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## Red and green thumbs



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Emily Lesperance, a senior landscape horticulture major, takes care of the poinsettia plants the Horticulture Club will be selling Friday, Saturdays and Sundays from the Roger Clapp greenhouse as part of Sigma Pi's Christmas tree sale taking place in front of Nutting Hall.

## Master plan in second phase

*Project seeks to expand university within existing space*

By Meghan Hayward

The University of Maine is in the second part of its three-phase master plan which is the first of its kind in the country. The master plan supports the mission and strategic priorities of the land and sea grant institution.

"The planning effort is intended to assist in improving the integration between physical and cultural resources and to support a diverse and complex campus environment," Janet Waldron, vice president for administration and finance said. "We also want the most effective use of resources at all levels while working to ensure support for teaching, learning, research and public service."

The first phase of the master plan happened over the summer with data collection and information about the campus. This included determining the square footage of the buildings, number of acres, watershed, flood planes, solar orientation of buildings, wind direction and carbon emissions.

"You name it, it got measured," Elaine Clark, associate vice president for finance and administration, said.

The second phase, known as the concept phase, began in September and will be in the works until the end of December.

The university is working with a consultant company

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## SG candidates share platforms

*Pomerleau, Rankin announce official campaign positions*

By Alex Leonard

Both candidates for the Student Body President gave speeches in the latest session of the General Student Senate, in advance of their Nov. 29 debate.

Both incumbent President William Pomerleau and Senator Sean Rankin addressed the Student Senate outlining their platforms for Monday's election. While Rankin focused on his plan for the future, Pomerleau spoke about his goals to continue a successfully run senate.

Rankin gave a detailed description of what he would do if elected. His tasks include holding office hours outside the Student Center, most notably meeting with first-year to

help them with the adjustment period.

"Some of the best indicators on how campus life is going are through the eyes of the freshman class," Rankin said. "The best way to see the freshman class is to go [with] them in their environment where they're more comfortable."

Rankin discussed his plan to lower student costs. He cited his co-authorship of a bill to the Maine legislator in which he lobbied to help lower student costs. Rankin believes that lowering costs and continuing to enhance dining opportunities both on and off campus will peak the

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## Athlete mourned

*UMaine soccer player is remembered*

By Eryk Salvaggio

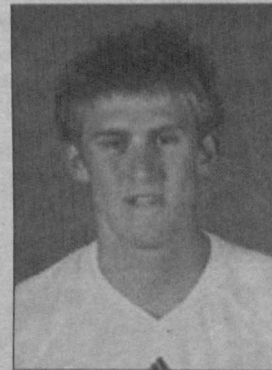


Photo courtesy of UM Athletics

The death of a University of Maine athlete and international student has united two communities in mourning: at UMaine and abroad.

Adam Baxter, 19, was a kinesiology and physical education major and a first-year midfielder on the UMaine Men's Soccer team. On Nov. 27, Baxter had been at former teammate Sean Meehan's residence in Portland, Maine. Friends called an ambulance after Baxter had difficulty breathing. First responders found Baxter dead at the scene. Police have stated his death was linked to alcohol consumption, but said an official autopsy result could take months.

"It's indescribable pain for his family and his friends and difficult to imagine how this could happen or why this could happen," UMaine Dean of Students Robert Dana said.

Students tell their own story about Baxter; the story of an athlete with tremendous potential following an "American dream" to UMaine last year. Baxter hailed from Skegness, England, a seaside tourist town. Baxter had played for his home Football Club — which Americans would know as soccer — and served as captain of his County teams, leading them to the national semifinals.

Baxter started 16 games this season for the UMaine Black Bears and was named to the America East Conference All-Freshman Team, the first Black Bear to earn the honor since 2004. He was Maine's only player on a conference team this year.

At UMaine, team members and administrators are reflecting on Baxter's life.

"Adam was an outstanding person both on and off the field," Head Coach Pat Laughlin said. "We will look to each other, our families and the extended University of Maine Community for support."

Knox Hall Assistant Community Coordinator Peter Harriman said students are "doing OK" since the news broke on Sunday.

Baxter's athleticism served as inspiration to friends from both sides of the Atlantic. A stream of posthumous Facebook comments on Baxter's profile paint a picture of an upbeat, hard-working friend with a high tolerance for spicy curries.

"The nicest bloke you could ever imagine," Ben Pearce of London said. "A class act as a footballer and more importantly as a human being," friend Mark Hallam wrote.

Another Facebook post, from former UMaine teammate Meehan, invited Baxter over to celebrate Thanksgiving as well as being named to the America East team.

Meehan, 19, had been suspended from UMaine on Nov. 9 after an incident at St. Joseph's College where Meehan was intoxicated and refused to leave a women's dormitory in Standish, Maine.

Dana said the role of alcohol in the tragedy shouldn't change student's remembrances of Baxter.

"Does this add a tinge of sadness because perhaps it could have been prevented? I expect it does. Does it mean we mourn his loss differently? No. Do we learn from this? Absolutely," Dana said.

After several alcohol-related incidents on campus this semester, UMaine Athletics has responded by creating new programs in hopes of preventing future incidents of alcohol abuse and alcohol-related crime.

"Every athlete, coach and administrator in department athletics has been brought into the discussion around alcohol use, alcohol abuse, illegal activities and violence reduction," Dana said. "A clear expectation has been advanced by the president and the athletic director to all members of the athletic department that these behaviors won't be tolerated."

Director of Athletics Blake James said his department constantly evaluates how to reach student athletes about the issues surrounding alcohol abuse.

"We did a very thorough job of providing a lot of educational opportunities," James said.

Dillon Bates contributed to this report.



# Campus drinking down

*Police question if students are leaving campus to drink*

By Rhiannon Sawtelle

Chief of Campus Police Noel March announced to the General Student Senate that crime and alcohol incidents on campus are down.

He said that alcohol-related incidents are down 42.86 percent since last year at this time and illegal possession of alcohol by a minor incidents are down 65.66 percent. This is a reversal of the 135 percent increase in alcohol incidents in the fall of 2006.

The recent addition of the Recreation Center this semester and its late hours may have contributed to this decrease. The implementation of the First Year Residential Experience may be a factor as well. Lauri Sidelko, Director of Alcohol and Drug Education Programs, said if students are more active in the events, they will drink less. "The FYRE program and the recreation center in the area are more engaging," Sidelko said.

FYRE, covering all of Hilltop, Androscoggin, Cumberland and Gannett halls, was implemented this year to provide first-year students with programs, resources and services to increase their academic and social success.

"Even if you haven't made friends, you can go to the Rec Center. Alcohol is not the only social lubri-

cant," Sidelko said.

"We have seen a decrease in numbers of students who violate conduct code," Sidelko said.

For the first time, the Alcohol and Drug Education Programs have seen a decrease in referrals in the month of September, usually their busiest month. This decrease in office visits is allowing the program to put on more activities in resident halls.

"This is a big difference. There was nothing going on in past years," Sidelko said.

Knox Hall Resident Assistant Toby Porier noted that some first-year residents seem to be leaving on weekend nights and returning later.

Morgan Taylor, a Somerset hall resident, said she often leaves the FYRE dorms to drink elsewhere. "I mainly stay on campus, but I do go out occasionally," she said. She also mentioned she frequently went to Hart to drink with upperclassmen.

"I feel there's less of a chance [of getting caught] in Hart," Taylor said.

"Hart is probably the worst for partying," Porier said.

With people leaving campus to party, the chance of drinking and driving could be increased. "Most people take a cab back but I know some people who

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## THURSDAY

**L.L.Bean Info Session on Kayak Guide Training Program**

**4:00 p.m./5:15 p.m.**

Totman Room, Memorial Union  
Introducing students to a sea kayak guide summer training program.

**Fiction Reading**

**4:30 p.m. Jenness Hall,**

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## FRIDAY

**Annual Holiday Craft Fair**

**10:00 a.m.**

Memorial Union, First Floor

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**Black Holes**

**7:00 p.m. Wingate Hall, Jordan**

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## SATURDAY

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**8:00 a.m.**

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# Math is for girls

*UM closes the gender gap in male-dominated math and science fields*

By Laila Sholtzames

For the past three decades, women have long been outnumbered in the fields of science and math, but new organizations created across Maine and the United States are seeking to change this.

In 2008, the University of Maine's Women's Resource Center (WRC) will receive a \$28,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to provide organizations with the tools necessary to enable girls to pursue careers in math, science and technology.

The WRC will also coordinate a professional networking system to establish communication between state organizations. A clearinghouse will allow groups to find each other and share information, as well as provide forums and conferences for the next three years, which is the length of time for the grant.

Sharon Baker, the director of the WRC, is excited to be part of this new plan. "The Women's Resource Center is going to be working with a leadership team of 10 or 11 other individuals across the state," she said. "Our work is not so much with working with the girls but rather working to increase communications between organizations and have more networking, so they can better communication between themselves."

For the next three years, the WRC will work both statewide and nationally to encourage better networking and communication.

All this is based on a grant given to a program in Washington state, called the Northwest Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP). Its purpose was to help organizations in Washington and Oregon address the complex issue of gender equity in the fields of science and math.

The organizations encourage girls to break into the male-dominated careers of math and science.

"This project is a way to leverage all our efforts in Maine and make sure we're all plugged in so we get the biggest bang for the buck in serving the interests of girls in the state," Baker said. "We also want girls to see positive role models in math and science."

Many college students, such as second-year student Renee Lewis, also understand the importance of having positive role models in the fields of math and science.

"I had a few math classes in high school, and I was really inspired, not necessarily to study math or science, but to learn more as a student," Lewis said. "I think having programs and organizations that encourages girls' interest in science and math is a great opportunity."

In addition, the WRC has had a representative from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) working with them to

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# WEATHER

## Orono's five-day forecast

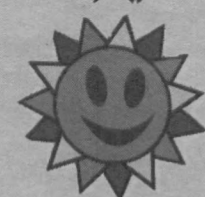
Thursday | Rain / snow

**39** **26**  
high low



Friday | Mostly sunny

**31** **21**  
high low



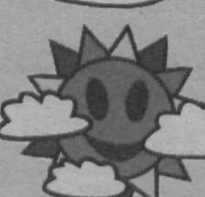
Saturday | Mostly cloudy

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Sunday | Partly cloudy

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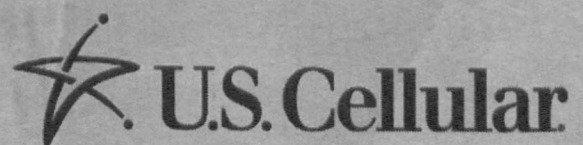
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# Governor requests climate change report from UMaine

*University Climate Change Institute to recommend economic opportunities and changes to preserve Maine by late next year*

By Meghan Hayward

Maine Gov. John Baldacci has asked for a Maine Climate Change Assessment from scientists at the University of Maine. Researchers in UMaine's Climate Change Institute will lead the study.

