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UMaine wins hazardous waste site approval

by Christopher Hames
Staff Writer

The University of Maine was granted use of its new hazardous waste storage facility Tuesday night after making an administrative appeal to the Old Town Zoning Board of Appeals.

According to George Losier, the board secretary, the board approved an appeal that allows UMaine to use its \$120,000 Old Town facility, despite some problems with its conformance to local zoning ordinances.

David Trefethen, associate director for engineering services, said the university based its appeal on two premises.

"The first is that local zoning ordinances are advisory, not mandatory, for state agencies such as UMaine," Trefethen said.

"Our second argument was that the facility was part of the university," he said.

The facility, although located on university-owned land, is in an area which Old Town has zoned R-3, a rural residential and farming zone.

Last month, university officials had requested a variance from the zoning board to allow the use of the facility, but that variance was rejected.

The facility has remained closed since its completion due to the zoning problem.

It was reported in an earlier edition of *The Daily Maine Campus* that UMaine administrators had overlooked getting a building permit for the facility, as well as applying for a variance, during construction of the building.

David Fielder, chief of fire services, said that with the favorable ruling on the appeal Tuesday night, UMaine can now use the facility provided it is brought up to local codes.

"This primarily involves hav-

ing to fireproof a laboratory area where analysis of materials brought in is conducted," Trefethen said.

According to Fielder, the new building is essentially a "transfer facility."

Hazardous wastes on campus are produced during the course of university research, he said.

The department of Environmental Safety is responsible for collecting the wastes from the labs and bringing them to Old Town, he said.

At the storage site, analysis and repackaging of the wastes occurs.

Fielder said the wastes are to be stored there for a maximum of 90 days.

By that time, an outside disposal service contracted by the university is to have removed the wastes to appropriate regional holding facilities, he said.



David Fielder, UMaine chief of fire services. (Baer photo)

Mandatory fee could expand student activities

by Michael Di Cicco
Staff Writer

The much-debated mandatory fee would expand the services of Student Entertainment Activities, said SEA President Rob McMahan yesterday.

McMahan said that he didn't know how much SEA's \$36,025 budget would be augmented if the fees were enacted.

"It's hard to say, but it would help out immensely," he said.

SEA would be able to provide all kinds of different events, he said.

"We would be able to have free, high quality movies every weekend, and put on two big-name concerts a year," he said.

McMahan said he couldn't name any specific artists for those concerts.

"The change would be very noticeable for those on campus."

"Our events would attract more people who live off campus to come back and see the entertainment," he said.

Mike Scott, the president of the Off Campus Board, said he agrees.

"The whole idea behind SEA is to provide good entertainment for the students, right now their budget is peanuts compared to the prices big name entertainers charge," he said.

The two organizations often work together and Scott said he thinks this is important.

"When you can work together with other groups you can have a more diversified audience and better resources," he said.

Scott said the OCB's presentation of Arlo Guthrie, which SEA helped to support, was an example.

"It (the performance) was a total risk. We did the whole thing in two weeks and were able to pack the Arts Center."

"Some things just click. That did," he said.

McMahan said SEA and OCB will be co-sponsoring a talent show in late March and that both groups will be involved with Bumstock in April.

"The goal behind SEA is to provide students with high quality entertainment at a low or no cost," he said.

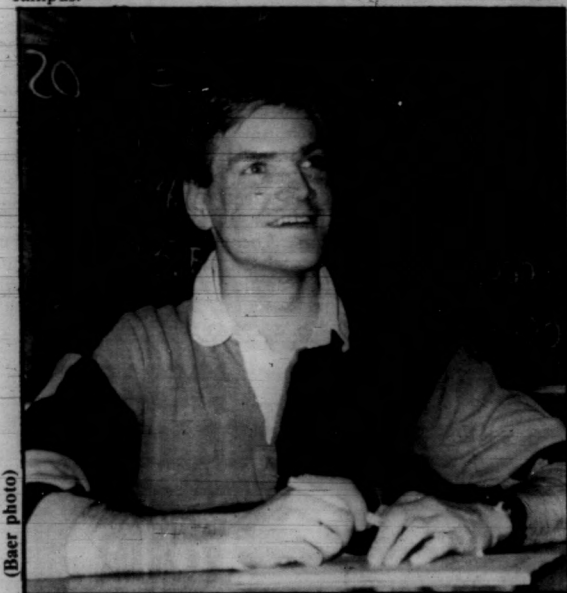
Besides providing the students with a monthly calendar, movies, and occasional speakers, SEA also provides a photography dark room, McMahan said.

"For a \$15 per semester fee anyone who wants to use the dark room facilities can," he said.

McMahan said that SEA's biggest event of the year, Vegas Night, takes place tonight in the Memorial Union.

The event is totally free and will feature live music, comedians, and gambling, he said.

Theresa Joyce, who is in charge of the multi-sponsored event, said that this is the first time SEA has done something like Vegas Night and she thinks it will be a hit.



Dave Mitchell speaking as part of a forum on the proposed student life fee. Only seven people attended the event.

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Union to become Vegas

by Jennifer Girt
Staff Writer

For those who have a deal with Lady Luck, tonight may be a chance to cash in chips.

The Memorial Union will double as "The Dunes" Friday evening for the first Vegas Night here at the University of Maine.

According to Barbara "Bobby" Ives, the assistant director of the Memorial Union, the event will include everything from food and gambling to music.

"There will be 20 gaming tables in the lobby and in the rooms on the first floor," and "there will be a great buffet in the Bears' Den from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m."

Everyone who enters the game area will be given a packet of "funny money" worth \$30,000 in gambling chips, she added.

"Twenty gaming tables will be set up for blackjack, craps, poker, wheel of fortune and dice," Ives said.

Mike Scott of the Off Campus Board said two comedians from Boston, Tom Bergeron and Bobby Siebel, will give four shows in the Damn Yankee.

"It should be a lot of fun. A lot of organizations got together on this one big thing."

Theresa Joyce, who is heading-up the event, said the idea originated from the brainstorming of various boards of student government.

"All this evolved out of a meeting of the boards of student government who just wanted to pool their resources," Joyce said.

These boards include Panhellenic Society, Inter-Dormitory Board, Off Campus Board and Student Entertainment and Activities.

Joyce said the gambling idea came from Dean Rand, who said the concept was used during Reunion Weekend last July.

"Everything is free. The only thing we're charging for is food and drink," she added.

The gambling will begin at 7 p.m. and continue until 11 p.m., with faculty, students and community members dealing the cards.

The Barrelhouse Boys will play at the Bears' Den beginning at 8 p.m. until midnight.

"They are supposed to play everything from jug-band music to rock," Ives said.

(see VEGAS page 2)

Fee forum receives sparse turnout

by Mike Laberge
Staff Writer

Students David Mitchell and John Gallant explained the proposed student life fee to an audience of seven students last night.

They had expected a better turnout. "People sit there and complain about the fees. I say, if you're going to complain, make it constructive and come to the meeting," said Mitchell, former president of student government.

