work ethic of the squad. "The cheerlead-

ers are a wonderful part of the University of Maine. The cheerleaders, along with the band, give the right feel at games, and they get the crowd involved," he said.

To cheer at nearly 80 athletic events each season, the team practices an average of 10 hours per week. Finding a regular schedule and location is an issue for a squad that is not considered a UMaine sport.

"Because we're not a 'sport,' we can't pick our schedules early around practice times, so we always end up having people not at practice," Daley said. "We have 6 a.m.'s twice a week. Right now, we practice three days a week at different times, but during basketball season, practices will increase to five days. Then the closer we get to nationals, the more days we practice. The two weeks before Daytona, we have seven days a week at EMCC."

According to James, the Memorial Gym is undergoing renovations this fall, which could create another option for practice.

"The updates to the Memorial Gym should help and give space for other programs — such as cheerleading — and the possibility of more flexibility," he said. "We hope that the university continues to grow in all areas, and hopefully we can have cheerleading grow as well."

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Women's ice hockey struggles

By Danielle Young

The University of Maine women's ice hockey team dropped its game against conference rival University of Connecticut Friday night, 4-2. UMaine's record falls to 1-11-1 overall and 0-3-1 in Hockey East, while UConn improved to 11-2-0 overall and 4-2-0 in conference play.

In the first period, UConn opened up the scoring when Bridget King took a shot past UMaine goaltender Genevieve Turgeon 13:11 into the period. UMaine evened the score late in the first when junior Vanessa Vani took a pass from sophomore teammate Taryn Peacock and shot past goalie Brittany Wilson. Maine outshot UConn 14-10 in the first period.

In the second period, the Huskies took back the lead after

Jacyln Hawkins scored off a rebound from Liz Gallinaro. Bridget King also assisted on the play. The Huskies outshot the Black Bears 17-7 in the second.

In the final period of the

Women's Ice Hockey

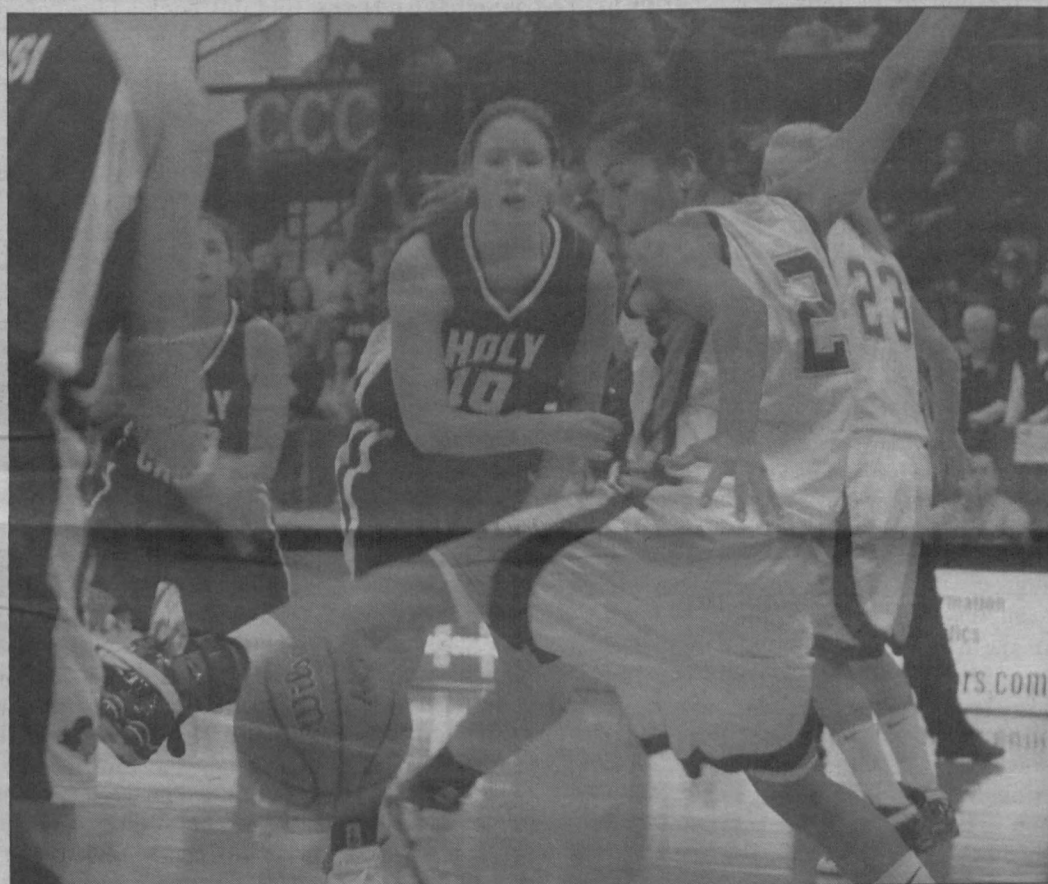
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game, Black Bear first-year Jennie Gallo scored her first collegiate goal off assists by seniors Pam Patterson and Robyn Law. The goal resulted in a tie, but it didn't last very long. Just 10 seconds later, the Huskies took back the lead when Nicole Tritter snuck the eventual game-

