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## Title IX compliance questioned

**Lack of women's varsity soccer may violate law guaranteeing equality of sports at universities**

by Andy Bean  
Staff Writer

Women's varsity soccer does not exist at the University of Maine.

The athletic department is attempting to implement the program for the fall of 1989, but the problem, officials say, is finding funds.

Without a program, however, the university's athletic program may not be in compliance with Title IX.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination in federally assisted programs, including college athletics.

UMaine currently funds 11 men's varsity sports and eight women's programs.

The women's club soccer coach, Judy Kirk, said, "They are not in compliance, because there are obviously more men's sports than women's."

Athletic Director Kevin White said compliance with Title IX can be calculated in a variety of ways. The law, he said, is ambiguous and open to many interpretations.

"By the basic formula I think we are in compliance," he said. "If not then we're close, but it is important for us to conduct a more objective, indepth analysis."

White said the department is going to conduct a self-assessment study in May or June to see if the university is complying with Title IX.

The law requires that athletic programs be funded proportionally to the number of men and women involved in them. Compliance is judged by the overall athletic program, not by specific sports or particular teams.

An earlier interpretation said that if there was a men's program, a women's program had to be implemented for equality. Now, equality is determined by the amount of money spent per student involved in athletics.

According to figures from the office of financial management, the 11 men's sports were budgeted for \$2.1 million and the eight women's sports had a budget of about \$500,000. But if you compare the budgets without figures from football or ice hockey, which do not have similar varsity programs for women, men's and women's programs are about equal.

The law does not require there be an equal number of sports or that expenditures be the same for both sexes, but it states that the selection of sports and levels of competition must "effectively accommodate the interests and abilities

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## New King movie previewed

BANGOR (AP) — Millions of readers have paid vicarious visits to rural Maine through the spine-chilling novels of Stephen King, but until now the movie adaptations of his books have always been filmed in other locations.

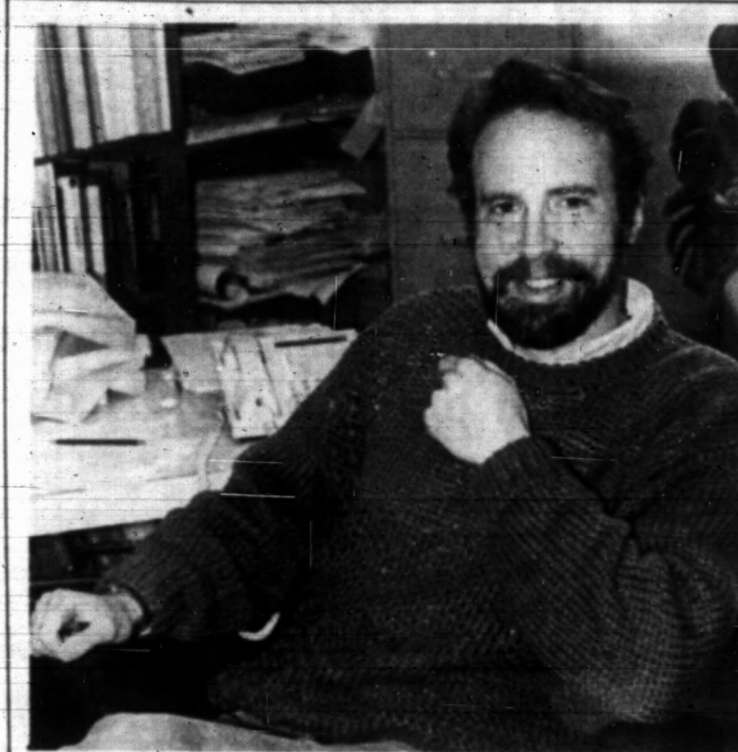
This month, with the release of "Pet Sematary," moviegoers will have their first opportunity to see a motion picture based on a King best seller that was filmed in the author's home state.

Aside from scenes of a roadside neon lobster sign, Bangor International Airport or the clock tower in downtown Ellsworth, the Maine setting provides a feel for a state that he seldom been showcased by Hollywood producers, King says.

"It adds a lot," he said, predicting that audiences will appreciate the authenticity of the locale. "They're going to know that it's Maine. And just as important, they're going to know that it's not California."

King, whose other books have been filmed in such locations as California, North Carolina, Oregon, and the Canadian province of Ontario, insisted that "Pet Sematary" be made in Maine. It was seen as a shot in the arm to the nascent Maine Film Commission, which has been trying to lure production companies to Maine and help the state recover from its loss of "On Golden

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Professor Neil Comins

## Astronomy professor gets shot at stardom

by Steven Pappas  
Staff Writer

There are stars and then there are stars.

Neil Comins has been an astronomy professor at the University of Maine for 11 years. His down-to-earth nature and spunky personality almost got him a role in a Hollywood movie and the rights to a potential screenplay.

Comins sits comfortably in his office on the third floor of Bennett Hall among hundreds of astronomy books, a pair of cross country skis, astrophysics journals, posters of planets and his "Return of the Jedi"

lunch box.

He had never considered a life as an actor until last year.

In April 1988, Comins received a telephone call from a former UMaine student who was working for movie director Roland Joffe. Joffe has directed such movies as "The Killing Fields" and "The Mission."

Brit Babcock, Joffe's production coordinator and Comins' former astronomy student, asked him if he would be interested in trying out for a role in Joffe's latest production, "Fat Man and Little Boy."

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## African journalists discuss differing roles of media

by Christina Koliander  
Staff Writer

Eight journalists from different African countries discussed the differences between the media in the United States and Africa at a press conference at the University of Maine Tuesday morning.

Tombisa di Yaba Fwasa, a cultural and news reporter at the National Office of Radio and Television of Zaire, said the media's function and role in Africa is different than it is in any Western country.

He said a lot of the media in the West are based on capitalism, which has never been a tradition in Zaire.

He also said there are independently run press groups, although they were started up by the government.

Although the government financially supports the media, he explained, it doesn't mean they can't criticize it.

There is freedom of the press and expression, yet there are limits, he said. "It's a relative term," he said.

The journalists all agreed that women are beginning to play an important role in the African media. Women in the past

have not played a big role because they were usually not educated.

Michel Kouame, a journalist and the assistant editor of "Fraternite Matin" from the Ivory Coast, said education is offered to everyone. Women, he said, are slowly entering the field of journalism.

He said there used to be a low percentage of women who would complete their schooling. But now, there are some female journalists who have higher degrees than men.

In Rwanda, there is also a problem with women not completing their education, said Joseph Ndagamenye, chief of

the Written Press, Cinema and Photography Service of the Rwandan National Information Office. There are currently some women journalists working on weekly newspapers in Rwanda, he said.

Sidiki Konate, a reporter for Radiodiffusion Television in Mali, said the current Minister of Information there is a woman.

Fwasa said women in Africa are no longer working in the fields and at the beck and call of their husbands.

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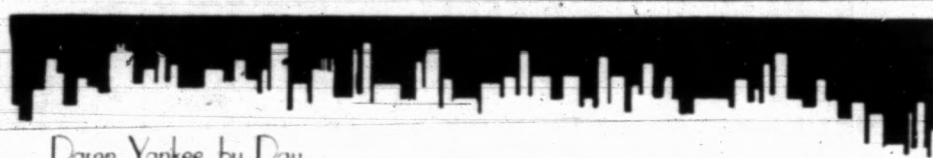


## HONORS BANQUET

The Annual Honors Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 18th at 7:30 p.m. in Wells Commons. The banquet recognizes the scholastic activities of outstanding members of our students and teaching, research and public service activities of outstanding members of our faculty.

Tickets are available from the Office of New Student Programs, 219 Chadbourne Hall, 581-1826 and must be obtained prior to NOON on Friday, April 14.

Speaker for this event will be Dr. Robert L. Woodbury, Chancellor of the University of Maine System.



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## News Briefs

### Bodies found in mass Satanic grave

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The bodies of 12 people were found in a mass grave at a ranch outside the Mexican border town of Matamoros, and authorities Tuesday blamed the killings on satanic rituals and human sacrifice.

"It was horrible," Cameron County Sheriff Alex Perez told a news conference. "It was like a human slaughterhouse."

Four suspects were arrested, and more arrests were expected, officials said.

The suspects were involved in drug smuggling, and prayed to the devil for protection from police, authorities

said.

