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Poor quality of life for campus living

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Where does the university go from here?

Dale Lick and others try to determine what is to come for Maine's largest university

By Steven Pappas
Staff Writer

News Analysis

In the midst of a statewide economic recession, University of Maine President Dale Lick is optimistic the university will be able to continue on as a strong resource for the state, despite reports the school will be forced to make the largest cutbacks in its history.

University awaits cutbacks

The administration and UMaine System Board of Trustees await final figures from the state house, which are scheduled to be released this morning.

Legislators have been tossing "very big numbers around,"

Rep. John O'Dea said Friday. He said the university could be forced to repay the state as much as \$12 million over the next two years, which would be "disastrous."

He would not elaborate. O'Dea, like many other legislators is angered both at the Governor as well as Lick. He feels the mismanagement has

generated by a lack of collected taxes.

UMaine's financial problems

Lick has said all along that certain financial problems arose this year that made the cutbacks even more painful for UMaine. He has taken the blame for the errors, which has not calmed

rather, "what are we going to do now?"

According to one republican at the state house, the \$3 million figure is "nothing compared to what it might be."

Faculty members realize this means layoffs. Staff members know they are facing many cutbacks. Student leaders are trying to warn students about tuition

testing."

Lick too realizes a new era is emerging. He knows it will be a time for substantial cutbacks for the university. It will mean the steps toward progress will be slowed and heart and soul of the university will be revealed.

The faculty have already taken steps to include themselves in the administrative decision-making process. They have made sure they are adequately represented on the university budget review committee.

The sticks and stones war

But will it be enough? Some faculty and staff feel they are trying to fight a full-fledged war with sticks and stones.

"It means layoffs, the elimination of programs, and strict limitations on travel, hiring new staff and faculty, and

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UMaine President Dale Lick

come from both ends and both Lick and McKernan are playing games with the people of the state.

Presently, UMaine has been asked to return \$3 million over the next two years to compensate a \$210 million deficit

the masses.

Faculty and staff members at UMaine are outraged and terrified at the potential disaster UMaine faces over the next two years.

They are not as worried about "why" it happened, but

tion hikes, course eliminations.

"The apathy by the students on this campus is pitiful," one student government senator said Sunday. "The students should be really concerned, but they're too busy sitting on their asses while they should be pro-



UMaine hockey sweeps Providence. Story page 13

Photo by Scott LeClair

McKernan unveils \$210M budget plan

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) - As legislatures in New Hampshire and Vermont struggle with their own revenue shortfalls, Maine's governor plans to unveil for lawmakers his prescription for dealing with a \$210 million tax shortfall Monday.

Gov. John R. McKernan asked to address a joint House-Senate session Monday to outline his bill calling for a combination of program eliminations and reductions, layoffs, personnel options aimed at trimming the number of state jobs, and salary hold-down measures, spokesman Willis Lyford said Sunday.

Lyford, who refused to say where the cuts would be most drastic, said the governor would be amenable to additional suggestions on where spending can be reduced in response to projected revenue shortfalls through mid-1991.

"There's going to be a lot of wringing of hands and finger-pointing," predicted Lyford, "but the bottom line is we have to cut \$210 million."

He added that the governor believes it is "not productive to say what shouldn't be cut without offering what should be cut instead."

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Gavett files response to Watras allegations

Former University of Maine women's basketball coach Peter Gavett denied allegations of sexual improprieties by a former player it was reported in the *Bangor Daily News* this weekend.

Gavett asked that charges made by Victoria Watras be dismissed according to papers filed in Penobscot County Superior Court last week.

The university asked for and received an extension to file its response by March 2.

Watras filed a civil suit against Gavett and the university last month, claiming the former coach assaulted

her and tried to force her to have sexual relations with him.

George Singal, the attorney handling the case for the university said, "In order to answer the allegations and the complaint, find out the factual information and I'm administering an investigation so we can do that."

But chairman of the University of Maine System said in a formal statement when the suit was filed that allegations against the university were "totally without merit."

Watras alleges the university was negligent in hiring and supervision.

Watras claims in her suit that between October 1985 and January 1988 Gavett "repeatedly approached (her) requesting sexual favors."

From Gavett she is seeking compensation for alleged intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligent infliction of emotional distress, and assault and battery.

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Chinese students angry with veto

By Wendy Boynton
Staff Writer

Chinese students at the University of Maine voiced disappointment and surprise Saturday in reaction to the U.S. Senate's Jan. 25 vote to uphold President Bush's veto of a bill protecting Chinese students from deportation once their student visas expire.

"I was very, very mad," said Yanli Shao of the Senate's 62-37 vote, which fell short of the two-thirds margin needed to override a presidential veto. "I cried."

"I feel that this country is more and more concerned about economics and politics and (it is) losing the value of freedom and democracy," said Shao, a business graduate student.

Twenty-seven-year-old Huijuan Vhang said she was "really surprised" by the vote.

Born in Shanghai and having studied in Beijing, Vhang talked of the "dramatic changes" in China. "I will eventually go back to China if the government changes," she said.

Vhang, one of about 15 Chinese students who gathered outside UMaine Memorial Union in June 1989 to support pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square, said she would be scared to return to China.

"The situation is very bad in

China," said Yongbiao Liu, a graduate student in entomology.

"Many countries take drastic reactions to protect" students, said Liu, who cited Canada as one of these countries. "In the U.S. at least you expect some kind of protection rather than a veto of a bill," the 29-year-old said.

While several of the students interviewed said they would not be affected by the veto, they expressed concern for fellow scholars.

"I'm concerned about Chinese students," Shao said. "I know many students whose visas are going to expire."

Because Shao is married to an American, she will not be returning to her native northeast China. "I am lucky," she said.

While Shao said President Bush was supportive of Chinese students during the pro-democracy demonstrations, she feels he is "not coming through" for them now.

"Bush is not concerned about (Chinese) students in this country," she said. "I really don't like Bush."

"He thinks he knows China. I don't think he knows China enough," Shao said. "China doesn't have basic human rights."

According to *The Bangor Daily News*, there are an estimated 42,000 Chinese students in the United States. Of that number, about 60 study at UMaine.

Gavett

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Watras failed to file her lawsuit within the statute of limitations.

Gavett resigned abruptly in June of 1988, shortly after signing a three-year contract extension.

His departure was not explained until documents were released last February

by order of the Maine Supreme Court that said the coach admitted "having physical contact of a personal nature" with a student.

Watras left the team midway through the 1987-88 season and quit for good after six games into the 1988-89 season.

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Correction

Editor's note:

The Maine Campus, in its coverage of "Oh, Calcutta!" in the January 30th issue, ran a photograph of a man and a woman, both nude. One of the woman's breasts was clearly visible.

The Campus ran this photograph as part of its coverage of the performance for two reasons. First, the photograph accurately depicts an actual occurrence during the performance, which is a primary element of photojournalism.

Further, due to the unique and controversial nature of the performance, it was, and still is, the opinion of *The Campus* that the photograph lends a level of impact to the accompanying article respective to the importance of the event.

It was not the attention of *The Campus*, by running this photograph, to offend or insult its readers. *The Campus* acknowledges that running the photograph has resulted in a large, negative response, and, in hindsight, also acknowledges that the decision to run the photograph was perhaps inappropriate.

It is the firm belief of *The Campus* that, when controversial images are printed, readers may become offended and respond accordingly. *The Campus* respects the opinions of those readers whom dissent from the opinion of *The Campus*, and welcome criticism of any editorial content of the paper.

Any individual who wishes to express their opinion regarding the newspaper's content is invited to address a letter to the editor.

Lick

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decreases in operational budgets," Ken Hayes, chair of the political science department said. "It's really upsetting to see this happen."

In an interview last week, in the spirit of the Governor's state of the state address, Lick spoke out on several of these issues.

"If you take our environment, we have attempted to move the University of Maine forward in new directions that are enhancing in terms of quality; serving more broadly than ever before; and being more effective in how we respond to the needs of our students, the people of the state and the state itself," Lick said.

Optimistically, Lick explained how UMaine would be forced to change. He discussed restrictions on hiring, cutbacks in all areas of the university, layoffs, and tuition increases.

"It represents a lot of major change. Change is very scary, not because (people) always disagree with it, but partially because they don't know what it's going to mean to them, to their career, to their profession, to their values. And we have had a fair amount of change here."

The last four years

In the four years since Lick took office, he has given a boost to the minority programs and athletics. He has focused on the status of women at UMaine, increasing enrollment, just to name a few. But he has been the subject of statewide scrutiny.

He has been called the "Jock strap president" by his audience. His pro-athletic attitude has cost him many allies in the state, including a handful of legislators.

He has been criticized for his policies. The reorganization of colleges at UMaine angered many faculty and student groups. His remarks about black athletes, which prompted a report on pluralism at UMaine scarred his minority constituency.

Last year, he angered many people in the state house and the university community by selling duplicate pieces of pre-Columbian artifacts for the construction of the baseball clubhouse, and the questionable use of his discretionary fund.

The biggest challenge

Now, Lick faces what many claim is his "biggest challenge." He and his administration must decide where the university must cutback. Ultimately, the administration will determine who will stay and who will go.

