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## UMaine student aids victims of fatal hotel fire

by Mike Laberge  
Staff Writer

While most people spent New Year's Eve enjoying themselves with family and friends, University of Maine student Marc Saulnier was on the beach

in San Juan, Puerto Rico aiding rescuers in the DuPont Plaza hotel fire.

The 19-year-old student from Wells, Maine was vacationing with two friends at the time of the fire.

He said he was on the beach

behind the hotel when he saw smoke rising from the building, followed by loud bangs. The smoke grew thicker and flames began to arise from the bottom floor of the building and spread quickly.

"Flames were stretching up

to around the third or fourth floors, and there were people climbing railings on the outside of the building to get to the roof," said Saulnier.

Some of those who managed to escape the hotel faced a 12-foot-high concrete wall topped by barbed wire 20 feet from the back of the hotel, he said.

Although he said most of the people who reached the wall were in no real danger, many of them, especially older people, panicked.

Rescuers then helped these people over the wall and lowered them onto the shoulders of Saulnier, his two friends and "about 10 other people," he said.

"They would lower (the survivors) onto our shoulders and we would help them down," he said.

Despite his efforts, though, he hardly considers himself a hero.

"There were no heroics. The people weren't going to get hurt anyway. We were just people on the beach helping out," he said.

But looking back on the event has a sudden sobering effect on him as he realizes the tragedy involved.

"It was a nightmare, the worst thing I've ever seen. You read about things like this. We were there," he said.

The Dec. 31 fire claimed the lives of more than 80 vacationers and was labeled by many as the worst hotel fire in 40 years.

He remembers survivors outside the hotel who had lost many of their belongings to the fire and had "nothing but a credit card to their names."

But he also remembers some bright moments.

"A man on the fifteenth floor climbed down by a rope made of bedsheets. It was crazy," he said.

And he recalls how a bit of sloppiness on his part kept the three from going over to hotel.

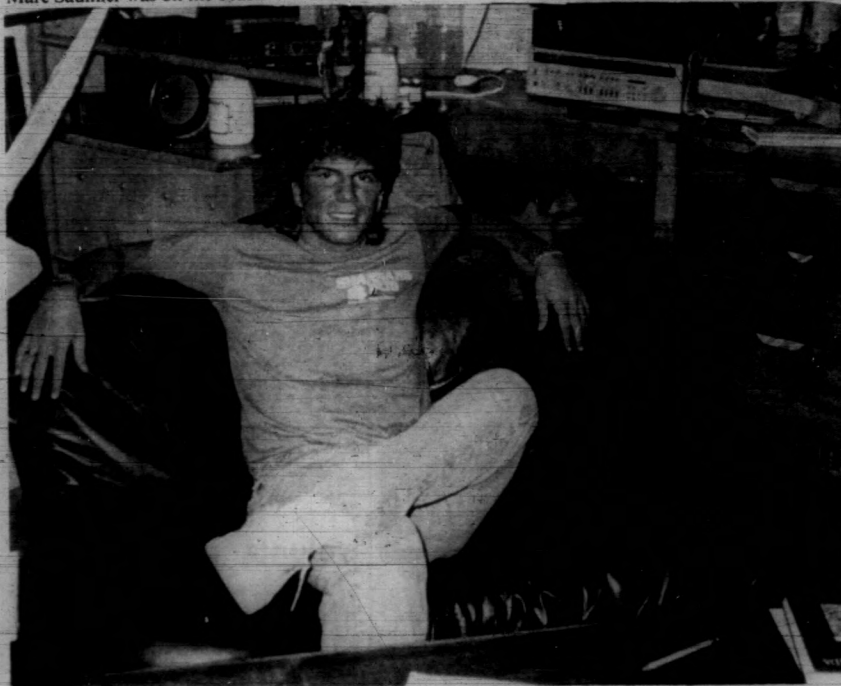
He said they were planning to leave the beach for the hotel until "I spilled a drink on myself and went into the ocean to wash off."

After he had dried off and was leaving for the hotel, the fire started.

"It was scary afterwards, the fact that we were almost in there," he said.

For the remaining week in Puerto Rico, Saulnier said he "tried to forget everything and just have a good time."

Despite the fire, he said he plans to vacation in San Juan in the future and would probably stay at the DuPont—if he had the money.