The bodies were found in a field along with evidence of voodoo or magic, said a sheriff's department spokesman.

The dead included a 21-year-old University of Texas student who disappeared in the Mexican border town during his spring break vacation last month, the spokesman said.

The student, Mark Kilroy, disappeared shortly after 2 a.m. while on a drinking excursion with friends in Matamoros, a city of 180,000 people just across the Rio Grande from Brownsville.

### Brush fires cause Miami smoke screen

MIAMI (AP) — Dense smoke from fires in dried-up Everglades wetlands cloaked Miami on Tuesday, cutting visibility, alarming senior citizens with breathing problems, and leading to evacuation of an alien detention camp.

U.S. immigration officials closed their busy office building because of the choking fumes. State troopers briefly closed a stretch of U.S. 41, the southernmost east-west route across Florida, because of near-zero visibility. No accidents were reported.

"From the window, it looks like the

city is in flames," said Miami Beach Fire Lt. Luis Garcia. "You can't see across the bay (to downtown Miami) and it's getting worse."

Brush fires are normal in Florida this time of year, but are more numerous and intense this season, because of an unusually dry winter.

Health alerts were issued because of the choking haze, which meteorologists said was lessened by seabreezes as the day went on.

"I came here for sun and I got smoke — figure that out," said Albert Smith, a tourist from Minneapolis, as he squinted into the haze.

### Bush proposes speaking-fee ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has omitted a proposal that members of Congress forswear speaking-fee income from ethics legislation he will propose Wednesday, an administration official said Tuesday.

Bush is proposing a 25 percent pay raise for federal judges in the package that covers enforcement, outside activities, conflicts of interest, financial disclosure and restrictions on what employees can do in post-government service.

The president decided that the honoraria issue is one that should be

considered separately from the rest of the ethics legislation, and is more properly discussed when the time again comes to talk about congressional pay raises, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Bush expressed support of previous pay raise legislation, but Congress itself voted against giving its members a raise earlier this year.

A presidential commission that studied ethics in government recommended that members of the House and Senate be barred from accepting speaking fees and other honoraria.

### 'Star Wars' laser successfully tested

WASHINGTON (AP) — A high-power chemical laser developed for the "Star Wars" program has been successfully tested for the first time in a vacuum chamber simulating the conditions of space, the Pentagon said.

The test, described as "a major milestone" by the Defense Department, was conducted Friday at a special facility in San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

While the so-called Alpha laser generated a laser beam for only one-fifth of a second, the initial "first light" test was sufficient to verify the

theoretical calculations that were made in designing the device, said Neil Griff, the program manager for chemical lasers with the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization.

The Alpha device has long been described as the Pentagon's most promising technology for a small, lightweight laser that could be built with enough power to operate as a weapon in space.

"This is the first time we have demonstrated a laser that we believe is scaleable (in power) to meet SDI (Star Wars) requirements," Griff added Monday.



## Soviet expert to speak on perestroika, glasnost

by Lisa Cline  
Staff Writer

For those who might have had doubts, perestroika is for real, according to Sergei Molotchkov of the Soviet Union's Academy of Sciences.

"It is everything," Molotchkov said of perestroika, the governmental reforms being implemented by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"What (Gorbachev) has done cannot be undone. Any further development will be based on what has already been reached," he said.

Molotchkov will give a lecture titled, "Perestroika and Glasnost in the Soviet Union," at 7:30 tonight in 101 Neville Hall.

Molotchkov, who is head of the academy's Section for the Study of Canada, will also speak on "Canada and World Politics" at a faculty luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the Bodwell Dining Area of the Maine Center of the

Arts.

In an interview Monday, Molotchkov said he believes political and social reforms will continue to be introduced to his homeland.

He said last month's free elections were just a first step toward introducing modern democracy to the Soviet Union.

The election of populist reformer Boris Yeltsin to the Soviet parliament, Molotchkov said, signifies the people's rejection of the existing power structure.

"The vote for Yeltsin was not a vote for him as much as it was a vote against the administrative establishment."

Yeltsin's campaign typified the more democratic politics that Gorbachev has introduced to the Soviet Union.

This decentralization of power, Molotchkov said, is "indispensable" for future stages of perestroika.

As the slogan of the 1919 Russian Revolution, "More power to the Soviets," becomes popular once again, Molotchkov said Soviet citizens are

becoming much more politically active.

Molotchkov told of his 87-year-old mother, who, after being confined to the house for several months, insisted on going out to the polls to vote.

"For the first time in many years people are realizing that their destiny is in their own hands. And they want to use it," he said.

Molotchkov, whose expertise is Canadian politics, is at the University of Maine under the auspices of the Canadian American Center.

His first visit to Orono, in 1976, was spurred by the university's strong program in Canadian studies.

The Soviet Union's primary interest in Canada stems from the many similar economic and social problems the two countries share, Molotchkov said.

Those problems include vast unsettled territories, multiculturalism and ways to cultivate extensive natural resources.

Apart from Canada, he said, very few other countries share these problems

with the Soviet Union.

He said his country hopes to learn from Canada's experience in dealing with these problems.

Molotchkov said the Soviet Union can also learn from Canada's relationship with the United States.

"(My country) has realized that it is difficult to understand the United States' stand on many issues without taking a look at its relationship with Canada," he said.

Through the study of Canada's dealings with the United States, Molotchkov said, the Soviets can learn what can be done with their relations with the United States.

Also, by virtue of its "sandwich position" between the United States and the Soviet Union, Molotchkov said, Canada has become a natural mediator.

He said Canada has in the past tried to be a "bridge" between the United States and the Soviet Union.

## Muskie, Smith may get new plates

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Two of Maine's most prominent political figures, Margaret Chase Smith and Edmund S. Muskie, will each be entitled to a set of specially designed Maine license plates under a bill that the Senate enacted Tuesday.

The free, lifetime plates will be dark green with a white border and will bear the state seal. Each set will carry the full name of the honoree, said Linda Grant, an administrative assistant in the state Motor Vehicle Division.

Gov. John R. McKernan intends to sign the legislation, said his press

secretary, Willis Lyford.

Mrs. Smith, who lives in her native Skowhegan, said in a telephone interview that she was "very pleased" by the Legislature's action.

The 91-year-old Republican, who represented Maine in Washington for more than three decades and was the first woman elected to both houses of Congress, said she would use the plates on her car, although she rarely drives it herself anymore.

Muskie, a Democrat former Maine governor who served in the Senate for 22 years before being appointed

secretary of state during the Carter administration, does not have any vehicles registered in Maine, according to Carole Parmelee, his administrative assistant at his Washington law office.

Muskie lives in Maryland, although he maintains a Maine vacation home at Kennebunk Beach.

### Thompson lecture moved to Sunday

Hunter S. Thompson was unable to attend Tuesday night's lecture, but he is scheduled to lecture Sunday, April 16 at 8 p.m. at 101 Neville Hall.

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### U.S.-Soviet University Pairing Program

Twelve students and three faculty members from Kharkov State University in the Ukraine, U.S.S.R. will be arriving this Thursday. The itinerary for their seven day stay at the University of Maine follows:

- Thursday, April 13
  - 11:00 pm Soviets arrive in Bangor.
- Friday, April 14:
  - 10:00 am LASST tour.
  - 11:00 Computer Center tour
  - 1:30 pm Caribou tour
  - 3:00 Meeting with President Dale Lick.
- Sunday, April 16
  - 4:00 pm Performance of the Bangor Symphony and the University Singers at the Maine Center for the Arts.
- Monday, April 17:
  - 9:00 am Tour of the University Farm.
  - 10:00 Tour of the Jenness Paper Facilities.
  - 4:00 pm Tour of the Daily Maine Campus facilities.
- Tuesday, April 18:
  - 9:00 am Tour of Cartographic Center.
  - 9:30 Tour of the Hudson Museum.
  - 6:00 pm Student Senate Meeting.
- Wednesday, April 19: Maine Day
  - The Soviets will be taking part in Maine Day by working in the morning and going to the BBQ in the afternoon.
  - 4:00 pm Press Conference in the North and South Lown Rooms in the Memorial Union.
- Thursday, April 20:
  - 8:30 am Coffee and doughnuts in the Sutton Lounge before the Soviet delegation leaves for U.S.M.

The Soviet delegates are eager to meet Maine students and faculty so look for them and introduce yourself! For more information contact Anne Levesque mornings at 204 Roger Clapp Greenhouse or call 581-1501.