Recognizing this dilemma, Lick praised the university community.

"They are very positive about the change. But I think there are some who

are quite uncomfortable about it. Either they disagree with it or they don't like how it's going to impact them, or their career, or their department or the things they like the most. And as a result, you could see why they might be resistant."

Citing the reorganization of colleges, Lick recalled the roadblocks he encountered. He understood the resistance, he said, but the decision was "for the best."

The administration is the scapegoat for past and present problems.

"(People) tend to continue to look to say 'I told you that guy doesn't know what he's doing,' or 'the administration doesn't know where it's going.'"

When more of these controversial changes occur, or more things are impacting the institution, like budget cuts, then people get upset, he said.

"It's easy to point a finger and say 'It's his fault.'"

The budgets in other states

We see it happening now in the state of Maine with the legislature blaming the governor for the shortfalls in the economy. Nobody could have predicted the downturn, they missed it in every New England state.

New Hampshire is facing a two year revenue drop of \$170 million. Vermont is facing a \$35 million revenue drop from the general budget of \$600 million. Massachusetts announced they are looking at a \$500 million shortfall in this year's \$12 billion budget. Rhode Island is facing a projected \$75 million shortfall in the \$1.5 billion budget. And Connecticut faces only a \$90 million shortfall in its \$6.3 billion budget.

Lick feels blaming Gov. McKernan is unfair in this case.

"To blame the governor and say he's at fault for that downturn is really very unfair. But that's the way it is. Sometimes you kill the messenger if you don't like the message. And the message for us is that we're going to have to make some drastic cuts whether we want to or not."

Once again, the recession reveals the strong. Whether Lick remains standing after the bout is over is still up in the air. Some legislators and faculty say Lick is going down.

"Some people would like to say, '(the university's budget is) Dale Lick's fault,' or if they don't disagree with some element of what I've done, 'It's Dale Lick's fault.' And that's natural," he said.

But is the teflon president still safe? In Lick eyes, is the negativism increasing because of the budget cuts?

"Sure. It's taking some people who may have been unhappy about something and making them even more

unhappy.

"I think you'll find, however, that if you go out and check...you'll find I still have a really broad base of support. These are not necessarily people who agree with every decision I make, but these are people who are pleased with the direction the University of Maine is going, and they believe that I am a reasonable and fair person, and that I am providing a leadership to help Maine move into the nineties."

Lick and the Legislature

Lick has his opposition. He knows it.

But he stands firm, supporting his role at the university. He feels the community is behind him. He feels the BOT is behind him. And most importantly, as more cuts are in sight, he feels optimistic the legislature is behind him.

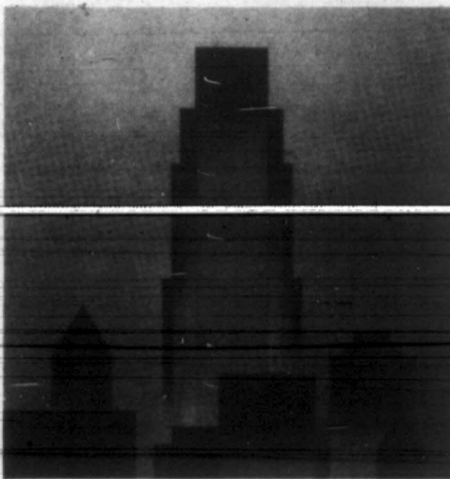
"With a bulk of the legislature I still have a reasonable perception there. There are some things we have done that they have not agreed with, or they have not understood, and therefore have not agreed with. On the other hand, they have seen all the other things that have happened at the University of Maine, and how we are so much more effectively serving the people of this state, and the state itself, and how we are so much more intimately involved in the affairs in the state, in a positive and constructive way, and how we've been able to do things to serve Maine and the students of Maine that we could not do in the past. There are so many good things happening I think they help to balance off some of those negative things."

Lick's critics say his argument is not

enough. The cuts are going to be inevitable.

"I've got to believe they respect that," he said.

Now, the true colors will come through. Lick and his staff must face an angry state, legislature, but most importantly a divided university.



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Dumont named president of UMFK

ORONO - Richard G. Dumont, Interim President of the University of Maine at Fort Kent since July 1989 has been named President of the institution by the University of Maine Board of Trustees.

Dumont was one of 92 applicants from around the nation. A ten-member search committee headed by Trustee James A. Storer evaluated the applications and invited three final candidates to visit the campus in December.

Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury made the final selection and recommended Dumont to the Trustees.

"A more perfect match of man and mission is hard to imagine," said Woodbury. "He is a broad-based scholar and administrator of national repute and, most appropriate of all, he is thoroughly in tune with the very special character of the St. John Valley. Dick Dumont is an ideal choice for Fort Kent, and I look forward to working closely with him during the new decade."

Dumont said he "accepted with enthusiasm and determination the challenge and responsibilities with which I have been entrusted, and I consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to provide leadership to UMFK as it positions itself and prepares its students for the new decade and for life in the 21st century."

Dumont, 49, joined the campus in August 1988 as Vice President for Academic Affairs and was named Interim President on the resignation of former President Barbara Leonard. He will be paid \$68,000 in his new post, which becomes effective immediately.

Dumont came to UMFK from the vice presidency for academic affairs at Northwest Missouri State University. Other

previous posts include Executive Assistant to the President at Towson State University in Maryland and chairman of the Department of Sociology and Philosophy at Tennessee Technological University. From 1969 to 1974 he was a member of the faculty at Bates College in Lewiston.

Dumont is a Psychology graduate of the University of Maine, from which he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Summa cum Laude, and he earned his Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

His appointment is "certainly one of the most exciting and rewarding events of my life," said Dumont, "and this day is made even more memorable in that the board action has taken place right here on the campus of my beloved alma mater, the University of Maine."

The new President's publications include a book, "The American View of Death: Acceptance or Denial?" co-authored by Dennis C. Foss; many book reviews; and some 50 articles and papers in professional and disciplinary journals.

Dumont said he is committed to UMFK remaining "true to its historic mission of service to the citizens of the State of Maine and the St. John Valley and to continuing to provide opportunities for people of all ages and circumstances to realize their higher education goals and to develop the knowledge, skills, and perspectives required for career success, good citizenship, and a commitment to lifelong learning."

Dumont said he plans to continue building on the strengths of UMFK—its distinctive bilingual and bicultural location and traditions; its natural environment; its small size; and its dedicated faculty and staff.



Richard G. Dumont was named president of the University of Maine at Fort Kent by the University of Maine Board of Trustees at their meeting last week.

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Once in the room, which is decades old and in some disrepair, she must live by the landlord's rules for who she can have visit her. The landlord also has rules for when she can come home at night, what she drinks in her room and what art she displays.

The building, moreover, is not secured against criminals. Some people living on another floor are a little scary, and call her names. Meals are often rubbery and tasteless.

Her landlord is also her boss. She must buy the tools needed for her job

at high prices at the landlord's store. She works in old buildings that frequently are in disrepair. Her supervisors are only supervisors-in-training; many are foreign-born and difficult to understand.

Her supervisors assign her to work after hours at the library. To get there, she must walk because the buses, also owned by the landlord, don't run often at night. She is frightened because the streets are dark, and there have been rumors of assaults and rapes. She does not know if they're true, however, because the landlord won't let the local newspaper, which he publishes, report crime news.

The woman described above is not the unfortunate resident of an inner city slum, but a composite of a typical college student.

Her plight, however, is real.

Many of the 12 million collegians in

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• Budget

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McKernan plans to brief reporters, legislative leaders and the Appropriations Committee Monday morning. Plans were being finalized to address the Legislature late Monday afternoon.

Already, the administration has tapped some "non-Cabinet" agencies, including the courts and the state university system, for \$10 million in cuts. McKernan has said that 100 to 150 state workers would face layoffs due to the revenue crunch.

Maine's \$210 million figure - more than triple the preliminary \$67 million projection given by the administration last month - results from a reduction in the rate of growth that had been anticipated earlier, said Lyford.

He said that the cuts reflected in the latest figure result from a slowed-down economy that also has other New England states searching for places to trim programs and services.

"It's all driven by the economy," said Lyford. "Everyone else is in the same boat."

In New Hampshire, the House adopted a revised budget last week that is roughly \$100 million in the red, although anticipated adjustments reduced that shortfall to about \$77 million.

Meanwhile, the House is looking at a

package of tax and fee proposals that would almost eliminate the Granite State's shortfall. The Senate plans to vote on a budget Thursday, even though it differs with the House on economic forecasts.

In Vermont, Gov. Madeleine Kunin is likely to once again lower her revenue forecast for this fiscal year, officials said.

The administration has projected that the state will collect between \$550 million and \$565 million this fiscal year. Depending on the amount collected, the deficit could run, between \$7.5 million and \$22.5 million, the administration says.

Legislators are considering covering the shortage through payments from a state contingency fund, or by carrying a small deficit to next year.

Kunin says she will not accept a deficit and is proposing a number of tax increases. Vermont has also imposed across-the-board departmental cuts and a hiring freeze.

In Maine, about \$190 million of the total projected shortfall is attributed to lagging collections of sales and individual income taxes, said Rep. Judith Foss, R-Yarmouth, a member of the budget-reviewing Appropriations Committee.

