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# The Daily Maine Campus

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## Library director suggests food search policy may end

by Jonathan Bach  
Staff Writer

The controversial library policy requiring students to be searched for food as they enter the library may be withdrawn with the help of the General Student Senate, according to Elaine Albright, director of the library.

Albright attended the GSS meeting last night and explained the origins of the policy and its future.

"I would like student leaders to say it (eating in the library) will stop; then I will work with you (GSS) to see that the policy is changed," Albright said.

She said that it became necessary to implement the searching policy after staff members spent more time policing eaters than performing their other duties.

Student hostility also contributed to the implementation. "Students were getting very, very hostile and aggressive. It became an unpleasant relationship," Albright said.

She said that policing eaters isn't what the staff is hired to do and that it was becoming an adversarial role.

"We don't have that kind of staff and resources to police eaters," she said.

Albright is convinced that there has been a 50 percent improvement since the searching policy was established.

Erie Ewing, senator from Gannett hall, commented on the figure.

(see GSS page 2)

## Electrical engineering students worry about fate of UMaine program quality

by Mike Laberge  
Staff Writer

An electrical engineering student told department chair John Field Tuesday morning he was afraid a separate electrical engineering program at the University of Southern Maine would adversely affect the current program at the University of Maine.

The student, who was from Massachusetts, said he came to UMaine because of the quality of the electrical engineering program here and that he would transfer if its quality were compromised.

Field will be meeting with electrical engineering students this week to reassure them that, even though the board of trustees voted to establish a separate



John Bott

file photo

electrical engineering program at USM, it will not undermine UMaine's program.

He said Tuesday that, although some people were

skeptical about the trustees' decision, the plan was the best they could have hoped for.

(see TRUSTEE page 8)

## Whalen relates war experience

by Kirsten Schulte  
Staff Writer

— Since Vietnam three things hold my universe together: gravity, centrifugal force and guilt. (Steve Mason)

He went into the Vietnam full of idealism but when he left, he left as a different person, said Robert Whalen about his experience in the Vietnam War and American cultural myths as part of the Last Lecture Series.

"The war had really changed a lot. But somehow the things that had changed were more than the power of technology," said Whalen, referring to the shattered illusion of technical superiority.

On his second tour in 1968/69 Whalen was working as District Senior Adviser to a Vietnamese town on military and civilian activities.

"We were supposed to get involved helping the Vietnamese with the political process of elections," Whalen said.

But he seriously questioned an expression of free will in elections with soldiers standing around the polling booth.

"When I went into the village I got a real sense of hopelessness," said Whalen, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

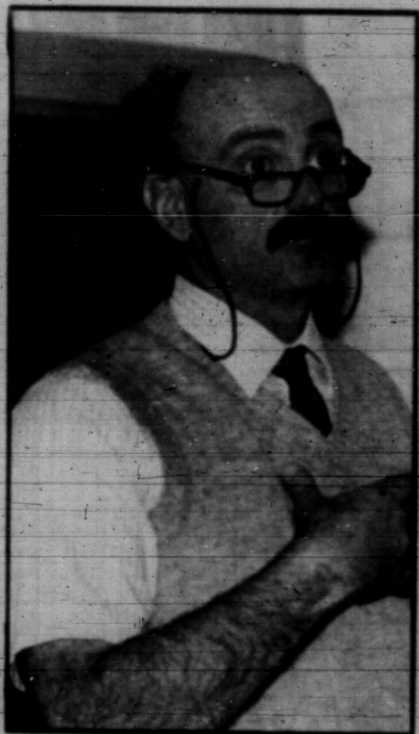
Hopelessness in a different way also expressed itself in the way the project Phoenix was to assist the political control through political assassinations and intelligence gatherings.

"I saw them take out people into the free-fire zones. The other thing they did was fly over canals at night and when they'd see somebody, shoot them," Whalen said.

This was at a time when we were winning the hearts and minds of the people, he said.

"The American myths were that we have a moral superiority, are charged with idealism and have the right to tell people how to run their affairs."

Robert Whalen  
Academic Affairs



Robert Whalen

Back from the war Whalen started to think about what really had happened.

"I spent the next 15 to 20 years trying to figure out what went wrong," he said.

The conclusion he has come to suggests ways for the internal healing of

Vietnam Veterans whose experiences were closely tied to American cultural myths.

"The American myths were that we have a moral superiority, are charged with idealism and have the right to tell people how to run their affairs," said Whalen.

The images of Vietnam were that of as G.I.'s wasting villages and officers saying that we had to destroy the village to save it, he said.

To bring these myths together with the reality of the war would be the only way to really deal with it, he said.