The purpose of the forum, held in 100 Nutting Hall, was to receive input from students and gather questions to present to the administration, he said.

"We're here to find out what rocks we aren't turning up," he said.

"We're here to inform students and give them information so they can form opinions."

John Gallant, a Corbet Hall senator, explained the proposed fee that would cost students \$100 per semester. The proposed fee would raise \$1.7 million per year.

Under the proposal:

- \$411,826 would be allocated to the Cutler Health Center, the athletic department, the Memorial Union, and the arts departments;

- \$629,620 would be used for student life enrichment, faculty development, child care and facilities improvement;

- the remaining \$658,554 would replace funds currently received from the all-sports pass, voluntary health fee and

admission revenues from theater, dance, and music department performances.

"The fee will be used for replacement funding," Gallant said.

The student funds gained from the \$100 per semester fee would free up money for improving and adding to other areas of the university.

Faculty workshops, programs for students, renovations to campus buildings and expanded child care on campus would be some of the improvements under the proposed fee.

Mitchell said, "I feel the benefits outweigh the costs."

But Gallant said, "Nothing has been finalized."

Mitchell said the administration originally had proposed four separate fees, but later decided to combine them.

He said that the administration felt not everyone was going to benefit from each fee.

"That's why they combined the fees into one," he said.

In deciding whether the proposed fee was legitimate, Mitchell said the Mandatory Fee Budgetary Committee had four questions to ask the administration:

- Who will pay the fee?
- Who will receive benefits under the fee?
- How much will it cost? and
- How much benefit will students receive?

Beth Fay, a university student, asked how students could be assured that this fee would not increase each year and why the administration would not simply raise tuition by \$100.

Mitchell responded, "You've got to ask what the money legitimately goes for."

But Donald Landa, off-campus senator, said the administration is trying to win the approval of the students by convincing them that the proposed student life fee is needed.

"If students are led to believe that we need a mandatory fee, then that's the bottom line," he said.

Gallant said the Mandatory Fee Budgetary Committee does not have final say over the fees, but is "a committee getting together to voice student opinion."

Mitchell said the committee is working with the administration to shape the final fee proposal.

"We're trying to get our foot in the door," he said.

Gallant called for the need for solid information.

"We'd like to have some form of idea as to where the money will go," he said.

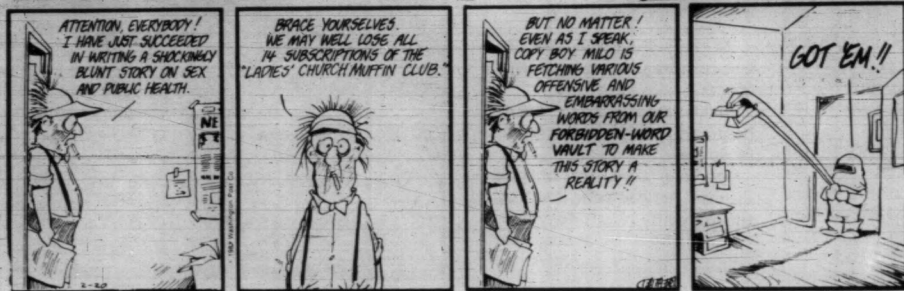
Landa said student input is needed. "Some students feel like they have no control," he said.

Mitchell said the idea of mandatory fees had been "kicked around for years," before a specific proposal materialized this year.

"This is the first concrete proposal we're getting," Gallant said.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



SHOE

by Jeff MacNelly



Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



STREMBALLS

"WILDE-STENCH"

Tom Higgins



• Vegas

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Professional jazz musicians Dave Demsey on saxophone, John Hunter on bass, Gary Wittner on guitar, Steve Johnson on drums, and Don Stratton on trumpet will be in the Lown Room from 8 p.m. till midnight.

Joyce said, "One of the students from the International Students Club will set up in a tent, reading palms."

"It's hard to say how many people will come. The only way I can calculate it is through the number of groups who are participating, and hope they pull in their members of the general student public," Joyce said.

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Students help out at children center

by Monica Wilcox
Staff Writer

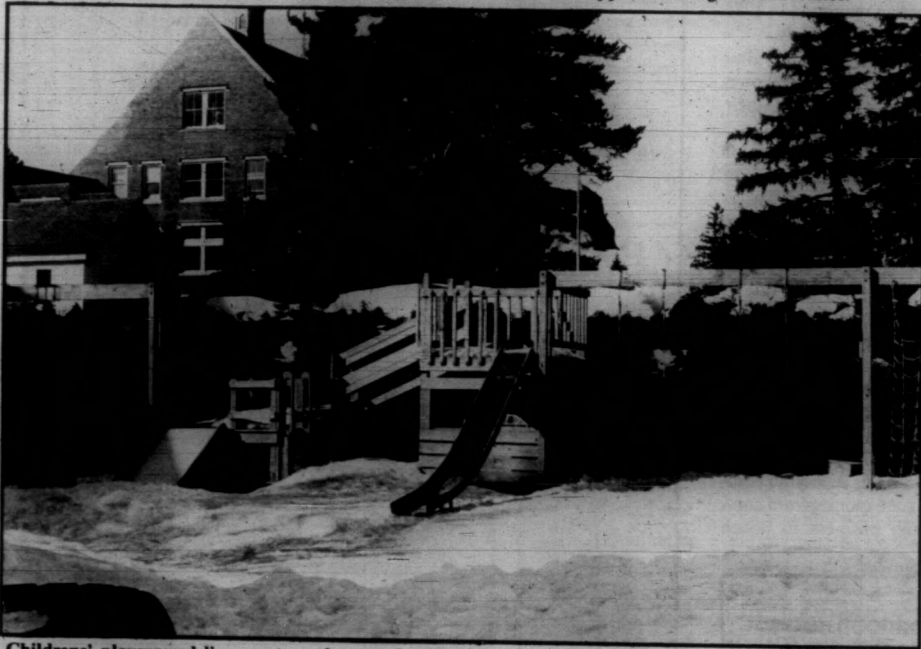
The University of Maine's Children Center provides a facility for many children in the community and at the same time gives students experience in the field of human development.

The center houses 44 children, has a staff of six full-

time teachers and is supplemented with 36 work-study students.

In his fifth year as director of the center, Gary Quimby said, "Our primary concern is to provide childcare facilities to the university community, but also to provide learning for students."

Shelley Hunter, a junior child development major in her third year at the center, said working with the children "supplements regular academics."



Children's playground lies empty and covered with snow.

(Martin photo)

"It's really a good experience," Hunter said. "Getting to know how the children develop and interacting with them in a positive way gives me hands on experience in the field of human development."

Ann Doucette, office manager at the Children's Center, said 75-80 percent of the students are child or human development majors and the small percentage that aren't come from a variety of areas.

"It's a real mixture," Doucette said. "We have students from business, engineering and journalism."