## Chinese legal experts calling for new constitution

by Ann Scott Tyson  
The Christian Science Monitor

BEIJING — A group of Chinese legal experts is calling for a new constitution in a bold challenge to Communist Party power and China's ancient tradition of autocratic rule.

The young lawyers and political theorists propose a constitution that would promote human rights while subjecting the Communist Party for the first time to democratic checks and balances.

The controversial proposal clashed with an ancient pattern of state supremacy in China, where rulers have wielded law primarily as a tool of absolutism since the first emperor united the nation in 221 BC.

For 2,000 years, imperial and communist leaders alike have decreed harsh punishments and rewards to secure popular submission. Drawing on Confucian and legalist philosophies that endorse unlimited state power, they have held themselves above the law and aloof from public censure.

The Communist Party leadership has so far proven unwilling to consider the demands for a wholesale revision of the constitution, which contains key clauses buttressing its rule.

Nevertheless, legal scholars say the passing of the party's revolutionary old guard and a decade of market-oriented reforms are unleashing powerful forces for political change and constitutional government.

"The most important task of the 1990s is to create an authoritative, stable con-

stitution," said Yan Jianqi, a prominent political scientist at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, in an interview last week.

About 200 Chinese scholars, including Yan, discussed their goal of establishing the constitution as China's highest authority at an unofficial seminar Sunday in Beijing. The seminar was timed to coincide with the annual session of China's nominal parliament, the National People's Congress (NPC), which serves mainly to endorse Communist Party policy.

Citing chronic abuses of power, the experts condemn as naive the concept of "new authoritarianism," recently advocated by young Communist Party theorists, whereby an enlightened despot would slowly guide China toward democracy.

Instead, they argue that China must supplant its autocratic and dangerously unstable tradition of ren zhi (rule by individual leaders) with fa zhi (rule by law).

"Our constitution is the tool of leaders who come to power by chance," said Zhang Xianyang, a philosopher at China's Institute of Marxism, Leninism, and Mao Zedong Thought.

"Every few years, when a new leader takes power, he writes a new constitution," Zhang said in an interview. "If China's constitution is revised every few years, how can the country be stable?"

Since the 1949 revolution, China's communist leaders have promulgated four constitutions — in 1954, 1975, 1978 and 1982 — each one molded by the immediate political aims and ambitions of

those in power. With each new charter, the leadership granted and retracted citizens' political rights at will.

Moreover, Chinese leaders have repeatedly violated the Constitution. During Mao Zedong's chaotic 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, millions of Chinese were persecuted for "political crimes" that had no legal basis.

"We do not have reliable evidence to prove that in the past years the Communist Party has undertaken its constitutional responsibilities," wrote Chen Xiaoping, a researcher at China's University of Politics and Law. "If the Communist Party does not undertake constitutional responsibilities ... then it is an absolute power in disguise," Chen wrote. The frequency with which party leaders have scrapped, revised and overridden Chinese constitutions has undermined the authority and credibility of the charters, legal experts say.

"China has proclaimed one constitution after another in the 20th century," Yan said. "Although they differ in content, they have a common problem: they lack authority."

But today Yan and other scholars say that China is undergoing a critical political transformation that could lay the foundation for constitutional government.

On the one hand, China's communist leadership is gradually becoming more rational and consensus-oriented as the revolutionary old guard relinquishes power, to a group of younger party leaders, scholars say.

Inner-party democracy will grow as several competing factions fill the power vacuum left last November when senior leader Deng Xiaoping retired from the Central Committee, they say.

## • Media

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Woman's quality is felt in all sectors of society, he said.

Konate said he feels there is only a global look at Africa in the newspapers in the United States.

Africa does not make the news in the United States unless there is a coup or a famine, he said. He said he feels there is not an objective look at the total area.

Illiteracy is a problem in Africa, which the journalists said is being solved with radio and television.

"There is a real sense of community," Kouame said.

He said if the majority of people in a village can't read, there will always be

someone who does, who will read for them.

Although the written press is newer on the Ivory Coast, it has a valid impact on society, he said.

Other journalists at the press conference were Donatien Nyamirigi, director of Cabinet, Ministry of Information in Burundi; Gata N'Der, director of the Chadian Press Agency in Chad; Adamou Mahaman, director of "Voix du Sahel," a radio station in Niger; and Mamadou Malaye Diop, a television journalist at Office de Radiodiffusion and the Television of Senegal.

# STOP MAKING

# SENSE

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### The Committee for Student Publications

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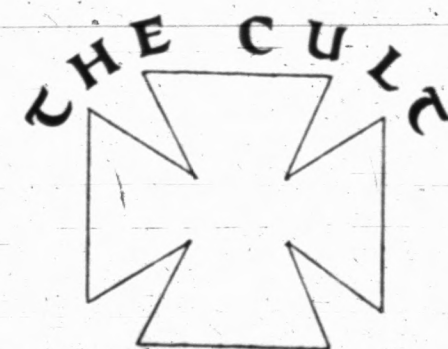
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## Sex Matters

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**A:** A lot depends on your value system. I can't answer this for you.

Some things you might want to consider are: What about sexually transmitted diseases? Do you use condoms? What is the other person feeling? What are the reasons the other person is sleeping with you? What do you want in terms of a relationship with the person the next morning? Do you want to be friends?

Strangers? How do you feel about sharing this intimate part of yourself with others? What are you getting out of one-night stands? Relief? Joy?

Confusion? In the long run, think about what kind of relationship you want with another person. Recognize that while sex can be enjoyable in a single encounter, it is generally more satisfying in the context of a meaningful relationship.

**Q:** How can I get someone to notice me? This guy doesn't even realize I'm alive! *Female, Sophomore*

**A:** I'm wondering if, when you say you want the person to notice you, you also want him to like you? As you probably already know, one cannot force another person to like (or love) him or her. Attraction to another person is a complex phenomena, based on prior experiences, unconscious needs, and cultural heritage. Generally speaking, people who share similar interests are more likely to develop friendships.

Consider what it is about this person that you find attractive. Are you attracted to this person because you know that you share similar interests, in which case you have a basis for conversation. Or, are you attracted to this person by some superficial quality, such as looks or status, that gives you little insight into the real person?

**Q:** The guy I'm seeing is getting too emotionally involved too soon in our relationship. What can I do or say to him to get him to back off? *Female, Sophomore*

**A:** I'm not sure I understand you. What I think you're saying is you want a casual relationship and he wants a commitment. If this is so, then you need to be straight with him about your feelings. One way to cope is to say, "I like you very much and I am not ready for an exclusive relationship with you."



**Dr. Sandra Caron**

I'd love to share a friendship with you and also want to be with others — to meet and date other guys." It is no kindness to let a person believe that you are making a similarly total commitment to him, when in reality you're not ready to do so.

**Q:** Got any tips on breaking up? *Male, Senior*

**A:** Just a few.

*If you initiate the breakup:*

- Be sure you want to break up. Sometimes people use the threat of breaking up as a way to say, "I want the relationship to change."

- Acknowledge the fact that your partner will be hurt. There's little you can do to ease the pain your partner will feel.

- Once you end the relationship, it may be best not to continue seeing your former partner as "friends" until considerable time has passed. It may be best to wait to become friends until your partner is involved with someone else.

*If your partner breaks up with you:*

- The pain and loneliness you feel are natural. They are part of the grieving process for the loss of an important relationship.

- You are a worthwhile person, whether you are with a partner or not. Do things you like; spend time with your friends; be kind to yourself.

- Don't try to see your former partner. It may prolong the distress.

- Try to keep a sense of humor and remember what my mom always told me: There are other fish in the sea!

*Dr. Sandra L. Caron is Assistant Professor of Family Relations in the School of Human Development; she teaches the Human Sexuality course. Questions for Dr. Caron should be sent directly to the Daily Maine Campus Lord Hall.*



Donnie O'Quinn and Dave McGowan, hosts of the "Official Radio Show of Student Government," in WMEB's on-air studio. photo by Doug Vanderweide

## Radio show to be the official voice of GSS

by Jonathan Bach  
Staff Writer

The campus radio station WMEB (91.9 FM) and student government have a new approach to inform students about the activities of the General Student Senate.

It's called "The Donnie and Dave Show" and it features student government press secretary Dave McGowan and his roommate-cohort Donnie O'Quinn as deejays for the three-hour program.