"We are pleased to have this assignment from the Governor, and we feel that it's very appropriate in our role as a land and sea grant campus," George Jacobson of the Climate Change Institute said.

Jacobson said that the climate in places like Maine will be different in the future than what they have been in the recent past.

"The University of Maine Climate Change Institute is conducting some of the most valuable research on the impact of climate change in our ecosystem and society," Gov. John Baldacci said. "Having one of the premier global warming research institutions in Maine provides a great opportunity for state policymakers to make informed decisions on the needs our state will face now and into the future as we deal with challenges and opportunities presented with climate change."

In his Nov. 8 letter, Baldacci requested what he would like to see in the final report. These requests include: identification of the potential climate scenarios, inventories of the critical impacts, adaptations and opportunities represented by these scenarios and research and assessment needs. He also requested a framework to continue ongoing dialogue for science to inform policy on issues of our chemical and physical climate in Maine.

Researchers plan to analyze the scientific, economic and social challenges and possible solutions for the state.

"The climate of the twenty-first century will be quite different from that of the last century," Fernandez said. "It will continue to get warmer."

Fernandez said that it is also predicted that Maine

will be slightly wetter but with greater frequency of droughts in the summer.

"There is no scientific disagreement that atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations as well as other greenhouse gases have increased significantly and will continue to do so," Fernandez said. "It is increasingly important to manage and plan with these realities in mind."

Through this assessment, researchers will make recommendations for how the state might adapt to these changes and look for economic opportunities that might come along because Maine is thinking about its climate and how it might affect its natural system.

"We will try and make recommendations in places where we see major gaps in our knowledge and point out some areas where some important research may be done focused on Maine, in an area that hasn't been done yet," Jacobson said.

The final assessment, which the university's scientists hope will lead to increased public discourse on issues related to climate change and Maine's future, is due to the Governor in Nov. 2008.

The University established the Climate Change Institute in 1972. The university administration recognized understanding recent Earth history might be relevant for Maine's future and would be a good area for a concentration of a new research institute.

The team of scientists participating in the UMaine assessment will also include members of other UMaine research units with relevant expertise.

"The assessment will emerge from a cross-campus dialogue so defining in detail what it will be at this point would be premature," Ivan Fernandez, professor of soil science, said. "It will likely be an initial assessment of the critical issues for Maine people to consider across various natural resources, economic and policy sectors."

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student's intrigue.

"I'm just a student who is really passionate about Student Government," Rankin said. "I think that if people want to see someone who really cares about this campus, they should come Thursday night."

Pomerleau took a different route in his speech. He cited examples of success in the current Senate, which he presides over, including the Zipcar program and the Greek Grant program. He also discussed the increased advertising and exposure of Student Government, which he said has made students more aware of the organization's activities.

"I've never seen Student Government run with more efficiency and organization than it has this semester," Pomerleau said.

Pomerleau continued by saying he would not promise to fix dining, parking, textbook costs or tuition. He noted that these problems exist at virtually every campus across the country.

"With the financial constraints of the federal government, state governments have to nickel and dime everyone, and that means public institutions, like the University of Maine, are affected," Pomerleau said.

Pomerleau said he would do what is possible to cut costs to ensure the growth of the university's higher education. He expressed his interest in continuing to use "little solutions to chip away at a bigger problem."

He ended by saying his goal was to maintain the effectiveness of Student Government through student input, citing the recent removal of the University Credit Union's ATM fee.

The debate between Rankin and Pomerleau will take place Thursday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. in the North Pod of Memorial Union. The election is Monday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be available on the FirstClass network as well as in the Wade Student Leadership Center in the basement of the Memorial Union.

Vice President Steven Moran was sworn in as Vice-President elect, as he is running unopposed.

The student senate also passed three resolutions unanimously. However, the allocation of \$958 to Bear Vocals was not brought up until the last moment, causing some confusion among senators. After a representative spoke, the allocation gained popularity and was passed.

It was originally only for \$522, but after a representative told the senate they would be paying over \$400 out of their pockets, Senator Carl Anderson proposed an amendment to make it \$958.

"They're a major group on campus and they're going to be representing us really well off campus," Anderson said. "I don't really think it's fair for them to have to pay for that, they deserve the money."

Other resolutions that passed were an act encouraging Parking Services to provide an option for monthly parking permits and an act to promote campus unity and leadership.

Other allocations included \$6,666 to the Men's Lacrosse Club. Unallocated funds remaining are \$68,462.91.

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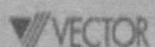
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better assist in the program. "This is a really valuable asset to us," Baker said.

The representative, along with two other team members, will travel to Seattle, Wash., for the March conference to learn how to get the program off the ground. Maine's kick-off conference will be scheduled for sometime next fall.

Karen Peterson, leading the national project, will visit UMaine to speak at the Buchanan Alumni House on Nov. 29, at 2 p.m. to explain and help initiate UMaine's involvement.



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## Ridin' dirty

A resident of Balentine Hall reported that his 1993 Buick Sentry had been stolen from the Balentine Parking Lot between Oct. 30 and Nov. 5. On Nov. 22, Public Safety received a call from the Charleston, South Carolina Police Department reporting that the vehicle had been located and impounded for evidence.

## Southside Market burglary

A burglary was reported at Southside Market in the basement of Stodder Hall on Nov. 18 at 11:30 a.m. Investigation of the scene revealed that the store had been forcibly entered and the cash drawer of the register had been taken.

For investigation purposes, Public Safety is not releasing how the entry was made or the amount of cash in the drawer.

Damage to the property and merchandise is estimated at \$1,000.

## Boardman Hall burglary

The American Society of Civil Engineering office in the basement of Boardman Hall was burglarized between Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. and Nov. 19 at 8 a.m. The room houses a small store where items like soda and candy bars are sold. A silver cash box was taken from the store.

For investigation purposes, Public Safety is not releasing how the entry was made or the amount of cash that was in

the box.

If anyone has information about any of these crimes, Public Safety is asking that they report it anonymously on-line at [www.umaine.edu/publicsafety/campuseyes.htm](http://www.umaine.edu/publicsafety/campuseyes.htm)

## Case of the munchies... gone bad

A 16-year-old was caught stealing a sizeable quantity of food from the Marketplace in the Memorial Union at 7 p.m. on Nov. 18. The juvenile ordered six cheeseburgers and five side orders of french-fries to be placed in a box and attempted to leave in a car without paying. He was approached and detained by staff.

During investigation, an officer located the MaineCard of Zakaria Yousaf, 18, of Portland, on the juvenile and asked Yousaf to meet police at the station. On his arrival, the dispatcher on duty believed Yousaf to be under the influence of marijuana. Police learned that Yousaf was on bail for a previous arrest with the condition not to use or possess alcohol or drugs. Yousaf was taken for a test and charged with violation of conditional release. The juvenile was issued a summons for theft and released to a guardian.

Compiled by Aislinn Sarnacki

## Plan

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campus and put together ideas about the future direction of the campus. Sasaki took all the data collected in phase one and presented it in a slide-show format. They have given the university feedback about buildings that could be demolished, roadways that are no longer necessary and parking lots that should be looked at.

"The No. 1 most important key element that has emerged so far is that the campus should stay within existing boundaries," Clark said. "We should not sprawl but should try to infill within the large development areas of the campus."

The concepts that were brought up in phase two were areas within the large developments that the university is under-utilizing. The south end of campus has been recommended as an opportunity. Recommendations for roads that should possibly be torn out are the Sebec and Beddington Roads. The Steam Plant Parking Lot is also being looked at because parts of it are in a flood plane.

"We need to make it a more pedestrian-friendly campus, and we need to have

out of Boston called Sasaki Associates.

In the concept phase, Sasaki took raw data about the

more connections," Clark said. "Sasaki felt very strongly that we don't have enough east-to-west connections, so they proposed a bunch of new walkways and transportation corridors."

One of the areas that was unaddressed which the planning committee felt was important is Long Road, which has several residence halls running along it.

"With all the students on that hill, you have to wonder whether it's really safe sometimes," Clark said.

The final phase is the master plan, which will develop the details of what will be recommended for demolition, new construction and anything utility-related.

On a parallel with the master plan is an energy master plan. The plan will look at how the university can reduce carbon emissions to zero in the next couple of years.

Clark said at some point in the spring, input from the campus will be requested and public meetings will be held.

"The campus planning committee is really interested in feedback from students, faculty and other members of the campus community," Clark said. "Everyone on the team really hopes that the students and faculty will be interested in participating and commenting."

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drink and drive back to campus," Taylor said.

"The reality is that happened before. We still knew. We saw the effects of people in between campus and a party. We are seeing people in between less," Sidelko said.

At least one activity is planned each day for FYRE students. The program's purpose is to get more people involved and spend less time drinking. Activities include group tutoring, a foreign film series and service proj-

ects.

"It looks like based on the number for September and October we have had over 300 students attend FYRE programming. These programs do not take into account any programming done by resident life staff," said EJ Roach, from the Connections Program that facilitates FYRE.

"FYRE is building community and support. It helps students learn faster about campus. It is contributing to the decrease," Sidelko said.

A full list of FYRE events can be found at [www.umaine.edu/studentaffairs/fyre](http://www.umaine.edu/studentaffairs/fyre).



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## Lessons to be learned on alcohol

The recent alcohol-related deaths of University of Maine first-year Adam Baxter and 18-year-old Adam Beggs of Auburn, who died just one week earlier, should remind us all to be responsible for ourselves and for our friends.

It is clear that drinking is more common than not among college students, underage or otherwise, and we do not frown on students who drink. However, we should not be oblivious to the fact that some students can take it too far and consume alcohol well beyond their limits. The results of this sort of behavior can be tragic, as we have recently seen.

The average student at a party does not expect that when a friend passes out, he or she may never wake up. It is clear from the events of the past two weeks that it does happen.

The disturbing part of all of this is that Alcohol Responsibility Week was held just recently. Clearly, no lesson the university teaches can take the place of personal responsibility. Ultimately, it is up to individuals to watch themselves and to educate themselves.

It is sad to think that it may take the deaths of two young students to raise attention on the subject of underage drinking. Hopefully this tragic, unexpected lesson will prove effective.

We do not expect underage drinking, or drinking of any type, to stop. However, students should always be mindful to know their limits, know when to stop, keep a watchful eye on friends and, overall, be responsible for themselves and those around them while having a good time.

