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photo by Laurie House

Gary Atwood gets some last minute studying done earlier this week.

Three killed in fiery AF crash

PERTH-ANDOVER, New Brunswick (AP) — Three crew members aboard an Air Force KC-135A tanker were killed and the fourth was feared dead Wednesday after the plane exploded in the air as it returned to Loring Air Force Base in northern Maine from a refueling mission, authorities said.

A panel of military and civilian officials was being assembled in an attempt to determine what caused the four-engine jet to blow up and crash in the woods in this border town, Air Force officials said.

"Three bodies have been recovered, but not the fourth," said Capt. Kellie Rebscher at Loring, a sprawling bomber base in Limestone, less than 20 miles from the crash sight.

The victims' identities were being withheld pending notification of relatives.

No civilian injuries were reported. Efforts to locate the missing man continued eight hours after the explosion, which lit up the predawn sky and started a fire in the woods. Witnesses compared the explosion to an earthquake.

"It was unbelievable," said Perth-Andover resident Paul McNally. "I've never seen anything like it—it was like fireworks."

"The noise! My whole house shook—windows and everything," said Anita Davenport, who lives near the crash site.

Rebscher confirmed that the plane exploded in the air and that it was not equipped with a "black box" that could have recorded crew members' final words. She said the crew was in radio contact with the Loring control tower "a few minutes before the explosion and they never indicated anything was wrong."

The plane was returning from a "normal refueling mission" when it went down around 6 a.m. in a heavily wooded valley north of this community of about 1,900 people, just across the border from Fort Fairfield, Maine, the Air Force said. The crash site was about 1 1/2 miles off the Trans-Canada highway, between Carlingford and Four Falls, New Brunswick, said Sgt. Wayne

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Quick access New emergency phones at UM

by Wendy Boynton
Staff Writer

Emergency telephones providing immediate access to police, fire and ambulance services are being installed on the University of Maine campus.

According to Alan Reynolds, director of Public Safety, emergency phones have been installed in the Field House and lobby of Neville Hall.

A third indoor phone will "soon" be placed in the Memorial Union lobby, he said.

In addition, three solar-powered cellular phones will be placed in the Alford Arena, Steam Plant and Jenness Hall parking lots. Reynolds said poles for the outside phones should be in by Friday.

The cellular phones, which will be installed as soon as they arrive, will function even if the campus telephone system is inoperable.

"We're looking to create a safe environment on campus," said Reynolds.

With the new phones, callers will directly reach the Department of Public Safety within 20 seconds by pushing a

red button on indoor emergency phones or by picking up the telephone receiver on the outdoor phones, according to a UMaine Department of Public Affairs release. "I think they will provide a means to those who wouldn't normally have access to a phone to either request help or report something from those areas," Reynolds said.

Besides helping callers, the emergency telephones will also allow dispatchers to identify the exact phone in use.

"I think that down the line we'll be putting more phones in as money becomes available and as we go through the process," he said.

The installation comes after a Committee for Campus Safety was formed in the spring 1989 semester.

"I'm very gratified and pleased that the phones are being installed," said Ruth Lockhart, co-chair of the Rape Awareness Committee. "I think they're going to be most helpful in emergency situations."

She said the telephones will add a feeling of safety to the environment. Students can't learn in an environment that they feel is unsafe, Lockhart said.

Aspirations at UM

A conference on education

by J. Emily Hathaway
Staff Writer

University of Maine President Dale Lick and Governor John McKernan are scheduled to speak at an aspirations research conference on October 5-6 at the Hilltop Conference Center.

Lick said aspirations has been a major research issue at UMaine.

"There's more going on here than anywhere else in the country," he said.

Robert Cobb, dean of the College of Education, said the objectives of the conference are to build awareness of the aspirations research, attract researchers from other departments such as psychology and sociology and to identify a broadened research agenda for the next five years. Cobb said an aspirations problem became a matter of concern five years ago when studies indicated that while Maine natives comprised about 75 percent of the state's work force they held less than 30 percent of leadership positions.

"Maybe...Maine youngsters aren't aspiring high enough educationally and careerwise," he said.

William Preble, director of the Maine Aspirations Project, said the state's aspirations problem has a number of facets, including: high drop out rates, low post secondary school attendance, low SAT scores and low academic achievement.

Businesses are finding that students are not being prepared adequately for the work world, he said.

"There's millions of dollars that businesses are having to spend to retrain and re-educate kids," Preble said.

Cobb said poverty and the state's geography are barriers to aspirations.

"There are isolated communities with very few professional role models out there," he said.

Preble said many parents fear higher education will cause their children to leave the home community and state. Another barrier to aspirations, he said, is related to peer pressures.

"When the whole group of kids think that if you study hard or if you're interested in school stuff you're a dork kids really devalue the whole

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News Briefs

Committee formed to save murals at Keene State College

KEENE, N.H. — A special committee is trying to determine whether it is worth saving a mural that was painted on a wall at Keene State College as part of a Great Depression program to provide work for artists.

Michael Haines, Keene State's dean of arts and sciences, said salvaging the mural may be impossible. "There are two questions — Is it worth saving? Is it possible to save?" said Haines, a member of the committee.

Alan Rumrill, director of the Historical Society of Cheshire County and another member of the committee, said the panel is trying to determine the expense by talking to artists and people who do restoration work.

Rumrill said if it is possible the mural could be moved and displayed elsewhere, at higher cost, or the building could be renovated around it.

The mural, painted by Gladys Brannigan of Portsmouth in 1938, was financed by the federal Works Progress Administration. WPA, a New Deal program of the Great Depression, provided work for artists who painted about 2,500 public building murals.

Most were painted in post offices, with a few in public universities. Not many are left because it is necessary to save an entire wall to preserve the mural.

Officials try to stop East German exodus to Western nations

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — About 10,000 East German refugees began leaving Prague for the West today, and thousands of others reportedly lined the train route hoping to join their historic exodus.

On Tuesday, for the second time in a week, East Germany's communist leaders agreed to safe passage to the West for thousands of its citizens who had thronged West Germany's Embassy in Prague, the capital.

Later in the day, the leaders banned unrestricted travel into Czechoslovakia in a desperate bid to stop the embarrassing exodus.

The first train carrying 1,000 East Germans departed Prague about two hours later, reporters at the station said.

Fifteen trains were made available

by the East German state railroad for the transfer. The trains were to travel through East German territory via Dresden to the West German border town of Hof.