She said individual performance doesn't necessarily depend on their studies.

"We can't gauge it that way. Some people just like children, are natural with them and work well with them," Doucette said, "and some have the degree and background and don't do well."

Quimby said, "We have some very good students from other departments, not necessarily from human development."

Kim Lovejoy, a junior education major, worked two summers at the center as part of the Upward Bound program. Now in her third year as a work-study student, she said working there has been a "great opportunity."

"Because I am an education major, I think it's important. It gives me a chance to work with children," Lovejoy said.

Hunter said, "We don't actually make up lesson plans but we help carry out the projects by the primary staff members."

Hunter explained that the center has workshops periodically for staff members to aid them in learning techniques and certain disciplinary policies.

"The workshops help everyone. If you've had the background work or not, they provide needed knowledge for caring for young children," Hunter said. "The whole experience is very beneficial."

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Legislature considers divesting South African holdings

by Melissa Buxton
Staff Writer

Rep. John Bott, R-Orono, recently testified in favor of a bill which would divest all state monies from south African interests.

He said the bill is now before the Aging Veterans and Retirement Committee, and he plans to meet with members of the committee to come up with a favorable report.

"I am optimistic we can pass the bill but it will take a lot of support from sponsors," he said.

Organizations such as the Maine State Employees Association; the Maine Teachers Association; the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and state representatives testified in front of the committee, he said.

A similar bill that was introduced in the 112th Legislature was rejected by the Maine State Retirement Board.

Bott said, "I am not convinced that divesting state holdings must necessarily lead to a net loss in revenues to the state.

"Other states have actually realized a substantial profit by divesting their South African holdings."

He added, "I don't feel that the Maine State Retirement Board should be using taxpayer monies to indirectly subsidize apartheid. The state of Maine, via its retirement system, should not and must not condone a system of government which holds blacks in a state of sub-human bondage."

Because of these new findings former Gov. Joseph Brennan requested in 1986 that the board divest completely.

The board refused, and said that financial reasons rather than social ones were the reasons for retaining their holdings.

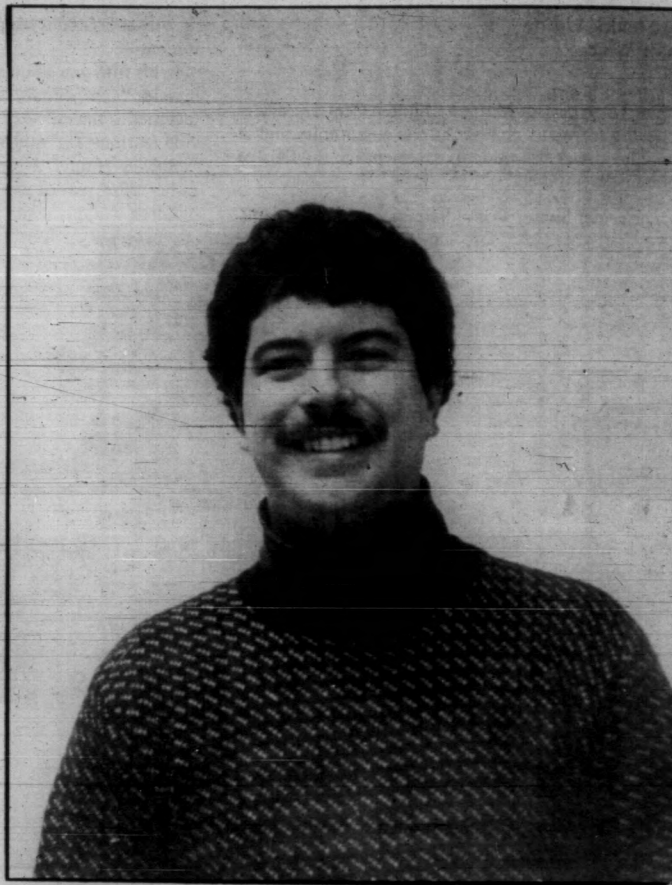
Because of the board's rejection of Brennan's proposal it was necessary to introduce this bill legislatively.

According to Stephen Bost, D-Orono, the bill has broad support in the legislature.

"My colleagues said it is justifiable to bring about social change which sometimes requires economic divestment," Bost said.

"With such violence in South Africa, if Maine has financial holdings we have part of the problem," Bost said.

Bott said he is confident that there is enough momentum this session to completely divest all state monies from companies conducting business in South Africa.



Rep. John Bott

(Campus photo)

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College donates books to new high school

by Susan J. Plourde and Jennifer Girr
Staff Writers

There are books in the dean's office at the University of Maine College of Education.

That much is to be expected. But what is so unusual is that the books, being collected by Dean Robert A. Cobb, are for Madison High School's new library.

"The idea started when Malcolm Shick called. I thought it was a good idea to do it, and he coordinated the effort."

The collection campaign was initiated by J. Malcolm Shick, UMaine professor of zoology.

A campuswide notice was sent out at the end of January asking that extra, unmarked, or seldom-used books -- suitable for the senior high level -- be donated to the project.

The books are to help replace the those lost when the high school was destroyed by fire on Oct. 14, 1986.

Books are being dropped off by representatives of various departments and disciplines, reflecting the university community's concern for education at all levels, Cobb said.

"This is our contribution. It's modest, but faculty members realize how critically important a library is to schooling and

they are responding," he said.

Shick said, "Anything we can do for secondary education is worth trying."

Through efforts of business, industry, the university system and individuals, at least 4,000 books have been donated to restock the library.

One the new school is completed in August, the library is hoped to contain nearly 10,000 volumes--3,000 more than before.

The donated books, some hauled out of cellars and others donated by universities, colleges and high schools throughout the state, are being catalogued and temporarily shelved in space provided by Madison Paper Industries.

"We are really in need of reference books but books of fiction and works of literature would be great."

"We're in very good shape with science and math books," Cobb said.

Dr. Oskar Feichtinger, a professor of mathematics, contributed a half-dozen books to the effort.

"The math department as a whole contributed a good number. It's a splendid idea," he added.

Anyone interested in contributing books to the effort, may drop them off at Shibles Hall until Feb. 28, during business hours.

UVAC coordinator says more space is needed

by Brenda Ronco
Volunteer Writer

The University of Maine volunteer ambulance service needs more space, according to the Volunteer Ambulance Corps coordinator.

Peter Moisan said the volunteers are currently working out of one room at Cutler Health Center.

"The squad is in need of an office to work from and a place where they can study while they wait," he said.

As it is right now, I'm working out of my car."

The squad is funded by the department of Environmental Safety.

The department supplies ambulances and equipment and is responsible for maintenance.

"The volunteers spend an average of twenty-two thousand hours a year either on call or active duty," Moisan said.

"They spend a lot of time standing by at Cutler."

"Since most of them have heavy course loads, they need a place to study. I think if they were provided with a break room or a coffee room, it would

give them more incentive to work harder," he said.

"The volunteers work as hard as they can to provide the best service they can," Moisan said.

