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## April blizzards bring ...

### Off-season storm paralyzes university

by Ed Manzi  
Staff Writer

Classes and work were cancelled at UMO Wednesday for the first time in six years and the third time in 30 years when an out-of-season spring blizzard dumped a foot of snow in the Bangor area.

Winds measured at 58 mph and a snow fall of 12 inches caused snow drifting so intense that at 6 a.m. Wednesday main roads were limited to one lane, while snow drifts buried campus parking lots.

Acting Vice President for Finance and Administration John D. Coupe, after receiving a weather bulletin and road reports from the state police and campus snow-removal crews, made a recommendation to Richard Bowers, vice president of academic affairs, to cancel work and classes. President Silverman, who would ordinarily make such a decision, was in California.

Coupe said Bowers decided to close the university because main roads were barely passable and most of the campus parking lots could not be plowed adequately because of the drifting snow.

"I was certainly convinced it was the right decision," Coupe said. "I don't

think anybody was prepared for this. The snow line was forecasted to be from Boston to Portland and due east. We weren't supposed to get anything."

"So, in effect, the snow crews went home at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday," said Bowers. "The intensity of the storm didn't begin until around midnight," he said.

Coupe said the local media were contacted by Leonard Harlow, director of public information and central services, who informed them of the university's decision.

"Up until this morning there were no serious thoughts to closing the university," Coupe said. "What's so bizarre about this is we're closing the university in April."

Alan Lewis, director of the physical plant and leader of the UMO snow removal effort, said all the snow plows had to be re-shackled to the trucks because grounds crews were currently raking leaves.

"We had three of our six pieces hooked up by 6 a.m. Wednesday," Lewis said. "We had problems with our men just getting in to work. The snow was drifting so bad it was all we

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### *Almanac rings true; predicts more cold, snow*

by Gretchen Piston  
Staff Writer

Many feel that "expletive deleted" is the best way to describe the weather we've been experiencing the past few days. It seems that Old Man Winter is doing his best to prove true that old adage about Maine weather, "Maine has two seasons; winter and the Fourth of July...."

Though many of us were certainly surprised at this blizzard, (doesn't the big weather-maker in the sky know it's April?) the authors of the Farmer's Almanac have known since at least September of 1981 that spring was going to be slow in coming this year.

It seems that the authors of this small book, which has been an indispensable guide for the farmer since it first went into publication in the 1800s, knew all along that the April of 1982 was not going to be a typical one.

The manual is a study in understatement concerning the weather, (it says simply of April that the month will be "very wet, and snowy in the north") but is amazingly accurate in its predictions.

It states that spring will be delayed by a cold, wet April in the eastern half of the country and heavier-than-usual snows in the northern third of the U.S.

That's us folks, and the predictions for the rest of the month don't paint a much more cheerful picture.

April 3-6 were predicted to be rainy, with snow in the mountains and seasonable to cold temperatures, 7-9 are to be cloudy and cold, with more rain and snow, and 10-16, you guessed it, more rain and cold.

The weather should break, according to the almanac, around April 17-21, and be warmer, though rainy, for the rest of the month.

The Almanac also predicts what the average temperature and precipitation for each month will be.

In April the temperature should average around 44 degrees, which is 4.5 degrees below the norm and the average predicted precipitation of 5.5 inches is two inches above the norm.

There is hope however, by May, the average temperature should be up to 57.5 degrees, and only one inch of precipitation is expected. Not until the end of the month can we expect any long stretch of decent weather, however, frost is predicted as late as the 21st.

By the way, old adages don't always hold true, unfortunately. The prediction for the Fourth of July is cool and rainy!

## Shuttle impractical for nuclear deployment

And is the cost too much? "That depends whether you're for or against it and how much you value the spin-offs," Vietti said. He said the space program has had a great impact on electronics and computers and those advancements have made possible things like cheap pocket calculators and cheaply priced TVs. "Due to inflation, if we used the same technology we used in 1964 to make a television set it would cost \$2,500."

"You've got to show it can be done cheaper in space."

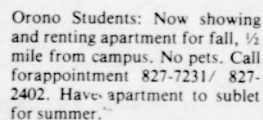
7 p.m. - The South Africa sub-committee of the Maine Peace Action Committee will meet in the Damn Yankee.