UMaine student Marc Saulnier

## Students required to take incompletes in video course

by Melissa Buxton  
Staff Writer

University of Maine students of journalism video production class 242 will be starting the semester by completing a course that they were not able to finish last semester.

Since the video equipment for the class broke down last semester they had to take incompletes, Steven Craig, chairman of the journalism department said.

it takes a while to get the machine back," he said.

In the meantime, there was only one machine for a large group of students to use, and not enough time for each one to complete the project by finals week.

The project consists of either doing a documentary with the equipment, (putting together what they learned about the

Students were given the option to finish the project, but if the whole class opted to do this then nobody would have been able to complete it.

The video equipment is four to five years old but should last for at least seven years, said Craig.

"We have to use a piece of video equipment until there is something new," he said. "But the equipment breaks often because we use it all the time."

When a large number of students use the equipment it breaks more easily, he said.

Maureen Lano, broadcasting major said, "The class as a whole was disappointed but we respected the professor's decision because he had no other choice but to delay the project."

The seniors were allowed to finish first, and most of the underclassmen had to wait, understandably, until this semester, she said.

**"The class as a whole was disappointed, but we respected the professor's decision because he had no other choice but to delay the project."**

**Maureen Lano, UMaine student**

This problem has occurred several times in the past but this time there isn't enough equipment for all the students to finish the required project, Craig said.

"The problem is with the video cassette equipment. This has to be sent out of town and

equipment), or editing (projects which were already on tape).

Students who had to take incompletes have until February 15 to complete the project. Seniors, however, were given priority to work on the machine before other students.

## Teevens accepts job offer Murphy is new coach

by R. Kevin Dietrich  
Staff Writer

Sooner or later it was bound to happen; Buddy Teevens, the University of Maine's young, ambitious head football coach, would eventually move on. Unfortunately, it happened a lot sooner than most people expected.

On Dec. 23, Teevens, who had posted a 13-9 mark in his two seasons at Maine, accepted the head football coaching position at his alma mater, Dartmouth College.

Three days later Tim Murphy, who was the offensive line coach and offensive coordinator under Teevens, succeeded his former boss and was named the 31st head coach of the Black Bears.

Murphy will have his work cut out for him as the Black Bears posted a 7-4 record last season and the first back-to-back winning seasons since 1964-5.

But Murphy appears to be in good position to continue Maine's recent wave of success as he is well acquainted with Teevens' system, having coached with Teevens at Boston University prior to accompanying him to Maine in 1985.

In addition, Murphy was an assistant coach at Brown University and at Lafayette College, concentrating on offense at Brown and defense at Lafayette, and achieving good results at both.

Murphy, who attended Springfield College, was a four-year starter as a linebacker and was named to the UPI All-New England team in 1977.



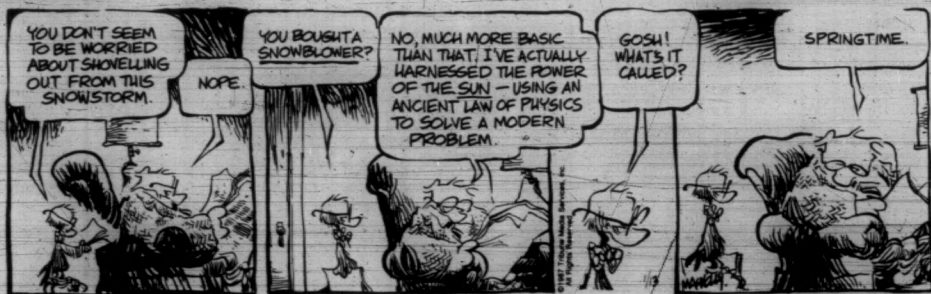
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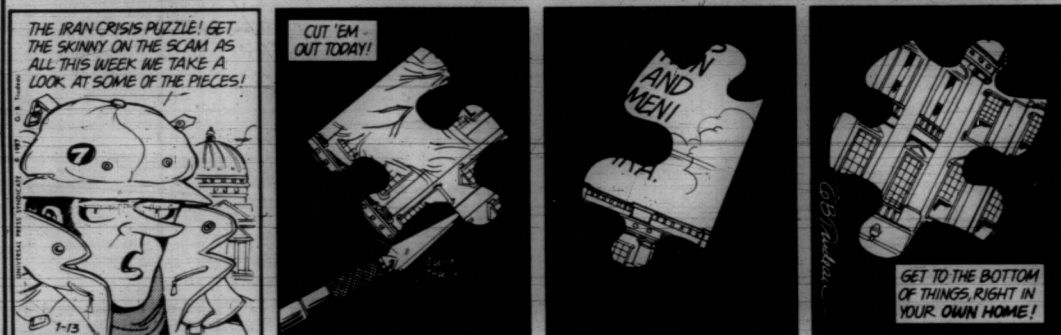
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## Freeport rejects Banana Republic trademark

FREEPORT, Maine (AP) — If The Banana Republic comes to Freeport, it will have to be without its trademark palm trees and bamboo.

