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Campus crimes have students scared

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Pluralism report to be discussed by BOT

By Dan McEnerney
Staff Writer

The University of Maine System's Commission on Pluralism will present its final report at the Board of Trustees meeting this weekend in Orono.

The issues involved in the report include: the debate over wording such as "freshman"; minority recruitment; the

representation of women in administrative positions; and the presence of ethnic and racial bias in curriculum.

The commission was set up to evaluate the current status of women and minorities within the UMaine System.

According to the report, "What we propose is a deliberate and intensified expansion of pluralistic elements

within the University of Maine System of higher education." Changes would include the revision of institutional practices, academic programs, and physical facilities.

Seven recommendations were proposed as actions that all seven campuses in the system should work towards:

•Each campus should review its mission statement, cur-

riculum, and leadership to determine ways pluralistic values can be enhanced.

Curriculum should be revised to reflect minority views;

•The number of ethnic and racial minorities in the faculty, staff, administrative, and student body should be increased. Efforts should also be made to increase the number of women where under-represented;

•Special attention should be given to "historical minorities" such as Franco-Americans and Native Americans. Centers for the study of cultures and languages should be developed. Efforts should be made to increase the number of faculty, staff, administrators and students from these groups as well;

(see BOT page 6)

Board of Trustees to meet at UMaine to discuss budget

Trustees to hear report on pluralism

Bangor, January 19: Reports on pluralism, tuition policy, fraternities and sororities, and the status of women on campus will be made to Trustees of the University of Maine System when they hold their regular bimonthly business meeting on Monday, January 29, at the University of Maine.

The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at UM's Hilltop Commons.

Other highlights of the meeting will be the naming of a new President of the University System's Fort Kent campus and a recommendation to purchase the Johnson Supply Building in Portland for conversion to a new library for the University of Southern Maine.

On Sunday, January 28, the Board will meet as a Committee of the Whole to discuss the budget situation, tuition policy, and pluralism. Reports on the last two topics were commissioned by the Board during 1989. University of Maine at Farmington President J. Michael Orenduff, who chairs the Tuition review and Policy Development Committee, will make a preliminary report. Dr. Stanley J. Evans, a former Trustee, chairs the

Commission on Pluralism and will submit his group's final report. The Committee of the Whole will meet from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge of UM's Memorial Union.

Also on Sunday, the Subcommittee on Intercollegiate Athletics will hold a luncheon meeting from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union's FFA Room.

Four meetings are scheduled for Monday, January 29, before the 1:00 p.m. full Board meeting.

The Physical Plant and Finance Committees will hold a joint meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Hilltop Conference Room.

The Student Affairs Committee meets from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Hilltop Yellow Dining Room.

The Educational Policy Committee convenes from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Hilltop Conference Room.

And the faculty and student representatives to the Board from the seven campuses discuss agenda and other items with the Trustees from 11:00 a.m. to noon, also in the Conference Room.



Shown performing one of their daring feats, the Soviet Acrobatic Revue who replaced the Peking Acrobats will appear at the Maine Center for the Arts for two performances Feb. 25. See story on page 10.

Senate upholds bill protecting students

Chinese students in America fear they will be killed on return to their homeland

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate today upheld President Bush's veto of a bill protecting Chinese students from deportation, handing him a narrow foreign policy victory in his first showdown this year with the Democratic Congress.

The vote was 62-37, short of the two-thirds margin needed to override a presidential veto.

Just before the vote, Bush had renewed his promise that students would be fully protected even without the legislation. "No student, as long as I'm president, will be sent back," he said.

The issue, which would affect an estimated 40,000 Chinese students studying in the United States, took on added impor-

tance as the year's first test of strength between Bush and the Democratic-controlled Congress and as a referendum on the president's China policy.

Republican Sen. William Cohen of Maine said in floor debate that he would vote against the president to uphold "America's symbol to a world

that is struggling to throw off the chains of dictators."

But Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, said the issue was "really a political challenge to the president's constitutional authority. I believe the challenge is ill-advised, works against our national interest, and is likely to cause further deterioration of

our relationship with China."

In the days before the vote, the White House had mounted a fierce lobbying blitz which included telephone calls from Bush and other top administration officials to wavering senators and personal visits from Vice President Dan Quayle.



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Best money-making careers of the 1990s

The big career winners in the 1990s will be people with services to offer. Although that has been true for over a decade, the twist to making yourself a top contender for the top jobs of the '90s will be the crossing of skills.

What is best all-purpose cross-training? Learning a language, says *Changing Times* magazine. Best bets: Spanish and Japanese, to meet the demands of the influx of Hispanic immigrants and the increase in trade with Japan.

A sampling of the top career fields, based on growth potential, salary and working conditions, according to *Changing Times* magazine, are these:

Engineers: Overall, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) predicts, the engineering field will grow 25 percent by 2000. The demand for electronics and electrical engineers in particular should be even greater, with projected job growth at 40 percent. For the first time in more than a decade, jobs for chemical engineers and Ph.D. chemists outnumber candidates.

Engineers cross-trained in environmental sciences should also be in high demand as the nation struggles to clean up landfills and combat pollution.

The projected median salary for a chemical engineer in 1995 is about \$41,750. Electrical and electronics engineers should bring in a median pay of about \$68,560 in 1995.

Accountants and actuaries: Accountants who pass their CPA exams and who take the extra step of learning a foreign language or training in inter-

national management stand to benefit the most.

The number of openings for actuaries is expected to grow 54 percent by 2000, according to the BLS. Accountants will see their ranks swell 22 percent during the same period. The median salary for experienced actuaries who have passed all seven qualifying tests will be around \$93,320 in 1995. Most accountants with three or four years of experience will make around \$45,400.

Financial-service sales reps: Jobs working the phones and financial markets to find good buys in stocks, bonds and mutual funds and finding the clients to trade them are especially attractive to recent college graduates. Many of these positions provide on-the-job training and promise high wages straight out of school. Employers will be looking for candidates with a broad background, although sales experience is probably the biggest plus.

Average salaries for noninstitutional brokers who have passed two qualifying exams are expected to be around \$93,840 in 1995. For those handling institutional accounts, the figure is \$321,740. BLS expects the field to grow 55 percent by 2000.

Computer systems analysts. Although personal-computer makers may feel the effects of a slowdown, the people who design and install large systems will enjoy a seller's market. Systems analysts are involved in every step, from assessing a corporation's needs to choosing a system, overseeing its installation and troubleshooting.

UMaine Greeks raise money for charities

University of Maine's Service Organizations Alpha Phi Omega and Gamma Sigma Sigma promptly responded to WVII Channel 7's Cerebral Palsy Telethon last Sunday, donating \$25 and \$50 respectively.

Gamma Sigma Sigma's National Representative Ada Judson and Alpha Phi Omega's Public Relations Director Tom Karod appeared on television representing their respective groups with the donations.

Both services challenged all other groups and organizations at UMaine and across the state to match or top their contributions.

Both groups are already in the thick of fundraising this semester. Gamma Sigma Sigma is conducting a clothing drive at UMaine and has placed boxes for donation in several dorms across the campus. The sorority requests for warm clothing which will be collected and donated to the homeless shelter in Bangor and the Salvation Army and Goodwill.

Alpha Phi Omega just finished their first blood drive of the semester at Aroostook Hall, collecting approximately 86 pints of blood. Every two to three weeks, the fraternity organizes blood drives at UMaine at various locations on campus and will hold another drive in a different part of the campus in a few weeks.

"We've been really good with it (blood drives)," said Rick Auveilleux, Social Vice President of Alpha Phi Omega. The fraternity doubled their goal last

semester and hopes to match the spring semester's projections.

Also, the fraternity has been busy maintaining Bananas, UMaine's mascot. Two new suits were purchased recently, and Alpha Phi Omega takes part in representing the university through Bananas, making sure he is presentable and present at functions in the area.

Car fire at UMaine

An overheated catalytic converter touched off a car fire in Jenness parking lot Wednesday morning.

According to University of Maine Fire Department officials, the heat from the 1981 Ford Mustang's converter ignited rubber and rug materials, causing the 11:15 a.m. fire.

"There was a substantial fire inside the passenger compartment," said Joe Cowherd, student lieutenant for the UMaine Fire Department. "It was pretty contained."

Although both the Orono and UMaine fire departments responded to the fire, it was over within minutes.

"We were there and gone in 10 minutes," Cowherd said. No injuries were reported.

Sergeant Laurie Sproul of the UMaine Department of Public Safety said the car is registered to Kevin Ireland and Connie Newman. Ireland and Newman were unavailable for comment.

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Crimes on campus scaring students

(CPS) - Congress this month will start seriously considering a bill that would force colleges to tell students, employees, applicants and their parents how many crimes occurred on their campus.

While many public relations-minded administrators oppose the bill because it could make their schools look bad, a group of college security experts resolved Jan. 12 to oppose it because it would be unenforceable.

"We're not in favor of the law because it's not policeable," said Jan Sherrill of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Campus Violence (CSPCV), which concluded its annual conference Jan. 11.

Major support for the bill comes from students, parents and faculty members who say they need to know about local crimes in order to protect themselves from them.

Currently, only 352 of the 3,200-some two- and four-year colleges in the country bother to report crimes to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which tracks criminal activities.

The quality of the statistics, moreover, is uneven. While one school may report a crime committed on what is legally a city-owned curb, another school may decide not to report it as a "campus" crime. Consequently the former college, appearing to be a dangerous sinkhole, may have a harder time recruiting students and faculty members than the latter one, which comes off looking like a relatively pacific oasis of learning.

The result, students and experts seem to agree, is a highly unrealistic image of leafy, safe campuses in which residents

feel so secure that they don't take basic security precautions.