"The services we provide are greatly needed," he said.

The ambulance squad attends all the major sporting events on campus and teaches cardio-pulmonary resuscitation courses, Moisan said.

It also conducts a program for students who have had too much to drink.

"If we feel that a student is in danger after drinking, we will keep them at Cutler and observe them until a doctor or nurse can see them," Moisan said.

"The volunteers work very hard and are really dedicated. The amount of time they spend for UVAC is incredible," he said.

"I think they need a bit more compensation," he added.

Jon Rugg, a member of UVAC, said, "We do more for the university than any other organization. We spend a lot of time and the rewards are not always tangible."

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Editorial

Lobster plates a problem

What a wonderful life it must be as a member of the Maine legislature. Last year they spent many hard and long hours debating very important issues like changing the name of our university. The change was supposed to bring great benefits to the campus and its students.

Okay, where are the great benefits, and when will they show up? Did the legislature waste its time on that one?

Now the legislators are rolling up their sleeves and getting ready for the all important lobster debate.

What is the lobster debate you may ask? It is an attempt to change Maine's license plates by coloring them and putting lobsters on them.

Why are they doing this? Maine's state animals are the chickadee and the land-locked salmon, not a lobster.

What is wrong with the old plate?

Nothing. It is to the point, no frills, plain and straight forward just like Maine.

Maine is described as being Vacationland. Is that wrong? Pick any day out of the year and you can be sure to find a tourist.

The new and improved plates, designated to become official in July, will be white with blue and red lettering and a red lobster stuck in the middle of it.

In all truthfulness the only good lobster is a dead lobster. At least with a salmon or a chickadee you can see them without going into a restaurant.

To make the new plates more factual lets put a pot of melted butter next to the lobster.

All kidding aside, do we as Mainers want to be known as the lobster state?

There are plenty of other alternatives for the plate. The first one being leaving it alone and not changing it. What about a potato plate for the residents of Aroostook county? How about a plate with skiers on it for the ski areas?

Why a lobster? Lobsters are ugly, they are almost insects and as mentioned before only fun while they are dead.

Come on Maine legislature do not waste your time with an issue that will only make a small percentage of Maine's population happy. There are plenty of other issues that need addressing, like acid rain, nuclear waste sites, or the failing shoe industry.

Maybe the next plate picture could be a scene of the state bird and fish floating in a polluted river that will glow in the dark at night.

Matthew Mullin



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Linda McGivern

Pre-Wed

"Female college grads at age 25 have an 89.1 percent chance of marrying before they reach age 65."

This excerpt from a College Press Service news release really caught my eye. All I could think was, phew! what a relief.

I mean, that's what I came to college for.

Marriage.

I knew that if I received a college degree, I would have an 89.1 percent chance of catching myself a hubby.

My mother always told me, before I headed off to the wild, wild world of sex, drugs and academics, to be on the lookout for potential mates, because she said, "that's what you're going to college for dear."

Naturally, when I saw the press release, the statistics of which were generated from the U.S. Bureau of Census, I realized my prayers had been answered.

The Yale-Harvard report, which stated that female college grads over 25 only had a 52 percent chance of marrying, had been totally refuted.

So my chances of marrying if I decide to wait until I'm 26 are now 37.1 percent greater.

The press release then stated, in the fifth paragraph, "The father of three women in their 30s called Jeanne Moorman (the woman who conducted the new survey) to thank her for setting him at ease."

Poor guy.

To think he may have put his three daughters through college only to have them graduate without a potential mate!

It warmed my heart to think how gratified he must have felt to discover his daughters still had a chance at participating in the holy bonds of matrimony.

But wait...women at age 30 who have a high school diploma have only a 55.9 percent chance of getting married.

I knew mother must have been right. My college education accounts for something. All those pre-wed courses I have taken will aid me in my post-college search for the man who will save me from the throes of old-maidom, and I will live happily ever after.

I read and reread the press release to discover if perhaps it included any statistics about the marriage potential of male college graduates over 25.

Much to my dismay there was nothing.

I guess this must mean men don't have to worry about finding a little woman to share their lives with.

I guess this means men don't go to college to find themselves mates.

In any case, Moorman states at the end of the press release, "People shouldn't take these studies too seriously."

Don't worry Jeanne, we won't.

Linda McGivern hopes to find her mate in human sexuality class.

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Religious intolerance attitude explained

To the editor:

Well, well my popularity has grown. Firstly I must say that I have found everyone's analysis of my personality very interesting considering that you people don't know me.

Mr. Peterson you are one person among five billion on a tiny planet circling an insignificant star which is itself among billions of stars in our medium sized galaxy which again is among billions and yet you think you merit some sort of special divine attention, and you are calling me pompous?

Ms. Young, superstition is a false belief in the laws of causality i.e. that black cats

cause bad luck. Religion also shares this false belief in causality i.e. that God is somehow responsible for daily events. The analogy holds, although I'll grant you that religion is somewhat more complex.

Insecurities I may have, but I have not submitted to them so far that I deny my senses and my reason to appease them by retreating into a comforting fantasy as you apparently have.

Mr. Niblett you call me naive and yet you assume my whole personality is contained in two letters so that you can expertly dissect it. Who then is naive?

Religion and science are both world views. Both make statements about the nature of reality. They are competitors not completely separate things. It is the religious who are trying to repress the teaching of evolution in the southern schools. It is the religious who are trying to censor knowledge. You may regard them as separate but there are those who do not. These people obviously feel that knowledge is somehow dangerous to their faith.

Mr. Curtis, if people make sweeping statements about

reality, such as 'God created salmon' or about me personally such as: you will rot in eternal hellfire unless you believe as we do, think as we do, act as we do, etc., then I don't think that it is unreasonable to ask you to prove it. My trust in you is not so great that I will take your word for it. If you are unprepared to defend what you say then I have no reason to listen to you. If I were to indulge in a belief system based on faith then I would certainly make up my own, mass-produced Christianity holds little appeal.

On the issue of forcing of belief: forget it.

It is not the atheists who go door to door. It is not they who economically pressure stores to stop selling certain magazines. If I discuss religion with my children I will try to give them some idea of what most of them are like. Will you do the same?

The best example of the world in which I would like to live is John Lennon's song "Imagine." This song was put on the moral minority's hit list.

Tell me just once more who is intolerant. I haven't repressed anything.

Donald Hoverson
Chadbourne Hall

Impeachment

To the editor:

I was shocked to see in the *Daily Maine Campus* that an impeachment resolution was being drafted against the Student Senate President Carl Robbins.

Despite a strong showing by the write-in candidacy of "Mick and Dave" and the public's knowledge of Robbins' criminal record, Boothby and Robbins were elected by a majority vote of the student body. Forgive my naive belief in the democratic system and faith in its participants but it is not up to the Senate to second-guess the judgement of the students

whom they represent. The Student Senate should respect the students' election of Carl Robbins unless his actions in office warrant otherwise.

