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Looking for quorum, GSS to tackle unvoted questions on Tuesday

By Stephanie Taylor
Staff Writer

No resolutions could be voted on at the General Student Senate meeting Tuesday, Nov. 6, due to lack of quorum.

Twenty-five of the 49 senators must be present to meet quorum; only 19 were there.

According to GSS bylaws, no resolutions can be passed without a quorum.

Student Government Vice President Stavros Mendros said the meeting marked the first time there has been lack of quorum this year.

Mendros said the reason was probably due to Tuesday night being election night.

A resolution to allocate \$500 to the University of Maine Organization of Student Governments was submitted by Mendros.

UMOSG serves as the state governing council for the UMaine system. Its membership consists of 14 members, the student BOT representative

and the student body president from each of the seven UMaine campuses.

A resolution requesting the student senate send a letter to the Orono Town Council regarding current landlord-tenant disagreements was submitted by Senator Rick Jackson.

Jackson said the GSS should try to persuade the Orono Town Council to sponsor laws which would prevent landlords from demanding six months advance rent and security deposits.

Jackson said the proposed laws should also require the return of security deposits with interest and establish a rate.

A resolution to allocate \$2,500 to University Volunteer Ambulance Corp. was submitted by Senator C.J. Cote.

Cote said UVAC needs \$2,500 to purchase a computer and supplies for a trauma kit.

Cote said UVAC needs a computer for bookkeeping and filing information.

Cote said with a computer, UVAC can provide better ser-

Donation for a Healthy Heart



Alpha Phi sorority recently donated \$1,000 to the Healthy Heart program at Eastern Maine Medical Center for the program's "Quit and Win" campaign. Wendie Lagasse, left, Director of the Healthy Heart Program, accepts a mock check from Kate O'Leary, Jen Nichols, and Cynthia Cox of Alpha Phi. (Photo by Jay Picard)

vice by being more organized.

UVAC is a volunteer rescue squad which operates 24 hours a day, providing emergency rescue services to the campus.

A resolution to allocate \$2,000 to the University Singers for their 1991 spring tour was sub-

mitted by Senator Andy Favreau.

Favreau said the Singers need this money because they no longer receive funding from the music department, as they have in the past.

A resolution to provide \$3,000

for the College Republicans and the University Democrats was submitted by Senator Rick Jackson.

Jackson said the funding will go to speakers, literature, supplies, films, newsletters, library materials, and conferences.

Budget conference attendance is poor

By Cari Clay
Staff Writer

Despite fliers posted on every campus and letters mailed to every University of Maine Sys-

tem campus organization and faculty member, only 24 people statewide attended an interactive television conference to testify that budget cutbacks have indeed been detrimental to the quality of education in the UMaine System.

The conference, held Friday, linked all the university campuses together with a legislative committee, headed by Maine House Rep. John O'Dea (D-Orono), which was formed to assess the way funds have been spent in the past on the campuses.

Organizers were quite upset with the lack of turnout.

"If I hear any more pissing and moaning about the budget, you can bet I'll remind them of this hearing and the sorry attendance," said.

A University of Maine at Farmington student, standing nervously at a podium, began the ITV conference to assess the impact of increased state

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Student Legal Services helps students in variety of ways

By Stephanie Taylor
Staff Writer

When Natalie Zdenek was kicked out of Somerset Hall last fall, she went to Student Legal Services for help.

With three weeks left of classes she received a letter from Greg Stone, assistant director of East Campus, that said she must move out within a week because she had been "uncooperative too many times."

Zdenek could live on campus, but Residential Life would decide where and with who.

Zdenek decided to bring a case against ResLife.

She said Diane DeSalvo, a SLS paralegal, was very helpful in advising her what to do and how to prepare for her case.

When Zdenek decided to move off campus, SLS helped her by looking over her lease

before she signed it.

SLS Attorney Shellie Batuski said a lot of students are kicked out of their dorms each year.

"We have a number of students come into our office who are having problems with their Resident Assistants, Resident Directors, or with Residential Life itself," Batuski said.

She said these problems include being cited for violations of student codes and being told to move out of their dorms.

What is SLS?

SLS is a professional law firm located on the top floor of the Memorial Union.

Its services are provided free of charge, year-round, to all UMaine undergraduate students who pay the activity fee, whether they live on or off-campus.

Batuski said SLS is something the students here can be very proud of, because most of the universities in the United States

do not have this type of service.

SLS is employed by the student government, which sets the operation's guidelines and pays for the service through the student activity fee.

SLS is staffed by one attorney, two paralegals, five student paralegals, and one secretary.

The student paralegals are Jen Fortier, Jayme LaMothe, Joel Casey, Jim Eastman, and Curtis Stone. The paralegals are Kathy Dufour and Diane DeSalvo. Joan Meadow is the secretary.

The job of the student paralegals is to assist Batuski, Dufour, and DeSalvo in their work throughout the school year, in which no legal background is necessary.

"Dufour and DeSalvo are the backbone of Student Legal Services. If you go to the office you will probably meet with them

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Monday: continued windy, 30 percent chance of flurries, highs in the 30s.
Tuesday: windy, cloudy, and flurries, highs in the 30s.

Atwater, battling two brain tumors, will seek reelection

By Rita Beamish
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's close political adviser, Lee Atwater, plans to seek re-election as chairman of the Republican National Committee, but likely will modify his role as he continues to battle an inoperable brain tumor, officials said Saturday.

"It is his intention to seek re-election," when the RNC members meet in January, said his spokeswoman Leslie Goodman. "I had always expected that he would run for a second term."

She said Atwater has discussed those plans only privately with his chief of staff, Mary Matalin, and with Charles Black, who was brought in as RNC spokesman when Atwater became debilitated.

He has not announced his intention to national RNC members, she said.

Atwater, now wheelchair-bound, con-

tinues to receive treatment after a pair of brain tumors weakened him and cost him the use of his left side.

With the 1990 elections now past, the RNC is turning its attention to the 1992 presidential election, and who will guide the party as it works for Bush's presumed re-election bid. Atwater was Bush's 1988 campaign chairman, and the president named him RNC chairman after the election.

Some Republicans have said Atwater's political acumen is sorely missed in the White House, as Bush was beset by economic and budget problems including his decision to abandon his pledge against raising taxes.

Goodman said she did not know if Atwater discussed his plans with Bush although Atwater did go to the White House a few weeks ago to have breakfast with the president and talk about politics.