But even today the reality portrayed in movies such as Rambo are influencing the people to further on believe in those myths, he said.

Opposing this are the facts that 45 percent of the Vietnamese killed in the war were civilians and despite the shattered myths there are people pretending the war never happened or reconstructed it differently, Whalen said.

"But the Viet Cong were real good soldiers. They had good intelligence and they lived there," he said.

The nature of war, which can be easily overlooked by not facing the reality, is atrocity.

"We have to go examine the myth against the reality and reinterpret. This is the only way we can reach reconciliation—the way in is the way out," Whalen said.

## Shuttle engine has seal defect

WASHINGTON (AP) — Detective work led NASA engineers to a critical seal in a space shuttle main engine that was improperly welded by the manufacturer, the space agency said Tuesday. The repair may require replacement to turbo pumps on all three shuttle engines.

The effect of this and other new problems on plans for the first post-Challenger liftoff still is being assessed, said David L. Winterhalter, director of systems analysis and engineering at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The target date is mid-August, but NASA Administrator James C. Fletcher has delayed setting a firm date.

While disassembling and inspecting one of the high-pressure fuel turbo pumps on a main engine last Friday, engineers found cracks in a so-called fish-mouth seal. It was determined the cracks were "use-related" — caused by firing the engine.

To check further, engineers made a cross-section cut in the part and found that the seal, which is fabricated from two metal pieces, had not been welded properly when it was manufactured.

The seal is in the turbine inlet of a high-speed fuel turbo pump and is designed to keep hot gases from escaping.

(see SHUTTLE page 3)



# Films to feature peace and justice

by Marcia Gervin  
Staff Writer

The important thing about the Peace and Justice Film Festival, according to a Maine Peace Action Committee member, is that it exposes people to alternative views to the issues they hear about in the media all the time.

The MPAC coordinated film festival, which features political and social documentaries and films, begins on Thursday, January 28, at 7 p.m. in 101 Neville Hall with the Academy Award-winning documentary "Hearts and Minds."

"Hearts and Minds" is usually our first film," said MPAC member Liz Robbins. "It's a very important film to show the connection between the Vietnam war and our [U.S.] foreign policy now."

The films and documentaries in the

Peace and Justice series were chosen with the objective of representing each of the group's sub-committees: the Central America, South Africa, militarism and CIA sub-committees.

"The purpose of the film festival is to show the University community how there are connections between the various issues that we work with. We try to show the connections between apartheid, and U.S. policy in Central America, and militarism and CIA on campus," Robbins said.

"Take for example the CIA film," Larrivee said. "The CIA isn't only involved in Central America, they're involved in things going on in South Africa as well."

The films to be featured include "Maids and Madams" and "Salt of the Earth," which, according to Robbins, explore the issue of sexism and "how it relates to other 'isms' of society."

Following each film will be a discussion period, led by several people involved in the issues of the film.

"In our discussions in the past, we usually come up with some pretty broad analyses, even though the film might be about a specific thing," Robbins said.

Two of the films in the series focus on former CIA agent John Stockwell and the recent CIA activities in the Iran/Contra scandal.

"Right now the militarism sub-committee is trying to ban the CIA from interviewing on campus," Larrivee said. "We want to try to educate people about the reasons why we feel that way."

MPAC raised funds for this year's film series by contributions from several campus organizations, such as the Off Campus Board, the Honors Center, and Women in the Curriculum. The English, Philosophy, Political Science,

Sociology, and Social Work departments contributed to this year's film series as well.

Members of MPAC also used the organization of this film series as a model to teach newer members how to organize and set up events in the future. Larrivee explained that in doing so, the newer members became more a part of the events.

"MPAC is a coalition, and no one has any more power than anyone else," he said.

## •GSS

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"I really don't see how that can be judged. People know that they're being hunted down," Ewing said.

Albright said she didn't think the policy was unconstitutional, but explained that "you don't do this when you have a minor problem."

As the policy currently stands, students have an option of leaving their bookbags at the door.

Senators discussed solutions and alternatives to the search with Albright.

One alternative included a neutral zone where students could eat, drink or smoke without hassle or without damage to the materials in the library.

"Students have to realize they're in control of that (the policy). Peer pressure has a lot of influence," she said.

A resolution to send a letter to condemning the arrest of Brent Richardson, who attempted to bring food into the library and was arrested, was brought to the floor by Cumberland senator Dave McGowan.

It was rejected by the senate. Mark Gould, off-campus senator, disapproved of the resolution.

"I don't think the staff... is totally responsible," he said. "I don't think a derogatory letter is what is needed."

Pat Quinn, another off-campus senator, proposed a friendly amendment to the resolution.

