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Drugs at UMaine

Usage almost equal to national college levels

by Steve Miliano
Staff Writer

The level of drug use at the University of Maine is about equal to the usage level at other colleges and universities nationally, according to a UMaine substance abuse consultant.

"We're no better and no worse than other schools," said Dr. Robert Dana of Substance Abuse Services. "There will always be drug use where there are students."

William Laughlin, an investigator with the UMaine Department of Public Safety, agreed.

"We're no different than the rest of the country," Laughlin said. "We're a melting pot of people from all parts of the country and there are many different lifestyles."

One problem facing the substance abuse officials at UMaine is the use of hallucinogens.

"We've been having some problems with hallucinogens recently," Dana said. "I believe it's PCP, but we're not positive of that."

PCP, short for Phencyclidine, is a drug that can act as a stimulant, a depressant, an anesthetic and a hallucinogen at the same time.

Statistically, PCP usage is one of the lowest of illegal drugs at UMaine.

About 95 percent of UMaine students have used alcohol; 80 percent use it with some regularity. Marijuana has been used by 66 percent of the student body, with about 40 percent using it with some regularity. Cocaine use estimates show that 22 percent have tried the drug and that about 11 percent use it with some regularity.

The primary drugs of abuse at UMaine are sedatives, hypnotics and amphetamines. Sedatives and hypnotics (see DRUGS page 3)

Credits not easy to transfer in UMaine System

by Cynthia Beckwith
Staff Writer

Transferring within the University of Maine System may not be as easy as one might expect it to be.

Classes that count toward a degree at one campus may not necessarily count at another campus regardless of how similar the students feel they are, officials said at both the University of Southern Maine and the University of Maine.

"All credits are transferable within the UMS with the board of trustees approval," said Jack Farrar, transfer officer at USM. But the applicability of the credits is up to the individual campus or the department, he added.

"The individual departments (on the different campuses) have a right to their own requirements," Farrar said.

But not all students agree with Farrar's opinion. Jeff Morris transferred from UMaine to USM in the spring of 1987 for personal reasons. He was majoring in mechanical engineering at UMaine but switched to mathematics because USM does not offer mechanical engineering.

Morris said USM took most of his credits, but they would not accept many of his engineering courses as electives. This required him to take four more electives at USM.

"It made things a little harder and cost me more money," Morris said.

Steve Bost, chair of the education committee in the Maine legislature, said he feels the University of Maine System has not made the transferring system easily understood to students.

In 1983, the Legislature passed a law which required the board of trustees to address the problem. The Legislature asked for a uniform system

(see TRANSFER page 6)

Statements on hostage video draw denials from president

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Reagan on Monday denied statements by hostage Terry Anderson on a videotape released by his kidnappers that his administration interfered with the release of hostages or bargained with terrorists.

"I don't think that was Terry speaking," Reagan said of the tape. "I think he had a script that was given to him."

When asked about the statement on the tape that the U.S. government interfered when the hostages were about to be released, Reagan said, "That is absolutely not true, but let me point something out. Terry Anderson in that terrible confinement at the hands of those barbarians — any information he has to have come from there; there is no contact with the outside world."

"We have been doing everything we can for the release of the hostages, and the very simple answer is, for those people, to let them go," the president said.

Reagan answered reporters' questions after signing legislation clearing the way for U.S. entry into an international copyright agreement.

"There has never been any interference, nor have we ever been negotiating any more than we would with any other kind of a kidnapper on a ransom type of basis," he said.

When asked whether he thought the kidnappers were trying to influence the outcome of the U.S. presidential election, he said, "You'd have to ask them; I can't fathom their minds."

Bush, Dukakis trade barbs on campaign trail

by The Associated Press

The Republican ticket of George Bush and Dan Quayle snickered Monday at Michael Dukakis' late campaign declaration of liberalism in the race for the White House. Dukakis was running as heir to a great Democratic tradition of "caring government" as he struggled to gain ground.

"Miracle of miracles," taunted Bush, who has waged a campaign-long effort to depict Dukakis as a liberal outside the mainstream. Quayle said he was glad the Massachusetts governor had resolved his political "identity crisis."

Dukakis invoked the names of Roosevelt, Truman and John F. Kennedy as he campaigned in California, saying those Democrats stood for as he "caring government and caring political leadership. That's the kind of president I want to be."

Public polls continued to show Bush-Quayle the solid leaders in the race over

Dukakis and running mate Lloyd Bentsen, with one week and one day to go to judgment day.

Democrats said their own private surveys showed late gains for their side, but Bush advisers said their man was leading in virtually all the large states that Dukakis would need to carry to gorge an upset. A survey in Missouri gave Bush a 14-point margin.