winning goal past Turgeon. UConn added a security goal minutes later after a turnover in the offensive zone lead to an unassisted goal. Maine outshot UConn in the final period 12-9.

Turgeon made 32 saves on the night. The game was Turgeon's 53rd in her career, putting her in sole possession of third all time on the games played list. Huskies goaltender Wilson tallied 31 saves.

Maine's next home game will take place Tuesday night against Boston University. Game time is set for 7 p.m. at Alfond Arena. The Black Bears are asking all fans to wear white in attempt to "White Out the Alfond." The first 300 fans will receive a free shirt from WVOM. The SAAC will also be collecting toys for Toys-For-Tots.



Rebekah Rhodes ♦ The Maine Campus

UMaine guard Kris Younan tries to keep the ball in-bounds during Sunday's game against Holy Cross.

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We still have a lot to work on but we're really excited about this year," Kilmurray said.

For those of you keeping score at home, yes, Cindy Blodgett and the Black Bears are undefeated at

home. They will try to stay that way, as the Black Bears will play their next three games at home before going the entire month of December without a home game.

At the time of this issue going to print, the Black Bears will be taking on Holy Cross in the Alfond on Sunday, Nov. 18. Their next matchup is slated for Nov. 23, at 7 p.m., as they take on

Harvard in the first round of the Dead River Company Classic at Alfond Arena. Maine can rest assured that every game they play this season will be a carefully scrutinized chapter in the saga of Coach Blodgett's return to Maine. However, based on Thursday night, they, as well as their coach, are ready for it.

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exchanged free throws, with Maine still down 81-82. Socoby forced a turnover with 26 seconds remaining and Maine took a timeout. Socoby came out of the timeout and scored off a drive from the wing on a pull-up, left-handed floater to put Maine up 83-82 with 15 seconds remaining. Andre took a charge with three seconds left and Socoby made two free throws after being fouled on the inbound. The Terriers missed a shot at the buzzer, and Maine

escaped with an 85-82 victory.

The Terriers were lead by Jamaal Womack with 30 points and Robert Hines with 29 points, six assists and three steals. Kayode Ayeni added 12 points. Brian Andre led the way for Maine with 28 points and seven rebounds, while Socoby had a superb game with 24 points, 12 rebounds, five assist, and five steals. Junior Bernal chipped in with 15 points, seven rebounds, nine assists and four steals. Jason Hight added 10 points for the Black Bears. Maine returns to action Tuesday, Nov. 20, at Quinnipiac at 7 p.m.

Football

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by junior defensive end Jovan Belcher, who had four sacks on the day. Belcher has won the CAA Defensive Player of the Week the past two weeks.

While the Black Bears do lose 12 seniors to graduation, they return 16 starters next season, including eight on each side of the ball. With several skill position players set to return among those starters including Fluellen, they will look to contend for the conference championship in the CAA.