The amendment would require the letter to be sent to the district attorney regarding the dropping of the charges against Richardson.

"I think that would be more effective," he said.

Also at the Senate meeting, a resolution providing for the funding of this year's Maine Day was accepted.

An amount of \$8,115 was stated in the resolution, sponsored by representatives of several UMaine organizations.

Also passed was a resolution to allocate \$350 towards the 1988 Conference of Student Government Associations at Texas A&M University.

Candidates for president and vice president of the student senate discussed their platforms at the meeting.

The teams of Jason Raschack and Gary Bresnehan, Tamara Davis and John O'Dea voiced positions on issues such as the student life fee, ResLife parties, and student rights as they fielded questions from the senators.

## BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

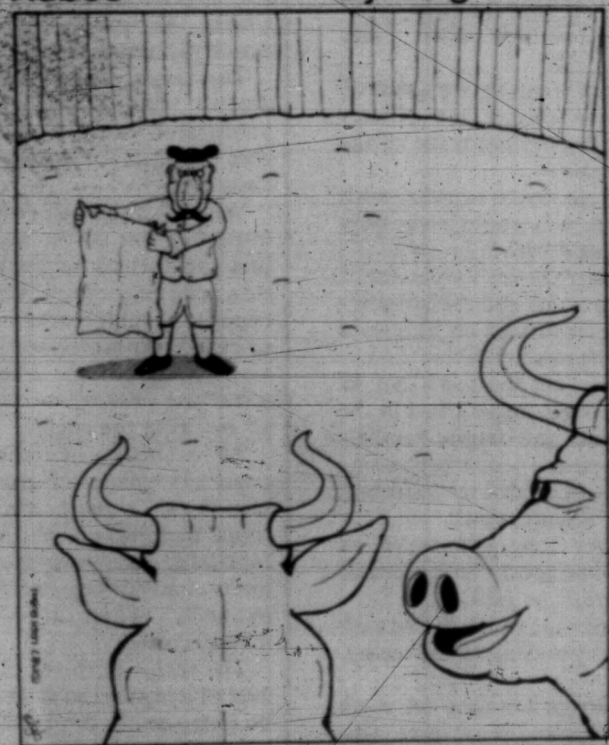
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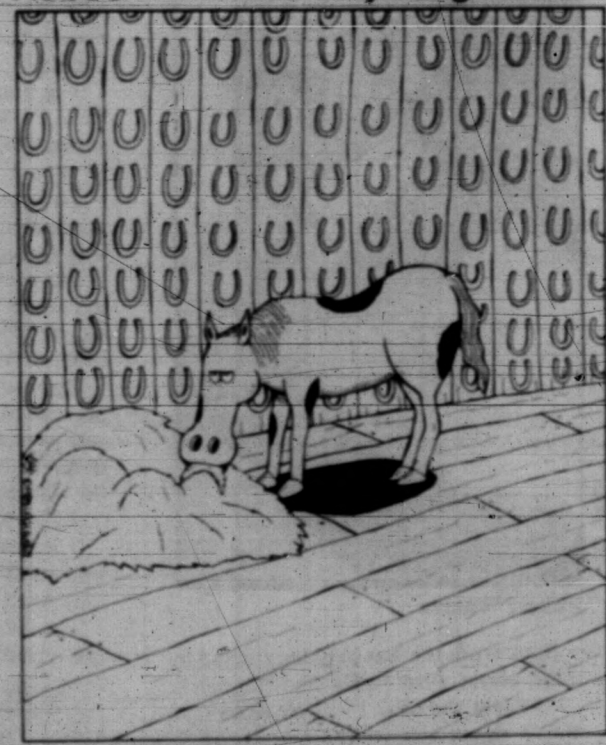
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## Big match

by Tammy Hartford  
Staff Writer

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## Big Brothers/Big Sisters matches volunteers with kids

by Tammy Hartford  
Staff Writer

Little people need Big people. That's the message Sandy Noble of DownEast Big Brothers/Big Sisters stresses.

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters program matches adult volunteers with children in the area who need the friendship of an adult other than a parent.

The children in the program are between the ages of 7 and 18, and most come from single-parent families, Noble said.

"The kids need a role model, someone who is their friend exclusively—not their mother's friend, or their father's friend, or their brother or sister's friend, but their own," Noble said.

She said that the situation for boys is extremely critical. "We need Big Sisters, but we really need Big Brothers. The waiting list for girls is about a year, but for boys it may be as long as three years before we can find a match."

