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Shuttle explodes following takeoff

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A catastrophic explosion blew apart the space shuttle Challenger 75 seconds after liftoff Tuesday, killing schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe and six NASA astronauts eight miles out from Kennedy Space Center.

The accident defied quick explanation, though a slow-motion replay seemed to show an initial explosion in one of two peel-away rocket boosters igniting the shuttle's huge external fuel tank. The tank burst into a fireball that destroyed Challenger high above the Atlantic while crew families and NASA officials watched in despair from the Cape.

Other observers noted that the boosters continued to fly crazily through the sky after the explosion, apparently under full power, indicating that the fatal explosion might have originated in the giant tank itself.

"We will not speculate as to the specific cause of the explosion based on that footage," said Jesse Moore, NASA's top shuttle administrator. National Aeronautics and Space Ad-

ministration officials are organizing an investigating board and Moore said it will take a "careful review" of all data "before we can reach any conclusions."

Never before in 56 manned space missions had Americans died in flight. John

cent, a source said. The source, at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, said the blast occurred "unexpectedly and with absolutely no warning."

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— NASA member Steve Nesbitt

Glenn, the former astronaut recalled that three astronauts died in a launch-pad training accident 19 years ago and said the history of pioneers is often one "of triumph and tragedy."

The explosion followed an apparently flawless launch, delayed two hours as officials analyzed the danger from icicles that formed in the frosty Florida morning along the shuttle's new launch pad.

"There were no signs of abnormalities on the screens" as flight controllers monitored Challenger's liftoff and as

said NASA's Steve Nesbitt.

Mission Control reported that there had been no indication of any problem with the three shuttle engines, its twin solid boosters or any other system and that the shuttle just suddenly blew apart 10 miles high and 8 miles downrange of Cape Canaveral. Ninety minutes after the accident, controllers were still at their consoles, solemnly examining flight data.

Flags at Cape Canaveral were lowered to half-staff. The countdown clock that

marks the progress of the mission continued for hours.

President Reagan, in an Oval Office address after he postponed his State of the Union message because of the tragedy, reaffirmed his commitment to the shuttle program and said, "The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted, it belongs to the brave."

"We will continue our quest in space," he said. "There will be more shuttle flights and more shuttle crews and, yes, more volunteers, more civilians, more teachers in space."

NASA delayed its announcement that there appeared to be no survivors until it had conducted search-and-rescue efforts. Even before Moore's statement, it seemed impossible anyone could have survived such a cataclysm.

The crew included McAuliffe and six NASA astronauts: commander Francis R. Scobee, 46; pilot Michael J. Smith, 40; Judith A. Resnik, 36; Ronald E. McNair, 35; Ellison S. Onizuka, 39; and Gregory B. Jarvis, 41.

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Local shuttle service not just for drunks

by Cathy Stanley
Staff Writer

The Late Night Local shuttle bus carried 906 passengers in its first semester, making it a success according to the service's founder.

Robert Dana, UMO's substance abuse counselor and educator, said he was surprised by the results.

"I expected it to take only 10 or 12 people," Dana said.

There have consistently been about 150 people riding the bus a week, he said, and he expects this figure to increase.

Dana said he attributes the success of the bus to students.

"It shows that the students are really and truly very responsible," he said.

The bus and its expenses are paid for by his office which is funded by Residential Life, Dana said.

Dana said he plans to run two buses for the first time this weekend and increase the advertising so more people will know it is available.

If there are enough students riding the two buses there is a possibility of having two every weekend which would make stops every 15 minutes he said.

Peter Moisan, coordinator of the bus drivers and a junior in microbiology and biochemistry, said that in addition to increased advertising, cards with the bus' schedule will be printed for the students.

"I thought I would have some problems with people being drunk," Moisan said, but found instead that students thanked him for the ride.

He said only a couple of people needed help getting off the bus because they were intoxicated, but he never had trouble with anyone.

Moisan said the bus is convenient, and

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The people behind "Spectrum": PICS director Jim Horan (standing), producer Henry Nevison and art director Joyce Crocker. (Warren photo)

Local television station debuts series on UMO

by Dawn Daigle
Staff Writer

Some television viewers across Maine saw the premiere of "Maine Spectrum; University of Maine at Orono: Partner in Maine's Future," a nine-part series promoting UMO, which started January 24 on Bangor's WLBZ-TV, Channel 2.

"The series is designed to present the exciting things that are taking place in the total university," said Dr. James Horan, acting director of community relations and coordinator of the series.

Public Information and Central Services' information specialist Henry Nevison, the series' producer, cited an additional reason for the series' production:

"It is the belief of a lot of people that the university hasn't done a good job reporting to the people (about how their tax dollars are spent)," he said.

The series, he said, will show people what the university is doing with the money it receives.

"The series is entertaining and interesting at the same time," Nevison said. He described the series as "an on-location type of magazine."

"My feeling is that we are trying to get away from the image that the University of Maine is just at Orono," he said. "We're including footage from all over the state of Maine. We want to show that UMO is not just 1,100 acres in Orono."

Horan said he first suggested the idea for the series to UMO President Arthur Johnson early in Johnson's administration.

"Until a few years ago there was a series called 'UMO Magazine.'" That first show, he said, was very popular.

University officials also received inquiries from commercial television stations interested in participating in such a series. Until recently, "UMO Magazine" has been put aside because of a lack of funding. Two to three months ago, however, Public Information and Central Services officials received word from the UMO administration that production could begin.

Horan said that UMO administrators negotiated with local commercial television stations for air time and that PICS used much of its own resources and staff.

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UMO police officer resigns after 13 years

by Kelly Mullins
Staff Writer

William Prosser, assistant director of Police Services, has officially resigned his position with the UMO Department of Police and Safety.

Department Director Alan Reynolds said Prosser gave his letter of resignation on Monday stating personal reasons for leaving his position.

Assuming the responsibilities of the assistant director position will be Sgt. John Gray. Reynolds said he will be promoted to lieutenant, effective Jan.

29. Gray was unavailable for comment.

Prosser, 54, said he has considered retiring for a couple of years. He said of his reason for leaving: "I just didn't want to work anymore."

Personal conflicts within the department were not a reason for his retirement, Prosser said.

Prosser started as a patrolman in 1973 and for the last eight years has held the position of assistant director. During the last three years Prosser has been the coordinator of a substance abuse program, demonstrating the effects of alcohol.

Series

Nevison said much of the footage used was "a compilation of some of our (PICS) recent productions."

Included in the series are portions of recent productions on the Center for the Study of Early Man, the Performing Arts Center, the Cooperative Extension Service and the Center for Marine Studies, he said.

Nevison said material on research and development, teaching, education and

public service will be also included.

"The series will be entertaining and interesting at the same time," Nevison said.