The trains were originally scheduled to leave earlier today, but they were repeatedly delayed. One report suggested that was because would-be emigres were jamming train stations along the route, hoping to join the mass transfer.

The Prague refugees waited through Tuesday night in near freezing weather, huddled in and around the embassy, many in tents on the embassy garden, which is roughly the size of a football field.

"We couldn't survive a second night like this," said a Red Cross official, who requested anonymity.

Elderly win vote from House for improved insurance benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House, responding to a firestorm of protest from elderly Americans against having to pay for expanded Medicare benefits, voted 360-66 today to repeal the catastrophic health insurance program.

It then turned to consideration of a proposal to salvage a small piece of the year-old Medicare expansion.

However, Rep. Fortney Stark, D-Calif., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee's health subcommittee, said the outright repeal was likely to stand.

Stark was one of the main authors of the catastrophic program, signed into law last summer with great fanfare by then-President Reagan and hailed as the most significant expansion of Medicare in its two-decade existence.

Today's vote to repeal it was a startling reversal of last year's 328-72 vote to pass the original measure.

Despite the repeal vote, however, the final judgement on catastrophic health insurance is far from over.

The action now shifts to the Senate, where repeal sentiment is also strong but where Finance Committee Chairman Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, is looking

for ways to save the framework of the program.

Complicating the final decision was the fact that both the House and Senate wove the catastrophic health issue in with a massive deficit-reduction bill containing a number of other controversial topics including a capital gains tax reduction, child care and taxes on ozone-depleting chemicals.

In the end, the massive compromise measure will return as one big package to both chambers for a single up or down vote.

The feature in last year's legislation that prompted the cries for repeal stemmed from a bipartisan agreement that the cost of the expanded benefits must be born fully by the 33 million elderly and disabled people covered by Medicare.

Congress structured the increased fees so those in higher income brackets would pay a larger share in proportion to their tax liability — up to a maximum of \$800 this year.

But that financing feature generated a firestorm of protest and overshadowed the big expansion in benefits for hospitalization, doctor bills and other costs.

UMaine professor wins award

ORONO, Maine—Sarah E. Ransdell, assistant professor of psychology at the University of Maine, has captured a Best Psychology Software award in the 1989 EDUCOM/National Center for Research to Improve Postsecondary Teaching and Learning Higher Education Software Awards competition.

She and co-winner C. Michael Levy of the Department of Psychology, University of Florida, will be among 14 award recipients who will be honored at the EDUCOM conference to be held Oct. 16-19 in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Their entry, "Laboratory in Cognition and Perception (second edition)," was selected by a panel of national experts as the Best Psychology Software package from among 200 instructional programs and curriculum innovations submitted for competition.

They will receive a significant cash award as well as a trophy.

Gordon E. Kulberg, UM chairperson and associate professor of psychology,



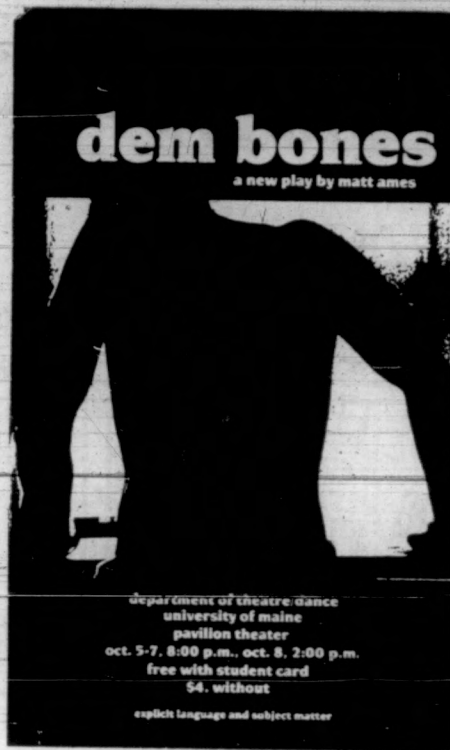
Sarah Ransdell

describes it as a "very prestigious award. This is the first time someone in the department has received that particular award." He notes Ransdell's winning software package is now being used for

instructional purposes in Laboratory and Experimental Psychology, a state of the art undergraduate teaching laboratory and "probably one of the best in the country."

"Laboratory in Cognition and Perception (second edition)" is designed to provide students with systematic experiences for discovering how the mind works, transforming informal, intuitive beliefs about cognitive psychology into a more valid and concrete understanding about human cognition. The EDUCOM/NCRIPAL Higher Education Software Awards program was established three years ago to reward developers and faculty whose efforts exemplified the best in academic software and curriculum innovations.

Ransdell, who joined the UM faculty in 1987, received a Ph.D. in 1987 and a master's degree in 1985 from the University of Florida, and a bachelor's degree in 1983 from the University of Kentucky.



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idea of school and learning," he said.

However, Cobb said some schools are initiating projects to raise student aspirations. Some schools create mentor relationships by assigning students to the same advisor for their whole stay in the school. Many of the advisors take their students to cultural events, cities and museums.

"They're just opening up the world to them and showing these youngsters that they really care," she said.

Preble said businesses are also getting involved.

A year ago L.L. Bean donated \$600,000 to establish the Maine Aspirations Foundation to make grants to local business-education partnerships, he said.

"It really is about getting students to look at the decisions that they make now in relation to school and how those decisions are gonna effect the rest of their lives," he said.

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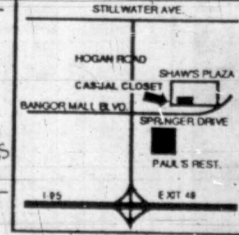
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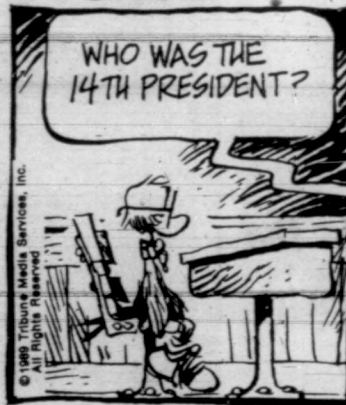
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Shunamon of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Perth-Andover.

The jet, which Rebscher said was 25 years old, is a Boeing 707 reconfigured as a tanker for the midair refueling of fighters and bombers based at Loring. An aircraft needing fuel moves in behind the tanker plane and nuzzles a fuel-receiving arm into a long boom protruding from a KC-135.