Bush and Dukakis threw themselves into the frenzied final week of campaigning while carpenters at work outside the Capitol in Washington, erecting the inaugural stand where one of the would-be presidents will stand on Jan. 20 and take the oath of office.

The battle of television commercials entered their latest phase, as well.

Dukakis charged the Republicans with "running for the highest office in the land by waging the lowest level campaign in modern history" in a five-minute network commercial to be aired

(see RACE page 6)



George Bush



Michael Dukakis

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News Briefs

John Houseman dead at 86

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Actor John Houseman, known for his Oscar-winning role as a crusty law school professor in the movie "The Paper Chase" and for a long career as a theater and movie producer, has died. He was 86.

Houseman died during the night at his home, said Ivan Goff, a family friend and Hollywood scriptwriter.

The Romanian-born Houseman became a household name while in his 70s as Professor Charles W. Kingsfield in "The Paper Chase," a role he first played in the 1973 film and then in the television series.

He parlayed that fame and his

distinctive speaking style into a lucrative series of commercial endorsements, including ads for the investment firm Smith, Barney.

But before that he was best known as a producer.

Among his film production credits were "They Live By Night," 1948; "The Bad and the Beautiful," 1952; "Julius Caesar," 1953; and "Lust for Life," 1956.

He was born Jacques Haussmann in Bucharest, Romania, on Sept. 22, 1902.

He came to the United States in 1924.

Marcos enters innocent plea

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos has returned to the city where she once threw lavish parties, this time to plead innocent to accusations that she helped embezzle \$100 million from their homeland.

Mrs. Marcos and her entourage arrived Sunday by luxury jet from Hawaii, where she and ousted Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos have lived in exile since fleeing the Philippines in February 1986.

Mrs. Marcos was greeted outside the courthouse by a dozen demonstrators who chanted, "Justice, justice must prevail; send the Marcoses to jail!" As expected, she entered the innocent plea.

Defense lawyers had convinced U.S. District Judge John F. Keenan that the 71-year-old Marcos was too frail to make the trip to New York City for a court appearance. His arraignment was postponed, at least until a government physician examines him.

The judge, however, ordered Mrs. Marcos, 59, to appear on the charges that she and her husband used the country's money to buy property including four New York buildings and artwork.

The embezzlement and racketeering indictment was handed up Oct. 21. The main racketeering charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison upon conviction.

Anti-dissent laws under revision

MOSCOW (AP) — One law used to imprison Soviet political dissidents will be rescinded and another likely will be revised to cover specific acts against the state, the official Soviet news agency Tass said today.

It was the second promise within a week of impending improvements for Soviet dissidents. West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said last week after talks in Moscow with officials including Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev that he had been told all people regarded in the West as political prisoners will be freed by the end of the year.

On Monday, Justice Minister Boris

Kravtsov told Tass that Article 190, the law banning "anti-Soviet slander," apparently will be dropped in the current review of the Soviet criminal code.

Article 70, barring "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda," probably will be restricted to cover concrete actions, Kravtsov said.

He also said the law on exit visas is being revised in accordance with an international agreement on civil and political rights.

Kravtsov said only eight people are serving sentences under the two anti-dissent laws.

Teacher remembers George Bush

MACHIAS, Maine (AP) — A former teacher who remembers George Bush as an average student, but an accomplished athlete and a natural leader, says he intends to vote for the Republican presidential nominee on Nov. 8.

"There is nothing wimpish about George Bush," said Arthur Grant, who taught Bush in elementary school in Greenwich, Conn. "He is a natural leader and a straight shooter."

Grant, who spends his winters in Machias and summers in Cherryfield, fondly remembers the 34 years he taught at Greenwich Country Day School, where Bush attended elementary school with his three brothers, Prescott Jr., Johnny Jim and Bucky.

"I think they were one of the finest families you would meet anywhere. I can't think of anything anyone could say against them. ... They were honest, truthful and hardworking," Grant said.

Grant said Bush was an average student, but made up for his grades by being a fine athlete and leader. "He was always the head of his group no matter what they were doing. He was interested in sports, and he was always the captain," said Grant, 89.

The entire Bush family excelled in athletics, Grant said, including Bush's parents, Prescott and Dorothy Walker Bush, who often participated in athletic competition at the school on parents' day.

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Humorist to lecture at UMaine

by Debbie Dutton
Staff Writer

Although he is best known in England as the host of the British Broadcasting Company's medical series "The Body In Question," Jonathan Miller is also renowned for his skill in the performing arts.

Miller will be speaking at the Maine Center for the Arts in Hutchins Concert Hall Nov. 1 at 8 p.m.

The lecture, titled, "Laughing Matters: Humor and Comedy," is free to the public and sponsored by the University of Maine Distinguished Lecture Series.

Miller has been referred to as a modern-day Renaissance man because of his multi-faceted success in various careers. He is a physician, theatre and opera director, television producer and author.

