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the maine campus

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Kennedy hosts student open house

UM president welcomes 200 for holiday party

By Meghan Hayward

More than 200 students gathered at President Kennedy's house on Tuesday night for his annual student holiday open house.

"This house means a lot to the students and to the university," Kennedy said. "This is only one of several times I will be opening my home this holiday season."

Several student fraternities, sororities and organizations on campus were invited to the open house. While University of Maine student groups were specifically invited, Kennedy said any student interested in attending would be welcome.

Students were greeted with several holiday decorations ranging from a tree that stood taller than eight feet to poinsettias and numerous other decorations.

Guests enjoyed eggnog and hot and cold refreshments that were prepared and served by Black Bear Catering.

Several students took the event as an opportunity to visit with Kennedy. Christi Holmes of the Sophomore Owls was excited to have the chance to go to President Kennedy's house.

"I think it is important to talk with President Kennedy and other important people, while also having the opportunity to spend time with your friends," Holmes said.

While the students were excited about meeting Kennedy, he was just as thrilled to have the chance to mingle with them.

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Off the wall



Kyle Warren ♦ The Maine Campus
A climber under the prow prepares for a dynamic move during the Boulder Bash event held in Maine Bound

Winter parking ban in effect

Clean up from last week's snowstorm continues

By Rhlannon Sawtelle

Parking and Transportation Services is reminding all drivers that the winter parking ban is now in effect. Starting Nov. 1 and lasting until May 1, the winter parking ban prevents cars from parking in visitor, staff or commuter lots from midnight until 6 a.m.

Non-resident students can park their cars in the College Ave. South lot, across the street from the Buchanan Alumni House. Resident students can continue to park their cars in designated red lots. Residents will be warned with signs and FirstClass announcements three days before lots need to be cleared for snow removal.

"It's important you don't park your car and forget about it," said Alan Stormann, assistant director for Parking and Transportation.

Visitors should be reminded of these rules to avoid citations. Visitors to campus should get a temporary visitor pass from Public Safety, the Buchanan Alumni House or the Student Service Center in the Memorial Union.

If a car is found in violation, the driver will be given a \$25 citation and will have their vehicle towed. If the car is not picked up within 24 hours, there will be a storage fee added to the initial towing fee.

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'Exercising' in democracy

Rec Center to add a student advisory board for input

By Lalla Sholtz-Amez

Nearly four months after the 87,000 square foot Recreation and Fitness Center began welcoming users and students, faculty are still using the facility. They flock to the lane pool, the hot tub, two racquetball courts, basketball, volleyball courts and the weight machines.

Dr. Kendra Scheele, the senior associate dean of students, is one of the many faculty members who use the facility.

"The Rec. Center has been a tremendous addition to the University of Maine campus. Just around Thanksgiving we had our one-hundred-thousandth user of the facility enter the building," Scheele said.

Not all students are enthusiastic about the Rec. Center, however. All full-time students are automatically charged a \$98 fee to their bills.

"I don't like that we are paying for the new Rec. Center with our student fees, because I

really don't think we needed a new place to work out," said Venice Lombardo, a second-year UMaine student.

"Campus Recreation now has a Campus Recreation Advisory Council (CRAC) with students, staff, faculty and community representation," Scheele said.

With this, University of Maine students are now influencing some new plans for the center, including a possible coat rack for those using the Rec. Center.

"This way people have a secure place to leave their belongings if they don't have a locker," Scheele said.

UMaine President Robert Kennedy and many of the college deans, including Robert Dana, enjoy using the facility alongside students.

"This has been the most remarkable addition to campus life in my memory. So many people

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Working for the weekend

For some students, 'school work' has a different meaning

By Emma Potvin

With tests to study for, books to read and papers to write, in addition to time spent in the classroom, college students lead busy lives. But some, whose parents are unable or unwilling to help pay for college, have to fit one more thing into their busy schedules – a job.

For these students, college is not about partying, social networking or watching hockey games. It has to be about organization, prioritizing and hoping to make some time to sleep.

"I've always been a pretty organized person, but I took that to a whole new level when I got to college," said Kelsey Numrych, a senior double majoring in psychology and sociology.

Numrych worked three jobs the summer after high school, and has been working her

way through college ever since. This school year is the first year she has held less than two jobs at a time.

Numrych has worked in coffee shops, clerked in sports stores and done data entry. For the last three school years she has worked as an administrative aid at the Marketplace. It pays well enough that she can afford to work 20 hours a week and make tuition payments.

She says she'll finish the semester with a 3.0 grade point average. "My grades have been sacrificed ... but I've got to work, there's no other option."

Josiah Harrison-Benjamin, a junior majoring in social work, said "Sometimes sleep has to be held off because work and school get in the way so much."

Harrison-Benjamin got his first job when he was 15. "I was told that I wasn't going to

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Word of mouth

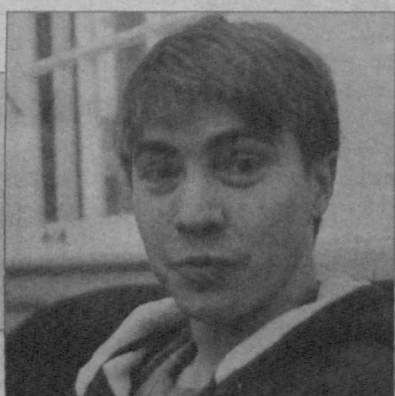
What final are you dreading most?



Calculus.
Ryan Cope
Marine Science

It's between two: stats and biology.

Nick Gagny
Studio art



I actually don't have any finals.

Heidi Wilcox
Psychology



Chemistry.

Mike Perrigo
Mechanical engineering



UMaine switches to Call Pilot for voicemail system

Change intended to upgrade on-campus calling; IT continues to work out kinks with high hopes of success for new program

By Kathleen Dane

The University of Maine will be transferring its voicemail services to a new system called Call Pilot on Thursday, Dec. 13. Information Technologies is optimistic that no problems will occur, but some users may have to create a new password due to complications in importing current numbers to the new system.

The change is simply "an update to a newer version of what we had before. The old system was put in in 1991 and is no longer supported by the vendor," Assistant Director of Information Technologies (IT) Les Shaw said.

In a newsletter, IT Director John Gregory said IT was confident in the new version. "IT has spent the last year evaluating different systems and has decided that Call Pilot is the best choice for the campus," he said. "This new system will have a few new features and functions," in addition to the features from Meridian Mail.

In an e-mail to the campus announcements folder on FirstClass, Shaw explained that the only problem encountered so far occurred while IT staff updated existing numbers onto the new system. As 260 users' information was imported, IT received a report that their phone numbers had failed to be applied.

As Shaw detailed in his announcement, new mailboxes will be created for these 260 users. "When we create these new mailboxes," he said, "the password, personal verification and greetings for these mailboxes will be lost." Instruction for these users to create a new password was also included in the e-mail, as well as contact numbers in the event any problems occur during the process.

"We're working now to figure it out," Shaw said. "If they can correct it by [Thursday] it won't even be a problem." However, as to the rest of the numbers, "We're confident that they will work." He said most students probably won't notice the change.

"I am asking all users," Shaw said, "to clean up their mailboxes as much as possible prior to 12/12. The larger number of messages we have to import the longer it will take."

In his e-mail, Shaw also reassured, "If all goes well, the only change you will notice is that when you log into your mailbox you will hear 'Nortel Call Pilot' instead of 'Meridian Mail.'"

"We always anticipate problems," Shaw said, "but we've tested it a number of different times already and it went smoothly." So with any luck, the transition will be uneventful, and most users' settings will be unharmed.



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

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

Rec

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are using the facility when, in the past, they wouldn't. It gives people a sense of connectedness, a great place to go and a wonderful feeling that UMaine is truly a student-centered institution."

After nearly a semester, the faculty is working to make new improvements and continuing to provide new services for students. Some students have even started to think of possible suggestions and ways to improve the Rec Center.

"I would like to see more free classes, such as yoga and aerobics for students," said Rachel Hirsch, a third year student and frequent visitor to the Rec Center.

"It's a really great place to be," Dana said.

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WEATHER

Orono's five-day forecast

Monday: Snow showers

25 12
high low



Tuesday: Snow showers

25 23
high low



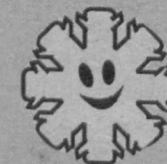
Wednesday: Partly cloudy

32 10
high low



Thursday: Snow showers

20 13
high low



Friday: Partly cloudy

28 14
high low



MONDAY

To Go ... or Not to Go Organic

12:00 p.m. Coe Room, Memorial Union
By Eric Gallandt, part of the Lunch and Learn series.

DEC 10

TUESDAY

Comparison of Acid Enzymatic Hydrolysis of Hardwood Hemicellulosis for the Development of an Integrated Forest Biofinery

11:00 a.m. Aubert Hall 248
A graduate research seminar by LeRae Graham.

DEC 11

WEDNESDAY

Fibromyalgia in Women: A Literature of the Causes, Experiences, and Consequences

12:15 p.m. Bangor Room Memorial Union
By Sandy Sigmon, part of the Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program Fall Lunch Series.

DEC 12

To submit your event to The Maine Campus Community Calendar, please send time, date, location and fee information to Heather.Steeves@umit.maine.edu or drop it off in our offices, located in the basement of Memorial Union. Deadlines for submissions are 9 a.m. Sunday for Monday publication and 9 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday publication.



Adrianne Hess ♦ The Maine Campus

Jennifer Doak practices poi in the Rec. Center's multipurpose room on a late winter afternoon.

Police Beat

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Old Town and
UMaine's finest

Pricey permits

A 2008 parking permit owned by a graduate assistant was stolen from an unlocked Toyota Corolla in Jenness Parking Lot between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Dec. 6. The permit is valued at \$50.

Dorm damage

An officer patrolling in Androscoggin Hall discovered two damaged windows located on either end of the third-floor hall at 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 27. A window on each double door had been cracked. The damage is estimated at \$100.

Stolen fence

An antique fence was stolen from outside the Page Farm Museum on Nov. 25. The caretaker reported the missing gate to Public Safety at 4:00 p.m., describing it as iron and L-shaped, with an estimated value of \$2,000. The fence is believed to have been manufactured at the turn of the century.

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Sean Collins ♦ The Maine Campus

UMaine students are prohibited from parking in commuter lots overnight now that winter has begun. Overnight parking resumes on May 1.

Parking

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"There is no safe night to park illegally," Stormann added. With the large amount of snow in the past week, the winter parking ban has recently been enforced. However, Stormann noted there were far fewer violations during the first storm compared to last year.

The first storm of 2006 found 66 cars in violation, compared with 22 cars this year. "People are making an effort to do the right thing," Stormann said.

"The parking situation after storms is fairly difficult. This again all depends on what lots you can park in, if your car can go through any amount of snow," said Carrie Couturier, a resident driver.

The parking ban may be inconvenient, but Stormann said that it can't always be about immediate convenience.

In the winter months, it may seem difficult to find a parking spot.

"The bottom line is: we have adequate parking," he said.

"It's often hard to get a spot within a reasonable distance unless you get to campus extremely

early," said Dylan Cayer, a commuter driver. "On most days, I spend about five to 10 minutes looking for a parking spot. However, arriving on a Sunday night on campus, or especially late on any given night, this time may be multiplied a few times," Couturier added.

Commuter and faculty drivers are encouraged to call 581-INFO, a program maintained by Parking and Transportation Services, to get updates about parking availability on campus. Updated at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., the automated services tells drivers how many spots are available in certain lots on campus. These numbers are computed by parking service employees who periodically inventory the lots.

If no convenient parking is available after dark or any time a person feels uncomfortable, emergency call boxes are located throughout campus. With a call to the box, drivers can request a walking companion to where they need to walk or can call Public Safety to escort them.

A full list of snow removal schedules, rules and regulations and lot closings and updates can be found at the Parking and Transportation Services Web site: www.umaine.edu/parking/default.htm.

Work

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hang out with my friends in the neighborhood all summer. That I was getting a job." He worked as a bagger at a Stop and Shop. "I had to find my own transportation to work, and I wasn't old enough to drive," he said.

While he was in elementary school, Harrison-Benjamin dreamed about going to college, "I remember my mother saying that 'I am not going to pay for it,'" he said.

Harrison-Benjamin is paying for his own education. He works full-time as a psychology technician at Acadia Hospital during the school year. During the summer, he holds two jobs. Last summer he "worked 80-plus hours a week and raked in a lot of cash," he said. "But all that flew away in my tuition."

Both Harrison-Benjamin and Numrych supplement their income with student loans.

Numrych said that Stafford loans paid about 60 percent of her tuition during her junior year and will continue at the same rate through this year. Overall, she is about \$20,000 in debt from Stafford loans.

About 72 percent of college students in Maine graduate with an average debt of \$22,877, according to the Project on Student Debt, a non-profit organization working to increase public understanding of student debt and the loan process.

Harrison-Benjamin has taken \$8,700 in Perkins loans and \$24,000 in Stafford loans. "My biggest fear is not being able to pay back my student loans when I graduate," he said. "I have no idea how this is going to happen or how much my payment will be."