McGowan said he is hoping the show will give WMEB a new audience and will give the GSS some free attention.

"It will help both organizations," said McGowan. "It'll tell people what we're doing in student government and will gain listeners...and keep them tuned in."

The show was granted approval by the GSS in its Tuesday meeting as "the Official Radio Show of Student Government for Spring 1989" and will air on Wednesdays from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

O'Quinn said the idea originated as a

joke when he noticed that Pop-Tarts were the Official Toaster Pastry of the 1984 Winter Olympics.

But starting today, the show is a serious reality.

There will be "bubbly" theme music, by a local band, the Lawn Darts, said O'Quinn.

"It'll be bright, quick, and casual," O'Quinn said. "It's not going to be like those long talk show affairs. There'll be tidbit gleamings of information."

McGowan said progressive music will be played during the show, but guest appearances by student government president John Gallant and vice president T.J. Ackermann may be featured in the future.

The object, McGowan said, is to present what student government does informatively and with humor.

"A lot of people view student senate as something they just can't grasp. We're going to try to bring it down a little more, make it more accessible," McGowan said.

### TEACHER CERTIFICATION QUESTIONS?

IN CONJUNCTION WITH FALL REGISTRATION, ON THURSDAY, APRIL 13 IN ROOM 201 SHIBLES, ASSISTANT DEAN OF EDUCATION, ANNE POOLER, WILL MEET WITH ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN THE NEW CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS IN THE STATE OF MAINE. THESE SESSIONS ARE DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS IN PROGRAMS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ALREADY HAVE AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE AND WANT TO BE CERTIFIED.

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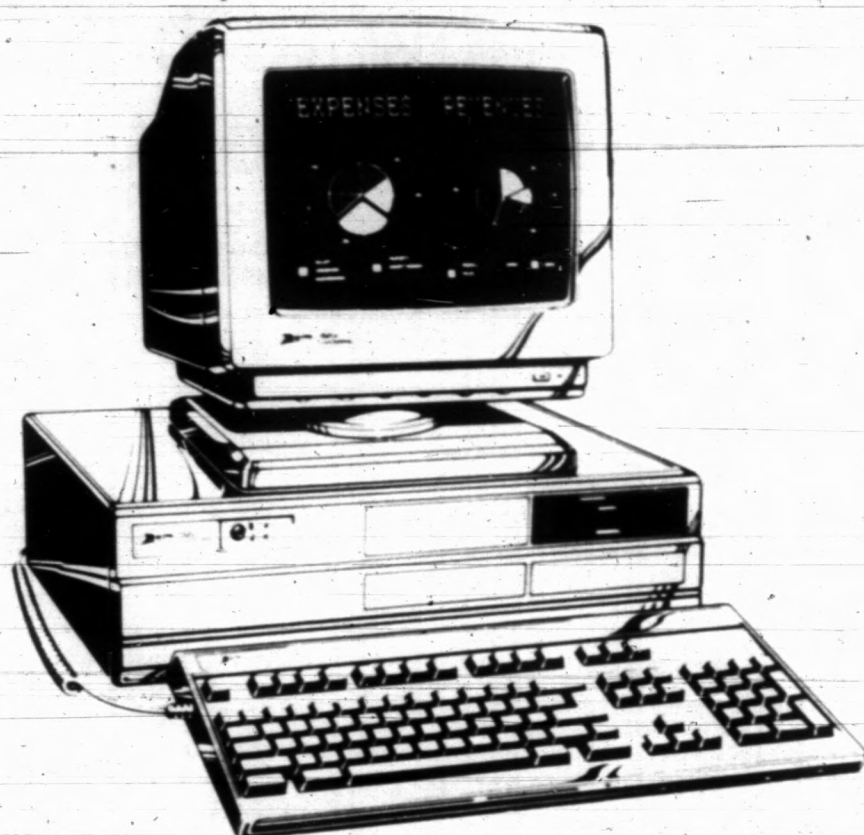
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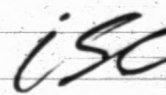
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## •Movie

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Pond" to neighboring New Hampshire several years ago.

"Pet Sematary," the first film featuring a screenplay that King himself adapted from one of his novels, is a thriller that unravels a horrifying secret lodged in an animal burial ground in rural Maine. Its theme of return from the dead is reminiscent of the popular tale, "The Monkey's Paw."

Directed by Mary Lambert, the Paramount Pictures film stars Dale Midkiff, Fred Gwynne and Denise Crosby and is scheduled for national release on April 21. It features a cameo appearance by King, who portrays a minister presiding at the funeral of a 2-year-old boy.

Many of those attending the film's promotional screening in Bangor this week won their tickets in a giveaway sponsored by WZON, the local rock 'n' roll radio station which King owns.

In an interview Tuesday in conjunction with the screening, King recalled that the framework of his 1983 novel took root 10 years ago while he and his family were living in a rented house along Route 15 in Orrington. At the

time, he was a writer-in-residence at the University of Maine, his alma mater.

There was an old pet cemetery in a clearing behind the house, and King's daughter had buried her pet cat there after it had wandered onto the highway and was hit by a truck. The feline, named Smucky, was immortalized in both the novel and the movie with a grave marker that read, "Smucky, he was obedient."

Following publication of the novel, which remained on The New York Times best-seller list for more than 30 weeks, souvenir hunters visited the site and removed most of the grave markers.

King recalled the time he tackled his 2-year-old son to keep him from running onto the road, a heart-wrenching

episode that inspired the tragic denouement of "Pet Sematary."

"Everything in the book and in the movie is true — up to a certain point where it crosses the line into fantasy," the author said.

The scarier moments, more horrifying than any "slasher" movie, reflect the terror that strikes at the hearts of parents and show how precious and fragile the lives of young children can be, King said. "We're not talking about a kid who gets killed in a senseless road accident."

While the fictitious setting of "Pet Sematary" is called Ludlow — a town actually located in Aroostook County — King acknowledged that the actual site is in Orrington, a suburb about 10 miles

outside Bangor.

King, who has been openly critical of the movie versions of several of his books, has nothing but praise for the latest film. But King says Rob Reiner's highly-acclaimed "Stand By Me" remains his favorite movie adaption of his writings.

A Maine native, King his familiarity with his home state makes it an ideal setting for his fiction, but he feels the nature of the place also provides a gothic flavor.

"We're a little bit cut off, a little bit insular here, and it's truer as you get further north," he said. "I like to get away from the centers of population, to places where things could happen and no one would really know."

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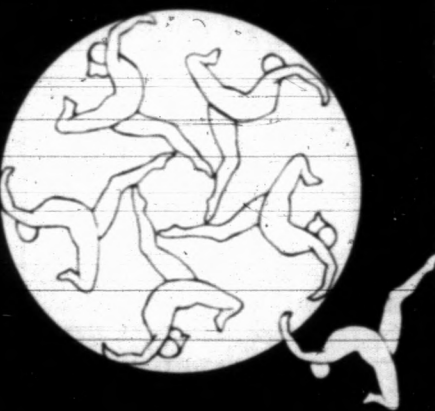
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# Editorial

## Pro-choice

On Sunday, almost 600,000 men and women marched and lobbied their support at the nation's capital against the possible changing of the landmark Supreme Court decision of *Roe v. Wade*, which gives a woman the right to obtain a safe and legal abortion.

The marchers have been lobbying to let the Supreme Court know they are concerned that the landmark decision by the Supreme Court of *Roe v. Wade* may be overturned this year. The marchers ranged from Hollywood actors to college students and women with children in support for the Supreme Court decision.

But was anyone in the White House listening or watching the chanting crowd?

The Vice-President of the United States Dan Quayle said the march was "nothing unusual in this town."

Did he not see the hoards of people walking outside the windows of the White House?

The rally last Sunday exceeded the crowd of 90,000 who showed up for an abortion rights march in 1986.

Activists have been lobbying members of Congress and leaving their views on their doorstep in Washington.