Nevison said the series' premiere consisted of an overview of UMO. In each succeeding segment, a different UMO college will be highlighted. For example, the College of Arts and Sciences will be featured in February.

Horan said one 30-minute episode of

the series will be shown each month between January and September. The show will air on the last Friday of each month at 7 p.m.

The series will be aired on Bangor's WLBZ-TV, Channel 2; WABI-TV, Channel 5; and WVII-TV, Channel 7 on an alternating basis, he said.

"This is one of the most difficult shows I've ever had to do," Nevison said.

He said he had major amounts of material to compile and fit into 21 minutes of actual air time.

"It is no secret that UMO is at a critical point in its history," he said. "Although there is always room for improvement (in promoting UMO), there isn't any room for error."

Nevison said that if the series is received well by the public, an increase in base support for UMO could result.

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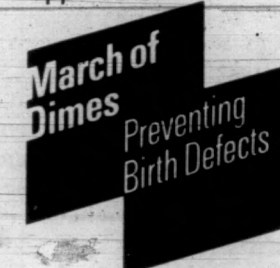
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Student Discovers Roaches at Dr. Records

UMO Freshman John Cue reported his discovery of Roaches at Dr. Records last Friday. "They were right there in the record rack, between REM and the Rolling Stones," Cue was quoted as saying.

When questioned further, Cue admitted to going to Dr. Records frequently to take advantage of their low prices, but said he never noticed Roaches before. "Oh, sure, I saw Beatles form time to time, but never Roaches, and never so many in one place!" Cue said.

A spokesman for Dr. Records refused comment, other than to say Roaches were nothing unusual for his Orono store. "Sure, we have Roaches -- lots of 'em. But we also have Yardbirds, Monkees and Eagles, which tend to keep the problem in check." When pressed about a rumor that he also has Little Feat, he said, "I'd rather not comment on personal matters at this time," and hung up.

Engineering college establishes tech center

by Kelley Bouchard
Staff Writer

The UMO College of Engineering and Science has re-established a technology center designed to keep Maine business and industry at the forefront of technological advances.

Norman Smith serves as the project manager for the Technology Center. He said the program is open to any person or firm in need of technical assistance, including state and local government, lending institutions, lawyers, merchants and others.

Smith, dean of the College of Engineering and Science, said the purpose of the center is not limited to assisting major industries and corporations in Maine. It also will aid smaller firms, including firms that are operated by one person.

"Since we are a state university," he said, "we ought to help state business and industry."

A survey, sponsored by the Maine Science and Technology Board, was conducted last summer when a cross section of Maine firms were contacted concerning possible interest in reestablishing the program, Smith said.

According to Smith, more than 90 percent of the respondents praised the value of such a center to Maine industry. And of those respondents, a large majority indicated they would become members of the center.

Smith said firms can join the Technology Center for a citizen's membership fee of \$100 or a corporate membership fee of \$250.

He said the fees, chosen by an advisory committee of faculty and industry representatives, were low enough not to discourage membership. He added the fees were just high enough to maintain interest in the center after joining.

Donald Lewis, president of the Nyle Corporation in Brewer, is one of the industrial representatives on the Technology Center's advisory committee.

"I was chosen to be on the committee because I was one who used the services of the university a lot over the years," he said.

Nyle Corporation manufactures lumber-drying and clothes-drying

machinery that work on the principles of refrigeration. Lewis said various departments within the university have been helpful in verifying product specifications and with translating foreign patents. "People at the university are usually pleased to help with the practical application of their knowledge," Lewis said. "The center will provide that service to more people who need it."

Since the Technology Center will not be housed in one particular place on campus, Smith said member firms will have access to "a wide range of computational, laboratory and testing services" throughout the college.

Smith said the firms will not only benefit from the professional assistance of faculty members, but also from student liaison services that promote co-op programs, summer placement and other part-time services.

The center was first organized in 1915 as the State Technology Experiment Station by faculty members interested in consolidating and promoting research within the college, Smith said.

The facility, which was in operation until 1960, conducted research on several projects that included studies of peat and gravel resources in Maine, Mount Katahdin and climatic divisions within the state.

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because of the price of gas and other things involved with running a car, riding the bus is sensible.

If a group calls a few days in advance, Dana said a bus will be provided to take them any place along the route at the time they request.

Two fraternities and other groups have expressed interest in this service already, he said, and he hopes more will take advantage of the opportunity.

Although the substance abuse program funds the bus, it has begun to get some money from other sources, Dana said.

Student Government contributed \$250 for the shuttle and Pat's Pizza also made a donation, he said.

The shuttle, he said, has been accepted and supported by students, administration, and area merchants.

"I've heard IDB and student leaders at the breakfast club supporting it, and we'll continue to support it," said Ross Moriarty, director of Residential Life.

"I want it to become part of the campus, part of the institution," Dana said.

Moisan said passengers who have ridden the bus while visiting UMO students have been very impressed with the program.

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BOT, lawmakers seek cooperation in goals

AUGUSTA (AP) — In the face of lingering resentment over what was widely seen as an attempt to pre-empt a gubernatorial study panel, University of Maine trustees today appealed to state lawmakers for cooperation in reshaping the university's future.

"We want so desperately to work

together," trustee Harrison L. Richardson told the roughly 50 lawmakers who attended an informal caucus in the House chamber. "Let's look at the future."

But several lawmakers voiced continuing disenchantment with the "statement of goals and strategies" the trustees

adopted in November, less than two months before recommendations from Gov. Joseph E. Brennan's Visiting Committee to the University of Maine were released. Critics claimed the trustees rushed out an ill-conceived proposal to upstage Brennan's panel.

One lawmaker, Rep. Alan L. Baker, R-Orrington, said the timing of the two reports created a public perception that state and university policy-makers are taking separate paths. He suggested that the trustees withdraw their plan.

Sen. Michael D. Pearson, D-Old Town, challenged an assertion by trustee

Francis Brown that the news media has had "a field day" with the controversy, saying that the trustees were at fault for failing to solicit outside views on their proposal. He singled out a recommendation to shift responsibility for teacher education from the main campus at Orono to four regional campuses.

Rep. John C. Bott, R-Orono, said, "I've never seen so much anger and frustration directed at the trustees as I've seen in Orono."

Bott is co-sponsoring a bill, which was scheduled to be considered by the Appropriations Committee this afternoon, that seeks \$5 million for the university. He asked whether the trustees would speak in favor of the measure, and Richardson said they would ask that action be deferred until after the trustees have fully reviewed the visiting committee's proposals.

Today's session came less than a day after a meeting in Bangor at which business and labor leaders, students and legislators turned out in force to praise the visiting committee's recommendations.

That panel, which was chaired by former Colby College President Robert E.L. Strider II and included such dignitaries as former U.S. Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie, spent 15 months on its study. Recommendations included renaming most of the campuses to reflect a newly aligned educational structure and significantly increasing taxpayer support for the university.