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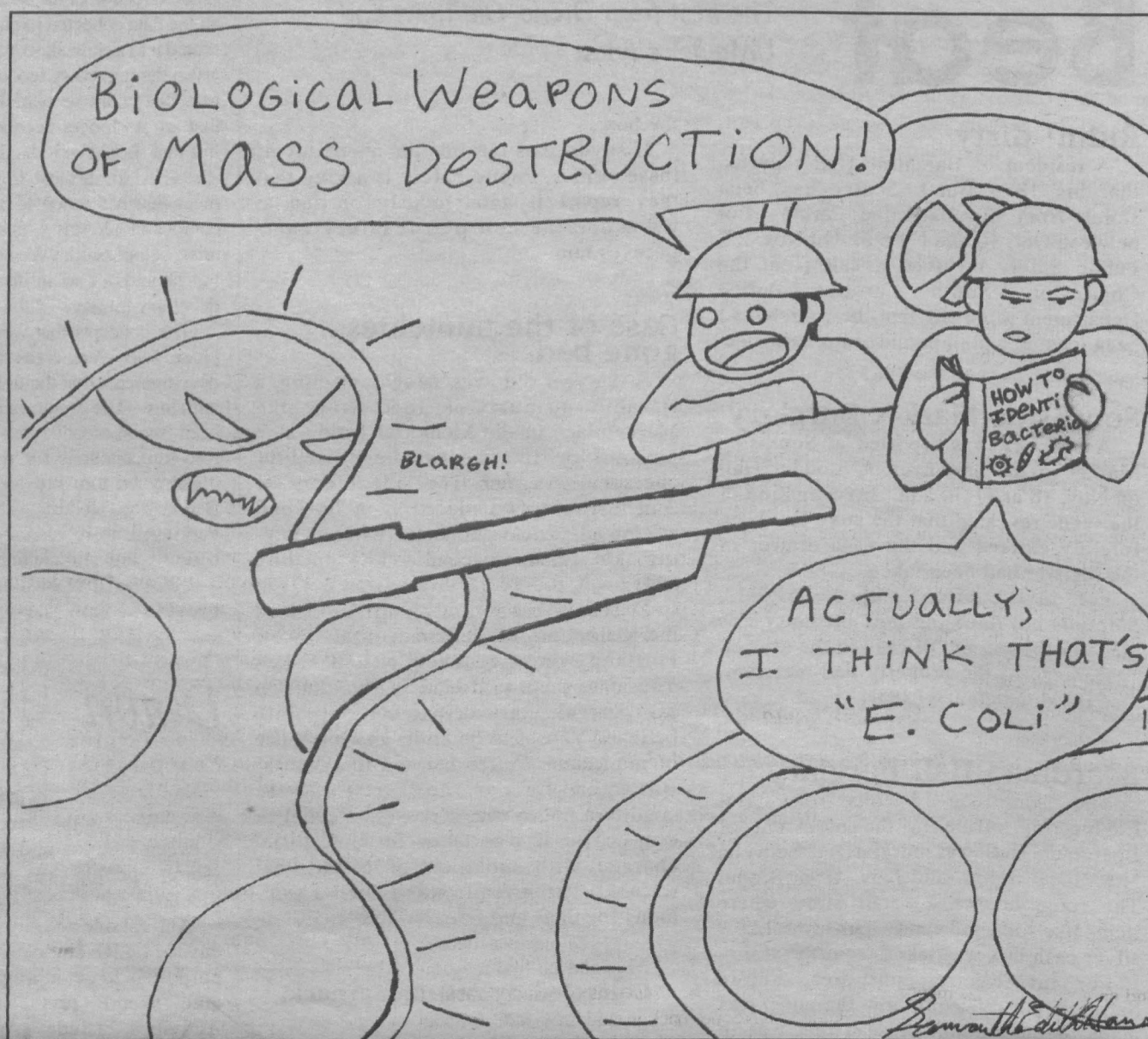
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# Perspectives

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Brett Sowerby

## Antibacterials acting as the undercover agents of evil

The average adult human consists of about ten trillion cells. In comparison, we have roughly 10 times that amount of bacterial cells lining the surfaces of our bodies. This means only 10 percent of our cells can really be called human.

For years, it has been known that Americans rely too much on antibacterial products. When penicillin was discovered, it was received as a godsend and, in truth, it was. We found a way to easily rid ourselves of many deadly diseases. However, we were too lax with our usage of it. We proceeded to spread it on all surfaces and give it to anyone complaining of a mild cough. Now many strains of bacteria are resistant to the powerful antibiotic.

One immunologist, Dr. Gerald Callahan of Colorado State University, is speaking out on the subject. "We need our bacteria," Callahan pointed out in a recent interview with a popular

science Web site, scienceagogo.com. Callahan authored the book "Infection: the Uninvited Universe." In it, he explained that the high usage of antibiotics is not letting our immune systems develop properly.

Similar to the way our personalities develop through personal interactions, our immune systems develop through bacterial contact, Callahan explained. "We understand that part of becoming an adult is learning to interact with people and recognize both good and bad in those people. The same is true for bacteria and other infectious microorganisms."

Our bodies' surfaces — mainly our skin and gut — are coated with bacteria and need a steady distribution of "good" bacteria to inhibit growth of the truly harmful. Protecting children

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Just when I thought I'd heard everything disgusting about the war in Iraq — bombings, kidnappings, beheadings, Blackwater — I learned of yet another disturbing phenomenon. A large number of female soldiers serving in Iraq have been raped by their colleagues. As if being deployed isn't difficult enough, these women have to tolerate criminal behavior against them from men they are supposed to trust. I find this totally unacceptable.

I first learned of military sexual trauma through the PBS NOW series in a documentary aired in September. NPR's "All Things Considered" later aired an interview with Christine Hansen of the Miles Foundation, an organization that tracks sexual abuse in the military. Hansen stated that rapes of all kinds, including gang rape

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and serial rape, are on the rise within the military. At the time of the broadcast, there had been almost 1,000 reported rapes in the CENTCOMAOR during the Iraq war, never mind those unreported.

What makes this even more unacceptable is that women in the armed forces are

not protected by civilian laws and have no community of support. In most cases, the perpetrator simply has to pay a fine or face some minor administrative reprimand, such as a letter in his personnel file. After a little bit of research, I found that this problem in the military is far from new. Rape among the troops has been a subject of at least 25 task forces and has been heard before congressional committees several times. Even in peaceful times, the incidence of rape and sexual assault is about three times as high as that in the civilian population with little accountability.

Please, let's end this awful war in Iraq and the war against women raging on around us.

Becky Anderson is a non-traditional student enrolled in women's studies 101.



# Angst of the apathetic not as productive as engagement in civics

Derek Mitchell

Do you think Barack Obama waited around for someone from the Federal Election Commission to call about filing his statement of candidacy to run for president? Did someone call and remind him of the deadline to file? Did they hold his hand through the process? Probably not — Senator Obama knew what he wanted and knew what it took to get there.

Now if University of Maine students only took that same initiative.

This week there has been an often-heated debate in the UMaine Forum about candidacy for Student Government President. Some students complained that there was insufficient advertising about the nomination and petition period; others complained that the candidates running this year are both entrenched in Student Government “politics” — that there are no outsiders.

Both of these claims could be addressed with that Obama-esque initiative.

The nomination window was advertised using posters and an e-mail advertisement sent several times on FirstClass. A story in The Maine Campus about the Fair Elections Practices Commission and election requirements supplemented Student Government’s marketing, and several candidates took out petitions to earn their spot on the ballot.

Typing quickly behind the cloak of their computer screens, some in the UMaine Forum argued that this was not enough. I was not directly involved, but allow me to apologize on behalf of Student Government.

If someone wanted to become President of Student Government — had that concern for the welfare of their fellow students, had the time to devote to causes determined important to students and the Student Senate, and had great ideas to

make life even better for us at UMaine — why did they not have the initiative to walk into the Wade Center and ask how to run?

Further, if someone were truly committed to improving Student Government and life on campus, they should have gotten involved sooner. The president is not the only “power-player” role in Student Government — how about becoming a Student Senator? Then you could actually vote and make decisions that impact Student Government’s operation. Plus, with some time as a senator under your belt, you will have a better idea for how Student Government operates as a candidate for president — in both the positive ways and those that need changing.

The fact that there are no Student Government outsiders running is a good thing. That means we have candidates that understand the strengths and weaknesses of the organization, and have the power, connections and talents to back up their words with actions.

An outsider running would be like me running to be President of Saudi Arabia. I have no background in Saudi Arabian politics, no idea what the citizens want or need and no idea what the country’s faults are that could use some work. If I did know anything about Saudi Arabia, I’d know the country has a king, not a president.

For all of the time some of our fellow students spend complaining in the UMaine Forum, they could have taken out a petition to join the Student Senate, or could have taken the time to visit the Student Government office, ask how to get involved and run for president. To say that there was not enough advertising about how to run is to say that you have no initiative to find out for yourself.

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## Germ

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from all forms of exogenous bacteria — shielding them from all microscopic life, good and bad — seems to increase the incidence of asthma and allergies, according to Callahan. In addition to the impairment to our immune system caused by lack of bacterial dealings, without a coating of bacteria, our bodies are vulnerable to infection by the more dangerous organisms.

This leads to the inevitable conclusion that the ubiquity of anti-bacterial products in our local supermarkets may actually be harmful. This includes spraying that Lysol anti-bacterial product over everything we own. Unless one is performing surgery or dealing with potentially dangerous strains of microorganisms, regular soap will do just fine. The chemistry of soaps and detergents make them naturally anti-microbial by disrupting bacterial cell walls.

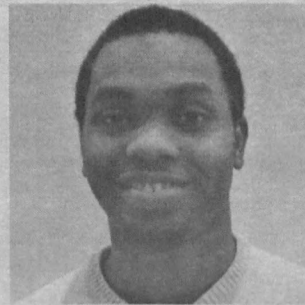
This doesn’t mean licking raw chicken is an exceptionally good idea. It doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t be thoroughly washing our hands on a regular basis. It also doesn’t mean that taking antibiotics when we are truly sick is not in our best interest.

It is a sad state of affairs when young, healthy adults succumb to methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA — otherwise known as a Staph infection — a microbe that most health workers unknowingly carry in their respiratory tract. This problem has deeper roots than just over-prescription of antibiotics; it also lies with individuals not following the regimen required to rid their systems of the tiny beasts. When taken improperly, such as not following through on scheduled doses, antibiotics create resistant strains of bacteria.

This means we ought to be more conservative with our ideas of mysophobia — the actual term for someone who is a “germophobe.” Just because that new product “kills 99.98 percent of germs on contact,” doesn’t mean it’s good for us.

The microscopic world is not one to be feared. It is a world to be respected. Humanity has developed in close proximity to microscopic life. Often, we are as dependent on bacteria as they are on us. We ought to keep in mind that we are a walking colony of millions of different kinds of microbes, the good and the bad.

*Brett Sowerby is part of a vast microbial conspiracy.*



Gimbala Sankare

# Presidential run cedes to current obligations of office

My mother always told me “If you are doing something good, stick with it, and make sure you turn it into a great thing and do it really well.” Eighteen months ago, I was given the opportunity to serve in the prestigious position of President of the Class of 2010. When I took the position, I vowed to accomplish the goals of the class, which were as follow: “Preserving Traditions, Establishing Unity and Building a Legacy” within our 2,000-member class. I made a promise to bring our class together as a strong community, in the hope that someday we could become even more recognizable than the class of 1944.