He was born in London in 1934 and earned his medical degree in 1959.

Miller was persuaded to help write and co-star in a comedy revue for the Edinburgh Festival between the terms of his medical internship.

With the help of Dudley Moore, Peter Cook and Alan Bennett, the four created the revue "Beyond the Fringe," which was performed in New York and London from 1961-1964, a smash.

Edgar Cyrus, chair of the UMaine Department of Theatre/Dance, said Miller is well known for his success in both the acting and writing of comedy.

"He's really a fascinating man," Cyrus said, "He's a respected doctor and has a real career in theatre — he's a hell of a funny guy."

Miller is well known for his Shakespearean work, Cyrus said, as well as performing outrageous comedy in the tradition of Monty Python.

"People would find him very entertaining and would get a lot of laughs out of it — as well as what really goes into

the art of theatre," Cyrus said.

It was medicine that made Miller a household name in England. Besides being the host of documentaries, he conducted a series of interviews on the foundation of psychology for the BBC.

He also is the author of a number of medical books including "The Human Body" and "States of Mind."

Miller has been responsible for many acclaimed works for the BBC, including producing 12 Shakespearean plays and directing six.

Among his credits are directing "The Merchant of Venice," starring Sir Lawrence Olivier, for the English National Theatre.

Miller has also directed such companies as the English National Opera, The Kent Opera, the Australian Opera, and the Frankfurt Opera. Included in his many productions are "La Traviata," "Rigoletto" and "The Flying Dutchman."

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are often referred to as downers; amphetamines are commonly called uppers.

According to a pamphlet published by the Do It Now Foundation, an anti-drug organization, the sedative-hypnotic property of downers results from their ability to slow down the functioning of the central nervous system. This is similar to the short-term effect of alcohol.

Both produce "varying degrees of relaxation and decreased inhibition, along with slowed motor response, impaired coordination and lethargy."

"We also have a problem on campus with volatile fluids," Dana said. "Students inhale the fumes from things like airplane glue, WITE-OUT Correction Fluid and PAM cooking spray."

Because the "drug" is in vapor form, an individual is unable to control the dosage.

"Reactions include hallucinations and serious rage reactions," Dana said.

"It can also cause pretty serious brain damage."

Cocaine use at UMaine is another area of concern for substance abuse officials.

"I think people would be surprised to hear that people at UMaine use co-

caine," Dana said.

Cocaine is a highly addictive drug which many users find alluring because of its differing effects on the brain.

"Many people love its effects," Dana said. "That's a tragedy, because they are more likely to use it again."

Cocaine has a "kindling effect" associated with it. Because of its differing effects on the brain, usage results in a different experience almost every time it's used.

Long-term effects of cocaine abuse include paranoia, thought disorders and blood pressure irregularities.

The price of cocaine is dropping, which makes it more available to college students. However, once addicted, the amount of cocaine needed to produce an acceptable "high" increases; this increases the amount of money needed to buy the drug.

Quality of drugs, especially marijuana and cocaine, is another area that concerns both substance abuse counselors and police officials.

"The quality of drugs that are used here is kind of surprising," Laughlin said. "The cocaine is pretty high in quality."

Laughlin said that drugs like cocaine

and marijuana are often "cut," or mixed with other substances to increase the amount of the substance. As more cutting is done, the quality, or purity, of the original drug decreases.

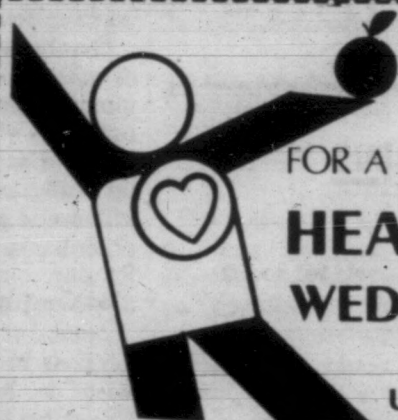
Sometimes drugs are cut with substances which create even more harmful effects than the original drug.

Marijuana is sometimes cut with PCP. This may account for the problems that counselors are seeing on campus. People often don't realize that their marijuana cigarettes are laced with PCP, according to Dana.

Substance abuse counseling is offered at UMaine on an out-patient basis through Substance Abuse Services.

"We feel that it is best to treat people in the environment in which they are having difficulty," Dana said.

The success rate of substance abuse counseling can be as high as 90 percent, Dana said. "We expect to see between a 40 percent and 50 percent overall improvement rate."



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Editorial

Student apathy is alarming

Students are the future of the world are they not? Students were once regarded as intellectuals who were attending college to better themselves and the world.

It sounds corny, but at least it made students have some dignity.

Looking around the University of Maine campus, the pride in being a student is no longer in abundance.