Men's Basketball

7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 20,
vs. Quinnipiac
in Hamden, CT (NESN broadcast)

Noon, Saturday, Nov. 24,
vs. Northeastern
in Orono

Women's Basketball

7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 23,
Dead River Co. Classic vs.
Harvard
in Orono

Men's Ice Hockey

2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 25,
vs. Vermont
in Orono

Women's Ice Hockey

7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 20,
vs. Boston University
in Orono

2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 24,
vs. Vermont
in Burlington, VT

Women's Swimming

5:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 19,
vs. Bowdoin
in Brunswick, ME

Volleyball

6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 23,
vs. Marquette
in Milwaukee, WI

Noon, Saturday, Nov. 24,
vs. South Dakota State
in Milwaukee, WI

Three and Out

By Sean Hladick, Johnathon Madore and Steven Moran

From the minds of WMEB's newest sports talk show, "Three and Out," come three hot topics from the world of sports. It's your weekly pill for instant sports relief.

First Down: Words from Zen Master, causing a disaster

Winning nine world championships will grant you a little in a lee-way in what you can get away with saying. However, the comments made by Los Angeles Lakers' coach Phil Jackson, following their Tuesday night loss to the San Antonio Spurs, were crude and inexcusable. The Lakers gave up 13 three-pointers to their opponent, leading Jackson to comment, "We call this a 'Brokeback Mountain' game because there's so much penetration and kick-outs." This reference was to the 2005 film that won three Oscars and centered on two homosexual cowboys' concealed affair.

The comments, which Jackson meant to be "humorous," were in poor taste. While he did apologize, it was half-hearted and seemed quite insincere. The NBA should have done more to reprimand Jackson, who has gotten in trouble for unloading thinly veiled, bigoted remarks in the past. As with his derogatory comments about the urban African-American community last year, the "Zen Master" simply received a slap on the wrist. This pattern of bigotry is unacceptable. A serious fine or suspension would have Jackson thinking more about winning games and less about what sardonic and inappropriate comment he makes to the press. If the NBA does not act more aggressively in the future, they will be doing a terrible disservice to its fans.

- Steve

Second Down: Taking the 'man' out of sportsmanship

What is this, fourth grade kickball? Just when we thought it couldn't get any worse after Bill Belichick was accused of running up the score on the Redskins, it did.

Last weekend during a pre-game pep rally, Wyoming football coach Joe Glenn guaranteed a victory against Utah, their opponent later that day. Word of the guarantee got out to Utah and before long it was 40-0 Utah at the half. After a made field goal with 6:21 left in the third quarter, Utah coach Kyle Whittingham called for an onside kick. Wyoming recovered and Glenn promptly flashed the bird to the Utah sideline.

Mind you, these are college students, not professionals like the Patriots and Redskins who are paid to beat the crap out of each other. Talk about setting a good example.

This entire situation was handled horribly. Glenn's guarantee was intended to motivate his team, and Utah should have never run the score up. Guarantees are worthless these days anyway; just ask Gilbert Arenas. Wait, I believe Gilbert just guaranteed the entire world he was going to eat a hamburger; let's see if ESPN reports on that. But then the 43-0 onside kick crossed the line and Glenn expressed legitimate anger — granted, it was obscene. College football is supposed to be a place where boys become men, not where men turn into little boys.

- John

Third Down: The New Agent Zero

He's been sticking it to MLB teams for years now. Getting clients in such extreme bidding wars, his players often resemble mercenaries, not ballplayers. Now, in an unexpected twist, his clients are sticking it to him. The mighty Scott Boras is falling.

Baseball's super agent received a surprise after Alex Rodriguez took Warren Buffett's advice and went behind Boras' back to negotiate with the Yankees. Instead of breaking baseball owners' spirits with a \$350 million contract like he had hoped, his No. 1 client is in the process of signing a \$275 million contract, all without Boras even knowing.

If that wasn't enough, Kenny Rogers just handed Boras a pink slip. Granted, Rogers isn't in the same money or star bracket as Rodriguez, but he is still a dependable veteran pitcher, which is a commodity that's always in high demand.

The adage is, there's no such thing as bad press. However, an agent getting duped and fired by two clients in the first week of free agency is far from good press. Boras' hatred for the home-town discount — actually he hates the word discount altogether — burned him by running into two clients eager for just that.

You can be sure a few celebratory beverages were cracked by baseball General Managers this week: for once Scott Boras got a raw deal.

- Sean

Out:

You can catch us each Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on 91.9 FM, WMEB or read us each week right here in The Maine Campus. From Sean, John and Steve, we are three and we are out.