As some may already know, I have been one of the candidates running for Student Body President. It is an important position, and it comes with a great deal of respect and obligation — the same responsibilities I have as class president. I am not writing to compare the two offices. I am writing to choose a side. If I had been voted the president of the Student Body, I would have had to choose one of three options: take the position of Student Body President, stay as President of the Class of 2010, or serve both offices, which would not be an easy task. I truly and honestly feel that I would have been a great Student Body President, but I feel as though I would be neglecting my class and my co-officers that I have

grown to love and understand.

The bottom line is, there is still work that needs to be done with my class, and there are still goals that need to be accomplished before I can move on to anything else. As of this moment, I would like to officially let everyone know that I will not be running in the Student Government Executive Elections. I will be staying on as President of the Class of 2010 until my co-officers and I accomplish the class goals.

I would like to thank all the students that have supported me and were willing to give me their votes. I am sorry that I could not represent all of you this year as president, but I do not think it would be fair to move on to another position and office if I still have work to finish. I have some years left at this institution and many possibilities lay ahead for me.

I would still encourage everyone to vote on Dec. 3 in the Student Body Elections on FirstClass. Remember to also attend the debate to get your questions answered. We have all gained the right to vote for who we want to represent us, let us not lose our voice to change what needs to be changed. We all must remember, together we create change and make things happen — divided we fall hard.

*Gimbala Sankare is President of the Class of 2010.*



Emin Okutan

# Living on-campus should not resemble braving the wilderness

A student comes from a foreign country on an exchange program to visit the University of Maine. Despite hearing of its famous weather and a few other negative aspects, she sticks to her decision. She arrives and gets to stay in Estabrooke Hall. She has to pay a good amount of money for the costs of a meal plan and lodging. Whereas, on the other hand, if she had chosen the Erasmus program, she would have paid 300 Euros for her general expenses and would have discounts and her educational expenses.

A few months pass; she expresses her enjoyment of the campus and the environment. The temperature starts dropping; she wonders when her heat will start working. A few weeks pass. She starts to feel there is a problem with the heat. Patiently she waits for her room to heat up. It never happens. She visits Property Management. They say they will take care of it. They never do. One night, when she has a few exams to work on, she cannot stay in the room because of the cold. She also starts getting bites from insects.

The building is old and the cleaning service is inconsistent. She has to flee her room and stay at her friend’s house while constantly asking Property Management to check her room for infestation. They arrive and refuse to act because they want to see proof of the bug — so, just to let you know, if you happen to get bitten, you’ll have to catch the sinister creature in order for Property Management to take action. They claim the bug must have travelled on “a plane.” They also don’t do anything about the heating situation. She solves it with an electric blanket. She spends a miserable week with little sleep and a hard push for exams.

Note that the girl in the case tried to “survive” in her own dorm, which she had to pay \$3,000 to stay in. I checked the Maine Attorney General’s Web site for landlord responsibilities. It reads “Residence Must Be Fit To Live In. The landlord promises that the residence: (1) complies with applicable housing codes; (2) is fit to live in; and (3) is not dangerous to the life, health or safety of the occupants.” Property Management clearly violated the conditional responsibilities they had to fulfill. If she had known her rights and not feared having to look for another location to stay, she could have easily sued Property Management for their inaction and ignorance to the living conditions in Estabrooke Hall.

There is a certain hypocrisy when students are banned from cooking equipment, including a microwave, “for their own safety” when they have to fight for survival when it comes to heating, dorm conditions and environmental factors.

I would like to thank Property Management for influencing an exchange student’s experience at UMaine. When she returns to her country and is asked about the United States and Maine, instead of all the possible positives that could have been delivered, she will speak of her survival in the dorms, the inaction of the system and show the bug bites she has on her arms. For any incoming international students, I feel obligated to advise them to avoid Estabrooke and seek alternative options unless there is a valid explanation of where all the dorm fees are spent.

*Emin Okutan is a senior business major and President of the International Student Association.*



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# Style & Culture

## MUSIC

Lidral Duo  
Chamber Jazz Afternoon  
Concert Series  
4:15 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 29  
The Bear's Den

Jazz Ensemble Concert  
7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 29  
Hauck Auditorium  
Free for students and visitors

Oronoka  
Friday, Nov. 30  
18+ event  
\$5 before 11 p.m.  
\$6 after 11 p.m.  
Soma 36

## ARTS

New Writing Series  
Poet Edward Desautels  
4:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 29  
Soderberg Auditorium,  
Jenness

A Legacy of Collecting: the  
Vincent A. Hartgen Years  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
University of Maine Museum  
of Art  
Norumbega Hall (Bangor)  
Free with MaineCard, \$3 w/out

## DISCUSSIONS

Christian Panel Discussion  
7 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 29  
100 DCP  
Bring Questions

## MOVIES

Rush Hour 3  
7:30 & 10 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 30  
101 Neville Hall

## ENTERTAINMENT

Last Comic Standing  
9 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 30  
Dining Room, Union

## PLANETARIUM SHOWS

Black Holes  
7 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 30  
Wingate Hall

Black Holes  
7 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 1  
Wingate Hall

Mars Invasion  
2 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 2  
Wingate Hall

# PLUGGING INTO COMMUNITY

By Brett Sowerby

Put on those dancing shoes, it's time for a party.

The University of Maine's radio station, WMEB, and the International Student Association (ISA) are throwing a dance party on the third floor of Orono's Bear Brew Pub, otherwise known as Soma 36. The two groups worked together in the hope of bringing a wide variety of musical tastes to this Friday's Oronoka, an "alternative sort of party," as Alicia Kelley, one of the event's coordinators, described it.

This cooperation between the two groups - WMEB and ISA - stemmed from the recent closure of the Bangor art hub, Ofelia's. WMEB had intended to run their own separate night of music, but, with Ofelia's base of operations and artistic venue closed on short notice when the building was condemned last month, they were forced to rethink their approach. Kelley, a WMEB DJ with a sly smile, pointed out that this was, "a small problem."

Because WMEB was unable to hold their event as scheduled, it was decided that ISA and WMEB would combine their efforts for one outstanding evening.

"This is something you don't see very often," Kelley said, "two [student] organizations working together."

Emin Okutan, a co-ordinator for the ISA, explained, "I think there's this alienation between groups on campus." He suggested that with groups sharing similar goals, more could be accomplished if they united.

Okutan explained "at the last Oronoka that there was a projector set up to show streets from around the world. This time, they hope to expand on this idea and show more images from an international perspective, mixing in some scenes from foreign films. With this in mind, Kelley mentioned her desire to transform Soma 36.

"With the space available, [we want to] make it something different," to which Okutan added, "Make the Soma you saw on Thursday a completely different place."

"The DJ's are very different from what you would normally hear at Soma," Kelley said, suggesting Oronoka's DJ's plan to avoid the top-40 music that dominates the airwaves.

Aside from pure entertainment, the event aims at introducing students to new and exciting music, but also different cultures. Stealing from WMEB's slogan, Okutan added he would like to "redefine the alternative."

To add to the global vibe, Okutan will be running a music quiz to test participant's recognition of the land

of origin for international styles of music. There will also be a quiz to recognize domestic music in the fastest time. Prizes may include "free WMEB swag" according to Kelley.

The tag-line for the event is "Plug In: To World Community, To Your Community." This is the general idea behind Oronoka bringing people together, in one place to experience many. Okutan said he hopes to see "People from many countries enjoying the same music."

Kelley soon added why she enjoys alternative music so much: "it gives people options." Instead of listening to the same remixed pop song, there's a veritable ocean of alternative music out there, just waiting to be listened to.

Proceeds from the cover charge - five dollars before 11 p.m. and six dollars from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. - will be donated to Ofelia's. Although Ofelia's is recovering from their relocation, they still need help. At first, Okutan seemed reticent to support donating proceeds to only one charity, but, after researching the group thoroughly he found the good that Ofelia's did, not only with charitable work but also its support of local artists, as well as the fact that it is a local organization. "It's

not UNICEF," Okutan said, but it is a worthy cause.

Tom Grucza, the station manager at WMEB, explained the need to find new ways to advertise for local events. Posting a flyer to a bulletin board and a FirstClass conference simply isn't enough. Grucza said he would like students to come to WMEB more often to plug their organization or event. After all, "We can't sell ads," Grucza said.

All involved seem excited to kick off the event. One DJ will be driving all the way from Providence, RI to spin her tracks on Friday for the 18-and-over crowd. This is unique for Soma 36 events - usually, events held at Soma 36 are 21-and-over but under-aged friends are welcome at this party.

Kelley will be giving away a free pass to Oronoka on Thursday, Nov. 29 on her radio show. Okutan will also be giving away free passes into the event during this week's Coffee Hour, a weekly event held every Friday by ISA where there is always free coffee and usually free food.

Oronoka will be on the third floor of the Bear Brew Pub on Friday, Nov. 30 and will begin at 9 p.m.

# WMEB



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



# Ray brings her piano to play for intimate crowd

By Andy Wright

Lindsey Ray is a typical name. It's the kind of name with a voice that may be the next big hit you hear on the radio. Ray got up on stage with nothing but a piano, a mic and her own finesse.

With only two years of piano experience and a year and a half of performing under her belt, this girl has come a long way in a very short time. She commands the audience — in a loving way.

Did songs about a father's life-threatening illness and a friend who over-dosed on drugs really come from this bright and cheery girl?

Though sad, that doesn't mean the songs lacked in intensity or diversity.

Ray is completely self taught — piano, vocals, everything. That doesn't mean she doesn't have experience. She apparently has enough experience, charisma and whatever else you need to make it in the industry these days to get a record deal. Ray is currently signed with Original Signal Recordings, which just so happens to be an owned by Sony Records. She, therefore, gets to sit down and record in an intimate studio while getting a major label distribution.