Rebscher said she was uncertain whether the Loring plane had unloaded its refueling tanks prior to the explosion. She also said she did not know the altitude at which the explosion occurred.

Wednesday's explosion was the third crash involving a KC-135 this year.

On Sept. 20, an Alaska National Guard KC-135 exploded and burned while taxiing to park at Eielson Air Force Base, killing two people. On Jan. 31, all 19 people aboard a KC-135 died when it crashed on takeoff from Dyess Air Force Base in Texas. A KC-135 crash in 1988 killed six crewmen at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Michigan.

People who live near the latest crash site said they heard a terrific noise and saw a flash of light when the jet exploded, then smelled burning rubber and diesel fuel. Many trees were singed in the woods where the debris came down, said the plane was "coming towards our place" when it exploded.

"As far as we know, it must have been quite empty or it would have been a bigger fire than that," Gamblin said of the jet's fuel tanks.

Gamblin said he and his wife at first thought the explosion was an earthquake. Earth tremors are not uncommon in New Brunswick.

"I was just getting up at 7 o'clock and my wife seen a flash and she looked out and seen a fire," said Gamblin. "So I immediately got dressed and went down and there was debris all over the place."

Gamblin, who was on the scene in less than five minutes, said he saw no sign of survivors or parachutes, contradicting earlier reports that parachutes had been sighted. He said chunks of twisted metal and other crash debris were scattered over a half-mile radius around his farm.

"We didn't see any parachutes... we didn't see anything of any survivors or anything."

"It looks like all kinds of white metal and stuff like that all through the woods everywhere—yellow and all colors."

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A midday break



Justine Charles relaxes between her classes moments before the sky began to spit some snow. photo by Laurie House

Police look into strangulation

MEXICO, Maine (AP) — State investigators will probably take a week to complete an investigation into the strangulation of a Mexico man during a struggle with a police officer, the attorney general's office said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, services were set for Friday morning for Henry Schmersal, 28, who died Monday night in the incident involving Mexico police officer Robert Sloma, who was not on the job Wednesday.

"He's on administrative leave until the investigation is complete," said Brian MacMaster, director of investigations for the attorney general. MacMaster was unable to comment Wednesday on any of the preliminary results of the probes.

But he said that as a matter of routine, investigators would check Sloma's record for any past violent incidents. An attorney hired by the Schmersal family, William E. Macdonald of Bangor, said he was also looking for any violent incidents involving Sloma, but neither MacMaster nor Macdonald could say Wednesday afternoon whether any such incidents had been discovered.

MacMaster said state investigators

might also look into the entire history of the Mexico police department, which has been referring reporters' inquiries to the attorney general's office.

A friend who had been with Schmersal on Monday night said that after Schmersal was stopped for a traffic violation, he worried that he could lose a conditional driver's license that specified he could not drink even one beer.

"And Henry had had about five beers," Jamie Milledge, 27, told The Associated Press.

After talking to Sloma at the police cruiser, Schmersal walked over and talked to Milledge, with the officer standing about 20 feet away, Milledge said.

Worried that he would lose his license for three years, Schmersal whispered to Milledge, "I think what I'm gonna do is run," and seconds later dashed into the woods, Milledge said.

The struggle and Schmersal's death occurred in the wooded area, Macdonald said.

Milledge said he and Schmersal had known Sloma and asked the officer to "give him a break," and let Schmersal

walk to his house, which was within view, but the officer apparently refused.

"He and Henry never hit it off," said Milledge. "He probably couldn't run no more."

An autopsy concluded that Schmersal died of "asphyxiation due to neck compression." Dr. Henry Ryan, the state's chief medical examiner, said that could be translated to mean strangulation.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday, Oct. 5---

--No Popcorn Cinema Series-- **BIRD** --noon, North Bangor Lounge, 6:30 p.m., Bear's Den. Sponsored by TUB. No admission.

--Controversy Series-- **CAMBODIA: FROM THE KILLING FIELDS TO THE LIVING FIELDS** --presented by Ngo Vinh Long, Assistant Professor of Asian History, UMaine. 12:20 p.m., Sutton Lounge. Sponsored by MPAC & TUB. No admission.

--**THE GOOD MOTHER**-- 7 & 9 p.m., 120 Little Hall, sponsored by ROC. No admission.

--**RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK**-- 7 & 9 p.m., 130 Little Hall, sponsored by ROC. No admission.

--original play-- "**DEM BONES**" --by UMaine graduate student Matt Ames. 8 p.m., Pavilion Theater. No admission with student i.d.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

Question: I think my friend has a problem with drinking and I want to help. Should I say something to them?

Answer: If you are worried about your friends drinking, don't be afraid to bring it up. The key to helping is how you raise the subject. One approach is to ask your friend if they think they have a problem, or if they are concerned with the consequences of their behavior. This may encourage openness and further discussion.

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Editorial

FAA standards must be raised

The world of aviation has evolved tremendously since that fateful day in 1903, when Orville and Wilbur Wright flew a simple biplane 852 feet using a 12-horsepower engine.

Today, an intercontinental trip can be completed in a matter of hours, and the only thing that frequent flyers have to worry about is the possibility of suffering through a period of jet lag. But is that the only thing that should concern airplane passengers?

Certainly not. The air travel arena is a dangerous one to play in.

Stories of airplane disasters and terrorist takeovers have consistently made the front pages of newspapers nationwide throughout the years.

These problems are to be expected, however, with the advances being made in aviation technology, and the unstable nature of the geopolitical structure.

Other areas, such as a pilot's professionalism and sense of judgement, have never had to be called into question - until now.

Tuesday's edition of the *Bangor Daily News*, contained articles concerning these two areas.

In one, a former Delta Airlines pilot who was fired in 1985 for operating a commercial jet while drunk, lost a Supreme Court appeal to win his job back.

In the other, the cause of a crash involving a single-engine sightseeing plane in Bingham on Sunday, is still being investigated, after the pilot allegedly overloaded the four-seat plane with a family of six.

The standards that the Federal Aviation Administration has for a pilot's certification have to be reevaluated.

Granted, nobody is perfect, and many people have probably had a little too much to drink, or made errors in judgement from time to time. But these people are not responsible for the lives of hundreds of passengers daily. Pilots cannot be immune from scrutiny.

FAA standards have to be changed so that passengers can once again fly with confidence in the pilot.

John D. Bay

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Modern problems

This column-writing stuff is pretty amazing. You get to have your picture in the paper on a regular basis, so people you don't know sometimes recognize you. You also get to write about whatever you want, sometimes assaulting the masses with utter nonsense that even you don't understand.