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● Shuttle

"I regret that I have to report that based on very preliminary searches of the ocean where the Challenger impacted this morning, these searches have not revealed any evidence that the crew of Challenger survived," Moore, NASA associate administrator, said in a midafternoon news conference.

Col. John Shults, director of Defense

ed this flight more closely than others because a teacher was aboard and many special projects were planned for them, Reagan said:

"I know it's hard to understand, but sometimes painful things like this happen. It's all part of the process of exploration and discovery. It's all part of taking a chance and expanding man's

"I guess we always knew there would be a day like this."

— Sen. John Glenn

Department contingency operations here, said a search armada of helicopters, ships and planes had spotted several pieces of debris floating in the Atlantic.

"We have seen several pieces, what looked to be about five or 10 feet long and a couple feet wide," he said. The debris will be recovered and brought to a hangar at nearby Patrick Air Force Base.

The president watched video replays in "stunned silence," and sent Vice President George Bush to convey his sympathies to the families of the crew.

"It's a terrible thing," Reagan told reporters. "I just can't get out of my mind her (Mrs. McAuliffe) husband, her children, as well as the families of the others on board."

New Hampshire schoolchildren, drawn to this launch because of the presence of McAuliffe, the first "common citizen" chosen to make a space flight, screamed and fought back tears. Americans everywhere watched in disbelief as television networks replayed the shuttle explosion.

Addressing schoolchildren who watch-

horizons." Earlier he had said, "You have to be out there on the frontier taking risks. Make it plain to them that life must go on."

"I guess we always knew there would be a day like this," said Glenn. A congressional investigation was immediately announced, but many lawmakers were quick to express support for the nation's manned space effort.

"Today, our shock turns to sadness," said House speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. "We salute those who risked and gave their lives to serve our country at the last great frontiers. We salute those who died performing exploits that the people of my age grew up reading about in comic books or in fiction."

Lost along with the \$1.2 billion spacecraft were a \$100-million satellite that was to have become an important part of NASA's space-based shuttle communications network and a smaller \$10 million payload that was to have studied Halley's comet.

It was the second disaster to strike NASA's pioneering space program. In January 1967 astronauts Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Edward White and Roger

Chaffee burned to death while preparing for an Apollo flight when a fire destroyed their capsule during a training drill.

Challenger's final seconds went like this:

"Go at throttle up," flight directors told Challenger's crew, noting the ship had achieved full engine power. "Roger, go at throttle up," said Mike Smith, the pilot.

Seconds later, an explosion erupted, followed by the devastating space age fireball.

At Mission Control, there was silence. Not a word was heard from the five men and two women aboard the ship.

Debris cut white swatches through the sky, falling into the Atlantic Ocean. One of the booster rockets was seen floating down on its parachute.

Spectators, including the parents of

blems. But after liftoff, at 11:38 a.m., the NASA commentator, Nesbitt, reported systems were normal.

"Three engines running normally," he noted. "Three good fuel cells. Three good APUs (auxiliary power units). Velocity 22,057 feet per second (1400 miles per hour), altitude 4.3 nautical miles (4.9 statute miles), downrange distance 3 nautical miles (3.4 statute miles).

"Engines throttling up, three engines now 104 percent (normal)."

Then the final exchange with the Pilot Smith. Then the explosion.

NASA cameras were trained on the spaceship. While slow-speed replays did not pinpoint the source of the explosion, from one angle it seemed it might have come at one of the boosters, the two rockets that provide the ship its initial boost to space before peeling away to

"We will continue our quest in space. There will be more shuttle flights and more shuttle crews..."

— President Ronald Reagan

McAuliffe and family members of the six astronauts, watched in helpless horror in the frosty fields at Kennedy Space Center.

"Obviously a major malfunction," was the first word from NASA, following seconds of agonized silence.

Challenger fell in pieces about 18 miles from the launch pad. Debris was so heavy that for several minutes NASA directed rescue craft to stay out of the area.

Launch, scheduled for 9:38 a.m. EST, had been delayed two hours while officials analyzed the possibility that foot-long launch-pad icicles might cause pro-

Earth.

After that initial blast, the slow motion showed an explosion of the huge external fuel tank, which carried half-a-million gallons of supercold, super-volatile liquid oxygen and hydrogen. Challenger, dwarfed by the fuel tank, burst into pieces which rained into the Atlantic for 45 minutes.

The NASA administrator, William R. Graham, was briefing members of Congress on the agency budget and watched the tragedy on television. Two members who had flown recent missions, Sen. Jake Garn and Rep. William Nelson, D-Fla., expressed shock.

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Editorial

Send 'em home

Grade point averages are a weighty topic of discussion during these first few weeks of February.

Everyone wants to know how their ten best friends did, who on their hall got the 4.0, and who "flunked out".

But is it possible to "flunk out" at UMO anymore? Freshmen at the University of Maine at Orono are being allowed to return to school after receiving 0.00 grade point averages. Believe it or not.

Three and a half years ago the university began the policy of allowing first semester freshmen to return for a second semester regardless of their GPAs.

According to Associate Vice President Ronald Tallman this policy has been successful in saving some students who are slower in adjusting to stresses of college. After all, these people who receive non-existent grade point averages are only 18 years old, away from home for the first time, overwhelmed by the pressures of college life, and making a very big adjustment. So give them a chance, right?

Yes, they should be given a chance. But the only chance this university is giving these "students" is a chance to raise hell all night, every night, sleep all day, miss every class including the tests, drink enormous quantities of alcohol, take drugs, and destroy the living area around them. Nothing is being done to encourage freshmen to attend classes, advisers are generally not available to students for counseling, and many of the freshmen introductory

classes are too large and impersonal. The various colleges at UMO are failing to meet the needs of their newest students.

The various big deal people of this institution generally agree that something must be done to improve the academic standards of this university. The visiting committee found that the academic quality at UMO has declined in recent years. The visiting committee also recommended that UMO strengthen its research and doctoral institution.

To do this the undergraduate program must be top-notch. How can the undergraduate program be outstanding when there are students here who care nothing about academic excellence, and will "flunk out" as many times as the university will let them?

The freshmen deserve more attention, more services and counseling to meet their needs. Time is not enough. An extra semester to "test" a person is not enough.

Students who do poorly in their first semester should be required to meet with their advisers every two weeks. These students should also be required to take a class devised to help them learn effective study skills. If the administration is insistent in giving freshmen a second chance to improve their grades and is sincere in its strive for academic quality, changes must be made to restructure the academic attitudes of the freshmen in need at this institution.

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Media gone too far

Tuesday at 11:40 a.m., the space shuttle Challenger exploded into a massive fireball sending six crew members and a seventh passenger — Christa McAuliffe, a Concord, N.H., social studies teacher aboard as a civilian observer, to their death.

