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Pomerleau resigns

Facing a recall petition after his election, SG president leaves office

By Eryk Salvaggio

William Pomerleau resigned from his position as Student Government President at a meeting of the General Student Senate Tuesday evening. The senate had been debating a petition to recall Pomerleau from office, signed by 503 members of the undergraduate student body. The recall came just eight days after Pomerleau's re-election.

The petition, circulated by Senator Abtin Mehdizadegan, cited 13 examples of "subversive conduct" regarding Pomerleau's duties as president of Student Government, ranging from a failure to keep office hours to "a poor and condescending attitude towards senators." The number of signatures was slightly more than five percent of the undergraduate student body, the requirement for a recall.

"I did not call for removal of Pomerleau from office," Mehdizadegan said. "The students did."

In a meeting before his resignation, Pomerleau contested the allegations in the petition, but conceded one: that he had missed two meetings with University of Maine President

Robert Kennedy, citing illness and a heavy course load. In each case, Vice President Steven Moran was present at the meeting and the two had discussed the agendas beforehand.

"I should have been to those meetings, and it sucked that I wasn't," Pomerleau said. "But it doesn't merit getting kicked out of office."

Robert Dana and Union Director Gus Burkett.

Pomerleau said the petition was circulated out of personal animosity.

"I respect the right of students to remove me if they choose," Pomerleau said. "But this is being spearheaded by an individual for personal gain."

In comments following his resignation, Pomerleau said he wished Student Government the best, but expressed disapproval for Mehdizadegan.

"I now realize that SG will never have legitimacy as long as Abtin Mehdizadegan is in a senate seat," Pomerleau said.

Mehdizadegan said he and Pomerleau had a close working relationship, but that the interests of the senate moved him to gather the signatures for a recall.

"Our job is to represent the student body, simple as that," Mehdizadegan said. "I think we did that."

Mehdizadegan called the recall "a step away from cronyism and a step closer to the students."

The GSS meeting was the last of the semester. Because of the late addi-

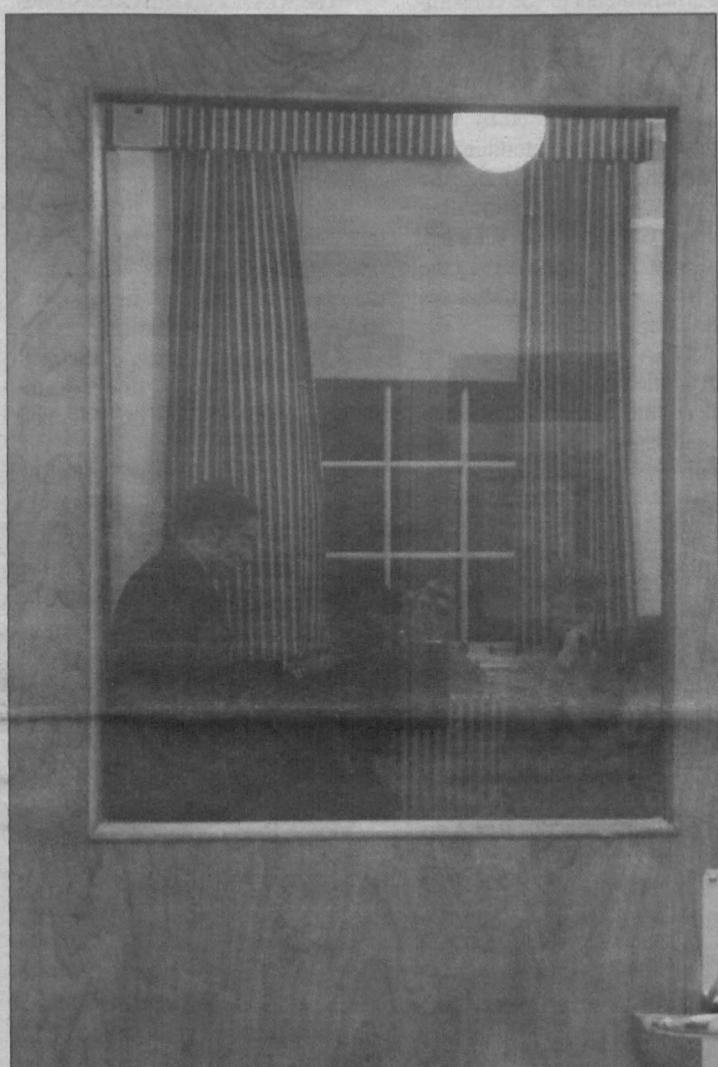
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"I respect the right of students to remove me if they choose."

William Pomerleau
Former President of Student Government

Pomerleau said he wanted the opportunity to make amends.

One item in the petition accused Pomerleau of "outright dishonesty" regarding his role in the removal of fees from the University Credit Union ATM in the Memorial Union. Pomerleau had not been present for a meeting in which the fees were discussed. Pomerleau said he had contacted several administrators on the subject, citing Dean of Students



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Senator Abtin Mehdizadegan spoke in executive session regarding the possible recall of William Pomerleau.

Oh, deer: a Zipcrash

No injuries reported in Zipcar collision

By Heather Steeves

A deer ran into the side of a University of Maine Zipcar on Tuesday night. The driver, who remains unidentified, was uninjured.

The car, a 2007 Mazda 3, was being driven on Kelley Road at 7:30 p.m. in Orono when the deer hit the side of the car, according to Derek Mitchell, the vice president of student entertainment, who oversees the Zipcar program.

"I wish the deer would stop running into our Zipcars," said Steve Moran, the acting president of student government.

Zipcar is handling the costs and repairs to the vehicle. Mitchell approximated that the car, nicknamed Matt, will be off the road for one week.

"Usage was projected to be light because of finals," Mitchell said. He hopes to have the car back on the road for winter break

"I wish the deer would stop running into our Zipcars."

Steve Moran
Acting President of
Student Government

when students can take the cars home. "This is a prime usage period."

All reservation times signed out on the Mazda have been transferred to the other Zipcar, a Toyota Prius.

Pictures from the scene show animal hair stuck in the passenger side headlight.

The whereabouts of the deer are unknown.

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Adam Baxter mourned

Funeral held for former UMaine soccer player

By Meghan Hayward



University of Maine athlete and international student Adam Baxter's funeral was held yesterday in England.

According to Laura Reed, assistant manager of athletic media, several of Baxter's teammates and UMaine head soccer coach, Pat Laughlin, went to England to attend his funeral.

Baxter, 19, was a kinesiology and physical education major and a first-year midfielder on the UMaine Men's Soccer team.

On Nov. 27, Baxter had been at former teammate Sean Meehan's home in Portland. Friends called an ambulance after Baxter had difficulty breathing. First responders found Baxter dead at the scene.

Alcohol consumption has been found as

the cause of death, but according to Portland Police Chief William Ridge, exactly how Baxter died will not be known until toxicology reports are complete.

Ridge said there are several mechanisms that could have been contributing factors in Baxter's death.

"We are waiting on two things, the final report from the medical examiners office and the toxicology report," Ridge said.

Last Tuesday, the Portland police presented their case to the District Attorney's office. A decision has not been made regarding whether anyone will be charged in his death.

Tamara Getchell, the DA's business and communication coordinator, said the case is still currently pending.

The District Attorney's office can decide whether to press charges or refer the case to the grand jury.

Licensing for residents only

Proposal would tighten rules for Maine driver's licenses

By Dylan Riley

International students at the University of Maine may face new complications if the Maine legislature enacts a law requiring people to prove state residency before obtaining a driver's license, according to the Secretary of State's office.

The need for a residency requirement was prompted in 2006 by a federal investigation into whether illegal aliens were obtaining driver's licenses and state IDs in Maine after traveling from Poland via New York. The investigation motivated the Secretary of State's office to submit a bill for amending the state licensing laws with a residency requirement. The bill excluded college students, military personnel and their families. A similar bill was submitted at the same time by Rep. William Brown of Vassalboro, which included no exceptions to license applicants.

Adding a residency requirement for driver's licenses would slow down the numbers of international students coming to UMaine, according to Emin Okutan, president of the International Students Association.

"There's a lot of barriers even before getting your license and a car, which is expensive," Okutan said.

With more regulations and paperwork being added to state requirements, people may look for other options beyond Maine universities.

"When I came here the first three months, I didn't have a car, it was really so bad," said Homoud Alhajri, vice president of the International Students Association.

Alhajri agreed that the number of international students at UMaine would diminish if this resolution passes.

Of the nearly one million licensed state drivers, 2,521 do not have a social security number, according to Don Cookson, communications director for the Secretary of State's office. State representatives point to drivers without social security numbers as potential illegal immi-

grants, a claim that is unproven and unfounded, Cookson said.

"That's less than one half of one percent of all licenses issued," Cookson said.

Curbing illegal immigration was not the reason for either legislative bill, according to Cookson, and is not the responsibility of the state government.

"I worry this issue is perhaps being blown out of proportion for political gain. I hope that is not the case," he said.

Maine's budget is not well positioned to take on the role of enforcing this law, and it would be a mistake to require this sort of review, Cookson said. License renewal would also be denied to current drivers who cannot prove their residency.

Many people were surprised to learn the state did not have a residency definition for getting a driver's licenses, according to Cookson. The state has residency definitions for registering voters and registering for state tuition. The state's strictest residency definition is for hunting licenses. If the legislature made this requirement a law, it would mean a new definition of residency would have to be made for driver's licenses.

"It's like saying you're going to make a chocolate cake law, but first you have to define a chocolate cake," Cookson said.

Most Mainers calling the Secretary of State's office said some sort of change is needed, but are not sure what that should be, Cookson said.

A group established by the legislature resolved to look into the issue recommended the exclusion of college students, military personnel and their families from the requirement if the bill becomes law.

The state legislature will reconvene during the first week of January 2008, but it is not known whether they will vote to make this requirement a law during the session.

GSS seeks to limit RIAA access to data

SG asks IT to delete identifiable info

By Ben Hatt

The General Student Senate (GSS) tackled a broad spectrum of business at a meeting overshadowed by the resignation of former Student Government President William Pomerleau.

The senate approved a resolution they said will help protect students from Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) harassment. Two additional resolutions passed, one making amendments to the constitution and one to reform the Student Government (UMSG) election process.

The resolution, proposed by Vice President of Student Entertainment Derek Mitchell, will change the method in which the Information Technology Center stores student's online history. This would restrict the RIAA's access to data on students using the campus internet.

The RIAA has been pursuing financial settlements with students they allege are guilty of illegally sharing copyrighted materials, usually through file-sharing services like LimeWire.

The senate resolution calls for a change in the university's data management structure — the manner that the IT Center distributes internet addresses — requesting an alteration in how often a student's IP address is renewed.

The University of Maine's current policy supplies students with a single address for an entire academic year, making it possible for the RIAA to

subpoena records of student's online actions, including Web sites visited and files downloaded. Under the new resolution, a student will receive a new IP address periodically throughout the year. Because no records of the IP addresses would be kept, there would be limited information available in the case of a subpoena, which senators said would help to protect students from RIAA prosecution.

"The RIAA's underhanded tactics have cost students across the country thousands and thousands — potentially millions — of dollars. UMaine needs to act to prevent this from happening to our fellow students," Mitchell said.