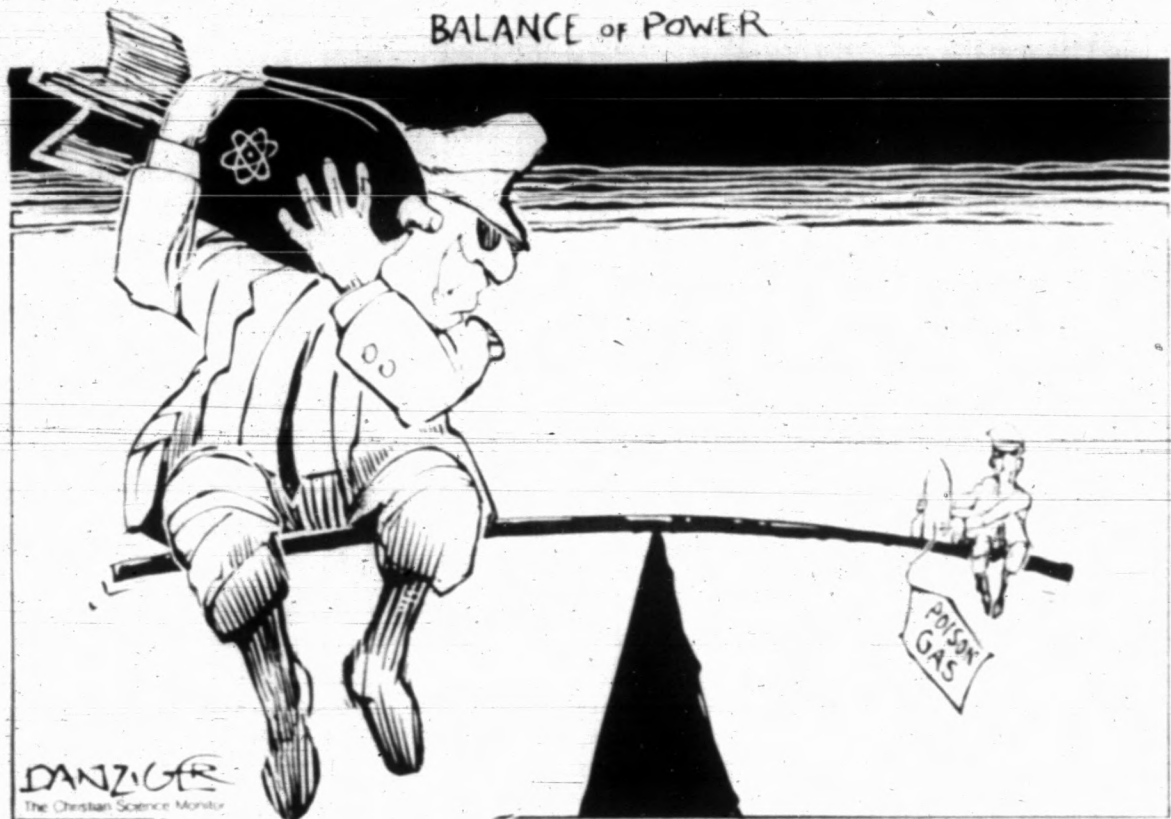
"I don't believe the Supreme Court should be, nor do we expect it to be, swayed by a demonstration. That is the way the system is supposed to work," Quayle said.

What gives the right for a group of elected judges to tell a woman in Orono, Maine that they will make the decision with what she does with her own body?

On April 26, the Supreme Court will examine a Missouri abortion case which could possibly change this right.

Hopefully the court will make the ruling that it is still a woman's choice and that group of conservative judges will not be the one's to decide what a woman can or can not do.

Let's hope the Court saw and listened to the crowd Sunday afternoon.



*Chris Kihanda*

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## The caribou connection

There are some weird things going on at this university; dark, eerie, things that, on the surface, seem totally innocent and unrelated. A slight wink, a subtle nod shared between two balding administrators in some deserted hallway, random calls made to high-ranking power brokers at obscure offices somewhere in the Far East. Strange, mysterious goings on that seem to make no sense. No sense that is, until one has quaffed two or six beers at Geddy's.

Then, they make all too much sense.

For instance, take last Friday night when, after having drunk the appropriate amount of the aforementioned beverage, I realized that President Lick made a number of trips to Washington late last semester. I also realized that university officials released 13 caribou into Baxter State Park last week.

It was a terrifying connection.

"But, Mike," you say, "I don't see any connection."

To which I reply, you obviously haven't consumed the recommended dosage of said drink.

Anyway, and this is the really scary part, each of these newly-freed caribou wore around its neck a little black



**Michael Di Cicco**

box chock full of high-tech thingamabobs.

Putting these thingamabobs and President Lick's trips to Washington together Friday, I came to the conclusion that the whole caribou project was really part of a top-secret plan by the university and the Pentagon to hunt for Soviet subs lurking in Baxter State Park.

Yep, Soviet subs.

Sure, I thought it was a bit on the odd side too, but hey, remember we're talking about U.S. military intelligence here.

I'm not quite sure on the specifics of this risky scheme, but I think it works on the caribou-quadrant principle.

That is, each caribou, after having gone through a strenuous training session at the hands of overzealous, sadistic CIA agents posing as UMaine

professors, was ordered to patrol a certain area of Baxter State Park.

Those innocent-looking little black boxes strapped to each animal's chest are really long-range radar scopes.

As the caribou wander around in their assigned areas, in Washington some blowhard with a crew cut keeps close tabs on any suspicious sub action going on underground in the park.

Thus, through the combined genius of some UMaine officials and the Pentagon, for a near-border patrol against the Soviet threat in Northern Maine we have of a handful of caribou bobbing through Baxter State Park with little black boxes strapped to their chests.

It's true, and it's all paid for by the U.S. Government and your tax dollars.

The only thing I haven't quite figured out yet, is what the heck Soviet subs would be doing plowing around in the backwoods of Northern Maine.

But hey, I guess that's what this Friday night at Geddy's is for.

*Michael Di Cicco is a senior journalism major from Essex Junction, Vermont who is almost sure the new baseball clubhouse is really a missile silo.*



# Response

## Change our failed drug laws

To the editor:

I read with great interest and indignation your March 22 article, "Drug Laws Send Mixed Message to Youths", which states that "current state drug laws send a mixed message to Maine youths, telling them a little bit of marijuana is O.K." because "Maine law has considered possession of less than 1.5 oz. ... a civil violation, punishable only by no more than a \$200 fine."

You're right! All the drug laws are two faced and difficult to understand let alone believe. I have given much thought to the "drug" problem that I constantly see in the media, especially the policies directed against cocaine, since this is the substance we keep hearing the most about. Marijuana follows suit, but the cocaine hypocrisy paints a vivid picture. My thoughts on the "drug" problem, especially our anti-cocaine policies, which are really a prohibition of coca, will help you understand why the problem lies within the drug LAWS, not the drugs.

First, when politicians talk of "eradicating" drug crops, they really mean extinguishing the coca plant. I totally oppose the harassment of the Andies Indians and this useful crop.

Cocaine laboratories are an entirely different matter, but remember our laws are directed against coca. I have read a great

deal about coca and cocaine and found that people have problems only with the purified version of the drug.

No one has ever become addicted to or had adverse effects from coca leaves or beverages like pre-1903 Coca-Cola or Vin Mariani (French Bordeaux fortified with coca extract). Coca, in its natural state, has 14 alkaloids and many vitamins which actually promote health, Moma Coca Antonil. However, just after the turn of the century, the laws that were passed that eliminated bulk coca leaves from the market created an exclusive market for cocaine-hydrochloride. Before this prohibition, cocaine was readily available in patent medicines and as an "over-the-counter" drug and many people did have problems with it. The reformers of the period, attempting to "solve" this problem, got laws passed against what seemed to be the root of the problem (coca) — an infinitely serious mistake.

Legalize coca and you will destroy the market for refined cocaine. If coca was available, the practice of snorting cocaine would be no more popular than snorting smashed up No-Doz tablets-amongst users of the drug caffeine.

Think about it. No one shoots or snorts alcohol, caffeine, or any other legal drug! If Dr. harvey Wiley had had his way in 1906, he would have

outlawed caffeine in any and all forms too. He sued Coca Cola for having "that horrible narcotic caffeine" in it, and if he had won you would not see bulk coffee beans and tea leaves on the black market, only a grossly overpriced refined white powder. Coca, if taken as caffeine is (orally), it is no more addicting than coffee or tea!

Second, education and rehabilitation are very important and I support them if it's honest information and voluntary.

Third, considering the fact that tobacco use causes 360,000 deaths a year, and the fact that it is the most addictive substance known to man, even more than heroin which is taken intravenously, any politician who talks about a "drug" problem and supports tobacco subsidies, to me appears to have no credibility whatsoever. What's your opinion on tobacco subsidies?