It was, without a doubt, the worst day in NASA's and American space exploration history.

What followed the catastrophic event was nearly six hours of coverage by the television networks. Not only was the length of the coverage overdone, but CBS's use of replay of McAuliffe's parents' reactions while watching the horrible tragedy was reprehensible.

Approximately one and one half hour after the explosion, CBS showed a film clip of Ed and Grace Corrigan (McAuliffe's parents) viewing the sky as their 37-year-old daughter and Challenger made their way toward space.

What was gained by showing the clip hours after the tragedy had occurred? Any rational thinking person, in viewing the accident, would realize it immediately as a tragic, horrible event. No additional personal film clip was needed to further illustrate that fact.

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Jerry Tourigny is a journalist and politician from Sanford, Maine.

DOUG WATTS

System crash

You don't have to open your eyes too quickly in the morning to notice the feral dogs of mass media howling and braying in their sensitive color-coordinated way about that spiny, oozing, cholesterol eating nemesis of the 80's known as stress.

Stress. "Oh, Madge you've got to go with me to this self-help class in stress management. We're learning to work out the self-imposed kinks that tie us in knots of indecision, preventing us from making the most of those important life-experiences we read so much about in the glossy New Age lifestyle magazines celebrating post-back-to-the-land movement values and Herbalife franchises."

Stress is tension. Lack of tension yields moral and physical slackness and the Bee Gees. The Bee Gees yield post-disco overproduced 12" singles by Europop synth groups who use the 1980s version of Dippidy-doo (mousse) to create a false tension in their hair styles creating an aura of post-Billy Idol symbolism and teen VCR rebellion.

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Response

Captain Beefheart denounced as warped

To the editor:

This letter is in response to Marc Denoncourt's recent article on the merits of Captain Beefheart's "Trout Mask Replica." Mr. Denoncourt describes this album as a "bonafide rock classic." Unfortunately, his idea of what makes an album a classic is severely warped.

The album is definitely unique but this is not the only quality for defining a "classic." The main criteria is innovation; that is, songs, albums or styles which greatly inspire other artists, provoke new thoughts or bring to light certain relevant issues. Sadly, "Trout Mask Replica" does none of these.

"Trout" not only does not represent any major achievement but can only vaguely be taken as serious music. The

band's "obvious involvement with acid and other hallucinogens" help create lyrics which are just plain incoherent and can only be interpreted by a listener in a similar condition! Captain Beefheart's voice sounds as though he was singing with gravel in his mouth and the assortment of screeches, beeps, whines and other extraneous noises which accompany it can hardly be referred to as music.

Somewhere between the "wheat germ-brained monotony of Top-40 radio" and the music which belongs on the back shelves of Dr. Demento alongside of "Dead Puppies" and "Another One Rides the Bus," one can still find truly great music. For some of the artists at the forefront of today's music, I suggest: Stanley Jordan's innovative guitar work,

Bruce Springsteen's laments and hopes of the average working class person and the work of various bands from the British Isles including U2, the Alarm and Big Country as well as many reggae groups who deal with socially relevant issues, ranging from racial prejudice to the problems that exist in Northern Ireland.

I figured that I ought to write a rebuttal before you have the entire campus out to buy Beefheart albums (could he handle popularity?) or before you decide to review "Lumpy Gravy!!!" Let Jah guide you. Bim, macka splaff.

Brian Spalding
7 Dryden Terrace

P.S. why don't you call your next article "Ferrets Impaled My Skin???"

Marc Denoncourt responds:

Thank you very much for your (well thought out?) rebuttal concerning the album "Trout Mask Replica" by Captain Beefheart and His Magic Band.

Your reply serves as a solid foundation in backing most of the points I made in my column. Maybe it would serve you well to go back and read it again 3 or 4 times.

Evidently you feel a "classic" rock album is one that gets saturated air play on bubble gum-oriented teen-pop stations and sees substantial air time on that repulsive haven for repetitive flap-doodle known as MTV. Big Country, the Alarm and certainly U2 and the ever-audible Mr. Springsteen are exactly the generic musical bill of fare I was speaking of.

By the way, don't be surprised to see Lumpy Gravy reviewed in my column.

Tragedy makes reader aware of apathy

To the editor:

As I first heard of the disaster of yesterday's doomed space shuttle, I felt very uncomfortable. After class was over, I raced back home to turn on the television. What I saw made me shake, it made me sad and, most of all, it made me feel human.

I am 22 years old. As most people on this campus are about my age, we have grown up in a very peaceful world — our freedom has not been threaten-

ed and we have not gone through depressions, famines or war. For that, I am thankful!

What I am not thankful for is all the apathy that our generation has. With all the freedom we have and the ability to apply ourselves to world causes, and to help each other, we tend to think of just ourselves. I am the first person to have and want a good time. I am not some radical who is suggesting that everyone not live for themselves.

What I am suggesting is that

people (you!) become more aware of the world, and not just worry about the next party, drink or who we are going to sleep with. I am guilty of all that I just mentioned but I am also capable of trying to make this world a little nicer to live in.

Mrs. McAuliffe, the New Hampshire school teacher, and the other astronauts did not go on that space shuttle ride for the publicity. They went in order to further understand outerspace and make life here on Earth just a little more

meaningful.

The message in this letter is to tell the student body that we are young and we can make a difference in this world. The object is not to live life and he who dies with the most toys wins! As we have fun in our lives, let's also get a little serious.

Yesterday's event was very tragic and, as I feel rather helpless over what happened, I hope this letter enlightens a few minds.

John Spear
Estabrooke Hall

Commentary

Manley Winchester

Superbowl scuffle

Well, I almost made it. I almost made it through Super Bowl Sunday without becoming involved. As a matter of fact, I didn't even know who was playing until Sunday morning, and I found that out quite by accident. It was during breakfast in Wells Complex that I overheard two young men arguing about the outcome of the game hours before the event. I bolted for the exit, but not before I heard the word "Pats!" followed by an even louder "Bears!" The crashing of glass sparked my curiosity and I paused in the doorway long enough to see these two rolling on the floor, locked in a not-so-lover's embrace. At that point I should have erased the past five minutes from my mind and headed for the library. Foolishly, I chose to seek refuge in my dorm room, a decision which I would regret.

The signs were everywhere: college students tossing footballs around in the pouring rain, shaving cream writing on the corridor walls hailing the chosen

team, denouncing the opponents, and in the lounge, in every lounge that I attempted to study in, people twice my size were rearranging the furniture to accommodate the expected crowds. Someone was even kind enough to print "Bears all the way" on my door — it was at that point that I wished the Pats to win.