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Barry said one of the reasons students come to the U.S. is that there are no adequate facilities in their own countries.

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## Foreign students get little aid

by Connie McKenzie  
Staff Writer

There is a growing number of international students attending American colleges and universities, but they receive very little in the way of financial assistance in the United States, said Ethel Desmarais, assistant director of financial aid.

"The foreign students are not eligible for federal aid programs at all, nor can they get university scholarships," Desmarais said.

At UMO the only assistance offered to international students is in the form of 10 tuition waivers, which are paid by the University of Maine Board of Trustees. In actual dollars this amounts to about \$35,000 a year.

Desmarais said that the aid the international students receive isn't taking anything away from resident students.

"Those 10 tuition waivers make up a very small percentage of the number available this year," Desmarais said. The total number of tuition waivers offered for this fiscal year was 1,673.

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Ruth Barry said, "There is a general misconception that we pay the bills for the international students. The truth is only about 15 percent of them receive any assistance in the U.S. Most of them are funded by their families or their own governments."

An international student has to have about \$8552 for one year at UMO, including expenses over vacations, Desmarais said.

"They are really in a Catch-22 situation. They have to document that they can support themselves to be admitted to the country as students," Desmarais said. "But, they have to prove severe financial need to get any aid."

Barry said one reason international students come to the U.S. is because there are no adequate facilities in their own countries.

## Students find different methods to deal with stress related problems

by Sallie Valley  
Staff Writer

As the end of the semester looms ahead with the imminent rush of finals, students find various ways to deal with the stress that seems to affect some more than others.

"You bet I feel stress," Gene Thorson, a sociology/social work major, said. "I feel like I have more work to get done than is humanly possible."

Ann Hilton, an anthropology major, said, I have a busy semester, with at least three tests a week and I'm pretty used to having to study for tests, but toward the end of the semester, everything seems to pile up in one week."

Some, like Keith Fougere, a civil engineering technology major, don't seem to be overly affected by stress: "I feel great today and I'm not worrying about anything. We have no

school today and I'm just hanging out listening to the Dead."

There seems to be as many ways to deal with day-to-day stress as there are students.

David Healy, a chemical engineering major, said he finds exercising and sleeping help him relax and deal with everyday pressures.

Many students, like Paul Lodgek, a mechanical engineering major, prefer to work hard at the beginning of the semester in order to avoid the end-of-the-year rush.

"Of course I don't always practice what I preach," Lodgek said. "I find banging a couple games on the pinball machine, midnight skiing before prelims, hot showers and listening to music help to alleviate my stress."

Hilton said she tries to handle stress on a day-to-day basis. "Some days I can handle it, other days I can't. I look forward to the weekends and just start jogging, so now for ten minutes a day I

run away from my problems."

David Rainville, a mechanical engineering technology major, said he doesn't let things get to him. "If I know that I've done my best, that's all I can do."

## Storm

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could do to keep the roads open. At 6 a.m. there was only one lane open on the main roads. I had to walk in myself."

Lewis said his crew is going to push back the snow to minimal points because he said he does not want to ruin the grass along the walks and roads.

"We don't want to push the snow back any further than we have to," he said. "Our trucks will get stuck in the mud and there will be damage to the grass because the winter frost has melted."

## ★ Police Blotter ★

by Richard Mulhern  
Staff Writer

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A 17-year-old Frankfort, Maine, resident was taken into custody by police thursday on a charge of operating under the influence. Stopped on Long road, the juvenile was summonsed to appear in court on April 12.

Someone reportedly attempted to jimmy the door of the Counseling Center at BCC. The wooden frame around the lock was damaged, apparently by a screwdriver. No damage estimate was available.

A Hart Hall resident reported the theft Saturday of \$5 from a desk drawer in her room. She was unsure whether the door was locked.

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Police confiscated an unauthorized keg Wednesday on the third floor of Stodder Hall. A disciplinary action was to be filed in the case.

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An Aroostook Hall resident reported the theft of a TI-35 calculator from his rucksack which was hanging on the coat rack in the York complex kitchen. The value of the calculator was estimated at \$100.

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# Opinion

## No School

Snow days at UMO have always been a rarity. The most recent snow day here was six years ago. Yesterday's cancellation of school is only the third time in UMO history that classes have been called off because of the weather. Yet anyone who ventured on the roads yesterday knows fully well that the decision was well thought out.