Harrison-Benjamin works through the worry to prove that he can. "I've always been told that I couldn't go to school and that it was

going to be outside my reach," he said. "My family was never supportive in my endeavors, so I decided I was going to do something ... and succeed at it."

Despite the sleep deprivation and lack of free time that comes from working her way through school, Numrych said, "I really, really enjoy school." She believes education is the most important thing people can do for themselves.

After she graduates from the University of Maine, she plans to go to graduate school and then join the FBI. Eventually, she would like to become a criminal profiler, the highly trained and experienced officers who study behavioral and forensic details of violent crimes to create a profile of the suspect.

"When I was a kid, we joked that I wanted to be a badass," Numrych said. As a competitive shooter, she hopes one day to train with the FBI snipers and maybe even work with the hostage response team. "I don't even know if women are allowed to do that, but I imagine I could find a loophole. I'm good at that," she said.

Both students feel they value their education more because they have to work for it. "When I was in high school I took my education for granted because I didn't have to pay for it ... I didn't make the connection between the work that I am currently doing now, versus the work that I will be doing in college," Harrison-Benjamin said.

He believes students should stop complaining about how the university is ripping them off and start doing something about it. "Life is a fight," he said. "We fight for the few spots on the top. It's tough and difficult but ultimately, worth it."

Numrych encouraged students to work while they are in school, even if they can afford not to. "You learn a lot about yourself," she said.

Student

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"This is really all about the students," Kennedy said. "I enjoy seeing how their semester has gone so far and how they're doing since finals week is quickly approaching."

Kennedy sees the open house as a good way to get to know the students on a more personal level and gain a better idea of what student groups on campus are doing.

"With my schedule, it is sometimes difficult to communicate one-on-one with students since there are so many," Kennedy said. "This open house seemed like the perfect way to fix that problem and I felt during the holidays would be the best time."

Holmes said she was enjoying herself at the party and even got a picture taken with the president. She came up with the idea of 101 things you should do while at UMaine and the Sophomore Owls compiled the list on a poster. Holmes was happy that she was able to show President

Kennedy a project she and the Sophomore Owls worked on. Getting a degree was at the bottom of the list they compiled.

Kennedy was impressed with the idea and thought it was fantastic.

"It's these types of things that make University of Maine students so unique and special. We have a talented campus," he said.

After the student holiday open house, Kennedy had to get ready for the faculty open house which was held on Wednesday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The only difference in the faculty open house was that most faculty members could only drop by for a short time during their lunch break or when they didn't have a class to teach, therefore, not all professors interested in attending are able to stay the entire three hours.

Kennedy is still happy he has the occasion to visit with both students and staff. "It is something that I always look forward to and I can't wait to do it again next year," he said.

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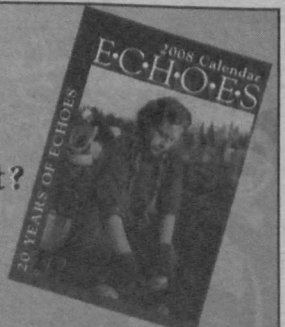
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Giving up the crown...

By Katee Stearns

Miss Maine 2007



Erin Elise Good, Miss Maine USA 2007, walked into 9 small dressing room Sunday, Nov. 24, in the South Portland Sheraton all smiles. She sat at a mirror propped up against one of the ivory walls and squinted slightly as she studied herself in the mirror. Her blue eyes were lined with smoky black liner and her light auburn hair hung straight down to the middle of her back.

Last year, Good sat in the same room as one of 12 contestants in the Miss Maine USA 2007 pageant. For the past 12 months, she has worn the coveted crown — a shining, silver symbol of elegance, poise and beauty. From the glow on Good's face, one would never know her reign as Maine's beauty queen was about to end.

"I'm giving up my title as Miss Maine USA tonight," Good said, curling her hair, "and I have to say it's bittersweet."

Pageant contestants for 2008 began to file into the dressing room, taking eager glances at Good's regal accessory that sat atop her head. Not only would one of them capture the title of Miss Maine USA in less than three hours, they would also receive an all-expenses paid trip to Miss USA, the beauty pageant owned by Donald Trump and NBC.

Good acknowledged some of the young women vying for her crown. They were filing in from the foyer and head-

ing toward their makeup stations scattered throughout the dressing room.

"I would be happy to crown any one of them," Good said. She began to touch up her makeup, generously applying bronzer to her already tanned complexion.

With the crowning of a new Miss Maine USA, a new chapter of Good's life awaits her.

For more than 50 years, this Miss USA pageant has been crowning state delegates that demonstrate grace, fitness, beauty and integrity. The 51 delegates, including the District of Columbia, spend nearly three weeks making appearances, competing at preliminaries and then, finally performing and competing in the final show. Each year a new location is chosen for the pageant, which is held in the spring.

"I learned a lot after competing at Miss USA," Good said. "There are some really petty pageant girls and some who are really down to earth. I still talk to several of [the other delegates] on a regular basis."

Good, a native of Fairfield, claims she grew up as a tomboy and was a natural on the soccer field. She insisted that she was not a stereotypical "popular girl."

"I didn't start wearing makeup or acting like a girly-girl until later in high school," Good explained. "It was then someone suggested I get in to modeling, and the pageant was kind of a second interest. I wanted to try something new."

After capturing her title, Good spent her year making appearances around the state and working with causes such as the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Best Buddies and the Muscular Dystrophy Association, both locally and nationally, through the Miss Universe Organization.

"Best Buddies was probably my favorite charitable alliance," Good said. "At Miss USA, we were paired up with a buddy that has special needs and got to spend the day with them at a basketball event. Even though I'm not very good at basketball, I had an amazing time getting to know my buddy, Arthur. We still keep in touch, and he's an amazing human being."

Good also had a brush with celebrity as she appeared on shows such as "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno and had meet-and-greets with celebrities such as Danny Bonaduce, Carmen Electra, Miss USA 2006 Tara Conner and Miss Universe 2006 Zuleyka Rivera.

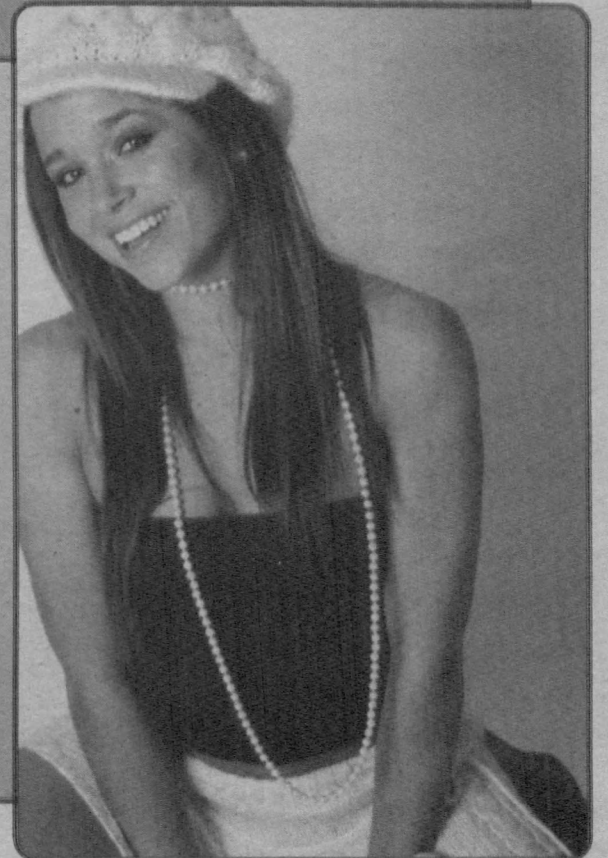
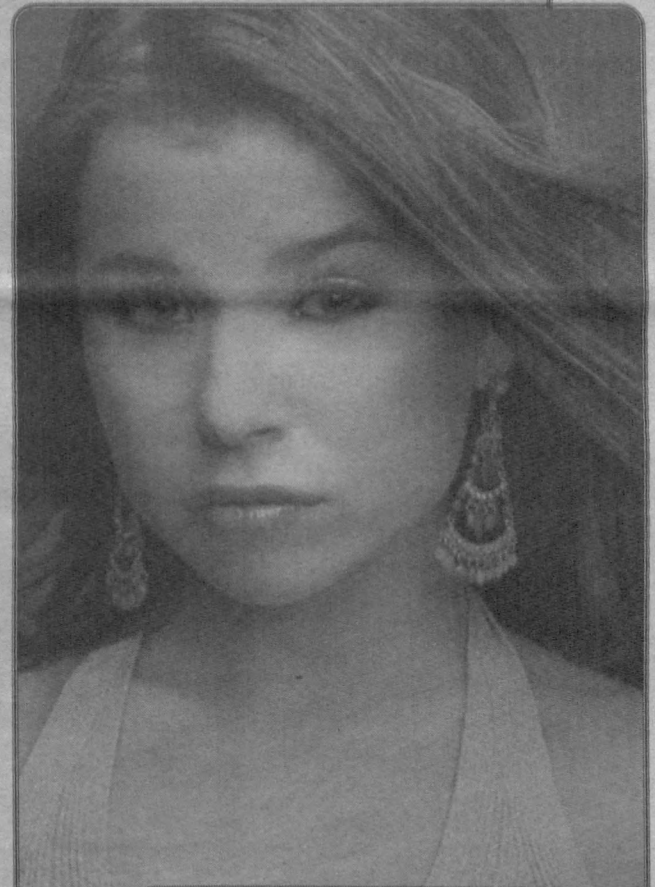
The climax of her reign occurred March 23. After nearly three weeks of late nights, early mornings, appearances, uncomfortable shoes and full hair and make-up for endless flashes from cameras, Good appeared live on NBC for the Miss USA 2007 pageant.

"Competing at Miss USA was surreal. The year goes by so fast and you can't realize that until it's almost over," Good said and then went to change into her evening gown. Reappearing moments later, Good was stunning in a black, strapless, form-fitting fabric that fell into a train of feathers just below the knee.

She returned to her mirror for one last glimpse. Taking a deep breath, sadness fell over her face. The glow slowly faded.

Good applied a light gloss to her lips and was called to the backstage area, about to take her final walk as Miss Maine USA 2007. Realizing the clock was now minutes from striking twelve on her reign, Good rose from her chair and, with a tearful smile, said, "This experience truly is a fairytale."

Kaetlin Parent, 19, of Van Buren, walked away with Good's title that night. While Good had to pass on her crown and insists that she sees no pageants in her future, she still has a year full of memories that are hers to keep forever.



Walking in a



The snow weighed heavily
on the trees after the first
snow storm of the year
-Photo by Alicia Mullins-



A plow at work outside
of Lord Hall
-Photo by Eryk Salvaggio-

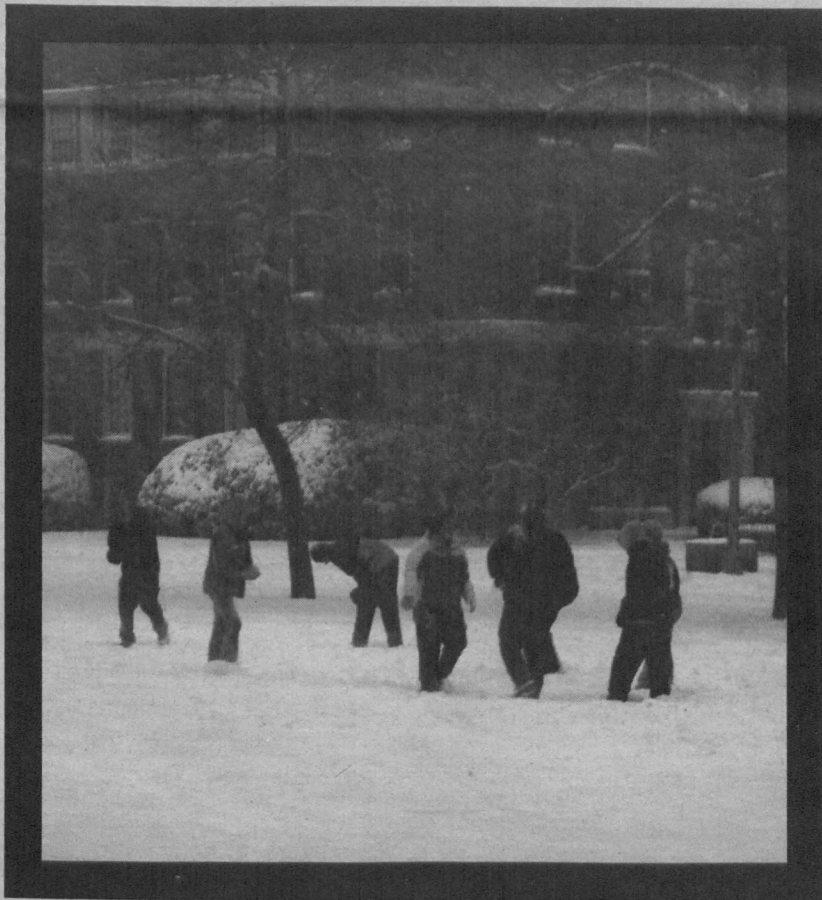


Tracks can be found on
the UMaine trails now
that they have been
blanketed with snow
-Photo by David Dauphinee-