Mitchell described the policies that other institutions have developed to protect students such as regulations that help to impede the RIAA's persistent monitoring.

"Other schools change their IP addresses every month, or every single time a student logs in," Mitchell said.

The resolution received near-unanimous support by the GSS.

"I respect the university protecting the students but I don't like the idea of [posing] an opposition to the RIAA," said Sen. James Lyons.

Mitchell said that he did not want to support the idea of copyright infringement, however, he believed that the university owed protection to the students that pay for the internet on campus, through tuition and fees.

Vice President of Student

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Housing limits reconsidered

Orono leaders delay decision on housing changes — again

By Pattie Barry

The Orono Town Council voted on Monday night to continue a moratorium prohibiting more than three non-related roommates from signing new leases in most Orono apartment buildings. It has been extended until June 18, 2008, at which time the council may make it a permanent ordinance.

Currently, no more than three tenants may share a dwelling unit in Orono's medium-density residential zone and forestry and agricultural zone. Monday night's vote added the limited residential district to that list.

"That's a single-family residential zone and we always wanted to include it," Town Manager Kathy Conlow said.

These districts cover the majority of the land in Orono. The sections between Kelley Road and College Avenue along Main Street are zoned as medium-density residential areas.

Fraternities, sororities, dormitories and com-

munity living establishments such as Orchard Trails are not affected.

There is no limit to the number of related tenants in a dwelling.

The moratorium was instated on June 18 of this year and would have expired on Dec. 17. No person in the audience commented for or against the passage of the extension.

Council member Lianne Harris said the council voted for the extension with "the notion that [the community development committee] is working to bring a resolution to this issue."

There will be a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 14 to consider adopting it as a permanent regulation. The public hearing is concurrent with the first day of classes of the spring semester.

The occupancy limit is one of several ways the town is reforming the regulation of rental housing. Another project is the development of a

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Performance by the Vienna Boys Choir 7:00 p.m. St. John's Catholic Church, Bangor, Maine Part of the Maine Center for the Arts season.	Go Blue Friday 8:00 a.m. Campus-wide Wear blue and/or UMaine clothing to celebrate Black Bear Pride.	Opera Workshop 7:30 p.m. Minsky Recital Hall Free to students and the public.
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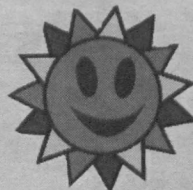
To submit your event to The Maine Campus Community Calendar, please send time, day, date, location and fee information to Heather.Steeves@umit.maine.edu or drop it off in our offices, located in the basement of Memorial Union. Deadlines for submissions are 9 a.m. Sunday for Monday publication and 9 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday publication.

WEATHER

Orono's five-day forecast

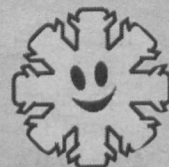
Thursday | Sunny

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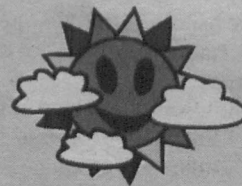
Friday | a.m. snow

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high low



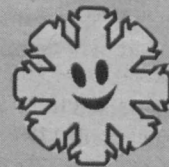
Saturday | Partly cloudy

16 **8**
high low



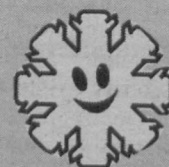
Sunday | Snow/wind

24 **10**
high low



Monday | Some snow

22 **0**
high low



Zut alors! Quebec tickets still on sale

ROC sales below expectations, low value of the dollar, confusion over passports blamed

By Sam G. Cohen

Anyone passing through the Union on Monday night was greeted by a throng of more than 100 students waiting in line for tickets to the Quebec trip, but compared to past years, tickets sold at a slower pace, with almost half still available as of Tuesday.

The annual trip, sponsored by Residents on Campus (ROC), sold around 130 tickets.

"We turned away between fifty and a hundred people last year and those were just people in line, not counting the people who saw the line and decided to leave," Matt Nichols, ROC vice president of Financial Affairs said.

Sean O'Mara, ROC vice president of programming, expected to sell all of the 250 available tickets on Monday, "though we sold quite a few, we still have a lot of tickets left, which was surprising."

Almost none of the international students signed up, due to new laws requiring them to obtain a Canadian visa. They are typically one of the largest groups to sign up for the trip, according to O'Mara.

He also attributed the low ticket sales to the First Year Residential Experience isolating first-years so they did not hear about the trip from upperclassmen. O'Mara also cited the strong Canadian dollar, confusion on passport laws and ROC's inability to promote the event on all of the folders on FirstClass for diminished interest.

O'Mara does not believe the low turnout will cause any problems. "There is no danger of canceling the trip for lack of interest. We have almost three buses filled, so that is certainly enough to merit continuing the trip," he said.

The trip provides students with the opportunity to visit Quebec for the weekend of Friday, Feb. 8 through Sunday, Feb. 10 during Quebec's Winter Carnival. The weekend falls on the 400th anniversary of the founding of Quebec.

Winter Carnival—the largest in the world, according to its official Web site—is host to attractions such as an ice palace, an ice sculpture contest, toboggan rides and sled races.

Four students are assigned to each hotel room and students are allowed to select roommates. Usually five buses take the students to Quebec and back but ROC may cancel a bus if tickets remain unsold, according to O'Mara.

In the past, there have been issues with students getting left at the border. It is Canadian policy that anyone charged with a DUI or OUI will not be allowed to enter the country. Students left at the border are responsible for getting themselves back to campus, as the buses will continue on without them. Students will still be able to cross the border as long as they have their original birth certificate and driver's license or a passport.

There have also been problems in the past with

buses breaking down. A bus has broken down two of the last three years and ROC has sorted out a plan to load students onto the other buses immediately to avoid too much delay.

Justin Labonte, President of ROC, said he knows why students go on the trip. "They get a chance to get a cultural experience and it's incredibly cheap," he said. He visited the popular Château Frontenac, the Old City and Astral — a rotating restaurant — when he went last year.

Some students are going for different reasons. "I want to go to Quebec to drink some booze," Drew Chase said, a sophomore Biology major who got in line at 2 p.m.—seven hours before tickets went on sale. "I've been before, several times, so it's more about drinking than wanting to see the sights."

First in line, Eulan Patterson, sophomore mechanical engineering major, arrived at noon. "The line went down to the arcade last time," he said. "I figured I need to study anyway."

Chase and Patterson like the low price of the trip. "It's awesome. It cost me almost \$600 to go for a weekend and that was just for the hotel," Chase said.

Tickets for the trip cost \$75 for on-campus students and \$85 for off-campus students.

Ticket sales provide more than half of the funding for the trip. Ticket sales normally account for close to \$20,000 of the \$37,000 total budget allocated by ROC. Room and board fees and Student Government



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More than 100 students lined up outside of the Wade Center for Quebec trip tickets, but the trip did not sell out as expected.

provide the rest of the funding. Six dollars from every student's room and board fee is given to ROC, which is why off-campus students pay \$10 extra.

Tickets last year were \$65 for on-campus students. O'Mara contributes the increase to the rise in gas prices and the continued drop of the value of the dollar. "We paid \$7,500 last year for the buses and this year they are \$13,000. Overall, the trip costs \$10,000 more than last year," he said.

ROC will sell remaining tickets this Friday, Dec. 14 from noon to 5:00 p.m. in the Union.

Student wins iPhone from UMaine.txt

Junior Katie Horst receives surprise after signing up for new emergency alert system

By Tracy Evans

On Monday, Dec. 4, Katie Horst, a University of Maine junior nursing major, unexpectedly became the owner of a new iPhone. The drawing was held by the UMaine.txt program to gain awareness for the new emergency warning system and encourage students to sign up.

UMaine.txt is one of the University of Maine's newest forms of security in response to rising health and safety concerns. Once registered with UMaine.txt, students will receive emergency text and e-mail messages alerting them of any danger. Optional notifications, such as cancellations due to bad weather, can also be sent out through UMaine.txt.

"The possibility exists that the University could one day be subject to an attack and this program represents the very best way to reach students in the case of an

emergency," said Director of University Relations, Joe Carr. If there is a threat of danger, the campus-wide siren will sound, alerting students and staff to check their cell phones, e-mails and UMaine.edu. If for some reason, these options are unavailable, 581-INFO will have a recorded message.

The idea to give away an iPhone came from the University of Maine's President, Robert Kennedy. "We originally intended on purchasing the phone," Carr said. "But when Apple, Inc. Representative, Doug Marchio, generously offered to donate it, we happily accepted."

As for Katie Horst, she was surprised when she learned of her winning. "I had no clue until I got an e-mail saying I won the phone. Even then I had no idea why I had won it until I checked out the UMaine Web site."

Other students had similar reactions when asked if

they knew about a drawing for an iPhone. Kim Preble signed up with her roommate a week earlier without any knowledge of the contest. A couple of students who did not sign up with UMaine.txt said they wished they had known about it, but will probably still sign up anyway.

Still, many other students did hear about the drawing, as the number of registered students recently rose from 3,000 to 5,000.

"I am very pleased with the response the drawing has had on registration," Carr said, "which is wonderful but still far shorter than where we ideally want to be."

Students and staff are strongly encouraged to register their cell phone numbers with the free UMaine.txt program at: www.umaine.edu/umainetxt/. The purpose is for community safety and the information will not be used for any other purpose. More information is at The Emergency Preparedness page: www.umaine.edu/emergency.



Derek Mitchell ♦ For The Maine Campus

A deer ran into the side of a ZipCar at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday. ZipCar will be paying for the damages.

GSS

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Government, Steve Moran, stated that if the resolution is a way to protect students' rights, then it was good for Student Government to step in.

"I believe it is a step in the right direction," Moran said.

Even though the resolution has been adopted into the student senate, it will take several steps before it can be administered as a policy for the university. The resolution, which Mitchell said is feasible, will soon be presented to the appropriate people within the university for discussion and action.

"Overall, the point of the resolution was just to send a message: students need more protection from their university," Mitchell said.

Also approved in the meeting were two resolutions, both sponsored by Mitchell, to change procedures for campaigns and elections for GSS and SG. Alterations include a change in the amount of student funding allowed per campaign. The resolution also added guidelines for a debate, including the creation of a Debate Committee, consisting of representatives from student media outlets.

The policy for write-in candidates was also changed in the resolution. Previously, candidates seeking write-in status had to file a week before elections. Now, write-in candidates are eligible if they declare up to — and including — the day of the election.

The senate also passed several resolutions allocating funds. Residents on Campus received \$8,400, for their annual trip to Quebec, and Alternative Spring Break was given \$9,271.05 for their upcoming community service trips. Other groups obtaining funds included: \$3,000 to REACH, \$1,059.95 to UMaine Day at the Maine Legislature and \$320 for postage to send care packages to American soldiers abroad.

Vice President of Financial Affairs, Anh Do, announced the following allocations: \$425 to Central America Services Association, \$210 to Lambda Pi Eta and \$678 to Mock Trial. After all of the allocations the budget was \$34,789.58, a change from the Dec. 4 budget of \$59,585.88.

The meeting also included the final approval for three organizations becoming officially recognized as university clubs: Fellowship for Christian Athletes, UMaine Cheering and Bear Vocals.

For the record...

Photos taken of the symphonic band in the Dec. 10 issue of The Maine Campus were taken by Adrienne Hess, not Chris Pappas.