"It's easy to get a false sense of security on campus," said University of Wyoming student Amy Bell. "Students, especially freshmen, think nothing bad will happen to them."

"Students often have a false sense of security on college and university campuses," said Rep. Bill Goodling (R-Pa.), who in September introduced the federal bill that would require schools to tell the public about the crimes committed in their communities.

Jeanne's parents, Howard and Connie Clery, sued Lehigh for negligence, claiming that, given the dearth of crime statistics, no one knew such an assault was likely or even possible at the school. They were awarded \$2 million in an out-of-court settlement.

The couple used the money to start a non-profit organization, Security on Campus, dedicated to help other universities improve campus safety measures.

Thanks to the Clerys' lobbying, Pennsylvania was the first state to require

rapes occurred, or may prop a dorm door open unaware that burglars robbed students in other dorms where doors were left open. If these students were properly informed, they might have made different choices," Goodling said.

Wyoming's Bell believes the Goodling's bill would make a difference.

"Crime (on campus) happens more often than students know. If they knew more, they would be a lot more careful," she said.

"It's our responsibility to get crime statistics out to students so that they can be aware," added Traci Bauer, editor of the Southwest Statesman at Southwest Missouri State University (SMSU) in Springfield.

"People are so sure this campus is safe because they don't hear about crime," Bauer added.

Bauer's paper, in fact, is trying to pry crime stats from unwilling SMSU administrators.

SMSU's police force says it will release information only through university relations director Paul Kincaid who, in turn, won't give crime data to the Statesman on the grounds it would violate the Privacy Act of 1974. The Privacy Act keeps students' private records from becoming public information.

Kincaid added he has asked Missouri's attorney general's office to issue an opinion whether he is correct or not.

If Kincaid ultimately refuses to reveal the information, Bauer said the Statesman may sue to get it.

"You would never prop your front door open for the pizza man or leave the window open for your boyfriend to crawl through at home, yet it happens routinely...."

"It's interesting that students do things on campus that they would never do at home," said Sherrill of the CSPCV, which is based at Towson State University in Maryland.

"You would never prop your front door open for the pizza man or leave the window open for your boyfriend to crawl through at home, yet it happens routinely in the dorms," Sherrill said.

Just such an incident sparked the current move to force colleges to confess that crimes happen on campuses.

In 1985 Lehigh University freshman Jeanne Clery was brutally beaten, raped and murdered in her Pennsylvania dorm room. Her attacker got into the dorm because a pizza box was propping the main door open, and Clery's room remained unlocked while she slept.

schools to report crime statistics. The bill became law in May, 1988.

Since then, Florida, Louisiana and Tennessee have passed crime stat laws. New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Missouri, California and Delaware are considering similar laws. The penalty for non-compliance would be \$10,000, except for Tennessee and New York, where the fine would be \$1,000.

Goodling's bill, the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1989, would make all campuses provide "timely notification" of crimes and publicize their security policies.

"If details of crimes are not publicized, a student may unknowingly walk alone into a parking lot where several

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Members of the Orono Rescue squad speak out

By J. Emily Hathaway
Staff Writer

Are you a resident of Orono or Veazie who is interested in serving your community?

Would you like to learn the kind of emergency medical skills that can be useful if a friend or family member has a life threatening accident or illness?

William Halteman, chief of operations for the Orono Volunteer Rescue Squad is looking for a few good men and women. He described the squad as a volunteer ambulance service covering the towns of Orono and Veazie.



William Halteman

meone feels they need an ambulance and they can't get themselves to the hospital, we'll go and take them," he said.

Halteman said they do not provide routine transport.

"If somebody has a doctors appointment but doesn't have transportation we don't provide ambulance service for this. We only do emergencies," he said.

According to Halteman, there is a current need for volunteers. He'd like to have 20 or 25 people on the squad.

"We only have 12 people and it's not enough to staff an ambulance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year without having people burn out.

Halteman said that changes in life style have depleted squad membership.

"At a time many years ago there were more people who weren't as busy. They had more time off. There are a lot more families where both parents are working so there isn't anybody home during the

daytime who can do possibly do ambulance work," he said.

Halteman said that a prospective squad member must be 18-years-old and possess a valid drivers license.

"You have to be healthy and in good shape because you have to do physical work, lifting people and things like that," he said.

Prospective members must receive training to obtain ambulance licenses provided by the state of Maine. The only cost will be \$25 to cover books.

"The class is usually taught three hours a night, once a week, for 15 weeks per semester. That teaches people how to bandage, how to do Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, how to deliver oxygen, how to take somebody out of a car without making him worse, and how to immobilize his head and spine.

Halteman said that prospective members are also taught how to recognize an emergency.

"Sometimes you get a call and someone's not feeling well. He may need a ride to the hospital. Other times people are having heart attacks and they're getting worse while you're watching them.

You need to learn the difference between the two and how to decide whether or not this is a time where we drive as fast as we can," he said.

According to Halteman each volunteer contributes as much time as he/she wants to.

hours a year. There are other people who put in maybe 100 hours a year. We take whatever we can get," he said.

Halteman said that during an on-duty shift a volunteer must be able to be paged. A person living close to the squad building can be paged at home.

"If someone is living in Veazie and they're on our squad they're gonna have to hang around our ambulance building. Typically we like to have it take less than five minutes from when the call comes in to when the ambulance is rolling," he said.

According to Halteman squad members benefit from their training and ability to serve their community.

"I'm sure that there are people at the scene of an accident who wish they knew what to do," he said.

Prospective squad members should contact Halteman. Priority will be given to permanent Orono or Veazie residents.

Doug Hudson, a graduate student, has been a volunteer for 2 and one-half

years. He and his wife contribute about 20 eight-hour shifts a month.

He said that each volunteer who is able to do so handles a variety of duties.

"That involves driving the ambulance, being the medic. The third job on a usual squad of three is called the crew chief. That person is in charge of the administration and record keeping," he said.

Hudson said that he is particularly proud of some of the CPR work he has done while on duty.

"Occasionally we have brought people back. And that's a nice feeling when it happens," he said.

According to Hudson being a

volunteer has benefits and drawbacks.

"You keep up your skills in terms of CPR and prehospital care and trauma packaging. That's good for when someone close to you gets injured and you know what to do. There's also the great benefit of being able to contribute to your community.

There's a great time commitment. You get woken up in the middle of the night from a sound sleep and have to race off. You can get into some sticky situations where the people you've come to help could become violent. Even accidental things can happen. If you're at a car accident other cars are zooming around. It can be a dangerous occupation," he said.

Hudson would advise anyone who is interested to become involved.

"You could at any time come across a situation where you could save someone's life. That's a great skill to have," he said.

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Oat bran no better than other grains

BOSTON (AP) - Contrary to cereal ads and popular belief, oat bran does not lower cholesterol levels, according to a study that challenges one of the biggest food crazes of the 1980s.

Critics were skeptical of the findings. The new research concluded that people who eat lots of oat bran do indeed have less cholesterol in their blood, not because of any special powers of oat bran but because they eat less saturated fat and cholesterol.

"There really isn't any cholesterol-lowering property in oat bran" said Dr. Frank M. Sacks, a co-author of the study. "Oat bran pretty much does the same as other cereal products."

Oat bran has been promoted as a health food largely because it is rich in soluble fiber. Several studies have suggested that this kind of fiber somehow removes cholesterol from the body.

But this latest study concluded that people's cholesterol levels dropped just as much when they ate food made with low-fiber white flour and Cream of Wheat as it did with heavy intake of oat bran, because fat consumption went down.

High amounts of saturated fat and cholesterol in the diet can raise blood cholesterol levels, leading to heart disease. But when people eat lots of grain products, they may be too full to eat their usual amounts of fatty food.

The researchers said the lower fat and cholesterol consumption, not high fiber intake, entirely explained the drop in cholesterol seen in their study.

The study, conducted on 20

volunteers, most of them hospital dietitians, was directed by dietician Janis F. Swain at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. It was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

The volunteers ate seemingly identical muffins, meat loaf and casseroles for two six-week periods. During one period, the foods contained 100 grams, or 3.5 ounces, of oat bran per day, while during the other it contained that much

white flour or Cream of Wheat as a control.

The foods contained 800 to 1,000 calories a day. The volunteers could eat whatever else they wanted but had to keep track of what they ate and how much.

On both the oat and non-oat regimens, their cholesterol levels were about 7 percent lower than before they went on the diets. Before the diets, they were eating 12 percent of their daily

calories in the form of saturated fat. This fell to 10 percent while on the high-fiber diet and 9 percent on the low-fiber diet. Consumption of cholesterol dropped by one-third.

Using dietitians as test subjects meant the researchers had a healthy group who already largely followed recommended diets. Their cholesterol levels averaged 186.

Among the reports most widely cited in favor of oat bran was a study conducted by dietician Linda Van Horn at Northwestern University. It found that substituting oat bran for other carbohydrates in the diet lowered blood cholesterol levels by 3 percent.

Her study attempted to keep fat consumption constant, and she said the latest work does not shake her conviction that oat bran and other forms of soluble fiber can lower cholesterol.

"With their small sample size and without the dietary control necessary to monitor the situation, I don't know what this means," she said.

At Quaker Oats Co., which stresses oat bran's benefits in its cereal ads, research scientist Fred Shinnick said the group studies was too small and healthy to show a pronounced effect of oat bran.

"There is a clear cholesterol-lowering effect when you use oatmeal or oat bran," he said. "We don't think one small study disproves the weight of the evidence that has been published over the past 5 years."