winter wonderland



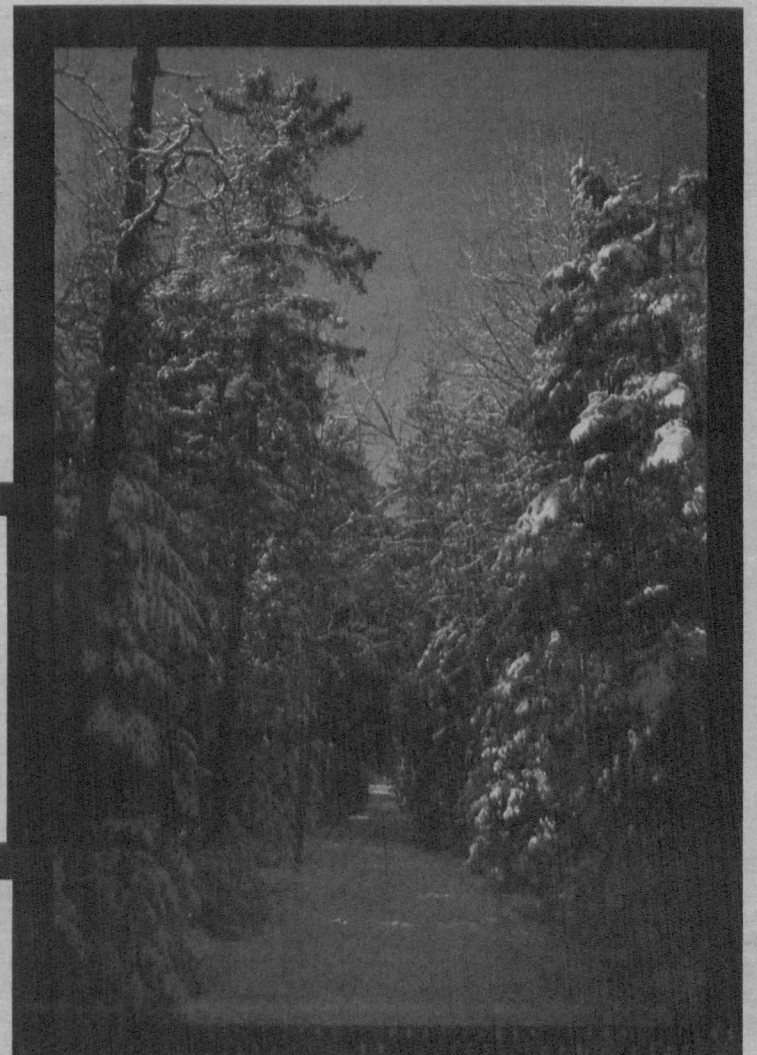
The first snow fall
covered the
UMaine campus
-Photo by Chris Pappas-



Students take advantage of
a snow day to pummel
each other with snowballs
-Photo by Eryk Salvaggio-



Trails behind the University became
washed in white after last
week's snow storm
-Photo by David Dauphinee-



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Culmination of an eventful semester

With the semester wrapping up, it's a good time to look back at what's happened in our community and examine the ways that these things may impact our future.

The year has seen a lot of improvements to the University of Maine, including the opening of the Recreation Center, a state-of-the-art fitness facility for students and the surrounding communities. Though some students have scoffed at the fees being tacked on to their student bill, those who use it consider the facility a success.

The semester also saw a statewide election, with Maine voters approving a bond initiative to award the university additional funds for building renovations and educational research opportunities.

Fans of the band My Chemical Romance experienced some disappointment, but the promise of a larger concert — and the possibility of the return of Bumstock under Student Government's watch — are likely to make next semester an exciting one for music fans.

More contentious issues have also come to campus this semester. Low turnout for Student Government elections indicates widespread student apathy. Changes in election rules being proposed to Student Government have the potential to change the way elections are held in the future, including a more neutral and transparent debate format.

Next semester will also be the first in which students can take advantage of Opportunity Maine, a piece of legislation that will allow graduates to write off student loans from their taxes for each year they remain in Maine after graduation.

The above editorial is the opinion of and written by the editorial board, whose members are Eryk Salvaggio, Derek Dobachesky, David Dauphinee, Brett Sowerby, Emily Southwick, Heather Steeves, Nick McCrea, Pattie Barry, Rebekah Rhodes and Adrienne Hess.

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Perspectives

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Eryk Salvaggio

Don't ask, don't tell: the best policy for dietary decisions

For years, I've been making a lifestyle choice that few people agree with. It is unnatural, against some people's religions and makes Thanksgiving dinners uncomfortable. Though I don't force others to participate in my lifestyle and never mention it except to others who share my decision, I am constantly ridiculed and mocked for my "agenda."

You see, readers, I am a vegetarian.

I'm not a guy with a "meat is murder" T-shirt. I don't hold up signs next to ice cream stores that say "Milk is Rape," but I have friends who have and, well, no one was convinced. I find PETA annoying.

I am not trying to convert anyone. I am just trying to eat my tofu lasagna in peace. Yet the minute the word "tofu" escapes my lips, I meet a litany laced with a thousand references to steak. After that, I am told that vegetarians are pushy and annoying. All I have ever done to merit this outpouring of annoyance is answer a question about what's inside the Tupperware.

Ultimately, I think it's selfish to make anything else suffer in exchange for my own comfort. While McDonald's may have told you that hamburgers grow in gardens, they do not. Instead, they are taken from a cow, which dies after a hook is inserted into its neck and it is left to hang until its blood stops dripping long enough for it to be sliced open.

This seems, at the most fundamental level, rude. It is rude to ask a cow to do that so that I may eat a hamburger. If someone were to ask me to do it so that they could eat one meal, I would say no. So, I don't eat meat.

The other reason I don't eat animals is that I don't want humans to die. Producing one cow for consumption requires a disproportionate amount of food for the cow, food that could go to humans. Cows eat too much. The same acre of land that could produce 40,000 pounds of potatoes only produces about 250 pounds of beef. If Americans ate just 10 percent less meat in a year, we could feed 60 million people in what we save in grain.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am concerned about the impact of 400,000 acres of forested land for commercial development in the Moosehead Lake region, which is currently zoned for logging and primitive camping. Plum Creek wants to develop 20,500 acres of land into house lots and resorts. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries recently said the development "... will forever change the characteristics of the region." The Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service also recently expressed concern over the proposed development. Plum Creek is the largest private landowner in the country, is

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simply concerned about lining its pockets and has the worst record in the state for

violating forestry laws.

I am from Down East Maine and have spent quite a bit of time in the Moosehead region. I have enjoyed ice fishing, skiing and canoeing around Moosehead. My favorite thing about Moosehead Lake is the feeling of remoteness it brings. A year and a half ago, I paddled the entirety of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail.

All the things that we loved about this area will be compromised by the development. Wildlife will become sparser, public camping areas will be more crowded or

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A-bombs arguably more destructive than F-bombs in most circumstances

Adrienne Hess

This week, a certain University of Maine English professor demanded that I tell him if there are any words left that offend my generation. Despite the efforts of censors and other watchdogs, many popular artists and filmmakers use colorful language to appeal to a younger audience. From "Scarface" to "The Departed," it's quite easy to forget that until recent years, the word "damn" carried quite a bit of weight.

Like the many words that it describes, "curse" is an interesting and versatile word. In one case, it means "to utter words that bring misfortune to others." When used differently, it means "to utter profanity."

Curse words are socially constructed and reveal quite a bit about a culture. From a sensitive taboo, you can learn what people find incredibly shameful. It seems that biological, sexual, blasphemous and scatological matters are now being treated in a blasé manner, revealing that we're in a special position, having been raised by the late baby boomers and the early generation X-ers. How can a generation raised with books like Taro Gomi's "Everybody Poops" be expected to treat a particular biological function as though it should be shrouded in mystery and shame?

Furthermore, why should we? Everybody does poop. Most people like to make love, screw and, occasionally, f---. We all have various body parts, and sometimes we get angry. None of these life facts are misfortunes, so it's good that the evil is slow-

ly dripping away from the words.

That's not to say that there is nothing that will shock me. Let's explore why people utter, mutter and exclaim profanity in the first place. It's most hurtful when a person is displeased, and the sincerity of that emotion, expressed with any words at all, can cause alarm and pain. Perhaps stripping some arbitrary words of their inherent power is a good thing for the English language, as it puts one in the position of expressing themselves more creatively in order to get his or her point across.

I will point out that there are still words that hurt, mainly those of intolerance, because of the history of violence, oppression and pain behind the words.

It's also true that words of racial or sexual intolerance are, in utterance, more like curses; they do evoke the pain and violence behind them, as they are meant to cause harm. I'd say that it speaks volumes for my generation that

hate speech is the taboo that shames us more than any other issue.

So be careful of the words you use, and the words that you seek to hear in songs, movies and on the television. More importantly, be aware of the emotions, intentions and cultural history behind the words. Because when we embrace a culture of war, rape and exploitation, a little f-bomb sprinkled here or there is the least of our concerns.

Adrienne Hess doesn't care if you jokingly call her a ---, but never, ever call her a meanie.

Truce

I am not an activist by any means. I'm a passive vegetarian. Yet, it's as if vegetarians are exclusively capable of insipid sentiments about love, chanting to bring peace to the earth. What I eat for lunch, apparently, renders me incapable of serious thought.

As a means of defense, I used to mention that Albert Einstein was a vegetarian. People inevitably inform me that Adolf Hitler was also a vegetarian. The fact that my diet has made me neither a genius in physics nor a genocidal dictator should be enough to end that argument, but for the record, Hitler wasn't a vegetarian. He ate Czech ham after conquering Prague, according to a New York Times article from the period. His vegetarian dietary restrictions prevented flatulence, which is ironic, since I am often told that, as a vegetarian, I must fart a lot. It's a classy topic, but it's not true.

Some ask, "Don't you know that it's how humans evolved? That's why we have incisors!" Well, heav-

en forbid I don't use my teeth for their intended purpose! Others ask me why I would go against God's assigned relationship of man and animals. In the battle of religion and science, it is clear that vegetarians are the losers. My continued existence — and relative health — does not seem to dissuade people from the idea that vegetarianism is unhealthy. But it's simple enough: vegetables are the most crucial part of a diet resistant to cholesterol problems, heart disease and cancer.

Meat-eaters of the world, I call a truce. You keep eating your wasteful, unhealthy diet because you have certain kinds of teeth or whatever, and I will not go into graphic descriptions of what happens to veal. Be rude to cows; but don't be rude to me when I happen to say "veggie" in front of "burger" when you ask me what I am eating. In exchange, I won't tell you how many years that fast-food hamburger has been kept frozen. Deal?

Eryk Salvaggio has been honorably discharged for disclosing information about his dietary orientation.



Alexander Aman

Human rights day to offer opportunity to ponder issues at home

Dec. 10, 2007 marks the 59th International Human Rights Day (IHRD). I challenge us all to know and remember this day and to work to expand our understanding of human rights and the struggles to support them.

Dignitaries and policymakers will reaffirm their resolve and TV news shows will highlight conditions around the world, as they have done in past years. In 2005, the U.S. government made a public statement that, "the United States salutes those around the world who struggle to defend, protect and promote the fundamental freedoms that are the birthright of all mankind."

This year we find ourselves in a time of seemingly endless international unrest in places like Pakistan, Myanmar, Sudan, Iraq and in the streets of France. Few can, or will, deny the value of shining light on these situations and struggling to discover and prevent human rights abuses worldwide. On the other hand, some would say we do not need to look far.

It can be difficult to realize that looking and seeing are not the same. Can we see what is in our backyard? It takes a lot of strength and humility to see what many would not acknowledge. Days like International Human Rights Day exist, however, so that we might challenge ourselves to find that strength.

I challenge us to look to New Orleans, La. and see what is there.

How long has it been since residents of New Orleans had their lives swept away in the torrent of a manmade disaster? How long has it been since you heard about the displaced New Orleans residents on the news? How long would you wait for help that might never come?

Pre-Hurricane Katrina there were approximately 5,200 families in public housing in addition to 2,000 low-income units temporarily vacant due to renovations. There are now only 1,600 families in public housing.

Why? Did they not want to come back? Maybe the answer can be found in the stories of residents shoveling mud and debris out of their homes while risking arrest for "trespass-

ing." Or in tales of New Orleans residents being refused aid because they need federally accepted ID and the only copies they have are their birth certificates buried in the mud in the apartment they are not allowed back into.

By no later than Dec. 18, demolition will begin on 3,861 of the current 4,605 low-income public housing units. They will be replaced with 744 low-income public housing units, a reduction of about 82 percent. This will, in effect, eliminate the right of low-income residents to return home.

Some may argue that New Orleans should not be rebuilt at all. The fact is that New Orleans is going to be rebuilt. The real question is, "Who should have the right to live there?"

On Dec. 10, we will hear stories and see pictures of those in Sri Lanka, Somalia, Sudan and Palestine forced to flee their homes. We will hear of houses destroyed and entire communities living in camps unable to return home. We may even hear about the right of return for displaced people. Are these images so different from those after the flood in New Orleans? Are those stories of suffering and hardship unlike those of the people from the Ninth Ward?