Without two great equalizers, it would be very easy to get a fat head. Equalizer number one is the realization that Charles Manson and John Hinkley Jr. also have their pictures in the paper on a regular basis and offer total nonsense to the masses, and they aren't exactly ideal role models.

Equalizer number two is the indirect feedback: the stuff people say about you that they never, ever dreamed would get back to you. Stuff like, "That's the guy who writes the column? I thought he was short and fat."

Over the past few years, I've written about a number of things, which, glancing back, make me believe that caffeine is the drug of the devil, and that my afternoon cup(s) of coffee have resulted in some severe blackouts (while in the middle of writing columns).

Honestly, it's like looking at stuff someone else wrote. To illustrate the point, some past topics, in no particular order: National Aardvark Week; baseball coach John Winkin playing the role of the head elf who terrorizes Herbie the prospective dentist in the Christmas special; Why some test questions are part of a communist plot; Umbrellas; ad infinitum.

Once in a while I think that there aren't very many things left for me to write about. I'm always wrong. All it usually takes is a walk around campus or a glance through a local newspaper, and...the nonsense continues.



John Holyoke

Today was no different. I went for my regular Wednesday walkabout, cut across the mall to see if I could spot the friendly surveyors I met during last week's campus tour, and was nearly flattened by a rogue granola on a mountain bike.

Before you mark me down as a self-centered egotistical pig who feels the need to label everyone (granola, liberal, conservative, feminist, etc.) in order to cement my own position in society, let me assure you that you're wrong. At least your partially wrong. There is no malice in the label. It's just easier to say "rogue granola" than to long-windedly describe the long-haired crazy man wearing a tie-dyed shirt and birkenstocks, smelling of alfalfa and juggling four hackey sacks, who almost flattened me with his mountain bike.

I like mountain bikes. My mom and dad have them, and I'd be a fool if I didn't admit that there are probably times when good old mom would run me over without much of a second thought. I'm that kind of guy. I'm also selective about who I let terrorize me on a mountain bike.

It used to be that you could walk around on the mall without a care in the world, as long as a little old-fashioned dog fornication didn't bother you. Bikes existed, but they had wimpy little tires that made mall-travel risky at best.

A rut here, an unpredictable pedestrian there; almost anything could bring a cross-country biker with wimpy tires into immediate and shocking contact with unyielding mother earth. Of course, I probably would have been there snickering, wondering what made the damn fool try to ride a ten-speed on grass in the first place.

But folks, this is 1989. Everything is bigger, better, and more versatile. Now we've got the cycling alternative to Big Foot the Ultimate Monster Truck. Pedestrians and ruts aren't much of a threat any more, as both can easily be reduced to nothing more than another set of nobby tire tracks. It doesn't bode well for the non-cycling public.

Fat is in. Fat tires, that is. The new college status symbol is not a letter sweater, or a necklace with a peace sign on it, or the black silhouette of a pine tree stuck to your face, whatever that means. Now, every trendy student has a fat-tired, rugged-framed, go-anywhere, do-anything girlfriend. I mean bike.

Sidewalks aren't safe. The mall isn't safe. Even stairways aren't safe. These bikes can do anything. The people who own the bikes know it. And they know where you live. Hopefully they don't know how to get to Brewer.

John Holyoke is a journalism major from Brewer who longs for the days when men were men and bikes were wimpy.

Response

"Freshman" debate trivial

To the editor:

Please allow me, a woman, to be the first person this year to call Tracey Richardson silly! I would like to know what her major is because she seems to have a lot of time to sit around and think about the stupidest things to complain about. The latest is definitely the clincher - the term freshman! According to her, "any word or phrase which states the property of maleness when referring to both sexes, or a person/group/object of indeterminate sex" is a sexist term. I guess this means that all women with last names such as SilverMAN, PeterSON, WaterMAN, etc. are being subjected to sexism. Oh My God! It is our duty as women to save them from such a horrible classification. Tracey - what do you suggest we do? I know, let's outlaw all names with -man, -son, and other male-related endings.

I imagine if you, Tracey, planned to marry someone of a similar last name, you would have him sign a prenuptial agreement changing the name. I'm surprised you haven't changed yours yet to Tracey Richardson! Come on Tracey! Do you really think people care or even notice something as trivial as this? I'm afraid to tell you, but men and women are not equal and they never will be - it is genetically impossible. Tracey, before you write another article on sexism, I suggest you get out of Orono, Maine and experience the real world where there might be traces of sexism. Until then I suggest you stop name calling because you are the one who looks pathetic and ignorant.

P.S. Tracey - you claim to want to be equal - why don't you register for the draft!

Beth Washburn
York Hall

Tailgating is a part of American culture

To the editor:

Dear Dan, hello, hello! Is anyone in there? I don't know about you but my idea of watching a football game (as well as a lot of other sports) on a crisp fall afternoon definitely involves a tailgate. Tailgating is as American as baseball and apple pie. It's a ritual held sacred to football fans all over the country. It's not an all-out party where the main objective is to drink past your capacity for rational thought. The idea of a tailgate is to have some food, a couple of brews, socialize with alumni and friends and most importantly generate an enthusiasm and spirit that dear old Maine has produced in the past. The idea of no tailgating is plain and simply going to outrage a lot of potentially generous alumni and we as students should not be held to blame. The fact of the matter is that last year's so-called "catastrophe" stemmed from the inability of UMaine's "Barney Fife" police force to effectively run the tailgate area. How easy would it be to string a double-temporary fence from the corners of Alford arena

across the parking lot to the fence that surrounds the football field? Having one entrance, where cars and their occupants are checked for ID and marked as such.

If this sounds familiar, it's because it is. You need only to look at Residential Life's current policy concerning fraternity parties.

So why not at football games? Instead of completely burying a football tradition that

is as old as the game itself, why doesn't the administration seek a reasonable solution that would benefit the interests of all parties involved. As for you, Dan, why don't you crawl out from behind the Administration's behind and represent the values of the student body.

Mike Buxbaum
Ian Evans
B.I.K.

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How open should the university be?

To the editor:

A UMaine professor talking to a friend: "This place is a joke. I've been here a year and they're going to give me tenure (laughing). I've got to wait awhile for this to blow over. It's a pretty hot issue to some people around here. You know they think, here's a guy, comes in and after one year they're about to give him tenure. That stuff doesn't float with some people."