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News in Brief

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Gunmen on Saturday killed two policemen and two civilians who had been duck hunting, police said.

No one has claimed responsibility for the killings; but police suspect the outlawed Irish Republican Army is to blame.

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. (AP) — With most of the Marines from Camp Lejeune headed for the Persian Gulf, residents in the riverside city feel as much a tug on heart strings as on purse strings.

"The military is probably about 80 percent of our business," said Joe Thigpen, owner of Lejeune Pawn, a pawnshop near the base. "It's going to be bad until they get back. But I just hope war can be averted and we get accomplished what needs to be accomplished without any lives lost."

NEW YORK (AP) — While Pablo Picasso never visited the United States, the U.S. government kept an extensive secret dossier on him for 27 years because it considered him a possible subversive, the *New York Times* reported in its Sunday editions.

Both the FBI and the State Department kept track of the Spanish-born artist, monitoring what he wrote, said and signed, his whereabouts and his affiliations, the *Times* said.

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Any lingering suspense about the outcome of the election in Maine's 2nd Congressional District ended Friday as Democratic nominee Patrick K. McGowan conceded to Republican Rep. Olympia J. Snowe.

Speaking at a State House news conference, McGowan said still-incomplete results obtained through the secretary of state's office showed that Snowe won a seventh two-year term by fewer than 3,000 votes.

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — The nation's toughest new clean air law will combat pollution from cars, gas stations and factories in the home of Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, the act's chief architect. Drivers will have to get their cars inspected yearly to make sure the pollution control devices work properly. Many service stations will have to install expensive new pumps that keep gasoline vapors from escaping into the air. And dozens of factories in the Portland area will have to pay hefty new fees to pollute.

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia expects to be producing 8.5 million barrels of oil a day soon and is considering expanding its oil industry to put out 10 million barrels a day despite the threat of war with Iraq.

Saddam Hussein has threatened to devastate the kingdom's main oilfields in the northeastern desert if the U.S.-dominated multinational force in Saudi Arabia launches an offensive to liberate occupied Kuwait.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. build-up to a fighting force of 430,000 in the Persian Gulf will take up to two months, officials said Friday as details began emerging on President Bush's plans for matching Iraq man for man across the Kuwait border.

Bush was out of the public eye at Camp David, Md., but his defense secretary un-

derscored the president's comments of a day earlier by emphasizing the U.S. forces' ability to attack and by making clear their deployment could be long term.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Officials in the Danish capital believe they've found a way to stop bicycle thefts — let people use them for free.

Starting in May, 5,000 bicycles carrying advertising from sponsors will be placed in 900 bike racks throughout Copenhagen.

They'll be available for use by anyone who needs them: tourists, shoppers, businesspeople late for an appointment or commuters who have missed the bus.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization on Friday showed the Security Council a dramatic videotape of the violence on Temple Mount last month when at least 20 Palestinians were killed by Israeli gunfire.

The PLO showed the tape to support its call for the Security Council to deploy U.N. military observers to protect Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories and in East Jerusalem.

MOSCOW (AP) — Conservatives, liberals, and a man shooting off his hunting rifle gave last week's Revolution Day marches in Red Square the appearance of a raucous funeral for perestroika.

"The population is losing faith in the reforms, and in the powers that be," two of Gorbachev's senior economic advisers wrote in a blockbusting open letter published last week.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Martin Luther King Jr. plagiarized frequently in a college dissertation, but his standing as a giant in the civil rights movement will not be diminished, a history professor and other supporters say.

Stanford University professor Clayborne Carson said Friday the apparent 1950s graduate school plagiarism was a small blot on the record of a great man.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has vetoed a bill intended to block drug companies from reaping windfall profits through monopolistic marketing of drugs that treat rare diseases.

The bill, vetoed Friday, applies to "orphan drugs" used against diseases that affect fewer than 200,000 people. It was designed to foster more competition by eliminating the seven-year exclusive marketing rights granted under current law to companies that develop such drugs.

The bill was supported by AIDS activists and other advocacy groups.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A veterans' panel says it is hoping for a November 1991 ground breaking for a Korean War veterans' memorial whose design has raised objections from its original architects.

Four Pennsylvania State University architects submitted the winning design for the memorial across the Reflecting Pool from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. They claim their design has been changed into "a GI Joe battle scene."

The final memorial cost is estimated at \$14.9 million.

Sex Matters

By Dr. Sandra Caron

Q: I am bisexual. I don't feel like I really fit in anywhere. Any suggestions?
Male, Sophomore

A: "Bisexual" is defined as a person who is sexually attracted to members of both sexes.

As this male points out, one problem bisexuals have is the lack of a real bisexual community. There are enough gay men and lesbian women who are open about their sexual orientation today so that they tend to have support groups and a community of their own. However, since there are fewer individuals who actually define themselves as bisexuals, there are often not enough bisexuals to have communities and support groups of their own.

Furthermore, bisexuals are frequently rejected by both heterosexual and homosexuals. Heterosexuals may reject anyone who is not definitely heterosexual, and homosexuals may reject bisexuals because they see them as unwilling to accept their homosexual identity (sitting on the fence). Without support, being bisexual can be especially difficult.

Here at the University of Maine, we have "The Committee for Lesbian, Bisexual, and Gay Concerns," made up of administrators, faculty, staff, and students; the committee works as both an advocacy and educational group. They sponsor "Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay Awareness Week" each spring as a way to educate the university community on these issues. The Wilde Stein student group also provides activities and educational programs for lesbian, gay, and bisexual students. You may want to

contact either of these groups.

Q: Could a person like masturbation so much that they wouldn't want to have sex with a partner? *Male, Sophomore*

A: Masturbation does seem to have certain advantages over intercourse. It is simple, can be done quickly, and you don't have to worry or be concerned with the desires and needs of a partner. Also, some people find the intensity of orgasm from masturbation to be greater than that of orgasms they have through intercourse.

Regardless of all of this, most people still prefer "partner sex" over masturbation because of the many rewards partner sex provides in addition to orgasm. If a person always (not just occasionally) preferred masturbation over partner sex, it would likely be a symptom of difficulty in interpersonal relationships. The masturbation would not be the cause of the problem.

Q: I am a very jealous person. Every relationship I have had has ended because of my jealousy. I've been seeing a guy for 2 months and feel jealous. What can I do? *Female, Junior*

A: Jealousy is fear of losing someone's exclusive love — the perceived threat to an existing relationship. If you believe that your partner is only involved with you and not interested in anyone else, jealousy is not a problem. Most people do experience some degree of jealousy, however, but usually it is not disruptive to the love relationship.