Amid laughter, the town's Design Review Board ruled last week that it would not even consider the safari clothing retailer's request to erect fiberglass palm trees and bamboo awnings at the space it proposes to lease at the Freeport Crossing shopping mall. Great Bay Company, developer of the 24,000-square-foot mall, submitted the request on behalf of The Banana Republic, which wanted to embellish a glassed-in storefront with the chain's motif — a bamboo awning bordered by palm.

Great Bay's Peter Mayer, who presented the plans on behalf of the Banana Republic, "was almost laughed out of the room," said board adviser Joe Downey.

"They thought it was obscene looking, and totally out of character" with the town's strict requirements on commercial signage," Downey said.

Mayer declined comment Monday on the board's decision or its impact on The Banana Republic's plans to open its first store in Maine. The Evening Express in Portland quoted Mayer as saying the clothing retailer may drop its plans to rent 7,000 square feet of space at the mall if it can't use its logo.

But in an attempt to keep the development from becoming gaudy, the town has set limits on what signs or logos may be used. After lengthy debate, the McDonald's hamburger chain finally won permission to locate a restaurant in a Victorian mansion, but was barred from erecting many of its trademarks and amenities — including a playground, a drive-through window, and the standard-size golden arches.

## Citation filed

Rockland, Maine (AP) — A contempt citation and order was formally filed Monday in Knox County Superior Court against a New Hampshire journalist who refused to testify in a Maine murder trial last week.

The citation, filed by Superior Court Justice G. Arthur Brennan, who presided at the week long trial, calls for a judicial review of whether Concord Monitor reporter Robert Hohler did, as Brennan alleges act in criminal contempt at the trial of Richard Steeves.

Hohler's testimony about an article he wrote based on an interview with Steeves had been sought by Maine prosecutors, but the reporter refused to testify, claiming limited privilege under the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment.

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# Editorial

## Bedtime for Zippy

Only one paper has been published this semester and already the office has received a complaint call.

The caller was upset that the cartoon strip *Zippy* has been eliminated from the *The Daily Maine Campus* as a regular cartoon strip and has been replaced by *Shoe*.

The reasons for this are numerous and straightforward but the basic reason is money.

With limited room in the paper for cartoons and limited funds to pay for them, each strip must be carefully evaluated by cost and reader appeal.

Although *Zippy* has some reader appeal, it is not widespread and not enough to offset its very high cost in comparison to other strips.

*Zippy* costs more to run than *Doonesbury*, *Bloom County*, and *Shoe* combined. When evaluated by cost standards, *Zippy* didn't have a chance.

There are also layout problems inherent in *Zippy's* design which made it difficult to deal with.

The appeal of a comic strip, any comic strip, is surprising. When a newspaper pulls one strip in favor of another, there is apt to be someone out there who will be disappointed.

It is hard for an editor to know how many people read and enjoy a particular strip. Unlike television viewing, there is no Nielson rating system to judge the number of viewers.

Seemingly unpopular strips spark landslides of mail when pulled, while others fall by the wayside without a tear.

Some strips only receive mail after they are cancelled, others incite near riots by their daily publication.

Recent debates in the *The Bangor Daily News* over the questionable appeal of *The Far Side* is a good example of a comic strip rubbing a section of the population the wrong way.

*Zippy's* demise may be unpopular with some and unnoticed by others. Its replacement *Shoe* was chosen because of the topics it frequently deals with — newspapers and school.

The replacement was also chosen because of its cost and layout similarities to other strips.

There are many who will applaud this decision, there are many others who will mourn the passing of a beloved friend.

The *Zip* is dead, long live the *Zip*.