You Can Get There From Here

American Marketing Association helps out UMaine students Saturday

By Chelsea Cameron

The University of Maine Chapter of the American Marketing Association held its second-annual Maine State Collegiate Business Conference on Saturday, Dec. 8 in the Donald P. Corbett Business Building. The theme of the conference was "You Can Get There From Here!", which focused on getting a job in Maine, according to AMA Co-President Heather Conary.

"A lot of people feel like they have to leave. You do have the same opportunities as everybody else in this state," she said. Many of the guest speakers are from Maine, according to Conary, so they could show students that they can be successful here.

The conference lasted from 8 a.m. and ended with a dinner at 7 p.m. The day kicked off with a continental breakfast and the opportunity for networking.

The keynote speaker for the morning session, Robin Sawyer, vice president and corporate controller of Fairchild Semiconductor, spoke about her travels to other states and countries. She said students from Maine have the same opportunities open to them that students at other colleges do. The morning

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Heather Conary
Co-President
American Marketing Association

session also included a panel chaired by Paul Meyer, the executive-in-residence, and talks given by Katie Wellman from Enterprise Rent-A-Car and other prominent businesses.

The AMA is made up of UMaine students, and their theme this year has been "Brand YOU." They stress the most important part about leaving school is branding yourself, according to Michael Carrington, co-president of AMA.

One of the key factors this year is portfolio development. The group takes field trips, has sales, personal branding, networking and resume workshops and hosts guest speakers to help students accomplish that. The AMA is not limited to business students. "This can help any student on campus," Carrington said.

The conference was open to students in any major, and the fee for a non-AMA member was \$10 for the conference and \$30 with dinner included. Last year around 200 people attended, according to Conary.

The UMaine Career Center was one of the sponsors and had a table with information set up in the atrium.

Sech Reel, a second-year finance major attended the conference to learn more about marketing and networking.

"[I came] to see the applications and issues, but mostly for networking. Networking is not something you just attain," she said.

The AMA competed last year for a sponsorship from the UMaine Business School's Advisory board. Other sponsors included AskPatty.com, Ranor, Inc. Lids, Macy's, Margarita's, the UMaine Bookstore and Umaine Career Center.

For more information about the AMA, go to www.uma-ma.com.



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Attack of the Snack Crackers

More than \$1,000 was pilfered from snack vending machines in Androscoggin, Knox, Somerset, Oxford, Cumberland and Estabrooke Halls within the last two months, according to Sargent Scott Curtis. Public Safety and the company that owns the machines say they do not know how the thief is doing this. Anyone with information can contact Public Safety at 581-4040.

Permit pilferage #1

A parking permit was stolen from an unlocked Toyota Corolla in Jenness parking lot sometime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Dec. 6. The parking permit is valued at \$50.

Permit pilferage #2

A resident of Oxford Hall reported that a parking permit had been stolen from his locked vehicle parked in the Hilltop Parking Lot, on Dec. 10 at 11:04 a.m. The resident left his vehicle at 5 p.m. on Dec. 7 and returned at 5 p.m. on Dec. 9 to find his Saab unlocked with a window rolled down and the permit missing. The park-

ing permit is valued at \$50.

Desktop disappearance

Two desktop computers were stolen from a Buick parked in Hilltop Parking Lot sometime between Dec. 1 and Dec. 3. A resident of Somerset Hall reported the incident on Dec. 10, describing the computers as an HP Pavillion desktop, valued at \$100, and an XBlade desktop, valued at \$450.

Lots of liquor

Public Safety responded to a report of an intoxicated male in need of medical attention on the second-floor men's bathroom of Somerset Hall on Dec. 11 at 4:43 a.m. The male, identified as Sean Callahan, 19, of Orono, refused transport and admitted to consuming 12 shots of liquor. Callahan was issued a summons for possession of liquor by a minor by consumption.

Compiled by Aislinn Sarnacki

Resigns

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tion of the petition, it was the last item on the agenda. When it came time to discuss the recall, Pomerleau was asked to leave the room while the senate debated in an executive session, which was closed to the student body, including campus media.

Discussion became contentious when some senators argued that Pomerleau should be present for the proceedings in order to defend himself against the accusations. Other senators, such as Senator Sean Rankin, argued against it, stating that it would restrict free and frank discussion.

Pomerleau said he had no preference, but other senators did.

"You're going to take his job away from him," said senator Peter Kelley. "At least have the balls to say it in front of him."

Mehdizadegan called senator Peter Kelley out of order. Shortly thereafter, a vote determined that Pomerleau should not be present for the proceedings.

After more than an hour and a half of closed discussion, senator Robert Cloutier, president of the inter-fraternity council, went to the men's room. Pomerleau followed. Within minutes of returning, Pomerleau had turned in a hand-written resignation letter on a folded piece of Student Government stationery. Pomerleau had not indicated intentions of resignation before that meeting.

"In times of trouble, sometimes your friends help steer you in the right direction," Pomerleau said, adding that the decision to resign was made on his own.

Cloutier refused to comment.

Council

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rental registration program. This program would require Orono landlords to annually submit information detailing the size, landscape, utilities and contact information for their properties. According to the draft of the ordinance, the rental registration program is a means to monitor trends in rental properties within the town and is not a determination that a property is fit for human habitation.

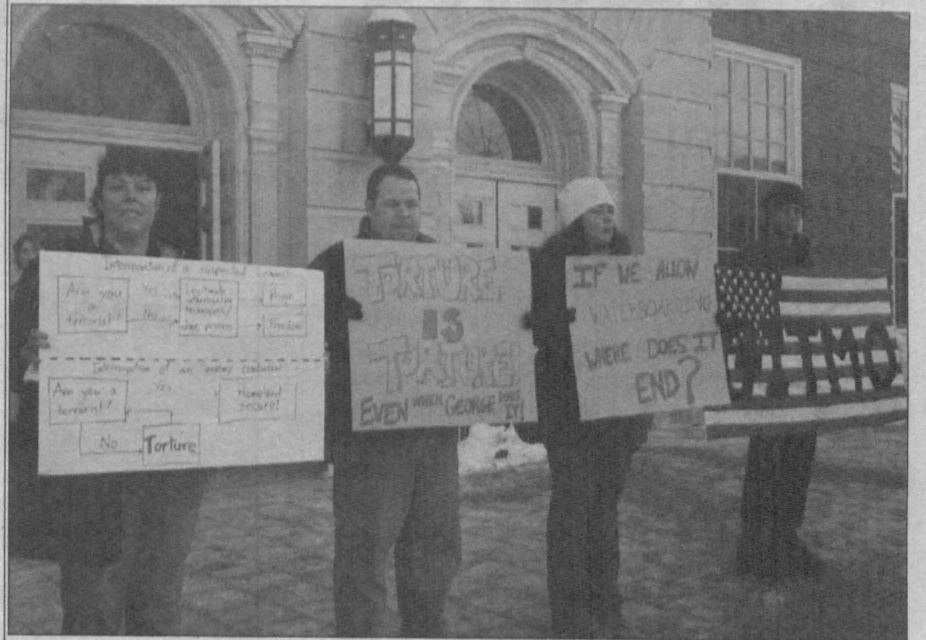
Conlow said the community development committee is suggesting a \$25 annual registration fee, with exemptions granted to low or moderate income individuals.

The town is also seeking to develop a

landlord-town advisory committee in order to "demonstrate how outreach education, and peer pressure can work with property owners who are not following the best practices in the management of their properties," according to the regulation of rental housing proposal. The proposal indicates that this committee will be appointed by the town council and consist of representatives from landlords, tenants, the police department, fire department, owner-occupants in Orono, an administrator from the university and an off-campus student.

A public hearing on the reform of the regulation of rental housing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 14. A copy of the proposed reform is available on the town of Orono's Web site, www.orono.org.

Gitmo' active



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An Anti-Guantanamo bay rally was held on the steps of Fogler Library Monday. From left: Jennifer Zabko, Casey Harris, Christy Oliven, and Dylan Montgomery.

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Reforms a positive change for SG

In light of Tuesday's General Student Senate meeting and former President William Pomerleau's resignation, students should reconsider how they think about elections.

A petition seeking a recall of Pomerleau's election gathered 503 signatures; he was originally elected with only 375 votes. While people seem to have felt strongly about the recall, the time to have expressed discontent is during an election. If people were dissatisfied with candidates, they should consider running themselves. This is the only way students will see real change.

We applaud the Student Senate for passing a resolution on Tuesday which will make it easier for write-in candidates to run. Instead of registering one week in advance of the elections, students are now allowed to announce their write-in candidacies up until 5 p.m. the day of the election. This gives anyone the chance to run at any time — and students should consider participating.

Student body presidents also have a recent history of not fulfilling their year long terms, which raises questions about why the seat is so frequently vacated. Former 2006 President Brigham McNaughton led to Aaron Sterling, who led to Adam Kirkland. Last year, Priyanth Chandrasekar's graduation halfway through his term led to William Pomerleau, who has left us with Steven Moran as acting president.

Despite his decision to resign, Pomerleau deserves respect for the time that he served the student body. If anything is to be gained from this situation, it's that University of Maine students are more empowered to actively participate in student elections.

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Perspectives

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Nick McCrea

Overzealous news media often neglect the good in athletes

Last week, the Bangor Daily News published a letter to the editor written by University of Maine football player Desmond Randall. His letter has convinced me to try something new with the sports section of The Maine Campus.

In his letter, Randall points out the importance of UMaine athletes to the state. "We are the professional teams of the state, the celebrities, role models and the faces of Maine," Randall wrote. "With that comes responsibility, which we athletes accept."

He is very correct in this assessment. Maine doesn't have much in the way of celebrities. We have Stephen King and Joshua Chamberlain to our credit, that's about it — and one of them has been dead for nearly a century. So we have to look toward athletics to find our role models. One thing that comes with the role model designation is an expectation that athletes maintain a certain level of conduct that is more exemplary than most college stu-

dents. Whenever the conduct of one athlete — or a small group of them — is brought into question, they're often called on it by the media. Front-page headlines, such as the ones seen prevalently over the past two years on the covers of the BDN and this newspaper, typify this media scrutiny.

Randall calls this front-page placement into question. "It seems the BDN would rather have a front-page story about an underage UMaine football player getting a summons for carrying alcohol, a coach getting an OUI or women's softball players breaking codes of conduct," he writes. "Yes, these are breaking news stories, but are they front-page stories?"

I would argue that these are front-page stories because UMaine athletes are held to higher standards than the average college student and they are among the most important figureheads for our state. Their conduct

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear People of Maine: Margaret Chase Smith would have a lot to say if she returned to Maine and saw what was going on today. She was a person who saw what had to be done and said what had to be said. She spoke forthrightly about the pressing needs of her day. She made her Declaration of Conscience, which transcended the time she was in and spoke to history and those in the future about what they must do if they saw trouble and felt called to address it.

I am acting on her behalf and in her name and with the courage I believe she would invoke to decry the perilous

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actions of those who say they are our leaders but who are not leading. She

would call to the consciences of all who can step forward to speak to the true interests of the state she loved and to act on its behalf.

Especially since the leaders of our Senate from Maine are now women, I am calling to them and calling upon their consciences, for I do not believe they are doing what they must to change the political situation. Senator Smith put Maine on the map and forever gave us the charge to act upon our consciences.