The impeachment process is to determine if his execution of office is unsatisfactory or illegal so any action should be directed to his performance, not his past. His election mandates an opportunity to perform the duties of his position. He has made mistakes in the past and it is now up to him to earn the faith and trust that his title deserves.

Matthew Gagne
Cumberland Hall

Waiting littles volunteers praised

To the editor:

I am writing to recognize some special volunteers who devote their time and energies to the Waiting Littles Program. These volunteers play a vital role in this program's success, without them the program would not be as beneficial to these waiting littles.

Just to inform those who are not familiar with the program: the Waiting Littles Program is

a division of Downeast Big Brothers/Big Sisters which tries to match little people with big

people. But when there are a greater number of little people than there are big people than there is a long waiting period. To make the wait worthwhile, the Waiting Littles Program was developed in the fall of 1983 to provide attention to those individuals who are unmatched. This particular program is a model for other BB/BS agencies in the country.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters wants to salute these wonderful volunteers, who contribute positive growth to the littles, help to make the wait a pleasant and usefull time. So, these twelve caring volunteers send an important message to these kids saying that they too are special.

Anyone interested in joining one of these teams or wanting more information, please call BB/BS at 941-2862 or 941-2855.

Susan Whitten
Social Work Intern
Estabrooke Hall

WMEB disc jockey defends station format

To the editor:

In reply to Ms. Sipser's letter in Wednesday's *Campus*. If you could "not stand to play yet another three hours of 'Progressive rock'" then why didn't you sleep in?

WMEB-FM is a learning tool for students as well as a listening alternative for the campus and surrounding areas. The station is managed by students

who wish to pursue careers in radio management in the future. These students determine what the format is going to be from year to year depending on what they like (this is a luxury of being in charge). If you go to find a job in the "real world" you are going to encounter some of these in-control-type people. I wish you luck when you go out and get a job at any radio station and immediately demand

they change the format to the way you want it to be.

I was one of these (and I apologize for being stereotypical) "Anti-Progressives" last semester when I got my first airshift. I tried to play the music both my listeners and I wanted to hear, so I thought. I was wrong. People started calling in "progressive" requests almost immediately and I, too, ran into

the management problem of going against the rules. I decided to listen to what they had to say rather than continue to be a "D.J. on the loose." What they said made sense and now my mind has turned into "progressive pulp" as well.

If a person does not want to listen to WMEB's progressive format, they are welcome to tune into a number of other stations in the area and listen to

classical, country and western, Top 40, oldies and the list goes on. Did I not mention your type of programming? Maybe you should be writing to other stations in the area and leave us "progressive" pulp heads alone. We love our bliss!

Daniel R. Van Wagnen "Progressive" Pulp Headed D.J.
WMEB

Commentary

Greek life a plus

Jamie McKeown

I am only now beginning to realize what a vital part the greek system plays in the University of Maine community.

Greeks at UMaine number only about 1,000 — 10 percent of the entire university population. Only 10 percent, but this fraction is highly visible and active in campus and community.

Greeks are very active in community service activities. The Fiji marathon, Delta Tau Delta Bedsled Race, and Alpha Tau Omega's Fight Night are some of the big money makers but, there are many others. Almost every greek organization will donate man/woman hours, money, or some other valuable commodity to one or several community service organizations.

In all, 22 different public service groups can expect to receive over \$15,000 in donations or hundreds of valuable work hours. There are other groups that

donate time and energy, but not nearly to the extent that greek organizations do. Go to the Student Activities Office in the Memorial Union and look at a community service booklet and be amazed at the numbers and hours of community service done.

UMaine greeks also focus their attention inward to the campus as well. Semester after semester greek's grade point averages are consistently above the all mens average on campus. Greeks are involved in many campus "help" organizations. UMaine Children's Center, Upward Bound Handicap Van, and the Maine Animal Club are but a few. Since the reinstatement of Maine Day, greeks have been very involved in the various activities, campus "clean-up," and the like.

This involvement in campus events and programs makes life a little easier for the entire UMaine population.

The effort and enthusiasm greeks put towards the university doesn't end with graduation either. Greek

alumni are far more active in university "goingson" than non-greek.

Financially, donations to campus funds by greeks significantly superceed their non-greek counterparts. Since graduation, donations to the annual fund, by greeks, have amounted to \$6,364,613.09. This number is almost two times the amount donated by non-greeks (\$3,884,047.54). These donations just help the entire system to run a little smoother and benefit all.

People are only aware of the negative aspects. I can't say that nothing bad ever happens, but these negative aspects are few and far between. What I can say and have said, is that greeks do a lot of positive things, these positive aspects are very much a constant at the university and in the community. Many organizations can and do benefit from the work greeks do.

I hope that this will continue to bring a positive connotation to the good that the greek system does and is capable of doing.

Magazine



Susan J. Plourde

Recently, my eight year old godchild Matthew had the talk with his parents. You know, THE talk.

The one about the birds and the bees, pistils and stamens.

You know, the one about S-E-X.

Matt's curiosity was aroused (oops) during a classroom discussion on the reproductive habits of fish and frogs.

He thought it was hysterical that the male frog leapt upon the back of the female frog while she laid eggs, squirting them with fertilizer.

He wanted to know if that was the way it happened with humans.

Boy, was he in for a surprise.

Matt asked his questions (like what does the fertilizer look like and how does it get to the eggs?) and his mom answered as many as she could with a straight face.

She then supplied him with a book to help clear up any fuzzy spots.

His conclusions after reading the material was that the entire procedure was "gross."

(I have the sneaking suspicion that when he is a little older, he'll change his mind.)

Matt and others his age are very lucky. Today's parents are learning how to be more open about sex.

Maybe that is because many of them are carrying scars from the misinformation they received.

Do you remember when you had THE talk with your parents?

When I was young, parents only talked about those things when forced to — when you got pregnant or graduated from high school whichever came first.

For many, it was way too late.

Often the talk came on the eve of the person's wedding, when mom or dad felt compelled to clear up a few things.

Unfortunately, particularly for the girls, the talk was sprinkled with comments about "how unpleasant it is, how it is a wife's duty, it is a cross you have to bear and how good girls don't enjoy it."

Boys had it a bit easier. Their talk had the tone of "why buy the cow if you can get the milk free, sow your oats but marry a virgin and don't worry about your partner's satisfaction because good girls don't enjoy it."

Sadly, as a result of these talks, generation after generation of young people lived lives filled with sexual frustration, guilt and fear.

If they enjoyed it, they were bad. If they didn't enjoy it, they were unhappy. So, think back to your talk. If you were really lucky, your parents were able to get passed their discomfort and give you valid information.

If you weren't so lucky, you learned about sex on the playground after dark.

What many parents don't seem to understand is that information isn't permission. It is not going to turn children into raving sexual maniacs.

All it does is help them to become sexually sensitive, responsible adults.

Susan J. Plourde is a senior journalism major who learned that good girls can.