Volatile economy blamed for crisis

AUGUSTA (AP) - Ask Gov. John R. McKernan about the political implications of Maine's projected budget shortfall, which more than tripled last week to \$210 million, and he'll tell you about Joe Brennan and tax indexing.

Republican McKernan sees a tidy parallel here - two chief executives rising to overcome fiscal crises - and cites it to underscore his assertion that Brennan, his Democratic predecessor and re-election challenger, was an inferior public servant.

Brennan, McKernan is quick to point out, orchestrated the repeal of the retroactive features of tax indexing shortly after Maine voters approved it in 1982 - depriving taxpayers of a potential \$32 million rebate.

"A back-door increase less than 60 days after the voters had said they wanted a tax cut," as McKernan put it.

"I'm not going to reach into people's pockets when they're not looking and take money out to balance the budget," he said.

Now, this may make good campaign rhetoric, but it obscures the whole truth. In fact, in the weeks of deep budget-cutting ahead, McKernan may find himself envying the situation that confronted Brennan seven years ago.

Indexing is a mechanism that ties the income-tax system to the inflation rate, meaning fewer taxpayers are forced into higher brackets as a result of cost-of-living pay increases. Its champion in Maine was Republican Charles Cragin, who also was Brennan's re-election challenger in 1982.

Though indexing ultimately proved to have popular appeal, winning by a nearly 3-2 margin, its complexity got in Cragin's way: it took him two years to collect enough signatures to put the question on the ballot.

And that was the rub: By the time

the proposition was approved, its effective date was a year and a half old. Tax money that taxpayers were suddenly entitled to keep had already been collected and mostly spent.

Brennan had basically two choices: cramming two years of budget cuts into the six months left in that fiscal year, to free up the money for a rebate, or legislating a change in the effective date of indexing to 1983, erasing the need for a rebate.

Amid no small amount of criticism

from Republicans in the Legislature, but ultimately with ample GOP support, he took the latter course.

To this day, it's not evident that voters felt terribly betrayed by the loss of retroactive indexing, which was never more than an unintended by-product of the referendum plan. Taxpayers have continued to benefit from indexing since 1983, and Brennan has gone on to win two terms in Congress.

McKernan cannot solve his fiscal problems by changing dates. The revenue projections that his administration provided as the basis for the budget turned out to be excessive - to the tune of \$210 million through mid-1991 - a problem not of over-collected taxes, but of taxes that won't be collected.

To a degree, it is fortunate the errors were caught so early in the two-year budget cycle. At least the cuts needed to prevent the shortfall can be spread out as much as 17 months.

McKernan, citing similar problems in other northeastern states, portrays himself as the victim of a volatile economy: "I wish I'd been the only person in America with a crystal ball last spring who had seen how bad the economy was going to get."

Back in 1982, Brennan probably longed for a crystal ball of his own to foretell how voters would respond to indexing.

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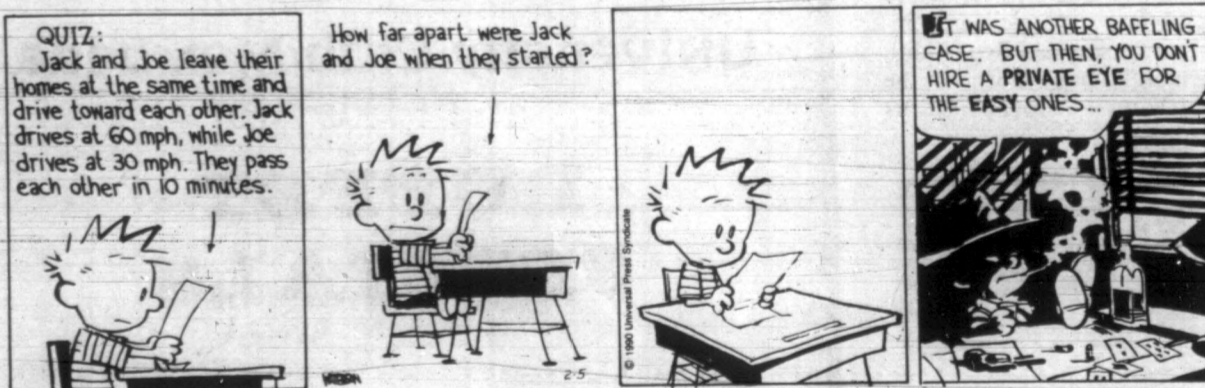
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Turnpike closed due to storm

(AP) - The Maine Turnpike was closed for more than an hour Sunday after a snowstorm blinded drivers and sent their cars skidding into each other, causing numerous pileups along the 100-mile road.

"It seemed like every time we had an accident reported, they'd call in and say two more happened," dispatcher Cindy Tarbox of the state police barracks in Gray said after the wrecks were cleared and the turnpike re-opened Sunday afternoon.

"Too numerous to count," said Dan McGoff of the turnpike's communications center, when asked how many chain-reaction accidents occurred.

The speed limit on the highway, which remained snow-covered even as plows and sanding trucks continued working, was reduced to 45 mph.

While it was still closed, state police asked ski resorts to urge customers to stay put in order to avoid more havoc on the highways.

"I said, 'You wanted the skiers. You keep 'em,'" Tarbox said.

Molly Woodson, director of special events at Sunday River in Bethel, said resort employees were advising skiers who asked about road conditions that it might be a good idea to stay overnight.

The National Weather Service predicted accumulation of up to 14 inches in the Portland and Augusta areas and in the western foothills, and up to 10 inches in the Penobscot County area. Smaller accumulations were expected in the Arrostook County and Down East.

In Orono, state police reported some cars had slid off Interstate 95, but that traffic overall was very light.

In neighboring New Hampshire, state police reported many minor accidents and cars off the roads, especially secondary roads. The snowstorm also forced some churches to call off services and Sunday school classes.

Shoppers hoping to take refuge from the storm indoors at a mall were disappointed, as the Mall of New Hampshire and the Fox Run Mall closed for the day.

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Quality

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the U.S. find themselves paying higher prices to live in substandard housing, go to classes in ill-maintained buildings, listen to teachers who themselves may not be trained to teach or communicate well in English, and abide by increasingly intrusive rules governing what they can do, say, drink and even visit.

The slipping quality of students' lives finally became a formal national issue Jan. 18 when Ernest Boyer, Head of the prestigious Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, called on administrators to pay more attention to it.

Boyer urged some 1,200 educators at a Washington, D.C., meeting of the American Council on Education to reinvent the campuses as communities that are better places in which to live.

Boyer's remarks, a preview of a major student quality of life report due out

this spring, echo a recent series of low-level, scattered student protests of "quality of life" issues like security, housing, food, overcrowded classrooms, ill-prepared teachers and crumbling buildings.

"You can't get the service you pay for," said Western Michigan University (WMU) student Alphas Potter in a typical complaint, "and now they charge more."

Since last September, students at Marygrove College in Detroit, Paine College in Georgia and the University of South Carolina-Columbia, for example, have held rallies and sit-ins calling for better protection from local crime.

Fearful that campus police couldn't protect them, students at Appalachian State University in North Carolina bought an unusual number of handguns,

and stun guns in the wake of a September murder of an ASU classmate, local gun shops reported.

Taking refuge in student housing, moreover, probably wouldn't help. Student complaints about dorm conditions, bad plumbing, poorly insulated walls and inattentive maintenance staffs have prompted complaints at Stephens College in Missouri, the universities of Utah and Maryland at Baltimore County and Tulane University in New Orleans.

WMU's Potter recalled that, during summer school, his dorm's rooms were often without electricity or hot water.

Students at the State University of New York at Brockport were livid upon discovering there was still cancer-causing asbestos in their dorm walls.

"We've got big cracks in the walls, so they put caulking in them," dorm resident Paul Skibinski told *The Stylus*, the student newspaper.

Classroom buildings often aren't in much better shape. Short on cash, many schools have put off maintaining the buildings for years.

"They've been used and used and used without regular maintenance," noted Allan Pfnister, a higher education professor at the University of Denver.

Fixing the buildings now would be enormously expensive. A 1987 Society for College and University Planning study estimated each American campus needs an average of \$25 million to bring its structures into compliance with current building codes.

Students suffer the effects of not doing so. "The quality of learning is affected by the quality of an institution," observed Walter Schaw of the Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Colleges and Universities.

More students are in fact protesting the quality of the learning, regardless of which buildings their schools use for classes.

Thanks to pressures on full professors to do research and publish, an increasing number of course selections are being taught by grad students who, in turn, may be less than proficient in English.

Students at the University of Arizona and Michigan State, Iowa State and Syracuse universities, among others, have filed complaints about hard-to-understand teaching assistants.

In October, 35 Clarkson University

students picketed a groundbreaking ceremony for a new research building, asking administrators to put money into hiring better teachers instead.

"We are demonstrating that we care about our education, and we wanted to show the trustees we feel there is an imbalance between education and research," explained student Ken Herold, spokesman for the demonstrators.

Demonstrations on other campuses have been more strident.

Last April, students at Morris Brown College in Atlanta took over the administration building to protest conditions in classrooms, dorms and the cafeteria. They also said they were

frustrated by administrators' lack of response to previous complaints about the quality of student life.