"Oh, well it's academia in general - there just isn't the monetary structure of incentive or hierarchy. This place operates on a mode of medieval politics. It's ridiculous! (laughing)."

Recently while I was reading a bulletin board outside a professors' door I heard these comments coming from his office. His door was wide open, it was after hours and I just couldn't help overhearing the conversation. His tone of voice and everything else about him seemed to mock the university. It was as if he was contemptuous of university life itself.

I must say I have never experienced such candid truth on what some professors really feel! People like Earnest Boyer and Allan Bloom can critique university life until they have money coming out of their ears and we still won't unearth the factors that weaken university life: allowing things (like this insolent professor) into the university which are directly antithetical to its values.

A related thought: A political science professor was recently quoted as saying, "the university should be available for all public opinion policies and opinions". The student quoting him was putting forth the opinion that the university be free and open and that students should be free to choose concerning the CIA recruitment policy. I say fine. Great. But also say we must CHOOSE. This doesn't mean putting forth old dogmatic-nationalistic opinions i.e. "I'm an American, this is an American University therefore let the CIA in and allow them to use UMaine's human resources."

The institution known as the "University of Maine" is a much more integral part of our lives than some vague notion of "America". How free and open should our university be? To allow "freedom" of opinions and policies at UMaine is truly pie-in-the-sky fluff. Do we have freedom of opinion and policy every time the price of tuition is raised? Or when contemptuous disinterested professors are given tenure? To have a "let anything go" policy at the University is ludicrous. Value-relativism is sheer self-delusion. Perhaps we won't realize this until the policies which we have tolerated rear their heads (or secretly speak their minds) and show that they are directly antithetical to the university's real aim: education of students and faculty.

Timothy Doyle
Philosophy

"Freshman" unsexist

To the editor:

Over the course of my first five weeks as a student of the University of Maine, I have heard an abundance of talk over the use of the word 'freshman'. There has even been talk of banning the use of the word. I, for one, cannot see the difference between the definition of 'freshman', and 'first year student'. My argument has three simple points:

1: Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary (c.1988) defines 'freshman' as the following: 1. Beginner, Newcomer 2. A first year stu-

dent. As can be clearly seen, 'freshman' is synonymous with 'first year student', and has absolutely no sexist references to it whatsoever.

2: If one is so insecure as to whine over a term that refers only to the state of a person, and not the sex of the person, then one must obviously lead a shallow life. When an individual calls a female a 'freshman', it's not intended to insult or degrade her, it is merely stating that she is a newcomer, or 'first year student', just like the rest of us who are in our first year here.

3: Do the females at this cam-

pus that are opposed to the use of the word 'freshman' consider themselves humans - that is, of the human race? Or should that be changed to human and human-woman? Just because there is a 'manhole' in the middle of a downtown street, does that mean that only male public utilities workers are allowed in them? I think not.

This author has taken the time to get the facts and hopefully the simple definition of 'freshman' will make some of the 'pathetic' people on this campus crawl out from under their own rocks and wake up to the more important issues of the world. Ms. Richardson herself states that this whole issue is "relatively minor", and if this is so, then why is half the campus in an uproar over a word that is not gender-based in the first place?

David Vetter
Hancock Hall

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Honduras: A country caught in melee



by Kristin Helmore
The Christian Science Monitor

BUEN EJEMPLO, Honduras — You won't find Buen Ejemplo on the map. If you're looking for a village, you won't even know you've reached the place when you come to a clearing in the cornfields at the edge of the vast sugar plantation, between the swirling brown river and the milky, fetid waters of the irrigation ditch.

The setting is spectacular. Jagged mountains covered with emerald grasses and patches of jungle rise against a brilliant blue sky. Yet all this beauty only makes the immediate scene more squalid and forlorn. Buen Ejemplo looks like a ramshackle refugee camp, hardly fit for human habitation.

But the 45 families who moved here in September 1983 to occupy the unused land of a local landowner had such high hopes that they named the place "Good Example." It looks so battered now: Soldiers came last May and pushed down 40 houses with tractors, plowed up the newly planted fields, and arrested 27 of the men.

Luciano Miranda; his wife, Roberta Garcia; and their four children came from the province of Lempira, in southwestern Honduras, in December 1987. A month later, during a period of harassment by local soldiers, Mrs. Garcia took refuge in a hut high in the hills to give birth to her fifth child. Only her husband was present to help with the birth.

Despite such hardships, the Mirandas are sure they were right to leave Lempira. "For us life is better here," says Mr. Miranda with a rueful smile. "Here we eat and there we didn't."



Women and children gather in a makeshift hut, which doubles as a school in the Honduran countryside.

Buen Ejemplo is an example of a growing phenomenon in the third world—grass-roots development. People are taking the initiative, setting their own priorities, and, often, confronting formidable obstacles to provide a better life for their families.

The hurdles the peasants of Buen Ejemplo face are endemic to the very structures of Honduran society—indeed, of many societies in the developing world. For millions of peasants worldwide, the first development priority is access to land, and the primary obstacle to development is unequal land distribution.

Like most other Honduran peasants, the people of Buen Ejemplo have work-

ed all of their lives on other people's land, for near-starvation wages. Most have never had adequate housing, ready access to clean water, sanitation, or health care. Almost all are illiterate; none have had more than a few years of school.

Yet these people describe themselves, with quiet pride, as being "organized." They have joined a 27,000-member peasants' union, the National Congress of Rural Workers, known by its Spanish initials as CNTC. In a country where 1.5 million peasants are landless, CNTC and similar organizations are working to "speed up" the process of land redistribution set in motion by a land reform law in 1975, which allows

peasants to claim land that is not in use.

Few members of the governing National Assembly are interested in advancing the process of land reform. "Most deputies are landowners, and the military are, too," says Gautama Fonseca, author of the land reform law. "That's why the peasants' situation is so difficult."

Though they have been forcibly moved off this land 10 times since 1983, the people of Buen Ejemplo have scored a victory. Last May, a local judge ruled that 49 acres be officially granted to them for cultivation (but only 26 of those acres are arable). This first guarantee of land is an official acknowledgement that they are entitled to stay here and farm.

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Each player in the drama of Buen Ejemplo has his own prescription for making the development work, including Antonio Madrid, owner of the land that is being "recovered" and manager of the nearby sugar plantation.

"We need to protect our investments, protect the citizens who really produce, and keep the peasants in line," Mr. Madrid says. "Peasants can be a big source of production. The problem is, we don't develop them, we don't oblige them to work."