It is her actions that have emboldened

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'Tis the season to be consolidated by massive media conglomerates

Heather Steeves

In 1996, the U.S. government loosened media regulation to allow companies to own more media outlets. This was supposed to encourage more people to own more TV stations, newspapers, etc.: it didn't work. Now five companies own almost all of the media we consume.

It is difficult for Stephen King stations and family-owned papers to remain independent. An example of this is the Bangor Daily News, which had to lay off a large chunk of their writing staff last year. Conglomerate-owned papers have the financial security of their owner.

From this, we suffer gross media consolidation. Although I do not support this in any way, I did assume that this could work to my benefit during the winter months. For example, Cumulus and ClearChannel radio stations have to please a bajillion people. Knowing this, I would think that they would want to be as varied as possible and not isolate any audiences.

This has not proven true.

Each November Rudolph, Santa and the annoying tunes that come with them disturb my driving and shopping

experiences. Christian soundtracks pollute my cochlea through these months.

Why do these heavily consolidated stations play for a select audience of Jesus lovers? Don't get me wrong — if I hear "Dominic The Donkey," I turn it up, full-blast.

Imagine not having a strong faith in any one god in particular. Then, all of a sudden, as you walk innocently through your favorite store you are blasted with the musical retelling of Christ's birth. Fantastic. All you wanted was a stick of deodorant, void of any religious meaning and "Bam!" There you have it.

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ping experiences.*

God and I, we're buddies. I don't need ClearChannel drilling that into my head. They should play what they play in April — I miss my Plain White T's and that cheery "crinkle my nose" song.

I'm not saying that I would be any less annoyed if I had to listen to Hanukkah or Kwanzaa music, but I'd prefer my music to be without godly connotations. Let's get back to break-ups and Supermanning those ho's.

Heather Steeves is having the least wonderful time of the year.

Good

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reflects on us all in one way or another.

However, Randall has convinced me to

take a closer look at UMaine Athletics, but from a different angle. "What about the football players that are a part of the Big Brother program, or the UMaine football team that went to greet the soldiers as they returned from Iraq? How about the athletes who take time out of their summer to stay at school to help run the sports camps held at the university?" Randall asks. "You don't see many of those stories on the front page of the paper."

Randall is exactly right, and this is an issue I hope to address in the future in The Maine Campus sports section. I am aware that UMaine teams often

take part in community service projects and other admirable exploits, but you seldom see that in my section, or any other sports section for that matter. I would like to personally apologize for this oversight.

Next semester, I hope to keep in touch with the athletic department and UMaine teams to see what they're up to as far as community service projects. It's time to talk about the good that's done by UMaine's fine sports teams on the front page, not just the scandals.

In order to accomplish this, I ask any athletes or administrators in the Athletic Department to send me e-mails when they know of an upcoming team event that might warrant coverage.

Nick McCrea encourages you to scrutinize his coverage of athletes and their deeds.



Brett Sowerby

Making informed decisions is key to avoiding division

In light of the recent opinion piece written by Derek Dobachesky, it seemed high-time to take another look at Ron Paul's run for the presidency.

Surprisingly, I agree with many of the statements made by Paul's supporters. I, being a fiscal conservative, agree with reducing the U.S.'s expenditure as well as the overall size of our government. I actually enjoy the fact that Paul is taking a vastly different approach to how the government should be run than his opposition. He has also made use of the largely untapped — and quite significant — on-line support, shown by the massive amounts of Internet donations to his campaign. These make Paul an interesting candidate and point to America's dissatisfaction with mainstream politicians.

To address the many rabid Paul supporters who believe that a Paul presidency is the only manner to extricate ourselves from the mired political situation in which we now find ourselves in, let us first look at Paul's stance on the issues.

The one to which I take the most umbrage is his opposition to abortion. He claims in his 40 years of practicing medicine, he did not once consider terminating a pregnancy. Apparently, Paul had never met a woman impregnated by a rapist or worse yet, a victim of incestuous rape. In fact, he now supports legislation that would effectively negate Roe v. Wade, allowing states to ban abortions at any point in the pregnancy. Do not misunderstand my point here; I'm not in favor of killing fetuses left and right. I think it's a terrible form of birth control. I am also a proponent of adoption. However, Paul touts his piece of legislation as "ending federal court tyranny." How is preventing women from having control of their body ending tyranny?

While I do agree with Paul in regards to HMOs and the fact that they have been assisted by the government to be as corrupt as they

have become, that's where the similarity in our views end. In the same breath, Paul states that U.S. citizens travel to Canada to receive less expensive medicines while stating that — according to Paul — Canadians are coming to the U.S. to obtain care. His suggestion to completely privatize medicine would leave millions without healthcare. This would only add to our country's already overcrowded emergency rooms and further drive a wedge between the rich and the poor.

Paul claims that by helping underserved minority groups, this country is encouraging racism, making us all suspicious of who's getting the lion's share of the "government loot." As a white male, I don't receive any help from these programs, yet I understand why they are important. I want as many people as possible to avoid being just another statistic in the inner city. These programs will have to exist for just a bit longer until there is some semblance of equality in our nation.

It seems a presidential election is never about who is the obvious choice. It is about making a judgment call and weighing the good qualities and stances versus the bad. This information is not meant to sway any of those already in support of Paul; they have made their choice and seem to be dogged in their support of the man. It's actually intended to influence those who have not yet decided to look a bit more closely at the details before committing to any one side. If one wants change, there are other options besides Paul.

Although it has yet to garner much support, the Unity '08 ticket is aimed toward attracting moderates, of which our country is mainly composed. I urge everyone to get out there and find out what suits their personal needs, whether or not they agree with mainstream politics, or even mine.

Brett Sowerby thinks that everyone should make informed decisions this election year.

Love us? Hate us? Write us.

LETTERS CONTINUED ...

me in my efforts to also call upon Mainers to support my efforts to run for Senate on their behalf — to offer them a campaign that gives us a living reminder of her past actions to bring conscience to the floor of the U.S. Senate.

Why is this so necessary now? Isn't the fact that we have our two senators as women a reminder enough of her fine calling and her noble undertaking? I wish it were enough, but being a woman is not enough. It is necessary to be a person of conscience and character. How can you tell that a someone is a person such as that? You must look at their actions and their willingness to take a stand on principle, not just on passion or political expedience.

In ordinary times, perhaps Senator Collins, who I am running against for Senate, would be a sufficient leader, but these are not ordinary times. Collins has not shown that she will stand alone amongst Republicans to oppose the Bush war policy. Her record is mainly of compliance with the Bush war machine and its financial priorities, which have hurt our economic well-being, not to mention our standing in the world. I have taken such stands in the past, when I ran a race for State Rep. in 2002 to oppose

the war, before it was deemed acceptable to make a call against my party.

I believe that, if left unchecked, the Bush Administration and the Republicans will provoke the start of World War III before the next election. It cannot be assumed that they will not act upon this threat since they have delivered on all their other threats. I stand against this, alone if I must, together with Mainers if I can, to say NO — THIS SHALL NOT BE. I pledge to my fellow citizens of the state of Maine that I will do everything I can to bring home the necessity of actions taken now and in the future to bring us back to sanity in our politics.

We must be able to wake up to a world that is not gone mad. We must be the ones that bring the people back from a world of ruin to a world of hope. We cannot look elsewhere. It is in us and it is we who must do this and the time is now. The fight is clear and I am ready. My family is ready, come what may. Please ready yourselves and join in this fight to keep our country's conscience clear and to bring back the clarity of conscience into the lives of our fellow citizens and our fellow man, in Maine and in the world.

Laurie Dobson, of Kennebunkport

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Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down

- Cuddling in winter
- Smittens
- Reindeer
- Trapped in the "Claus"-et
- Santa
- Soulja Boy
- Gloves
- Reign, dear
- Detained (without due process) in the Closet
- Satan

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Style & Culture

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Lidral Duo
Chamber Jazz Afternoon
Concert Series
4:15 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 13
The Bear's Den

Mainestock
Music & Art Fair
7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 13
Minsky Recital Hall

Lab Band
8 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 14
Minsky Recital Hall

ARTS

"Test Everything"
Senior Art Show
8 a.m. until closed
Lord Hall Gallery

A Legacy of Collecting: the
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9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
University of Maine Museum
of Art
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DAYS TO CELEBRATE

Last day of Classes
5 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 14
Wherever students are found

Last Day of Exams
5 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 21
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ENTERTAINMENT

Planetarium Shows:
Season of Light
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Friday, Dec. 7
Wingate Hall

Wilbear's Adventure
7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 8
Wingate Hall

Season of Light
2 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 9
Wingate Hall

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time, day, date, place and fee
information to Brett Sowerby
on FirstClass.

When most University of Maine students think of final exams, images of all-nighters and last-minute cramming spring to the forefront. While this seems to be the norm among the UMaine community, there is a small subset of individuals that forego the procrastination techniques most students subscribe to.

Walking through the library Tuesday night, one was greeted by dozens of furrowed brows, busily buried in uninviting textbooks and hastily scribbled notes.

Why is it that students, time and time again, wait until the last possible moments to begin their study sessions? Do college students have some sort of masochistic desire to stress as much as possible in the period directly preceding finals?

Speaking to a self-professed procrastinator, Caitlin Meyer, a senior elementary education major, rationalized why she staved off her work. "It's how I've done every project," Meyer admitted. "I'm just a last-minute kind of person." Meyer was taking time away from compiling a semester's worth of work to relate why she waited until now to buckle down and tackle the assignment. "I'll definitely be up a 11

night," Meyer regretfully conceded while searching for five sections she appeared to be lacking.

However, Meyer seemed to take it all in stride. Even faced with the daunting fact that she would be up all night and student teaching in the morning, she had a rather laissez-faire attitude; she understood that it was no one's fault but her own for the situation she found herself in. When asked why she waited so long to take on such a significant project, she simply stated, "I just keep finding bigger and better things to do."

Conversely, sitting across the same large table in the reading room of the library was another senior elementary education major, Theresa McDonnell. McDonnell chose a different path with her semester-long project. She chipped away at it all semester, adding small pieces throughout, keeping up with the work and not waiting to get her work done. "I get stressed out when I have things to do," McDonnell said of her tendency to stay caught up with work. "I always have ... I guess I'm just motivated."

This motivated individual had a significantly reduced burden on her for the evening; her only remaining work was a reflection over the semester's accomplishments, far less than the daunting load awaiting Meyer. However, McDonnell sat in stoic support of her friend, a guiding light for Meyer's wayward voyage into temporary insomnia, generously offering assistance when asked.

As conversations progressed from table to table and new people were met with new

deadlines, it became clear that a whole spectrum of procrastination was in place. Not every story heard was as drastic as Meyer's, and in fact, most had only been putting off studying for a few weeks. Although, to be fair, most spoken to had had a previous test in the last few weeks.

Susan Goniprow, an undecided first-year, had staked out a table with senior accounting

major,
Loralie
Moody, to
go over a
statistics
assignment,
due the next
day. Both
Goniprow
and Moody
said they
generally
keep up
with their
studies,
however
they found

that difficult to do with their statistics class. It seemed quite clear they had little interest in the exciting world of statistics and this translated into being unmotivated to stay abreast of the material.