There is, however, a type of demanding, obsessive, and unrealistic jealousy

that can severely damage or even destroy a relationship. The common result of jealousy of this magnitude is the alienation of the one person that we want so desperately to hold.

Jealousy is based on insecurity — insecurity about maintaining a relationship or insecurity about the ability to cope with a change in the relationship. The first step in the right direction is to recognize, as you have, that you are feeling jealous, and then begin to look at your feelings. There are a number of suggestions I have for you:

1. Try to find out exactly what it is that is making you jealous. Are you upset that people find your partner attractive? Are you upset that he goes out and has fun with others? Is it that your partner might find someone else interesting or attractive? Is it that your partner might leave you? Are you so dependent on your partner that you feel you could not make it if your partner left? Are you afraid you could never find someone else? Do you feel that you are no longer "number one" and that everyone knows it? Do you feel powerless because you realize that you cannot control your partner or your life? Do you feel emotionally, sexually, or intellectually deprived? Do you feel that you want more time with your partner?

The first step is to understand what you are feeling and why you feel that way. This is not an easy task and may require sitting down with someone, such as a counselor, to discuss these issues.

2. Try to put your feelings in perspective.

Emotional problems are primarily caused by irrational attitudes and beliefs. People who suffer excessive jealousy may be childishly insistent upon having the unattainable.

Is it really so awful that your partner finds others interesting? Don't you have such feelings, too? Is it true that you could not function without your current partner?

Although you may never be able to eliminate all jealousy from your life, you can gain control over your emotions by viewing your situation more realistically.

3. Maintain some separate friends and interests of your own. Many people have found that it is easier to maintain a close, while not excessively possessive, love relationship if they each maintain some separate friends and interests.

It is much easier to have confidence in your desirability if you have an independent identity and if there are others who like and admire you. You are far less likely to fear being abandoned by your partner. It will also be a lot easier for you to cope if your partner does break off the relationship.

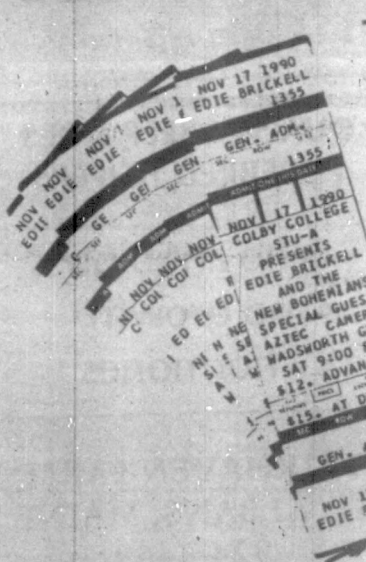
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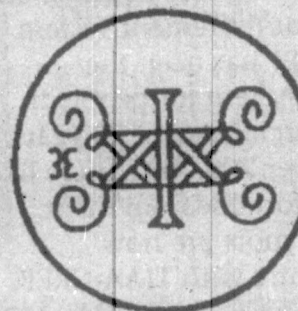


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Tuesday, November 13th

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Rosemary Bonaparte (Mohawk, St. Regis)
Denis Obomsawin (Abenaki, St. Francis)
Rod Pachano (Cree, Northern Quebec)

Moderators:

Dr. Jacques Ferland, Assistant director - Canadian-American Center
Mr. Theodore Mitchell, Director of the Center for Multicultural Affairs
University of Maine, Bowdell Lounge, Maine Center
for the Arts 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, November 14th

The Maine Indian Community since the Land Claims Settlement

Speaker:

Mr. Wayne Newell, Assistant Principal of the Indian Township School

Moderator:

Mr. Theodore Mitchell, Director of the Center Multicultural Programs
University of Maine, Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union
3:30 p.m.

For more information call The Center for Multicultural Affairs (207) 581-1417

Budget deal will hit loans, tuition benefits, and beer taxes

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS) — Congress approved a budget Oct. 27 that will exempt both undergraduate and graduate tuition benefits from federal income taxes, reform the federal student loan program and increase the cost of a six-pack of beer.

The new budget, which seeks to trim the federal deficit by \$500 billion during the next five years, is a mixture of tax increases and spending cuts.

Most significantly for students and colleges, the budget said both undergraduate and graduate students would no longer have to pay taxes on tuition benefits paid for them by employers, to them in return for campus work they do.

It also will try to reform college loan programs by not giving students loan money until 30 days after classes begin, and by dropping schools with default rates over 35 percent from the guaranteed loan program.

Some observers also worry the budget

will make it harder for colleges to solicit money from alumni by limiting the amounts wealthy taxpayers can claim as tax deductions.

In all, the budget cuts \$40.1 billion from this year's budget and \$492 billion over the next five years. The House passes it 228-200. The Senate then followed suit, voting 54-45 for the bipartisan compromise.

President Bush has said that while he objects to parts of it, he will sign the budget.

"I don't think anyone believes it is a perfect budget," said Jim Nelson, secretary of the American University Staff Council and a founding member of the Washington-based Integrated Response Against Taxing Education (IRATE). "This bill is the best we could expect out of this Congress and out of this White House."

Students with employers who pay for their classes will have some extra pocket

change under the new budget. The bill continues the tax exemption for undergraduate students and restores the exemption for graduate students.

The bill makes the exemptions retroactive to Sept. 30 for undergraduates, and for graduate students, the changes take effect January 1. It is valid until Dec. 31, 1991.

For the last three years, the government has treated graduate remission benefits as taxable income. For some graduate students, the cost of additional taxes has prevented them from taking advantage of the program.

"This is very satisfying after three years of efforts," Nelson said. "We need people to call this Congress and the next Congress with thanks for our inclusion and to push to make this extended law permanent."

Terri Ferinde, president of the American Association of University Students, agreed. "That was the right move for

Congress to take. It was stealing money from students who were working their way through college. It had made it nearly impossible to make it on your own through college."

The budget also hopes to cut \$1.7 billion from federal student loan programs during the next five years, mostly by trying to prevent more students from defaulting on loans.

Among other measures, the new law will stop students at schools with default rates more than 35 percent from getting loans, require students without high school diplomas or Graduate Equivalency Diplomas to pass a test to receive federal assistance, and delay funding first-time loans until 30 days into the semester. The delay would keep students from using loan money to pay non-college bills.