But despite all that I have described, the day wasn't a complete bust. There were moments of entertainment as I overheard segments of conversations which ran from one section to the next, sort of like a soap opera runs from one month to the next, but lets leave soap operas out of this, that's a topic for another day. As I was writing, there were moments when I felt it was worth dealing with the Super Bowl just to hear the words of wisdom that were produced in the excitement of the event.

For example, I learned that some people enjoy standing refrigerators up in parking lots and then ramming into them with a car or a truck. And there are others who prefer to stand a

refrigerator up in the middle of a field, just to push it over and jump and stamp on it. These symbolic gestures are most certainly the flowers of some deeper, underground plant, but in the time that I allowed myself to think about them I was unable to produce any logical conclusions. Some things are better left to the psychologists to determine.

And while we're on the subject, I wonder if any psychological studies have been done on: "The Effects of the Super Bowl on the Ability of College-aged Males to Hunch up their Shoulders and walk around like the Hulk for Four Hours Straight." There must be something in the literature!

Of course, I don't expect you to feel sorry for me, but maybe for the maintenance crews that have the task of picking up the pizza cartons and wiping the pizza off the TV screen. (Some people are poor losers). But can we blame them? I mean, it's sort of like Christmas for them, it only comes once a year, and then it's gone. Thank God!

who was to be the first teacher in space, making the trip was a newsworthy event.

And in line with that, it was appropriate to have a camera stationed nearby to record the expected happy and proud emotions from the parents.

But when the situation turned from joyous to grim, the filming of the parents changed from appropriate to poor taste.

Had the camera been fixed on the Corrigan during the shuttle's rise, then one could not fault the network for showing it because it would have been an unexpected and spontaneous occurrence.

But such was not the case.

The six hours of coverage was considerably too long considering the networks had virtually no new information to offer after the first hour. The viewing audience was subjected to seeing the same film clips, the same detailed description of the shuttle itself and theories as to the cause of the explosion. News updates every hour or so would have been sufficient.

The lengthy coverage may have been the reason for the usage of the above-mentioned film footage and other visual additives. But that is not a legitimate excuse.

The issue is at what point should reporters and the media draw the line when the best interests and feelings of people are involved. In this case, CBS went over the line.

Jerry Tourigny is a junior majoring in journalism and political science from Sanford, Maine.

International coffee and millions of dusty home computers filled with half-completed recipe files and alphabetized phone listings with an unfixable data error somewhere in the software.

I like stress. I like staying up all night drinking instant coffee and smoking filterless cigarettes when I really don't have much work to do. I like waking up at noon, missing all my classes, my eyes crusted over with dried tears and a rotten feeling in my stomach from eating four LaBreeze whoopie pies for supper. I put lots of salt on things.

Speaking in pseudo (pronounced sway-doh) computer language, my internal mental parameters have default values of wistful nostalgia, poetic ennui and the myth of the down-and-out acoustic bluesman. Without the sticking-your-tongue-on-a-nine-volt-battery-for-one-minute feeling I get from way too much stuff to do, I would collapse like a soggy mushroom into the flatulent, puffy dimensions of self-help guides and assertiveness training.

No, not for me. When I have the luxury to take my time doing something, those default values click on inside my hardware. I put it off, read it over, talk it out with some sympathetic friends with George Winston's newest compact disc of solo piano themes murmuring from behind the modular furniture. System crash ... painful death.

Douglas Watts bites the heads off red efts, purees them in his Cuisinart, making teeny-weeny blintzes for Sunday brunch.

Heavy rain, snow cause flooding, evacuations

AUGUSTA (AP) — At least 20 homes were evacuated, bridges and roads were closed, and a herd of more than 200 dairy cows was threatened as flooding of two of Maine's major rivers continued Tuesday, authorities said.

Persistent ice jams bottled up sections of the Androscoggin River even after it crested at two feet over flood stage in Rumford, but police Sgt. Joe Massey said more flooding could result "if it lets go."

The fire department had a backlog of calls from people asking that their cellars be pumped out, Massey said.

In Augusta, workers moved equipment out of several city hall offices as a precaution before the Kennebec River crested at nearly 10 feet over flood stage before noon.

Downstream, officials closed the Richmond-Dresden bridge as water swept over the roadway, said a dispatcher for the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department.

Heavy rain and melting snow from a thaw had swelled many small creeks and streams over their banks Monday, and sections of the Kennebec and Androscoggin rivers were at flood stage by Tuesday.

Seventeen families were removed from their homes in Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Winslow because of high water on the Kennebec, said Robert T. Caspole, a spokesman for the state Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness. He said most of the people had gone to stay with relatives.

Former pilot testifies in Auburn plane crash probe

PORTLAND (AP) — A former Bar Harbor Airlines pilot on Monday softened his earlier criticism of the company but still maintained that water-seepage around the windshield was a problem for the plane that crashed in Auburn last summer, killing eight people.

Douglas Fuller said that when he had flown in heavy rain, he would get heavy static on his radio and malfunctions in the glide-slope indicator, which is part of the instrument landing system.

His testimony came at the opening

of a two-day hearing by the National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the crash that killed Samantha Smith, her father, and six others.

Maintenance records that the board obtained show that the Beechcraft 99 that crashed had been serviced on 15 occasions for "discrepancies" in communication and navigation equipment. Many of those discrepancies involved reports of water leaking through the windshield seal.

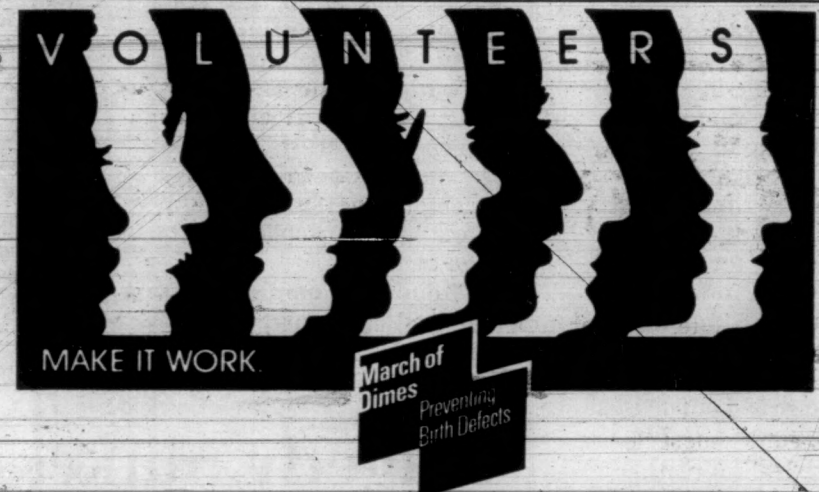
The testimony was highlighted by Fuller's attempt to clarify remarks made to the NTSB last November.



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Wednesday, January 29

Career Planning and Placement:
"Creative Cover Letters: How to
Write Them," FFA room, 10 a.m.