From the procrastinators questioned, there was a fair amount of rationalization as to why studying was put off in the first place. The most cited reason was that the given person works better under pressure. Perhaps this was true; however, it was clear that those who were studying for next week's final exams were visually less apprehensive about

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WHY
WE DO IT
(OR, RATHER, WHY WE DON'T)



Dickenson continues to speak after nearly two centuries

By Thomas St. Pierre

"I always feel close to her when I write," Kathleen Ellis, a professor of English at the University of Maine, commented on Emily Dickinson last Monday. She, along with two other Maine poets, Candice Stover and Jackie Michaud, paid homage to the 177-year-old bard as they promoted their newest publications, "Vanishing Act," "Poets from the Pond" and "The Waking Hours," respectively. Other UMaine faculty and students presented Dickinson poems that were particularly powerful to them.

While she only published seven poems during her lifetime, Emily Dickinson, the reclusive, mysterious resident of Amherst, Massachusetts, posthumously became one of the most influential poets of the 19th century. With over 1,700 poems now unearthed, Dickinson's terse, epigrammatic poems with her unconventional capitalization, extensive dashes and lack of meter, have sparked much intrigue from readers. This intrigue led many to the University Bookstore on Dec. 10 for Emily's 177th Birthday Celebration.

Amanda Hallett, a sophomore English major, opened the event with the Dickinson poem "Hope is a thing with feathers," followed by Michaud who began with Dickinson's "I never felt at Home—Below."

"She talks about God so much," Michaud observed after her reading, yet she further commented that Dickinson expressed so much doubt and ambivalence in her poetry. Drawing from this, Michaud read from her recent work, "The Waking Hours," a collection of French translations with a variety of religious undertones.

As an interlude to the main presenters, Mark Haggerty and David Gross, two Honors professors, read, respectively, Dickinson's "Exultation is the going" and "There's a certain Slant of Light."

"She was really funny and ironic," Ellis noted as she began her presentation following Haggerty and Gross. "I like her coy voice," she contin-

ued, reading one of Dickinson's more whimsical poems: "'Faith' is a fine invention / When Gentlemen can see— / But Microscopes are prudent / In an Emergency." On a more serious note, Ellis commented on the elusive quality of Dickinson's poetry, stating, "So many of her poems are hesitant." In her newest book about her dying mother, "Vanishing Act," Ellis captures this spirit of Dickinson as she meditates over the odd feelings of confronting her mother's death.

As she began her Dickinson reading, Sharon Tisher, an Honors and environmental law professor, quipped, "Leaving your room is vastly overrated." To elaborate, Tisher read Dickinson's "The Brain—is wider than the Sky—," a token to the limitless possibilities of the mind. Following, Francois Amar, another Honors professor, read Dickinson's "My Triumph lasted till the Drums," talking after about the extensive discussion Dickinson's poetry sparks in his classes.

Concluding the event, Stover, a poet and instructor at the College of the Atlantic, read from her latest book "Poems from the Pond," a collection of poems ruminating on Somes Pond where she's lived for the past 17 years. Before then, however, Stover reflected on the Dickinson quote, "To live is so startling, it leaves little time for anything else." For Stover, people often fail to appreciate the mystifying amazement that is life for which she attempted to capture in her poetry.

Jay Grant, a first-year political science major, laughed about going just for extra credit, admitting that he was fascinated with Dickinson's poetry. "She locked herself in her house," he plainly stated, intrigued by her eccentric lifestyle.

Another student, Emily Desjardins, a first-year business major, agreed, "I'm interested in Emily Dickinson," adding, "It's different than modern poetry."

The poetry event ended with a book signing by the three authors who, with vastly different works, all found a correspondence to Dickinson.



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1. **Bonde Do Role** - Marina Gasolina [EP]
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5. **Why?** - The Hollows [EP]
6. **Cars And Trains** - Rusty String
7. **Letters*** - Letters*
8. **Holy F—** - LP
9. **The Hives** - The Black And White Album
10. **Broken Social Scene Presents: Kevin Drew** - Spirit If...
11. **Para One** - Epiphanie
12. **60 Watt Kid** - 60 Watt Kid
13. **I, Colossus** - I, Colossus
14. **Katy Perry** - UR So Gay [EP]
15. **Grizzly Bear** - Friend [EP]
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This Week in SeX

You're probably going to get dumped for Christmas.

By Eryk Salvaggio

I hate to break it to you, eager first-years in the throng of your first passionate relationship or anyone else, for that matter: if you or your significant other are heading home for the break, the odds are stacked against you.

Temptations come from every direction: in your hometown, seeing people you know you won't be seeing again for months. There are holidays — New Year's, especially — in which parties, drinking and mistletoe hook-ups are the norm. According to a www.vault.com survey, almost one in six people cheat on their spouses at holiday office parties alone. Your partner's in another state, in the same cheating-friendly environment — and what you have is a variation on the prisoner's dilemma.

For simplicity's sake, let's call it the cheater's dilemma: If you cheat but they don't, you get the hook-up and they lose. If you don't cheat, but your partner cheats on you, they get the hook-up and you lose. If you both cheat, it's a wash. If neither of you cheat — well, you can both come back to school holding hands through your mittens while frolicking in the snow.

So how do you navigate this treacherous slope of holiday infidelity? As usual, it's a matter of communication. In the prisoner's dilemma, people are abandoned less often when they work out a rational strategy ahead of time. The same applies here: discuss your strategies. If there's a chance you're going to cheat, get it out in advance of the cheating. Talk to your partner about how they'd feel and listen to them.

The other option: break up. If the prisoner's dilemma is all-too-apt a description of your relationship, the holidays are the time to get out of jail, free. However, do the right thing —



play that card before you go home, when you can still do it in person, and give them the freedom to get some mistletoe action without you — otherwise, you're just asking for coal in your stockings.

Once it's discussed, there's the little matter of simply not cheating. Secret number one in the "don't cheat" category: don't drink. Drinking exponentially increases your willingness to engage in risky sexual behavior — from cheating to having unprotected sex. Spiked eggnog may be tasty, but spending your first hours of 2008 searching for a morning-after pill while trying to figure out how to break the news to your soon-to-be-ex is a sad, sad ending to Auld Lang Sine.

Here's the part where your moralist sexpert kicks in with the scary statistics, Reefer Madness style: by the time student's graduate, 81 percent have had sex while drunk. 60 percent of students who have sex while drunk will get a sexually transmitted stocking stuffer. Finally, you're simply more likely to have sex with

people you don't know as well — and more likely to cheat on the people you do know.

Finally, there's another thing to think about: you're at a party, and you meet someone. The two of you aren't drunk, and you're hitting it off. Butterflies are coming out of hibernation in your stomach. You can't brush your teeth without thinking about how they brush their teeth: you get a crush.

Don't panic. Spending your entire collegiate experience with just one person has its perks, but your time here can be well spent by meeting, flirting, crushing on and dating other people. Breaking up is a regrettable fact of life. Just be honest with everyone involved: don't fake monogamy or lead anyone on, and you're in the clear.

Weird SCIENCE

BY BRETT SOWERBY

Delving away from the culture of procrastination, there has been a fair amount of psychological research conducted in the field.

According to Dr. Timothy Pychyl of Ottawa's Carleton University, procrastination is closely related to "avoidant coping styles." This is psychology lingo for a tendency to neglect problems that cause anxiety rather than confront them.

Apparently, as most college students already know, procrastination has deeper roots than just

procrastinators seem to care less than their peers about how others perceive their success or failure.

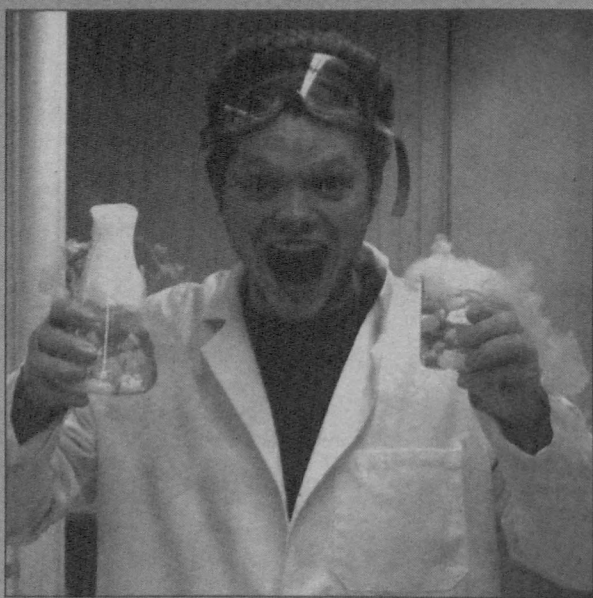
They also tend to drink more, according to Dr. Joseph Ferrari of De Paul University in Chicago. This appears to be related to a manifestation of generalized problems in self-regulation. They don't mean to; they simply misjudge the amount of alcohol they've taken in, according to Ferrari.

Instead, procrastinators find anxiety in social interactions, according to Scher.

There also seems to be a clear correlation between lower GPA and procrastinators. A study out of Columbus, Ohio shows students who plan ahead consistently achieve higher marks than their slacking counterparts. In fact, the study, conducted by Bruce Tuckman from Ohio State University, showed that the most severe procrastinators garnered about 0.7 GPA

points lower than those who planned ahead. As it turns out, studying eight hours before a final exam is not the most efficient manner to study. Who could have imagined?

So a word of advice to all the kin of the procrastination family: don't put off what could easily be done today. Who hasn't heard that at least 87 times in the past four years? The difference is, we — those who wait until the last minute — also tend to have more health issues than others. So for your health, spread your studying out over the next week, and, while we're at it, why not next semester? Make a New Year's resolution to be more on top of things in 2008. After all, it can't be as short lived as last year's resolution to lose five pounds.



We — because let's face it, this is being written under a deadline — also tend to actively look for distractions. Anyone who has logged six weeks on FirstClass can attest to the thought process of "I'll start this ... right after I check my e-mail for the 406th time today."

As it turns out, slackers actually tend to lie to themselves. Lies like "I'll feel more like studying tomorrow," or "I do my best work under pressure," only work against the chronic procrastinator. In fact, these statements are just rationalizations for the last-minute warriors to allow them to put work off guilt-free.

Interestingly, Dr. Steven Scher of Eastern Illinois University probed the common belief that procrastinators suffer from a "fear of failure." Scher challenged that belief and found that

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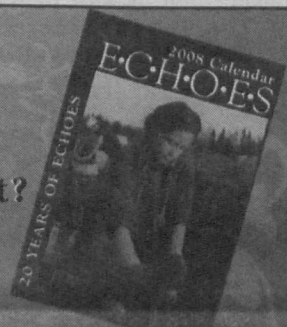
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WAS THE FIRST MAN TO

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Fourth-year Jaime Larese in Oaks room studying for her World Food and Nutrition class.

Student

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the future.

On two occasions, students refused to comment for fear their professors might discover their students' lackadaisical approach to studying up until the night before the big test. Although, interestingly, the students who were more pressed for time seemed more willing to talk for longer periods of time.

As difficult and as daunting as a task may seem, Mary Beth Willett, the interim tutor director, suggests breaking large projects into smaller, more accessible pieces. Willett also hinted at creating rewards for when tasks are completed. They could be as small or as large as one chooses, from taking a coffee break with friends, or buying that new expensive toy from Amazon.com.