Such efforts may not be the ultimate means that Congress uses to cut the federal loan program, Ferinde said.

"I think the real decisions will be made with the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act," Ferinde said. "I'm not convinced that this is a major overhaul."

The Higher Education Act, up for renewal next year, authorizes most federal financial programs, including Pell Grants and Stafford Student Loans.

Eric Wentworth, a senior vice president with the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, said the section of the federal budget that reduces personal tax exemptions for people with incomes more than \$100,000 could reduce overall donations and lower the number of lump-sum gifts.

"Historically, donations have been 100 percent deductible," Wentworth said.

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Leland Palmer killed Laura of 'Twin Peaks'

NEW YORK (AP) — David Lynch and Mark Frost pulled off a neat trick on "Twin Peaks." They revealed Laura Palmer's killer to viewers, but neither FBI agent Dale Cooper nor Sheriff Harry S. Truman was in on the solution.

If we can trust our eyes — a gamble in the weird world of "Twin Peaks" — then Laura Palmer's father Leland killed her and is about to kill her look-alike cousin.

Unless, of course, Cooper (Kyle McLachlan) figures out a vision he sees at a bar and saves the day.

Faithful viewers have come to expect virtually nothing to be what it seems in Twin Peaks, a picturesque but dark little logging town in the Pacific Northwest.

And nothing was even as it seemed at ABC. The network had already promised twice to reveal the killer — first in last season's finale and then during the two-hour season premier in September — before coming through on Saturday, during television sweeps.

A shadowy, long-haired man named Bob, whom viewers have seen only through characters' visions, has been placed at the murder scene, apparently bludgeoning Laura.

OK, so then what's going on? It had been hinted that Bob may be a demonic force requiring a human host. Does Leland think he's Bob? Does he have two personalities? Why can some people see Bob, and some see only Leland?

There's still suspense left, "Twin Peaks" fans. And plenty of plots. Not to worry.

What of Cooper and Truman (Michael Ontkean)? After all this work, they arrested somebody else.

In Saturday's episode, Benjamin Horn, just minutes after telling his own daughter that he had been in love with homecoming queen Laura, was hauled off for questioning in the murder.

The debonair but dastardly dad was always a good candidate for killer, but what about his ownership of a brothel, his sexual wanderings, and dealings with

Flag vigil for POW-MIA's



Members of the University of Maine ROTC units for the Army, Navy, and Air Force held their annual flag vigil for prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action on Friday. (Photo by Scott LeClair)

drug dealers?

Leland, too, was an early favorite suspect among "Peaks" freaks. One theory had it that he molested his daughter, driving her to drugs and kinky sex. And unable to stand what he had done, he killed her.

Elements of that theory may prove true, based on hints in Laura's diary. And Leland has already been charged — as Leland, not Bob — with killing another character.

Lynch directed Saturday night's episode, and, wearing a trench coat to match Cooper's, appeared as Gordon Cole, Cooper's hard-of-hearing boss.

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Editorial

Registration: the blind leading the naked

Ah, registration time.

That lovely period nestled between the October and Thanksgiving breaks which is designed to help students from all walks of life plot a successful course to graduation and their future thereafter.

Except, it seems, nobody knows what tools you'll need to plot that future.

Most faculty advisors don't. Sure, they know what courses you have to take for your major — after all, they've been teaching the same damn courses for umpty-ump years.

But find the advisor who can sort through what the college wants you to have for graduation, and you've struck gold.

This is especially tough on first-year students, most of whom can't decipher the building codes on their registration sheets, nonetheless figure out what courses the University of Maine wants them to take.

The College of Arts and Sciences (back when it was around) tried using what they called a "Care Sheet" to help students figure out what they needed to take.

That, however, was more confusing than reading the requirement rundown. A "Care Sheet" really was just a listing of hundreds of courses — much like the catalog it was supposed to clarify.

How, then, should advising work?

First, scrub faculty advisors. They're worthless. Faculty members have better things to do than confuse poor students into taking the wrong courses, thus screwing up their college careers.

Instead, establish a team of professional advisors — like a high-school guidance office with a clue — the sole task of which is to advise students.

Then, starting in mid-October and running to November, set up advising sessions.

Register the student at that time. There is no need that we can see to register students en masse. It merely stresses out clerical workers in department offices and the colleges, irritates students, and causes lines to build throughout the University.

Also can Semester in Advising for first-year students. It's a waste of time, as any first-year student who's taken it will be sure to tell you.

Then, decode the requirements. This is UMaine, not Rhodes.

Or perhaps UMaine could offer DUH 999: *Understanding University Graduation Requirements*. Anyone who could, by themselves, figure out how to graduate in four years, would be given a magna-cum-laude diploma on the spot.

Or, better yet, UMaine could make it easier on everyone and revamp the registration process.

It's time for the blind to stop leading the naked. It's time for a registration system that works.

Write letters to The Maine Campus.



No sympathy for Floyd

I was eating the usual emergency un-heinous meal at a dining commons the other day — a hamburger — and I started wondering. What was the name of the cow that I was eating? Floyd? Rosebud? Was it a spotted one? Did it have a gentle, cud-chewing cow personality?

Maybe it was because I have seen too many Vermont T-shirts with cows on them, but some animal rights rhetoric has gotten to me.

Because when you get down to it, when you slay a cow for chow, the thing's going to say "Ouch" to itself before it buys the farm.

When a vegetable like a potato gets plucked out of the soil, it doesn't feel a thing because it has no nervous system.

That's why being a vegetarian is so nice if you're worried about hurting animals.

That squash or tomato won't run away or squeal when you put a knife into it. Get a set of Ginsu knives and they looked better cut up than before.

Not living off of, or wearing, animals is difficult, though. No one could ride Harleys because they would have nothing to wear. And pickles, lettuce, onions on a sesame seed bun just does not cut it.

Just when a burger looks good again, there are the scads of rodents and monkeys locked up in labs getting ready to try the natural look for some makeup company or will have new valves put in them. Or the armies of frogs every year that are hacked apart by people in biology classes.

Yes, we human beings are quite the animal-destroying machines. But guess what — I think that is OK.

In fact, I will help perpetuate the military-industrial-corporate-universal-destruction-machine which kills the Floyd the Cow.

Animal rights activists often decry that animals are killed brutally



Mike Reagan

for food, clothing, and animal testing.