Jogger braves cold day on Long Road

(Austin-Miner photo)

Black Widow plot dangles off webb

Review

by Linda McGivern
Staff Writer

She mates and she kills.

The movie, *The Black Widow* was as interesting as its advertisement.

The Twentieth Century Fox film starring Debra Winger as a federal agent and Theresa Russell as the phantom-like black widow had as many twists and turns as a roller coaster with a 360 degree loop.

Unfortunately the roller coaster falls off the track.

From the beginning, *Black Widow* is full of holes that leave viewers wondering what in heck the producers are trying to get at.

What starts out as a mystifying psychodrama turns into a film which forces viewers to guess at most of the film's meaning themselves. Far too many scenes and aspects of the film are left unexplained.

We are first introduced to the film's leading lady, the black widow, in a limousine ride after the funeral of her first victim, which also happens to be her first husband, I think.

She then changes her hairstyle, but not her blonde hair color, marries another rich old guy, and kills him too.

This is when Debra Winger, a sexually frustrated federal agent, enters the picture.

She discovers something amiss in the sudden deaths of these men and decides she must begin an investigation — against the wishes of her superior, of course.

Winger then proceeds to search for the woman, who she has become obsessed with, or at least I think she has become obsessed with.

She finds the black widow, now a soft-spoken brunette, married to her third husband. But Winger fails to warn him; thus does number three meet with an untimely death.

After the death of the third victim in the film, Winger's conscience begins to get the best of her and she launches all-out search and destroy tactics for the ominous black widow.

She departs for Hawaii (after staving off a sexual advance made by her superior) where the widow is engaging in the pursuit of her fourth victim, to put an end to all the brutal murdering and solve the crime of the century.

In Hawaii, Winger hires a very small Hawaiian private eye to locate the widow. Once she discovers the location of that elusive woman, they somehow become the best of friends.

The rest of the film is packed with breathtaking scenes of the Hawaiian islands, and that's about it.

These scenes in no way make up for the complete lack of any cohesion in the film.

As the movie reaches its climax, the real trouble begins. All sorts of things happen, none of which are explained.

The Black Widow is a film with an incomplete and impossible denouement, and a thoroughly weak resolution.

Winger falls in love with the widow's soon-to-be fourth husband and then winds up in jail after the widow discovers her true identity and uses her fourth husband to implicate Winger in his murder.

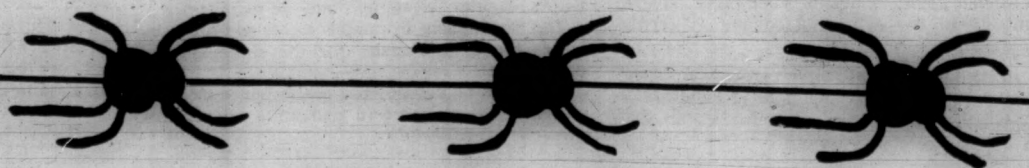
The entire denouement is fraught with little inconsistencies that confuse the viewer and detract from the overall film.

We never discover why Winger seems to have a strange fear of men, or why she had such an obsession with the murderous widow, or why she didn't like her boss.

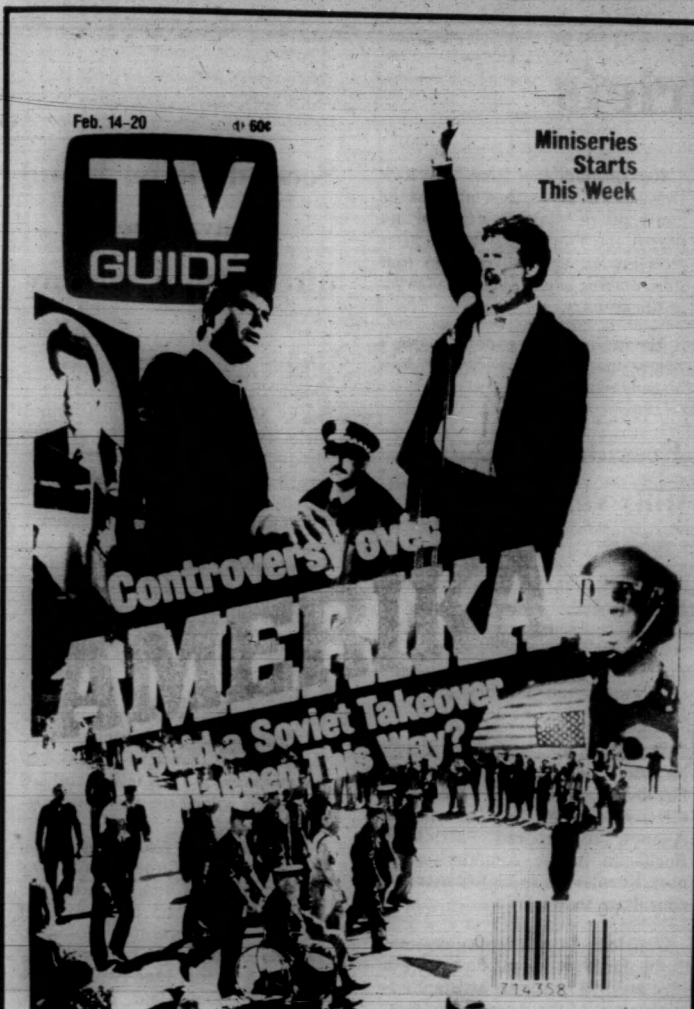
We never discover why the black widow had such a passion for money, and loved all her husbands even though she murdered them.

A good movie never tells viewers everything, but it does explain the crucial psychological aspects of a character's motives, either by inference or through symbolism.

The Black Widow does neither.



Amerika about people on both sides, not war



Reprinted from the February 14, 1987 issue of TV Guide magazine

(CPS) — Critics have called the ABC miniseries *Amerika* everything from right-wing propaganda to a threat to arms negotiations with the Soviet Union to a great antidote to the leftwing propaganda of 1985's *The Day After* miniseries, but two Nebraska College students who are in the show say the critics are all wet.

"It's not slanted," insists Shawn Dawson, a University of Nebraska film studies sophomore who says he "just fell into" a bit part in the movie when the crew came to film in Lincoln and Tecumseh, Nebraska.

The 14-and-a-half-hour *Amerika* takes place 10 years after a Soviet takeover of the United States, but focuses more on family problems and human character than real political ideology, Dawson and Nebraska education major Jeff Mirowski say.

"America," says Mirowski, who plays an American as well as a Soviet soldier in the show, deals with "a very human aspect of the Russian side and the American side."

Dawson adds, "It really bothers me that people who haven't seen it criticize it."

The criticism has been rabid ever since ABC announced it would run the show. Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, for example, said the program would "pour fuel on the embers of the cold war."

In recent weeks, Soviet newspapers have reportedly issued almost daily denunciations of the series.

Last week Chrysler cancelled its agreement to buy a reported \$7 million worth of advertising during the Feb. 15-20 run, saying after a preview of the show its patriotic commercials contrasted with the program's tone.