Now, eight months later, it's unclear whether administrators have been more responsive.

"I don't mean to downplay (the takeover)," said college spokeswoman Gloria McKinley, "but everything is fine at the campus."

"It was three weeks before we had a meeting about asbestos, and then they told us it won't hurt us unless we breathe it," SUNY-Brockport's Skibinski said of officials' response to student complaints about asbestos in the dorm.

"They told us not to stir it up," he recalled. "How can we not? We live there."

While Boyer's Jan. 18 address held some promise that campus officials nationwide might respond to student pleas for better services more urgently, most observers figured students themselves would have to make them.

Bill Coplin, faculty sponsor of Syracuse University's Undergraduates for Better Education, predicted change won't occur until students force it. "Students have to have more power. If they have more power, they will force the faculty and the administration to do better."

To do so, Coplin thought the students will have to "break rules, complain, make a nuisance of yourself." Asked if he thought the quality of higher education will improve, however, he added, "I'm not optimistic."

"You can complain, but nothing's ever done," mourned Western Michigan student Steve Schiller. "That's life."

Information on fatal fire needed

By Kevin Tenggren
Staff Writer

The Orono Fire Department is searching for an unknown female, possibly a University of Maine student, for questioning regarding a fatal fire last December in Orono.

Orono Fire Chief Duanne Brasslett is crediting the woman for saving the life of David Nickels, the only survivor of a fire that killed two other children and a teenager on Grove Street in Orono, Dec. 20.

The victims were identified as Laura, 4, Brian, 6 and Michael Nickels, 16. According to Brasslett, David Nickels escaped the fire after being coaxed down from the roof by the unknown woman.

At the time of the fire, the children's mother, Jennifer Nickels, was at a friend's home wrapping Christmas presents.

Brasslett said it is important for the young lady to come forward and identify herself so she can be questioned about the "cause and origin" of the fire.

He said the woman was the first to initially report the fire by screaming and hollering for help in the street.

"We would like to know at what point she did do that. Did she encourage him to jump off the roof before hollering for help, or did she holler for help and then encourage him to jump off the roof?" he said.

Brasslett said officials are trying to set a time frame to determine how advance the fire was before a call was placed to the fire department.

He said the call of the fire was received at 10:50 p.m. and firefighters arrived on the scene at 10:52 p.m., however, the exact time of the fire is still uncertain.

"The first report we received here was a girl in trouble because she was hollering and screaming. The call came in that there was a young woman being accosted," he said. "Then people woke up and looked across the street and saw the house on fire."

It was determined the woman might be a university student, he said, because officials were unable to find her after checking neighboring homes and conducting interviews along Grove Street.

"We presume she may have been at a local bar or visiting a friend and was walking back to a dormitory on campus at the time of the fire," he said.

Officials would also like to question the woman about whether or not she heard any hollering or smoke detectors coming from the house.

"What did she hear, what did she see? I'm sure the girl that did it (saved David) must know who she is. She doesn't know that we would like to interview her and also thank her," he said.

Anyone with information that could lead to the identification of the woman is asked to call the Orono Fire Department at 866-4451.

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Editorial

Who's to blame?

Who will be to blame? Who will be to blame for the state's deficit. Humans have this rare gift of blaming others when something goes wrong. Humans also have another rare gift of not admitting to their mistakes. "Blame somebody else" is a good motto for a politician.

Last week Gov. John McKernan announced the budget shortfall is much more than anticipated. The deficit jumped from a bone stirring \$67 million to a mind boggling \$210 million. Immediate blame goes to the governor by democrats.

Jock made one big mistake that may lose him the re-election bid for governor. He predicted.

After a slip in the sales tax revenues last year Jock cut his sales tax revenue projections by \$106 million figuring that the problem was short term.

Wrong! McKernan assumed people were taking a slight break from heavy spending. McKernan was so optimistic that spending would increase through the year, he predicted millions of dollars in tax revenues in other accounts. Jock slightly underbid his revenue expectations by approximately \$95 million. So Jock has now left the rest of the state holding the bag, including UMaine. The UMaine system was forced to cut \$6 million from its budget. Half of the money will come from UMaine alone.

As can be expected a chain reaction has begun to take effect. State hits university system...systems hits individual schools... schools nail academic departments as well as other miscellaneous items, such as tuition.

Although a reasonable increase is usually expected in tuition every year, next year's tuition will take a sharper than average increase.

As usual the students don't have any say in the final outcome. As usual students will be expected to take it on the chin and pay their bill.

Don't forget if you are a little late paying your bill the compassionate university will give you a possible extension as well as a late fee.

Students will then turn around and blame Dale Lick for the increase. Don't blame him, he had nothing to do with it. Blame the guy with the blonde hair who sits in Augusta.

Kellen Tupper

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Wanted: painless learning

After seven semesters here, I've had one or two professors I would label "exceptionally good."

And even though it seems premature, I'm finding that one of those two teaches a class I'm enrolled in this semester.

Why? Several reasons:

The first day he wasted no time communicating on a student level.

He walked into the classroom and said: "Is this the room for Abnormal Psychology?"

Someone gave him an answer.

"Good," he said, looking at the periodic chart on the wall, "I really wasn't prepared to teach a chemistry class."

Humor, I thought. That's always a good sign. I can usually tell a boring instructor right away. He didn't fulfill the criteria.

After the class settled in, he explained that when he was in college, his main concern on the first day of classes was if the professor was going to talk for the whole class period. He said today's discussion wouldn't take long: about 15 minutes.

Hm. Giving us some free time we didn't plan on. That's cool.

That also showed he empathizes with students; showed he's conscious of the way most students think. He can relate. Another good sign.

He explained the dynamics of the class: one expensive textbook, four multiple choice exams and a comprehensive final. He'll drop the lowest test. Translation: he probably knows that students have off-days and can blow a test. Benefits for us. Yet another good sign.

After that, he opened the textbook (after apologizing how expensive it was) to a picture of the three smiling authors on the



Jon Bach

introduction pages.

"How much is the book?" he asked a student. Someone gave him an answer.

"Forty-four bucks? Now you know why these guys are smiling!"

At any rate, on that first day he'd quickly got my attention and I had an impression of him as being able to communicate in student-ese. And judging from the class reactions to his humor and class structure, I don't think I'm the only one.

Two days later, he started the first class. He used a lot of devices to get the class participating. Most importantly, getting them wanting to participate.

Some teachers use polls: "How many here have ever..." Others use the one question, many answer technique: "What does abnormal mean?" And some use my favorite, the "what-if" technique: "What if a man was born homosexual and decided later on that he liked the opposite sex? Is he heterosexual?" That technique gets the class thinking about all kinds of answers. He used all these techniques.

Attention captured. Mission

accomplished. The students were all probably thinking about their responses to those questions and scenarios because he wanted their input and, by the way, it related to what we were talking about.

Most of the teachers I've had missed the boat. They've been plain and unstimulating. Add those variables to a course that you're not too fired up about in the first place, and you've got death by boredom.

Boring teachers earn their title by taking for granted that they know the material backwards and forwards and choose to present it to the class backwards.

Boring teachers also use the standard use-every-minute-of-the-class-and-then-some lecture technique, complete with monotone voice, overhead screens with hard-to-see diagrams, and handouts copied from professional journals. No occasional guest speaker, no costumes to demonstrate a point, no real-life, relevant correlations.

I realize that few teachers are performers. Then again, not all of us need to be so blatantly stimulated to learn. But props, "explosive" experiments and class interaction leaves little room for boredom. Boredom is the death of learning.

Am I suggesting that instructors resort to cheap theatrics to teach? Yes and no. Just as long as the devices are practical, attention-getting, relevant actions which demonstrate and communicate.

"Painless" learning. That's what more of my classes need.

Jonathan Bach would love to be a teacher, but doesn't want to waste four years of suffering through boring teachers to get his journalism degree.

Cult

To the Editor:

Last week I had a conversation by phone with Maine reporter Dan McEnaney on his front page article on the UM B.O.T. Table Pluralism certainly most of the spirit of the vision, some of the w seem to have strayed assimilated/integrated rather than assimilative process (which tended to ob tend meaning. F me to elaborate.

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Free terrible

To the editor:

First of all, I want to state that I'm proud of the American. American healthy breed. We vote every chance we get for freedom of religion, we're lucky, freedom. Now honestly I'm not a live kind of guy but I'm not a page of the DM soiled by some pr uses of our freedom. Oh, I know what everyone has a right to do. Well, there. It is true that who can put paper has a chance intolerance and vague threats. That of it.

Response

Cultural communities are ignored

To the Editor:

Last week I had a discussion by phone with Maine Campus reporter Dan McEnery. While his front page article (Maine Campus of January 26, 1990) on the UM B.O.T. Task Force on Pluralism certainly captured most of the spirit of our discussion, some of the word endings seem to have strayed — such as assimilated/integrated way (his) rather than assimilative/integrative process (mine) — all of which tended to obscure the intended meaning. Please allow me to elaborate.