He had planned to use the land the peasants have taken over for a tobacco crop. We were going to employ many people—men, women, and children," he says, "but the peasants invaded and sowed corn and beans and we lost all our investment. Tobacco is an export crop and more lucrative."

In his view, the spirit of the land reform law is "ideological ... a manipulation by the left," and a threat to the stability of the country. A 1982 law allows landowners to charge peasants who "recover" unused land with "terrorism" and "subversion."

But Mr. Fonseca, a former minister of labor, says the 1975 land reform law was designed to foster effective development, not ideology.

"The country is not developing, and it's because of the present landowners," he says. "The real motive of land reform is not to give the land of those who have it to those who don't, but to make the land productive. We expect that peasants will be more productive for the country than the landowners, provided they receive technical assistance."

The people of Buen Ejemplo agree. Orlando Teruel, father of six, put technical assistance at the top of his list of development needs, followed by "health care, land—that's the main thing—then clean water, and schools for the children."

What Mr. Teruel wants is credit. At

present, it takes a man 16 days to prepare one mazana of land (1.6 acres) to plant corn. Credit would enable peasants to rent or buy cattle.

"The banks refuse us credit because we don't have anything to put up as collateral," Teruel says. "If we could get credit to rent a tractor, we could plant rice and things that bring in more, like bananas. Or we could get a loan to buy cattle. Dairy cattle are a good investment."

A woman from the settlement says there is often nothing to eat in Buen Ejemplo but corn tortillas and salt, and many children show signs of malnutrition. To combat this, the women will plant leafy vegetables, tomatoes, carrots, and potatoes near their homes.

"And we need clean water to drink," says Roberta Garcia, as her seven-year-old, Emerita, staggers home with a bucket of muddy water from the river. Mrs. Garcia says the children sometimes get diarrhea from drinking polluted water. (Dehydration from diarrhea is the main cause of death among small children in developing countries.) Garcia is one of only three women here who boil their drinking water.

Clean water for Buen Ejemplo is on its way. A church-affiliated Swiss development agency has provided funds to lay pipe from a new cistern in the hills. Men from Buen Ejemplo are working with local small-scale farmers to lay the pipe.

Reflecting CNTC's nationwide literacy campaign, the school is the only real building in Buen Ejemplo and so far it has only three walls. The walls are of cement blocks with no mortar between them. The roof is corrugated tin held down by stones, the floor is hard-packed earth, with cement blocks for chairs.

About 5 p.m. every day, some 30 men and women sit on these blocks with notebooks and pencils in hand. The women may have babies at their breasts and children playing at their feet. Slow-

ly, patiently, the citizens of Buen Ejemplo are learning to read.

CNTC is proud of its literacy program. According to program director Patricia Ahern (an American), it evolved out of a specific request from the peasants themselves, 85 percent of whom are illiterate. They understood that the organization could function as a true democracy only if every member were able to participate.

"They saw that (as illiterates) it would be very difficult to form cooperatives and local organizations, because the two or three literate ones would always be elected, and they would end up controlling everything," Mrs. Ahern says.

In 1985, CNTC approached the Honduran Rural Development Institute with a detailed plan for two year-long courses the peasants had drawn up. The plan was approved, and CNTC began having textbooks printed and training teachers from the peasant communities. Requests to replicate the program have come from Mexico, Chile, El Salvador, and Guatemala. The Honduran Ministry of Natural Resources recently ordered 1,200 copies of the textbook.


Under this system, adults learn to read and write in about five months, then study arithmetic, nutrition, health care, water purification, agricultural techniques, and the principles of democratic organization.

Jesus Sarabia, father of seven, sits hunched over a well-thumbed notebook. He has copied down the key word for the day and is repeating each syllable slowly with the rest of the class, "Cam ... pe ... si ... no" (peasant). Daylight is fading, and soon the teacher will light the

kerosene lamp. Women who have spent the day grinding cornmeal, collecting and chopping firewood, and washing clothes in the river listen intently. Men who have been clearing underbrush with machetes, or dropping beans into the earth in neat rows, one by one, or plowing by the strength of their backs alone, copy letters painstakingly, awkwardly, into their notebooks. Hands used to machetes adapt slowly to pencils.

Looking up from his notebook, Mr. Sarabia says quietly, "By learning to read, we're waking up. We need to understand things before we can have a better life."





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Sports

Capuano brothers make NHL

Dave in Pittsburgh,
Jack in Toronto

From staff reports

Jack and Dave Capuano will be in uniform when the National Hockey League opens its season tonight, while the rest of the University of Maine's former hockey stars will begin the year in the minors.

Jack Capuano is scheduled to see action for the Toronto Maple Leafs in Toronto when they face the Wayne Gretzky-led Los Angeles Kings.

Dave Capuano will dress for the Pittsburgh Penguins in their opener in the Boston Garden against the Bruins, a game that will be televised on the New England Sports Network.

Other former Black Bears, such as Eric Weinrich and Bob Beers, were moved down to the minor leagues in the past two weeks.

Weinrich, the former U.S. Olympian, is with the New Jersey Devils' affiliate, while Beers, who signed with Boston, will play for the Maine Mariners out of Portland.

Funds still needed for tennis court resurfacing

by Rhonda Morin
Staff Writer

An Augusta construction company has agreed to donate \$50,000 for the dismantling and rebuilding of the tennis courts.

The gift from the Bridge Construction Company will include a combination of "in-kind" services and cash, said David J. Yarrington, director of development.

On Nov. 3, Bridge Construction will begin the project by tearing down the existing courts that are located across from the Cutler Health Center. And surfaces are expected to be laid in by May, said Bruce Jensen, women's tennis coach.

Once completed, the 12 new courts will be named in memory of Chester G. Bridge, father of John and David Bridge, owners of Bridge Construction Company.

Mrs. Sandra Hutchins of Bangor (a donor to the Maine Center of the Arts) and Mrs. Bea Hilton of Greenville have pledged \$5,000 each for the construction of the courts, Yarrington said. A court will be named in honor of the combined \$10,000 donation, he said.

For every \$10,000 pledge, a court will be dedicated to the donor(s), Yarrington said.

University sources have donated a total of \$7,000 for the project. A tennis fund in the University of Maine Athletic Department pledged \$2,000, Thomas Aceto, vice president of administration has given \$3,000, and the recreation department has donated \$2,000.