Since students were introduced to homework, they have been taught to think ahead, to prioritize, to manage their time appropriately, but it remains unclear why college students prefer to take the stressful approach and put off the work until there is no time to spare. However, a minority of students seem to have taken those grade-school lessons to heart and have come out on top. That being said, other students appear to be living by the mantra that it is never too late to start studying ... until it is too late.

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March 21 to April 20

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Taurus

April 21 to May 20

You might have an argument with your loved one over your spending too much money lately. Keep calm and do your best to avoid a fight!

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

A piece of bad news might trouble your love life and give you food for thought. You may want to remain cautious and avoid making promises you are not sure you can't keep.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Your boss could remonstrate you with your underachievement. Making up excuses will only make things worse. Whatever the outcome, don't take it off at home!

Leo

July 23 to August 22

You might have to leave on an urgent business trip. Your family will be quite unhappy with this change of schedule.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

You could be facing financial difficulties. This may make you feel uneasy in a meeting with friends. You can rely on intuition, but an older woman's advice is worth considering, too.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

You might have a quarrel with your loved one over your reluctance to visit relatives. Looks like today is not a very good day for business, either. You are advised to avoid financial speculations today.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Keep your voice down when talking to an elder relative! You are advised to avoid hot arguments today, for they may easily turn into fights.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Unless you can manage to spend more time with family and friends, conflicts may arise and old relationships might break. Your loved one may remonstrate you with your neglecting the young ones in the family.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

You will be very creative today and your imagination will reach new heights. You'd better put your creativity to good use for your career and in business.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

A visit to friends might unfold in a very surprising way. Don't blame it on your loved one for having insisted on paying this visit!

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

Today you might have a tendency to criticize everybody at work. You are determined to solve a difficult issue and will resent your workmates' lack of involvement.

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DISTRACTIONS

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By Alicia Mullins

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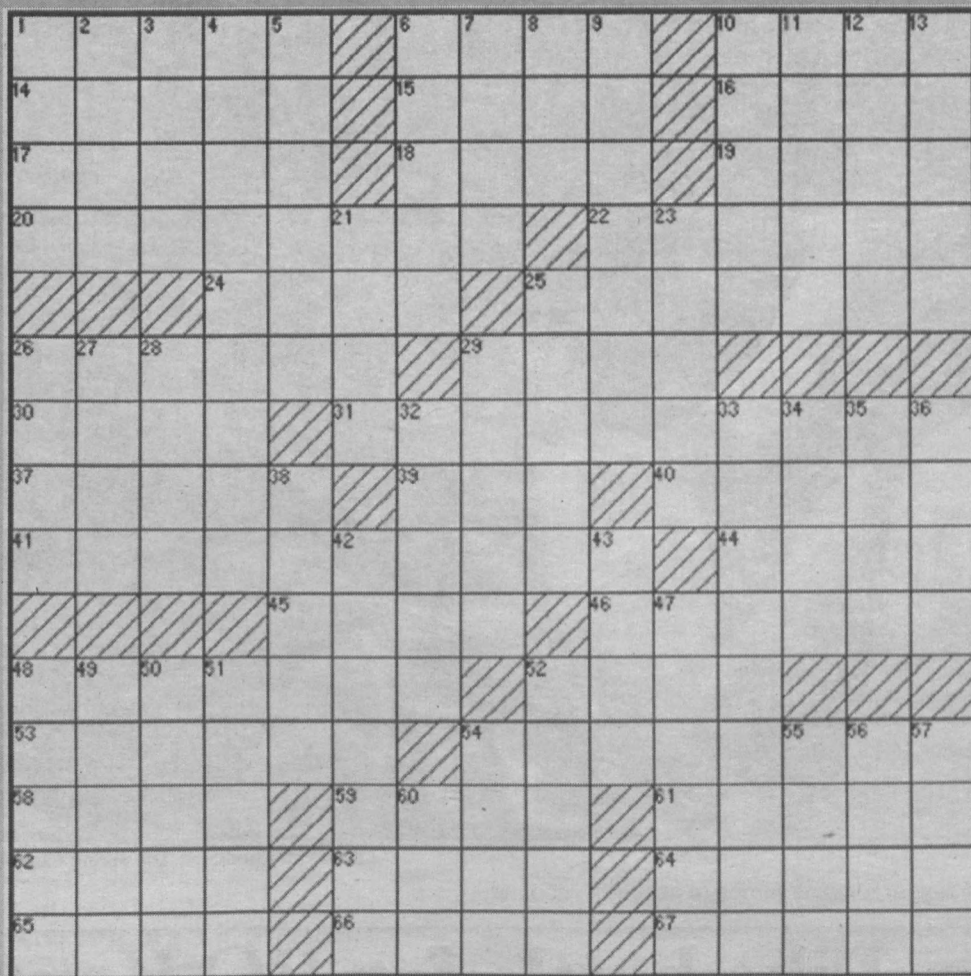
From the cast of
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So wait ... I don't get it. Are we reindeer, or are we Mr. and Mrs. Claus?

Don't question my costume design.



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ACROSS

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

DOWN

1. Attention-getting sound
2. Actress/singer _____ Falana
3. Chieftain
4. Latin for "Consideration" or "Pondering"
5. Western state
6. Burn with a hot liquid
7. A title for God
8. Noah's boat
9. Pertaining to the digestive system
10. Foundation or understanding
11. Concerning
12. Metal
13. Child
21. Margarine
23. More broad
25. Concise
26. Units of electrical resistance
27. Outer garment
28. Unit of pressure
29. Hairstyles
32. Backside (slang)
33. 1000 years
34. "A Death in the Family" author James _____ (1909-1955)
35. Award for Broadway shows
36. Historical periods
38. _____ Dei = Paschal Lamb
42. Radiance
43. Ranch
47. Counts (Scottish)
48. Concerns
49. Delete
50. Bothersome sounds
51. Corrected the frequency
52. Defeats
54. Consolidate
55. Island
56. Singer/actress _____ Carter
57. Formerly
60. Hole in the ground

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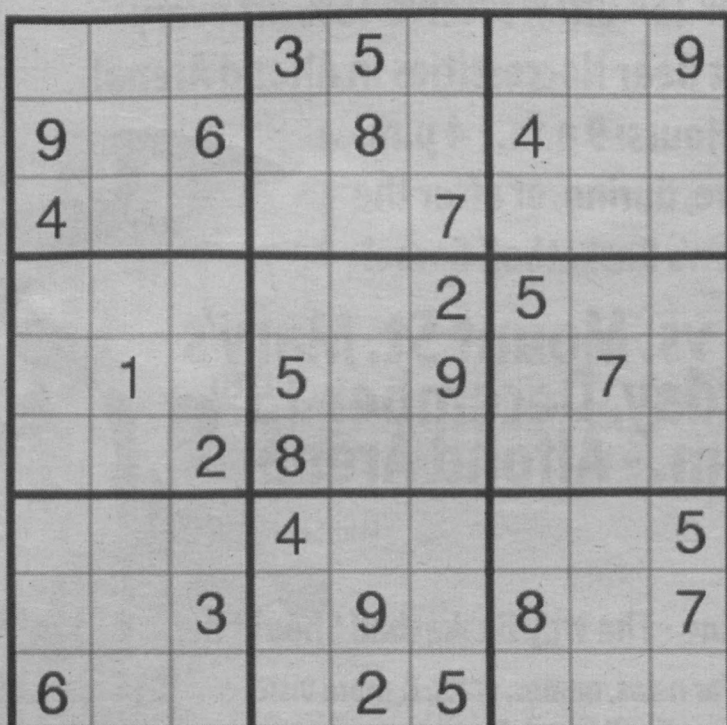
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Christmas Facts

Christmas is an annual holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus and though the date of the celebration is traditional, it is not considered to be his actual date of birth.

"Wassail" comes from the Old Norse "ves heill"—to be of good health. This evolved into the tradition of visiting neighbors on Christmas Eve and drinking to their health.

The word "Christmas" originated as a contraction of "Christ's mass." It is derived from the Middle English Christemasse and Old English Cristes mæsse, a phrase first recorded in 1038.

The abbreviation of Xmas for Christmas is not irreligious. The first letter of the word Christ in Greek is chi, which is identical to our X.

After "A Christmas Carol," Charles Dickens wrote several other Christmas stories, one each year, but none was as successful as the original.

Although many believe the Friday after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year, it is not. It is the fifth to tenth busiest day. The Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the two busiest shopping days of the year.

Christmas trees are edible. Many parts of pines, spruces, and firs can be eaten. The needles are a good source of vitamin C. Pine nuts, or pine cones, are also a good source of nutrition.

Hallmark introduced its first Christmas cards in 1915, five years after the founding of the company.

In the US, gifts are now exchanged on Christmas Day in a sort of compromise of Dutch, German, and British gift-giving customs.

The Christmas tree is a Christianized pagan custom that originated in Germany. German settlers introduced it in America. It became popular during the nineteenth century, and then later spread to Britain and Japan from the US.

At Christmas, it is traditional to exchange kisses beneath the mistletoe tree. In ancient Scandinavia, mistletoe was associated with peace and friendship. That may account for the custom of "kissing beneath the mistletoe".

Saint Nicholas Day (December 6) was the traditional day for giving gifts to children. It is still the day on which children receive gifts from St. Nicholas in the Netherlands. Epiphany (January 6) is, in the western Church, the commemoration of day on which the three kings presented the baby Jesus with gifts.

Basketball

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Mark Socoby were both quiet on the offensive end, in both blow out losses to Providence and Florida State. Bernal knows that teams are going to focus on him and Socoby, so they need be able to adjust better to the defense.

"We just need to keep working hard and play well with our teammates," Bernal said. The Black Bears bench has begun to step up and put some big points on the board. Bernal knows trust is a key factor for the team.

The loss to FSU adds to the team chemistry because all the players have now experienced the intensity of a big time school that will help them prepare for

UConn. "It was a good experience because it was a big atmosphere with higher competition, and when we go to UConn, it will be similar with the high competition and the big arena," Bernal said. "The new guys on our team, who aren't used to the intense atmosphere, know what to expect when we go to UConn now because of the FSU game."

A pleasant thought for the Black Bears is that they are in third place in America East and only half a game behind Albany.

"We knew we had a lot of good players even though we're young, and we knew if we did things well like rebound and score in the paint we would be in a good position to be successful," Bernal said. "We just need to keep working hard and be consistent."

close, a large group picture was taken. Everyone gathered together around center ice facing the student section for the picture.

During that time, a few worn-out fans sat behind the benches, drinking hot cocoa.

"David de Kastrozza is my favorite player; he has my favorite number. I talked to him about my season," 10-year-old fan Hunter Pate said. Eight-year-old Patrick Penton agreed.

"Nolan Boike is my favorite player, because he plays baseball too," 11-year-old fan Rob Benton said.

After the group picture, fans slowly started to make their way off the ice, some looking tired after two hours on their feet, but none without a smile.