Most of Maine's non-WASP cultural communities — Native American, Franco-American, Jewish-American, Afro-American and many more — have been ignored by the U.M. since its founding more than a century ago. This means that the history, language, folklore and literature of these communities have not found their way into public school textbooks or into a scholarly body of knowledge with legitimacy in the Academy. The consequences in part have been that certain cultural/linguistic identities, or unpreferred models as I like to name this bias, in this state have not been welcomed and accepted in the public place. Worse, the manifestations and expressions of these identities have been historically denigrated by educational institutions and social services agencies. The impact of this institutional support for this collective amnesia is that whole communities have lost or are losing access to their collective and individual memories — their voices.

The institutional centralization of "appropriate" artistic expression has rolled over the roots of this diversity of potential creative expression. The historical contributions of these cultural communities and their forebears have not been worthy of study and inclusion in the academic process of generation and dissemination of knowledge in all disciplines affecting human activity in Maine. The most effective way of disempowering a people — short of physically causing them to nearly disappear from the landscape as happened to Native Americans — is to make their history (their self knowledge and appreciation) and their language (their expression of that identity) inaccessible to them (the owners) in the institutions which in this democracy are set up to serve them.

This practice has to date an unbroken record. It is an assimilative process which is profoundly injurious to self esteem, individual and collective. It diminishes the possibility of access to realization of full potential. It lowers aspirations. In fact, this process imposes rituals of conformity at an early age by daily academic demonstration in the school — in History classes, French classes (for Franco-Americans) — academic models which drive home the concept that certain communities do not have a valid history, a legitimate language (in addition to English,) a rich body of folklore and artists of all sorts.

This vacuum of awareness in the academic community — in Maine public schools and

Maine Higher Ed. — is negatively experienced by nearly half the population of this State. This invisibility contributes greatly to the notion that Maine is a homogeneous State. And those communities or their members who would express difference are refused integration with their societies, a rejection which has been expensive for all Mainers. At work are all the unchallenged attitudes, perceptions and prejudices which we inherit and which are supported by a culturally crippled curriculum which we ingest from kindergarten through doctoral studies.

I'm convinced that language is not a major obstacle. I've been at least bilingual most of my life. I have gotten over the arrogance of believing I could be a WASP, a retreaded Anglo. I also would make a poor Penobscot or Italian-American for example. As an imitation of another identity, I could not possibly have access to a collective unconscious reflective of thousands of years of evolution — culture and language being the major manifestations of that evolution. Were I to attempt it, my sources and tools of creativity would be shallow and superficial. I would sacrifice access to a sense of place and a sense of self.

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery except when it's forcibly imposed. I find it personally and professionally oppressive that the identities and contributions of so many in Maine are still pressed through assimilative filters resulting in diminished self-esteem and aspirations.

Cultural Pluralism in Maine is a major untapped resource. It cannot be positively and productively dealt with through remedial models of action which require more imitative behaviors. The blindness of those who have the power, the responsibility of managing the generation and dissemination of knowledge about all Maine citizens must be replaced with cultural self awareness.

The historical trauma, the uprooting, the pain inflicted, the injustice on these Maine people must be stopped.

The model of action developed to implement cultural pluralism must restore the history and language of Native Americans, Franco-Americans, Jews and other Maine cultural communities to legitimacy in the academy — sacred places and privileges be damned. Maine Franco-Americans of all ages and places must cease our own quiet complicitous acquiescence to the diminishing of our inheritance: identity, history, culture, language. We must refuse complicity with all the assimilative forces which rob us of access to ourselves, our sources of creativity, our tools of self management, our full self-realization.

The current spate of activity dealing with cultural diversity is very attractive and makes excellent PR. Over the last 20 years there have been multitudes of reports, budgets, justifications, detailed explanations, committees, task forces, vain struggles to integrate Maine multi-cultural fact in the academy.

While faded on the edges, tired of accommodations and

justification to strangers to Maine's cultural diversity, the 20 year struggle for me goes on — for others the costs are much larger, the wait much longer. Will the current activity dealing with cultural pluralism be more than lip service? Will it focus on Maine cultural diversity? Will the actions and programs restore culture, history and language to the rightful owners? Will we come out of our ethnic closets?

Or do we continue to import preferred model selves, artificial worth and legitimacy from elsewhere? The Maine difference becomes the Maine ignorance when each May hundreds of UM graduates from Maine enter the job market in Maine and perpetuate the ignorance, the indifference, the arrogance in the media — the BDN and MPBN being excellent examples — in public schools, in higher education, in politics, in industry, tourism, government and social services.

While there is a justifiable outcry against the possible extinction of flora and fauna, I take this opportunity to remind us all that there also exist a human ecology. And the arrogance inherent in the indifference to, and destruction of, centuries of human evolution and the attending time refined and enriched diversity of cultural manifestations, that arrogance is at least equal to building a dam over a lousewort. Excusez-la!

Sincerely,

Yvon A. Labbe
Alton, Maine

Free speech is terrible to waste

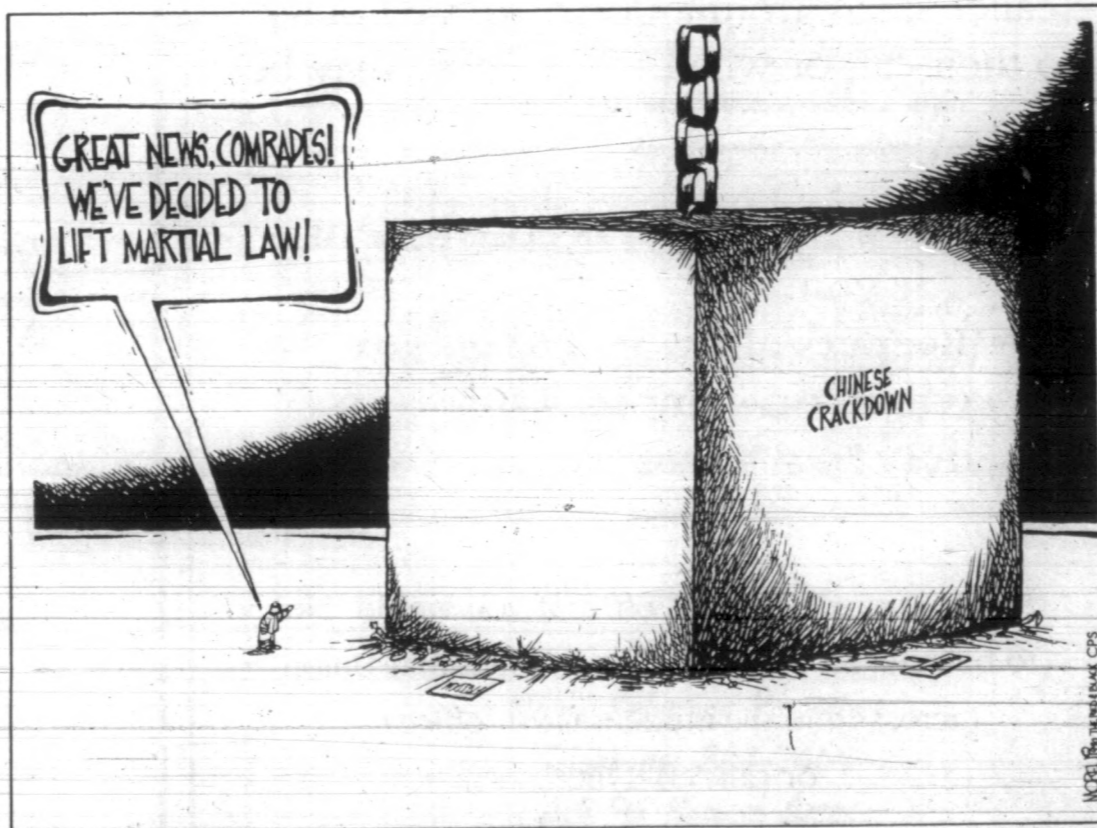
To the editor:

First of all, I want to clearly state that I'm proud to be an American. Americans are a healthy breed. We pay taxes, vote every chance we get, practice freedom of religion, and if we're lucky, freedom of speech. Now honestly I'm a live and let live kind of guy but lately the pages of the DMC have been soiled by some pretty extreme uses of our freedom of speech. Oh, I know what you're saying, everyone has a right to say stupid stuff, buddy. It is our constitutional right! Well, you got me there. It is true that any spud who can put paper to pen to paper has a chance to dump out intolerance and voice their vague threats. That's the shame of it.

Too many American's twist the liberating possibilities of free speech. Who am I to break a trend? In reference to the letter of 1/29/90: since when does God need you to stick up for him? In reference to the letter of 1/31/90: I suggest that such a "benevolent guy" shouldn't take valuable time out of what is, no doubt, a busy schedule, to make veiled threats toward cartoonists, but rather to pursue tasks more in line with his emotional and intellectual aptitudes, like bullying the lunch money from children or making crank phone calls to planned parenthood clinics.

Free speech is a terrible thing to waste.

Brad Finch
Elm St., Orono



Play opens at Pavilion



A suspenseful radio play, "The Water Engine" by Pulitzer Prize winning author David Mamet opens Thursday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. at the University of Maine's Pavilion Theatre. Additional performances at 8 p.m. will run Friday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10, with a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, Feb. 11. Tickets can be purchased at the door before the performance.