Despite these financial commitments,

(see TENNIS page 12)



Andy Bean

What is Lock Haven?

It's Homecoming Weekend and the University of Maine football team is playing that traditional rival, Lock Haven.

Lock Haven? Who's Lock Haven? What's Lock Haven?

Not knowing the answers to these questions I went to that trusty resource, *Webster's New World Dictionary*. I couldn't find Lock Haven, but I did find separate entries for "lock" and "haven".

"Lock," (v.) to jam or force together so as to make immovable.

"Haven," (n.) any safe place, a place of refuge.

By the additive property, this would make Lock Haven a football team that halts the opponent in a safe place. But I don't think high school algebra really applies here.

Lock Haven is a Division II school, 0-5, and playing a Division I-AA team that is 5-0 and ranked eighth in the nation.

The University of Maine has the nation's leading rusher and most efficient passer in Division I-AA along with an offensive line that averages 265 pounds. Lock Haven's biggest defensive player is 245 pounds.

Somehow I doubt the Bald Eagles will be able to stop the University of Maine offense. And Alumni Field will certainly not be a safe place for Lock Haven on Saturday.

Sports Illustrated is expected to research the Black Bear football team this weekend. They may be watching the second-team players by the end of the first quarter.

Okay, so UMaine is assured a win on homecoming and the fans will get to see a lot of scoring. But will the fans show up?

Sunny, 70 degree weather has been the norm for football games so far this year, but attendance has been below average for an undefeated team and those games were against Yankee Conference rivals.

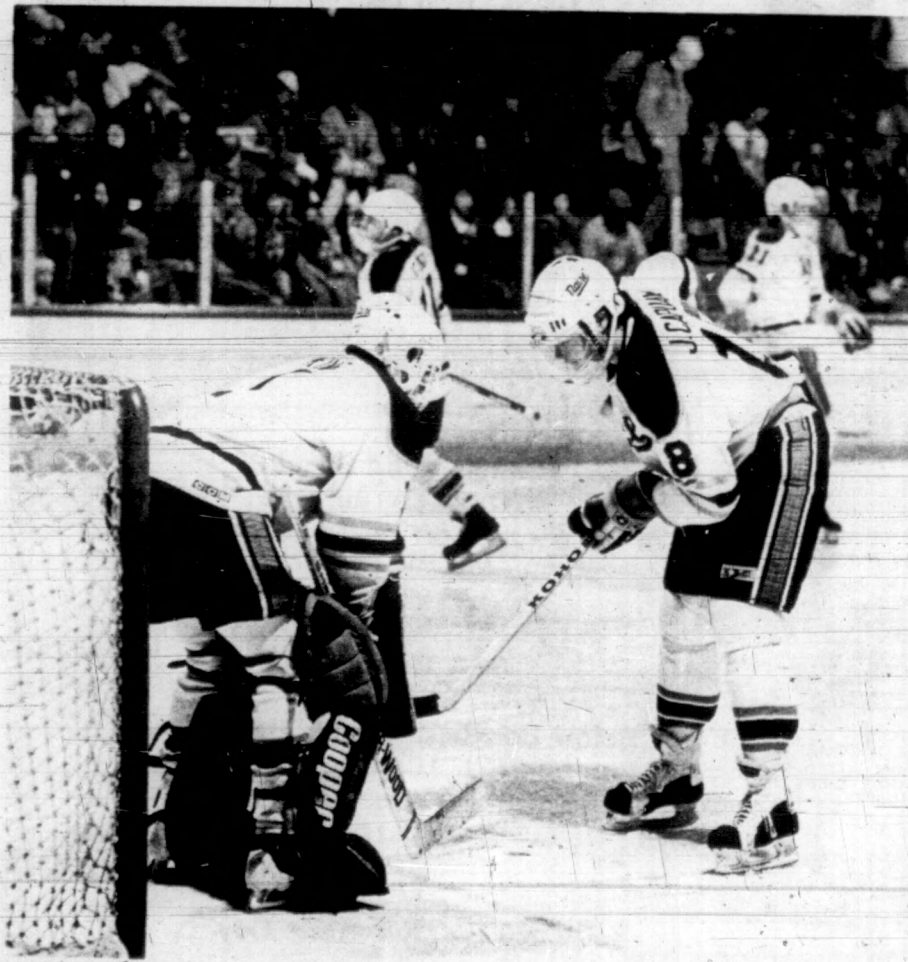
If that's the case, who's going to come see a Division II school get pummelled? Well, to be honest, I think it will be kind of fun, at least to watch the cheerleaders and band members do push-ups for every point UMaine scores, as has become the custom. After Saturday they may be ready to enter a bodybuilding contest.

But honestly, a homecoming game should be against a conference rival. The game should have meaning. There will still probably be 10,000 fans this weekend, but for a national-

(see BEAN page 12)



Former University of Maine hockey players Dave (above) and Jack Capuano will be in uniform tonight as the National Hockey League opens. Dave Capuano will dress but may not see action in Pittsburgh's opener against the Boston Bruins in Beantown. Jack Capuano will see ice time for the Toronto Maple Leafs as they play host to the Los Angeles Kings and Wayne Gretzky. The other former Black Bears, such as Eric Weinrich and Bob Beers, have been moved down to the minor league affiliates to begin the season. The current UMaine hockey team will hold the Blue/White game Saturday at Alford Arena at 6 p.m.



Oakland stomps on Blue Jays

Athletics hold off rally for 6-2 win, now lead Toronto two games to none

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Jose Canseco could not start Wednesday because of a bad headache. No matter. Rickey Henderson gave Toronto one all day.

Rickey Henderson sparked a two-run fourth inning rally with two stolen bases, and the Oakland Athletics beat the Blue Jays 6-3 in Game 2 of the best-of-7 American League playoffs for a 2-0 lead.

Only two of 11 teams have rallied from a 2-0 deficit to win the AL playoffs—Milwaukee in 1982 and Kansas City over Toronto in 1985.

The A's have won six straight playoff games, while the Blue Jays have dropped five in a row.

Once again, the A's put together a combination of power, pitching and speed to beat the Blue Jays.

Starter Mike Moore allowed three hits in seven innings. Mark McGwire had three hits and Dave Parker hit his first home run in 25 postseason games spanning 93 at-bats.

Rickey Henderson had two singles and two walks, and has been on base seven

times in nine plate appearances. He has six steals in the series, breaking the playoff record of five previous held by Davey Lopes (1981) and Steve Sax (1988), both with Los Angeles.