Death penalties for drug "Kingspins"?

If so, start with the board of directors of R.J. Reynolds, Phillip Morris and U.S. Tobacco! If that sounds absurd, as would a prohibition on tobacco patterned after that on marijuana and coca, then you can see that there is no justification whatsoever for the laws against marijuana and coca. Tobacco is in the same class as heroin, physically addictive. Marijuana and coca are in the same class

as tea, not dangerous, addictive, or potentially lethal unless needlessly refined as cocaine.

Fourth, prosecuting drug dealers will not work, it has never worked since 1914 when the Harrison Narcotic Act was instituted. All the government is doing is jailing millions of people and destroying the market for substances that are measured and safe with a low potential for abuse, such as tea, beer, coca, opium, and marijuana, which could be purified to caffeine, pure alcohol, cocaine, morphine, or THC-delta-9 respectively. At the same time, this prosecution creates a lucrative market for easily smuggled potent contraband-concentrate drug forms.

It would be foolish for me to deny the dangers of the form of cocaine under coca prohibition. And it would be just as foolish for anyone to deny the facts behind, for example, Vin Mariani — over 50 million bottles sold, no "addicts" and no overdoses! If drug abuse and not drug use is your true concern, you will work to change our failed drug laws to legalize coca, as well as promoting legislation that would prevent discrimination against "the people" who would choose an alternative to alcohol, nicotine and caffeine.

Tom Childs

Bangor Community College

## Thanks and congrats

To the editor:

On behalf of the Rape Awareness Program Committee, I would like to thank all of the Fraternities, Sororities, and Residence Halls who participated in the "Friends Don't Force Friends" Banner contest throughout the week of March 27-31. In all, there were 17 banners gracing the Halls and Houses of UMaine, and all of them were very appropriate, original, and reflective of the need for an increased awareness of acquaintance rape on this campus.

We would specifically like to congratulate the 3 winners of the contest, Cumberland Hall, Kennebec Hall, and Tau Epsilon Phi; you should be proud of your extraordinary efforts. Thanks also to the 3 judges, Kath Sypek, Jeff Holmes, and Peggi Smith for generously donating your time.

Again, thanks to all of you for your special contribution to Rape Awareness Week.

Dana Severance

Corbett Hall

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## Politics win over art

To the editor:

It happens every year. After the glitter and the glamour of the Oscars wears off, people begin wondering why their favorite films didn't get noticed by the Academy. Do we have such bad taste in films that so few of our favorites get nominated, or is there something else going on?

Think of all the big hits in 1988 that weren't even considered for best picture. There were quite a few of them, many both critical and box office successes. They include: "Big", "Bull Durham", "A Cry in the Dark", "A Fish Called Wanda", "Married to the Mob", "Midnight Run", "The Naked Gun", "The Thin Blue Line", and "Who Framed Roger Rabbit", among others. What made them the losers?

The problem is, it is not you or I, or the critics for that matter, who get to choose the winners. The winners are chosen by members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, and the Academy has its own peculiar way of choosing a winner.

Voting for a controversial film, such as "The Last Temptation of Christ" or "Mississippi Burning" is a no-no. If the Academy voted for a controversial film, they would become a part of that controversy. Yes, "Mississippi Burning" was nominated for best picture, but it didn't have much of a chance of winning.

Serious films are acceptable, but only to a point. "A Cry in the Dark" was probably avoided because it was too serious. On the other side of the coin, "Big" was overlooked because it was a comedy. Very few comedies have ever met with Academy approval.

The Academy just can't bring itself to vote for overly successful films, either. That is perhaps why "Who Framed Roger Rabbit", the highest grossing film of 1988 and the winner of the Premiere Magazine reader's poll for best picture, was overlooked.

So what kind of film is a winner? In past years we've seen "Gandhi", "Chariots of Fire", "Platoon", and "The Last Emperor" take the prize. This year the Oscar went to "Rain

Man". These films all have several things in common.

They are all serious films, they all deal with important social issues, none of them were the top grossing films of their respective years, and voting for these films made the Academy look good.

In the end, politics win over art.

Scott E. Kimball

ZOO U.

by Mark Weltzman



## Reverse discrimination

To the editor:

We have three young adults who will be entering college through the next few years. We've deliberated endlessly about colleges that reflect their needs and values we've taken great pains to instill. Having been raised in a family that is politically active, they have been vocal in their opinions.

Orono was the ultimate choice of our older daughter, and son who will be enrolling a year later. Recently, however, we've read enough about your college's buckling under Feminist politics and their egregious demands.

This changes everything. Your current policy is very disquieting to those of us who know the Feminist movement from the inside out. My wife and I have been involved in the women's movement for a decade. But in recent years, we have escaped its blatant anti-male hate mongering on so many campuses. The demands (and compliance) of some of these Feminist groups verges on Fascism.

Our son feels the anti-male

posture of your university is not for him. My daughter, strong-minded as she is, has told us that this kind of monitoring, auditing, name-changing of buildings, etc. amount to privilege and special treatment. "How can that be equality?"

The result of all this has been the decision by two of our children to apply to out-of-state universities, much to our sadness at home. But to think on their own and make decisions is what we taught them. So it must be.

This letter, hopefully will give cause for you to step back and take a look at how you are being perceived by most people. It isn't a healthy looking picture. It appears to have a stamp on it that says: "Only pro-Feminists should apply. Scholastics are secondary."

It's frightening that so much reverse discrimination against young men is perceived as a good thing, in the name of "Equality." What's worse is that you won't see it until it affects you, as it has us.

Mel Freedman  
Portland, ME



# Campus Comics

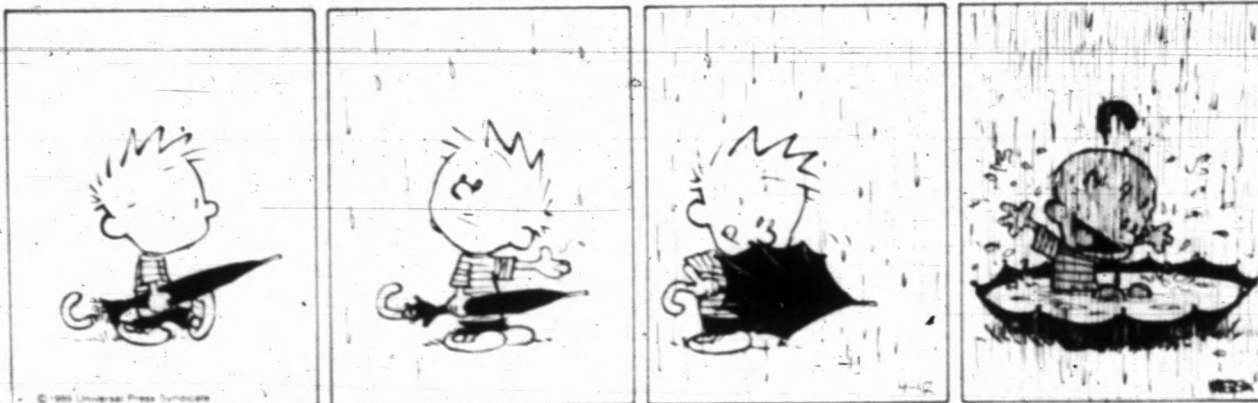
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## •Comins

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The movie is about the making of the atomic bomb. The name of the movie reflects the names of the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, respectively.

Comins said he disbelieved that he could possibly brush up against Hollywood's glitter and went as far as to telephone the operator in California to verify Babcock's phone number at Warner Bros.

"One of Joffe's fortes is to use professionals who are not really actors," Comins explained.

Babcock recalled Comins' charismatic personality, his liveliness in the classroom and the comfortable way he brought himself to the students' level.

Comins is well known by faculty and students for his down to earth personality, relaxed character and accessibility. Faculty members within the physics department hold Comins in high esteem. Students seem to love his classes.

Babcock told him the producers of the movie were "sitting around trying to think up some people who might be good scientists to play the roles of good scientists."

"When it came time to choose people who effectively capture the spirit and excitement of science, (Babcock) thought of me," he said.

When asked if he considered himself an actor, he said, "In some sense, yes. I have little formal training as an actor, but every semester for the last 11 years, I've been up in front of students, acting."

Comins traveled to Joffe's Burbank, Calif. office at Warner Bros. to interview for a role in the movie.