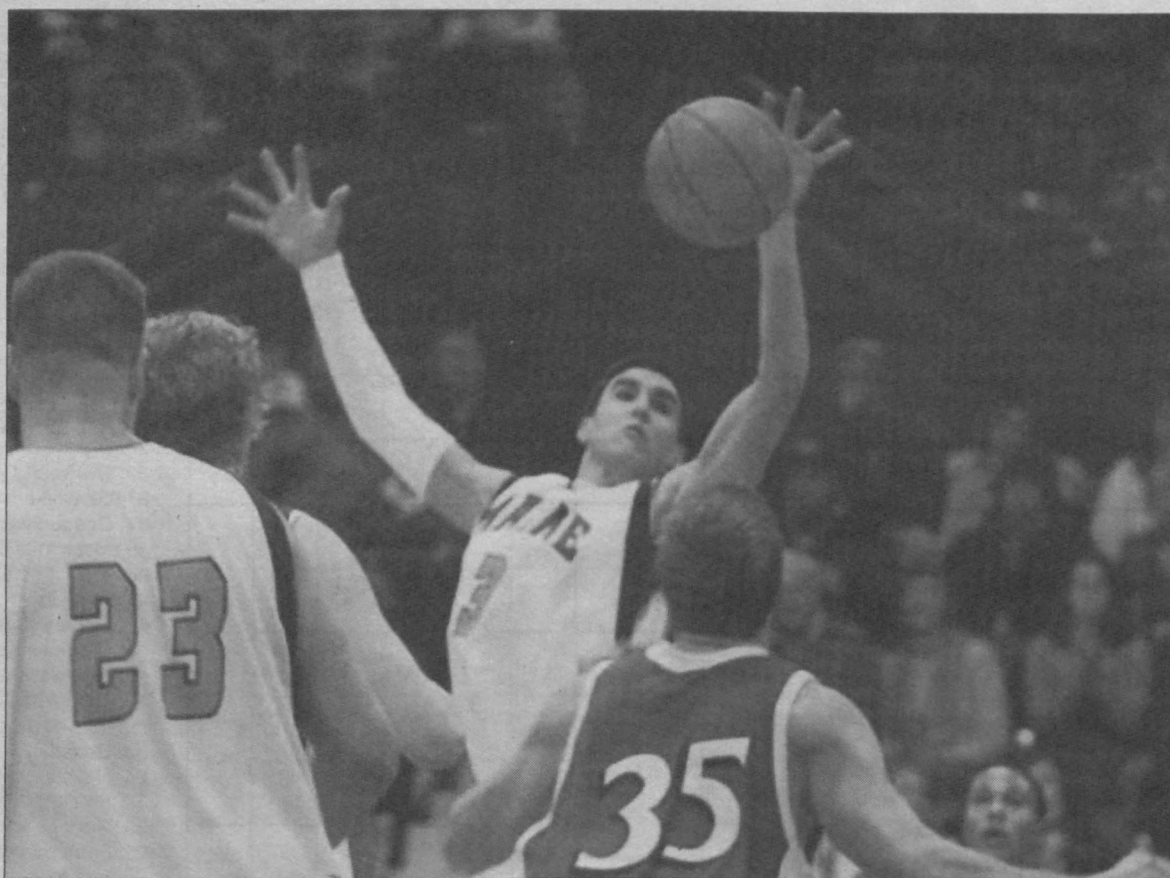
The men's hockey team will hold another Skating with the Bears in Portland on Jan. 5, at the Portland Civic Center, prior to their Jan. 6 game against RPI.

into her already deep wounds.

As we drove along I-95 — we did not rely on MapQuest again — I began to doze off. I was jolted awake a couple of hours later when the truck swerved to one side. I looked out my window and saw the flash of a deer about two feet away. Confused and in a daze, I looked over to my roommate, who seemed expressionless. So I went back to bed. Come to find out, we had almost died. A deer jumped in front of the truck, the roads were thick with ice and we had tractor trailers behind and beside us. Apparently, we're lucky to be alive. I was just glad to go back to sleep with a well-deserved feeling of confidence and pride in our still-undefeated New England Patriots. Plus, I got to see huge, drunk guys beat the crap out of each other over a game — that's always cool.

Mark Stuart, the Bruins defense continues to play well despite injuries to Thomas and defenseman Andrew Ference.

Although the Bruins may not be doing things the "Boston" way, they are finding a way to win. New coach Claude Julien has certainly had a hand in the Bruins early success. He came in this off-season and has instilled a disciplinary, tough brand of hockey that his players have been bought into. Within the ever-changing NHL, it may be a matter of time before the Bruins are no more. For now, Boston should enjoy a team that is youthful, exciting and most of all competitive.



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Troy Barnes, a first-year forward, jumps to secure a rebound.

SigEp, Pike battle for BC Kent

By Kevin Bailey

Many students have noticed that the past two weeks have been relatively quiet on the athletic courts and fields of the University of Maine. With the semester winding down, many teams' seasons have slowed down accordingly, but members of UMaine Greek Life know that the competition of intramurals hardly ever takes a break. On Monday night, the fraternity basketball championship took the spotlight at the Rec Center. In an intense battle, Pi Kappa Alpha was able to outlast and emerge victorious over Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Anyone who spent their Monday night watching a weak NFL match-up missed a true battle of the intramural titans. Pike and SigEp have had a strong hold on top of the all-points standings all semester, with Pike having the upper hand recently due to two floor hockey championships last week.

As the game kicked off, SigEp looked to set the tempo right away,

but Pike matched them for an evenly-played first half. Few players could drive the lanes without getting roughed up and the tough style of play led to many free-throw opportunities. The low-scoring half ended with Pike holding a slim 16-14 lead.

Early on in the second half, each team made adjustments. SigEp showed they were ready to

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pick up the intensity, as they locked down on defense and continued to crash the Pike big guys down low. Pike adjusted to this and began to swing the ball around more, opening up shots and driving the paint.

The real turning point came with about seven minutes remaining in the game. Pike had yet to bust open their lead, in front by just three, when sophomore Matt Andreasen took a kick-out pass from a driving Josh McNutt and nailed a contested three. Something had clicked for

Andreasen, and on the next two possessions, he buried consecutive three-pointers. "I'm not usually the top scorer, but I try to pick my moments and step it up when it really counts," Andreasen said. McCarthy recalled that from last season, explaining, "He had some huge shots against us last year too. He just caught fire."

Down by eight with just three minutes remaining, SigEp enacted a full-court press to catch Pike off-guard. Their aggressive strategy was rewarded with a few steals and buckets, closing the gap to four. After that Pike was finally able to get into the free-throw bonus. One final three-pointer by Andreasen put the lead back up to seven, securing the victory.

"Both teams had a lot of guys show up, and it's so huge to have your boys behind you and cheering for the whole game," Andreasen said.

The win helped Pike build on their lead in the standings, but with SigEp close behind and several other fraternities eyeing the top, no one can get too comfortable.

Patriots

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the win in the faces of safety Anthony Smith and his Steelers teammates.

As the thousands of jubilant New England fans filtered out of Gillette, they gave every Pittsburgh fan they saw a hard time. That included my roommate, who I almost felt sorry for — almost.

The ride home was a quiet one. After watching her favorite team lose badly, two hours of sitting in the parking lot we had paid \$40 to use, worrying about the freezing rain and sleet that was falling steadily throughout the Boston area and our 3 a.m. expected arrival time back in Orono, she was in no mood to have the loss rubbed

Bruins

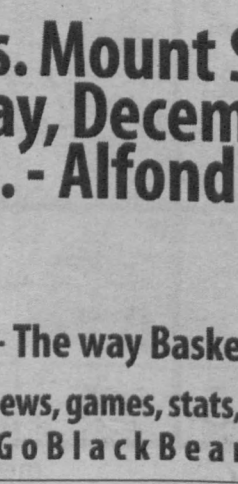
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percentage. He will likely be out for another 10 to 14 days, but new acquisition Alex Auld has been up to the challenge in his first two games, allowing only two goals.

Defensively, the Bruins have been anchored by Captain Zdeno Chara and Dennis Wideman. Chara is a plus-8 so far this year after being a minus-21 last year. Wideman already has half his goal total from 2006-07 season and is a plus-6. With contributions from young Andrew Alberts and

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Minutewomen outshoot Bears

By Laila Sholtz-Ames

Last week, the University of Maine Women's basketball team battled a tough Fairfield University squad in Connecticut. Six days later, the Black Bears traveled to the University of Massachusetts to play the Minutewomen in Mullens Center at Amherst, Mass., in an attempt to win just their second game of the season. This would not be the case, however, as the Black Bears lost to the Minutewomen, 74-55, in their sixth-straight loss of the season.

The University of Maine Black Bears, who played the UMass Minutewomen for the first time since the 1998-99 season, had several positive notes as three UMaine players finished in double figures, including freshman Tanna Ross, freshman guard Emily Rousseau and Center Sandra Vaitkute. In their last meeting, the Minutewomen won 64-56, but this contest was not nearly as close, as UMass dominated both in the paint and in rebounding.

UMaine did have an offensive

spark from Ross, who came off the bench and scored a career-high 20 points. This is the third time this season that Ross has scored in double figures. In addition, Rousseau contributed 13 points and Vaitkute, who dominated around the glass and led the team in blocked shots, adding 12 points along with seven rebounds. It

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was Vaitkute who scored UMaine's initial six points in the first half, but after that the lead see-sawed back and forth. The Black Bears held a few one-point leads in the first half but were unable to take advantage.

Near the end of the first period, Rousseau made a jumper with 3:33 left, which pulled UMaine to 27-26, but UMass scored nine unanswered points and took a 36-26 lead into intermission.

UMass held a lead throughout the rest of the game and then took a double-digit lead to round out the final 10 minutes of the game, shooting 50 percent — 14-of-28 — from the floor.

In the end, the UMass offense was too much for the Black Bears, as they only shot 40 percent — 22-of-55 — from the floor.

The Minutewomen had a strong game, with senior guard Pam Rosanio scoring 19 points going 8-of-11 from the floor and Kate Mills chipping in 16 points to lead the Minutewomen to a second straight victory. The UMaine women's basketball team now falls to 1-7 on the season, while the University of Massachusetts improves to 4-5 on the season, with a perfect 4-0 home record.

The Black Bears, currently in the middle of an eight-game road trip, the longest road game stretch since the 1985-86 season, will travel to New York next week to take on St. John's University on Friday and then St. Francis University on Sunday.

Odyssey to Gillette as brilliant as game

By Nick McCrea

This past Sunday, I was fortunate to take a little trip down to Foxboro, Mass., to witness the New England Patriots romp over the Pittsburgh Steelers, running their perfect 12-0 record to a just-as-perfect 13-0.

The odyssey to Gillette Stadium, experiences there and near death experience on the way home were just as memorable as the game itself. Here is our story.

My roommate — a very sad Steelers fan — and I woke up early Sunday morning, pulled directions off MapQuest and bundled ourselves in three or four layers of thermal clothes.

I had to break several promises to friends that I would go in blue, red and white body paint — I mean come on, finals are next week; I can't afford to get hypothermia. Then we hopped in her GMC pickup rather than my

1992 maroon Chevy Lumina — because, well, it's a 1992 Chevy Lumina that I'm a little afraid to take on a "road trip" to Bangor in its current state — and started our trek to Massachusetts.