Rickey Henderson stole both second and third in the fourth and seventh innings.

Canseco was in the starting lineup but was scratched when he had a migraine headache before the game. He pinch hit in the A's three-run sixth inning and struck out. He walked in the eighth.

The AL playoffs take a day off before moving to Toronto for Game 3 on Friday night. Storm Davis (19-7) is scheduled to pitch for the A's against Jimmy Key (13-14).

Toronto starter Todd Stottlemyre held the A's to two hits and no runs on 26 pitches in the first three innings.

The Blue Jays grabbed the lead in the third inning on Fred McGriff's run-scoring grounder.

Rickey Henderson walked leading off the fourth, and stole second and third.

The previous AL record for steals in

a series was four by Kansas City's Amos Otis in 1978.

Carney Lansford, who hit .336, followed with a single to left over a drawn-in infield to tie the score. Lansford moved to second on Parker's grounder to first, and scored on McGwire's double down the left-field line.

Oakland was breezing along when Rick Honeycutt relieved Moore to start the eighth and loaded the bases with none out on a single by Nelson Liriano and walks to Lloyd Moseby and Mookie Wilson.

Dennis Eckersley relieved and McGriff singled to right to make it 6-2. But Eckersley, who had 33 saves, got George Bell to hit into a 4-6-3 double play as Moseby scored the Jays' third run. Eckersley, who saved all four Oakland playoff victories last season, earned his first of the series.

The A's chased Stottlemyre in the sixth when Parker led off with a long home run to right field and McGwire followed with a single.

Jim Aker relieved and Dave Henderson hit a ground-rule double. Ron Hassey made it 4-1 with a sacrifice fly,

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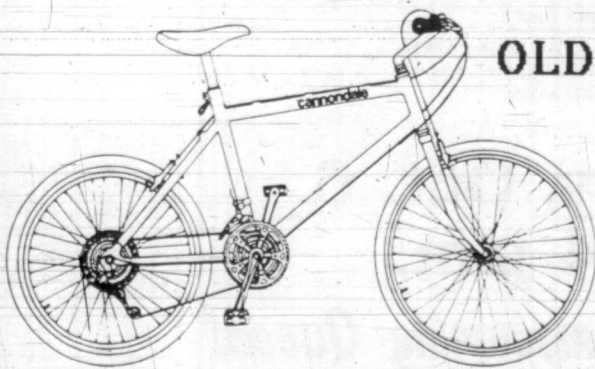
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Soccer team clobbers Thomas College, 5-1

The University of Maine had little trouble in defeating the Thomas College Terriers 5-1 in college soccer action in Waterville Wednesday.

The win raised UMaine's record to 5-4-1 and broke a two-game losing streak.

The offensive spark for the Black Bears was Todd Sniper, who notched one goal and two assists. Also scoring a goal apiece was Charlie Carroll, Jason

Criscitelle and John Mello, with Mike McGuire adding two assists.

Goalkeeper Marshall White made five saves on six shots for UMaine, while Dan Tibbits saved five of 10 Black Bear shots.

Thomas College dropped to 5-4 on the year.

UMaine will next travel to New Hampshire this weekend to face Plymouth State College.



The University of Maine men's soccer team stopped its two-game losing streak by defeating Thomas College 5-1 in Waterville Wednesday afternoon. The Black Bears will next travel to face Plymouth State College on Saturday.

•Tennis

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more money is needed to reach the \$130,000 goal.

"There's quite a ways to go," said Jensen. "It's not in the bag yet." Jensen said another \$40-50,000 needs to be raised in order to complete the project by next fall.

In an attempt to raise \$20,000 from former UMaine tennis players, coaches, faculty and staff, a fund-raising benefit will be held at Bangor Tennis and Recreation in October, said Jensen.

Gov. John R. McKernan Jr., UMaine President Dale Lick and university system Chancellor Robert Woodbury will attend the event.

"It's a way of telling people we do need money, (because) we're not done," said Jensen.

Much needed repairs

There are no women's tennis matches scheduled at home this fall because of the poor conditions of the courts and the

upcoming construction, Jensen said.

He said his players are not discouraged to play on the road all season because "they know what's coming."

"It's been so long in coming (rebuilding the courts). They're willing to sacrifice a season," Jensen said. "We have hundreds of cracks inches wide, fences are falling in, surface layers are falling apart. (The courts) are gone, they're long overdo," he said.

Richard Harrison, men's tennis coach, said he's also willing to make sacrifices in order to improve the conditions of the courts.

The men's team continues to hold home matches on the dilapidated courts. If, however, rain floods the courts, matches can be played at Bangor Tennis and Recreation for a \$3 to \$4 per person fee or at the outdoor courts next to Lengyel Gymnasium.

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ly ranked team that's nothing. If UMaine were playing a Connecticut or a Massachusetts the university could draw 13,000 to 15,000 fans this weekend. However, the game won't be televised this week so that might get a few more fans to show.

So why was it decided to play Division II Lock Haven?

It goes like this: UMaine was supposed to play Division I-A Bucknell, (a non-conference team) but they backed out last winter and the only team that had an open date and that would travel to Orono on such short notice was the Bald Eagles. Suckers. For the record, it wasn't planned

to play a Division II school for homecoming. But this problem would not have occurred if the UMaine athletic department had planned to play a conference team.

The UMaine players and the fans deserve better. It's unfortunate this caliber of a game has to be played on what should be an exciting weekend for the university community.

Andy Bean is a senior journalism major from Burlington, Vermont who wants the cheerleaders to see if they can throw some more plastic footballs into the press box windows.

This Year's 5 Finalists For Homecoming Queen Are . . .



Susan Starbird

Elementary Education major, Delta, Delta, Delta Rush Chairman, Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.



Kar Erickson

Secondary Social Studies major, Phi Beta Phi Sorority, All Maine Women, Sophomore Eagles, Women's Varsity Track.



Cheryl Francis

Business Management major, Presidential Academic Achievement Award, Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Gamma Sigma, Resident Assistant, Student Alumni Association.



Raye Anne Leathers

English major, Chi Omega's executive council, President of All Maine Women, Vice-President Panhellenic Council, Dringo Tour Guide and Interviewer.



Donna Rauch

Psychology major, Presidential Achievement Award, All Maine Women, Circle K President and Secretary, Resident Assistant.

Voting takes place Friday, Oct. 6
in the Union from 11-4 p.m.

Stop by and cast your vote for this year's Homecoming Queen!