US Olympic runners chosen in NYC, tragedy mars event

By Dillon Bates

There are incredible feats of athleticism and then there are testimonials to the human body. The New York Marathon falls into the latter category. The most grueling event in athletics, very few humans are actually in condition to race the 26.2 miles.

In addition, every four years, the world's largest and longest running sporting event comes around: the summer Olympic Games.

As one can imagine, when these two superlatives of sport combine for the Olympic Trials, in which only the top three runners from every nation will qualify to represent their country on the world stage, it creates quite a spectacle. The U.S. trials are held in New York City, the cultural, and often the athletic epicenter of the country, in front of hundreds of thousands of live spectators.

A man named Phidippides ran the first marathon in ancient Athens, and the event became a centerpiece of the Olympic Games. In his day, Phidippides ran to spread news and request help for a battle. In 2007, the run itself was the battle.

Wandering around the streets of midtown Manhattan before 5 a.m. sounds crazy to some people, but my friend and I were crazy enough to have just bused 10 hours from Bangor to the Port Authority and weren't about to stop there. The U.S. Olympic Trials, the biggest sporting event in the U.S. in the last few years was being held at 7:30 a.m. in Central Park. We knew we were in for a show, but we didn't know just how dramatic that show would be. Before 10 a.m., we, along with the rest of the city, would be witness to every emotion from exuberance to tragedy.

The race, which consisted of the best 134 marathoners in the nation, started off in Rockefeller Center, and would enter Central Park about a mile later, to complete the rest of the course in a series of five five-mile loops. The race started out at a fairly pedestrian pace, with the pack averaging right around a five-minute mile for the first few miles. However, around five miles in, the favorites took the lead, Meb Keflezighi, the 2004 Silver Medalist in Athens among them. Other challengers were Dan Browne, a 2004 Olympian in the 10,000 meters, Khalid Khannouchi, another 2004 Olympian and former world record holder, Abdi Abdirahman, the favorite to win and Dathan Ritzenhein, a promising young runner. With them also was Ryan Hall, an NCAA National Champion in the 5,000 meters, but a young kid who had only ever run one marathon in his life.

At seven miles in, the lead pack began to break away from the crowd by reeling off Sub-5:00 miles. The next three miles were consecutively 4:56, 4:54 and 4:45. As the lead pack lifted, the New York crowd began to come to life, encompassing the course and screaming their support to the athletes flying by. Around 10 miles in, Khannouchi fell back, and

would never close the gap to run with the lead pack again. Brown, Meb, Ritzenhein, Hall and Abdi fed off of one another, taking turns leading the pack, which averaged high 4:50s until mile 13. At the 13-mile mark, the "kids" decided to try something. Though only halfway through the race, Hall and Ritzenhein started pushing the pace at mile 13. Though this strategy is sometimes questioned, as there was plenty of time left in the race for those two to run out of gas, they gambled anyway. It would pay off.

Browne, Meb and Abdi would drop back, waiting to make a move later. However, Hall and Ritzenhein were not about to wait for them; Hall took the lead, with

These three youthful racers are bright spots for the U.S.

in an event that is often a weak area for this country.

The most grueling event in sports awaits them on the world's biggest stage.

"Ritz" about 50 meters behind him. Knowing the more experienced runners behind them would finish strong, they decided to build up as much of a lead as they could. Hall took off, with Ritzenhein trying to follow, and, beginning at mile 13, laid down a mile split of 4:44, and would never be over 5:00 again. He ran in the 4:40s most of the way, including a 4:32 18th mile. At this point, Hall was in command, and wouldn't look back, winning his first ever Olympic Trials race in 2:09:02, an American Olympic Trials record.

The most dramatic battle of the day was for third, the final spot on the Olympic team. With all of the experienced runners slugging it out, nobody saw Brian Sell coming. A kid out of Michigan, Brian had quietly been running great

times for years, but received little attention compared to the star power of Meb, Abdi, Khannouchi and Browne. However, they were all about to learn who Sell was. Over a minute back at the 10-mile mark, he seemed out of contention. However, he wasn't fazed, and at mile 15 began a long drive to the front. As he slowly picked up ground on the pack of stars in front of him, who were all running sub-5:00 miles, he began picking them off, one by one, passing Browne in the last mile to take third, the last spot on the Olympic team, and completing what is arguably the greatest comeback in marathon history. The crowd was deafening as the runners came in, and it seemed all of New York City was celebrating at the finish line.