I am asking you. Are they?

I challenge us all on Dec. 10 to form an opinion on this issue and similar issues around the world. Learn the stories of those still without homes or without any state or federal aid struggling to return to New Orleans. Learn the stories of those left without homes sleeping on the steps of city hall. Think of your own family and wonder if they should have the right to return if your town was destroyed. I challenge us to look and see with a humble strength that goes deeper than politics and social context.

Care enough to have an educated opinion. Do not forget the people of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

Alexander Aman is a resident assistant in Smith House.

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taken over by development, motor boats will race up and down the lakes and the shores of these lakes will be crowded with summer homes.

The character of this region and our state needs to be preserved. Please write a letter to the Land Use Regulation Commission and express your concern about the proposed development. You can write to

them at:

Land Use Regulation Commission
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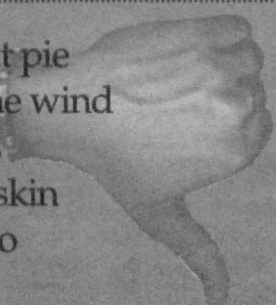
Tom Perkins, a concerned Maine citizen.

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- End of the semester
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- Ricky Martin



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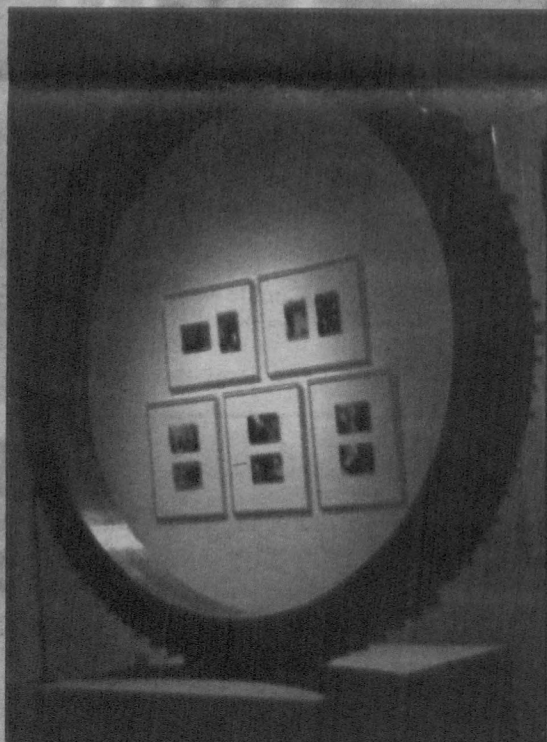
OVERCOMING SENIORITIS

By Adam Davis

"Test Everything" was the title and theme of the senior art exhibition. The title summons not only an academic conception of art, but also an idea of boundaries, material and the unconscious, which swelled and combined themselves in Lord Hall. The newly renovated gallery space was exactly what it should be: clean, white and high-ceilinged. The exhibition had a myriad of offerings, from large-scale acrylic paintings to installations to multi-media oils.

Upon entering the exhibition space, one is immediately greeted with a large tag in red, white and blue, exclaiming, "Test Everything." While the seemingly banal choice of coloring defrayed a heavy interest in the tag, it was nevertheless a fruitful example of skill. The letters were curved and embellished to perfection, and there was undeniable talent showcased on the wall, a skill that looked strikingly familiar to anyone who has ventured into abandoned factories and watched trains ride their tracks in the greater Orono area.

The major issue in the student — led exhibitions was continuity; while there were numerous works that were enjoyable, they ranged so heavily in approach and execution that one was forced to start, stop and sometimes disregard. There were various motifs in the gallery, which signified the latest trends in stu-



dent art at the University of Maine.

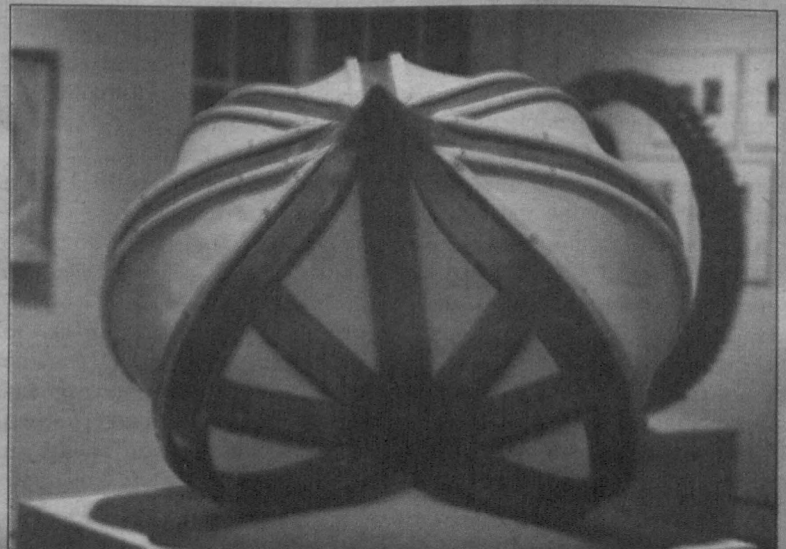
One trend that was interesting to see was the use of photography. Photography as a medium has been growing in its usage and technique and has been used in conjunction with various other mediums. No doubt we are seeing the fruits — some rotting, some ripe — of a generation raised on the sensibilities of Cindy Sherman and Annie Leibowitz. The most interesting example of photography as a viable and innovative material was Elizabeth B. Pelletier's series of photos of industrial materials and landscapes. Looked at as individual images, the photos conveyed a direct and used subject matter; looked at as a series of photos from the first image of water pipes to the last of a figure with a blurred face, the photos were almost speaking to one another. The industrial objects conveyed a sense of objects that were once necessary to production and are now necessary as image, as a historical remainder and a part of American culture. The photos conveyed a sense of necessity as a whole, necessity of the evolving image, necessity of the object.



There were numerous other pieces of interest including Angela Ferrari's bizarre pop-paisley production and Sara Bertulli's coffee-ringed Kandinsky-like watercolors, but what was most spectacular was the installation and sculpture pieces in the gallery. Peter Wiliford Hedstrom exhibited numerous wooden sculptures ranging from a large-scale white boat to smaller and more abstract pieces. The most interesting of the smaller pieces were the ash and oak "Instances of Movement" and the steam bent oak "Whaleback." These pieces displayed not only flawless technical construction, but also intricate relationships with space. The wooden materials seemed almost as if they were moving in their curves and ambits. "Instances of Movement" was a wooden arc paginated with small slats of wood. It conjured images of aquatic skeletons and the outer husks of sleek boats. "Whaleback" looked like a distorted lobster trap that had been freed from its utilitarian purpose and was allowed a Dionysian construction. "Whaleback" and "Instances of Motion" sat next to each other and offered a distorted sideline to the feat of the suspended canoe-like structure that was central to Hedstrom's works.

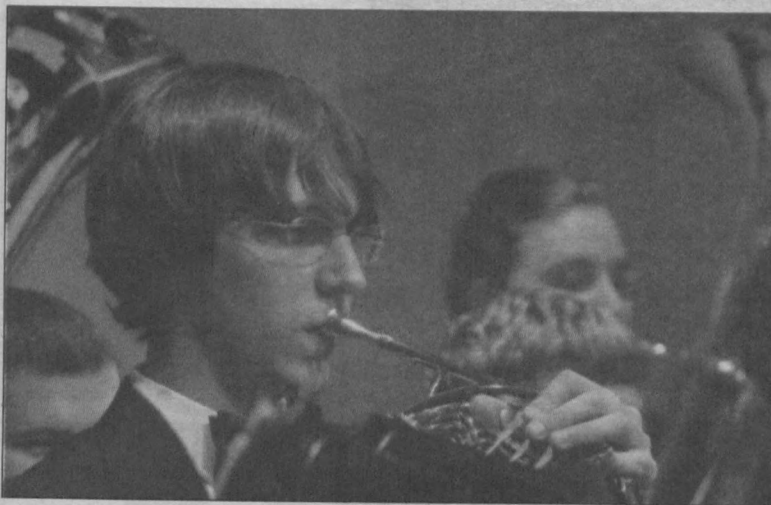
The most interesting piece in the exhibition was Marchelle Simms "The Way Your Went." Simms constructed a series of rubber pallets in various colors, which were suspended from the ceiling and placed directly in front of a series of worn railroad ties with red rubber squares in their ends. Upon first encountering the piece, the viewer was filled with distraction. Questions instantly came to mind, "What is in the space between the ties and the hanging rubber?" "Can one enter that space?" Once the viewer had thoroughly surveyed the space between the ties and the rubber and entered that space to find

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Senior Art Exhibit, "Test Everything" opened Friday evening in Lord Hall. The exhibit included works by Marchelle Simms, Peter Hedstrom, Angela Ferrari and Sarah Bertulli.



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Tim Baker, a fourth horn in symphonic band.

Symphonic band 'blows' audience away

By Lisa Haberzettl

The University of Maine Symphonic Band delivered a stellar performance on Thursday night at Hauck Auditorium. The venue saw a nearly full house for the first half of the performance. Conducting the symphonic band was Curvin Farnham; James Hebert, who sits first chair trombone, narrated the event, giving brief bits of historical background information on each piece.

The program opened with "Alleluia! Laudamus Te," written by Alfred Reed, a sweeping and engaging piece that siezed the audience's attention. The following piece was "Overture in C" written by Charles Catel in 1793, shortly after the end of the French revolution.

The following piece, "Wine From These Grapes," written by W. Francis McBeth, was commissioned in 1992 in memoriam of a late band conductor. The title is taken from a poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay. Much like Millay's poetry, "Wine From These Grapes" was a somber and heavy piece that left the audience feeling aurally exhausted.

The audience was given a bit of respite with "Variations on a Maine Theme." Written by Craig Skeffington in 2007, the piece was commissioned by the UMaine chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi in the memory of Richard Jacobs, a former clarinet professor from UMaine. Unlike the previous memorial piece, "Variations on a Maine Theme" was light and airy. If "Wine From These Grapes" was mourning death, "Variations" celebrated the life of Jacobs. At the conclusion of the piece, house lights went up and Farnham gestured to Skeffington to stand and take a bow.

While the second half of the concert didn't see as many seats filled as the first, the symphonic band continued to deliver. The band returned and brought the audience back with them with the rousing "Fanfare For West Point," composed by James Barnes. Just as the title suggests, the piece featured the brass section and was filled with flourishing major chords.

The mood in the auditorium dipped back to the somber side with "A Symphonic Prelude," another piece by Reed. Farnham stepped aside from the conductor's podium to allow Assistant Conductor Brady Harris to take over. As Hebert explained, Reed

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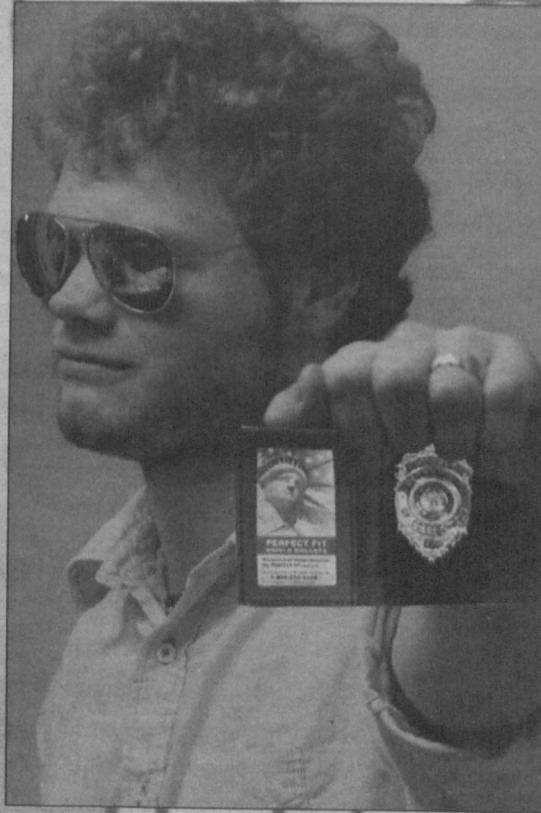
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Test Everything.

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The BEER POLICE

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Hefe-Weizen I purchased, hailing from Portland, Ore. After pouring the Widmer, I noticed it had a nice golden color to it. That being said, it was also a bit too far on the transparent side for my liking. The Widmer hit the pallette with a bitter undertone. After several sips, the wheat flavor stood at full attention. Once accustomed to the Widmer's flavor, I decided to throw the lemon slice in. This did wonders for the Widmer's bitterness. The small slice of lemon added subtle citrus flavors that lightened the heavy tones of this beer.

Moving on to Franziskaner, how could one go wrong with a beer that has a drunken monk on the label? After struggling with the foiled cap for too long, I poured a glass of the Franziskaner. This beer promoted itself as being brewed and bottled in Munich, Germany. Just from the visible opaque attributes that the Franziskaner had, I could tell it had a fuller body than the Widmer. The Franziskaner was delicious — and didn't even warrant the use of a lemon slice. For the sake of science, I added the lemon slice to determine the effects it would have on this beer. To be honest, the lemon did not actually enhance the flavor of this German beer. If anything, it subdued the delicious flavors that made it stand out originally and gave it a citrus bite it did not have before.