True, they are killed. But so are worms, rats, and mosquitoes, and no one cares.

Picture a mosquito buzzing away, sucking blood happily, when it sees a mysterious blue light. The light calls to the mosquito with its strange music and the mosquito draws closer and closer until it is fried.

The mysterious light was a bug zapper and the mosquito was killed because someone was having a barbecue.

But a mosquito is an ugly, annoying bug, so no one holds back on wielding a rolled-up newspaper when they buzz by.

Nobody boycotts D-Con or Raid for the slaughter of helpless vermin because everybody hates them. The more worms, rats and mosquitoes that are killed, the safer and cleaner everyone feels.

When whales or dolphins beach themselves, call Greenpeace! Something cute is going to die!

No one saves a worm on a rainy day, though. No one gives that slimy thing mouth-to-mouth so it can live.

Sure, worms are threatened by all sorts of housing developments

and condos, but no one cares. It's ugly and can't do tricks, so run it over with your car.

Let me clue in people who get caught up with marine mammals like dolphins or harp seals: animals die.

In fact, most animals die in horrible ways. Tom eats Jerry, chews him up into little bits, yum yum. Give Tom another mouse, and he would eat that one too. Reality time, kids. Saturday morning cartoons do not show how life is.

If a cow was not domesticated and lived in the wild, it would die by being torn apart by predators and eaten alive, starving or dying from a disease, and maybe then eaten.

Humans are called omnivores, meaning we consume other living things like cows and plants. Standing in sunlight and expecting to photosynthesize just does not work, so we have to consume other things to get by.

Now try telling me the cow that's in a Fenway frank had it worse off than some animal in the wild.

Animals in labs may have it rougher because of experiments, but let me show my cruelty further: better them than me.

If it takes lots of rats and bunnies to die of cancer from exposure to certain chemicals — good, because I'll avoid those chemicals and possibly live a healthier life.

But if the death of any of our animal friends that do die in cruel ways can be avoided, in the lab or on the farm, great.

I'm not ready to be signed up for a subscription to "Vegetarian Times," however.

Call me insensitive, call me cruel, but the next time you want to bite into an all-beef patty, think of Floyd.

Michael Reagan is a troubled young man from Portland, Maine.

SLS

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more often than with me. They will help you with the different people and groups you may have problems with," Batuski said.

With a new attorney this year, Dufour said the office is different, but mainly because SLS is taking on criminal cases for the first time.

Dufour said each year is different because a new group of students have entered the university, bringing SLS a new set of problems.

Dufour and DeSalvo are legal professionals who have been working at SLS. Dufour has worked there for five years and DeSalvo has worked there for three.

What does SLS do?

Batuski said SLS consults an average of 20 cases a day. This includes new cases and cases currently being handled.

In October there were 93 advice and referrals handled by SLS. Twenty-nine full service cases were opened.

The most common types of problems handled by SLS are: landlord/tenant, car accidents, summonses to court, personal injury, consumer, problems with the university, and problems with ResLife.

"We have a lot of students come into our office every day who are having problems with their landlords," Batuski said.

This involves such problems as when a landlord doesn't do what the student wants him or her to do, promises to do something but doesn't, or when a student moves out of his or her apartment and doesn't get the security deposit back.

Al Leyman, a student at UMaine, said he went to SLS when he was having problems with his landlord this year.

Leyman said that when he didn't receive a response from his landlord, after repeatedly asking him to put storm windows in his apartment, he went to SLS.

He said at SLS he was helped by one of the student paralegals who advised him on what to do.

SLS now handling crimes

Batuski said a lot of people on this campus get into legal trouble.

"Every time I hear on the news that there has been a fight at El Cheepos I know I'm going to have a busy day the next day," she said.

Since the beginning of September, SLS has expanded its services to include criminal cases which occur on campus.

In the past, SLS did not represent criminal cases because it could not handle the volume.

"When I arrived in April, I wanted to see if we could expand our services to include criminal cases, because so many people are charged with crimes every day on this campus," Batuski said.

She said the most common criminal crimes that students are charged with are assault, disorderly conduct, possession of alcohol by a minor, use of a fake identification, theft, and destruction of property.

"When a student comes into the office and says that he or she has been charged with a crime, if I were to refer that student to a lawyer in this area, that student will pay anywhere between \$500 and \$2,000 in legal services to be defended in court," Batuski said.

Before becoming director of SLS this September, Batuski worked part-time beginning in April.

Batuski replaced former SLS attorney Roberta Kuriloff, who is currently in private practice in Ellsworth.

In May Batuski began to take a few crim-

inal cases.

She said that right now SLS cannot handle all the criminal cases that come through the door because there are just too many and SLS doesn't have the resources.

She said she is currently training her staff how to handle criminal cases because they haven't handled them in the past.

"If you are stopped for OUI on campus or if you are busted for theft on campus, I will represent you, regardless of whether you live on or off campus," Batuski said.

She said she cannot handle cases of students who are charged with crimes that took place off-campus.

"These students can come into the office and I will advise them of their rights and give them information on what to do, but I will then refer the student to another attorney," she said.

Batuski hopes to eventually expand SLS to include all criminal cases that occur both on and off campus.

SLS also represents fraternities and sororities.

SLS advises many groups

"I have advised fraternities that come in concerned that might be in trouble with a campus authority," Batuski said.

SLS also advises and represents the student government and the various boards and organizations within the student government.

"If a student group books a band to play on campus SLS will review the contract and make changes in it if necessary," Batuski said.

SLS is working with the Commuter Relations Advisory Board to improve students' relations with landlords.

Batuski said students can come into the

office to have their leases reviewed before signing them.

Batuski said, "We are interested in educating the students about their rights and responsibilities under the law."

SLS provides this information for students through literature and lectures.

This year SLS has given a lecture in Dunn Hall on student's rights and to Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity on risk management.