The 2008 U.S. Olympic team had been chosen. For these three men, years of hard work had paid off. For 131 others, heartbreak. As emotions ran wild with athletes, coaches and fans celebrating, hugging and crying, the din was quickly muffled by tragedy.

In an ironic flashback to the story of Phidippides, who had collapsed and died after completing one of his incredible runs, Ryan Shay, a five-time national road race champion, and a contender for an Olympic spot, had collapsed and died around the five-mile mark. The sobering news put a somber mood on the post-race party and press conference, as many athletes wept openly upon hearing the report.

Despite the terrible news, the U.S. had selected what is already being touted as one of the most powerful marathon teams in U.S. history. These three youthful racers are bright spots for the U.S. in an event that is often a weak area for this country. The most grueling event in sports awaits them on the world's biggest stage. Already feeling the pressure of a nation's expectations bearing down on them, these men will simply try to keep their heads clear and train for Beijing in 2008.

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Bears best Terriers in overtime

By Danny Bartlett

The University of Maine men's basketball team hosted the Terriers of St. Francis College Saturday night in a well-fought battle. It took all of regulation and one overtime period to decide the winner. The Black Bears came from behind late in the game to win 85-82 and are now 2-2 on the season.

The game began with a moment of silence for Harold Alfond, who passed away early Friday morning. Alfond was a major contributor to UMaine, and the Alfond Arena is named after him. A statue of him stands tall at the entrance to the football field.

The Black Bears, fresh off a convincing victory over Fisher College earlier in the week, began the game by winning the tip-off and scoring first off a strong drive to the basket by Junior Bernal. The two teams exchanged buckets until Maine found momentum behind a crowd-pleasing Brian Andre dunk and went on a run to go up 18-11 with under 13 minutes remaining in the first half. This would be the Black Bears' largest lead of the game.

The Terriers found a spark behind guard Jamaal Womack who made five three-pointers during a 16-9 run to even the score at 27-27 with 8:20 remaining in the first half. After an Andre lay up, the Terriers went on an 11-4 run to

go up 33-38. In the final three minutes of the first half Robby Hanzlik beat the shot clock for Maine with a baseline one-handed floater. Robert Hines made a three-pointer for the Terriers, but then Phil Tchekane Bofia found an open Andre for a strong dunk. With time winding down, Mark Socoby hit a three-pointer to put the Black Bears within one and set the score at 40-41.

The second half began much like the first half with both teams exchanging buckets to keep the game close. The Terriers used their three-point

utes. Socoby stole the ball with 1:16 remaining and after a time out Andre scored off a pass from Hight to put the Black Bears down 65-69. Kayode Ayeni made two free throws for the Terriers to put them up 65-71 with 56 seconds remaining. With 38 seconds remaining, Socoby hit a three-pointer from deep with a man in his face to put Maine within three. Ayeni made one free throw, which was followed by a drive to the basket by Hight who dished the ball to Andre for the score and a foul.

Andre sank his free throw to put Maine within in one with 14.6 seconds left. Womack made one free throw after a Maine foul to put the Terriers up 71-73 with 14 seconds left. A loose ball in front of the Maine basket was picked up by Bernal who was fouled on the shot attempt. Bernal missed both free throws and after multiple tries to tap it in, Socoby swooped in from the left side and tipped the ball in with 0.8 left on the clock, and the game notched at 73-73. The Terriers in-bounded the ball but Sean McNally deflected the pass sending the game into overtime.

In overtime, the Black Bears found themselves down 75-81 with under three minutes remaining but quickly fought back into the game with two scores from Bernal and Hight. Maine and St. Francis

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St. Francis	82

shooting to pull away from the Black Bears and enjoyed a 54-65 lead with 6:30 remaining in the game. Maine shifted the momentum in their favor with a tip-in basket by Andre and a defensive five seconds count forced by Socoby. Womack scored a three-pointer for the Terriers, but it was Jason Hight for Maine hitting back-to-back three-pointers assisted by Bernal to put the Black Bears down 63-67 with 3:28 remaining.