*Susan J. Plouffe*



Jan Vertefeulle

### Orono through rose-colored binoculars

Well I, for one, am glad to be back. By the end of last semester I was ready to skip my finals and head for home without a backward glance. This homesickness lasted all of three hours. They were a great three hours.

Then the longing for Orono set in. Extreme boredom and the sound of my mother's voice helped UMaine grow to the proportions of the Promised Land. I couldn't wait to get back to my apartment with all its freedom and privacy. Of course, waking up in my nice, warm bed at home tended to make me forget that I can usually see my breath when I wake up in my apartment.

My mother's homecooked meals, on a table set with matching plates and silverware not stolen from the caf, dimmed the memories of frozen pizza, tuna fish, and peanut butter sandwiches.

Still, I couldn't wait to get back. A friend summed it up well — "home is a great place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there."

Another disappointment is seeing all those friends from high school you haven't seen in years. After "Hi, how are you? Where are you going to school? Do you like it?" there's not much left to say. You realize about all you have in common is the same secondary alma mater.

Parties with these people just aren't the same as Orono ones. The displaced Oronokans always stand out at these parties. (They're the first to arrive and the last to pass out.)

While friends from B.C. and Holy Cross relate with preppy humiliation how they "only got a 3.6 this semester," the UMainers are busy celebrating the fact that their academic probation has been extended another semester.

Keeping oneself amused requires more effort at home. Maybe it's just that I didn't know what to do with all that free time during vacation.

Between attending classes, working at the *Campus*, and eating and sleeping, free time does not exist. The scary part is, working at the *Campus* takes up more time than the other three activities combined.

But I guess that's what college is all about — working hard and playing hard. Maybe that's why I miss Orono during break. I know that in only a year and a half I'll have to leave this place for good and go out and actually do something with my life.

...Or maybe I'll get my master's here.

*Jan Vertefeulle is a junior journalism/philosophy major who just wrote her first column, so bear with it.*

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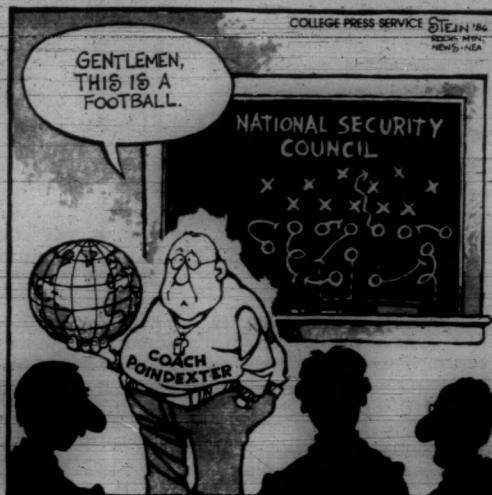
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# Response



## ZIPPY



## "THE TERRIBLE TWOS"



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## Commentary

### Teacher roulette

Susan J. Plourde

I am angry — really very angry. Last fall, when choosing my classes for spring semester, I deliberately arranged my courses around a particular class and a particular teacher. In my continuing quest for even a partial grasp of the French language, I found this teacher's approach and delivery enjoyable and enlightening. I actually found myself learning some French and liking it. (Quite a feather in the cap of this teacher considering this was my third semester of French.) With some difficulty I was able to arrange my course schedule to take advantage of this learning experience for another semester. As a non-traditional student with a 30-mile commute and numerous other obligations, arranging a halfway decent course schedule can be a miracle in itself. However, despite the computer tie-ups and breakdowns during pre-registration, I was able to get the courses I wanted at the times I wanted without a hitch — or so I thought. The hitch came when I realized on the first day of classes that the teacher that I arranged my life around this semester is not — I repeat not — the person teaching my French class this semester.

Don't get me wrong. There is probably nothing wrong with the person assigned to teach that section of the course. I just don't want to take that chance again with an unknown entity. It has gone wrong for me too many times before. In a panic I ran to the office of the Department of Foreign Languages. There I was told that, "Yes, we did change their course times." No further explanation, no apology, nothing... What am I supposed to do now? My options are few and all totally unappealing. I could try to get into one of the other sections that my teacher of choice teaches. Unfortunately, they are scheduled at times when I already have classes or am unavailable to be on campus. However, I could drop the conflicting class to get into the French class I want (which is full, by the way) but that means finding a class to replace the dropped class which would also fit into my schedule and my credit requirements. This also means facing the endless add/drop lines and chasing the various people whose