The problem seems to be apathy. Nobody really cares anymore about issues that directly or even indirectly affect them.

In more than one dorm on campus, student senate elections had to be held twice because nobody bothered to vote the first time.

Many student senators are complaining that students aren't coming to them with problems or any other kind of input. Nobody seems to be concerned with the things happening at UMaine.

Cutler Health Center has undergone many changes since the first day of classes, changes which directly affect every student here, and still some students ask, "What's going on up there anyway? What do you mean they aren't open 24 hours anymore?"

Last Thursday evening, students were invited to help the administration decide on the design of a new dorm. Five students showed up. Lots of input there.

A couple of weeks ago the university sponsored a lecture on the effects of cocaine on athletes. One student attended and he was a reporter covering the lecture.

These are all isolated incidents, but they are an indication of the general attitude lately — "I'm too busy with school, my social life and stuff. I don't have time for these trivial things."

But if you do not become concerned with these "trivial" things, what is the world going to be like in 10 years when this same apathy shows up in "the real world"?

Cynthia Beckwith

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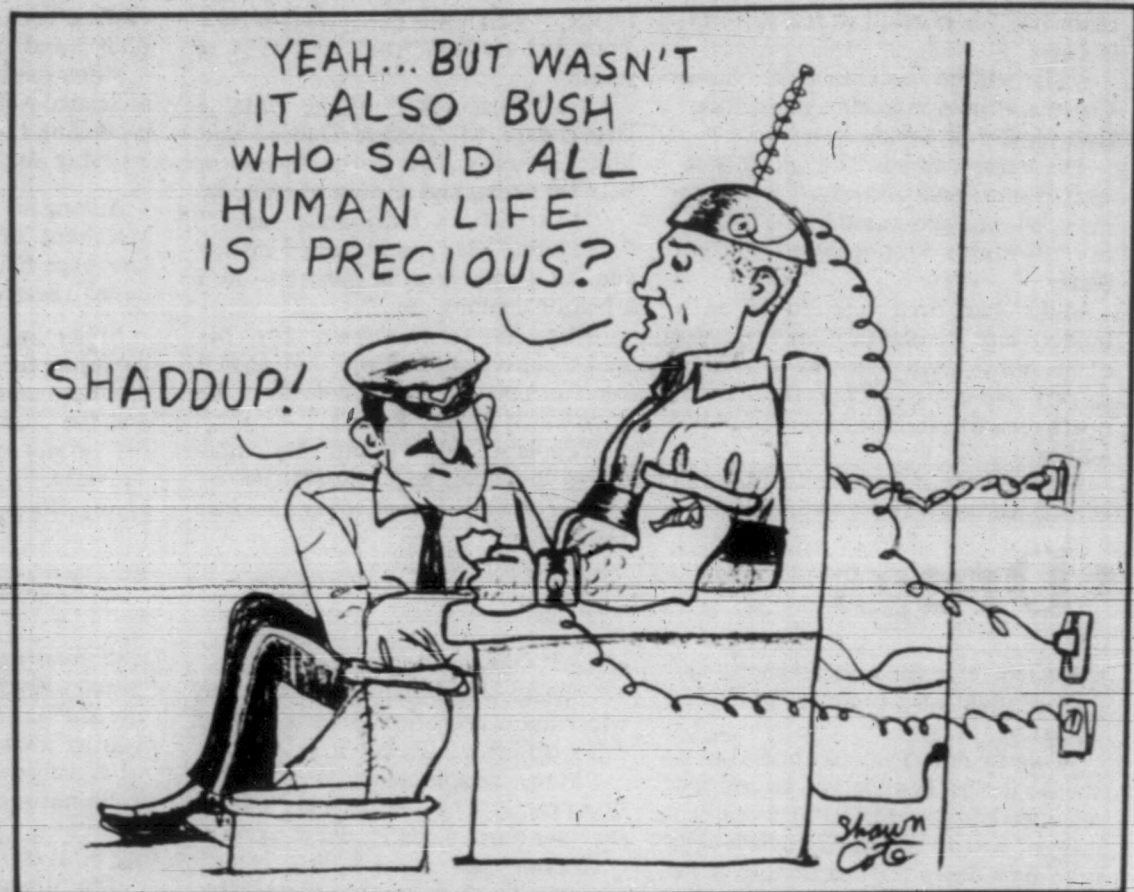
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November lampoon

Well, it's November, finally. For some reason I always feel better in a month that begins with a consonant.

Those months whose name begin with vowels are more like pseudo-months than the real things. A month really needs to start with a consonant to be taken seriously.

October is a prime example of what a vowel can do to a month. There are two major occasions within those 31 days, one of which involves dressing up in silly costumes and sending kids out to get cavities, and the other has us making a national holiday out of some guy's discovery of the West Indies.