That being said, this performer wasn't without her faults. As with anyone with only a year and a half of performing experience, she stumbled — though only once — and lost her words for a split second. Aside from that, the only other disappointment was the affectedness of her voice. It is always nice to hear someone's range and control, but showing off some-

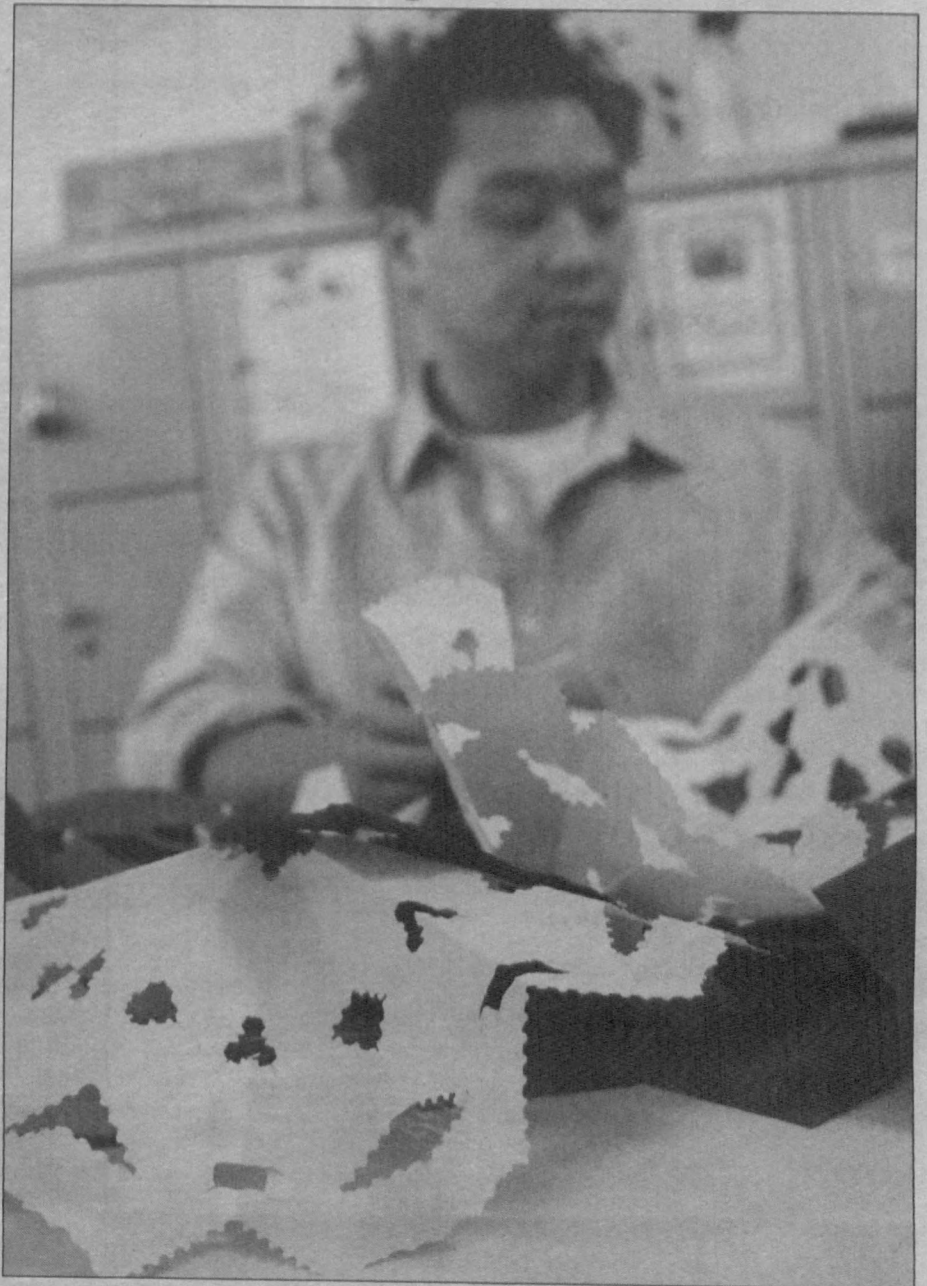
times leads to an almost country feel, which is unfortunate if that's not the genre you're going for.

The small mishaps and minute let-downs aside, Ray delivered on everything else. She performed all of her own material, covering every subject in the pop artist book. There was the broken-hearted, lost lover song rightfully titled "Broken," as well as the "angry girl song" called "One of These Days." Not all inspiration creates the type of song you would imagine. Point in case: "Wake Me Up," which was by far the saddest, yet best put together song Ray sang all night. Do you know where she got the idea? Let's just say that working in a toy shop has its advantages.

This girl had advantages. Ray is a natural-born lyricist with vocals comparable to a jazzed-up Ingrid Michaelson. There is also a possibility of a Ray-Michaelson tour coming up, since both new artists are hot on the scene and signed with the same label. Ray would be a nice addition to the Michaelson tour. With her strong vocals and charming attitude, Ray would fit perfectly with just her microphone and piano on stage.

If you would like to hear some of Ray's material, go to MySpace.com/lindseyback. If you happen to Google "Ray," you'll find she's connected with Music Nation, a Web site run and promoted by artists. Her new album will hopefully be hitting shelves within a year. It may even be released sooner, seeing as she's already laid some tracks and is headed back to Los Angeles, Calif. later this week.

## Paper cuts



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Michael Chan Making a paper snowflake for a commuter lounge activity to decorate for the holiday festivities.



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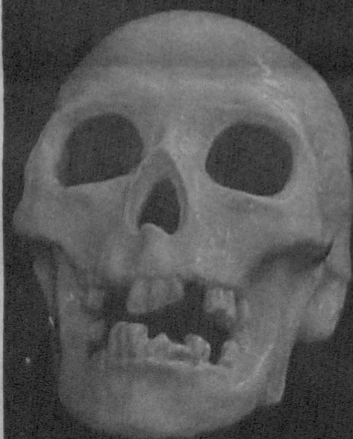


# WMEB

## Top 20 Albums for 11/29

1. **Bonde Do Role** Marina Gasolina [EP]
2. **Radiohead** In Rainbows
3. **Sigur Ros** Hvarf-Heim
4. **Bonnie "Prince" Billy** Ask Forgiveness
5. **Why?** The Hollows [EP]
6. **Cars And Trains** Rusty String
7. **Letters\*** Letters\*
8. **Holy F ---** LP
9. **The Hives** The Black And White Album
10. **Broken Social Scene Presents: Kevin Drew** Spirit If...
11. **Para One** Epiphanie
12. **60 Watt Kid** 60 Watt Kid
13. **I, Colossus** I, Colossus
14. **Katy Perry** UR So Gay [EP]
15. **Grizzly Bear** Friend [EP]
16. **Prints** Prints
17. **Minipop** A New Hope
18. **Monster Bobby** Gaps
19. **The Owls** Daughters And Sons
20. **The Forms** The Forms

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# Weird SCIENCE

BY BRETT SOWERBY

New research has made a link between pedophilia and faulty connections in the brain.

The Center for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) published their findings in the Journal of Psychiatric Research. CAMH used MRIs to compare a group of known pedophiles to a control group. What they found through their analysis was that the group of pedophiles had significant differences in brain connectivity. They found that the group of pedophiles, overall, had much less of the substance "white matter." This white matter seems to be responsible for wiring the different sections of the brain together.

This study challenges the popularly held belief that pedophilia was a result of childhood trauma or abuse. This study is the strongest, to date, to hint that pedophilia is actually a result of problems regarding brain development. Most of the research in this area has also been conducted by CAMH.

Among other findings that CAMH published, the group of pedophiles was found to have many other differences from the control group as well.

CAMH has conducted other studies that found other characteristic differences between pedophiles and control groups. They found that pedophiles, in general, have lower IQs, are three-times more likely to be left-handed and are physically shorter than non-pedophiles.

Although this research hints at a pre-disposition to pedophilia, there is still a conscious choice that accompanies molesting a child. "There is nothing in this research that says pedophiles shouldn't be held criminally responsible for their actions," said Dr. James Cantor, a

researcher at CAMH. "Not being able to choose your sexual interests doesn't mean you can't choose what you do."

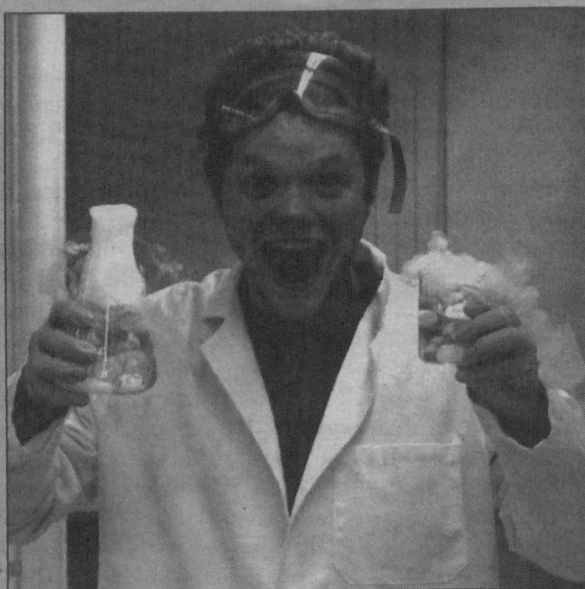
This shows the responsibility that goes along with this kind of research. Although it may go a long way in preventing the formation of future pedophiles, it doesn't seem a large leap to jump to a defense that "my actions were unavoidable, I was pre-disposed to molest children." CAMH should be acknowledged for their efforts to quell that argument before it can be truly formed in the courts.

This research also opens the doors to other sexual desires and how the biology of an individual brain may be the deciding factor in sexual interest. Although several points are addressed by this research, it really raises more questions and opens research opportunities to discover preventative measures for deviant sexual activities.

Hopefully, this research will not be used by piggy-back-

ing conservative ideologies in order to convince others they need to conform to a set of sexual standards in order to be normal. Although this research does a great deal to explain why some have a pre-disposition towards pedophilia, it is a long way from discovering preventative measures.

Research in regards to the biology of the brain is still in its adolescence, so a watchful eye ought to be put on further leaps in this field. There will only be more interesting information coming out of this area. Although the public should be weary of attempts to "cure" any ailments when brain biology is concerned, this research is the one of first in many steps to understand how our brains may control desires.



# This Week in SeX

Six Sexy tricks to kicking the Cosmo habit

By Eryk Salvaggio

Reading Cosmopolitan magazine, I could be forgiven for thinking the men of our species are deeply reluctant to have sex with women. The men from planet Cosmo are hanging out, shirtlessly lifting weights and talking about how they just can't find anyone they want to sleep with.

Of course, this doesn't make much sense. Reading Cosmo to find out about male behavior is like reading the Constitution for tips on car repair. Women and men have evolved sexual drives based on old-school expectations of primitive reproduction - women have babies, so they're more selective. Men make babies and go away, so they're less selective. Cosmo, apparently, explores some kind of mutant culture where men have become the selective partner, hording their seed for no good reason.

Look at your typical issue of the magazine, and pay attention to how often it talks about "him." Sample

headlines: "Scents that really seduce him," "His 9 pleasure centers." Best of all, there's "Learn how to love his annoying behavior." This includes a survival technique for dealing with a hypercritical boyfriend - Self-esteem be damned, maybe you should just be glad he's helping you to improve!

For a magazine dedicated to women, it sure doesn't seem to care about the sex lives of women. Or the health of women. Or, you know, women. Try finding a profile piece on a woman accomplishing something outside of snagging the perfect guy. It's not there. So, if you've been getting your sex cues from the glossy guide to sassy living, here's six sexy tricks to kicking the Cosmo habit.