Nutritionists speak on oat bran

By Wendy Boynton
Staff Writer

It's found in everything from breads and muffins to cookies and doughnuts. Americans have sprinkled it on foods, substituted it for flour and brewed it in beer. And for the past decade, it has greeted millions in their morning cereal.

What is it? It's oat bran.

A cereal product rich in soluble fiber, oat bran was believed to reduce cholesterol levels. However, a study released last Thursday discredits this claim.

"Contrary to cereal ads and popular belief, oat bran does not lower cholesterol levels, according to a study that challenges one of the biggest food crazes of the 1980s," the Associated Press reported.

The study, published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, "concluded that people who eat lots of oat bran do indeed have less cholesterol in their blood, not because of any special powers of oat bran but because they eat less saturated fat and cholesterol," the AP article said.

Conducted at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, the study also found low-fiber white flour and Cream of Wheat to have the same cholesterol-lowering effects as oat bran.

Mary Ellen Camire, assistant professor of food science at the University of Maine, said she isn't surprised by the study's findings.

"Originally when they started doing research (on oat bran) they didn't

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•UMaine campuses should initiate cultural exchange programs that reflect pluralistic values;

•All students should have an educational experience differing from their own cultural background;

•Curriculum should be internationalized to reflect views from around the world; and

•There should be an open and hospitable climate on each campus. The attitude of faculty and students should indicate respect for differences and the valuing of common beliefs. Each campus should provide academic and social support for diverse populations of students, faculty, and staff.

In order to initiate these programs, the commission is recommending that \$1 million be put towards "an initial two-year program of detailed planning and work towards pluralism."

"Everyone understands this is an area we need to do more in. It is just a question of when, how fast, and how much money will be involved," said Assistant to the Chancellor Kent Price.

The question of how the plan would be implemented also concerns Yvon Labbe, Director of the Franco-American Center. "Administration should develop an integrated way as opposed to an assimilated way, otherwise (the plan) would be a failure," he said.

Labbe also stressed the importance of emphasizing the acceptance of differing cultures as opposed to creating a homogeneous community. "I (being Franco-American) would make a very poor re-treaded anglo.

"The conscience of the institution towards the need for cultural diversity needs improvement, according to Associate Dean of Student Services and Indian Relations Ted Mitchell. "All the attention last fall and the material the commission will bring forth will be nothing but positive," he said.

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New French Training Center opens soon

By Erika Hurtubise
Staff Writer

University of Maine's newly appointed French Training Center Director John Benoit will spend a month in Africa in an effort to promote American universities.

Benoit, a 24-year veteran of the UMaine system, will visit five countries in Africa through an all-expense paid trip sponsored by the U.S.I.A. (United States Information Agency), an organization based in Washington, D.C. Seven years ago, Benoit lived in Africa for two years for UMaine's French Pro-

gram. Benoit established many contacts and was able to help out the French-American relations extensively.

Previous to his current position, Benoit was former director of the International Research Program, as well as the Conferences and Institutes Division.

Also, Benoit was center director of Continuing Education for the University of Maine at Augusta.

For the past two summers, Benoit has administered summer programs at UMaine through Voice of America, an organization conducted by the U.S.I.A. People from countries such as Haiti and Africa spend two weeks studying

French-taught classes at UMaine. Business management and journalism/mass communication studies are offered among several other courses of foreign interest.

However, the students that attend UMaine are not students of their own country, but are "dignitaries from particular areas in Africa," said French Training Center's Administrative Assistant Bonnie Thibodeau. "The person may own a television or radio station, or they may be a reporter."

Through Benoit's previous experience in Africa and UMaine's summer program, he established relationships with

many Africans interested in American universities, relationships and adult education.

"Several of the people that went to the University went back to their country and requested a visit to be funded," said Benoit. "They have been impressed" by UMaine and want to learn more about universities in the United States.

While in Africa, Benoit will lecture at African Universities and speak with African Government Administrators and United States Information Service officials. He will attend colleges in Central African Republic, Chad, Niger, Benin and Senegal from February 2 to March 2.

New money-back meal deal at Clark

(CPS) - In what may be a first in dorm food, officials at Clark University have started offering students money back if they don't like their residence hall meals.

The new program, says Jack Foley, business manager of the Worcester, Mass., university, is designed to dispel the notion that all college food is bad and to better accommodate the individual tastes of its student customers.

"It seems to be a common denominator for students at all colleges and universities to write home about the quality of the food," Foley said.

Under the new plan, students unhap-

py with a tray can complain to the food services manager, who, if unable to concoct an adequate substitute, will credit the student's university account for the price of the meal.

Breakfasts cost \$1.66, lunch or brunch costs \$3.32 while dinner costs \$4.99.

Clark will share the costs of the program with Daka, a Massachusetts food services company that manages Clark's dorm cafeterias.

The company, which serves about 150 East Coast campuses, intends "to make it available at all of our schools," said Daka official Ron Cohen.

• Bran

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look at all the factors lowering cholesterol," Camire said.

Agreeing that oat bran became a fad, Camire believes the oat companies "jumped on it."

"Just having a little oatmeal isn't going to help (lower cholesterol)," she said. "Every person is different."

Camire added that the amount of fiber people need is very individual and should be "specifically tailored by a doctor."

Because the Brigham and Women's Hospital study denounces earlier research, Camire voiced concerns that the public may start mistrusting research.

Camire said that researchers are also

looking at the cholesterol-lowering effects of rice bran. While rice bran does lower cholesterol, researchers aren't sure whether it's the fiber or the oil inside the rice bran that produces the effect, she said.

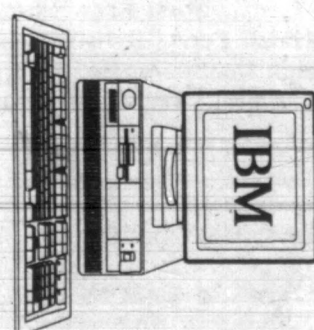
"Cholesterol is a soft, fat-like substance...which is a major risk factor for coronary heart disease," the American Heart Association reports.

Replacing a diet high in saturated fats and cholesterol with poultry, lean meats, fish, fresh fruits and vegetables, grains and cereals and low-fat dairy products is recommended by the AHA.

Students interested in having their cholesterol levels measured should contact Cutler Health Center's Preventive Medicine Program at 581-4013.

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Editorial

Unfair polls

Each year it seems more and more people gripe about the use of polls to rank college sports teams. Although it's unclear what should be done, it is clear that there's something wrong with the polling systems in college sports.

The drawbacks of sports polls have been particularly apparent this season for University of Maine hockey fans.

Judging from the way teams have been moving up and down the poll with no apparent rhyme nor reason in the NCAA Division I Hockey Poll, it appears that the pollsters are not doing their homework.

How else can one explain why Boston University was ranked tenth in the country, two places above UMaine in last week's NCAA poll when the Terriers had a record of 9-10-1 and UMaine was 17-6-1?

The benefits and drawbacks of polls have been hotly-debated in sports publications all over the country.

Ever since Brigham Young University won the mythical NCAA football National Championship in 1984, the wisdom behind using polls to determine champions and seed tournaments has been questioned.

Polls are worthless because they are nothing more than popularity contests. They are arbitrary, and as such are subject to the biases and prejudices of those casting the votes.

There's nothing wrong with using polling systems to rank teams during the regular season because nothing's on the line. The only damage done is to the egos of certain team members.

But to use polls to determine a national champion or to seed tournaments just isn't fair to teams or fans.

In the case of the NCAA Div. I Hockey Poll, teams like UMaine or Lake Superior State could be victimized with ridiculously-low seedings simply because they are headed by coaches who aren't popular with their peers. It has already happened once... 9-10-1 B.U. in 10th?

To insure that it doesn't happen again, scrap the polling system in favor of a statistical ratings system awarding teams more points for wins against tough teams and less for W's against patsies.

Polls may be useful in rating TV shows, but as far as ranking sports teams goes, they're useless.

Andrew Neff

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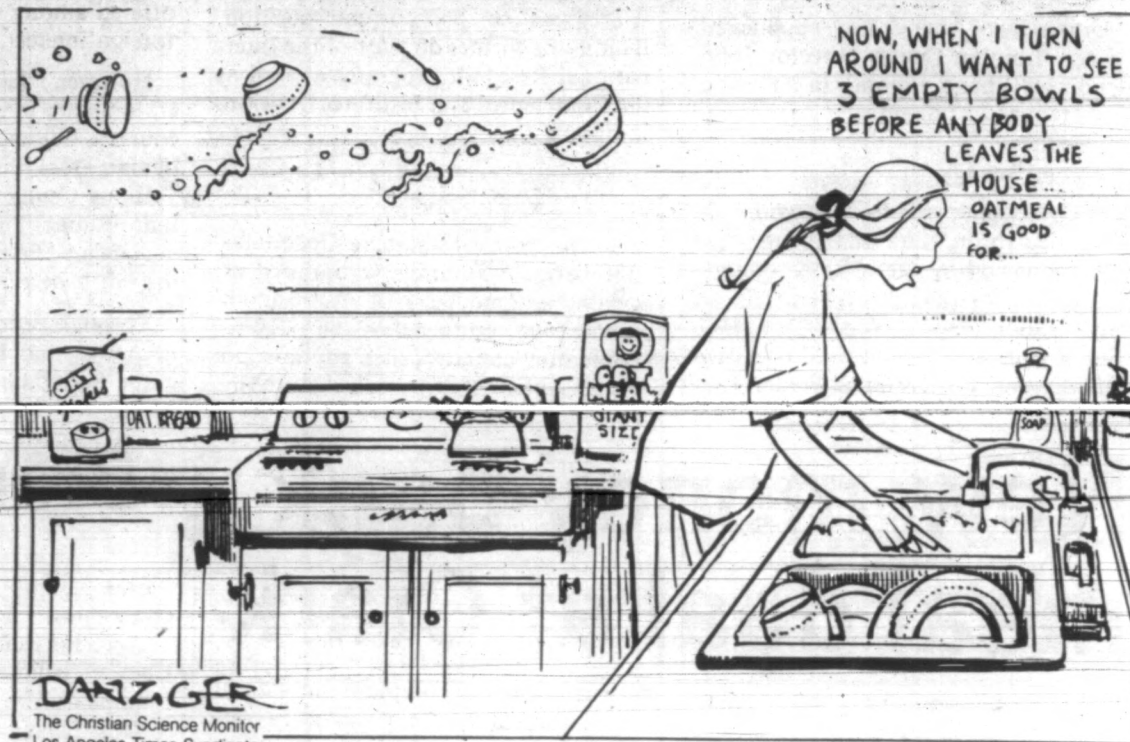
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DAD AND THE KIDS READ THE NEWS ON OAT BRAN BEFORE MOM DOES...