Hines drove to the basket for two and both teams did not score over the next two min-

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UM cheerleaders to get club recognition

By David Rhys Wilson

This month, the University of Maine cheerleading squad is finishing a probationary period that they needed to complete before gaining club status. With club status, UMaine cheerleading hopes student government will approve its request for nearly \$15,000 to cover equipment purchases and travel costs to Daytona, where it will compete in a national competition.

UMaine cheerleading is considered a tradition, with its annual funding coming from sponsors and fundraising by members of the team, with only a fraction of its annual budget coming from UMaine.

"We received some of the benefits of athletes [like use of the equipment and training rooms]. However, we were not considered athletes as far as the NCAA was concerned or for scholarships," head cheerleading coach Melinda Kenny said. "We receive a minimum amount of money annually from the Athletic Department [approximately \$2,700 for the year]. This money is used for travel and equipment. You must remember that one uniform for cheerleading costs approximately \$140 to \$160 and we need to have at least 24."

"By gaining club status, the squad will get a little bit of money from the school, compared to previ-

ous years when we were considered a tradition," cheerleader Candace Daley said. "Only now because we are a club, our coach can not make cuts like NCAA teams. Instead, she has to offer people other positions if not on the mat." [In the interest of full disclosure, Daley is also a writer for The Maine Campus.]

Despite representing the university at the national level, the team is still not considered a sport at UMaine, cheerleader Lauren Kimball said. As a result, the cheerleaders raise between \$21,000 - \$24,000 a year through fundraising and personal sponsors for uniforms and travel needs.

"As much funding goes to the 19 (Division 1) sponsored sports as possible. We respect their needs and wants as a program, but cheerleading is not one of those sports. There's only so much funding," UMaine Athletic Director Blake James said.

Even without university backing, the squad has competed nationally for five years. Each year, the costs of competitions rise and more money is needed to attend. This year is no exception.

"It costs about \$25,000 for us to get to Daytona, including airfare, bus travel and hotel stay," Daley said. On top of the Daytona trip for nationals, the team has to pay for uniforms, poms, mats to practice on, choreography and a sound sys-

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Black Bears, Blodgett tip Dartmouth at the Alford

With former player at helm, women's basketball squad comes out strong in first home game of 2007 season

By Dillon Bates

Had the magic really come home? That was the question on the minds of fans who showed up on Thursday night to see the University of Maine women's basketball team in action.

Cindy Blodgett, poster child for UMaine women's sports even years after she graduated, had finally returned to the Alford. Could UMaine's prodigal daughter bring the glory of her playing days back to Orono as a coach? If Thursday night's game was any indication, then the answer could be "yes."

In her home debut as head coach, Blodgett coached her team to a masterful 67-53 victory over the visiting Dartmouth Big Green in front of many of the same fans who had supported her as a player.

"The atmosphere was awesome. It's so much fun playing in front of a huge crowd with all the supporting fans," junior forward Colleen Kilmurray said. That huge crowd wasn't disappointed. The contest quickly became a statement for the Black Bears, as they led from wire to wire, taking the lead early and never looking back.



UMaine forward Tanna Ross tries to dribble by Holy Cross' defense.

Coach Blodgett's team came out swinging, as Kris Younan buried a three-pointer to start off the scoring. Perhaps the most notable aspect of the game, however, was the team's defense, as

they stifled Dartmouth's offense, forcing 19 turnovers in the game, in addition to 24 defensive rebounds.

Leading 23-8 midway through the first half, the Black Bears

slackened the pace a bit, trading trips up and down the court for the remainder of the half. However, Maine got a momentum boost when sophomore center Sandra Vaitkute blocked what

would surely have been a lay-up with one second remaining in the first half, preserving an 18-point home lead going into the locker room.

The second half was more evenly matched, with Dartmouth outscoring Maine 34-30. The defense remained stalwart and showed little fear of physical play, as Dartmouth scored 18 of their 34 second-half points on free throws. On offense, first-year phenomenon Tanna Ross led the scoring for Maine, recording 16 points, including four three-pointers. Sophomore guard Kristin Baker tallied nine points, with sophomore Brittany Boser and first-year Emily Rousseau chipping in eight points apiece.

Overall, the Black Bears shot 49 percent from the floor and 44 percent from beyond the arc, hitting 10 three-pointers in the game. Putting up these big numbers is a testament to teamwork and, as Kilmurray said, "I feel that the team is really coming together. We have great team chemistry and everyone always looks to make the extra pass."