signatures are needed for this transaction. Not my idea of a good time. Or I could stick it out with the teacher that was — in the department's infinite wisdom — assigned to my class. Not a totally appealing option either. This is my last semester, I am a senior. I was hoping that this one time I would be able to get into the classes I wanted with the teachers I wanted. Is that too much to ask? Unfortunately for me and for all the other students on this campus, this is too much to ask. At least, as far as the Department of Foreign Languages is concerned, it is. My advice to students for future pre-registration is, don't bother reading the names of the language teachers assigned in the course book, they inevitably will not even vaguely resemble the teachers who show up on the first day of class. It is like a game of Russian roulette, there is a possibility you may win but more than likely you will get shot down.

Susan Plourde is a senior journalism major who is also a staff writer for the Campus.



## Women's hoop loses to rival NU Huskies

by John Holyoke  
Sports Writer

Considering the relative ease with which the University of Maine women's basketball team had disposed of its 12 previous opponents, one had to wonder if this team would ever lose, especially to a rival Seaboard Conference team.

The Northeastern Huskies put that question to rest Saturday afternoon as the two-time defending Seaboard champs outscrapped the Black Bears, winning 66-62 in front of 1250 Pit partisans.

Though the UM team was competing in its fifth game in eight days, coach Peter Gavett refused to use fatigue as the sole reason for the loss.

"I'm sure it (fatigue) was a factor, but they just outplayed us," Gavett said. "They made the big plays when they had to, and they wanted it (the win) more than we did."

The contest started as a defensive struggle, as Maine repeatedly had trouble getting a good shot against the stingy Huskies, but stayed even for the first ten minutes of the game.

After Maine's Lauree Gott tied the score at 12 with a 15-foot jumper, NU went on a ten-point run to go up 22-12 with 6:12 left in the half.

Adrienne Colbert led the charge with a foul-line jumper and a coast-to-coast layup after a steal.

Maine fought back to within four with 32 seconds left in the half behind some fine inside work by Liz Coffin and

Gott, but the Huskies managed to go in to the locker room with the momentum when a last second rebound was laid in by Joanne Healy, leaving the bulge at six.

According to Gavett, that play typified the Black Bear's day.

"We had made a good run to get back to within four, then we stood and watched her lay the ball back in our faces with no time left," Gavett said.

After halftime Maine had more problems, as the offensively balanced Huskies lengthened their lead to 11 with 11 minutes left.

After Maine had come back to within seven with 6:53 left, Northeastern opened the door, but the Black Bears were unable to capitalize.

After two consecutive NU turnovers, guard Lesley Willis committed her fifth personal foul, then compounded that with a technical foul.

That opportunity slid by when Watras missed the technical, Coffin missed the front end of the one-and-one, and Maine failed to score on the ensuing possession. NU's Shanna Sterrett hit a 12-footer on the other end to finish a possible seven-point swing.

"That was the biggest single play of the game," said Gavett. "We went in to that with the chance to pick up five points, but we ended up losing two."

Maine had one more chance to win, but again, the inability to make the big play proved to be the key factor.

A Coffin three-point play with 3:35 left narrowed the margin to five, 55-50.

Northeastern's Carla Singleton hit one of two from the line, but Maine countered with a Gott layup off a feed from Watras to make it 56-52.

A scramble for a loose ball resulted in a turnover for the Huskies, and a Watras 17-footer made it 56-54 with 2:17 left.

That would be as close as Maine could come, though, as NU ran off the next six points to put the game out of reach.

Northeastern was led by Colbert's 16 points. Healy and Willis added 14 each, and Singleton scored 13.

Coffin led the Maine cause with 26 points (including 16-18 from the line) and 15 rebounds. Gott and Watras added 12 points each.

The Black Bears will entertain the University of Maine-Presque Isle on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

## Games summarized

by John Holyoke  
Sports Writer

Though time and space don't permit full game stories on the recent University of Maine women's basketball road trip, here, in a nutshell, are January's games:

Jan. 3, at Central Connecticut: Maine 69, Cen. Conn. 55. Lauree Gott connects on 15 of 22 field goal attempts and finishes with 34 points and 11 rebounds. Liz Coffin adds 19 points and 12 boards. Hope Linthicum (remember that name) leads Cen. Conn. with 23.