There are 22 UMaine student

volunteers involved in the Waiting Littles program, said Peter Phillips, the group's coordinator. Waiting Littles are children in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program who are waiting for a match. They meet on the UMaine campus for four hours every other week. The focus of the program is to provide them with something extra until a Big Brother or Big Sister can be found for them.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters commit themselves to spending four hours a week with their Little for a year, Noble said, but after the year is up, they can continue the match if they wish to do so.

Noble said that sometimes people who were involved with the program as children come back to volunteer as adults because they know first-hand how much having a Big Brother or Big Sister means to a child.

"I'm doing this because I have a lot of extra time and I figured, 'Why not spend it with a kid? I have older brothers who spent time with me when I was growing up, and I thought I could do the same thing for someone else,'" UMaine student Brian Curtin said.

## Shuttle

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Still, two engines were mounted over the weekend on the shuttle Discovery, the first of the fleet to be flown when missions resume. The third was put in place last week.

"We are going to try to leave the engines as they are so we can do some preliminary checks," said Winterhalter. "We've got three other pumps ready to install."

He pointed out that high pressure fuel pumps have been replaced before while the shuttles' three engines were mounted.

"It is not known to what degree the

condition of the seal might limit its acceptability for flight," said Jerry Berg, a NASA spokesman at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama. "All of the high-pressure fuel pumps currently are being examined."

Berg said the seal "can be replaced, but not easily. We are still assessing what options are available there."

The main engine is produced by the Rocketdyne division of Rockwell International Corp. in Canoga Park, Calif.

Top NASA officials met Monday to set a flight date but adjourned with word that the decision would come later this week.

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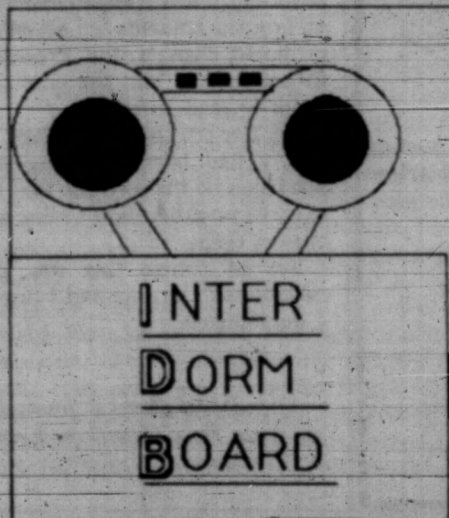
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# Editorial

## Time to change the rules

It's income tax time again and guess what they've done it again! What do I mean, they've done it again? Done what again? They've changed the rules again.

Just when you thought you had all those numbers and dollar signs and exemptions.

Well, the federal government noticed that you had all that figured out, so they decided that it was time to change the rules again.

Many college students try to ignore income taxes, but the government wants to make sure they don't.

Like many students, I'm trying to pay for college by myself. I mean *all* by myself. This means working for \$2 an hour all summer as a waitress. The money wasn't bad, by the time you add in the tips, but then, the government noticed that, too.

They decided they wanted some of my hard-earned tips, and I had to start reporting how much I made. They took money out of my regular paycheck to cover this.

Have you ever busted your butt all day waitressing on a deck by yourself and then looked at your paycheck and found that you'd made less than 10 bucks for those 12 hours?

I soon grew used to this and figured, "that's life."

Luckily for me, I managed to qualify for grants and scholarships. This dream-come-true soon turned into a nightmare, as the cliché goes.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 revised Section 117 of the Internal Revenue Code.

In December 1987, I received a letter from the director of student aid here at UMaine which listed highlights of the act that might affect my tax standing.

From this letter I learned that the federal government was taxing student scholarship, grant, and fellowship awards.

Isn't that just a little odd?

I can get a Pell Grant from the government to help pay my tuition, but now I'm going to need another grant to help pay the taxes the government is putting on their little "gift."

Actually, it's not odd - it's just the way the federal government works!

I suppose I should be thankful. I mean, at least they aren't going to tax my Perkins Loans or Guaranteed Student Loans... yet.

*Lammy L. Hartford*



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Michael Di Cicco

I've heard some pretty nasty rumors this week. Want me to share them with you?

O.K., I will.

To begin with, I heard that the UMaine board of trustees, in its infinite wisdom, decided not to stop at just letting USM duplicate Orono's electrical engineering program, but, in fact, to expand on that sage and sound policy.

Yes indeed, from what I've heard, those shrewd trustees plan to combine the two campuses into one seething gelatinous conglomeration. It will be called UMOOWY-HTB for the University of Maine at Orono Or Wherever You Happen To Be.

The whole curriculum will be available in game show form over the soon-to-be aired UMGOWY-HTB television network.