German Language Table. Yellow
Room, Hilltop. Noon.

Focus: Sandwich Cinema video/film
series, An Officer and A Gentleman,
Sutton Lounge, 12:15 p.m.

Focus: Speak-Up series, "Legislating
Pornography Out of Existence,"
presented by Jasper S. Wyman, ex-
ecutive director of the Christian Civic
League of Maine. Sutton Lounge,
Union at 3:15.



ResidentialLife: Soup Kitchen. Fer-
nald from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. tonight
and Thursday. Admission.

General Student Senate meeting, Nut-
ting Hall, 6 p.m.

Preventive Medicine: Free Screening
at Hart Hall, from 6 to 8 p.m.

General Student Senate: rush infor-
mation night, North Bangor Lounge,
Union from 7 to 8 p.m.

APO/GSS: Blood Drive, Penobscot
Hall from 2 to 7 p.m.

IDB Movie: "Midnight Express," 130
Little Hall, 7 and 9 p.m. Free.

Guest Lecture Series: Marc Berkowitz,
Holocaust survivor, Hauck, 8 p.m.,
free.

Thursday, January 30

Career Planning and Placement:
"Discovering and Marketing Your
Skills," FFA room, Union, 9:30 a.m.

AL-ANON meeting. Old Town Room,
Union at 11 a.m.

President's Open Office hour. Alumni
from 11 a.m. to noon.

Spanish Language table. Yellow Din-
ing Room, Hilltop. Noon.

Focus: News of the World Series, Sut-
ton Lounge, Union, 12:15 p.m.

Botany and Plant Pathology Seminar:
Dr. R. Guillard, Bigelow Laboratory.
"Trace metals: Influence on
Phytoplankton Growth and distribu-
tion." In 113 Deering, 4:10 p.m.

Karate classes, beginners. Archery
Range, Lengyel from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Celtic mythology, 126 Barrows. For
registration call CID, 581-4092.

How to read and write journalism,
123 Barrows, 7 p.m. For registration,
call 581-4092.



Maine Bound Film: "Steep & Deep,"
101 Neville Hall, 7 p.m. Admission.

General Student Senate: Cheese Par-
ty, North Lown Room, Union. From
7 to 9 p.m.

Human Development Careers Night:
presentations and panel discussions
with various professionals in child
development, home economics and
human nutrition, sponsored by
Omicron Nu, 28 Merrill Hall, 7 p.m.

Portland Coalition for the
Psychiatrically Labeled: "Stigma of
Mental Illness." North Lounge,
Estabrooke at 7 p.m.

Department of theater/dance and the
English department: Michael Halifax,
former stage manager of Royal Court
Theatre of London. Lecture on the
contemporary British theater. Pavilion
at 8 p.m.

Friday, January 31

Department of theater/dance and the
English department: Michael Halifax,
former stage manager of Royal Court
theatre of London. Lecture on the
contemporary British theater. Begins
at 10 a.m. in 365 Stevens during
theater history class, public invited.

Focus: T.G.I.F., Sutton Lounge, 12:15
p.m.

Women's basketball, UMO vs. New
Hampshire, 4 p.m.

Maine Bound Film: "Steep & Deep,"
101 Neville, 7 p.m. Admission.

Saturday, February 1

Hole-in-the-Wall exhibit: "Photographs
by Michael Melo." Through
February, Union.

SEA film: Amadeus. Hauck, 7 and
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Sports

Black Bears hold off Wildcat attack, 76-69

by Kevin Dietrich
Staff Writer

The University of Maine men's basketball team pulled ahead early and held on to defeat the University of New Hampshire by a 76-69 margin Tuesday evening in the Pit.

The win improves the Black Bear's season record to 4-12 overall and 3-7 in the ECAC North Atlantic Conference. The Wildcats fall to 8-10 on the season and 2-8 in conference play.

Maine took an early lead just over nine minutes into the contest. Mike Bittermann started a Black Bear streak which would see Maine outscore UNH 12-2 when he took his own offensive rebound and converted it into a basket.

Rich Henry kept things going with a layup off a smooth Jim Boylen pass. A minute later Jeff Holmes hit an 18-foot jumper and Boylen drove the length of

the court for another layup after a steal off Wildcat Dirk Koopman.

Koopman tried to wake New Hampshire up with a jumper from the top of the key, but it wasn't enough as Henry and Matt Rossignol each connected on outside shots to increase the Black Bear margin to 31-21.

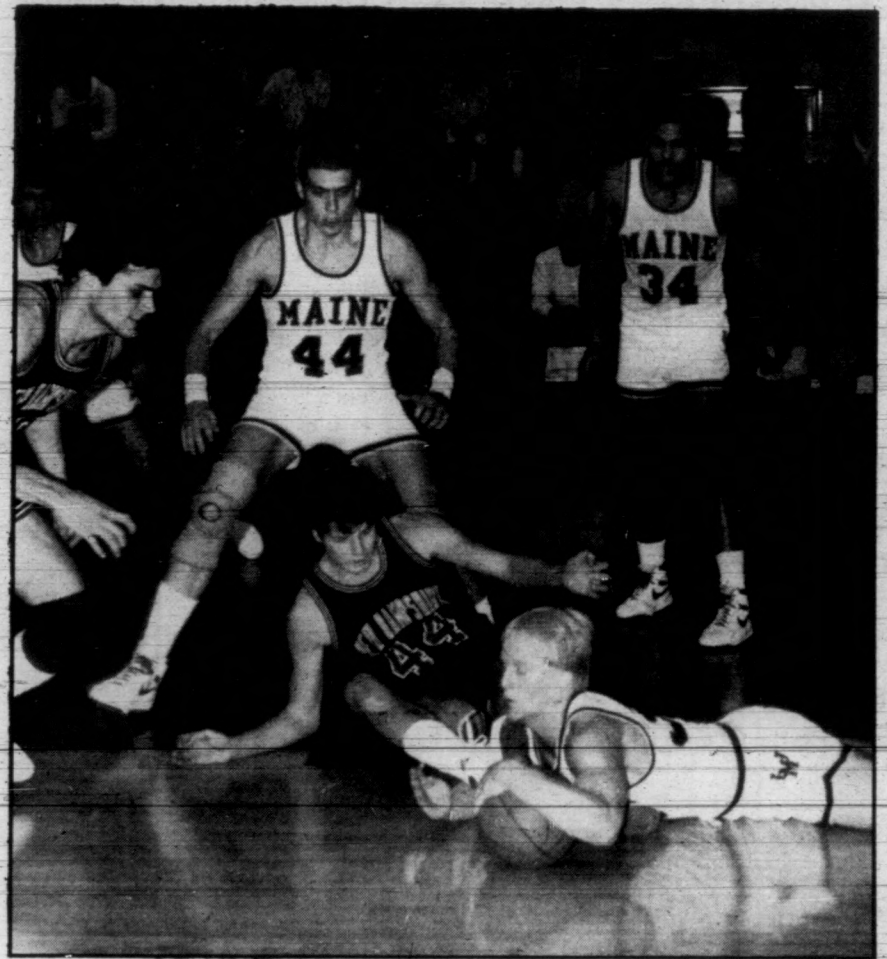
Maine coach Skip Chappelle, while pleased with the win, saw room for improvement.