Just don't do it

Well, the first two weeks of class are over, and I need a break.

It always seems the same. After three weeks of vacation I can't wait to get back to school and new classes.

That feeling usually lasts a couple of weeks, ending the same time prelims begin. Then I begin counting the days till vacation.

This time I avoided the crowd and began wishing for a break immediately. I am not sure what caused it. Possibly it was that remarkably large bill from the business office. Or maybe the one from New England Telephone.

Hey, it might even have been those classes. Or more specifically, that 8:00 class that first Monday morning.

That has got to be a bad omen. The first day of classes in the new decade, and mine was Monday at 8:00. Talk about a double whammy. Mondays are notoriously bad enough, having to be up early on a Monday is really pushing it.

My first rule of college since my Freshman (excuse me, first-year) year has been simple. DON'T, repeat DON'T ever take an 8:00 class. It's just not worth it.

Sure, that 8:00 section will most likely be open; sure it probably fits into your schedule nicely; sure you really need the class to graduate. But DON'T do it.

Drop out of school, transfer to Timbuktu, take night classes, anything, just don't sign up for that class.

I speak from experience. My first semester here I had five, count 'em, five, 8:00 classes a week. Now, why, you may ask, did I have so many early morning classes.



Damon Kiesow

I pass it off to naivete.

In high school classes start at 8:00 every morning. Usually I was awake by 5:30.

Well, I figured, getting up at 7:00 ought to be easy enough. I would be able to get classes out of the way and have my afternoons free.

As it turned out, not only did I have my afternoons free I also had quite a few of my mornings free. As in, "Oops forgot to set the alarm, and look it's 10:00 already."

College students just weren't designed to be up at that hour of the morning. It has something to do with the time interval between the end of David Letterman and the beginning of the school day.

I think if someone was to do a study they would find that attendance is directly proportional to the time the class is held. The earlier the class the lower the attendance.

Regardless of my theories on the matter I went ahead and did it anyway. I signed up for an 8:00 class this semester.

Now, wait a minute you're saying, after all of that bitching and moaning he took one anyway.

I plead temporary insanity. Actually, I plead incompetence.

I had absolutely no idea when I went to sign up for my classes last fall that every one of them would be full.

You can't imagine the terror when the computer came up with "section unavailable" straight across the board.

Of course, I deserved it. I had gone in with what I considered the perfect schedule. No classes until 11:00 and out by 3:00 every day.

Desperate to take some classes, any classes, this semester, I had to ignore my basic principle of college life.

Already I regret it. The class isn't all that bad, what I have seen of it. It just seems so easy, when it is snowing and dark at 7:00, to stay in bed for a while longer.

Obviously, I don't have a choice. I am going to have to get up early every day. I have met lots of people who actually eat breakfast in the morning, so I know it's possible.

This semester is going to have to be written off as a total loss for late night television. But there is still hope for the future.

My plan is this. When you go to sign up for classes this April, refuse to take any classes which start before 10:00. It's a reasonable request.

If no one signs up for those early classes the administration will be forced to drop them. Hopefully they will be rescheduled at a more reasonable hour, like 11:00 or 12:00. Then I can go back to watching Dave.

Damon Kiesow is a sophomore from Albion, ME who will never take another 8:00 class, unless he really, really has to.

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Stuart column confuses

To the editor:

Editorials are supposed to be well researched and their clearly stated points and arguments are intended to raise the consciousness of the paper's reading audience. This is a goal which Ms. Koliander's editorial which appeared in the January 22nd edition of the *Campus* failed to achieve.

Ms. Koliander's reflections on the tragic death of Carol Stuart failed to capture the heart of the issue which may have been grasped if Ms. Koliander had taken a moment and considered the actions of the Boston police department as indicative of the society which they are entrusted to "protect and serve".

Ms. Koliander's editorial cast the Boston police department as Gestapo shock troops, their actions as indicative of the racism which, no doubt, inspired their methods of enforcement in the Roxbury community. For one moment, Ms. Koliander, con-

sider the Stuart case in its larger context.

When Carol Stuart was shot, a whole nation watched as she died. Her husband, wounded himself, was hailed as a hero by both the press and the national community at large. The story which he told of that October night seemed, at first glance, credible: a black man dressed in a jogging suit came to their car, demanded money, and then shot the couple. Public outcry about the "state of the streets" was loud and harsh, and the police took measures to apprehend the "criminal".

Were the methods employed by members of the Boston police in attempting to apprehend the killer of Carol Stuart, including illegal search and seizure, "racist"? Indeed they were. Yet, Ms. Koliander, consider that these actions of the Boston Police department are indicative of the "racist" community, both local and global, which these police are

entrusted to "protect and serve". Did you ever consider that the ardour with which these police pursued this case was fueled by the public outcry which this killing drew?

Yes, Ms. Koliander, members of the Boston police department acted in a racist fashion in pursuing the details in the Stuart case. They acted, along with the rest of the nation, that Mr. Stuart was an iceman, who valued his coin more than his wife and child. Yet, their "racist" actions are the product of a nation which is, in the deepest recesses of their hearts, still wearing white hoods and burning crosses. In future, maybe you could give a careful consideration of the issue, rather than relying on obvious generalities and fiery invectives. Challenge the minds and hearts of your audience. Don't worry, they can stand it.

Jim Kopp

WHEN WRITING...

The *Maine Campus* welcomes letters to the editor and commentaries from members of the university community. Letters should be 300 words or less, and commentaries about 450 words. In order to verify the validity of letters, we must have a name, address, and telephone number.

Although the newspaper welcomes anonymous letters, it will not print them unless a special arrangement for withholding the name has been made with the editor.

The *Maine Campus* reserves the right to edit letters and commentaries for length, taste, and libel.

Comic strip uses derogatory word

To the editor:

Dear Mr. Kurth

It is always gratifying to see local talent try their hand at endeavors such as the comic strip you presently have in the *Maine Campus*. Humor is very difficult to pull off successfully but you have created some curious characters which seem to have potential.

However, members of the Committee for Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay Concerns noted that in the strip of "Lunch" which appeared in the Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1990, you used the word "Pansy" to refer to your take-off of the Ronald McDonald clown. As you are surely aware, the word is almost exclusively used to refer in a derogatory manner to gay men or to anyone perceived as being gay and it is used most often by insensitive or, worse, purposefully malicious individuals. This word may be funny to you and may not seem offensive, but there are members of the campus community, both gay and straight, who find it and its use very offensive.

The members of our Committee encourage you to avoid

words that are generally used negatively against gay men and lesbians, or for that matter, any words considered to be a slur against any racial or ethnic group. We feel that your comic strip can be just as humorous without those words and you won't offend some of the campus community with your comic endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Members of the Committee for Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay Concerns:

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"BUT YOU CANNOT EXCOMMUNICATE YOURSELVES!
I'M THE POPE OF THIS CHURCH!"

Professor responds to 'anti-abortion' letter

To the editor:

In a letter to The Daily Maine Campus, November 14, 1989, Professor Terence J. Hughes in the Department of Geological Sciences, defended the pro-life on abortion. (It may more accurately be called the anti-abortion or anti-choice position.)

To make his point, Professor Hughes drew largely on an imaginary Diary of an Unborn Child by an "anonymous author." In responding to so important a question, I will cite only the first entry in this purported diary:

October 5 "Today my life

began. My parents do not know it yet. I am as small as a mustard seed, but it is I already. Am I am to be a girl. I shall have blond hair and azure eyes. Just about everything is settled though, even the fact that I shall love flowers."

Now I should like to offer a version of this entry from another imaginary diary:

October 5 "Today my life began. My unwed, twelve-year old mother, raped by her father, my father and my grandfather, does not know it yet. I am as small as a mustard seed, but it is I already. And I am to be girl and sister of my mother. I shall have dark hair and brown eyes.

But I shall also have AIDS and drug dependency because my mother contracted AIDS via cocaine needles. Just about everything is settled though, even the fact that I shall probably not live for more than a year and will be mentally retarded and nervously strung out. In my sickness and pain I also don't think I'll be able to notice flowers."

Let it be noted that variations on the second entry could and should include the diaries of an unborn anencephalic child, an unborn Tay-Sachs child, an unborn Lesch-Nyhan child, etc. An anencephalic has little or no brain, a Tay-Sachs will become

increasingly spastic and demented until he or she dies at age three or four, a Lesch-Nyhan is grossly mentally retarded and selfmutilating.

Is it unfair to use Professor Hughes' diary this way? Not really. He uses the device to tug at the heart, and in so doing evinces not only his strong Catholic faith, but the traditional biases of a comfortable white, middle, and possibly sexist, class for blond, blue-eyed girls who are born healthy and will love flowers (why not machines? mountaineering? military training?).