None of that foolishness happens in months beginning with a hefty consonant. November is a perfect example of this. The big occasion this month is election day. You can't get much more serious than that. In fact, election day is so serious we only celebrate it every other year.

That's why this is the perfect time to mention that Elvis is alive and living in the area.

It's true. The rumors are everywhere, and everyone has heard them. All that is lacking, all that is keeping the hordes of yellow journalists from descending on our quiet corner of the world like a pack of hungry jackals is that one piece of irrefutable proof exposing the whole sordid cover-up (it's common knowledge that most cover-ups tend to be sordid).

As with most good rumors, the Elvis rumors presently running rampant vary a great deal



Keith Brann

and piecing together a story that makes any sense at all is rather difficult.

But not impossible. Now I know what you're thinking. "Come on Keith, don't you think this is stretching the realm of BELIEVABILITY just a wee bit too far, even for you?" Perhaps so, but if Dan Quayle has a chance to become President of the United States, certainly Elvis can still be alive.

And why not in Maine? Who ever heard of anyone famous retiring to Michigan, especially to some place with a name like Kalamazoo. Maine, on the other hand, is full of famous old people.

As near as I can figure, Elvis runs a large beef farm somewhere up in Greenbush, and comes to town regularly in an old red Ford.

According to Laundromat regulars in the Orono/Old Town area, who are experts on the matter, The King hasn't lost any weight since he left the public arena a decade ago, but

he hasn't gained any either.

He isn't at all bald like those tabloids show him, although his once jet-black hair is streaked with silver, and a full, gray beard hides those killer dimples.

The video woman at Thriftway says that Elvis is a regular and that he "just loves that Pia Zadora movie, 'The Lonely Lady,' and rents Three Stooges movies a lot too."

Frequenters of the bowling alley in the Union claim that Elvis quite often shows up there on Friday nights, in the company of an attractive woman known only as Roberta, and that he rarely bowls under 110.

Now I know what you're thinking. "OK, if Dan Quayle can be president, Elvis can certainly be alive, and Maine is a much nicer place than Michigan, but how can a secret like this be kept from the press, and since when do they need proof to run a story?!"

The fact of the matter is, that while we Mainers like nothing better than to gossip among ourselves, we are extremely tight-lipped when it comes to speaking to outsiders. Why, Elvis himself was ignored for years, and even now that he is invited to bean suppers, he is still considered "from away."

This is, after all, an election year, and as such, all bets are off and anything goes.

Keith Brann is a journalism major who thinks that the transmitter on Stevens Hall needs a blinking red light to ward off low flying aircraft.

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The true story of the Dalai Lama

My reaction to Keith Brann's tongue-in-cheek column in 10/18/88 edition of *The Daily Maine Campus*, is that people should know the truth to the existence of the Dalai Lama of Tibet. He is a real person residing in Dharamsala, India. He has not been able to return to Tibet since he fled in 1959.

Previously, he had been living in desperate conditions since the Maoist Chinese forces invaded in 1950. For ten years he witnessed the beginning of the attempted systematic destruction of a culture which had rich 2,500 year traditions.

He tried to gratify the wishes of Mao (and the Chinese government) and prevent nationalist revolt, because of his belief in nonviolence. The Tibetans started to become an enslaved population.

It was Mao's stated population policy for Tibet to overrun the land with Han Chinese settlers, thereby dispossessing the Tibetans of their own land. Mao disdained of their religion — Buddhism — and believed that the Tibetan people should only be allowed to glorify him and his communist system. The Dalai Lama is the spiritual and recognized earthly ruler of the

Tibetans. He was chosen for this job in adolescence and trained until he had to take the reigns of government at the very young age of eighteen, because of the invasion.

In 1959, the Tibetans finally revolted against atrocious conditions. The Chinese reacted in harsh militaristic fashion. The Dalai Lama, as a symbol of his people, had to escape the ever-tightening Chinese grip. He asked for and received asylum in India, along with a hundred thousand Tibetans. They set up a government-in-exile.

There were ten million Tibetan people in the forties and early fifties. Chinese propaganda tells the world that the actual area of Tibet does not include a sizeable portion of land in which cultural Tibetans have been killed since the fifties. The Chinese now officially recognize slightly less than two million Tibetans. The Chinese government's desire is for this occupation to remain a non-issue for the nations of the world at large.

Tibet appealed to the United Nations in 1949 and again in 1959 to no avail. Historically, they were a nation that took care of themselves

and did not choose to enter the international warfare games, because of their belief in non-violence. However, they allowed Mao to travel through their country when he was on his Long March to grasp power in China. He paid them back by invading them once his power was consolidated.