"Undoubtedly, I said everything wrong," he said, joking.

Although the role was not "the leading role," Comins would have been listed as a major actor.

Comins said he thought Harrison Ford had been considered for the leading role but had to decline because of a prior commitment.

After the interview, Comins told Babcock about a science fiction novel he was writing.

"She expressed interest in writing a screenplay for it," he said.

He explained the novel was incomplete although he had an ending in mind.

Comins said the glitter of Hollywood had little affect on him, even during the brief interview.

He left California, returned home and waited several months before discovering he had not been cast for a part in the movie.

"I didn't feel bad. It was OK," he said. He said he never expected to get that far. "I would do it again, though."

"The silver lining was the potential for the screenplay on the novel, which I have much more faith in than in my ability to act," he said.

Comins said that to his knowledge, the movie was being filmed during December in Mexico and Europe. He said he was uncertain when the movie would be released.

Comins said the moral of his Hollywood adventure is rooted at the university.

"The investments that I have made in educating students has more than paid for itself in the satisfaction I got even by being considered for such a role because of my teaching," he said.

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# Sports

## Greg Reid Wait, lifting?

After two weeks of not lifting a thing other than my butt out of bed, I decided it was time to go back to the gym.

But I needed motivation. I needed coaching. I needed Hans Flexenarms.

You may or may not have seen Hans around. He's a student from Austria who lifts at night at Lengyl Gym. Late at night, as he says, "After all the little girly-men have all gone to their little beddy-byes."

So I call Hans and tell him my dilemma. I need his expertise, but I have to lift during the day. I too am a girly-man who needs his little beddy-bye.

"Vell, my friend, I don't know. You upset my schedule," Hans says. There is a short silence while he considers. "But you do look like a jelly doughnut these days, with all the red-dy red jelly spilling out onto your shirt. Tell you vhat, meet me there at 8 p.m."

"And my friend, do nudding that would embarrass me."

Me? Embarrass Hans? Not a chance. Been lifting for years. Just need a push to start back in. At 8 p.m., I toss on my Ben and Jerry's tee-shirt and sweats and I go to meet Hans.

Hans in his spandex shorts, cut-to-hell tee-shirt, taped wrists and lifting gloves. He smiles that big gap-toothed smile at me and starts to laugh. "Hey, Jelly Donughtman, nice to have seeing you."

I try to lift in the early afternoon. As I walked across the room, I remembered why I try to lift in the early afternoon. The night folks at Lengyl are, shall we say ... impressed with themselves.

Large young men and hard young women stand around between their sets like they are marble statues. Widearmed. Stiff-legged. Flexing. Giving arrogant glares.

Everyone's mouth looks like someone came around and pulled a straw from their lips.

Very strange.

Every gym in Massachusetts has these guys. I think Maine gyms are trying to import them, too. They usually come in pairs. You've seen them: One typically screams, "COME ON, COME ON! YAH! YAH!" between his sets. His partner usually has his head set so he looks at you through his nostrils and says to anyone within 30 feet, "So ahhh...So ahhh... How many sets ahhh...You do?"

You start to answer, but then he breaks in, wanting to tell you his workout rather than hear yours. That's okay. If he stood and flexed long enough for you to answer his ah question, his partner would start in with "COME ON, COME ON, YAH! YAH!" again anyway.

"Come right over here, my friend, I have just the thing to warm you up after your two week hiatus into Flabbyland," Hans says, out-strutting the best of them. As we walk across the dusty floor, I get side-glances and odd looks.

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## UMaine baseball team takes doubleheader from Huskies

From staff reports

BOSTON — The University of Maine baseball team swept a doubleheader from Northeastern University Tuesday as both teams opened their ECAC New England schedules after having the games postponed since Saturday.

UMaine won the opener easily 9-2 while holding off Northeastern in the second game 6-5.

Ed Therrian won his first game by pitching four-hit, five-strikeout ball in the Black Bears' win in the first game.

Mike Dutil led UMaine offensively with three hits in four at-bats and driving in two runs.

Mark Sweeney also went three-for-four and added one RBI, while Andy Hartung connected for two hits and batted in a run.

Therrian improved to 1-5 on the year, while Jim Cormier took the loss for Northeastern.

Game two was a bit closer as UMaine took a 6-3 lead into the seventh inning before the Huskies rallied to within one.

Mike LeBlanc came in for the Black Bears and shut the door, securing the sweep for the visitors.

Freshman Ben Burlingame started on the mound for UMaine and was relieved in the fifth inning by Larry Thomas.

Sweeney had another strong outing at the plate by going two-for-four and driving half of the Black Bears' runs.

The losing pitcher for Northeastern was Don McQuire.

The two wins improves UMaine's record to 11-19, 2-0 in the ECAC New England standings.

The Black Bears will face Northeastern again today in Boston at 1 p.m.

Due to the weather, the University of Southern Maine game scheduled for today will be replayed Wednesday, April 26, in Orono.



Andy Hartung led UMaine to its doubleheader-sweep of Northeastern University Tuesday by going five-for-eight with four runs batted in.

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## • Soccer

of members of both sexes."

### Women's soccer

Women's soccer has been a club sport for the past two years.

This year, there were 27 members on the team, which finished with a 5-4-1 record. In the spring of 1987 it was recommended by the Athletic Advisory Board that women's soccer become a varsity sport in the fall of 1989, but a decision has not been made.

The problem, White said, is finding the money to start a new program. Although he said he has requested the funds to initiate the program next year, but the final decision depends on what the Legislature decides to give the university.

A decision is expected to be made this week.

"I'm not terribly optimistic, but we're continuing to pursue it," White said. "We've made it a priority for program expansion."

"There has been a demonstrated interest in the sport on campus and in New England and in my opinion the growth and interest warrants the implementing of women's soccer," he said. "At some point I think you will see women's soccer at the University of Maine. It all comes down to present funding for new programs."

Tom Aceto, vice president for Administration, agreed.

"If we get a large enough increase in the athletic budget then we can pull this off," he said. "But you have to remember that the athletic department is competing with every other department for additional money. And I understand that academics is what we're here for."

Aceto proposed a plan in February that would keep women's soccer a club sport, but with a full-time coach in 1989. Under that plan, the program would be given varsity status in 1990.

"The women are looking for a signal that we're serious about this and I think

this is that signal," Aceto said.

"I don't think we can wait. We have to find a way to pull this off somehow."

Kirk, the soccer coach, said the team has received a lot of support from White and Aceto. But she said the team is frustrated because no decisions have been made.

"There is all this verbal, yes, yes, but when is something going to happen, just something little?" Kirk asked.

White said he wants to make sure a varsity women's soccer program can be fully funded in four years. The proposed program would receive 70 percent of what the men's program receives in 1989 and 100 percent of the men's program by 1992.

"The law (Title IX) says if we're going to have a program it must be comparable to similar or like programs in four years," he said.

"A scotch tape or 'excuse me' program is due to fail before it starts. Having a token program doesn't make us in any more compliance."

White said the university would not be in compliance with Title IX just because it offered a soccer program. Title IX requires that scheduling, facilities, scholarships, and coaching must be comparable to other similar programs.

Kirk, though, said she would like to see something soon.

"I know Kevin doesn't want an 'excuse me' program and I can understand that," she said. "I just think getting something is better than waiting another year or two, because then the opportunity may never come."

If the university does not make a commitment to start women's varsity soccer in the fall or a specific date in the future, Kirk said the team may file a Title IX grievance.

"We're just going to wait and see what happens, but if they don't even make the vaguest attempt to start a program, then we are probably going to do something they won't want us to do," Kirk said.

She said the team has had many meetings with administrators and that White and Aceto are "strongly committed to women's soccer" but said the team needs a commitment.

Players share her views.

Karen Finocchio, a freshman on the women's club team, said she heard during student orientation that there would be a Division I varsity soccer program in the fall of 1989. She said if there is not some commitment made to a program she will probably attend another school.

"I'd be happy with a partially-funded varsity program. I don't care how much money we get," Finocchio said.

If soccer were made a varsity sport, she said, it would be easier to schedule games against other varsity programs and would be easier to structure a team. "If you miss a class it's OK because it's a varsity sport, but a club sport is different."

### Other sports underfunded

White said many of the sports already at the varsity level do not receive the necessary funding.

"Our men's soccer program is probably the worst funded in New England," he said.