I've heard some really strange stuff about President Lick's nebulous reorganization of the colleges plan too.

It seems his idea to phase out part of the forestry program is really just the first step in his master plan to relieve the university of all its nationally recognized programs.

And it doesn't stop there.

I've also heard the major goal of all this reorganization stuff is to make sure all the soon-to-be super athletes at the university can pass all the courses offered without actually having to attend class.

I've heard something about a special advanced course for the soon-to-be division I-A national champion football team, something about the main text being reruns of *Romper Room*.

Of course, or so I've heard, the president realizes that such a radical change in the university's organization can never be accomplished without a slick jingle to slide it by the scrutinizing eyes of the deep-thinking masses.

In fact, I've heard that he has taken an old New England adage, if it ain't broke, don't fix it, and changed it to, if it ain't broke, then by jeez bobs, mess with it anyway.

I heard that the president of student government was going to make a speech on how the students felt about all these proposed changes, but President Lick forgot to give him the administrative script to read it from.

Oh, one last thing. I did hear that the library had been searching students' bookbags on the way into that building to make sure they didn't bring any food in with them.

But of course this was just too ridiculous to be true and I disregarded it immediately.

Michael Di Cicco is journalism major from Essex Junction, Vermont, or so I've heard.

### Afro deser

To the editor:

On behalf of body, I would congratulate Douglas other Afro American members on activities honoring Luther King, Jr. presented Jan. 18. planning and ha group performed ly displayed in a q to Dr. King. I w to commend the choice of speak Harper gave a tr provoking lectur how important Dr all of America.

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# Response

## Afro American Association deserves praise for activities

To the editor:

On behalf of the student body, I would like to congratulate Douglas Dorsey and other Afro American Association members on the fine activities honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which were presented Jan. 18. The excellent planning and hard work the group performed was definitely displayed in a quality tribute to Dr. King. I would also like to commend them on their choice of speakers. Michael Harper gave a truly thought-provoking lecture, reiterating how important Dr. King was to all of America.

I understand that they are considering expanding the remembrance of Dr. King into a week-long event. I would strongly encourage this change. A week-long series of events would allow more students who, I am sure, want to celebrate Dr. King's memory to get involved. Thank you Doug and the UMaine Afro American Association for honoring our university by remembering and endorsing the life of Dr. King.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Boothby  
President,  
Student Government

## Pep band speaks for spirit

To the editor:

In response to R. Kevin Dietrich's Jan. 21 column in *The Daily Maine Campus* on a "back to school" quiz, we would like to express our dismay at your blatantly derogatory attitude toward the University of Maine Pep Band, and your attempt to force your ignorant, anti-music opinions on the student body.

Obviously, you feel that you speak for all hockey spectators by listing option "c" as the "correct" answer to your asinine quiz question. You also must not be aware of the magnitude to which music plays

an integral part in athletic spirit.

For example, don't you feel that the football team and spectators appreciate and benefit from the UMaine Marching Band's support? We do!

Go to a hockey game, R. (What exactly does that stand for...Richard?)

Look at the crowd around you when the Pep Band plays Jaws, Hey Baby, or Wipeout, or just bangs on drums to get the crowd and the team clapping. And we mustn't forget the Stein Song at entrance, exit, and every goal scored (and then some) that instills in our team

the spirit to have a winning season.

Tell us then that the crowd finds us a "bunch of bozos."

I guess the attack is a release for you to make up for your lack of musical talent and journalistic ability.

Hopefully, next time you run out of ideas, you'll choose your column topic more carefully.

Maynard Jalbert  
Eric Andrews  
Craig Skeffington  
Steven Rood

Members (past and present) of  
the UMaine Pep Band

## Commentary

Loren Fields

## Key Soviet proxies in the Caribbean

When the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) and its allies came to power on 19 July 1979, the victors rode in on a wave of national and international good-will. The general perception in the world was that a small band of young Davids had vanquished a brutal Goliath. Opposition to the Anastasio Somoza dictatorship had become widespread during the mid-1970s, and the January 1978 assassination of Somoza's leading critic, *La Presna* editor Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, triggered a lengthy general strike. The Sandinistas capitalized on this mounting resentment, and Eden Pastora's (Commander Zero) seizure of the National Palace that August captured the imagination of the Nicaraguan people and the world.

By late 1978, the ranks of the FSLN had swelled from just a few hundred hard-core militants that had comprised the Front during most of its existence, to almost 1,000 combatants. By the following summer, the number of combatants had risen to about 5,000. While numerically smaller than Somoza's 14,000-strong National Guard, by early 1979 the Sandinistas, benefiting from increasing opposition to Somoza's repression, were receiving large quantities of material from abroad. Much of the arms and ammunition came from Cuba. Venezuela and Panama had also provided the Sandinistas with large amounts of weapons, while Costa Rica allowed the Sandinistas to use its territory as a sanctuary.