"I thought in the first half we executed brilliantly. In the second half we smelled victory a little too soon and became stagnant," Chappelle said.

Maine's stagnation kept it from putting the game out of reach. UNH took advantage of both Koopman's and Ted DiGrande's hot shooting midway through the second half to begin a run at the Black Bears.

New Hampshire cut the Maine lead to seven with just under 10 minutes left in

(see HOLMES page 12)



Guard Jeff Holmes (20 points) dives to the floor after a loose ball at the Pit Tuesday. Maine beat New Hampshire, 76-69. (McMahon photo)

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Women's track runs over Bowdoin; at Bates Saturday

by John Holyoke
Staff Writer

The University of Maine women's indoor track team piled up 109.5 points to host Bowdoin's 31.5 as it won a meet contested Saturday at the enclosed dirt track of the Bowdoin field house.

Though the Black Bears captured 13 first places in the 17 events, coach Jim Ballinger felt that the most encouraging aspect of the meet was that his women escaped unscathed by injuries. This, considering the condition of the Bowdoin facility, was no small feat.

"It's not a place where you can run fast times," Ballinger observed of the small (145 yard), almost square dirt track. "(Because of the dirt) it's a great 'John Madden' place to run."

Maine was paced on the day by the five-win performance of senior Beth Heslam. Heslam was tops in the long jump, 45 yard low hurdles, and the 440, and ran legs on the winning sprint and mile relay teams.

Another bright spot was the performance of 20-pound weight throwers

Connie Mollison and Beth McGarrigle, who both threw farther than the existing school record in the event, which was set last week by Theda Segar.

Mollison and McGarrigle finished second and third, respectively, with throws of 41-8.5 and 38-10. The previous record was 38-6.

Another school record was turned in by freshman Edette Williams in the seldom-run 40-yard dash. Williams was also a part of the sprint and mile relay teams.

Ballinger pointed out progress in the jumping events, though distances and heights were held down because of the track conditions.

The Black Bears picked up 22.5 points in the jumps, and were led by Karen Smith, who finished first in the triple jump and second in the high jump.

Other individual event winners for Maine were Abbie Johnson (high jump), Kathy Tracy (mile), Kathy McCosh (600), Karin Pfander (300), and Diane Wood (2 mile).

Maine will compete at the Bates Invitational in Lewiston this Saturday.

Men's track kicks past Polar Bears easily, 100-31

by John Holyoke
Staff Writer

The University of Maine men's indoor track team scored a lopsided win over Bowdoin at Brunswick Saturday, 100-31.

The Black Bears used an impressive display of team depth, placing two scorers in each event and winning all but two events in downing the Polar Bears.

Coach Ed Styrna wasn't surprised by the outcome of the meet, but was pleased that none of his athletes were injured in the potentially dangerous confines of the Bowdoin fieldhouse.

"Everyone's handicapped by running there," Styrna said of the short, dirt track. "We've had some injuries, and I'm glad we got out of there without any more."

Styrna was especially pleased with the winning performance of Joe Quinn in the 35-pound weight. "Joe threw 52 feet," Styrna said. "That's a pretty good throw for him."

While Quinn had the leisure of win-

ning his event by a large margin, Robin Hays had to come from far behind over the final two laps to triumph in the 600.

"Robin was trying to win as cheap as he could," Styrna said about Hays' race.

Hays explained, "My achilles hurt a little before the race, so I decided to go out slow. With about two laps to go, I decided to go after the guy in front, and I just caught him at the end."

Maine was also paced by the double-win performance of Sean Truman, who is competing in his second sport of the school year. Truman, who also played wide receiver on the UMO football team, put his speed to good use in winning the 40-yard dash, and cleared 6-4 to win the high jump.

Other Black Bears who won events were Tim Dyer (long jump), Tim Vose (triple jump), Joe Trefethen (shot put), Chris Williams (mile), Pete Rooks (hurdles), John Boucher (440), Doug DeAngelis (880), and Darrin Krug (1000).

Patriots agreeable to voluntary drug-testing

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots have been dealing with a drug problem on the team since last January, which included the testing and successful treatment of two players, Coach Raymond Berry said Tuesday.

"We were not treading water," Berry said of the Patriots' response to the problem. He said that drug use was a serious concern that had to be addressed, but was not a major problem that ever affected the team's performance.

His comments came at a news conference one day after the team announced it would submit to voluntary drug-testing. That decision came after published reports that four starters were among players on the American Football Conference championship team who frequently used cocaine and marijuana.

Berry said that reports of 12 players being involved are not accurate, but he would not say how many players might be using drugs.

The National Football League Players Association said it would file an unfair labor practice charge

over the decision to test the players for drugs.

Assistant Player Representative Ron Wooten said team members agreed in a recent meeting to be the first NFL team to undergo voluntary drug testing because of their respect for Berry.

Wooten said the testing plan was not well received by the players association.

"The union's position is (that) there's a way to handle the problem in collective bargaining. We don't feel that overall that is the way to attack this problem," he said.

"I'm caught in the middle. I'm certainly more behind this program here than the union in Washington," he added, but said, "We had to act immediately," instead of waiting for the union to become involved.

Berry said he confronted the players with the issue at a two-hour meeting following the team's 46-10 Super Bowl loss Sunday in New Orleans. Wooten said 96 percent of the team attended the meeting and 86 percent of them voted to be the first NFL team to accept voluntary drug testing.

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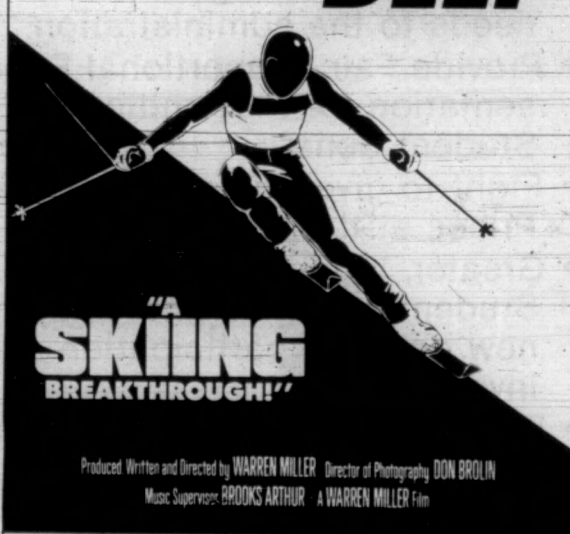
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Tickets: Student Activities, Memorial Union, Bangor Ski Rack, Maine Square Mall, Hanson's, Twin City Plaza, Brewer.
Door Prizes: *Squaw Season Pass, *Area Lift Tickets, *Ski Equipment Courtesy of Bangor Ski Rack.
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● Holmes, Bittermann lead UMO to 4th win

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the contest. Koopman hit three foul shots and tipped in a Rodney Johnson rebound in a little over a minute to cut the deficit to 54-47.