Guest Column by George Boone

The Tibetan holocaust is not different from the Jewish holocaust, except that it is worse, because it continues today. We do not hear very much about it, because the Chinese do not want us to know what is going on in Tibet. Maybe we think that we have too much on our minds already.

We used to support Tibetan freedom fighters with our CIA. All that support was dropped when Nixon and Bush went to China. These people have thousands and thousands of years of continuous indigenous history on one land, and in ten years they officially become a non-issue. China is big and powerful, but so isn't the Soviet Union and all the time we are appealed to for aid for suppos-

ed freedom fighters who have a much more tenuous connection to a people and a land than the Dalai Lama and the Tibetans. Unfortunately, it just isn't convenient for our leaders to continue to help these people.

When China went through their Cultural Revolution the land and people of Tibet went through hell. They were mistreated like dogs in macabre nightmarish actions by the Chinese. Fifty years ago, the leaders of that time did not find it convenient to step in and halt the beginning of the Jewish holocaust. Maybe no one would have done anything if it wasn't absolutely forced by Hitler's fanaticism.

Maybe we will just continue to allow the Chinese to destroy Tibet, robbing it of its natural resources — land and people — and dumping nuclear and toxic waste wherever they choose, without reprisals. The Dalai Lama may seem exotic and strange to us, but he is a middle aged human being who cares deeply for his people and for all the people of the world. In the fall of last year, he spoke before the Senate about a five point peace plan. The Senate

passed a resolution and commended the Dalai Lama for his work. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee chaired by Claiborne Pell wrote a letter to the Chinese government about the disastrous living conditions of the Tibetan people. The Chinese are upset that foreign governments are listening to the Dalai Lama. In return, they vent their anger on the Tibetans by holding these mass gatherings and executing Tibetan Nationals on a stage for all to see and be horrified.

These people continue to live in a nightmare of hell. The Dalai Lama works very hard to make himself familiar to us and to point out how similar we all are to one another. When Keith Brann highlights the strangeness of the title and the people to us, in the form of surreal fictitious experience; that is okay. I just thought maybe people want to know who this person is and what he stands for in the scheme of today's world. We can make fun of the Pope, but we all know who he is, at least on a human plane of existence.

George Boone is a student at the University of Maine.

Problem at Cutler examined

To the editor:

The Cutler Health Center staff is working hard to re-establish 24-hour infirmary care at the Cutler Health Center. A new Clinical Coordinator of Nursing was recommended last week (subject to the approval by President Dale Lick). She will begin this week.

An urgent part of her job will be to work on recruitment of nurses to staff our inpatient infirmary. New ads are being placed in newspapers this

weekend.

The Coordinator of Nursing will use direct recruiting methods including talking with nursing administrators in local hospitals, nursing homes, and health care agencies, and recruiting at professional meetings. Letters will be sent to former nurses indicating the desire to re-staff the infirmary as soon as possible and inviting their inquiries.

In order to enhance after hours care, we will begin expansion of hours of availability of

a nurse by phone. This nurse will be able to help Residential Life staff as well as individual students make decisions about the need for immediate health care and how to obtain that care if necessary. Watch for ads in the *Campus* detailing new hours.

The health center staff continues to share student concern with providing the best health care possible for students.

Roberta Berrien, M.D.
Director

Letters to the editor should be 300 words or less, and guest columns about 450 words. For verification purposes, a name, address, and phone number must accompany letters.

Candidate issues challenge to O'Dea

To the editor:

My opponent, John O'Dea, is trying his best to avoid debating the issues with me. I am appalled by his lack of response to my challenge to debate. My challenge, you might ask. Wasn't it John O'Dea who challenged Ken Walden to debate? No, it wasn't! On Tuesday, October 11, I hand delivered to the staff of *The Daily Maine Campus* a press release stating that I had every intention of challenging my opponent to debate the issues. That release was not published because it is not the policy of the *Campus* to publish press releases. John was informed of the existence of this release, however, and responded by writing his own letter to the editor challenging me. His letter was published on Tuesday, October 18, (one full week after my challenge). On that same day, prior to the release of the paper, I hand delivered John a letter challenging him to debate and giving him three phone numbers (mine, home and office, and a staff

member's). It has how been over a week and we've had no response. This issue here is not who challenged who but that the people of District 130 deserve to know where we stand on the issues. I emphasized in my challenge to him that a quick response was essential to setting up this debate. I would call him but he isn't listed in the phone book and his address, according to the student directory office is a P.O. Box.

John, I not only want to know where you stand on the issues, I demand it. I have seen no brochures telling me, no substantial issue positions in any of your interviews with the *Campus*. After attending many town council meetings, a breakfast to discuss support for the University bond issue, a conference on solid waste issues, and other meetings dealing with important issues in this town and this state, I have yet to see my opponent John O'Dea at any of them. Let's go find out what your stands are, John.