"We are all excited going into the second week of our season."

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Football closes season in defeat

Rival UNH retains the Brice-Cowell Musket for fifth-straight contest

By Adam Clark

Coming into the season-ending rivalry game Saturday, the University of Maine Black Bear football team had won three straight games. The University of New Hampshire, on the other hand, had lost two straight. With all the momentum and nothing to lose, the chips appeared to be in favor of the Black Bears. There was one thing though; the Wildcats had Ricky Santos.

On Senior Day at Cowell Stadium, the senior quarterback and reigning Walter Payton Award winner threw four touchdown passes and the defense held UMaine to just 69 yards rushing as New Hampshire routed the Black Bears 39-14 in front of 6,222 fans.

With the win, the Wildcats took home the Brice-Cowell Musket, which is awarded to the winner in this annual rival game. It was New Hampshire's fifth straight victory over UMaine.

UMaine (4-7, 3-5 Colonial Athletic Association) only trailed 17-7 at the half, but the Wildcats put the game away early in the third quarter.

New Hampshire (7-4, 4-4)

blocked a punt for a safety and scored after a 47-yard return to take a 26-7 lead with 12:25 to go in the third quarter.

"I've got to check my inspiration speech," head coach Jack Cosgrove told the *Maine Sunday Telegram*. "We went in the opposite direction. The players said it best. [New Hampshire] wanted it more than we did."

Football

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New Hampshire	39

UMaine's potent running attack, who averaged about 189 yards per game coming into Saturday, managed only 69 yards on the ground. Junior running back Jhamal Fluellen, a 1,000-yard rusher, managed only 31 yards on 13 carries.

"We didn't execute when we needed to," said UMaine quarterback Michael Brusko, who had two scoring drives halted in the first half due to holding penalties. "The entire offensive unit, up

front, the offensive line, the receivers. I didn't do my job in the running game. The entire unit, we just struggled."

Santos was 25-for-32 and had 355 yards through the air. Three of his four touchdowns were thrown to wide receiver Mike Boyle, who had nine receptions and 170 yards receiving.

"I'm glad [Santos is] done," Cosgrove said. "He's been as dominating a football player as I've coached against in my 15 years as head coach."

While the Black Bears struggled on the ground, they did have their best game through the air, as Brusko threw for a career-high 226 yards and two touchdowns. His connection with Fluellen on an 84-yard screen pass put the Black Bears back in the game in the second quarter.

"It was a simple screen pass," Fluellen said. "Mike did an excellent job buying time. They were bringing the blitz. I got out in the open. I saw the linemen doing their job, the wide receivers standing on their blocks. [They basically] made it real easy for me."

The UMaine defense was led

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Ice hockey drops two

Merrimack sweeps men, Bears fall to 4-6-1

By Kevin Bailey

This past weekend, the University of Maine men's hockey team traveled to North Andover, Mass., for a two-game series with Merrimack College. After dropping two tough losses to Providence last weekend, Maine hoped to rebound and begin an ascent in the Hockey East standings. However, the Warriors of Merrimack had a different plan, as they downed the Black Bears by scores of 5-1 and 2-1. They were Maine's first losses since 2002 and brought the Black Bears' record to 4-6-1 overall.

Friday's game saw lots of back-and-forth action until midway through the first period when Merrimack struck first. Maine was on a power play due to a hooking penalty on the Warriors. After a Black Bear shot, Merrimack's Derek Pallardy mounted a counter-attack with a

pass to J.C. Robitaille. After beating his defender, Robitaille had a one-on-one breakaway and was able to beat Ben Bishop in the top corner.

After the short-handed goal, Maine picked up the intensity and almost tied it with just over two minutes left in the first period.

Glenn Belmore had a key breakaway chance, but Merrimack goalie Patrick Watson came up with a big save. While he denied the shot, he couldn't deny the efforts of the Black Bears. A minute later, a Jeff Dimmen laser was deflected to Andrew Sweetland. He pushed the puck to Billy Ryan, who buried the puck for his second goal of the year.

The second period came and went without another score, though UMaine had twice as many shots as Merrimack. They really locked down on defense as well, allowing just four shots to

Men's Ice Hockey

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Merrimack	5

UM	1
Merrimack	2

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