1. The male orgasm is hardly elusive. You don't have to learn any secrets to achieve it. Certainly, you two can get as kinky as you want - or at least as much as your roommates will tolerate - but let's face it, college-aged boys are not reluctant to sleep with college-aged girls. In other words, don't worry about surprising him with a magical position or find-

ing a fetish that will drive him wild. If you trust him, talk to him about what you're into and ask what he's into. Furthermore, if he's cheating, he's a cheater, and no "trick" - particularly, putting any part of your mouth inside of that part of his body - will make him stop.

2. Women can have orgasms. It's true! Cosmo spends a lot of time talking about the male G-spot, but for women, the female orgasm is typically number 889 on the list of 890 secrets for spicing up your sex life. Number 890, by the way, is putting ice cubes on his nipples, which no one on Earth actually enjoys. Ironically, a key component of an orgasm for women is communication and confidence, traits that Cosmo's beauty tips and extreme cellulite-reduction techniques are sure to replace with paranoia and neurosis.

3. This one is for the ladies ironically buying Cosmo: there is nothing ironic about taking your money away. I know women who are constantly reading the thing and laugh-

ing at it, but I have to imagine that they're secretly looking at the mirror, wondering if they have the shoe size that drive men wild. Stop reading it; stop feeling neurotic and start spending that time doing something that makes you happy, empowered and alive.

4. If all you think about is your man, you're going to bore your man. It's the tragic paradox of insecure boys. That is to say, boys.

5. Other Cosmo readers are buying the same handbag/shoes/makeup as you are, and not all of you can score the same mysterious "him." So, you're either competing with every other Cosmo reader to find a guy who wants a Cosmo-normative girl, or you're going to find a guy who doesn't care about your handbag. Either way, you've spent the money on the handbag. Don't buy the handbag.

6. You are the one who decides when sex is going to happen. You don't have to learn to love his belit-

ling criticism. If he says something that makes you feel fat, don't have sex with him. If he's not taking care of business on your end in the bedroom, tell him what to do. He'll do it, because if he doesn't do it, you won't have sex with him. See how this works?

The tactics that keep people reading Cosmo are the same tactics used by manipulative partners - the old line that "You're beautiful just as you are, here's how to change." Cosmo tells you to be self-confident in the bedroom, and then asks if you measure up to his dream girl. It tells you to feel empowered, and then sells you make-up to hide your natural skin and a diet to shrink below your natural weight. If you're reading Cosmo and you believe a word of what it says, you need to break up with the magazine and hang out with some actual guys. They'll tell you the biggest secret of the male sexual mind: ice is uncomfortable and absolutely no one expects you to put your tongue where Cosmo told you to put it. Seriously.



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## Horoscopes

### Aries

**March 21 to April 20**

You may feel tempted to postpone a visit that you have planned for today, but you are running the risk of upsetting your loved one.

### Taurus

**April 21 to May 20**

You will feel rather concerned with finances and may tend to neglect your sentimental life. Your loved one may remonstrate you for being careless.

### Gemini

**May 21 to June 21**

It seems that you are not in a mood to communicate, therefore you'd better postpone business meetings. This is not a good time for making major professional decisions, for they may prove to be wrong.

### Cancer

**June 22 to July 22**

You have good chances to succeed in all domestic activities, provided you will manage your time more efficiently. You are advised to postpone making important business decisions.

### Leo

**July 23 to August 22**

Your creativity will reach new heights. Use it for solving professional and business matters! Everything will go very well in your love life, provided you will refrain from remonstrating your significant other with trifles.

### Virgo

**Aug. 23 to Sept. 22**

This morning you will tend to be head-in-the-clouds. You are advised to remain cautious and avoid getting involved in challenging activities.

### Libra

**Sept. 23 to Oct. 23**

You could be facing sentimental problems and become irritable. Keep calm and don't rush to retort!

### Scorpio

**Oct. 24 to Nov. 22**

Unexpected events may occur, making you change your schedule completely. You may have to leave on a business trip on short notice. Your loved one will be upset by this change of schedule. With calm and patience you will be able to avoid a family conflict.

### Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 to Dec. 21**

Financial difficulties could make you consider cancelling a trip in a family interest. This is a sensitive decision, for it may upset your loved one.

### Capricorn

**Dec. 22 to Jan. 20**

Before noon you could be upset because of a business partner's hasty decision regarding a major investment. Keep calm, or you'll only manage to make things worse!

### Aquarius

**Jan. 21 to Feb. 19**

You have been making efforts for finding new sources of income, and now you are feeling worn out. Be patient and avoid pushing things! A close friend will soon offer you a part-time job.

### Pisces

**Feb. 20 to March 19**

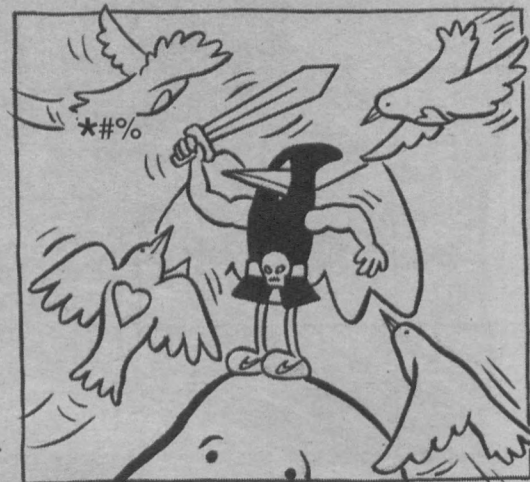
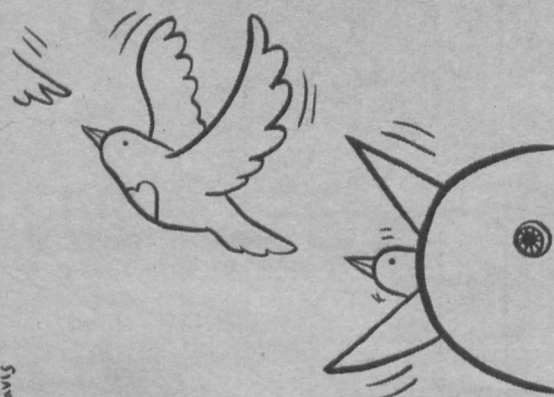
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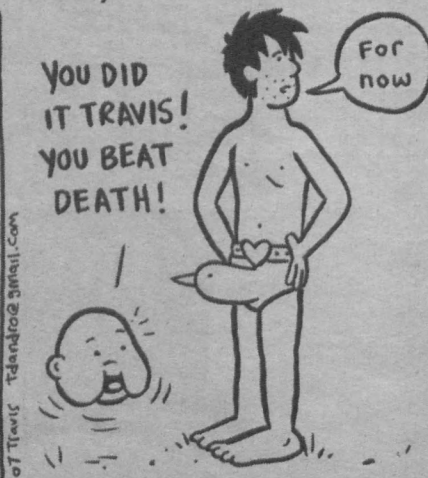
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By Travis Dandro



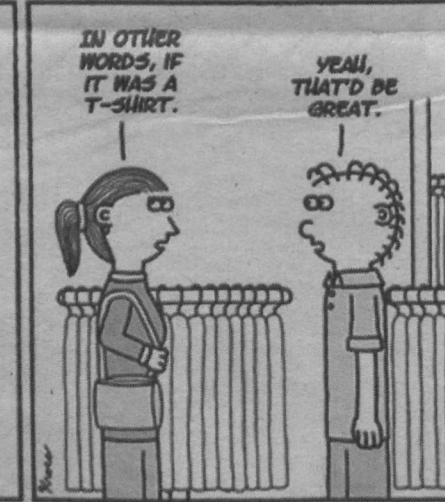
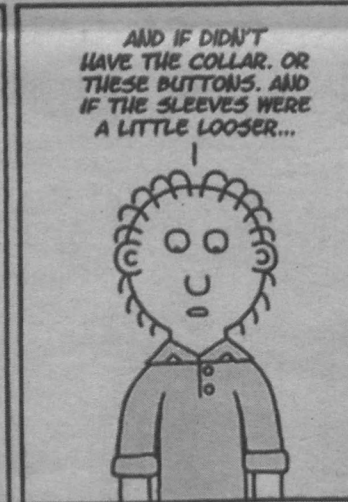
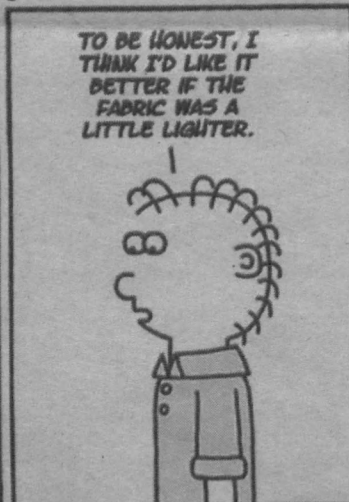
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## Last - Ditch Effort

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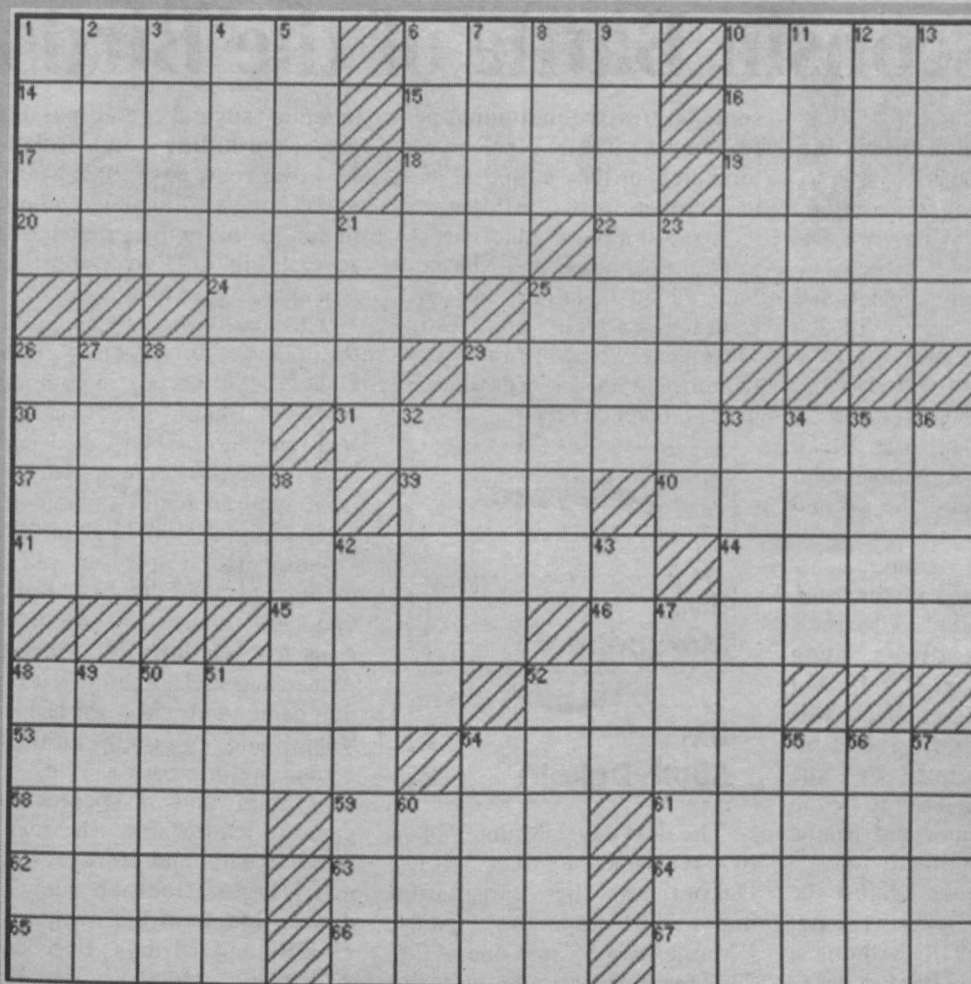
## Boxer Romps