Drifting away from the American pilsner that is ubiquitous in the college community, I thought it would be nice change of pace to dive into the world of Hefe-Weizens — pronounced hee-e-viz-en. From German, Hefe meaning yeast and Weizen meaning wheat. Hefe-Weizen is a beer with its roots deep in German history, dating back to 1040 A.D. In addition to purchasing three different beers, I picked up a lemon as well to determine if citrus adds to the flavor of this particular brew.

I began with the Widmer, the cheapest of the bunch, which was the only American-made

The Schneider Weisse Hefe-Weizen also hailed from Germany. It also claimed that it was the "original German Hefe-Weizen." Pouring out the Schneider, it came out with a much thicker head and was a much darker brew than the other two, weighing in at a deep amber instead of the blonde that the other beers had. Although the most expensive of the three beers chosen, it may be worth the price. The Schneider had almost none of the bitter undertones that the Widmer had. It hit the back of the

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based the piece around the main melody from the folk song "Black in the Color of My True Love's Hair." The piece stayed true to the ballad-like song and the audience was lulled with sweet but mysterious counter-melodies from the woodwinds.

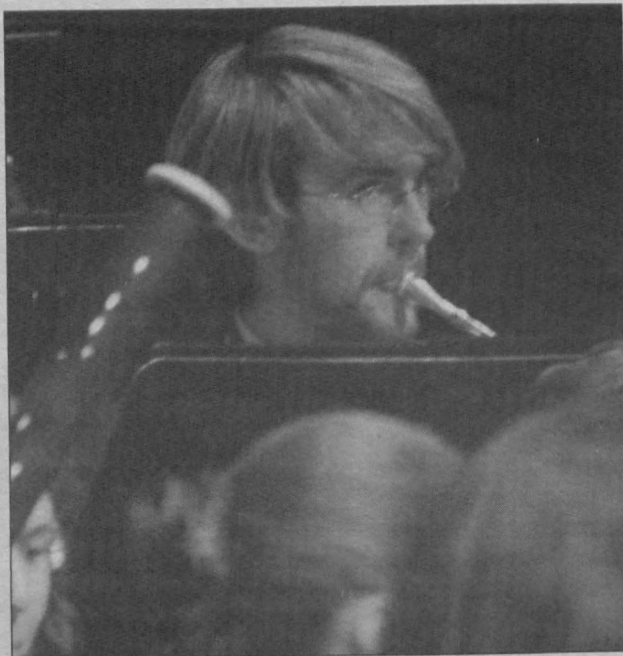
Keeping the audience on their toes, the band picked up the pace again with "Washington Grays" by Claudio Grafulla, one of the few marches written during the American civil war that remains in print. Opening with a trumpet ballyhoo, the piece reflected its wartime origins and offered a sense of perseverance and victory.

Appropriately, the last piece of the night was "Finale from Symphony No.

1 in G minor," by Vasily Kalinnikov. While the title lacks any excitement, the piece was lively and varied with sections shifting from grand pomp to dance-like rhythms. The Antiphonal Brass Choir, and fifteen-member ensemble, joined the symphonic band from the rear of the auditorium, giving a spectacular surround-sound feeling.

Both groups received a well-deserved standing ovation. The symphonic band performed expertly throughout with near-perfect balance and well-blended sections. One would be hard-pressed to find any substantial flaw.

Farnham closed the performance by offering his thanks to supporting staff, Skeffington, and of course the members of the band. Working with them is "a blessing," Farnham said. "I don't take it for granted."



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Jeff Hake plays the french horn in symphonic band.

— Old News —

To Investigate Snow Removal

From the March 27, 1958 issue of
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University Director of Plant and Facilities Francis S. McGuire is investigating reports that a University snow removal crew slammed student autos with a plow to get them out of the way after a recent snowstorm.

"This incident is not in keeping with our policy," McGuire told the Campus. "I am going to find out who was driving those trucks."

He said that he would not comment on the action until he "knows all the facts."

The statement rose out of a letter written to the Campus by University student Marvin Herschfield and witnessed by 20 other Maine male students. They said that University snow removal crew has pushed cars out of the way with their plows.

In part the letter says, "On Sunday, March 16, ... the University plow, number five, was preparing to plow out the area between Beta house and Sigma Nu ... two cars in the lot hadn't been moved."

Herschfield went on to say that possi-

bly the students' autos were illegally parked but said there was no excuse for "the policy used in dealing with the offenders."

"We saw a jeep equipped with a plow begin pushing one of the cars back to the rear of the lot," Herschfield wrote. "... The driver backed off a distance and rammed the car, like it was so much garbage."

He went on to say that the jeep began on another car while students in Dunn Hall leaned out windows, "catcalling and cursing." "Again he backed off, this time a much greater distance. He lowered his plow, started forward and rammed a plowful of snow into the side of the car with enough impact to make the sound clearly audible from my fourth-floor room ..."

He said that "for a full five minutes the plow went from side to side, front to back, each time slamming more snow around the car until it was hopelessly enclosed ..."

He said that a member of the campus police sat in a truck "across the street, observing the ... plowman."

Herschfield also said that he asked the

policeman to interfere but that the policeman said "he didn't have the right."

Herschfield and the witnesses called for a clearcut policy in order "to make this incident the last" of its kind.

McGuire told the Campus that the policeman was correct. "He does not have any jurisdiction over the ground crews. He was there to direct traffic and possibly assist in locating owners of parked autos. When an automobile owner has not been located in the past, we have followed the policy of towing vehicles away."

McGuire, who was away from the University at the time, said, "I assumed that the snow removal crews had been keeping within our policy. This incident is not an expression of that policy, and I'm going to investigate deeper, he said.

Dean of Men John Stewart told the Campus that "we definitely don't want this kind of incident. However, I believe that the students would have been wiser and would have received quicker action had they gone to Mr. McGuire with the problem."

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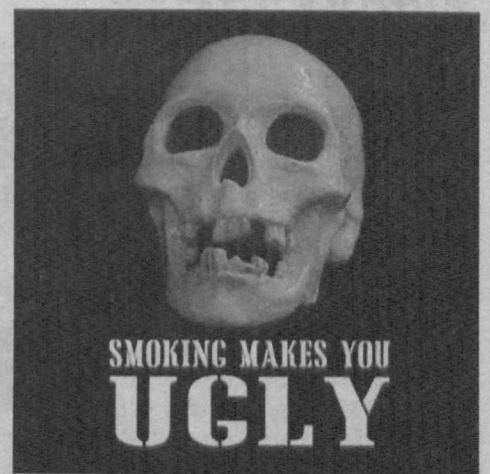
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the artist's label on the wall, the viewer is left with an interesting perspective of space and its necessity. The viewers were taken back to their original thoughts on the space between the two areas. Why did the viewer abstain from entering that space? Why did the viewer eventually enter that space? Which way did the viewer initially look at the

objects, as separate or as cumulative? Simms instilled within the viewer the context of self. Which way do you go? While the suspended rubber could very easily have looked synthetic and overly muscular, the rubber conjured a unique, almost organic look. The rubber pallets were congruent in their shapes but had flaws; the materials had imperfect borders and visible seams. The imperfections of the pallets made them humane to the viewer's eye, while the rubber in the railroad ties put exactitude into the decaying wooden structures. The way

that the viewer went was in, into context, into material, into the installation.

The sheer variety in Lord Hall was daunting in its tension and volume but held numerous rewards for the close-looking viewer. In any exhibition, the viewer is lucky if they find one piece that fascinates them; in Lord Hall, there is sure to be at least one piece of interest for most. The gallery leaves the impression that innovation is necessary and, more importantly, that art is necessary.



Beer

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tongue with a smoothness the other two lacked.

Once again, although the beverage didn't need it, in the name of the scientific method, I added another lemon slice. Surprisingly, the lemon added a nice touch to the Schneider. It made the brew taste like a thick champagne with a slight aftertaste of wheat.

Now, being thoroughly buzzed, I was able to determine what beer was my favorite based on color, taste and value. Unfortunately, the American-brewed Widmer, although the least expensive, did not make the cut as far as taste went, especially considering that I would need to buy a lemon to make it a worthwhile beverage. Also, the Widmer came in a 12-ounce bottle while the two imports weighed in at one pint, .9 ounces — just under 17-ounces for those wondering about the conversion. As far as the winner taste-wise, by a slight margin the Schneider was the vic-

tor. It also had the edge on color, considering the dark tawny complexion it had compared to the gold the Franziskaner displayed.

However, it should be noted that the Franziskaner had a much lighter body than the Schneider. Some may prefer the lighter body of the Franziskaner; however, I found the full body much more appealing. The only unfortunate aspect was the cost of the Schneider; it was almost twice that of the Franziskaner. Overall, I would have to declare Franziskaner the victor, even with the clear taste advantage going to the Schneider. Being on a college budget, the Schneider hit the bank at about \$4.00, a bit much for a student pinching pennies.

If you would like to branch out from the usual American-made assortment of tasteless pilsners — I'm looking at you, Bud light — then perhaps a Hefe-Weizen would be a nice change of pace. When choosing that wheat flavored beverage, the Franziskaner, complete with a monk on the label, is a wise choice, with or without the lemon. Be warned, the foiled cap is tricky.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 to April 20

In the morning you will manage to obtain the money you need for starting a new business. Don't hesitate to join in a partnership with an experienced friend.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

You may be considering starting a business on your own. Be realistic and consider all the requirements of such a project! You should not feel so reluctant about visiting your relatives.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Your schedule will be very busy. You might have to run quite a number of errands. You are expected to leave on an important trip soon.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Today may be a very important day in your sentimental life. Either you will fall in love, or the relationship with your loved one will enter a new stage.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

It's a good time to start a new business or consider long-term investments. This morning you will be in great shape and very enthusiastic, much to the satisfaction of your loved one. Relationships with your friends will be excellent.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

You may run into an old friend who might ask you to join in a partnership. It seems to be worth trying, but you should remain cautious.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

You will be in a very good shape, and you are advised to take advantage of this favorable time. This is a good day for business and traveling. Your sentimental life is favored as well.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Intuition will help you seize an opportunity and initiate a new business which will finally result in an improved budget. You may want to consider your loved one's advice.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

You are determined to begin a new stage in your life. You have good chances to succeed in a business of your own. You are advised to pay more attention to your need for rest.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

In the afternoon you may learn that you are to receive a significant amount of money, probably an inheritance. Don't lose your head, and avoid any speculation!

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

This is a favorable time for you in all respects, and you have good chances to solve important issues. You may decide to buy a new house or make a property exchange.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

In the financial department, the sun will be shining again on your street. You may earn a significant sum of money if you will join in a new business partnership.

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DISTRACTIONS

Pucky boo - boo

By Travis Dandro



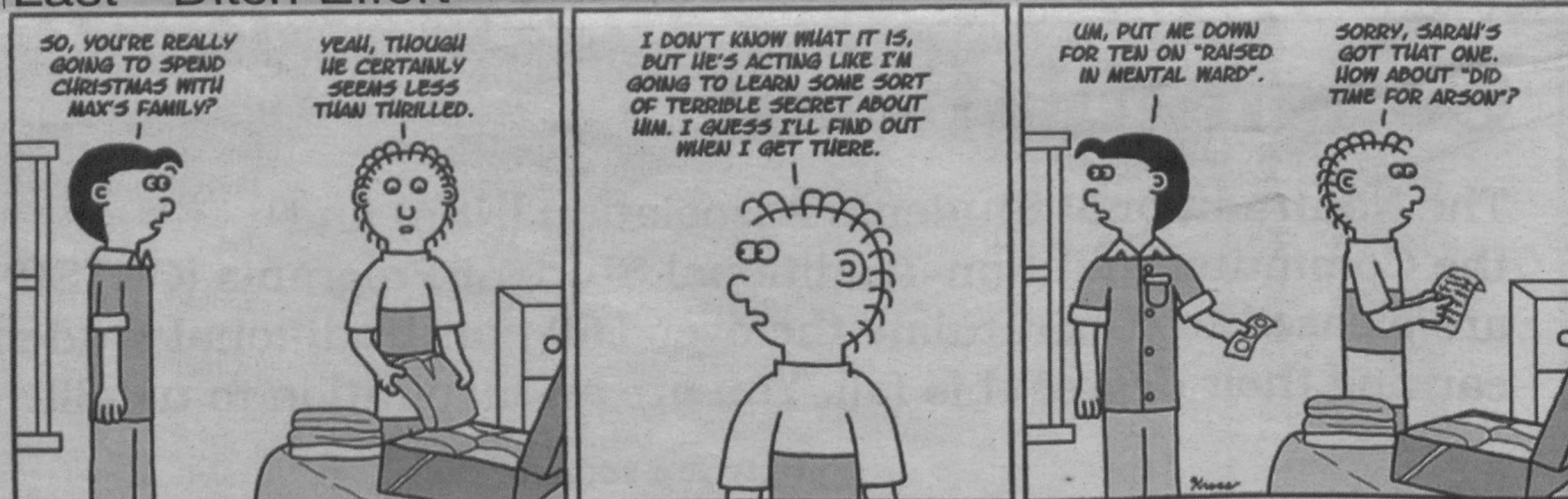
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Last - Ditch Effort