Jan. 5, at Utica: Maine 91, Utica 57. Coffin leads with 19 points, 13 rebounds. Gott has 18 and 10. Crystal Cummings and Debbie Duff score 10 each.

Jan. 7, at Colgate: Maine 91, Colgate 65. Gott scores 22 and rips 11 boards to lead UM to their 11th win. Duff adds 18 in a preview of things to come, and Coffin grabs 15 caroms to go with her 18 points.

Jan. 9, at Maine: Maine 82, Cen. Conn. 65. In what can only be termed a shootout, CC's Linthicum scores 42 points from all over the court. The Black Bears' Duff answers with a career high 28 points from long range to lead the way. Coffin and Gott add 16 points apiece, and Coffin pulls down 17 rebounds.

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# Black Bears crushed by Niagara 108-58 in Pit

by R. Kevin Dietrich  
Staff Writer

The University of Maine basketball team proved to be its own worst enemy Monday evening as the Black Bears were routed by ECAC North Atlantic Conference opponent Niagara University 108-58 in the Pit.

The Black Bears, who fall to 2-8 overall and 1-3 in the NAC, committed 23 turnovers and shot just 33 percent from the floor, while the Purple Eagles hit on 50 percent of their shots and out rebounded Maine 57-33.

Not surprisingly Niagara Coach Andy Walker was pleased with the performance of his squad, which upped its record to 9-4 overall and 5-0 in NAC competition.

"I was happy," Walker said. "I think we played damn good defense."

The Purple Eagles held Maine to just 27 percent shooting in the first half and went into the lockerroom with a 20-point lead, despite hitting on just 37 percent of their shots in the half.

"We weren't on track ... but our defense kept us in the game," Walker said.

Despite shooting poorly in the first half, Niagara jumped ahead early, though, capitalizing on Black Bear turnovers and missed shots.

The Purple Eagles pulled ahead by 15 halfway through the first half, but Maine looked as if it might make a game out of it by running off eight straight points and closing the margin to 26-19.

But Niagara began to pour it on and pull away as its well-rounded scoring attack hit high gear.

Tom Swick got things going and gave Niagara a 28-19 lead with less than five minutes to go in the half on an inside hoop.

After Maine threw the inbounds pass away Eldridge Moore hit a layup, followed by a pair of free throws by Swick and a three-point basket Gary Bossert to put the Purple Eagles up 35-19 before Maine called a time out with 2:25 to go.

Dan Smith managed a couple of free throws, but Niagara came right back. Alex Agudio, who led all scorers with 19 points, scored six straight points for the Purple Eagles on four free throws and a layup.

Niagara finished the half off by stealing the ball and Agudio and Bossert passing back-and-forth downcourt between Maine defenders with Agudio doing the honors and laying the ball in the hoop to give Niagara a strong 43-23 halftime lead.

The Purple Eagles continued their assault throughout the second half, with nearly every member of their squad seeing some playing time.

Despite the 50-point loss, Maine Coach Skip Chappelle saw some bright spots.

"I think there was progress, we just couldn't piece it together," Chappelle said. "We could have beat this team and we had an opportunity really early. (But) the ball just wouldn't go in."

"Everything was going well, but we didn't convert inside," added Coco Barry. "We're getting beat, but we're improving every game."

In addition to Agudio's 19 points, five other Purple Eagles scored in double figures. Moore and Mark Henry had 16 and 15 points, respectively, and Bossert and McNally rounded out the Niagara

shooters in double figures with 13 and 12 points apiece.

Dean Smith took high scoring honors for Maine with 11 points while Jim Boylen added 10.

The Black Bears are back in action this Saturday in the Pit as the Boston University Terriers come in for NAC matchup scheduled for 2 p.m.