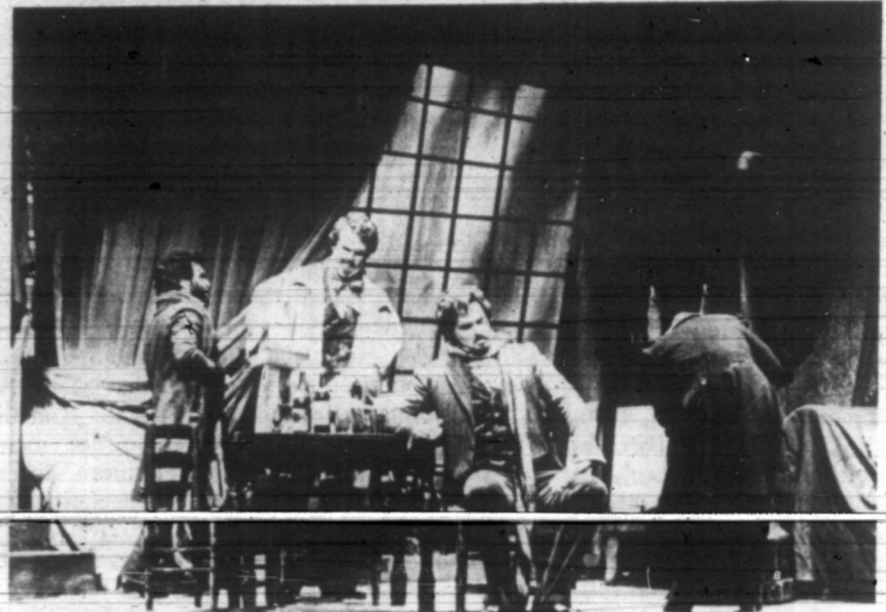
This Maine Masque production is set in a Chicago radio studio in 1934 where a thriller about a doomed inventor is being performed. The protagonist is Charles Lang, a factory worker and moonlighting inventor, who builds an engine that will run on water. Lang is seduced by the American dream of

becoming rich and famous by creating something of nothing. Along the way he will encounter sinister gangsters, corrupt police and shady lawyers.

A play within a play emerges when the actors take on a life of their own, interchanging roles and softening the lines between myth and reality. Thus a cast of 11 swells to 50 characters through the magic of radio and ensuing mixed realities.

The director is UMaine graduate student Reed Farrar of Farmington who started work on the play last November. He did thorough research in the style of speech, costuming and commercials, which intersperse the play, to convey the feel of the 1930s.

Italian opera comes to MCA



Composer Giacomo Puccini's "La Boheme," an opera about the lives and loves of four impoverished artists living on Paris' Left Bank in the early 19th century, will be presented by the New York City Opera National Company on Friday, Feb. 9, at the University of Maine.

The production, sung in Italian with a simultaneous English translation projected onto a screen above the stage, will begin at 8 p.m. in Hutchins Concert Hall, Maine Center for the Arts. Performed in association with the Opera League of Maine, the opera will be sponsored by Key Bank of Maine and Key Trust Co. of Maine. For ticket information, call the MCA Box Office, 581-1755.

"La Boheme" unfolds in a series of vignettes as the high-spirited bohemians share good times and bad, laughing at misfortune and rejoicing in the lively Parisian cafes. At the center of the drama stand the poet, Rodolfo, and the seamstress, Mimi, who share a few brief moments of bittersweet passion before death claims the sickly young woman.

In contrast to this scene of devotion is the on-again, off-again romance of the painter, Marcello, and the fickle, flirtatious Musetta. Her song, "Quando me'n vo" (When I Walk By), is among well-known arias featured in the opera.

Rodolfo and Mimi meet and fall in love. However, their love is doomed by their poverty and they are forced into a tender farewell amid falling snowflakes outside the gates of Paris. In counterpoint to this scene is the verbal battle between Marcello and Musetta as they also part, but with great bitterness. In the end, Mimi returns to Rodolfo, only to die in his arms.

Founded by Beverly Sills in 1979 as the touring arm of the New York City Opera, the New York City Opera National Company currently is on a 10-week tour covering 24 states from Maine to Florida, and as far west as Kansas. The 75-member performing ensemble includes a 29-piece orchestra, 15 soloists, 16 choristers and a staff of 15.

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Torme, Reddy to appear at UMaine on Sunday



Helen Reddy

Mel Torme

ORONO, Maine - Mel Torme, professional entertainer for more than 50 years, and singer Helen Reddy, whose Grammy award-winning "I Am Woman" became the unofficial anthem of the feminist movement in the 1970s, will combine forces on Sunday, Feb. 11, at the University of Maine.

The performance, sponsored by the UM Alumni Association with grants from the classes of 1949, 1954 and 1959, is scheduled for 8 p.m. in Hutchins Concert Hall, Maine Center for the Arts. For ticket information, call the MCA Box Office, 581-1755.

Torme, a Chicago native, has attained success in virtually every segment of the entertainment field. He has won critical and audience acclaim as a singer, composer, drummer, TV talk show host, musical arranger, dramatic actor, TV producer and vaudeville performer. In addition, he is the author of books, TV shows, and numerous magazine and newspaper articles.

One of the biggest moments of Torme's professional life came in 1983

when he was awarded the Grammy as Best Male Jazz Vocalist for his album, "An Evening with George Shearing and Mel Torme." He has received 13 Grammy nominations in his long career. Torme also has been a frequent guest performer at the White House during three presidencies.

Reddy, who was born in Australia, has performed live on six continents in locations such as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York, the Royal Albert hall and the Palladium in London, and the Opera House in Sydney. Her television specials have been seen in more than 40 countries and the release of her 1977 film, "Pete's- Dragon," on video cassette has attracted a new generation of fans.

"I Am Woman," which she both wrote and sang, was Reddy's first No. 1 hit song. More top 10 material followed and records like "Leave Me Alone (Ruby Red Dress)," "Angie Baby," "Delta Dawn" and "You and Me Against the World" on gold and platinum selling albums led to Reddy's international multimedia career.

"Slow Fire" pleases crowd

by Brenda Ronco
Staff Writer

A little patience and an open mind were needed for Thursday night's performance of "Slow Fire" at the Maine Center for the Arts.

The program, featuring the Paul Dresher Ensemble, has been called a "Rock Opera" for integrating modern musical and theatrical techniques with new technical and visual techniques.

The show began with a bang as the lead performer Rinde Eckert dropped to the floor. Paul Dresher, who wrote the music for "Slow Fire," performed on the guitar and keyboard while Gene Refkin played on electric drums to accompany Eckert.

Eckert incorporated modern dance, mime and song to relay social commentaries on materialism.

The program, written by Eckert, focused on a character named Bob and his experiences with his father.

The music throughout the program was primarily technical rock. The ensemble used a tape looping system that allowed Eckert to mix, record, and re-play parts of his music while he sang.

The system, built by Dresher, was a highlight of the technical aspect of the production.

Critics have called the program existential because it deals with suicide and loss of spirit.

"I have never been quite sure what existential means, but if it has anything to do with the loss of materialism, then our show is existential," Eckert said.

The staging and use of properties in the production was extraordinary. In the center of the stage was a slanted structure that Eckert later performed under. A screen above the stage served as a mirror for him as he performed mime.

Eckert also used large mats that served as a makeshift book, house, wall, and door. At one point during the performance, Eckert stood the mats up and rose up behind them with the use of a lift that the audience could not see.

The end of the show was chilling and climactic.

A silence fell over the audience as Eckert's character Bob, dressed in a three-piece camouflage suit, pulled out a revolver and screamed, "Real heroes die of old age!"

By the end of the show, all of the unusual techniques had justified themselves as the audience gave the performers a standing ovation.

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Candidate's night at GSS Tuesday

By Damon Kiesow
Staff Writer

The General Student Senate will hold a candidate's night Tuesday for the second time in three months.

Because of the nullification of last December's election the entire process, from nominations to election had to be done over. The elections will be held on February 13.

Also scheduled for the meeting in 100 Nutting Hall is a speech by University of Maine President Dale Lick. Lick is ex-

pected to talk at 7:00 on the budget cuts which face UMaine. A short question and answer period will follow.

At 6:00, before Lick's speech, the student government candidates will be allowed to speak and answer questions.

Four presidential candidates and three vice-presidential candidates make up this semester's ballot.

The tickets are: Gunnar Christensen and Ed Glover; Chad Crabtree and Stavros Mendros; Dwight Dorsey; Kurt Meletzke and Devin Anderson.

Dorsey, who is president of Residents

on Campus is running without a vice-presidential candidate.

According to Dorsey he is without a running mate because of his last minute decision to enter the race.

"I have been thinking about running for student government for a while," he said. "I feel I can do a good job."

He said that while he was running alone, he had a person in mind for vice-president if he did get elected.

Alica Fencer, chair of the Fair Election Practices Commission, said that if Dorsey was elected, "He has the option

to nominate a vice-president who would have to be approved by the senate."

"There are some highly qualified candidates who are committed until after the election," Dorsey said Thursday.

Dorsey is also running, unopposed, for re-election to ROC.

The ticket of Gunnar Christensen and Ed Glover was the unofficial winner in the December election, before the nullification. "We are running on a similar platform as before," said Glover.