By Alicia Mullins



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## ACROSS

1. Russian country house
6. Actress \_\_\_\_\_ Merrill
10. Prefix meaning alongside or similar
14. Angers
15. Already cited
16. Ends a prayer
17. Yellow Dutch cheeses
18. Quote
19. Town (slang)
20. People with above average intelligence
22. City in the Bahamas
24. Commune with God
25. Hears with attention
26. Season
29. Male offspring
30. Woodwind instrument
31. Becoming greater or more numerous
37. Equip with better weapons
39. Mineral bearing rock
40. Kind of tooth
41. Fatiguing
44. Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ Edison
45. Central American Common Market
46. Subsided or ceased
48. Seduce or corrupt
52. Frauds
53. Powerful flow
54. City of birth
58. Smile
59. Supplements with difficulty
61. Motion picture
62. Mountain (abbrev.)
63. Rubber wheel
64. Inactive
65. Beers
66. Specifications (abbrev.)
67. Largest asteroid

## DOWN

1. Sediment
2. Assistant
3. Tribe
4. Bugs, lice and aphids
5. State confidently
6. Potentially hazardous (slang)
7. Wading bird
8. Louse
9. Purine base found in DNA
10. Makers of Blue Ribbon Beer
11. Entertain in a playful way
12. Broadcasted again
13. Black hornless beef cattle
21. Indian dress
23. State in northwest India
25. Actress Sophia \_\_\_\_\_
26. Scraped or rubbed
27. Wild goat
28. Built the Ark
29. Loosely woven cotton cloth
32. V-shaped cut in wood
33. Metamorphic rock also called Steatite
34. Ailments
35. Central part of a church
36. Graduate (abbrev.)
38. Protective secretion
42. Small bags
43. Steal
47. Deficient in red blood cells
48. Doctrine
49. Enlist
50. Salt water
51. Parental sisters
52. Cosecant (abbrev.)
54. Not there
55. Finished
56. Metal thread
57. Meshes
60. Currency of Laos

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### PHYSICAL FORCE BY POLICE

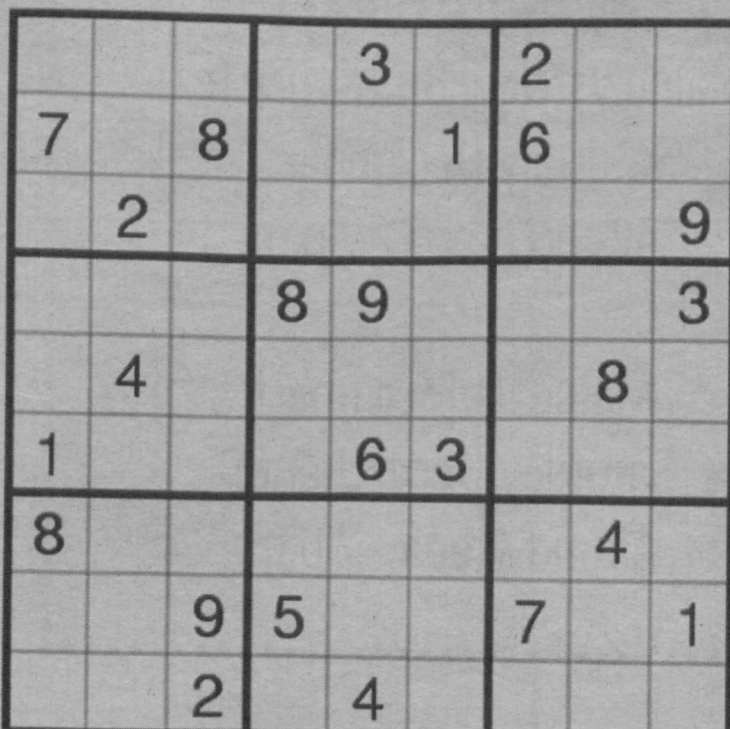
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## Advice Girl

*There is a girl I really like. We've been friends for a while, and I love spending time with her. She told her parents about me and they want to meet me this weekend. I have a big test on Monday and I really need to study so I can pass the test — If I don't pass this test I'll probably fail the class. She doesn't visit home very often, so there aren't many other opportunities for me to meet them. Should I go or stay in my dorm and study?*

**Why can't you take your study materials with you? You can study on the trip down, early in the morning, before you go to bed, whenever you have some free time. I am sure her parents will understand, and your devotion to your grades will probably impress them. This way, you will still get to meet her parents, but you won't bomb your test either. Your gal will love that you are making an effort as well.**

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*I have a problem. My roommate keeps borrowing stuff without asking. At first, it was just minor things like using some of my lotion or nail polish. Now it has gotten to the point where she is wearing my clothes and shoes! I want my stuff back! What is the best way to approach this?*

**You have no choice but to approach this maturely. Ask your roomie if she'll sit down and talk to you. Let her know that it bugs you that she takes your things without getting your permission. If you don't mind her using your things if she asks, let her know — it will "soften the blow" and she won't get all bent out of shape about it — not that she has any reason to, but you know how girls are. If you can't get her to stop after seriously discussing it, then you have a problem. If it gets to the point where you are having a definite issue, request a room change or tell her you are going to press charges if she snags your Converse again.**

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# UMaine finishes 1-1 in Wisconsin Battle of the Birds

By Kevin Bailey

This past weekend, the UMaine volleyball team traveled to Milwaukee, Wis., to compete in the "Battle of the Birds" tournament. On Friday, the Black Bears dropped a tough match to Marquette by a score of 3-1, but on Saturday, Maine

was able to rebound, winning a battle against South Dakota 3-2. Closing out the season with a win, UMaine pulled their record to 4-23.

The Black Bears exhibited their authority from the opening serve. A key 11-3 run let them build a 19-10 lead in the middle of the first game. They rode this

momentum to an easy 30-17 win, during which they out-killed the Eagles 15-9.

The second game remained close throughout. The score was never separated by more than four points, and the teams found themselves tied 29-29. With the requirement to win by two, Rabbecka Gonyo scored a big kill to put the Eagles ahead. A receiving error on the Black Bears on the following point gave the Marquette the second game victory.

The third game saw Marquette steal the momentum, racking up 19 kills to UMaine's 12. The Black Bears hung around, trailing only 22-19, but any hope of a comeback was quickly doused by a spree of six unanswered points by the Eagles. This turned out to be too much to overcome, and Maine fell by a score of 30-21.

With their backs against the wall, the Black Bears were not about to go down without a fight. They battled hard to get to knot the score at 29. Marquette scored a point, but UMaine's Lindsay Allman came up with a big kill to tie it up again. After exchanging points, the Eagles got consecutive kills from Jenn Brown and Kimberley Todd to close out the game 33-31 and take the match.

While UMaine couldn't win the tight ones, they still had

some impressive individual performances. Their serving was top notch, as they tallied 11 aces to Marquette's two. Allman registered a double-double with 13 kills and 11 digs, and Margaret Page added 11 kills of her own. Laura Goettsch and Paige Tortorello were big-time contributors with 14 digs and 37 assists, respectively.

together several good passing plays, out-killing South Dakota 16-11 en route to a 30-21 victory. UMaine's Allman was a huge factor in this game, registering several big kills to stomp out any chance of a comeback.

UMaine looked to close out the Jackrabbits, but South Dakota wasn't ready to go home quite yet. Behind a 10-1 run, the Jackrabbits rolled past the Black Bears 30-23 to force a fifth and final game to decide the match.

Holding a slim lead of 8-6, UMaine had a few big plays, including two kills by Allman that built their lead to 13-8. Back-to-back kills by Amanda Armstrong and Page closed out the game and gave the Black Bears one of their hardest-earned victories of the year.

Allman had a spectacular game to lead Maine. She registered 19 kills and 20 digs, both match-highs. Goettsch added a double-double of her own, with 11 kills and 18 digs. Page and Armstrong added to the kill party, registering 14 and 12 apiece. Tortorello tallied 55 assists, a match high, and Brittany Kiehl was huge defensively with five blocks.

The Black Bears ended the season 2-9 in conference play, beating out Hartford for sixth place. The team looks promising for next year, returning all their players for the 2008 season.

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### Volleyball

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The next day, UMaine looked to rebound against South Dakota in the consolation match. In the first game, UMaine lead by just one at 24-23. They turned up the intensity and completed a five-point streak, leading to a 30-24 victory. South Dakota came back fighting and caught Maine on their heels in the second game. Using a key 5-0 run mid-game, the Jackrabbits ran with it and won 30-16.

The momentum continued to bounce back and forth in the following games. UMaine strung



Junior Bernal  
Sophomore - Gurad

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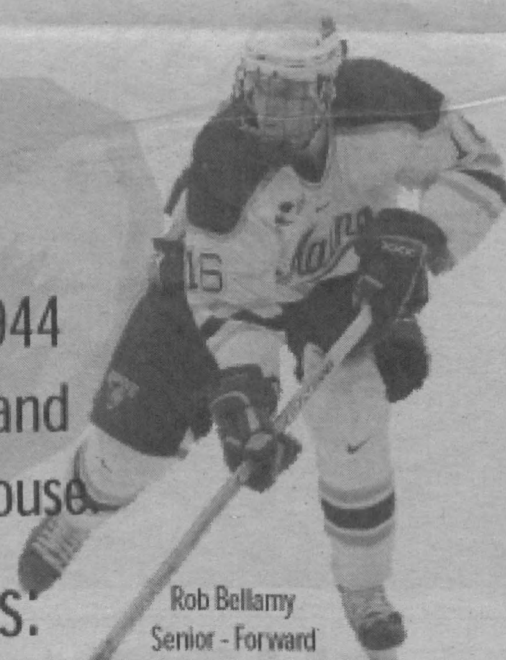
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#### Men's Basketball

Maine Vs. New Jersey Tech  
Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
Alfond Arena - Noon

#### Men's Ice Hockey

Maine Vs. New Brunswick (ex)  
Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
Alfond Arena - 7 p.m.  
  