More problematic, Professor Hughes gives no ear to the cruel

realities mentioned above that trouble conscientious pro-choice advocates. For him middle grounds such as education, counselling, and a "broader regard for human life throughout the spectrum of development: will not extend to an "insistence that as a pregnant woman's autonomy in decisions that affect her is as binding on others as the autonomy of nonpregnant persons in decisions affecting her" (From Mary Mahowald, "Is There Life After Roe vs. Wade," Hastings Center Report, July/August 1989, p.28).

Erling Skorpen
Professor of Philosophy

Art

New programs at the Maine Center

By John Begin
Staff Writer

Students suffering from the gloom and doom of the winter blahs may find the cure at the Maine Center for the Arts.

Featuring a programming bonanza of multi-cultural performances, the second half of MCA's "Passion and Fantasy" season promises to offer enough color, excitement, and energy to brighten even the most dreary of days.

"There are some incredible shows this semester, and there are some weird shows," said Rolf Olsen, MCA's marketing and public relations director. "There are also some shows that will create all kinds of reactions."

"Some will thrill people, and others won't appeal to broad audiences."

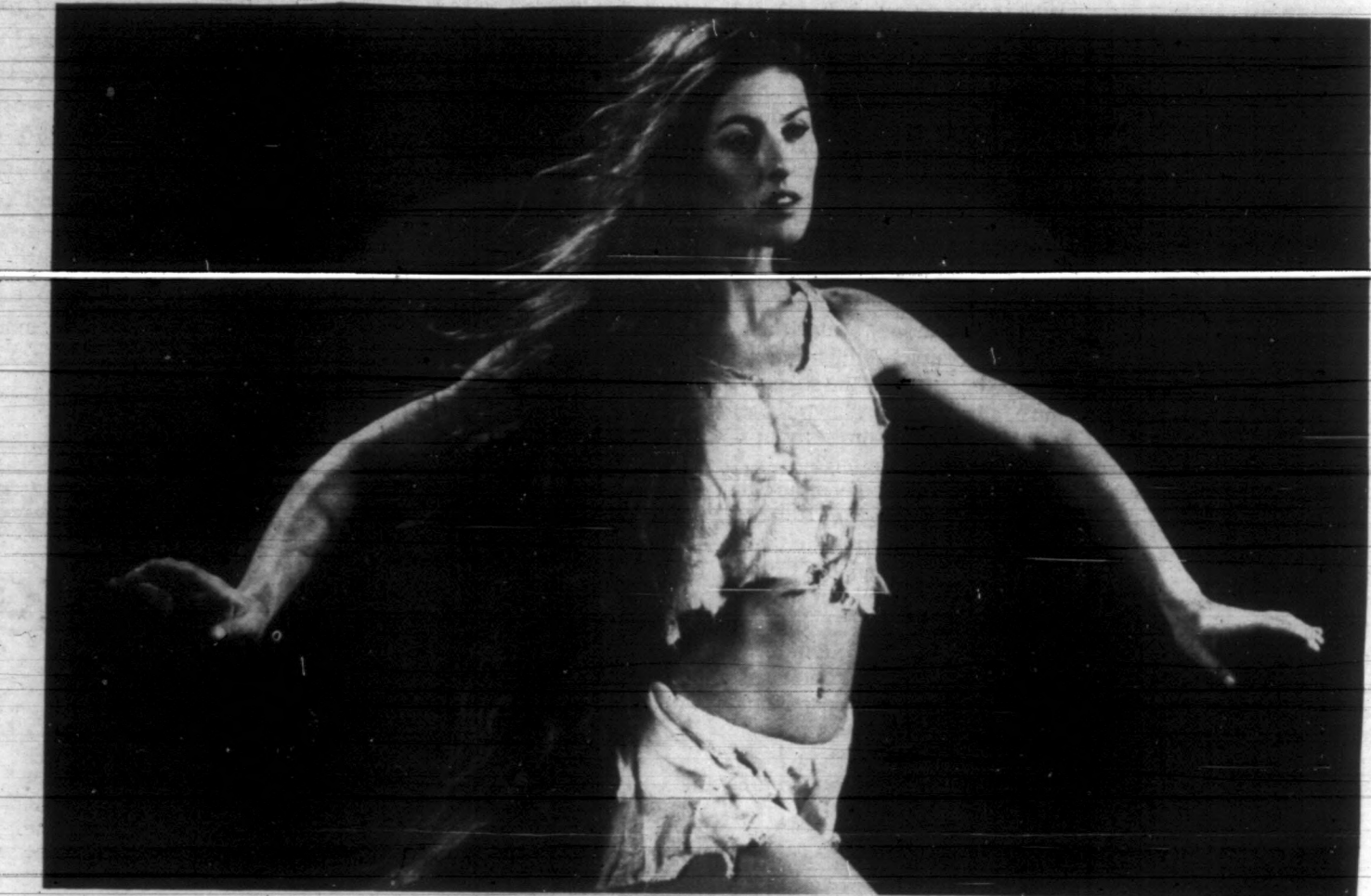
There's a lot of diversity here," Olsen said.

A Thursday, Feb. 1 performance of "Slow Fire" by the Paul Drescher Ensemble will kick off the semester's festivities.

The 8 p.m. show, which premiered in San Francisco in February, 1988, combines performance art with a live rock 'n' roll band, to create a truly unique performance.

"It's probably one of the most unusual performances you can imagine," Olsen said. "People who have seen 'Slow Fire' have told me that the band's music is very reminiscent of the Talking Heads' music."

Rock 'n' roll will change to Italian opera approximately one week later, on Feb. 9, when the New York Opera National Company presents Puccini's "La Boheme," in a 8 p.m. performance.



Margie Gillis

The production, sung in Italian with projected English subtitles, tells the story of four impoverished artists living in Paris during the early part of the nineteenth century.

A complete shift in musical direction will occur once again on Feb. 16, when Sandra Reaves-Phillips takes to the Hutchins Concert Hall stage for "The Late Great Ladies of Blues & Jazz."

Reaves-Phillips, an accomplished blues/jazz singer and Broadway actress, will pay tribute to the memories and music of Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith, Ethel Waters, Josephine Baker, Billie Holiday, Dinah

Washington, and Mahalia Jackson, with theatrical portrayals of each performer.

The show, originally scheduled to take place on Feb. 3, was moved to Feb. 16 at 8 p.m., to enable Reaves-Phillips to perform in another show.

Individuals who purchased tickets for the Feb. 3 performance may use them for the Feb. 16 show, as seating locations will remain the same. If refunds or ticket exchanges are desired, however, the MCA box office must be contacted by Feb. 2.

Margie Gillis, a solo modern dance performer from Montreal, will appear in the first

dance performance of the semester on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m.

Gillis, who has danced internationally for over 10 years, has received much acclaim for her dynamic portrayals of human emotions through dance.

Two days after Gillis' graceful, energetic movements are displayed on stage, the Soviet Acrobatic Revue will perform a skillful display of a different nature, appearing twice on Feb. 25, with performances at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The troupe replaces the originally-scheduled Peking Acrobats, who had to cancel their United States tour when the Chinese government refused to grant them exit visas.

"Fortunately, the company that booked them began to look for other alternatives when it began to look like it would be difficult or impossible for the Peking Acrobats to perform," Olsen said.

"We're told that every presenter that had the Peking Acrobats (over 100 institutions) has accepted the Soviet Acrobatic Revue," he said.

In a change of pace from the musical and dance performances occurring during the semester, Jackie Torrence and Brenda Wong Aoki will team up to present a storytelling festival on Feb. 28 at 8 p.m.

Torrence, a foremost entertainer in the field of ghost stories, will weave her tales of ordinary individuals caught up in the most extraordinary of circumstances, while also providing a story or two involving the traditional ghost.

Haunting the audience with her use of setting and imagination, Torrence will provide an

enjoyable contrast to Aoki's folktales involving the myths and legends of the Chinese and Japanese oral tradition.

Aoki relies on a combination of elements from both Eastern and Western theater and dance to effectively retell the Asian stories to audiences of all ages.

"Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" will be performed on Thursday, March 22, and again on Friday, March 23, at 8 p.m.

Based on the story by Mark Twain, the production features enjoyable characters and music by country music star Roger Miller.

"It's one of the most popular recent Broadway musicals," Olsen said.

The Texas Opera Theatre, one of the country's premier touring companies, will continue where "Big River" left off, presenting Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" with color, energy, and a program full of musical numbers on Thursday, April 5, at 8 p.m.

"DANCEBRAZIL," an ensemble of 30 dancers, singers, and musicians from Brazil, will bring Afro-American theatre and dance to MCA on Friday, April 20, in an 8 p.m. performance.

The show features a mix of cultural elements from Brazil, even including some martial arts dances.

"The performance requires an extreme amount of control," Olsen said.

"It's one of the most popular shows in terms of advance ticket sales."

On Saturday, April 28, the Nikolais Dance Theatre, one of (see PROGRAMS page 11)



Nikolais Dance Theatre



DANCEBRAZIL dance. The show is scheduled for April 20.

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Entertainment

Basinger closes deal on the purchase of a Georgia town

ATLANTA (AP) — Kim Basinger welcomes you to visit Braselton, the town she bought with the help of "Batman."

"It's a perfect place for filming," the actress said after signing papers Wednesday night in Atlanta to close the transaction that gives her most of Braselton, a northeastern Georgia town of 500 people.

Miss Basinger, whose movies include the blockbuster "Batman," said she hopes to use some of the 1,728 acres for which she paid \$20 million to build a "major film studio" and a "major recording studio," perhaps the biggest

on the east coast and maybe even the biggest in the world.