"We would like to get just as much support," as last time, he said, but "We are upset that people think the last election was nullified because we did something wrong."

One of their main concerns, said Glover, was, "dealing with the faculty senate and the administration."

"They (the faculty senate) seem to be getting involved in student issues," he said.

Chad Crabtree and Stavros Mendros, who ran on different tickets in December decided to run together this time.

Crabtree told the *Maine Campus* that they chose to run because, "we thought we were the best candidates to run."

Crabtree's former running mate, Tom Magadieu, said Sunday that he decided not to make another bid, "for financial reasons more than anything else."

"We use our own money in the campaign," Magadieu said, "And it costs a lot to run."

Crabtree said that his major objective would be to strengthen student government.

"We need someone to go out and get senators interested," he said. "We are supposed to represent the students. Not just talk."

Kurt Meletzke and Devin Anderson, both sophomores, decided to try again because they, "just still want to."

"We are extremely fed up with the entire system," said Anderson. "That with the fact that we got shot down last time" contributed to their decision.

"Senate is in such disarray" said Meletzke, "We want to get it back to a concious body where things get done."



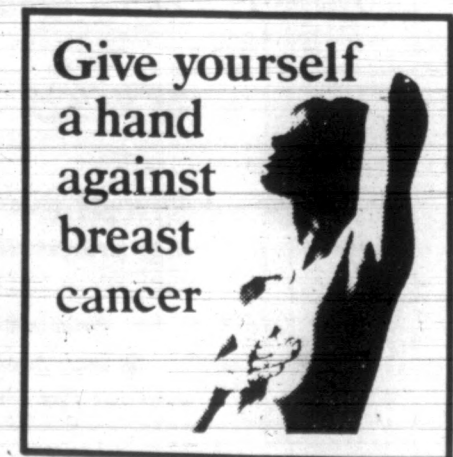
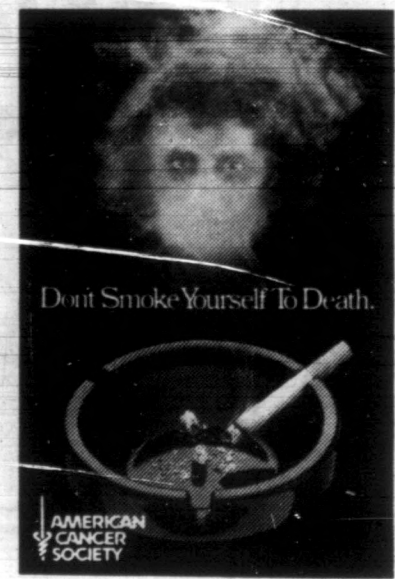
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Sports



Andy Bean

Roy wearing 28 with justice

When scoring phenom Mario Thyer left the University of Maine hockey team last year to pursue a pro career fans were wondering if anyone could replace him.

As a freshman in 1987-88, Thyer scored 24 goals and tallied 42 assists for 66 points. He led the team in scoring that year and still holds the freshmen record for assists and points.

He was the leading freshman scorer in the nation and his impressive numbers earned him Hockey East and New England rookie of the year honors.

Thyer spent most of his second year with the Black Bears watching from the bench with a broken leg, but in the nine games he played (five in the national playoffs), he scored nine goals and had seven assists for 16 points.

He left for the Minnesota North Stars after his sparkling year-plus career at UMaine.

But if it wasn't for the names on the jerseys, fans might think Thyer is still wearing number 28 for UMaine.

This year number 28 has scored 30 goals (a new freshmen school record) and has 14 assists for 44 points. Only the freshman behind the number this year is Jean-Ives Roy.

The freshman from Rosemere, Quebec is also scoring when it counts most. Seven of Roy's goals are game-winners, which ties a school record. Three of those game-winners were overtime goals.

It might seem like a coincidence that Roy wears Thyer's number and scores and skates with as much—if not more—ease. But Roy played with Thyer on a CJEP team three years ago and consciously chose that number when he came to UMaine.

Roy has certainly done justice to it. He's already breaking scoring records and there are six games left in the regular season, not to mention the playoffs.

Theoretically both Roy and Thyer could be at UMaine this year. Sophomore Scott Pellerin and freshman Randy Olson have complemented Roy nicely as linemates, but imagine Thyer on the same line with Roy. Who would wear 28 then?

Black Bear head coach Shawn Walsh said he doesn't ever think about having both of them together. He's content with the team he has

(see ROY page 14)

Goalies lead UMaine sweep

By Jeff Pinkham
Staff Writer

Solid goaltending and strong defensive play led the University of Maine hockey team to two victories over Providence at Alford Arena, and moved them into second place in Hockey East this weekend.

"If you are sound defensively, you'll win your share of games. Jim Burke and Brian Straub had a great weekend," UMaine head coach Shawn Walsh said.

UMaine won Friday night's game 3-2 on a Mike Barkley goal with 24 seconds left in the game. On Saturday night, the Black Bears scored seven unanswered goals after trailing 2-1, and went on to an 8-2 win.

The victories upped UMaine's HE record to 9-5-1, 23-7-2 overall, three points behind Boston College who stands at 11-5.

With the losses, Providence dipped to 7-5-3 in HE, 17-6-3 overall.

Sophomore Scott Pellerin said the wins were very important for the team in HE.

"It's great for us in the HE standings. We just have to look at them one game at a time."

Barkley got the game-winner Friday night when left winger Brian Bellefeuille got the puck to Jean-Yves Roy on the right side. Roy faked a Providence defender to the ice, and took a shot that rebounded off Friar goalie Matt Merten to Barkley who put it away for the 3-2 win.

"It was kind of a fluke goal," Roy said. "I was trying to shoot but I lost the puck. I got enough of the puck to get a shot off and Barkley just knocked in the rebound."

Barkley said he saw the whole play develop. "Jean-Yves skated in and I broke with him. The defenseman and goalie went with him, he shot the puck and it went off a defenseman's shin and squirted out. I just took the puck and shot it in."

UMaine went into the third period with a 2-0 lead on goals by Bellefeuille and Burke and some strong goaltending by Matt DelGuidice.

The Friars made it 2-1 just 32 seconds into the third when right winger Rob Gaudreau took a pass from Mike Boback and shot the puck in to the left of DelGuidice.

Providence tied it up a little over two minutes later when Paul Flaherty drop-

ped the puck to Bob Creamer who beat DelGuidice to the short side.

DelGuidice, who made 30 saves, said he had a little incentive for the game.

"I try a little harder when I play against schools I wanted to go to, but who didn't look at me," he said.

Everyone got into the act Saturday night as eight players had multiple point games and Scott King turned away 30 shots in leading UMaine to an 8-2 victory.

"Goaltending was a factor," Walsh said. "Scott came back after a tough first period and his goaltending in the second was great."

King said he thought he was trying a little to hard to start out the game.

"I didn't feel bad in the first period, I was just pressing," he said. "In the second period I just went out and had some fun."

Providence got on the board first when Mario Aube stole the puck and shot.

The puck was blocked by King but Pat Madigan was there to poke in the rebound to make the score 1-0.

UMaine scored a 5-on-3 power-play
(see Olson page 14)

Lady Black Bears roll on, 60-42

By Beth Staples
Staff Writer

The University of Maine women's basketball team fought back from a one-point halftime deficit to post a 60-42 win over a tenacious Northeastern University squad Saturday in Memorial Gym.

Saturday's win, however, didn't come as easy as the 32-point UMaine blowout of NU in Boston Jan. 6.

Black Bear coach Trish Roberts said she was concerned with her team's performance.

"I hope we didn't peak too early," she said. "We didn't play as well as we could play. At the start we really struggled and that may be because of the week layoff."

NU coach Joy Malchodi, whose team has lost 11 straight games, said she was pleased and surprised with the Huskies showing.

"I'm very happy with our effort up here. If someone would have told me that we would be up by one point at the half I wouldn't have believed them. It was much closer than I expected and I don't think it was a 20-point game," she said.

UMaine was leading 22-14 with 5:29 remaining in the first-half when Rachel Bouchard was called for her third foul (second offensive).

Bouchard went to the bench and UMaine managed one point, a foul shot by Beth Sullivan, the rest of the half.

NU, however, went on a tear, rattling off 10 points, eight consecutively, to take the halftime lead.

Michelle Brown started the surge with a baseline jumper and 37 seconds later Charlene Blake scored from the wing to bring NU to within four, 22-18.

Marilyn Oakes put in a turnaround from the lane and then Jessica Arnold tied the game, 22-22, with a bucket at :58.

(see NU page 16)



Rachel Bouchard scored 34 points in UMaine's win over the Huskies Saturday.

Photo by Scott LeClair

•Olson

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goal at 16:23 of the first when center Randy Olson skated down the right side and gave a centering pass to Scott Pellerin who beat Friar goalie Mark Romaine to even the score at 1-1.

The Friars regained the lead two minutes later when Gaudreau put back the rebound of a Boback shot to make it 2-1.

The Black Bears dominated the remaining 40 minutes, outscoring Providence 7-0. The scoring barrage started with UMaine's second power-play goal of the night when Burke fired a pass to Robitaille to the left of the net who directed the puck into the net to tie the game at 2-2.