In contrast, Somoza's National Guard was isolated from the people and was facing difficulties in obtaining supplies. The United States had cut off military assistance to Somoza. In June 1979, the Organization of American States (OAS) took the unprecedented step of supporting the overthrow of a sitting member government, calling for the "definite replacement" of the Somoza regime. With no help of external support and having lost control of much of the country's territory, Somoza fled Nicaragua on 17 July. The National Guard disintegrated literally overnight; most guardsmen, including most of the high-ranking officers, fled into exile, while about 3,000 others, mostly enlisted men, were imprisoned by the new government. Today, 1,500 to 2,000 of these guardsmen are still imprisoned.

Although the Sandinistas had a strong inclination toward Marxist-Leninism, and their leaders were closely linked to Fidel Castro, the FSLN still constituted only one element of the broad and popular anti-Somoza coalition. The United States, and Latin American and European governments, hoped that the Marxist-Leninist zeal of the youthful

Sandinista leaders would be tempered by the more moderate members of the coalition. There was one thing wrong with this analysis. The Sandinistas had the guns and were not about to relinquish them or the power the military success had brought them. They believed that Nicaragua's salvation lay in Marxist economics and Leninist politics.

The Sandinistas' patron Fidel Castro cautioned them, however, not to move with the same speed he had in the early 1960s in declaring the political orientation of the new regime. Castro wanted to see the Sandinistas establish a Communist dictatorship similar to his own, but he advised them to do so with subtlety that would induce the western countries to provide the financial aid so necessary for the new government.

Over the past eight years, in addition to following this advice, the Sandinistas have invoked press censorship, established a powerful secret police apparatus, mounted systematic attacks on organized religion, and developed a large military force.

The Military Buildup: Nowhere has this alignment with the Soviet Union been more evident than in the military sphere. In their eight years in power, the Sandinistas have followed Cuba's example in developing a massive military establishment. Today, Nicaragua has the largest, most powerful armed forces in the history of Central America. In fact, Ortega unveiled plans to increase to even greater amounts the military forces of Nicaragua as recently as December 1987. This military machine certainly was not built in reaction to threats from neighbors, or from ex-Somoza National Guardsmen.

Nicaragua has 75,000 active-duty soldiers, not including the almost 44,000 in the inactive reserves and unmobilized militia. This number dwarves the El Salvador armed forces, which total 49,000. Guatemala comes in third with 43,000, with Honduras rounding out the region with 22,000. Costa Rica, which has no military, has a rural/civil guard of 8,000.

The Sandinista armed forces are organized along Cuban lines, just as Castro's military follows the organizational structure of the Soviet Union. Nicaragua has some 6,500 Cuban military and intelligence advisers and civilian technicians. Most of the civilians have had extensive military training. Additionally, there are more than 100 Soviet and East European military and intelligence advisers in Nicaragua. The Sandinista armored force today includes about 360 tanks and armored vehicles (Somoza had 28), the rest of Central American countries' combined armored force totals about 200, and a few tanks in this total have considerable

less firepower than the Soviet-made T-55 tanks, the backbone of the Sandinista arsenal. Soviet-made personnel carriers provide the Sandinista infantry a mobility unmatched in the region. The Sandinistas can also boast of Soviet-made artillery with a range greater than the artillery in some U.S. Army divisions.

This powerful Sandinista ground force is augmented by a growing fleet of attack helicopters. The Soviet Union has provided Nicaragua with more than 12 Mi-8 HIP troop-carrying helicopters which can also be used effectively as gunships. The most devastating weapons in the Sandinista aerial arsenal are approximately six Mi-24 HIND D attack helicopters, the "flying tank" of the Soviet Union, which has been employed with brutal effectiveness in Afghanistan. In Nicaragua, these deadly Soviet aircraft are taking a serious toll on the outgunned and outmanned democratic resistance, the so-called Contras. Moreover, Cuban pilots are known to be flying helicopters in combat.

While the Sandinistas say they have been forced to build a huge military to defend themselves, the truth is they are merely following the formula of other Marxist-Leninist governments. Of the various governments in the world that describe themselves as Marxist-Leninist, virtually all, like Nicaragua and Cuba, have a far higher percentage of their population under arms than do their non-Communist neighbors.

Although the United States deplored the worsening human rights situation in Nicaragua, it was the covert aggression by the Sandinistas against sovereign governments that left the United States no choice but to cut off economic aid in April 1981.