Both the women's and men's tennis and track teams need to be upgraded, he said.

"The Division III schools in the state have better facilities than we do," White said.

"We're making some headway with (improving women's) facilities."

A new women's basketball locker room is being built and White said plans are being made to upgrade the softball and field hockey fields.

"We need to continue to do more and we know that," he said.

"We need to conduct that self-assessment to see where we are today and then try project where we'll be in three or four years and try to close the gap."



## • Reid

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"Where did you get your oufvit, my friend, de Salvation Ahmy?" Hans smiles broadly at his quip. "Even the girly-men here dress for der vorkout better than you."

I say nothing, but quietly curse myself for letting my subscription to "Muscles McNatural's Bodyshop Magazine" expire. How have I gotten by without those in-depth features about carrot juice? Or the quality writing that even the most brilliant second grader at Asa Adams could comprehend? And the mail away Gold's Gym tee-shirts? I vow to renew my subscription.

So we get to the Universal machine and Hans points to the piece of rope

hanging from a pulley. Crunches. Holding the rope behind your neck, and using your abdominal muscles, you kneel and lower your upper-body to the floor and come back up.

"Just the ting for you, my friend, all chubby and soft in da middle," Hans says as I begin my sets. "Do about sixty, seventy sets of thirty-seven. Feel da buuuurn, yah."

One-down. One-up. Feels good. Two-down. Two-up. Just what I need. Three-down. Three-pop. Three-pop?

I stop and let the ropes go. My left...you know... feels like someone is pinching it. I yell.

"Vhat's wrong?" Hans asks. "Tired?"

"COME ON, COME ON! YAH! YAH!" Mass. One screams from the bench. "How many ah... How many ah... sets did he do, ahhh?" Mass. Two says looking out his nostrils.

Hernia. That's all I can think. Hernia. Shave. Cut. Stitch. Hernia.

Hans turns in disgust and walks away. He yells, "Tanks, my friend. Now everybody is looking over at your fattiness and I'm not even properly pumped up!"

I slowly climb to my feet and hobble for the door, ignoring the snickers and hard-guy glares.

I will not call Hans again for coaching. I will not renew my subscription to that magazine. But I

will get back to lifting, if I can. And I will do it in the early afternoon.

*Greg Reid is a senior English major from Sharon, Mass. "who feels the burn" every morning when he walks down the Union stairs to the Den.*

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## Dan Bustard

### Baseball: Summer's top show

Well, its spring again. For sports fans in New England, that means a couple of things:

- 1) The Celtics in the playoffs;
- 2) The Bruins in the playoffs;
- and 3) The Red Sox are doing it again.

I take exception to the title of Joe Grant's column yesterday, "A boring springtime for sports."

Regardless of the time of year, there are those who belittle the dominant sport, whether it be football in the fall, basketball and hockey in the winter and baseball in the summer.

But I feel I must make a case for what has been dubbed, perhaps unfairly, America's pastime.

Those who complain about the boys of summer have one thing in common, that baseball is too slow to watch unless you can actually be at the game.

Well, I don't know about you, but I would rather watch anything at the arena than on the boob tube, so that argument has about as much relevance to baseball as to other sports.

Another thing some people don't like is that there is no violence, which is a major factor in football, hockey, and basketball, to a certain extent.

Football is a collision sport, while hockey combines the ability to stand upright on the ice with fisticuffs, and basketball has some of the tallest and largest humans alive trying to defend a small, iron ring with a net suspended from it.

But baseball has none of that, other than the occasional fight where someone like Jim Rice can pick up four people at a time and calm things down.

Or the ever popular brushback pitch, which may or may not be intended for the batter's head (usually, that is yes).

Of course, any sport has its detractors, but baseball has one thing going for it: appeal with its fans.

Year in and year out, what sport draws the most fans and has been setting new attendance records each summer?

Baseball. Who seems to be able to continue fund raising for charity, separately between the teams and collectively in the leagues to generate the most money?

Baseball. Whose opening day games are the most celebrated?

Baseball. This sport has been firmly entrenched into our society, whether or not you want to admit it.

Not to mention that no other sport sees more parts of this large country involved through little leagues to older teams and interested through professional squads located near their area.

This is not a plea for baseball. No, this is an attempt to show how

baseball has become not our pastime but more of an institution, one in which few if any reasons can knock off the top draw of sports.

Not Pete Rose and his supposed betting, not Wade Boggs and his Margo-ritaville adventures, not rain and cold in April or snow in October.

Baseball has lived around a century, and it still seems to be gathering steaming for the next one.

*Dan Bustard is a junior journalism major who does like baseball and just about any other sport but wishes jerks who can't stand one of them would just shut up and keep their opinions to themselves.*

## Sprinter says Johnson's coach pushed steroids on his runners

TORONTO (AP) — Desai Williams, a teammate and close friend of sprinter Ben Johnson, Tuesday denied being on steroids since the 1970s, saying he deceived his coach into thinking he took the banned drugs.

Williams, Canada's top 200-meter runner, admitted in testimony at a hearing into drug use by Canadian track and field athletes that he took steroids briefly in 1987 under threat of censure from his

coach, Charlie Francis.

"Charlie's philosophy was, 'It's my way or the highway,'" Williams said.

Williams told the investigation into cheating in sport that "drugs played a major role in my decision" to leave Francis for four years, beginning in 1983.

"I don't think I was given a fair chance because I think they (drugs) were being pushed on me a little bit too often," he said.

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## Sooner football players identified in rape case

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — The victim of an alleged gang rape in an Oklahoma athletic dormitory told a court Tuesday she came to believe suspended Oklahoma football player Nigel Clay was one of her assailants after discussing the case with prosecutors.

Clay, Bernard Hall and Glen Bell, Sooner teammates, are accused of first-degree rape in the alleged attack at the dormitory on Jan. 21. Hall and Clay face two other charges each of furnishing liquor to a minor.

The victim has testified that she and a friend had gone to Norman for a double date with two Oklahoma football players, and said that she was attacked after she came out of a bathroom in the athletic dormitory.

Sherrelyn Lynette Osborn said she and her boyfriend, Larry Medice, were in Medice's room, directly below Clay's when she heard screams.

"It was a noise that sounded like a struggle," Osborn said. "I said, 'Nigel must be fighting somebody.'"

Osborn said the noises got louder, she heard a second scream and that the noises sounded like someone was falling through the floor.

"We looked at each other and said, 'It

sounds like some girl's getting her butt kicked,'" she said.

She said Medice went upstairs to investigate. A few moments later, she said, she went to find Medice.

"He came downstairs and told me some girl got raped," Osborn said.

She said neither she nor Medice called police. They later told the district attorney what they had heard, she said.

In cross-examination, Osborn told the court she had once described the screams as possibly being screams of passion.

The 20-year-old Oklahoma City victim spent seven hours on the witness stand Tuesday for the second day of a preliminary hearing which is used to determine if the suspended football players should be tried on the charges filed against them in Cleveland County District Court.

Clay's attorney, Joel Barr, began Tuesday's questioning by asking the victim when she came to believe Clay may have been one of her assailants. The woman said she had seen evidence Feb. 9 in the district attorney's office that led her to believe Clay was one of the attackers. The prosecutor's office filed charges the next day.

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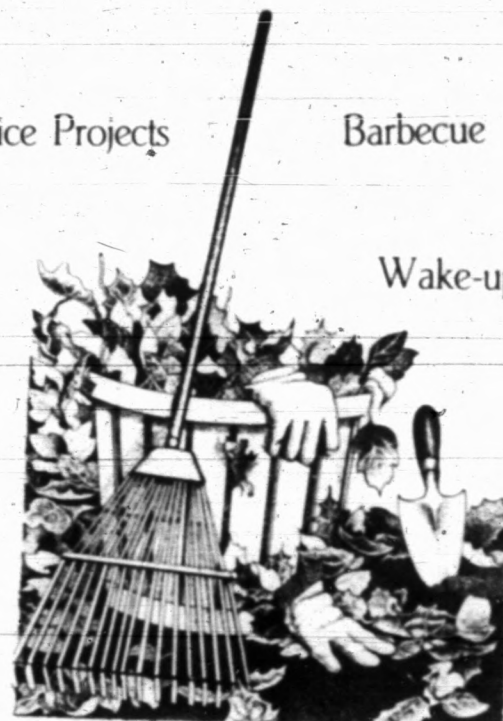
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