The one-half of the university population that lives off campus was more than happy to hear on the radio that classes would not be held yesterday. With snow drifts covering main roads, and driveways plowed in by the few snow plows that ventured out on the road, coming to school was nearly an impossible task.

The foot of snow that dropped here in Orono was responsible for more than just the closure of schools. The Maine Turnpike was closed two days ago when the storm started in the southern half of the state. Even the beginning of baseball season had to wait because of the weather, forcing the Boston Red Sox to retreat to Florida for a few more days of training in the sun.

The most astute weather watchers did the only thing possible yesterday; they stayed home. The Department of Transportation urged people to stay off the roads at the same time as other vital public utilities suggested that the public use services like electricity and telephone services sparingly for the duration of the storm.

Yesterday's storm not only gives me an appreciation of warm weather. It shows me the power of the weather - turning a normally busy campus into a blustery ghost town.

For those who are fortunate enough to have cars, may you have strong shoulders and a sturdy shovel. And to those who don't have vehicles, may your legs have the strength of 10 - for they will have to boldly go where no snow plow has been before.

Let's just hope that this is Mother Nature's "Last Hurrah" of the season.

P.E.F.



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## Guest column

MOLLY CAMPBELL

## Brain power

It has come to my attention that I am the celebrated "guest" for this column. The question is not why I was given this opportunity but rather, what in the world will I write about. What do I possibly have to say that encompasses wit, charm, talent, excitement, humor and those qualities that come so easily to us all.

For those of us studying sciences, where the closest assignment to a writing exercise is a lab report, difficulty arises in expressing thoughts with a pen and a piece of paper. It is harder still to write about an issue of concern and communicate clearly to all the readers just what you are trying to say. But the hardest by far is to divulge one's self to others through the medium of the written word. I admire those who write autobiographies. This is one of the most grueling endurance tests a person could possibly undertake; to explore one's self deeply and share that life with other people.

Think about writing your autobiography. Have you ever described your own physical characteristics? Are these characteristics what you believe they are or what you think other people see? Autobiographical writing is almost exclusively created from self-reflective thought. How many people are willing or able to throw themselves into themselves, to explore every corner of their own mind, to dredge up from the depths those experiences that one would rather bury and never think about again. It is often hard to face who you are and who other people believe you are. However, it is impossible for past experiences to become non-existent simply because you do not want them hanging around.

Above everyone's shoulders is an amazing part of the body known as the brain, which is capable of storing so much information that it is difficult to even imagine. But, it is true and this brain goes everywhere you go and is depended upon for the time of that organic chemistry class or the phone number of a close friend. All too often people ignore the multitude of capabilities that exist within themselves. Instead, they seek them out somewhere on the west coast. Does one's mind change dramatically the closer you get to California?

To use the brain's power of memory and intelligence for reflecting on days past, examining

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## Astronomy is out

To the editor:

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# Response

## EQUAL TIME

The Maine Campus welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be brief (300 words or less) and include a name and telephone number. Names will be withheld only under special circumstances. "Anonymous" and open letters, although welcome, will not be published.



## Astronomy professor is out of line

To the editor:

Near the beginning of the semester, the *Campus* did a story on Neil Comins, Astronomy professor here and the game he invented to help people in learning constellations. The story stated that Comins planned to use his game in his AS9 (Intro to Astronomy) course and also said that he didn't feel that it was a conflict of interest for him to ask students to buy the game from him.

I am taking AS9. As my second prelim approached, Comins informed the class that he had a limited number of games for sale at a slightly discounted price and that we would be required to know several constellations by sight on the prelim.

He did offer an alternative method to the game for learning constellations, attending planetarium shows which he set up during the day for AS9 students only.

Well, to make a long story short, I refused to buy his game partly because I don't feel Comins is so underpaid that he needs to make additional money by selling an overpriced game to his students,

and partly because I feel that if he does want to make the game part of the curriculum for AS9, he should require that all students buy one, along with their book, and should offer enough of them at the discounted price for the entire class to be able to buy one.

After our test, Comins told the class that those who used his game to learn the constellations averaged five out of five right, while those who didn't averaged 2.5 out of five correct.

It seems to me that if Mr. Comins wants to conduct the class in this manner, the least he could do is offer an alternative method that is effective.