Ken Walden

Students aren't helpless

To the editor:

Your series on landlord/tenant problems in the UMaine-Orono area was interesting, but described only a few of the reasons why students are complaining. Having lived in 11 different houses and apartments here as a student at UMaine and elsewhere in the last 10 years, may I offer some advice to students seeking acceptable off campus housing in the future?

Many of the problems encountered by students can be avoided if they are careful about selecting apartments in the first place. In the UMaine-Orono area, this requires star-

ting the housing search early, inspecting many potential apartments, and interviewing landlords before deciding to sign a lease. When I first arrived at UMaine, I had to look at a dozen apartments before finding one that was even acceptable — others I have talked with have had the same experience. Many of the places I looked at were next to uninhabitable, and I told the landlord so and went back to the search. Since this was in July, I could afford to be choosy.

I suspect that many students accept substandard housing because: 1) they are frustrated with the scarcity of good apartments, 2) they run out of time

before the semester starts and must have *somewhere* to live, or 3) just don't care. It also pays to know your landlord's reputation — if you can't talk directly to them, chances are they won't give much attention to your complaints. For those that do care, begin your search early (e.g. before you leave in the spring) and set your standards high and you won't be burned later. Those that don't care probably deserve to live in the Orono/Old Town slums anyway.

Alex Haro

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Transfer

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to facilitate the transfer of equivalent courses, a numbering system and uniform course descriptions.

"There has been the appearance of foot-dragging" on these changes, Bost said.

He said it is important for students to know what they are getting themselves into before they try to transfer.

"The (system) has to identify the courses that are unique to a degree and those that have counterparts," he said. "They need to make the distinction between the two."

"If a student is laying down his or her hard-earned money and expects to complete his or her undergraduate work in four years, they should not come to the realization that they are deficient in their course requirements" after they transfer, Bost said.

Nancy MacKnight, a fellow in academic affairs for the university system, said the BOT is still addressing the issue of making the course descriptions more uniform between the campuses.

"It's a very complex issue," she said, "and one that is not easily solved."

In 1985 a course equivalency guide was published which lists most introductory courses and their equivalents at all other campuses. But the guide does not list any courses beyond the 100 level.

MacKnight said her office will be asking for revisions to the guide from each campus. She also said the trustees are working on cataloguing the rest of the courses, but that is a difficult process.

Nobody believes all seven campuses should be totally alike, but there is little doubt among administrators that the courses need to be catalogued to make things easier for the students.

"Each campus has its own mission," said Kent Price, assistant to the chancellor. He added that the unique qualities of each campus help to make the system better. He added that the problem is an important one to the students it does affect.

Race

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Tuesday night. In a bid to steal one of Bush's most memorable campaign lines, he said his valued — not the vice president's — would make America "a kinder, gentler nation."

Dukakis aimed his California appeal at women, listing his support for comparable wages, affordable child care, parental leave laws and a woman's opportunity to have an abortion.

He shook his head as he said Quayle had told a 12-year-old girl last week that the law would require her to bear a child if she were raped by her father and became pregnant. Quayle last week told an 11-year-old girl in Illinois that in such a circumstance, she should have the child rather than an abortion. But Quayle made no mention of such a law.

Dukakis summarized his case by saying the Republicans had "been on the wrong side of every issue of importance to American women."

Sports

Women's X-country place 8th at New Englands

by Dan Bustard
Staff Writer

Led by the top-ten finish of Tina Meserve, the University of Maine women's cross country team had their best result of the year, capturing eighth place in the New England Championships Saturday in Northfield, Mass.

Meserve covered the 3.1 mile course in 18:21 to match her team's finish of eighth.

"Tina was around 13th after the first mile," assistant coach Emily Spiteri said. "She made her move during the second mile. Although Tina told me that she didn't feel very well, she obviously ran a strong race."

Providence won the meet with 53 points while Boston College edged Vermont for second 92 to 98. UMaine fin-

ished with 219 points, seven behind their nearest competitor, Springfield College.

Spiteri said that Karen Salsbury expressed some disappointment at not being able to equal last year's finish, but said the sophomore ran a very tough race.

Salsbury, who was 16th last year, finished 27th in 19:10 Saturday.

Theresa Withee ran her best race ever, according to Spiteri, grabbing 51st place in 19:41. "Theresa peaked this week for us," Spiteri said.

At one point in the race, Withee, Rhonda Morin and Carla Lemieux were running together. "At that point, I knew that we would do well," Spiteri said.

Senior Mary Meehan was a little off and has been running subpar the last two weeks, but it does not appear to be

anything physical, Spiteri said.

Meehan finished 58th in 19:48 for the Black Bears.

Lemieux, the 17th freshman to cross the line, clocked a time of 20:11 for 75th place. Morin was 97th in 20:42.