By John Kroes



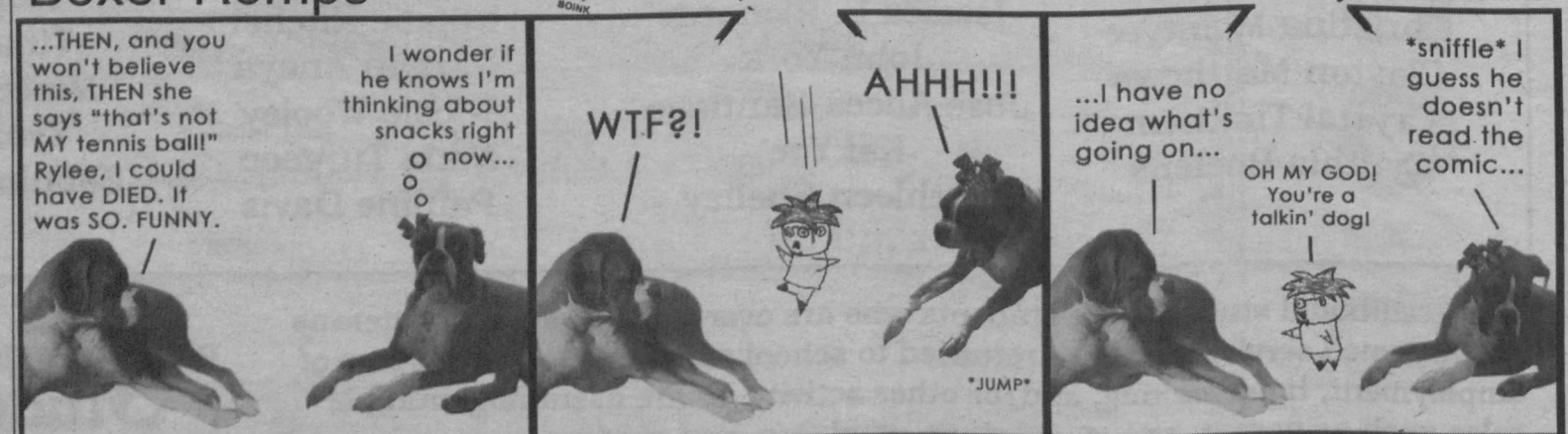
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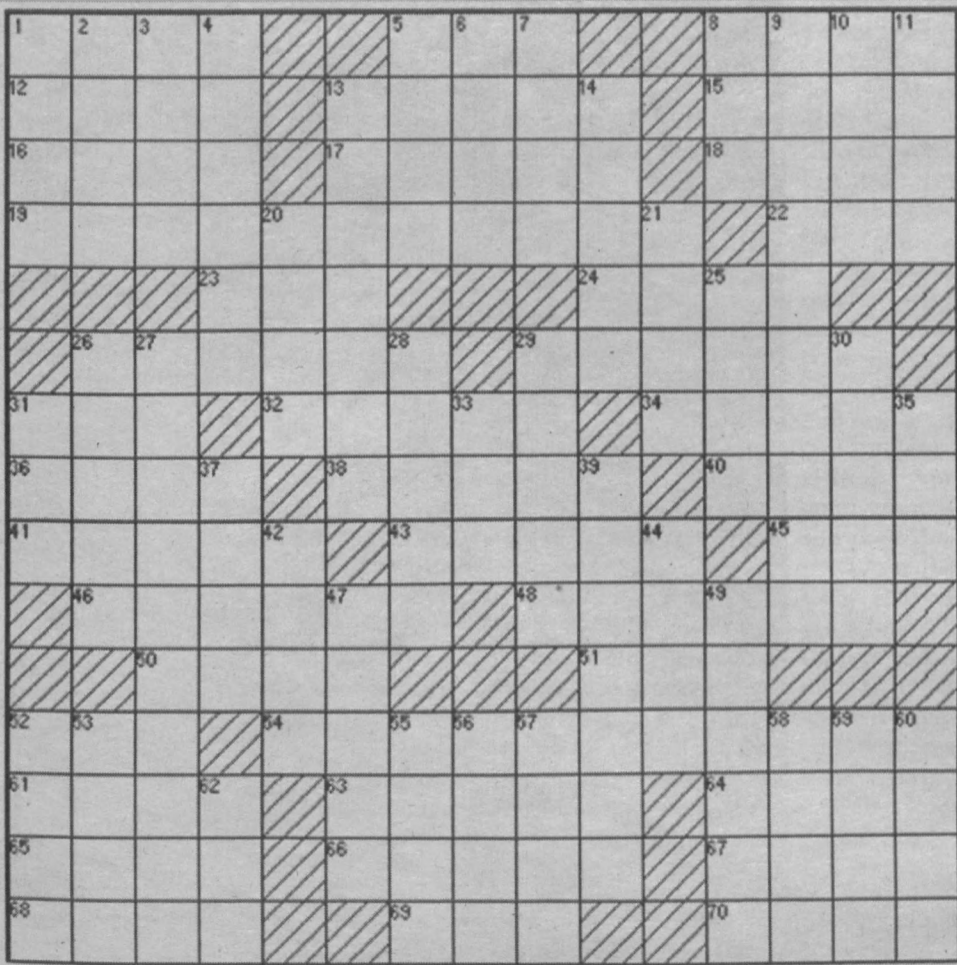
By Rick LaPlante



Boxer Romps

By Alicia Mullins





ACROSS

1. 5,280 feet
5. A partially opened flower
8. Newts
12. Region
13. Indian dresses
15. Be agitated
16. Not gain
17. Move stealthily
18. A language of Pakistan and India
19. Instills fear
22. God of war (Norse mythology)
23. S
24. Hindu princess
26. Woods
29. Enforce
31. Armed conflict
32. Central parts
34. Impertinent
36. Relating to the ear
38. Speed competitions
40. Raise
41. A four-wheeled cart
43. Wall painting
45. Encountered
46. Form a queue (2 words)
48. Assembles written material
50. Tidy
51. Double-helix molecules
52. Meadow
54. In a virtuous manner
61. Fifth book of the New Testament
63. Suggestive grins
64. Wander
65. Anagram of "Sire"
66. Poet T.S. _____
67. Murres
68. Fellow
69. Arid
70. Agitate

DOWN

1. French Sudan
2. A metal used to make steel
3. In order that not
4. Less difficult
5. A lyric poet
6. Fertilizer ingredient
7. Weight-loss program
8. An Australian flightless bird
9. Very loudly (musical term)
10. Neat
11. A disparaging remark
13. Cutting tool
14. Male reproductive cell
20. Millisecond
21. Drains strength
25. He built an ark
26. Deadly
27. Came into existence
28. Vagabond
29. A valley in France
30. Ridge of gravel from a stream
31. "Holy cow!"
33. Emergency Care Unit
35. Until now
37. Ice cream _____
39. Most unhappy
42. Close by
44. Linoleum (abbrev.)
47. Useful
49. Constellation "The Bull"
52. Placed
53. Beige
55. Emasculate
56. Inheritor
57. An ancient city in Asia Minor
58. Separate by kind or type
59. Fifty-seven in Roman numerals
60. 365 days
62. South-southeast

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If you are being arrested, don't try to talk your way out of it. In fact, don't talk at all other than to supply your name and identification. Contrary to what they might say, the police are not "there to help you." What you say might prove the crime, rather than establish your innocence. Many people think they can talk their way out of a charge only to find out they have supplied vital information which assists in a conviction.

Kwanzaa

Facts

Kwanzaa is celebrated daily from December 26 to January 1.

Kwanzaa (Swahili for "fresh fruits") is based on an African harvest festival.

The karamu, or feast, is held on December 31 and is one of the high points of Kwanzaa.

Kwanzaa was created by Maulana Karenga, a professor of black studies at California State University at Long Beach, in 1966. It is a non-religious celebration of family and social values for African American families.








Gifts are given mainly to children, but must always include a book and a heritage symbol. The book is to emphasize the African value and tradition of learning stressed since ancient Egypt, and the heritage symbol is to reaffirm and reinforce the African commitment to tradition and history.

The colors of Kwanzaa are black, red and green, and can be utilized in decorations for Kwanzaa. Also, decorations should include traditional African items, i.e., African baskets, cloth patterns, art objects, harvest symbols, etc.

Kwanzaa has seven basic symbols and two supplemental ones. Each represents values and concepts reflective of African culture and contributive to community building and reinforcement.



NGUZU SABA (The Seven Principles)

-  **Umoja (Unity)**
To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.
-  **Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)**
To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.
-  **Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility)**
To build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together.
-  **Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)**
To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together.
-  **Nia (Purpose)**
To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.
-  **Kuumba (Creativity)**
To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.
-  **Imani (Faith)**
To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

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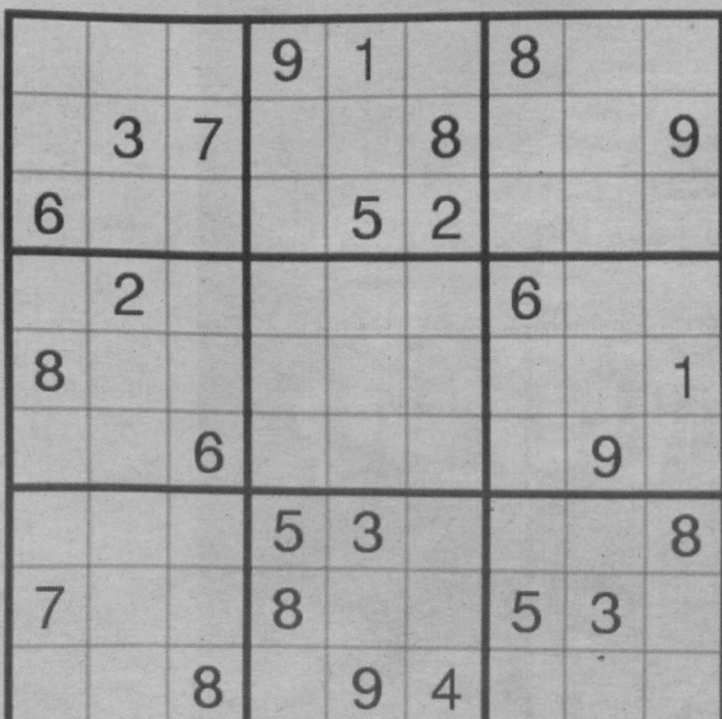
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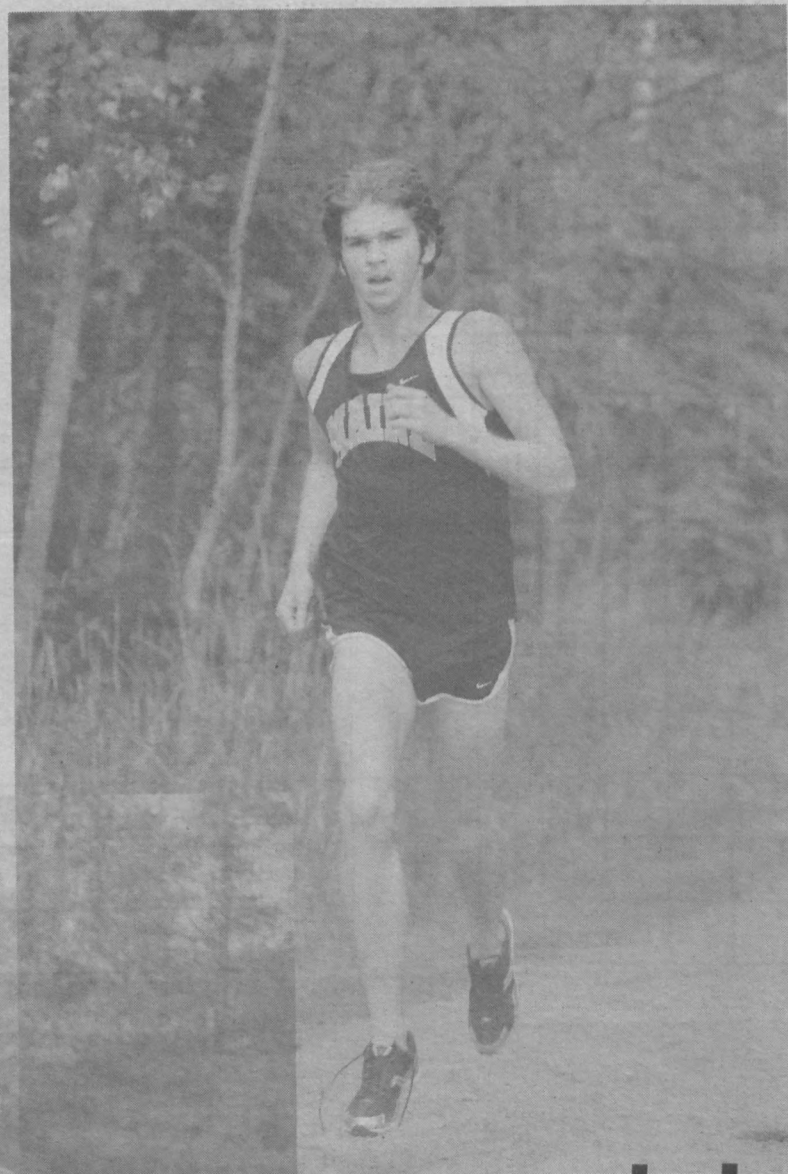
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The Maine Campus would like to congratulate UMaine Athletics on their seasons.