I managed to get all the constellations correct, because my father was an astronomy buff and taught me quite a few of them when I was young, my father also taught me a few things about ethics, and I think Mr. Comins is out of line.

Gretchen Piston

## Punk Rock: a step ahead of love songs

To the editor:

Ed Manzi's analysis of Punk Rock was simplistic at best and totally misguided at worst. To suggest that Punk Rock is statementless violence with "sexual overtones" is absurd and clearly shows his ignorance of the matter. Punk Rock has its roots in working class England where unemployment and a general worsening of the economic situation served to alienate growing numbers of the young. The Punks response to this was not aimless violence

but rather an angry music with a political message. Their message of anarchy is admittedly immature and probably offers little hope for wresting control from the powers to be, yet their consciousness is a decade ahead of the illusions of glib peace and love that was the favorite cause of John Lennon and his following. All the whining that was the sixties changed not one iota the path of the corporate reaper in its pursuit of the God Almighty Dollar. Did not China, Korea, Guatemala, Cuba, Vietnam, Chile, Cambodia, Angola,

Iran, and El Salvador teach us anything? Will Ronald Reagan aboard his capitalist mare save the day or will the ghost of Camelot come back to keep the commies away. Come on people, as Mick Jones says, "London's Drowning."

I offer this hurried and wholly incomplete rebuttal of Ed Manzi's commentary to the *Maine Campus* readers in the hope that it will help them get their rocks off.

Lawrence H. Muttu

## Column

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yourself at the present, and learning to understand and cope with less desirable aspects of life may not seem as fun as blowing off a class or swilling beer but it sure is a better long-term cure for a case of the "blues". It is an exercise that should be practised as often as brushing your teeth. To dive inside yourself and sort out the contents of your subconscious as well as to stand back and view aspects of your person that others see, may just be a valuable use of time.

An autobiography is the culmination of an in depth study of one's self and how that self appears within a society. Self reflection and examination are necessary to view your person as a whole. This can be frustrating and often not seem worth the effort. At this point it is best to go for a walk and let the wind blow between your ears. There's nothing like a little "mental floss" to make the confusion become clear.

## Use your common sense when skiing

To the editor:

On my drive to work today (Wednesday) I was glad to see so many people out enjoying the unexpected day off from classes, along with our last taste (I hope) of a winter wonderland, but it certainly would have been nice to see those people exhibiting a little bit of common sense.

On Stillwater Ave. between Moriarty's Inn and Governor's, I encountered no less than four enthusiastic cross-country skiers. Although I admire their stamina in the cold and wind I also question the quality of the equipment they are playing with upstairs.

I mean, it's not exactly intelligent to cross-country ski in the middle of the road on a day when the wind is blowing snow around so much that it was almost impossible to see past the front end of the car.

It was bad enough to continue finding idiots in the middle of my lane in the blinding snow. But then I almost ran over a skier who was crossing

the road. Apparently she wasn't paying attention or thought the road had been closed for her enjoyment, because a large, dark-colored car with bright high beams on is visible from many yards away even in a snow storm. Skiers, however, are not overly visible, especially those wearing white jackets as this girl was. All I can say is thank God the wind died down at the right moment and the snow cleared, and I was only going about 20 mph.

And what did this girl do while I was thanking God and trying to start my heart beating again? While I was trying to keep her out of the hospital and me out of the snowbank?? She screamed a few obscene phrases and made several obscene gestures, as though I was infringing upon her rights by driving my car into the road where she wanted to ski! Next time we have a storm and I have to drive I think I'll take the ski trails instead.

Connie McKenzie



# World News

## Reagan asked to stop funding of 'radical' opposition groups

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two conservative leaders today called for the resignation of Education Secretary T.H. Bell for failing to "stop the flow of federal dollars to radical groups."

The two, Conservative Digest Publisher Richard Viguerie and Conservative Caucus head Howard Phillips, also urged President Reagan to cut off all federal aid for "leftist groups" that oppose his policies.

Among the "leftist groups" they listed were the National Wildlife Federation, the National Retired Teachers Association, the AFL-CIO, Rev. Jesse Jackson's PUSH-EXCEL self-help program, Planned Parent-

hood of San Francisco, the National Organization for Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund, the American Friends Service Committee, the American Bar Association and the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Viguerie said Reagan should immediately replace Bell and freeze all grants to activist groups while converting grant programs into contracts.