But she also has promised to keep a flavor of the old-time South.

"I have always dreamed that I would play a major role in preserving a small rural Georgia town similar to the town where my grandparents lived," said Basinger, who attended high school in nearby Athens.

"This is God's little 1,800 acres," she said with a chuckle.

It was that kind of thinking that encouraged the Braselton family — which has owned most of the town for more than 110

years — to sell. "She stated that she would do well for the community and she would do her best to make everybody love her," said H.B. Braselton, co-manager of the family business.

"With her background and [Basinger's] name (the deal) will put Braselton on the map — and make it a tourist attraction," added Harrison W. Braselton.

Basinger now owns the community's downtown, its water and sewer systems, a bank, a post office, a manufacturing plant and various retail properties.

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the premier dance companies in the country, will present a show full of unique choreography, and musical and lighting techniques.

The 8 p.m. performance will conclude the "Passion and Fantasy" program for the academic year.

UMaine students may use their Comprehensive Fee tickets for all of the above programs, with the exception of the performance of "La Boheme."

Under the Comprehensive Fee program, UMaine students taking 12 or more credit hours may choose two tickets to a single performance, or one ticket to each of two events. Students taking 6 to 11 credit

hours are eligible to receive one ticket to any event covered by the program.

Olsen said that 480 seats per performance are reserved for UMaine students. Those that aren't used by the student population are eventually made available to the general public.

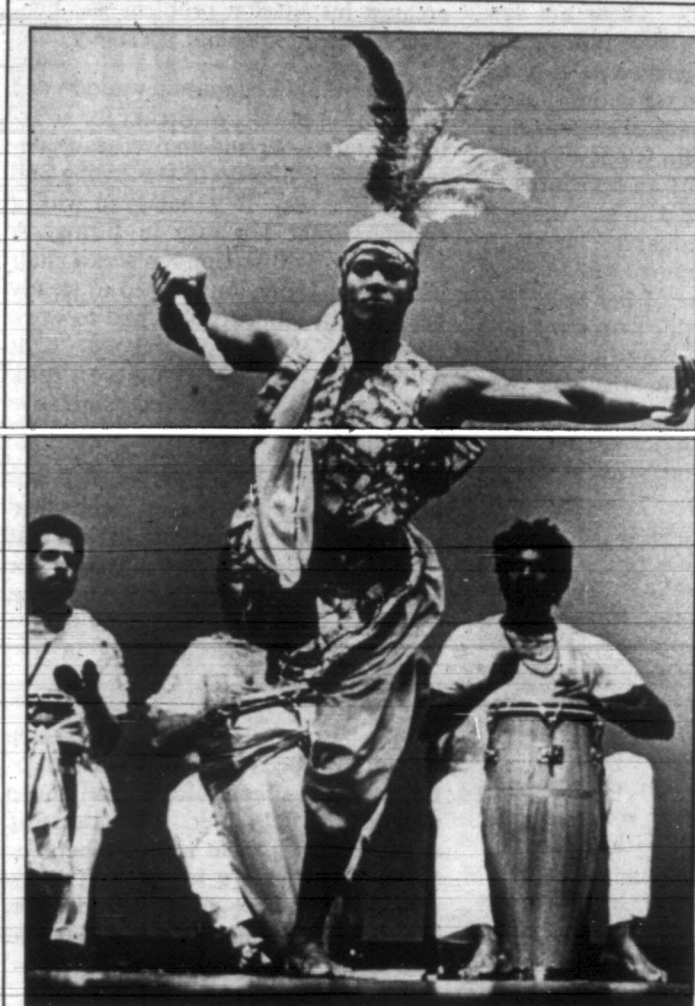
The lack of student use of the Comprehensive Fee ticket program this year has been discouraging, Olsen said.

"Last year, we had lines of students waiting for tickets. This year, we've had modest lines if we've even had lines at all," he said. "I think that many students don't understand about the ticket program, or don't know that it's there."

Although full-page ads have been taken out in the *Maine Campus* recently, informing students about the tickets they are eligible to receive through the Comprehensive Fee program, student response has been minimal.

"I wish there was a way to better reach out to the student population, to have them try something that they've never tried before," Olsen said.

"They may go to a performance and enjoy it, or they may never want to do it again, but at least they will have had the experience," he said.



DANCEBRAZIL performs Afro-American theatre and dance. There are 30 singers, dancers and musicians. They are scheduled to perform at the Maine Center for the Arts on April 20.

The Brady Bunch is back

NEW YORK (AP) — The Brady family of television's yesteryear is returning once again as a weekly series.

Starting Feb. 16, one-hour "The Bradys" will be broadcast Fridays on CBS at 8 p.m. EST, the network announced Wednesday.

The clan's arrival will bump the new "Max Monroe: Loose Cannon" series from the time slot. CBS said that series will have its last Friday Broadcast on Jan. 26, and return later on a night to be announced.

The Bradys first appeared on TV in 1969 in ABC's sitcom "The Brady Bunch." That was followed by a comedy-variety series, "The Brady Bunch Hour" dropped by ABC in 1977 after five months.

But members of the clan were not to be denied. They returned, if only briefly, in 1981, in an NBC spin-off sitcom, "The Brady Brides."

'Wings' member is off on a crusade

Band member writing material for a new album in the United States

LOCKPORT, N.Y. (AP) — Denny Laine has traveled a long and stymied road from Scotland's Mull of Kintyre to Lock No. 11 on the Erie Canal.

His nine-year odyssey into obscurity since leaving Paul McCartney's post-Beatles band, Wings, reached a new low when his boat ran out of gas on the canal last November, and fuel was nowhere to be found.

After an aborted boat trip to Florida, Laine and a friend found themselves stranded in Amsterdam, 30 miles west of Albany. They eventually found fuel, but the experience gave Laine a few moments to wonder if the New World offered anything better than the old to revive his career.

"I've always wanted to come

here to work," said Laine, who left England last fall to live in another friend's canal-side mansion in Lockport, 25 miles north of Buffalo. "I felt this was where I needed to be to get started. I'm in a begin-again situation. ... Over here I've got a nostalgia name and people will probably turn out to see what I can do."

After Wings scored with Britain's biggest selling single ever, "Mull of Kintyre," Laine's downward spiral began when he and McCartney parted company. Critics characterized their split as a minor version of the McCartney-John Lennon rift that broke up the Beatles.

"There's no real animosity, anymore. ... Me and Paul had a good team and we still are a

good team," said Laine, founder of the Moody Blues and the only member of the original Wings trio whose last name wasn't McCartney. "When Lennon died, Paul said he was never going to let that happen again, he was never going to fall out with anyone again."

In England, Laine left behind a messy divorce, an ugly tax record and the remnants of a career that always kept him on the fringes of superstardom.

At 45, he is struggling to escape the shadow of the aging rock star with little left to say. He's thought of doing an autobiography, but he's not sure it would be popular. "Who am I, really?" Laine said.

With the Moody Blues in the

1960s, Laine was as much a star as Eric Clapton with Cream or Steve Winwood with Traffic. But his solo efforts in the '70s and '80s never lifted him above his early work with the Moodys or his backseat efforts for Wings.

Such Laine tunes as "Time to Hide" did offer a harder-rocking edge to McCartney's pure pop formula, which produced an assembly line of hits that included "My Love" and "Let 'Em In."

Since leaving Wings in 1981, Laine has put out four obscure solo albums. As a wandering minstrel, he spent much of his time in Spain. He learned to travel light, partly by choice and partly because divorce and taxes claimed so many of his

possessions.

Laine plans to travel the United States, playing small clubs and writing new material for a new album.

His first project will be a song called "Food for All," a "We are the World"-style collaboration to raise money for the homeless. He said he wants to get all his friends from the early days involved, including McCartney, Clapton, and Ron Wood of the Rolling Stones.

Laine wrote the music, while his friend Geoffrey Giuliano of Lockport — who has written three books on the Beatles — wrote the lyrics.

Laine plans to marry his long-time girlfriend Helen Grant, daughter of Led Zeppelin manager Peter Grant.

ROC ELECTIONS

Elections for the Office of President and Vice President of the Resident on Campus will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 1990!

Important Dates

Jan. 23rd

Nomination Papers and Information sheets with further requirements may be picked up at the Student Government Office, 3rd floor in the Memorial Union.

Jan. 30th

Nomination Papers must be returned by 3:00pm at the Student Government Office.

All candidates must reside in UM Residence Hall from February 1990 to February 1991

For further information contact ROC at 1760 or 1761.

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ORONO, Maine -- There are few academic programs where students can serve persons with disabilities in a big way. A laboratory course in the University of Maine's Mechanical Engineering Technology curriculum is one of them.

The development of an apparatus to assist Susan E. Marsh with her personal needs is a prime example. Marsh, a 45-year-old Bangor resident with cerebral palsy, has limited use of her arms and legs. The task of dressing herself is a major effort, and previously was accomplished only by using the back of a chair for support.

Roberta A. Condon, rehabilitation counselor with the Independent Living Program, Bureau of Rehabilitation, Department of Human Services, contacted the UM School of Engineering Technology about Marsh's needs. Three senior Mechanical Engineering Technology majors volunteered for the job of designing, building and testing an apparatus to enable Marsh to easily and safely dress herself, and perform other bathroom routines.

"It was a unique project," according to Gary S. West of Woolwich. "It was hard to come up with a design." West and fellow students Greg A. Linscott of Augusta and Curt R. Humphrey of Washburn prepared 12 designs and presented them one by one to Marsh before she found one that was acceptable.

Then the students built three cardboard mock-ups. "We had her use them and she picked the one she liked the best," recalls West.