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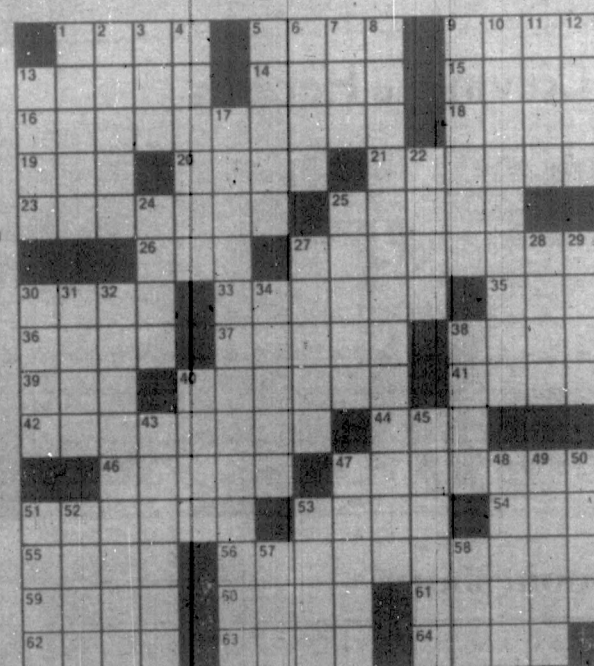
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Conference

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spending on the UMaine System.

"With all the cutbacks in student aid I had to get a student loan, when the loan didn't go through I had to get a second job. There's no question that it's affecting the quality of my education and my grades," Paige Martin said.

The cutbacks have been felt on every campus statewide, but more so in Orono, where the majority of the cuts were made.

"A quality program can only be maintained through continued support of highly trained and experienced faculty," UMaine Faculty Senate President Tom Christensen said.

"It's not just the one-to-one relationships that we need to worry about but also the lost opportunities," former UMaine dean of Arts and Sciences Ed Lavery said.

The chemistry department is in danger of losing accreditation of its analytical chemistry program due to the loss of two analytical chemistry professors, who were the entire department. The program is unique to the Orono campus.

The Senate Chair from USM reported that increased class sizes have fouled any attempts to improve writing skills or allow students to actively participate.

All the campuses reported the loss of support staff, inability to finish new construction, the stifling of research and the unmet needs of students.

Faculty members said that it wasn't the loss of salaries that made them leave but, the atmosphere.

"Academics don't worry about the money, they worry about teaching their students and continuing research. If all they wanted was money they certainly wouldn't be teaching," a representative from UMaine's chemistry department said.

The legislative committee will decide whether more cuts can be made and if any of the previously received funding was misused.

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your brain.
Try the NY
Times
Crossword.**

Corrections

A cutline in the Nov. 7-8 issue incorrectly identified John O'Dea's mother as Jacqueline O'Dea. Jacqueline is John O'Dea's sister. The Maine Campus regrets the error.

To bring a correction to our attention, contact the Editor at 581-1271 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., or stop by the office in the basement of Lord Hall.

Sports

Black Bears fly past Air Force 7-1, 5-1

By Jeff Pinkham
Staff Writer

Shawn Walsh said the University of Maine hockey team's two wins this weekend weren't pretty, but he will take them.

The Black Bears beat the Air Force Academy 7-1 Friday and 5-1 Saturday to move its record

to 5-1 on the season. Air Force dropped to 1-4-1.

"I'm not totally pleased with the way we played, but I liked the way the defense got involved in the offense," Walsh said.

Although the scores did not indicate it, Air Force got solid goaltending both nights from its tandem of Mike Blink and

Mark Liebich.

"Their goalie played really well," said tri-captain Scott Pellerin. "We're passing up a lot of shots and guys just have to bear down."

"It seemed like (the goaltenders) were always there," said sophomore center Randy Olson. "When we get good chances,

we have to finish off. We weren't hungry enough to get the goals."

Olson, who had struggled in the first four games of the year, broke out of his slump Friday night when he picked up his first two goals of the season.

After defenseman Chris Ines scored just :43 into the game, Olson made it 2-0 when he skated around the back of the net and backhanded a shot past Blank at 6:24 of the period.

After goals by Air Force's Mike Veneri and UMaine's Justin Tomberlin, Olson added his second of the game when he took the puck in front of the net, spun and put a backhand home at 13:04 of the second period.

"It's great to get the confidence back. Sometimes things aren't going for you and then they are, and that's the way hockey is," Olson said. "I didn't throw the body around much last year, and that's something I've been trying to concentrate on. Maybe it will bump some sense into me."

With the score 4-1 and Air Force on the power play, first-year goalie Mike Dunham showed some of his promise

when he stopped a slap shot by Dan Greene and two put backs by Anthony Retka. The saves led to a breakaway goal by Mike Barkley to put UMaine up 5-1.

"Dunham had a great save, when the score could have been 4-2, and then Barkley comes down and scores short handed. I thought that was a key moment," Walsh said.

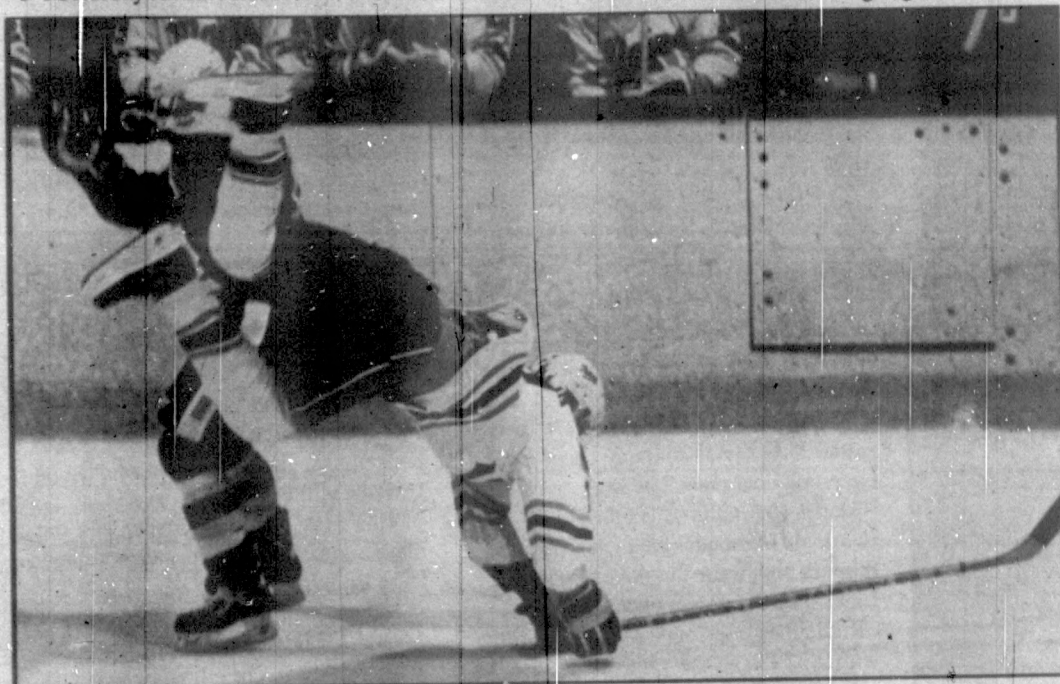
UMaine added goals by Brian Downey and Jean-Yves Roy to make the final score 7-1.