Mirowski, though, says "the patriotic feeling runs high" in the series, and in viewers watching it. "I think all the controversy was intentional; invented somehow, somewhere down the line" to draw attention to the series.

Both Mirowski and Dawson say their political views remain pretty much the same as before they read the screenplay by Donald Wrye and saw the world premiere in Tecumseh.

Mirowski says he now feels more strongly about the need for an adequate military defense, although, he adds, "I would not like to see as much money spent, and I don't think we need the Star Wars project."

Dawson says he remains "against nuclear spending."

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News Briefs

Russian psychiatrist freed from camp

MOSCOW (AP) — Psychiatrist Anatoly Koryagin came home Thursday after five years in a labor camp, and officials said Jewish activist Josef Begun would be out of prison in 24 hours, nearly a week after his release was first announced.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Genady Gerasimov reported the releases at a news briefing. Koryagin, who had accused authorities of putting sane dissidents in psychiatric hospitals, and Begun were among the most prominent dissidents still held, but other well-known activists remain in prisons or labor camps.

Begun, 55, was still at Chistopol Prison on Thursday.

An Interior Ministry official telephoned Begun's wife Inna on Thursday night and told her to go to the prison, 500 miles east of Moscow, for her husband's release Friday.

Former model turned bag-lady looks toward future

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A woman who once modeled fashions in glossy magazines says she has been living on the streets of San Francisco's Tenderloin District for almost a year but hopes her life is turning around.

The plight of 53-year-old Ivy Nicholson came to light after she showed up on the doorstep of photographer Martin Ryter, the *San Francisco Examiner* said Wednesday.

Ryter told the newspaper she looked "pretty bedraggled," and he discounted her claims of being a former cover girl until she returned with her portfolio.

"It was this incredible stuff of her on all these magazine covers in the '50s," he said. The magazines featuring her included *Vogue*, the newspaper said.

Nicholson said she and her children, 21-year-old twins, came to San Francisco with \$30,000 in December 1985.

Her story recently was recounted in *People* magazine, and modeling agency owner Lisle Taaje said he hopes to find a publisher for a book about Nicholson's life the homeless. Nicholson said there's an increasing fashion demand for older women that could help her make a comeback.

New York bar refuses boy lawyer

NEW YORK (AP) — The youngest lawyer in the United States has been denied permission to take the state's bar exam because of his age.

The Court of Appeals has ruled that Steve Baccus, 17, cannot take Wednesday's examination because he is not yet 21.

"I think it's crazy," Baccus's mother, Florence Baccus, said.

"It's irrational. Here's a young man who has a license to practice law in the state of Florida and he is not even allowed to take the bar exam in New York. He wants to practice here but the courts are not letting him pursue his chosen profession. Pure and simple, it's discrimination."

Eileen West, who represents Baccus, said an appeal based on age discrimination would be filed.

Baccus graduated from New York University at 14. He then attended the University of Miami Law School and passed the Florida bar at 17, after receiving an age waiver from that state, making him the youngest lawyer in the country.

He now is studying for his master's degree in computer science at New York University.

President Reagan fills vacant posts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan today filled two vacancies at the White House, naming former Associated Press executive John O. Koehler as communications director and Washington attorney Frank J. Donatelli as political director.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Koehler was recommended by Charles Z. Wick, the director of the U.S. Information Agency, to succeed Patrick J. Buchanan in the communications post. Koehler is a special adviser and consultant to Wick.

Donatelli, 37, was deputy assistant to the president for public liaison in 1984 and 1985 and was assistant administrator of the Agency for International Development, with responsibility for African affairs, in 1983 and 1984.

He was a regional political director for Reagan's presidential campaign during the primary and general election periods of 1979 and 1980.

Koehler said Wednesday he would try to be a low-key successor to the flamboyant Buchanan.

Second victim found in avalanche aftermath Thursday

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. (AP) — Hundreds of volunteers searching a Rocky Mountain peak today found the body of a second victim of a big avalanche that cut a half-mile-wide swath as it roared down the mountain.

Summit County Sheriff Delbert Ewoldt said the second body was found shortly after 11 a.m. No identification was immediately available.

"This morning with one found last night, we're looking for two, possibly three" more victims of the avalanche, Ewoldt said.

Helicopters were sent to the peak before dawn today to drop explosives to release snow still hanging over the slope. Ewoldt then sent in 60 skilled mountaineers and dog teams, and 200 volunteers joined the hunt for missing skiers.

The avalanche Wednesday on an out-of-bounds slope beside the Breckenridge ski area in Arapahoe National Forest, 65 miles west of Denver in the central Colorado Rockies, cut a swath a half-mile wide and left a 40-foot-long fissure where it broke loose, said Dave Peri, Breckenridge marketing director. It carried into a gully a half-mile below.

The body of one skier was dug from the snow Wednesday, and today, Summit County Coroner Marty Flohrs identified him as Martin Donnellan, 21, of Peekskill, N.Y. Apparent cause of death was suffocation, the coroner said.

He was the fifth confirmed avalanche victim in Colorado this ski season.



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McKernan to announce nominations soon

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Gov. John R. McKernan Jr. said Thursday he plans to announce his next Cabinet nominations within two weeks, and sources close to the governor said he has picked a northern Maine potato farmer as agriculture commissioner and the Auburn city manager as commissioner of administration.

The sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, confirmed that Bernard Shaw will be named to head the Agriculture Department and said Charles A. "Chip" Morrison is McKernan's choice for the top post in the Administration Department.

Also, the sources said McKernan was leaning toward naming John Rosser of Litchfield as commissioner of the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Department. Incumbent Commissioner Kevin Concannon, who has headed the department since January 1980, before it was severed from the Corrections Department, asked to stay on but has been ruled out, the source said.

Rosser, executive director of The Spurwink School in Portland, served briefly as commissioner of what was then the Mental Health and Correction Department under then-Gov. James B. Longley from 1975 to 1976. He also was a member of McKernan's gubernatorial transition team.

The three sources said no final decision on Rosser's status had been made that McKernan, the state's first Republican governor in 20 years, planned to interview at least one other candidate before making up his mind.

At least two candidates were said to be under consideration for the remaining Cabinet vacancy, the commissionership in the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Department. On Thursday, the House and Senate chairmen of the Legislature's

Fisheries and Wildlife Committee met with the governor to put in a good word for their preference, acting commissioner Norman E. "Skip" Trask, but they said afterward they had received no assurances.

"We weren't trying to tell him what to do," said Sen. Edgar E. Erwin, D-Rumford, who was accompanied by his House counterpart on the committee, Rep. Paul F. Jacques, D-Waterville, during the brief session with McKernan.

"The governor did listen," said Jacques.

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Rosser, 55, has been vacationing in Florida this week and said in a telephone interview he had not been offered the job. "I haven't talked to those folks," he said, referring to administration officials.