The students fabricated the apparatus in Marsh's bathroom even though, in actual practice, an engineer would be responsible for the design only. The

greatest installation problem was bending the metal in one of the safety bars.

High strength aluminum was donated by Lane Supply Co. of Brewer for an extended safety bar and an overhead safety bar which lifts up to the ceiling and out of the way. It is balanced with a counterweight for ease in lifting. A wooden upright section replaces a chair which Marsh previously used to steady herself. The students also had to work around an existing thermostat, light switch and grab bar. The project took nine weeks to design and 500 cumulative hours to complete.

Herbert L. Crosby, UM associate professor and coordinator of mechanical engineering technology, emphasizes that engineering students get a feeling for problems faced by tradespeople in following plans if the students have a chance to become involved in the fabrication work.

Marsh is unsure of what her next step would have been if the UM School of Engineering Technology had been unable to help her. The dressing enclosure "is a great asset," she says. "It is helping me a lot. I don't know what I would have done if I didn't get it. Now I can remain independent and stay in the community."

Condon says the MET students are "extremely needed as a resource to help the handicapped with the design and fabrication of adaptive equipment. It is costly to contract with professionals. Not only that, they are just not available in the State of Maine. The closest rehabilitation engineer that I am aware of is in Portland."

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BU takes NAC lead with win

UMaine falls, 54-51 without services of Rachel Bouchard

By Beth Staples
Staff Writer

Coach Trish Roberts said her University of Maine women's basketball team "choked" in its three-point loss to North Atlantic Conference rival Boston University Wednesday night.

Leading throughout most of the game without the services of All-American Rachel Bouchard, the Black Bears folded in the last minutes of the game to lose 54-51. "We didn't have someone step forward and take a leadership role. We depend on Rachel but we thought we could beat BU without her. We set up the plays but people didn't want to take the shots," Roberts said.

Bouchard, who is averaging more than 24 points and 11 rebounds a game, missed the first game of her college career because of a virus.

"I didn't play Rachel because her health is more important than this basketball game," Roberts said.

As BU players celebrated their victory at halfcourt, the scene was reminiscent of the Seaboard Conference Championship game in Boston two years earlier. BU defeated UMaine 66-62 as the Lady Black Bears' former senior center Liz Coffin, the 1987-88 Seaboard Conference Player of the Year and team high scorer, sat injured on the bench, unable to play. BU coach Chris Basille said she was pleased with her team's victory over UMaine, with or without Bouchard.

"At this point in our season, a win is a win," she said. With the win, BU takes over first place in the NAC with a 4-0 record (9-7 overall). UMaine drops to 5-1 in the conference and 13-5 overall.

Tri-captain and point guard Cathy Iaconeta said the Lady Black Bears should have won and she wanted to be the one to make the play to send the game into overtime.

"I get geared to play BU. This is very frustrating, very disappointing. There's no way BU is a better team than we are."

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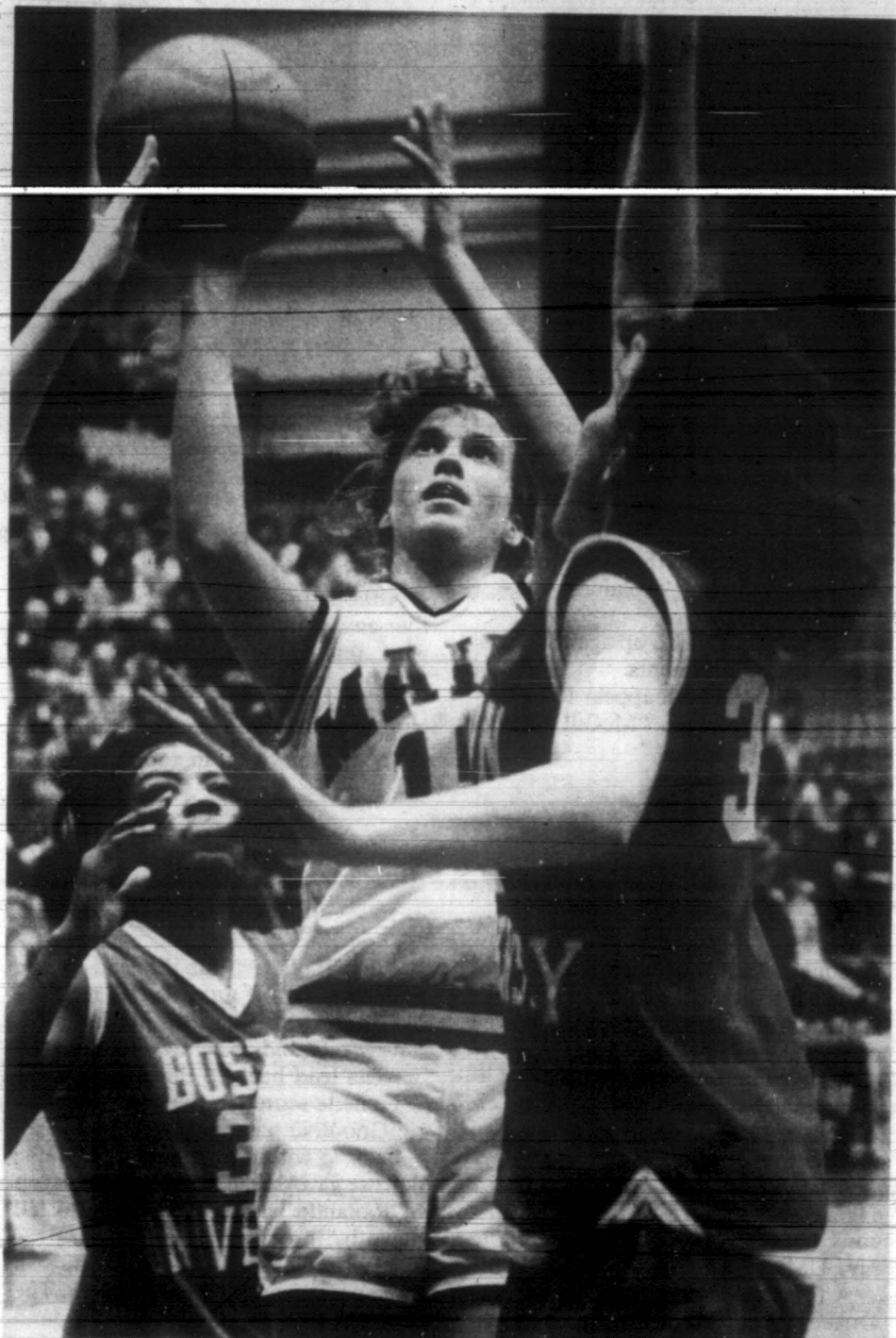


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UMaine forward Tracey Frenette shoots during Wednesday's loss to the Terriers.



Andy Bean

Battles among the battle

Nothing was really settled Wednesday night, but some nagging questions may have been answered. One thing is for sure—the rivalry got stronger.

The University of Maine and Boston University women's basketball teams fought it out for the 19th time since 1977 and the finish was typical—a three-point margin that was either team's game to the end.

This night the kudos went to the Lady Terriers, who took UMaine from the top spot and unbeaten ranks in the conference, giving BU a 10-9 edge in the series.

But this was much more than a 54-51 down-to-the-wire ball game. There were battles among the battle at the Bangor Auditorium Wednesday night.

UMaine junior center Rachel Bouchard sat on the bench fighting the flu, raising perhaps, the biggest question of the evening: Can UMaine win without her inside game?

Head coach Trish Roberts said, "I honestly thought we could win without Rachel." Chances are, they could have and maybe even should have, but they didn't.

Without Bouchard UMaine needs its outside shooting. For the first half it got it.

Cathy Iaconeta (Ike)—the high-strung, emotionally charged, quick-footed, spark plug five-foot-two-inch UMaine point guard led the team's first half attack.

Ike, who is best known for her ability to steal and make assists, has added a new twist to her game this year. She's scoring points. Wednesday night was no exception, as she scored 14, including eight points in the first half, six of which were off three-pointers.

The senior from Portland had more incentive to play well against BU than

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Hockey Bears face Huskies

UMaine tries to move up in Hockey East standings

By Jeff Pinkham
Staff Writer

The University of Maine hockey team will be looking to move up in the Hockey East standings with conference opponent Northeastern coming to Alford Arena for a two-game set this weekend.

The Black Bears are in fourth place in at 6-5-1, with a tie and a loss coming against NU in Boston last month. Boston College is at the top with a record of 9-5 and the Huskies stand in second place at 7-6-2.

UMaine's overall record is 18-7-2 and they are ranked sixth in the WMEB College Hockey Poll. NU is 12-10-2 overall and are 15 in the WMEB poll.

"Friday night's game is going to be monstrous for our team," said UMaine hockey Coach Shawn Walsh.

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The Black Bears take on Northeastern tonight at 7 p.m.

photo by Dave Burnes

Busy weekend awaits swimmers

By Andrew Neff
Staff Writer

For the University of Maine men's team, it's the third in three weeks. For the women, it's the second in three weeks.

It is college swimming's answer to a doubleheader in baseball—two swim meets in two days.

Both UMaine varsity swim teams will host the University of New Hampshire Saturday and McGill University of Montreal on Sunday.

Although swimming two meets in two days almost every weekend puts a big crimp in both teams' practice schedules, the hectic schedule seems to agree with them.

The UMaine men had a 1-3 meet record heading into their first doubleheader weekend three weeks ago and have compiled a 3-1 record in the two weeks (four meets) since.

The UMaine women have been almost as successful, going 2-1 the last two weeks.

Despite their success, neither coach is too excited about having more than one doubleheader weekend on their season schedule.

"I'd rather just have one meet this weekend, to tell you the truth," said women's coach Jeff Wren.