Maine Vs. Merrimack  
Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
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Rob Bellamy  
Senior - Forward





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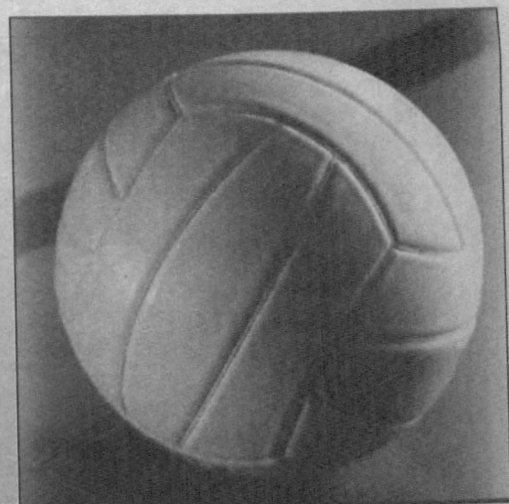


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After regular season struggles, volleyball squad sees high points in Milwaukee tournament.

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# THE MAINE CAMPUS sports

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2007

## Bears claw back, force tie against Catamounts

*Bishop pulled in final minute to allow extra attacker, Bellamy's first goal of season spurs overtime*

By Candace Daley

The University of Maine men's hockey team looked to break their four-game losing streak when they hosted the University of Vermont in a Sunday afternoon game. The game ended in a 5-5 overtime tie. UMaine left their record at 4-6-2 on the season and 2-4-2 in Hockey East.

Vermont started out strong in the first period with a power play goal at 1:50. Corey Carlson made the wrist shot from the left side, assisted by Dean Strong.

UMaine was unable to answer before Vermont's second goal at 3:26. Kevan Miller shot from outside the goal with an assist from Brian Roloff.

At 5:28, UMaine responded with a wrist from first-year defenseman Jeff Dimmen, assisted by senior forward Keenan Hopson and Billy Ryan. It was his second tally of the season.

Vermont's third goal came at 7:42 from Dan Lawson, unassisted. UMaine goalie Ben Bishop attempted to snag the puck, but it deflected off his glove into the goal.

Senior defenseman Bret Tyler's power play goal at 10:37 flew in

over Vermont goalie Joe Fallon's glove making the score 3-2, with assists from first-year forward Andrew Sweetland and senior forward Rob Bellamy. It was Tyler's fourth goal of the season.

"It was five on three, and we were just trying to get the puck to the net and I walked over and saw that the wrong guy was screening the

### Men's Hockey

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Vermont	5

goalie. So I just tried to get a low blocker on. Luckily, it found its way to the back of the net. I'll take it," Tyler said.

In the second period, Vermont once again started strong with a goal by Colin Vock.

Black Bear forward Chris Hahn gained his fourth goal of the season at 2:55 with an assist from Bellamy on the power play.

Vermont answered just 30 seconds later on a power play goal by Lenex from Vock.

Hopson cut the lead 5-4 in the third with a breakaway at 6:19. He freed the puck from Vermont defenseman Mark Lutz, beating Fallon with a shot over his shoulder.

"I went at him and poked it away. I just moved my feet as fast as I [could], and I just shot it and it went in," Hopson said.

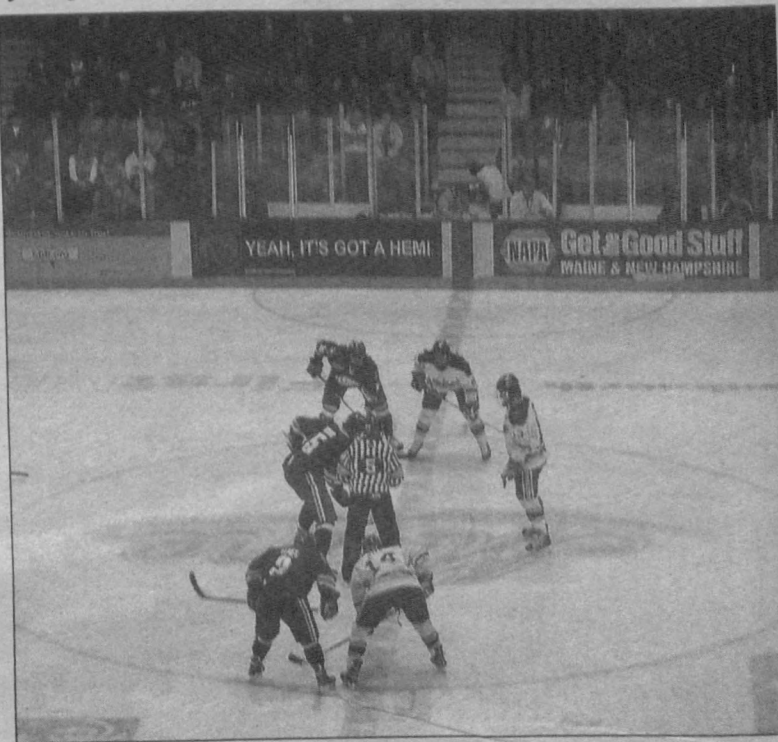
Vermont protected the lead until Sweetland found Bellamy with under a minute left in the game after Bishop had been pulled to get an extra man on the ice. It was Bellamy's first goal of the season.

"We were working it down low and Sweetland got it behind the net. I yelled for him and he put on the brakes, came out and set me with a great pass in front. I just tried to release as quick as I could and just found the back of the net," Bellamy said.

Neither team was able to score in overtime.

"It's kind of bittersweet. We ended up getting a point out of it, but obviously we want to win. But, no we're feeling okay, especially with the comeback," Hopson said.

Maine will play an exhibition game against New Brunswick at 7 p.m. on Dec. 1 at the Alford.



Candace Daley ♦ The Maine Campus

UMaine men's hockey tied Vermont 5-5 with less than a minute left in Sunday's game. The Bears could not break the tie in overtime.

## UM rugby's season in review

*Improved play leads Bears to an undefeated 5-0 regular season*

By Dana Bulba

The University of Maine men's rugby team began its 2007 fall season with a solid roster of skilled veterans and promising new players, who led them to an impressive 5-0 record during regular play.

Freeing themselves of player-coaches, who in the past ruled the field, the team snagged rugby enthusiast and Economics Department head George Criner to lead their team.

The squad began with a 48-0 win over Bowdoin and followed suit by crushing the New Hampshire Wildcats shortly after, 39-5. More wins were added when UMaine played Colby and Bates.

"As the season went on, we climbed up higher in the national rankings," Anthony Purpura said, who serves as co-captain and president of the rugby team. "It was by far the most successful season that the University of Maine has ever had."

According to Purpura, UMaine ranked at No. 7 in national division II rugby standings this fall.

Wrapping up the regular season, UMaine advanced to the New England Rugby Football Union's (NERFU) Division II College Cup Playoffs with a regional ranking of

No. 2. They beat No. 7 Rhode Island (41-17) and continued on to the semi-finals to face the No. 3 ranked Coast Guard; they lost, 22-7.

"I've been around UMaine for a while now and they seem to only be getting better," Campus Recreation Grad Assistant Mike Morse said. "They have become the best team in Maine very quickly."

*"[New players] usually start from the beginning, and we teach them everything."*

Mike Groth

Senior Physical Education Major

Purpura and senior Mike Groth attributed UMaine's success this fall to returning players like Andrew Higgins, Rocco Andreozzi, Eric Anderson and Sam LaRue and new outstanding underclassmen Ben Reichl and Brett Griskiewicz. These players made up a portion of the team's 35-40 player fall roster.

"We had about 10 to 12 new guys," Groth said. According to

Groth, it's rare to have underclassmen with experience, referring to Reichl and Griskiewicz. "[New players] usually start from the beginning, and we teach them everything."

Although the regular season play is over, the men's rugby team will begin their tournament season after winter break.

Team members are anticipating hosting a "ten's" tournament of their own in February at UMaine. Their plan will be discussed during NERFU's upcoming annual meeting.

"Hopefully it would give the team and other schools in attendance a look at potential opponents and play other teams that they may not see otherwise," Morse said.

Details in regard to dates and attending teams are not yet established, but Purpura hopes to "bring the rugby culture to UMaine." Up to 50 local, national and international teams are projected to attend the two-day event.

"We want people to see what we're about," Purpura said.

All interested players are welcome said Purpura and Groth.

"We have great team bonding events," Purpura said. "It's a great time, it opens up a lot of opportunities."

## Friars wallop Bears

*Providence's scoring runs outshine UMaine*

By Danny Bartlett

The University of Maine men's basketball team traveled to Providence College Tuesday night looking for its fourth win of the season but instead came away with a 48-78 loss. Providence bettered its record to 4-1 while Maine dropped to 3-4.

The Black Bears went into the game fresh off two strong performances over Thanksgiving break, one resulting in a win and the other a loss. Maine beat Quinnipiac 64-59 on Nov. 20 with the help of a 29-point night by Mark Socoby. On Nov. 24 they lost 57-70 to Northeastern with Socoby and Brian Andre contributing 17 points apiece.

Early on, UMaine showed they could hang close with the Providence College Friars. Jordan Cook gave Maine the first lead of the game with a lay-up. The Friars took the lead and held onto it for the first seven minutes of the game until Junior Bernal tied the score at 11-11 with a fast break dunk.

The Friars went on a 14-2 run over the next four minutes, but UMaine responded with a mini-run of its own to pull within six with seven minutes remaining. This was as close as the Black Bears would get, as the Friars gradually pulled away to close out the first half with

the score notched at 25-37.

In the second half, the Friars put together multiple runs that UMaine responded to with mini-runs of its own. The Friars used a combination of three-point shooting and fast breaks to build a lead too steep for the Black Bears to recover from. Brian Andre came alive in the second half for Maine and closed out the final three minutes of the game with three monstrous dunks. It was too little too late, and the Black Bears lost 48-78.

The story of the game was points off the bench and fast break points. The Friars' bench players strung together 26 points while the Maine bench only contributed seven. The Friars scored 16 fast break points, eight of which were dunks, while Maine only had two fast break points off a Junior Bernal dunk.

The Friars were led by Geoff McDermott with 17 points, 13 rebounds and five assists. Weyinmi Efejuku contributed 14 points and four steals, while Brian McKenzie added 13 points and four assists. The Black Bears were led by Brian Andre with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Jason Height added 9 points and six rebounds off of 3-4 shooting beyond the arc.

The Black Bears return to action Dec. 1 against New Jersey Tech at noon in the Alford Arena.

### Men's Basketball

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