Dunham finished the game with 17 saves on 18 shots. Blank finished with 15 saves on 43 shots.

In Saturday's game, just like it had done Friday night, the Black Bears jumped out early. Downey scored his second goal of the series just 15 seconds into the game when he took a pass from Roy and beat Liebich to make it 1-0.

"Last year was hard for me and I worked hard over the summer so I could come back and show something," Downey said.

He said playing on the same line with Jim Montgomery and



UMaine defenseman Dan Murphy is upended at center ice in Saturday's 5-1 win over the Air Force Academy. (Photo by Scott LeClair)

Men's hoop picks up 90-85 win

By Shelley Danforth
Staff Writer

The wind was blowing back and forth outside, and the University of Maine men's basketball team's play swayed inside, as they defeated the Nova Scotia All-Stars 90-85 in the Pit Sunday.

UMaine showed signs of the run-and-gun offense they're hoping to showcase, and had bright defensive moments, but couldn't seem to play consistent for 40 minutes.

Overall, UMaine head coach Rudy Keeling said he was happy with his team's play and was glad his players had the opportunity to test themselves and find out what they need to work on.

"This was a good first test for us," Keeling said. "We saw that we need to get better. I thought Tim Dennis played very well and Derrick (Hodge) played well."

Hodge finished the game as UMaine's leading scorer with 18 points and seven rebounds. Marty Higgins had 14 points.

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Smith, Capriotti lead UMaine past Huskies

By Jeff Pinkham
Staff Writer

Northeastern just played one of those games they would like to forget.

The Huskies gave up three touchdowns in the first quarter en route to their 42-7 loss to the University of Maine at Alumni Field on Saturday.

To give you an idea of how things went Saturday, Northeastern punter Brandon Tsitsilas forgot to get on the field on fourth down, when the rest of his teammates were waiting for him in punt formation. The up-back looked around getting ready to give the snap count, when he realized they did not have a punter on the field and were forced to take a time-out.

"I'm disappointed in our club," said Northeastern head coach Paul Pawlak. "I'm not pleased with the way the team played defensively or offensively. We're not a real good football team at this point."

UMaine head coach Kirk Ferentz was pleased with his team's performance.

"I'm really proud of the kids, they did a great job of being prepared to play," he said. "They



Carl Smith dives for yardage in Saturday's game against Northeastern. (Photo by Scott LeClair)

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Colorado, Notre Dame likely matchup for national title

By Rick Warner
AP Football Writer

After a season of surprises, college football may get a familiar finish.

For the second straight year, it looks like Notre Dame will play Colorado in the Orange Bowl with the national

championship at stake. Last season, Notre Dame beat the top-ranked Buffaloes 21-6 and spoiled their bid for the national title. Now Colorado may get a chance for revenge.

The Orange Bowl rematch appeared likely Saturday after No. 1 Notre Dame

beat No. 9 Tennessee 34-29 and No. 4 Colorado clinched a share of the Big Eight championship by beating Oklahoma State 41-22. Although bowl bids can't officially be extended until Nov. 24, the Notre Dame-Colorado matchup could be set by Monday.

Nebraska can still tie Colorado for the Big Eight title, but Orange Bowl officials have indicated that they would take the Buffaloes since they beat the Cornhuskers. And Notre Dame is the most attrac-

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Win

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showed a lot of class and determination."

For the first time this season, the Black Bears took the opening drive and put the ball in the end zone. They put together a 10-play, 69-yard drive which was capped off by a five-yard touchdown run by Paul Capriotti.

Capriotti's second touchdown run of the quarter was set up by Claude Pettaway's eighth interception of the season.

"I went down the line to play my option responsibility, and I was just in the right place at the right time," Pettaway said.

Capriotti, who had 127 yards in the first half, added his third touchdown of the

opening quarter, to put the Black Bears up 21-0.

"There was excellent push from the offensive line, and (Northeastern) was soft upfront," Capriotti said. "I don't want to say it was easy, but it was easy reading the holes."

UMaine picked up where they left off in the second quarter as freshman quarterback Bob Zurinkas threw to touchdown passes.

Zurinkas hit senior split end Mark Dupree deep in the end zone to cap off a 68-yard drive and hit fullback Gordon Willey with a shovel pass to put the Black Bears up 35-0 at the half.

"When we threw the ball in the first half, we looked pretty good," Ferentz said.

Zurinkas finished the game six of eight for 49 yards and two touchdowns. Former starters Jeff DelRosso and Dan DiGravio split the final two quarters.

"We felt Jeff and Dan were deserving. They've been working hard in practice, so we gave them each a quarter," Ferentz said.

The Black Bears added a touchdown in the third quarter when Carl Smith, 19

carries for 112 yards on the day, scored from a yard out to make the score 42-0.

UMaine lost its shutout with seven minutes left in the game after Northeastern put together a 14-play, 68-yard drive which ended in Calvin Johnson's one-yard run on fourth and goal.

Pettaway, who had three interceptions on the day, broke the school record for interceptions in a season. The team also tied the record for team interceptions in a single season with 22.

Hockey

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Roy has helped him to become a better player.

"Playing with those two guys is awesome. They create so many chances for everybody out there," he said.

Martin Robitaille added the first of his two goals 14 minutes later when he lifted the puck high and to the glove side beating Liebich on the power play.

Robitaille closed out UMaine's scoring with 2:32 left in the game as he took a pass from Brian Straub and beat the goaltender with a backhand. Dave LaCouture and Montgomery were the other goal scorers for UMaine.

UMaine goalie Garth Snow, who faced only 15 shots, lost his bid for a shutout with 12 seconds left, when William Benson's shot went off the pipe and past

Snow to make the final score 5-1.

Air Force head coach Chuck Delich said even though his team was beaten both nights, the experience of playing UMaine will help.

"This is a great experience for our players," he said. "We can definitely learn from this."

UMaine will face the University of Alaska-Anchorage in a two-game series at Alford Arena. The following weekend, UMaine will face the number one team in the country, Northern Michigan, in a two-game series.