The trip down was uneventful until MapQuest turned on us. MapQuest's directions from Orono to Foxboro read as follows: Take I-95 all the way down to Massachusetts, then "Merge onto US-1 S via Exit 9 toward Foxboro / Wrentham." It turns out that there is no I-95; it turns randomly into I-93 or I-90-something-or-other around Exit 17. Needless to say, we got horribly lost and ended up in a nice little community by the name of Milton. In order to get found again, we had to dig through the truck for a Massachusetts map,

which got us back on track just as quickly as the wondrous online versions messed us up. Screw you, MapQuest.

After getting back on track, we had another 45-minute drive to get to Foxboro in bumper-to-bumper traffic. We had planned on tailgating for an hour or so before the game, but had to rush just to make it to the gates by the 4:15 p.m. game time thanks to the brilliant minds at MapQuest.

As we finally approached the gate, we realized that the men and women had to split up in order to get through — What? If someone can send me an e-mail explaining this I'd appreciate it, because it's beyond me.

I finally got to see the glory that is Gillette Stadium. Vendors everywhere, fireworks going off in all directions, drunken 300-pound men beating the crap out of one another before the game even started — it was wonderful.

After waiting in the men's line for 15 minutes and a weapons and contraband search administered by some kid who was probably still in high school, I finally got to see the glory that is Gillette Stadium. Vendors everywhere, fireworks going off in all directions, drunken 300-pound men beating the crap out of one another before the game even started — it was wonderful.

I won't go in to much about the game, because there's not a lot to tell. The Steelers got their hopes and rookie "guarantees" handed back to them on a silver platter, care of the Tom Brady Gang. I expected Brady to Moss to be a common occurrence all night long. I was surprised when I saw Brady to Moss to Brady to Gaffney — that threw me off a little and threw Gillette into a frenzy.

The game ended in a lopsided 34-13 Patriots victory, and with the chant "Guar-an-tee" reverberating through Gillette Stadium, rubbing

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Boston's under-the-radar team

By Alex Leonard

So far this fall, the national sports spotlight has shined brightly on Boston and a little bit south. If you've been under a rock, or just neglect to watch Sports Center, the Red Sox won the World Series, the Celtics are 17-2 and the Patriots are undefeated. However, if you ask anyone but Barry Melrose what the Bruins record is, they probably couldn't tell you. Well the runt of the litter, if you will, actually holds the second best record in the Eastern Conference.

Some may say, "Alright, but it's still the NHL." This may be true, but the Bruins have gone about their business a different way than the other three megateams in Massachusetts. Instead of acquiring big-name players and dominating their league, the B's have instead played scrappy hockey to rise to the top.

Just two years removed from trading MVP Joe Thornton, the Bruins have used young players and a slew of under-rated veterans to remain competitive. Despite seeing their best young player,

Patrice Bergeron, sidelined indefinitely after a vicious hit in November, the Bruins have continued to chug along.

This is due in large part to center Marc Savard. He leads the league in assists and is tied with Thornton at 35 points. Savard, signed as a free-agent before the

Although the Bruins may not be doing things the 'Boston' way, they are finding ways to win.

2006-07 season, has been nothing short of spectacular in his year-plus with the Bruins. He has arguably kept Glen Murray in the league. Murray was struggling so badly at the beginning of the year that there was talk of trading him to Dallas. Murray scored five goals in the next five games, and Savard assisted on all five.

Another surprise on offense has been Chuck Kobasew. Kobasew played just 50 games last year, scoring only five goals between Calgary and Boston. He seems to be flourishing alongside 20-year-old Phil Kessel and Peter Schaefer, who was acquired from Ottawa during the off-season. Kobasew leads the B's in goals scored and looks rejuvenated playing with two energetic forwards in Kessel and Schaefer. It is important to note that he is a plus-9 after being a minus-6 in just 10 games with the Bruins last season.

Not all the success can be attributed to Savard, Murray and the offense, which has struggled at times. Solid defense and goaltending have been major factors to the Bruins success. Leading the way has been surprise goaltender Tim Thomas. Thomas, who won 30 games for the B's last year, has gotten off to an even hotter start this year. Before being injured last week, he had tallied 10 wins and a 2.14 goals against average to go with a league-leading .936 save

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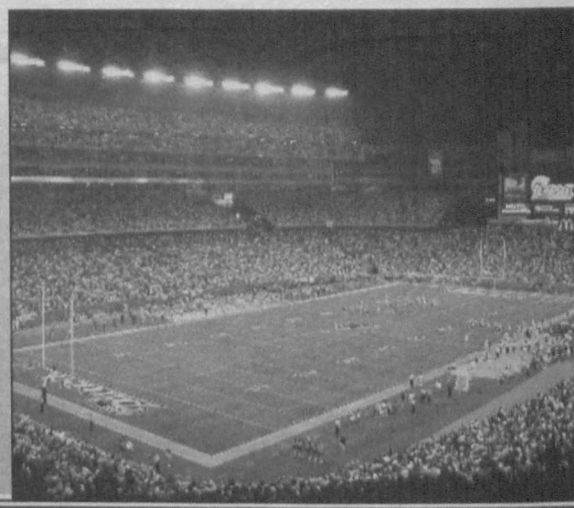
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Kids of all ages meet and greet hockey squads

Black Bear men's and women's teams welcome fans into Alford Arena for Skate with the Bears

By Candace Daley

The Alford Arena swarmed with young skaters, parents and fans of the University of Maine's men's and women's hockey teams Sunday, Dec. 9. Kids dressed in full hockey gear skated through the crowds, while others approached their favorite team members for autographs and pictures. Smiles adorned their faces as they talked about their games and seasons with the Black Bears.

According to the Men's Head Coach Tim Whitehead, the turnout for the annual event has been better since the women's team was invited to take part. He said they have a lot of fun with the fans during this event.

Skating with the Bears is a free event sponsored by Machias Savings Bank. According to

Jamie Moreau, president for Friends of Maine Hockey, this is a great chance for the public to come and meet the men's and women's teams. They are able to collect autographs, have pictures taken and just chat with the players.

"You see the players on the ice during a game with their gear on, but you could pass them on the street and not recognize them," Moreau said. "So it's a great chance to really get to know them as people."

Free food and hot chocolate were passed out at the doors, along with sheets with player's names and pictures for signing. People were invited to bring their cameras and take pictures.

The players seemed like they were having a good time with their fans. They all had on big

"Ben Bishop is my favorite because he's a goalie, and I like goalies. They're cool."

Grace Perron
9-year-old



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Children were invited to skate with the UMaine Black Bear men's hockey team on Saturday.

smiles as they stooped down to take pictures with their young fans and sign jerseys. Junior forward Chris Hahn seemed to be signing autographs a bit too feverishly and, as a result, he snuck off the ice with permanent marker on

his nose.

"It is good to get the kids on the ice and give them a chance to meet us. A chance for a little one-on-one," Hahn said. "It's a lot of fun meeting kids and hearing their perspectives on the game. It's

pretty funny sometimes."

Junior goalie Ben Bishop spent the afternoon sporting a Santa hat and a big grin.

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UM outmatched in Amherst

Terriers doggie-paddle past Black Bears, Healey solid again

By Dana Bulba

The University of Maine's men's and women's swimming and diving teams fell to Boston University this past weekend. The men's team lost 185-110, while the women lost 186-112.

Despite the loss, UMaine's Courtney Healey won both backstroke events for the second consecutive week and was named America East Women's Swimming Performer of the Week. Healey went 1:00.57 in the 100 and 2:08.75 in the 200 events against BU.

"We knew going into it that it was going to be a tough meet," Healey said. "Over the past few years, BU's program has just become so strong that they have just become this powerhouse team."

Megan McLean also took first in an event; swimming 1:08.31 in the 100 breaststroke.

The women finished 2-3-4 in the 200 freestyle as Kari Boffa (2:01.08) placed second, followed by Nissa Marione (2:01.82) and Sara Knight (2:03.67).

UMaine's butterfly swimmers earned points as Mackenzie Grobmyer finished third in the

200 (2:11.94), and Adi Levy finished third in the 100 (1:01.03).

Samantha Graham led the divers finishing third in both the 1-meter and 3-meter dives.

Caitlin Shelley, Mimi Chovanec, Colleen Miller and Boffa wrapped up the meet by placing second in the 400 freestyle relay (3:44.78).

"BU had some fast swims, but Maine was not far behind in each event," McLean said.

Swimming

Co-captain Mike Goede led the men's team by taking top spots in freestyle events; coming first in the 50 (23.10) and third in the 100 (49.81). Goede was also part of the 400 free relay with John Quinn, Jamie Young and Cully Wakelin that placed second to BU (3:18.12).

"It's not that we swam badly," Goede said. "We swam well. They just swam better."

Wakelin also helped the men's team by placing first in the 100 freestyle (48.60) and second in the 100 breast (1:02.40).

Young finished third in the 200 yard backstroke (2:04.15) and fourth in the 1,000 yard freestyle (10:39.67).

Two third place finishes went to Nick Ruckman; he took the third spot in both the 50 freestyle (23.30) and 100 butterfly (55.32).

"BU has always had really good swimmers and a lot of depth in their roster. We swam very well for the last meet before break, but BU just had more swimmers to put in events," Tyler Isherwood, who placed fourth in the 100 backstroke with a time of 58.90 said.

On the boards, Keith Burgie placed second in the 1-meter competition and third in the 3-meter. Isaac Forbes placed fourth in both competitions.

The men and women will not be competing again until Jan. 19 when they face Providence College in Rhode Island, but Jan. 3 they travel to Florida for their annual training trip.

"It is definitely a tough trip, both physically and mentally, but we all have a good time bonding," captain Kiki O'Donnell said.

"Our days consist of an early outdoor practice, breakfast and a nap on the beach, another afternoon practice, and finally dinner and bed," Grobmyer said. "Literally, we eat, sleep and swim."

Maine's playbook

Bears prepare for UConn after FSU loss

By Danny Bartlett

The men's basketball team is no stranger to winning after a tough loss, and when they do win, they win big. After losing two close games early in the season at the Coaches vs. Cancer tournament, the Black Bears pummeled Fisher College 81-36. Following a 78-48 loss to Providence College, the University of Maine handled New Jersey Tech 86-58. So what can be expected this Saturday against Mount St. Mary's after losing 95-55 to Florida State University?

"We know we can play better defense, rebound the ball better and make better decisions," UMaine guard Junior Bernal said. "After playing in a game like that, we realize we need to bring the intensity and take care of the ball better every single game."

Bernal said that the team understands every opponent is going to bring a different style of playing to the game, and it is up to the Black Bears to adjust better defensively to keep themselves in a position to win.

UMaine hosts Mount St. Mary's this Saturday at 2 p.m. and

Bernal says that the team is working hard on things they did not do efficiently against FSU.

"We need to be focused from the start, and when we practice we need to come out and challenge each other."

Maine is a tall, athletic team and Bernal said that limiting turnovers and out-rebounding the opposition will be key to winning Saturday.

Everyone says to take things one game at a time, but the 4-5 Black Bears know it would be nice to win Saturday and go to UConn on the Dec. 22 with a .500 record.

"We would definitely have more confidence going into such a big game with a 5-5 record," Bernal said. "No matter who we play though, we need to just do what we do, and that means play defense, rebound and attack."

Maine will look to do just that against Mount St. Mary's.

A big factor looking ahead to the game against UConn will be if Maine's No. 2 and 3 scorers can find their rhythm offensively and put their team in a position to be successful. Bernal and guard

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