Track

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most dedicated athletes on the team."

Other competitors did not fare as well as they'd hoped against more experienced Division I competition.

"I'm a little bit disappointed with my time. I thought I could have done better, but that just means more mileage, more speed workouts ... just more," 800-meter runner Matt Hosmer said.

Invictus' next meet is currently scheduled for sometime following winter break.

"We're talking to the coach at Bowdoin and seeing if we can get in on some of their meets in January," Bates said.

Several members of the UMaine Track team have become involved with the club in a non-competitive role, offering training advice and suggesting workouts. Friendly

advice will become friendly competition when the club has their first and only "home" meet, the UMaine Open, on February 2.

"It'd be awesome to win some events against the varsity squad," Bates laughed, "but we're just thankful that [the track and field head coach] Mark Lech offered us the chance to compete."

The varsity team was receptive to the idea as well.

"Well, a lot of people from the varsity team and the club team are friends, so competing against them should be fun. I think there are kids on the club team with enough talent to surprise some people," UMaine distance runner Corey Bean said.

All university clubs, upon being approved by the General Student Senate, are given a 15-week probationary period before they are allowed to request funding. The track club is currently financing its indoor season independently

with various fundraisers. The team has tentatively scheduled a road race for next semester.

"Right now we're trying to set up a 3K road race sometime after the New Year with a 'Keep Your Resolution' theme. I think it's a great idea. Hopefully it's a huge success," Bates said.

The club has several meets planned for the indoor season, culminating with the Open New England Track and Field Championships. They are also making arrangements for several outdoor track meets beginning in April. They hope to continue expanding as the season progresses.

"We'd like to field a girls' team, first and foremost. We've got a few girls on the team, and they're awesome, but it'd be nice to have a full men's and women's team," Bates replied.

For information on how to join, contact club President Dillon Bates or club Scribe Brian Van Dam on FirstClass.

Men's Basketball

12/8	UM	55
	FSU	95

Record: 4-5

Women's Basketball

12/8	UM	55
	UMass	74
12/2	UM	54
	Fairfield	76

Record: 1-7

Men's Ice Hockey

12/8	UM	3
	Merrimack	1

Record: 5-6-2

Women's Ice Hockey

12/8	UM	1
	St. Lawrence	9
12/8	UM	0
	St. Lawrence	2
12/2	UM	0
	Providence	4

Record: 1-16-2

Men's Swimming

12/8	UM	110
	BU	185

Women's Swimming

12/8	UM	112
	BU	186

Basketball

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game with 1:09 remaining on an 11-0 run but it was too little too late.

UMaine boasts a tall team that focuses on rebounding, but FSU had the edge this game as they out-rebounded the Black Bears 44-32. FSU also con-

verted 25 points off turnovers to Maine's nine. FSU shot over 51% from the floor while Maine only shot 37%.

A positive note for the Black Bears is that players from the bench scored 23 points. Robby Hanzlik came off the bench for 10 points. Maine was led by senior Brian Andre with 13 points and six rebounds. Troy Barnies pitched in with eight points.

FSU had five players in dou-

ble digits and they were led by Isaiah Swann with 22 points and six assists. Jason Rich added 15 points and five rebounds while former Maine high school standout Ralph Mims gave a strong performance with nine points, six rebounds and six assists.

The Black Bears return to action Saturday, Dec. 15th, when they host Mt. St. Mary's University at 2 p.m. in the Alford Arena.

Baseball

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question.

There are many other free agents still available who may end up playing for under-achieving teams. Don't be surprised to see Aaron Rowand end up on the West Coast, especially Seattle. They have a history of signing players after a

career year — see Adrian Beltre — and could use an outfielder after Jose Guillen left for Kansas City. The San Diego Padres may also pursue Rowand's services as their Mike Cameron is not likely to be re-signed.

A thin pitching free agent class could lead to several trades, as mentioned above. Teams like the Yankees and Mets need at least another starter or two, and the only way to fill that void may be through

trading prospects. There is still David Eckstein who could go back to the Angels if the money is right.

One thing is for certain: this off-season, nothing is certain. With the Tigers coming out of left field to pick up Cabrera and the Santana sweepstakes having a new contender each day, it's anyone's guess as to what will happen next. The Hot Stove has certainly never been hotter this off-season and will only continue to get hotter.

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Winter baseball brings a flurry of off-season trading

By Alex Leonard

If the Hot Stove was heating up before baseball's winter meetings began on Monday, it may just be on fire now. On Tuesday, the Detroit Tigers acquired prized third-baseman Miguel Cabrera from the Florida Marlins. The Tigers also received Dontrelle Willis in exchange for 22-year-old Andrew Miller and a highly regarded prospect: 20-year-old Cameron Maybin. Four other players were included in the deal with the Marlins.

Cabrera, 24, had a career best 34 homeruns and 119 runs batted in. The Tigers already traded for Edgar Renteria this off-season and could have potentially one of the best lineups in the American League.

Possibly the biggest story so far this off-season — other than where Cabrera would end up — has been the Johan Santana situation. The Yankees were thought to be the front-runner, but a self-imposed deadline has left many wondering who will end up with the two-time Cy Young Award winner.

It appears as though the Boston Red Sox may have the right players to please the Twins. Minnesota has the luxury of weighing all its options because Santana is not a free agent until the end of the 2008 season. It is almost certain that Santana will sign elsewhere, leaving the Twins with a big hole to fill. Boston was able to re-sign World Series MVP Mike Lowell early this off-season, allowing them to focus on the Santana deal. Rumors have circled that the Twins want speedy centerfielder Jacoby Ellsbury, who took over late in the ALCS and helped the Red Sox win the World Series.

There has also been talk of sending pitcher Jon Lester to Minnesota. Lester successfully came back from cancer this sea-

son and there are obvious questions as to his health and durability. It was reported that the Red Sox gave the Twins Lester's health records. This could be a sign of a deal forthcoming. Further complicating matters is the Red Sox reluctance to give up Lester and Ellsbury. Sources have reported Boston offering Lester, Coco Crisp and two other minor leaguers for Santana.

The Santana situation is also holding up other potential deals. The popular belief is that whoever misses out on Santana

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will push hard for Oakland A's starters Dan Haren and Joe Blanton. The Yankees are in obvious need of pitching but seem reluctant to give up prospects Ian Kennedy and Phil Hughes. With word surfacing that Andy Pettitte will be back in 2008, the Yankees have at least two solid starters back from last year's squad, which lost in the ALDS for the third straight season.

The Yankees did make a splash by re-signing Alex Rodriguez after vehemently stating they had cut ties with him when he opted out of the final three years of his contract. They also resigned catcher Jorge Posada and closer Mariano Rivera. The one glaring weakness is pitching, something they look to address via trading.

Another team looking to improve is the Los Angeles

Angels. Originally thought to be the heavy favorites in the Miguel Cabrera sweepstakes, they ultimately lost out. They have made one big signing, getting free agent centerfielder Torii Hunter to protect Vladimir Guerrero in the middle of their line-up. This is a curious move because they signed centerfielder Gary Matthews Jr. just one year ago to a five-year, \$50 million contract. They also traded shortstop Orlando Cabrera to the White Sox for pitcher Jon Garland. With a plethora of young talent, starting pitching and quality outfielders, the Angels look to be in prime position to make a blockbuster trade. The question is: who is still available?

While the American League arms — and bats — race continues, the National League remains almost silent. After unceremoniously firing Grady Little and replacing him with Joe Torre, the Dodgers had done little to improve their club. This all changed when they signed centerfielder Andruw Jones to a two-year contract worth over \$36 million. Jones is a potential risk because he is coming off a career-worst season at the plate. He is certainly a great fielder, but many wonder if his bat will return with a new team.

Another team taking a risk is the Milwaukee Brewers. After losing their closer from last season, Francisco Cordero, the Brewers have signed Eric Gagne to a one-year deal. Gagne pitched well in the first half of last season for the Texas Rangers before being traded to the Red Sox. Gagne struggled mightily in Boston, but a return to his closer role may benefit him and the Brewers. He has also had a history of injuries and his durability is certainly in

See **BASEBALL** on page 17

Bittersweet 16 for Black Bear hockey

By Danielle Young

The University of Maine women's ice hockey team dropped a pair of road games this weekend to nationally ranked St. Lawrence University (SLU). Maine went to 1-16-2 overall on the season, while St. Lawrence improved to 13-3-0.

On Friday, with Sarah Bishop in goal, the Black Bears dropped a 2-0 decision. In the first period, Bishop stopped all but one shot, coming at 7:40 into the period when Marianna Locke put a shot on net. Britni Smith and Annie Guay assisted on the play. The SLU Saints outshot UMaine 18-8 in the first period.

In the second period, St. Lawrence kept the pressure on UMaine, putting 27 shots on goal, but only converting one. Chelsea Grills scored at 9:24 into the period to put the Saints ahead 2-0. UMaine was outshot 27-4.

In the final period, Bishop didn't let another goal through, but UMaine's offense couldn't convert. The offense did pick up at the beginning of the period and had two separate 5-on-3 opportunities, but wasn't able to put any on net. UMaine outshot the Saints 11-9 in the third period, but the game would end 2-0. Bishop totaled 52 saves on the night. St. Lawrence goaltender Meaghan McGuckain tallied 23 saves in the shutout.

In the final game of the weekend series, UMaine started off slow and couldn't recover. St. Lawrence started the scoring when Locke scored at 4:17 into the period with a pass from Sabrina Harbec. Locke scored her

second goal three minutes later on a powerplay at 7:46 into the period. Harbec and Carson Duggan assisted on the play. Alison Domenico of the Saints got the second powerplay goal of the period at 14:25 into the period. Brittaney Maschmeyer assisted on the play. Lisa Batchelor tapped in the final goal of the period with 50 seconds remaining. Karell Emard and Kirsten Roach assisted on the play. The Saints outshot the Black Bears 11-3 in the period.

In the second period, the Saints kept it going: 3:16 into the period Duggan scored on a short-handed goal; Locke assisted on the play. Domenico got her second power play goal of the game 10:32 into the period. Harbec and Grills assisted on the play. St. Lawrence outshot UMaine 12-7.

During the final period, Grills scored another goal for the Saints, giving them a commanding lead. UMaine finally scored their first goal of the game with a Robyn Law score 10:03 into the period. First-year Jennie Gallo assisted on the play. Jordan Pyers scored the Saint's eighth goal of the game with 6:04 remaining in the period. Sabrina Harbec scored the final goal of the game with 4:38 to go.

UMaine would end the game losing by a score of 9-1. Genevieve Turgeon totaled 25 saves on the day. Guckian tallied 23 saves.

UMaine will be back on the ice next year, January 11-12, when they travel to Detroit to take on Wayne State. UMaine won't return home until Jan. 20 when they take on Northeastern.

Women's Hockey

UM	0
St. Lawrence	2

UM	1
St. Lawrence	9

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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: Bush pushed out for season

ESPN's Chris Mortensen reported on Friday afternoon that Reggie Bush had a partial tear of his posterior cruciate ligament, meaning Bush is likely to miss the rest of the season. The former Heisman Trophy winner sustained the injury Nov. 4 against Jacksonville.

Before losing his season, Bush had only rushed for 581 yards and four touchdowns. In two seasons as a pro, the Saints running back has been limited to 1146 yards and 10 touchdowns in 28 games.

It can be debated (and surely will be) that Bush has been a bust. That shouldn't surprise anybody, considering the NFL histories of past Heisman Trophy winners, e.g. Ron Dayne, Chris Weinke, Eric Crouch, Jason White and Troy Smith. More importantly, Bush has floundered under the pressure of being the No. 1 back in New Orleans when Deuce McAllister went down.

However, I'd like to call out all of the 2006 NFL Draft naysayers. Houston was criticized heavily for selecting NC State defensive end Mario Williams No. 1 instead of Bush. Those cynics looked pretty smart last year as Williams finished with only 47 tackles and five sacks. Not so fast, though: 2007 has been a different story. Williams, through 12 games is seven tackles shy of his '06 total and already has four more sacks (tied for 11th in NFL). Who's No. 1 now?

- John

Second Down: Garnett's knee is no laughing matter

Boston is quickly earning the ire of the nation for their impressive rise to the top of the sports' world. So much so that ESPN recently ran a poll asking the following: Which would you rather see happen—the Steelers beating the Patriots, Johan Santana being traded to any team but the Red Sox or Garnett blowing out his knee? The poll was aimed to be humorous, but to one person it was very personal and hard to swallow: Kevin Garnett.