Nicaraguan Aggression Against Its Neighbors: Since seizing power, the Sandinistas have supported Marxist-Leninist elements seeking to overthrow the government of El Salvador and, at a minimum, destabilize the governments of Guatemala, Honduras and Costa Rica. Since 1979, the Sandinistas have provided arms to, and assisted Cuba in the training of, the guerrillas of El Salvador's Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN). They have also armed and inserted guerrillas into Honduras and provided arms to Guatemalan guerrillas. Sandinista efforts to intimidate Costa Rica began in 1981, more than a year before armed resistance to the Sandinista regime commenced on Nicaragua's southern border. Since 1981, additional Sandinista-supported terrorist incidents have continued to occur in this most democratic country of Central America.



# Sports

## Bears to tangle with Blue Devils

by John Holyoke  
Staff Writer

After 17 days away from the friendly confines of the Pit, the University of Maine women's basketball team will make its 1988 Seaboard Conference home debut Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. against Central Connecticut State University.

The Black Bears are 13-4, 3-1 in SC play, while the Blue Devils are 2-12, 1-2 in the SC. Despite the lopsided advantage in won-lost records, UMaine coach Peter Gavett said he doesn't see the game as a sure win.

"I think it will be a typical Maine-Central Connecticut game: very competitive and aggressive," Gavett said. "(Central Connecticut) lost to Nor-

theastern in overtime, so we're expecting a very tough contest."

Still, CCSU Coach Brenda Reilly said she knows her team has its work cut out for it.

"We've got to box out and play good defense," Reilly said. "We'd consider losing by less than 20 a moral victory."

Gavett said he remembers his squad being upset by Central Connecticut two years ago, and isn't taking anything for granted.

"There is no question that Central Connecticut is good enough to beat us," he said. "There can be absolutely no letdown on our part or we won't win the game."

The Black Bears will play on their actual home floor for only the fourth time of the season. Seven other "home" games have been played in Bangor and Portland.

Reilly said her squad is young, with four freshmen and a sophomore making up the starting lineup. "We have a

very young team, and we try to control the ball," she said. "I'd like to play a running game. We're quick, but not that effective (running the ball)."

"I dread the trip and I dread the game," Reilly said, half joking.

Leading the Blue Devil attack is 59 freshman Raquel Bailey, who is averaging 13.4 points and 9.1 rebounds per game. Freshman forward Michelle Crimmons is averaging 7.9 points.

Senior guard Pam Gery is recovering from a case of strep throat and may not make the trip.

Freshman Angie Suffridge, a freshman from York, Maine, may start in her place.

Leading the Black Bears is senior Liz Coffin, who is averaging 19.5 points and 10.8 rebounds per game. Freshman Rachel Bouchard is chipping in 15.2 points and 10.7 boards per contest.

Other Bear starters are senior Debbie Duff (11.1 ppg, 4.1 rpg), senior Jen Smart (8.1 ppg, 3.2 rpg) and sophomore Cathy Iaconeta (7.8 ppg, 2.6 rpg).

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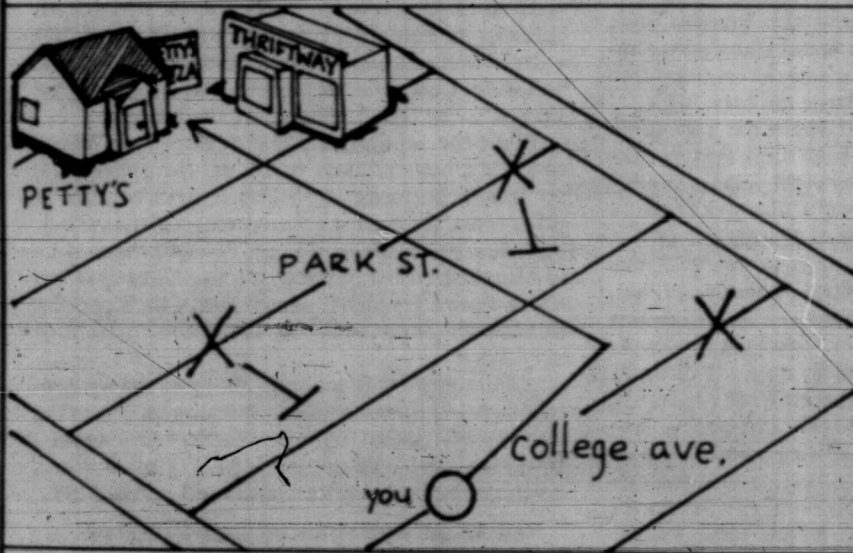
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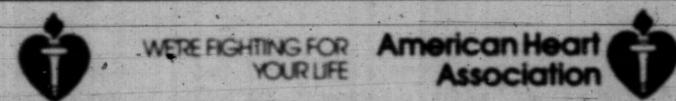
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## Pass

by Dave Greely  
Sports Writer

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# Passes to be taken for hockey game

**by Dave Greely**  
Sports Writer

Last fall, the University of Maine football team played the University of New Hampshire at Fitzpatrick Stadium in Portland.