"This weekend was mentally tough for us, but next weekend is going to be physically tough," Walsh said. "The next two weekends are perfect to prepare us for Hockey East."



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UMaine center Dan Hillman takes it strong to the hoop against the Nova Scotia All-Stars in Sunday's exhibition game. (Photo by Jay Picard)

while dishing out 11 assists, Dan Hillman had 14 points and grabbed a game high 11 rebounds, and Francios Bouchard scored 11.

Hillman and Dennis also added a blocked shot apiece.

Nova Scotia was led by Dave Smith's 24 points (four 3-pointers), Wade Smith's 17 points, (four 3-pointers) and Grant MacDonald's 17 points.

Keeling said he wasn't surprised with the team's inconsistency, because the players were nervous. And, he said, you have to expect some interruption in the flow of the game when you constantly substitute players.

Even veterans like Higgins and Hodge admitted to butterflies before the tip-off.

"As a team we came out and played with intensity," Higgins said. "I was a little nervous at the beginning, but I think we settled down."

"I felt good about the game, it went pretty well," Hodge said. "Everybody was nervous, but we picked up the slack."

UMaine helped itself by using its man-to-man defense to create offensive opportunities and grabbing both offensive and defensive boards. UMaine out-rebounded Nova Scotia 50-39, (holding a 22-13 edge on the offensive end).

UMaine worked the ball inside to

Hillman and Bouchard while Higgins, Kevin Terrell (four points), and Deonte Hursey (nine points) worked the floor. Hodge, Dennis (eight points) and Bouchard cashed in from both the paint and perimeter.

Nova Scotia's hot three-point hand kept them in the game.

"They made their three-point shots," Keeling said. "That kept them in the game. Their long shots caused long rebounds that went over our heads. That's how many of the international teams play."

"They hit several three's in a row and that got them back in the game," Higgins said. "They had a knack for getting open."

Keeling and his players said they have some offensive and defensive kinks to iron out. Games like this exhibition give specifics to take back to practice and work on.

"We need to work mostly on defense," Hodge said. "And we need to work on our offensive plays."

"I think coach (Keeling) wanted to get a look at the offense," Higgins said. "It gives us a good idea on what we have to work on. We have a very active offense and today there were a lot of guys standing around. We'll look at the films and go from there."

Bowls

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tive and logical opponent despite the danger that the Irish could lose one or both of their last two games, No. 21 Penn State at home and No. 23 Southern Cal on the road.

With No. 2 Washington and No. 3 Houston losing on Saturday, Notre Dame and Colorado will probably be ranked 1-2 when the new Associated Press poll is released Monday.

UCLA stunned Washington 25-22 and No. 14 Texas toppled previously unbeaten Houston 45-24, leaving no major unbeaten, untied teams in the regular season for the first time since 1936. Houston is on

probation and can't go to a bowl, but many other top teams are firming up their postseason plans.

Texas appears headed toward a Cotton Bowl meeting with No. 5 Miami, which had the weekend off. All of a sudden, that's shaping up as a more meaningful game than the Rose Bowl, which lost its luster and hopes for hosting a national title game when Washington and No. 6 Iowa were beaten. Washington has already clinched the Pac-10 spot in Pasadena and Iowa, which lost to Ohio State 27-26, still has the inside track for the Big Ten berth.

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HELP US HELP THEM

Alleged mafioso downs university computer

By Jon Martin and Wendy Siemers

(CPS)—Someone sabotaged and temporarily shut down North Dakota State University's campus-wide computer system, knocking out communications and bringing a lot of work to a halt.

Even more strangely, a caller to a local radio talk show claimed he was a member of a Chicago mob family, and that he had vandalized the system as a first step toward bringing the Mafia to the area.

Oct. 12, NDSU officials found that someone had cut 2,600 pairs of wire lines

linking computers on the campus's west side to the mainframe.

The same day, a man identifying himself as "Pauli," one of your connections from the mob, called a Fargo-area talk show and claimed responsibility for the damage.

Pauli went on to promise his group would "bring big-time crime into Fargo-Moorhead. We don't think there's enough."

The Fargo City Police said it is taking the threat of future crime, including harm to the talk-show host and his wife, very

seriously, but does not think the calls were from a bona fide members of the Chicago Mafia.

"In the first place, the real mob does not want to call attention to itself. It wants to be as unobtrusive as possible," said a department public information officer.

The officer pointed out that the individuals who called the talk show obviously wished to receive public attention.

Two days earlier, a man named Antonio called the same show to say he and "a bunch of college guys coming up from Chicago" had a line into the school's

computer system. He said they would do "anything we feel" to the line.

NDSU officials estimate the vandals did \$10,000 worth of damage, which took crews five days to repair. No damage was done to school computer equipment, and no data were lost.

The vandals had gone through steam tunnels underneath the school to reach the telephone and fiber-optic lines linking the computers on campus, said Ray Boyer, assistant physical plant director at NDSU.

Roommate squabble? It may be domestic violence

(CPS)—A Wisconsin state law meant to clamp down on domestic violence also apparently applies to dormitory roommates.

The state attorney general's office said in an opinion delivered in mid-October that fighting college roommates can be arrested under the law.

At least three students have been arrested after getting minor scuffles with their roommates.

In one case, a student spent the night in jail after slapping her roommate. The spat arose because of a disagreement over an iron. In another, a student was jailed following a fistfight that started when one roommate threw Froot Loops at another, who retaliated with a spoonful of chocolate syrup.

The 1989 law requires police to arrest

any adult who has caused physical injury to his or her spouse or former spouse. It also applies to other relationships, including adults who live together.

"It really sounds ludicrous," admitted Charles Stathas, counsel for the UW system, who unsuccessfully asked the state attorney general to make an exception for college roommates.

Taking it one step further, Stathas said, a fight between two students who once roomed together would also fall under the law.

"Police," Stathas said, "are in a situation where they feel they have to arrest people."

"The law leaves no discretion," added Sheila Kaplan, chancellor of UW's Parkside campus, where two incidents occurred.

As a way around the law, the campuses are encouraging students to use resident assistants to help resolve differences, or to take their grievances through campus disciplinary channels.

"We're encouraging students not to call police for minor disturbances of this

kind," said UW-Whitewater Chancellor James Connor.

Additionally, orientation sessions include a briefing about the law and a recommendation to roommates that they might want to handle their arguments without involving the police, Kaplan said.

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