"Wow, that's really distasteful, man. Man, I mean, that's my life, my career. You don't joke about something like that," Garnett said.

Why would a poll asking if the sports' world wished serious harm upon a person bother him? It shouldn't be that hard to imagine, and that's why this is a problem. What was the poll maker thinking when he constructed it? It's one thing to dislike a team and want them to lose, but to wish physical harm that would likely shorten or end a player's career is out of line.

We started a bet around the house after reading the original article off the wire: how long before someone at ESPN is fired over this? My guess was by the end of this weekend. As soon as Garnett voices his displeasure to ESPN directly, someone's head will roll and it shouldn't take long. Journalism is not a business of second chances, especially if it's over a matter of common sense.

- Sean

Third Down: King's ransom gone in Philly

Writing to ESPN columnist Bill Simmons, one beleaguered Philadelphia fan wrote, "I was one the last time Philly won anything. Billy King being fired is the happiest moment I've ever had as a Philly sports fan." The general manager/president of the Philadelphia 76ers was finally given the axe on Tuesday. A belated end to the 10 year tenure of one of the more inept basketball minds in the history of the NBA. Ed Stefanski, formerly the GM of the New Jersey Nets, will takeover the job of trying to rejuvenate the moribund franchise.

It will not be an easy job despite having a young core; years of poor moves by King have left the 76ers amongst the NBA's worse. During his time in Philadelphia, he consistently overpaid aging or just plain mediocre players. Long term multi-million dollar deals to the likes of Dikembe Mutombo, Aaron McKie, Kenny Thomas, Samuel Dalembert and Eric Snow had Philly fans scratching their heads. He also traded all-time great Allen Iverson for spare parts and late first-round picks. Hopefully Stefanski can overcome the odds and rebuild this formerly proud NBA franchise. If he does, he will be a hero to a city desperate for their first championship in 25 years.

- Steve

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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.

Beantown bakes competition

By Caleb Savage

Ever since I was a child, I've followed all New England and Boston sports. Growing up in Massachusetts, not too far from Boston, I became a diehard Boston Red Sox fan. I would follow them through hard times and good. Red Sox fans had not seen a championship in Boston for 86 years until they capped off an unbelievable 2004 season by sweeping the Cardinals to win the World Series. Not only did the Red Sox have an unbelievable year, but another New England team started to make its mark and become one of the finest in its sport. The New England Patriots had already won its first championship ring in 2002, but they followed it up with another championship in 2004. Back in 2004, New England sports fans were pleased at how well their teams were doing. They wondered if things could get any better — would it be another 86 years before they saw another championship?

After their championship win in 2004, the Red Sox saw two years where they didn't accomplish much. Although during their 2007 season, the Red Sox not only took the baseball world by storm but they also astonished many fans of the sport. Was it possible for the Red Sox to win another title only three years after they won the last one? Personally, I thought it would take much longer than just three years, but the unthinkable happened. The Red Sox once again were on top of the baseball world and became the 2007 World Champions. New England sports fans already have one 2007 championship under their belt and are looking for another one.

Through the past few years, the New England Patriots have become the team to beat in the National Football League and have built a modern-day dynasty. The Patriots are now 12-0 through this season

after last Sunday's nail-biter win against the Baltimore Ravens. Not only are the Patriots trying to become the first undefeated team since the 1972 Dolphins, but they are nipping at the heels of several NFL records. As of right now, Tom Brady is on pace to throw around 60 touchdown passes, which would break Peyton Manning's record for most touchdown passes in a season. Brady gets plenty of help from his wide receivers, especially Pro Bowl wide receiver Randy Moss. Initially, when the Pats signed Moss, I had my doubts about him, he's an older player, but all my concerns are null. Moss has gone off

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the charts in not only receiving touchdowns but also in yards per game. Moss is the leader in touchdowns and yards, and he recently tied his career high of 17 touchdowns in one season. The Red Sox have already won a championship, and the Patriots are on its way to another one. Are these the only things for New England sports fans to be proud of? The answer is no; Boston is also seeing two other professional teams excelling in their sport.

In the past couple of years, the Boston Celtics have struggled to keep their winning percentage above 50 and have only been rare visitors to the postseason. However, during this past off-season, the Celtics made a blockbuster deal and now are equipped with the force of

three big league all-stars. Paul Pierce has always led his team and been on the forefront of their offense. Now Pierce has some teammates that can certainly keep up with him. The Celtics now have "the big three," Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen. These three all-stars have led Boston to an NBA-best record of 16-2 as of Saturday night.

Another Boston team that is starting to do exceptionally well is the Bruins. Although they might not be leading their division or breaking records, they do have a record of 14-9 and are in second place in the Northeast Division. I have always followed the Bruins, and in the past their goaltenders have changed so often that I could never seem to keep up. This year, however, they have excellent, reliable net minders with Tim Thomas and Manny Fernandez. With a young team and good goaltenders, look for the Boston Bruins to prosper throughout this whole season and in the future as well.

I almost forgot to mention a team that gets overlooked by most New England sports fans. This is partially because their sport is a lot more popular throughout Europe and mostly ignored in the United States. The New England Revolution of the MLS (Major League Soccer) fell just short of their first MLS championship win. In the past few seasons, the Revolution have always been one of the better teams in the league, thanks to their all-star Taylor Twellmen. The Revs fell short to the Houston Dynamo in the 2007 MLS Cup, but next year, they will be contenders again.

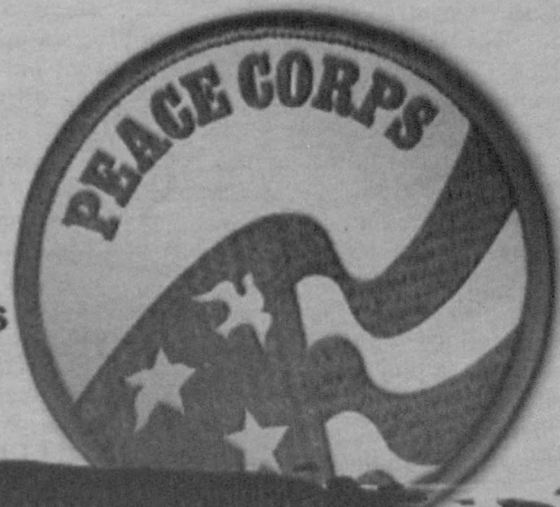
So far in 2007, New England sports fans have already seen one championship with the Boston Red Sox. How many more championship titles will New England sports fans see in 2007-08? The possibilities are hard to imagine.

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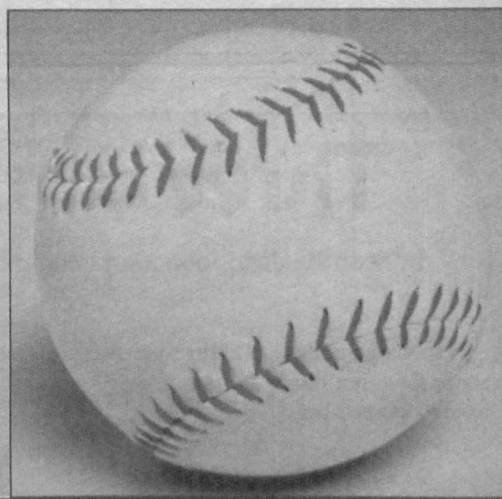


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Black Bears disarm Merrimack Warriors 3-1

Game ties Ben Bishop with Jimmy Howard for all-time wins

By Sean Sullivan

The University of Maine men's hockey team took to the ice Saturday, looking for redemption against a Merrimack College squad that took two games from them earlier this season. On the shoulders of junior forward Matt Duffy, UMaine was able to improve to 5-6-2 on the season and 3-4-2 against Hockey East competition. Merrimack now holds a 6-7-2 overall record with 3-7-1 in the conference.

The game started off at a slow pace with neither team scoring in the first period. UMaine would get on the board first just over four minutes into the second period. Simon Danis-Pepin teed-up a shot from the blue line that missed the net but hit Black Bear's forward Wes Clark, who was standing on the left side of the Merrimack doorstep. Clark was able to settle the puck and slide it over to Jeff Marshall, who attempted to bury it but was stuffed by goalie Patrick Watson. Watson kicked the rebound to his right where Duffy was ready to bury it for his second goal of the

season.

The game was quiet for the remainder of the second, but UMaine would add to its 1-0 lead early in the third period. Marshall led the offensive possession from behind the Warriors' goal. He was able to thread a pass to line-

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mate Clark, who immediately found Duffy in front of the net. Duffy was again able to get the best of Watson for his second goal of the night.

Merrimack was able to narrow UMaine's lead late in the third period when forward Francois Ouimet took a shot from the slot that just barely beat junior goaltender Ben Bishop. With 1:54 remaining in the game and one goal deficit, the Warriors elected to pull Watson in favor of the extra skater to attempt to tie the game.

UMaine countered Merrimack's one-man advantage with first-year Tanner House, senior Rob Bellamy and Duffy at forward. House picked the puck up in the defensive zone and laced a pass to Bellamy on the breakout. Bellamy was able to find a wide-open Duffy who skated across the blue line and buried an empty netter for the hat trick and a 3-1 UMaine victory.

UMaine's defense played phenomenally with Bishop as its backbone, making 26 saves. Big Ben improved to 5-6-2 on the season and is now tied with former UMaine standout goalie Jimmy Howard for fifth on the all-time win list with 47.

Watson did not fare as well on the other end of the ice, making just 22 saves and falling to 4-6-2 on the year.

UMaine will look to better its record at the University of New Hampshire on Sunday, Dec. 18th at 4 p.m. Merrimack, on the other hand, is staring down the barrel of a 22-day layoff. They will return to the ice on Dec. 30 against conference rival Boston University.



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UMaine Senior forward Rob Bellamy skates up against Merrimack College Saturday evening.

FSU outshoots UM

Sunshine state gives UM a tan and a loss

By Danny Bartlett

The men's basketball team lost 95-55 on Saturday to the Florida State University Seminoles. The Black Bears dropped to 4-5 on the season while the Seminoles improved to 9-2.

The Seminoles are in sixth place out of 12 teams in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The ACC is one of the premier conferences in NCAA basketball boasting talented teams such as Duke University, University of North Carolina and Boston College. The Black Bears knew going into Saturday's game it would be an electrifying environment.

"It's always fun to play one of the teams from one of the bigger conferences, see how you stack up," University of Maine guard Mark Socoby said. "It's a learning experience, and we don't go down there just to play, we go down there to compete."

Brian Andre said prior to the game that it would be a great

experience for the younger players on the team on how to deal with a hostile environment. "Most players block the crowd out and maybe for some of the younger guys this will help them learn to block it all out."

The Black Bears, who have been dominating on the defensive end of the court, found themselves down early as FSU jumped out to a 9-0 advantage

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and never relinquished the lead. UMaine scored its first bucket nearly four minutes into the game and battled back and forth until the six-minute mark when FSU went on a 15-2 run that was stopped by a Troy Barnes free throw. The Black Bears went into half time down 20-42.

FSU opened the second half with a 13-2 run that was halted by a Sean McNally layup. Both teams were even for the most part until the 7:40 mark when FSU went on a 22-6 run. The Black Bears closed out the

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Student senator runs — track

UMaine track club Invictus gives students another place to run

By Derek McKinley

For the last few weeks, a group of athletes has come together to train and compete in track and field. They call themselves Invictus, Latin for "unconquered." The team is the brainchild of sophomore student senator, Dillon Bates, who spearheaded the effort to start a club for non-varsity track aficionados at the university.

"I was talking with some guys on the UMaine team when I trained with them this summer and I told them about wanting to compete again. They suggested I start a club team," Bates said. "From there I just used all of my contacts in student government to get it off the ground. Apparently we hit a nerve, because in two weeks we were one of the biggest clubs on campus."

The Invictus Track Club currently competes in the Division III New England Small Colleges Athletic Conference (NESCAC). Bates, the acting team president, spoke to athletic directors and track coaches from several schools including the University of Southern Maine,

Bates College, MIT and Bowdoin College. Several times he was given the run around and calls were not returned.

"The USM AD's secretary is great; I've talked to her so much that I'm going on a date

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Dylan Bates
President
Invictus Track Club

with her next week; but the AD himself is impossible to get in touch with. I've called, I've e-mailed... nothing," Bates joked.

The club plans to compete in open invitational meets as well. On Saturday they opened their season in Cambridge, Mass. at the Harvard Invitational, which hosted

teams from Division I schools all across the northeast, as well as several well-established clubs and a plethora of unattached runners. Prior to their respective events, the runners were visibly nervous and excited to compete against such a high level of talent.

The nerves melted away once the athletes stepped onto the track for their events, and Invictus managed to put on quite a show for its inaugural meet.

"Oh man, it was so awesome to get back out there on the track and race again," Bates said following the 200-meter dash, for which he established the inaugural club record of 27.33 seconds.

One of the bright spots of the meet was first-year thrower Matt Harmon, who finished 12th in a field of 37 older and more experienced shotputters with a heave of 11.54 meters — about 38 feet.

"Matt Harmon is such an awesome kid," Bates said. "He goes out and throws every day, even though he's alone most of the time. He's easily one of the

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