"Rhonda just did not have it for this race," Spiteri said.

Gwen Seager was the final UMaine runner, finishing 154th.

"With our top five in the first 100, I knew that we could do well," Spiteri said. "This is an improvement over last year, when we finished 11th."

The next meet for the women will be Nov. 12 in New Haven, Conn. for the East Coast Athletic Conference Championships, which is also the NCAA qualifier for the New England region.

"We are just looking to run a good race (in the ECACs)," Spiteri said.

"Our team is small, but definitely has some quality runners."

NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Providence 53, Boston College 92, Vermont 98, Holy Cross 140, New Hampshire 172, Massachusetts 185, Springfield 212, UMaine 219, Rhode Island 268, Connecticut 271.

1. Tina Maloney, Providence-17:22
2. Nicole Fogarty, Brandeis-17:28
3. Meghan White, Smith College-18:05
4. Sari Argillander, Vermont-18:06
5. (tie) Ger Hendricken, Providence and Gina Braz, BC-18:11
7. Martha Grinnell, Springfield-18:17
8. Tina Meserve, UMaine -18:21
9. Jennifer Beck, BC-18:29
10. Brenda White, Vermont-18:32

Fighting Irish on top of college football list

(AP) — For the first time since 1981, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame are on top of the college football world.

And since Monday's Associated Press poll finds Southern California right behind Notre Dame, it sets up what would be the 24th meeting between No. 1 and No. 2 when they meet Nov. 26 in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Before that can happen, however, Notre Dame, 8-0 must defeat Rice on Saturday and Penn State on Nov. 19 while Southern Cal, 7-0, has to beat California, Arizona State and UCLA, the former No. 1 team, which slipped to sixth in the wake of Saturday's 34-30 upset at the hands of Washington State.

Notre Dame, a 22-7 winner over Navy, received 44 of 58 first-place votes and 1,144 of a possible 1,160 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and sportscasters. The Irish had been second behind UCLA the past two weeks. Southern Cal, a 41-20 winner over Oregon State, received 11 first-place votes and 1,097 points in climbing from third place to second.

Since the AP poll began in 1936, Notre Dame has won seven national championships, more than any other school. But the Irish haven't won a national championship since 1977 and were last ranked No. 1 after opening the 1981 season with a 27-9 victory over LSU. Notre Dame lost to Michigan 25-7 the following week and hasn't been higher than fourth until two weeks ago.

Notre Dame became the fourth team to be ranked No. 1 this season. Florida State was No. 1 in the preseason poll but lost its opener to Miami 31-0. Miami became No. 1 for six weeks before losing at Notre Dame 31-30. UCLA was No. 1 for two weeks.

Men's soccer takes Northeastern

by Kim Thibeau
Staff Writer

The University of Maine men's soccer team split its weekend games, defeating Northeastern University, 5-0 and losing to New Hampshire College, 1-0.

On Friday night, junior forward Rob Brule gave the Black Bears the only goal they would need to defeat the Huskies. Brule scored at the 2:30 mark, on an assist from Scott Douglas.

Other players scoring goals for Maine were senior back Fred Franzoni, freshman midfielder Ted Sniper, sophomore forward Marshall White and Douglas.

"We played well, but Northeastern is not that good of a team," said Coach Jim Dyer.

"But, both Robbie and Fred had good goals in this game."

Douglas, a sophomore forward, was the Black Bears' leading scorer of the game with

one goal and two assists for three points. He also assisted on Franzoni's goal at 7:30.

White was right behind Douglas in the scoring. In addition to his goal, White assisted on Douglas' goal to finish with two points.

Junior goalie Todd Brennan earned the shutout for Maine. This shutout was Brennan's fifth of the season and 12th of his career.

On Sunday afternoon, the Black Bears faced the number-one ranked Division II team in the country, New Hampshire College. New Hampshire ran its perfect record to 20-0 with a 1-0 victory over the Black Bears.

The only goal of the game came when the Penmen's All-American forward, Ron Murphy, scored on Brennan at 41:00 mark of the game.

Dyer said he was pleased with a Black Bear performance which

also gained solid reviews from the NHC coach.

"We played well and we played hard," Dyer said. "The people from New Hampshire told me that this game was the toughest game they have had all season."

Brennan, a native of Waterford, CT, turned away 10 New Hampshire shots and impressed Dyer with his game on Sunday.

"Todd was brilliant and had a spectacular game on Sunday. It was his best performance in a Maine uniform in his two years as a goalkeeper," said Dyer.

With the weekend split, the Black Bears' record moved to 9-8.

UMaine will finish off its home schedule Saturday with a 1 p.m. game against the University of Vermont.

Maine will finish its 1988 season at Boston College on Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.

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