Rosser has served since 1983 as executive director of The Spurwink School, a program for young people with behavioral and emotional disturbances and multiple handicaps that operates in 25 locations in southern Maine and has affiliates in New Hampshire and Rhode Island. He has a doctorate in education and served as an assistant commissioner of education in New Jersey in the early 1970s.

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Blue quits baseball

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Vida Blue announced his retirement from baseball Thursday, less than a month after signing as a free agent with the Oakland A's and one day before A's pitchers were due to report for spring training.

The 37-year-old left-hander, who had been penciled into the starting rotation by A's Manager Tony La Russa, gave little indication why he is retiring in a statement released through the A's. He said he remains in good physical condition and decided to quit while he remains healthy.

Team spokesman Jay Alves said the announcement came as a surprise and the A's did not know anything beyond Blue's formal comments.

Blue, a resident of Oakland, helped the A's to world championships in 1972, 1973, and 1974, recording three 20-victory seasons in seven full years with the team.

He pitched for the San Francisco Giants the past two seasons, going 10-10 with a 3.27 earned-run average in 1986 and running his career record to 209-161 with 2,175 strikeouts.

"I am going to miss my fans, the players, and all the people associated with baseball," Blue said in his statement.

Sandy Alderson, Oakland's vice president of baseball operations, expressed regret at Blue's announcement but said the A's "respect his decision and wish him well."

After leaving Oakland following the 1977 season, Blue spent four years with the Giants and two with the Kansas City Royals. He was suspended from baseball for the 1984 season after being convicted of cocaine possession, then rebounded with a pair of 110-strikeout seasons for the Giants.

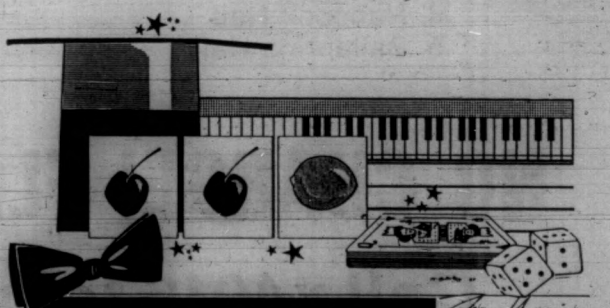
At a Jan. 21 news conference to announce his signing with the A's, Blue said he was "elated to be coming home." He said 1987 would be his last year, and he would be happy to either start or relieve.

Highlights of his 15-year major league career included a stellar rookie season in 1971 when he was 24-8 with 301 strikeouts and a 1.82 four one-hitters. Last April 20 he became the 85th pitcher to record 200 career big-league victories.

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Jury weighs evidence in tax fraud case

Portland (AP)—A U.S. District Court jury began deliberations Thursday night to determine whether restaurant owner Antonio DiMillo had conspired to defraud the government and had failed to pay certain taxes.

The case went to the jury following closing arguments from prosecution and defense lawyers and lengthy instructions in the law from Judge Gene Carter.

Defense attorney Daniel G. Lilley tried to depict DiMillo, 53, as a man with little education who had worked diligently to become a prosperous and charitable restaurant owner with no need to cheat the government.

"Who would try to cheat on \$8,500 after paying \$142,000 (in taxes) to his government?" Lilley asked the jury. "Does it make sense? Don't you have a reasonable doubt?"

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Groff said DiMillo had tried to defraud

the government by withholding from the IRS information it sought from him on a Frank Goldman.

The government contends that DiMillo told the Internal Revenue Service he received \$225,000 from Goldman when he knew that was not the man's real name.

"The proof is clear in this case that Mr. DiMillo knew exactly who this man was. He knew this man was Frank Vendituoli," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Groff.

On the allegation that DiMillo impeded the IRS investigation, Groff said agents had asked the restaurant owner questions about Goldman because it "wanted to know his identity and whether he had the resources to make such a loan." But according to Groff, DiMillo said he knew little about Goldman and could not get in touch with him.

DiMillo said he had not paid interest on the \$100,000 that was deposited in the Pepperell Trust Co. in Biddiford because the money was Goldman's, not his, and therefore he did not have to pay interest on it.

There is a special form to be filed with the IRS when holding someone else's money, and defense attorney Daniel Lilley acknowledged that failure to file it had been an oversight.

But Groff told the jury, "Why didn't he file the appropriate form? Well, I submit to you, what he said was, 'that's my interest!'"

Called as a rebuttal witness Thursday was retired FBI agent Guy Bailey, who testified that he had arrested Vendituoli as a fugitive in Maine in 1971 and that DiMillo had shown up at the FBI office shortly thereafter.

Bailey said he did not know what prompted DiMillo to go to the agency's of-

fice after the arrest. But he said DiMillo had told agents "the man arrested by the FBI had been hanging out at his restaurant but that he didn't know him as Frank Vendituoli."

However, earlier testimony indicated that people had appeared at DiMillo's restaurant one day in the late 1960's for a scheduled appointment with Vendituoli and had pointed him out to DiMillo.

An accountant hired to supervise the case for the defense testified Wednesday that DiMillo was "entrapped or misled" by the Internal Revenue Service.

Gerald R. Lavigne cited "irregularities" by the IRS in its handling of a civil audit that led to the criminal charges against DiMillo.

The restaurant owner did not take the stand in the trial.

Maine senator target of TV/radio campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) Senator William S. Cohen, R-Maine, is one of three senators targeted for a television and radio campaign in their home states next week by a liberal group seeking to persuade the lawmakers to oppose aid to Nicaraguan rebels.

The California-based group, called the Neighbor to Neighbor Action Fund, said Thursday it selected Senators Cohen, Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kansas, and Bill Bradley, D-New Jersey, because they are considered swing votes on whether the United States will continue to provide assistance to the Contras fighting the

Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

Last year all three senators supported President Reagan's request for \$100 million in Contra aid.

"Now is the time to cut off aid to the Contras and start a real peace process in Central America," said Fred Ross, executive director of the group which describes itself as a "grassroots" lobbying organization.

The 30-second television advertisements, which begin with a picture of the American flag and close with the Capitol, urge viewers to call the senators and tell them to "just say no—no more

aid to the Contras."

The same ad is used for each senator, but in each state there will be a different final frame with an individual lawmaker's name and office telephone number.

Some broadcasters in Philadelphia, which serves the New Jersey market, have declined to show the ad on grounds that it is too controversial and the Contra aid issue is better handled through news or public affairs programs.

An additional \$8,000-\$10,000 will be spent to buy time on radio stations in Kansas, Maine and the New Jersey area.

According to Ross, the group has supporters and organizers in each state who intend to "talk to their senators about their position" on Contra aid. In addition, he said, delegations from each state are planning trips to Washington to lobby their lawmakers "face to face."

Rep. Bruce Morrison, D-Conn., who introduced a proposal in the House to halt U.S. aid to the Contras, welcomed the broadcast campaign.

"We in Congress who want to say no to Contra aid need the help of groups to organize our constituencies to speak out," said Morrison.

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