"Occasionally, it's good," Switzer said. "It helps to prepare you for swimming in the championships (which run three straight days). But as a coach, you don't like it," Switzer said.

The women's team is coming off an impressive meet against Northeastern University last Saturday. Wren's women defeated the Huskies by 28 points.

"It was a lot closer than the score showed but I was pretty happy with the team's performance," Wren said.

Switzer had even more of a reason to be happy with his team after the Black

Lowell and Northeastern.

"Russ Verby, Jon Moody, Aaron Rog and Bob Leonard all had good meets for us. Our diving has also been a key," Switzer said.

Both coaches are expecting tough meets this weekend against both schools.

Switzer said he expects Saturday's meet to come down to which team has better depth. Sunday's meet will may also be a close one.

"McGill will be a tough meet. We'll have to beat some of their individuals in key races," Switzer explained.

The women are also up against a couple of tough opponents.

"These meets both appear to be fairly close," Wren said. "McGill matches up very well with us."



The UMaine swim teams each will compete in two swim meets at the Stanley M. Wallace pool this weekend.

photo by John Baer

Although neither coach will be starting any double-meet fan clubs in the near future, both admit to certain benefits from swimming in them.

"I figure that which doesn't kill us makes us stronger," Wren said.

"If they survive it in good shape and

come out of it with a few wins under their belt, it'll be positive for the team," Switzer said.

The women's meets will begin at noon both days. The men will start Saturday's meet at 4 p.m. Sunday's meet against McGill starts at 3 p.m.

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I thought 'here's your chance (a three point shot with 12 seconds remaining). It just didn't fall. It wasn't even close."

With a first half lead of as many as nine points, and a second half lead of eight at 16:38, UMaine looked poised for the win.

After a second-half BU run, 5-2 Iaconeta posted up 5-2 Marcie Lane and sunk the hoop with 9:20 remaining to give UMaine a four point lead, 45-41.

A fast break basket by BU's Marion Dukeman brought the Terriers momentarily to within two, but Heather Briggs fed Tracey Frenette for a bucket at 6:49 to set the lead at four again. Three consecutive BU baskets, including a three-pointer by Tia Theriault put BU up for the first time in the game, 50-47, at the 4:02 mark.

Julie Bradstreet cut the lead to one with a basket off an offensive rebound but BU's Lynn Ranando put in an offensive rebound of her own to boost the Terriers lead back to three, 52-49.

Frenette scored in the lane on a Carrie Goodhue pass at 1:50 to inch back to within one, but the UMaine defense gave up a driving baseline layup by Ranando with :19 remaining to fall down by three.

After a UMaine timeout, Ike fired a three-pointer with :12 on the clock. The shot was wide but BU lost the rebound out-of-bounds, giving UMaine another opportunity with :07.

On the ensuing inbounds play the Black Bears failed to get off a shot.

Beth Sullivan's 12 first-half points and

six rebounds, along with two 3-pointers by Iaconeta, helped give UMaine a 31-35 lead going into the locker room.

Iaconeta, Sullivan, and Frenette, who each played the entire game, scored 14, 14, and 13 respectively.

Sullivan had eight boards and Frenette pulled down seven, while Iaconeta dished out six assists.

Two players from Maine led BU in scoring. Tia Theriault from Naples, was the game's high scorer and rebounder with

15 points (on 7-for-9 shooting), 11 coming in the second half, and 12 boards.

Lynn Bay, of Portland, contributed 12 points.

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usual, even though BU is always incentive enough for her.

Ike matched up against what many Maine basketball fans consider to be her replica—five-foot-two-inch freshman guard Marcie Lane of Augusta.

The question has been: Who is better?

As BU's back-up guard, Lane played 21 minutes, and for that time the two point guards stuck to each other, pushing and bumping like forwards maneuvering for position under the hoop.

Ike won the first collegiate battle. She took it to the lane (pun fully intended), and hit the jumper. The point guard even got a taste of the forward position. All five-foot-two-inches posted-up on Lane for the turnaround jumper—twice.

"That's the only time I'll ever do that," Iaconeta said.

At least until the teams' next meeting.

But while Ike was winning her battle with Lane, the Lady Black Bears began to lose their shooting touch and six-point halftime lead.

As UMaine started to lose control the thought came. Where's 43? She's dressed. Couldn't she just come into the game for a few minutes to assure UMaine's sixth win in a row?

Were the players thinking the same thoughts?

Iaconeta said the team lost its confidence in the second half. The shooting percentage plummeted to 31 percent in the second stanza, after being a respectable 44 percent in the first.

Maybe the players thought they needed Rachel more than they did. There is no doubt her presence on the court would have helped, but was it necessary?

Coach Roberts had the okay from the trainer to let her play, but decided her health was more important.

All season the game plan has been get the ball to Rachel. Get it to her for the easy two. When UMaine's outside game started to falter and the lead turned into a one-point deficit with under six minutes left, Rachel sat on the bench clutching a towel under her chin.

The Lady Black Bears had become dependant upon Rachel and this time she wasn't to be found under the hoop for the crucial basket. It was up to UMaine's more-than-capable outside shooters to make the big one.

Behind 54-51 with 16 seconds left, they had two tries to tie the game. After hitting the three with ease in the first half, Ike's potential tying shot from the top of the circle bounced off the backboard, but it wasn't over yet.

BU lost the rebound out of bounds, giving UMaine one more chance with seven seconds left, but the Lady Terriers swarmed around the ball preventing forward Tracey Frenette from getting off a shot. Time ran out with players scrambling for the ball on the floor.

Roberts said, "We didn't have someone to step forward and take a leadership role." Perhaps because they haven't had to before.

UMaine and Rachel will have another shot at BU February 24—the final NAC regular season game.

Rivalry to be continued...



UMaine senior point guard Cathy Iaconeta.

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Why the 49ers will win the Super Bowl.

Why the 49ers will win the Super Bowl???

How can the 49ers NOT win the Super Bowl when half the population of Colorado half-hoped the Broncos would lose to Cleveland so they wouldn't have to be subject to another humiliation at the hands of an NFC team. The local papers have even dragged out shrinks to explain a municipal psyche that so fears humiliation.

Worse.

This may be the best of the NFC teams the Broncos have faced in the Super Bowl, where they've lost twice by an aggregate total of 81-30. They hung in until the third quarter against the Giants three years ago and hung in until the second quarter against the Redskins in 1988.

This year, it figures that they'll hang in the first quarter.

Okay, so a lot will be made of the Joe Montana-John Elway comparison. How the opposition doesn't want to give either the ball with time left and a chance to win.

One problem.

John's not likely to be in that situation. Neither, for that matter, is Joe—the 49ers are likely to be far enough ahead by the fourth quarter that Steve Young will be in the game.

Look at it another way.

San Francisco got to New Orleans by beating Minnesota 41-13 and the Los

Angeles Rams, 30-3. That was in the NFC, where all five playoff teams (plus Washington and New Orleans) were probably as good or better than anything that the AFC could offer, even 11-5 Denver.

Examples.

The five NFC playoff teams were 16-4 against the AFC. On the final week of the season, AFC playoff aspirants were blown out of the playoffs by NFC teams—the Colts to the Saints; the Raiders to the Giants; the Bengals to the Vikings.

Moreover, the Broncos were 8-2 this season (counting at Mile High Stadium, where since 1986 they've gone 30-5 in non-strike games.) The two losses were to the two NFC playoff teams they faced there—28-24 to the Eagles and 14-7 to the Giants.

But why go on.

It's boring.

For example, why mention the cracked ribs of Denver running back Bobby Humphrey. Humphrey provided the first ground alternative ever to Air Elway, and while he'll probably play ... well, the 49ers don't let anyone run on them anyway.

In fact, boring is likely to describe this game, just as it describes most Super Bowls. Unless Denver owner Patrick Bowlen can find someone else to offend.

As a guy familiar with both boxing and football puts it:

"Buster Douglas has a better chance of beating Mike Tyson than the Broncos have of beating the 49ers."

And he's a Steelers fan.

•Huskies

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The second game of the series will not count in the Hockey East standings because it will be the fourth meeting of the season for the two teams.

Northeastern head coach Don McKenney said of the series, "We always have a good game against UMaine," he said. "It's usually the kind of game with not many penalties and no fooling around. It's just good hockey."

NU took the earlier series with a 4-4 tie and 7-5 win.

"We always have trouble on their

ice," Walsh said. "I'm really looking for a big and noisy crowd this weekend."

Coach McKenney hopes the crowd will get into the game because it can help both teams.

"I'm looking forward to a very enthusiastic crowd which can help to get both teams up for the game," he said.

The Huskies will be led offensively by senior center Harry Mews (15-27-42), junior defenseman Rob Cowie (11-19-30) and junior right winger Brian Sullivan (15-13-28).

The Black Bears are led offensively by freshman right winger Jean-Yves Roy (26-12-38), freshman right winger Jim Montgomery (12-24-36) and sophomore left winger Scott Pellerin (14-18-32).

Roy, coming off a two-goal game against Merrimack, is leading Hockey East with 24 goals. He is also leading UMaine with six game-winning goals for the season.

Handling the goaltending for the Black Bears will be senior Scott King (10-5-2), who is coming off a 30-save performance against Merrimack, and

Matt DeGuidice (9-2), who had a 24-save performance against Lake Superior last weekend.

Coach Walsh wants UMaine to play a physical game against the Huskies.

"I want the team to play physical and very intense. If we do that, we'll be in good shape," he said.

The Black Bears will also look to improve on their power-play efficiency. UMaine has converted on 39 of 105 attempts in non-league games, but are just 10 of 57 in Hockey East competition.

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