The call for Bell's removal met with immediate reaction from Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, a conservative himself, who labeled the proposal "a cheap shot" and "a great disservice" to the conservative movement.



## Study disclaims nuclear disaster

NEW YORK (AP)—Western belief that a nuclear dump explosion created a "vast barren wasteland" near the Ural Mountains has been challenged by a new study that blames the contamination on decades of careless Soviet air and water pollution.

For years, the "Kyshtym disaster" in the winter of 1957-58 has been referred to in the West as the worst nuclear accident ever. Dissident Soviet scientists claim that the blast left hundreds dead from radiation and leveled as much as 1,000 square miles of land.

But a Los Alamos National Laboratory team, using classified CIA and military documents, now contends that there was no nuclear explosion, that the Soviet government caused the contamination by "carelessness and blatant disregard for their people or their surroundings."

The researchers said that the explosion theory needed to be "examined impartially" because Kyshtym was "no longer merely an intriguing enigma; the allegations surrounding it bear heavily on the whole question of nuclear waste disposal in the United States."

## Safety changes urged for DC-10

WASHINGTON, (AP) - Operators of DC-10 aircraft are being urged to make protective changes in wing and hydraulic systems after the breakup of an Air Florida engine during a take-off from Miami last Sept. 22.

The National Transportation Safety Board concluded Tuesday that "foreign material" left inside the engine—possibly a mechanic's tool or extra, loose bearings—caused the Air Florida engine to rip apart.

The crew of the airliner, carrying 71 persons on a flight to Newark, N.J., via Fort Lauderdale, Fla., aborted the takeoff at Miami International Airport after reaching a runway speed of 135 mph. The plane halted safely, and no one was injured.

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## News Briefs

NEW YORK (AP)-Three of the country's largest banks today announced formation of a 26-bank network to allow customers with electronic banking cards access to basic services nationwide.

Bank of America, Chase Manhattan Bank and Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co. and 23 other banks have formed Plus System Inc.

HONOLULU (AP)-A pesticide that was discovered in the city's milk and ice cream supply has turned up in the breast milk of nursing mothers, but state health officials say it is safe for women to continue breast-feeding their babies.

Samples of milk from six nursing women revealed unusually high amounts of the chemical heptachlor, which is used to kill ants on pineapple plants and is suspected of causing cancer.

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) - Legislative leadders, thier intentions of adjourning on schedule buried beneath a foot of April snow and a partisan stalemate over the budget, agreed Wednesday that at least one more day is needed to get all the work done.

Exactly when the Legislature would return remained uncertain Wednesday afternoon, although there was speculation that it probably would be sometime next week, after the Easter holidays.

LOS ANGELES (AP)-The Police Commission approved a hot tub club in a heavily Jewish district despite objections from Orthodox Jews and the Crescent West Homeowners Association.

Commission president Reva Tooley, in support of club owner Larry Davis said city ordinances don't allow denial of public bath permits unless misconduct is shown.

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) - Checker Motors Corp. will stop building taxicabs later this year, the company has told workers in a letter.

"In July of this year, the corporation will phase out the taxicab manufacturing operation, and at this time there are no plans for future automobile manufacturing at this location--Kalamazoo," said the letter, parts of which appeared in yesterday's Kalamazoo Gazette.

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)-An agreement was signed today insuring that the federal government will dispose of the damaged Three Mile Island nuclear core once it is removed from the plant.

The reactor core won't be ready for removal until 1985, said Robert Arnold, president of General Public Utilities Corp., owner of the electric plant.

BOSTON (AP) - Mixing alcohol and aspirin makes the blood clot more slowly and may explain why people who drink have less heart disease, a study concludes. But researchers caution that the combination may cause spontaneous bleeding in some people.

Aspirin alone will slow the clotting time, but researchers have found that aspirin's effects are substantially heightened if people drink.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - A gasoline tanker truck exploded in a "raging inferno" when a bus hit it inside a tunnel early Wednesday, setting off a 100 mph firestorm that roared through the tube and incinerated seven people.

"It was a raging inferno in here," said California Highway Patrol officer Jim Mattos, who noted the number of victims could go up. "It is theoretically possible that there were victims completely incinerated."

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