The Black Bears picked up four free throws and two baskets to increase their lead to 10 but the Wildcats kept battling back.

At the 5:15 mark DiGrande scored underneath off a nice pass from Johnson and, following a Maine time out, Andy Johnston popped a 16-foot jumper and Black tallied an 18-footer to bring UNH within four at 64-60.

The Wildcats would get no closer though, as first Bittermann tipped in an offensive rebound and then Henry made good on an eight-footer with less than three minutes remaining to effectively give Maine the victory.

The Black Bears were led by a balance-

ed scoring attack as all five starters reached double figures led by Holmes' 20 and Bittermann's 16.

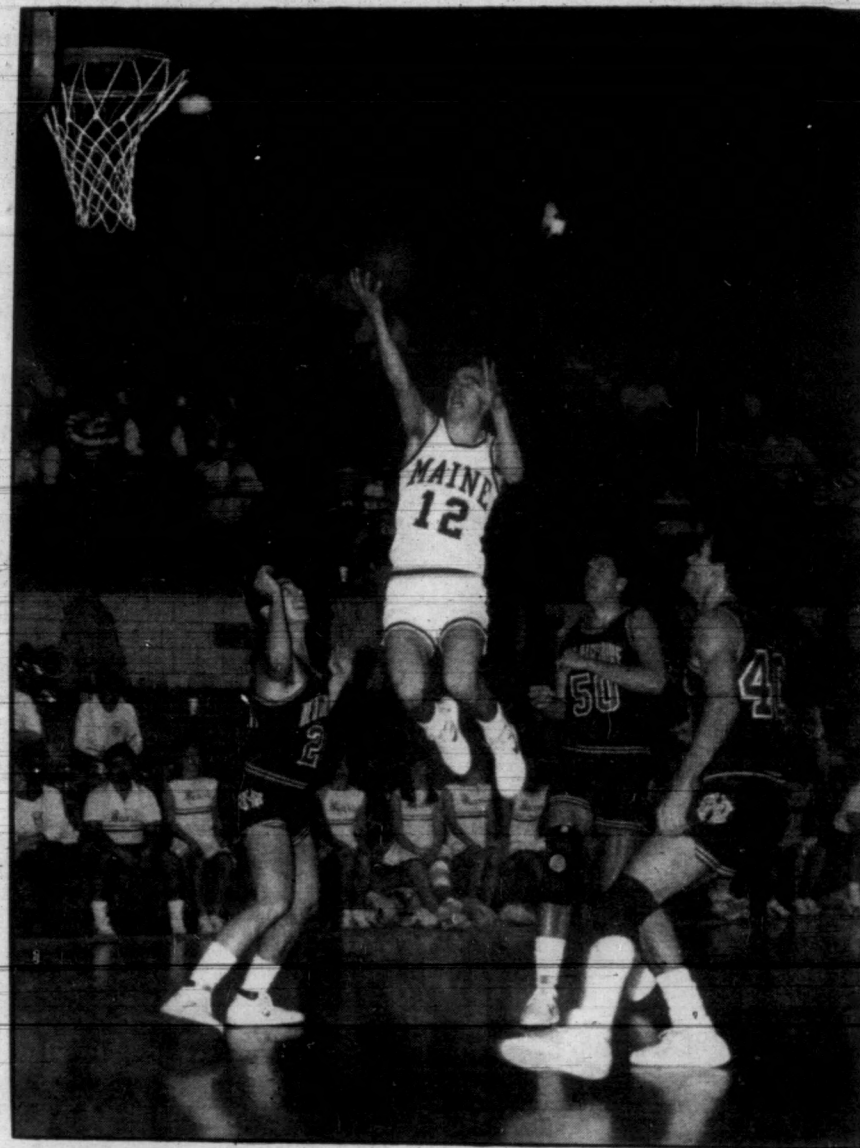
Chappelle was quite happy with Bittermann's performance and the progress the freshman forward has made this season.

"I think Mike Bittermann was outstanding tonight. He is just as relaxed (on the court) as I want him," said Chappelle.

The Black Bear's improving team performance was evidenced by their 59 percent completion rate from the floor.

"Everyone played well and that's what it takes," said Boylen. "We played well together (tonight) and that's a big part of a successful team," said Mike LaPlante.

The Black Bears will return to the court Friday night when they travel south to play at the University of Hartford.



Maine's Matt Rossignol drives to the basket Tuesday night against UNH. The freshman scored 10 points in UMO's third NAC win. (McMahon photo)

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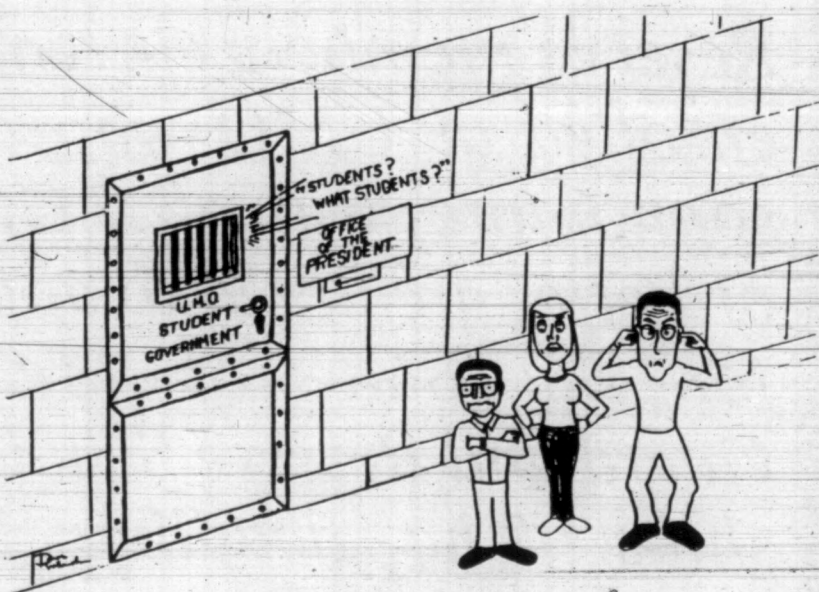
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