Despite the fact that the game was being played for a share of the Yankee Conference championship, few students attended.

The reason that most students did not make the trip was the fact that, although it was a home contest for UMaine, it was not covered by the AllSports Pass and students were charged \$3 per ticket.

But with the Maine hockey team, traveling to Portland to take on Plattsburgh State College Tuesday in the Cumberland County Civic Center, students will be able to obtain tickets with their sports passes.

Tickets go on sale Thursday in the Memorial Union at 1 p.m. Any student who has already purchased a ticket can get a full refund at the athletic ticket office between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets can not be purchased on the day of the game by using the sports pass.

There will be 500 tickets available on Thursday, said Jim Sterk, director of athletic ticket sales. If the demand warrants it, more will be made available on Monday. The Civic Center will reserve a total of 2,000 tickets for students.

Student Government President Chris Boothby met with Sterk and Athletics Director Kevin White and decided that the hockey game would be covered by the sports pass. Previously, the only off-campus sporting events covered by the sports pass were those held in the Bangor Auditorium.

Boothby called the decision a "step in the right direction" to getting all off-campus sporting events covered by the sports pass.

"I think the chances are pretty good (that future off-campus sporting events will be covered by the sports pass)," Boothby said.

"It is simply ludicrous to play a home event in Portland and have it not be covered by the sports pass," Boothby said.

"What happens if someone is student teaching in the Portland area. That person has to pay the Student Life Fee, but the only chance they have to use the sports pass is for an event in the Portland area. It isn't fair that they should have to pay for that event." Boothby said that it is important to make a decision on future off-campus sporting events soon because his term ends in two weeks and he doesn't want things "to get lost in the transition."

Boothby said that student government is also working on getting more seats for students at hockey games.

"Right now, students get 1,200 tickets but only 900 seats. The other 300 are standing room only," Boothby said. "We want the students to get 1,200 seats."



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## Trustee

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The plan adopted by the trustees allows USM to offer a bachelor of science in electrical engineering and calls upon the trustees to establish a panel to review and help shape the program.

The panel would consist of UMaine and USM faculty, students, legislators, trustees and businesspeople. It would evaluate needs, costs and options for engineering in the University of Maine System and report to the trustees in March and again in July.

Taking into account the panel's recommendations the trustees will review USM's program each year for the next three years.

After evaluating the program for the third year, the trustees would either continue it, revise it or cancel it.

"I am encouraged that the program is going to be reviewed each year for three years," Field said. "They will have a period where the program is theirs, and as long as they have fair evaluations of that program, then no one can complain about the results of that evaluation."

Rep. John Bott, R-Orono, said although he is not entirely pleased with the plan, it is fair because it postpones the final decision about the program for at least three years. Bott and others argued that Monday's trustee vote should have been postponed until more information could be gathered.

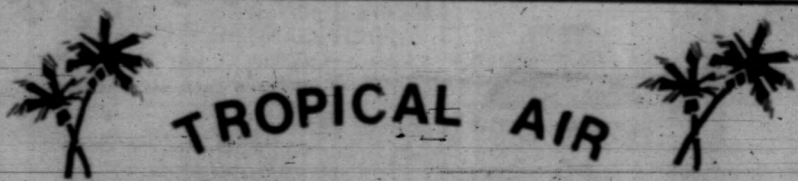
One of the plan's good points, Bott said, was that it allows UMaine faculty to have input into the USM program through the panel.

Bott, an opponent of the electrical engineering program at USM, and others, feared that the trustees would approve a separate program at USM based on a nine-point plan drafted by UMaine President Dale W. Lick and USM President Patricia R. Plante. The plan would establish a four-year electrical engineering department at USM.

Many were opposed to the fourth point in the plan, which calls for two campuses to establish engineering programs under "two plus two" and "three plus two" systems. Under these programs, students would study at USM for two or three years and then transfer to UMaine to finish their degrees.

The trustee-appointed panel would help revise this plan.

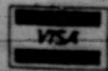
Originally, UMaine faculty were opposed to a separate program at USM. Faculty argued such a program would sap resources available to the department of electrical engineering at UMaine, would jeopardize the accreditation of UMaine's program and would compete with UMaine for students.



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