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& Graduate Students**

**Experience on campus living  
for two weeks in the Spring  
semester. You don't have to  
sign a contract. Just pay for  
your stay.**

**Make new friends. Enjoy the  
convenience of walking to  
classes, in-house computer  
resource centers, study areas,  
laundry facilities.**

**INTERESTED? Contact the  
Residential Life Office,  
Estabrooke or call 581-4584.**

### What do you seek in a campus job?

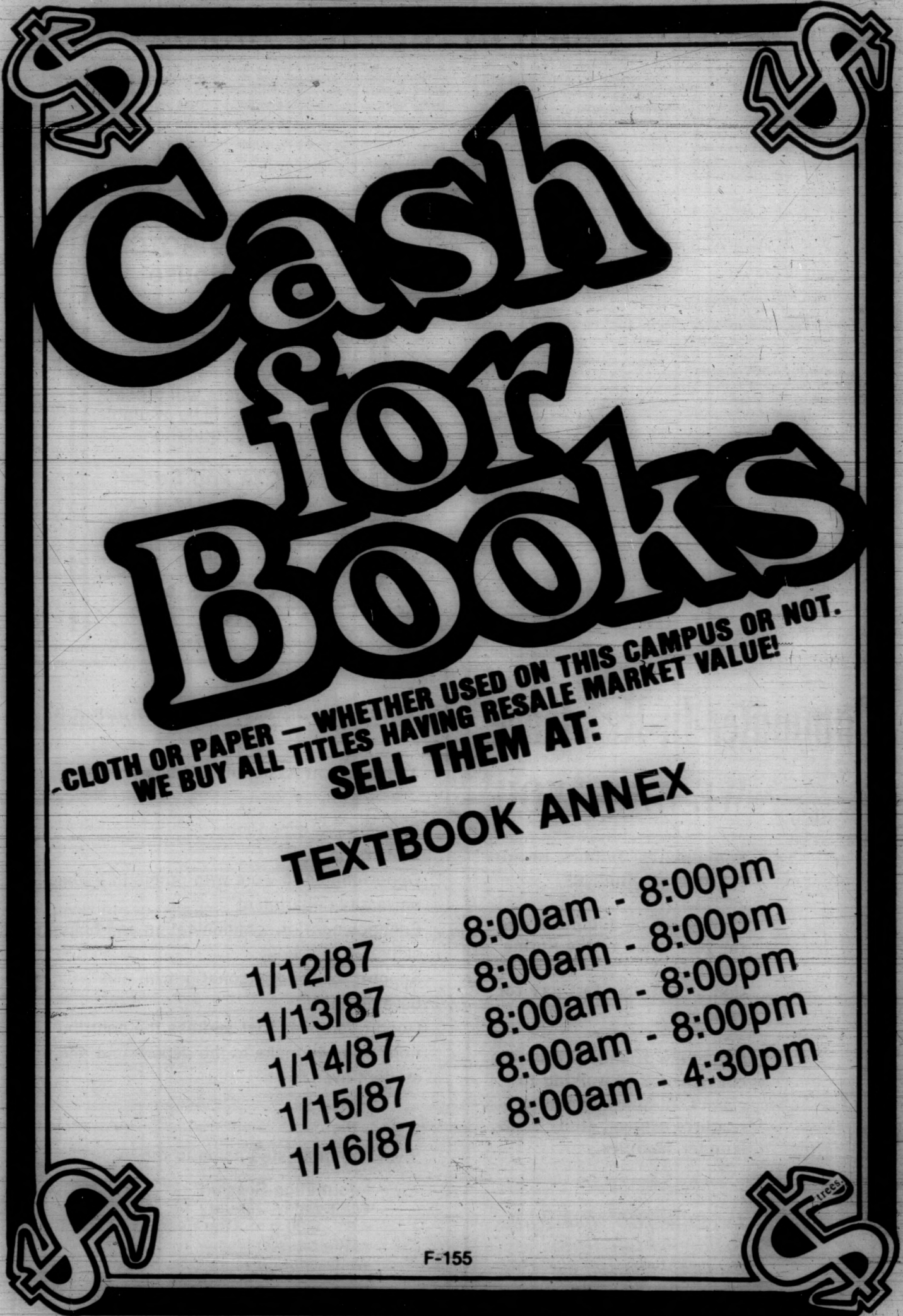
**The Resident Assistant position provides:**

- Relevant job experience
- Leadership
- Opportunities to work with others in a major university department
- Enhancement of communication and helping skills
- Support for your personal growth and development
- Good references that address the contributions you will make to the department and student lives

If you are interested come to the

**Information Session  
Wednesday, January 14  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. (You need to attend the  
entire session)  
Wells Lounge**





# Cash for BOOKS

**- CLOTH OR PAPER - WHETHER USED ON THIS CAMPUS OR NOT.  
WE BUY ALL TITLES HAVING RESALE MARKET VALUE!  
SELL THEM AT:**

**TEXTBOOK ANNEX**

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