Jim Montgomery got the game winner with just eight seconds remaining in the second when he skated down the left

side, angled to the center and shot a backhand past Romaine.

After a Pellerin goal just 52 seconds into the third, UMaine scored two short-handed goals.

Roy got the first one as he skated down the right side, gave a centering pass to Barkley, who got his shot blocked, but Roy was there to put back the rebound for his 30th goal of the season, a new freshman record.

Montgomery got his second goal of the night when Robitaille cleared the puck and Montgomery outskated a Providence defender and shot the puck past Romaine.

Goals by Kent Salfi and Brian Bellefeuille closed out the scoring.

Men's hoop team loses to Huskies

The University of Maine men's basketball team were thumped by Northeastern University in Boston, 78-58, in North Atlantic Conference action.

The loss drops the Black Bears to 7-12 overall and 3-3 in the NAC. The Huskies improved to 10-9 and 5-1 in the conference.

NU's only conference loss came at the hands of UMaine in Bangor.

Steve Carney, who was out with an injury when the team's met earlier this season, led NU with 18 points. Barry Abercrombie added 14 for the Huskies.

NU led 32-25 at halftime and pulled away in the second half for the win.

Senior co-captain Dean Smith led UMaine with 18 points.

•Roy

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now. "I'll take the 28 I've got now," Walsh says.

It's still fun to think about a line consisting of Thyer, Roy and should I mention Dave Capuano—who would be in his senior year at UMaine if he hadn't opted to take a shot at the pros.

If Roy continues to turn heads with his speed and scoring touch, will UMaine be looking for a new 28 in the next two years?

Andy Bean is a senior journalism major from Burlington, Vermont who wants to see one of UMaine's blue-chip players stay for four years to break every record imaginable.



photo by Scott LeClair
Black Bear freshman Kent Salfi helped lead the hockey team to a sweep of Providence this weekend. UMaine won the first game 3-2 and the second 8-2 moving it into second place in the Hockey East standings.

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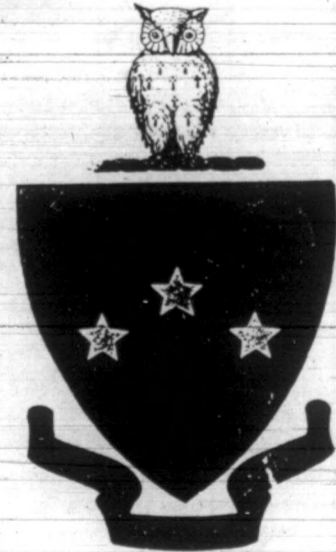
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Women's track runs by Wildcats

By Chad Finn
Staff Writer

The University of Maine women's track team easily defeated the University of New Hampshire 93-42 Saturday afternoon in the Memorial Gym fieldhouse.

UMaine coach Emily Spiteri was not surprised by her teams' performance. "We have a strong team," Spiteri said, "and their coach called me a few days before the meet and said that they had a couple of people out with the flu, so I thought we had an excellent chance of winning."

Several members of the UMaine women's track team had outstanding performances. Melissa Brancely set two meet records. She won the high jump with a leap of 5'6", and also claimed the 400 with a time of 60.3.

Brenda Sheehan of UMaine also had a big day, winning the long jump (17'2) and the 60-yard dash (7.62), while placing second in the triple jump (35'2). UMaine's Elke Brutsaert, who was coming off of an injury, took the shot put with a throw of 37'6/4 and won the high hurdles in a time of 8.67 seconds.

"My time off (because of injury) really helped me," Brutsaert said.

Distance runner Amy Patterson also was a double winner for UMaine. She was victorious in both the mile (5:17.8) and the two-mile (11:16.0).

"Amy ran two very nice races", Spiteri said. Kristy Downing stood out for UNH.

Downing placed first in the 800 with a time of 2:30.0, while finishing second in both the long jump (16'0 1/4) and the high hurdles (8.88). She scored almost a quarter of her team's points on the day.

Solo winners for UNH included Heidi Follett in the triple jump (35'5 3/4), Alexandra Wannop in the 600 (1:30.67),

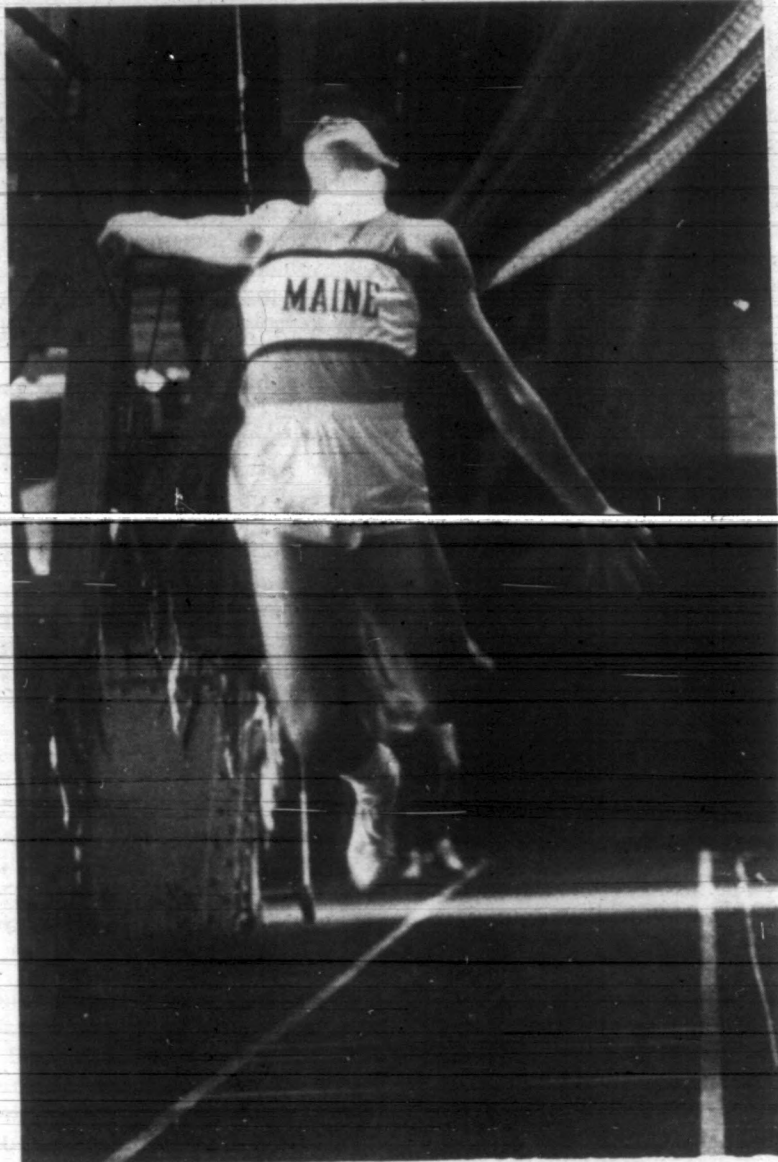


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The UMaine women's track team easily defeated UNH, 93-42.

and Kristine Grange in the 200 (27.19). UNH won the 880 relay because the UMaine team was disqualified. A UMaine runner dropped the baton while passing it off to another runner, and the person receiving the baton picked it up, disqualifying UMaine. Only the person

passing the baton is allowed to pick it up.

Other winners for UMaine include Deb Cox in the 20-pound weight throw (38'6 1/2) and Kim Pierce in the 1000 (2:58.5). UMaine also won the 220 relay with a time of 1:49.33.

Strawberry voluntarily seeks help

By Ben Walker
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Darryl Strawberry may start to solve his personal problems in alcohol treatment center, but his legal trouble will not stop there.

Strawberry, who entered a rehabilitation program on Saturday, still faces possible misdemeanor charges for allegedly threatening his wife with a gun,

a spokesman for the Los Angeles City Attorney's office said Sunday.

"We have a criminal case investigation still in progress," Mike Qualls said in a telephone interview. "We'll discuss it in our office tomorrow, but we will follow this through to the end and conduct our hearing."

Strawberry, the New York Met's five-time All-Star, was arrested Jan. 26 at his Los Angeles home and jailed briefly after an alleged dispute with his wife. Lisa Strawberry, 25, has since signed a

statement saying she does not wish to prosecute her husband.

The Strawberrys were scheduled to meet next Friday in Los Angeles with a hearing officer. A decision on whether to file misdemeanor charges against Strawberry was to be made based on the hearing officer's report to the deputy city attorney.

On Saturday, Strawberry voluntarily entered the Smithers Alcoholism and Treatment Center in New York for what (see REHAB page 16)

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• NU

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Sullivan, UMaine's tri-captain, broke the Lady Black Bear's five minute scoring drought when she made the second of two foul shots with 30 seconds on the clock to give UMaine the lead 23-22.

Jessica Arnold answered with an inside hoop with :09 remaining to give NU the lead, 24-23, and the momentum going into the half.

UMaine did have an opportunity to regain the lead on its final possession, but the buzzer sounded three seconds prematurely, and the Bears didn't get a shot off.

UMaine's shooting percentage was 280 (7-for-25) in the first-half, while

NU's was 379 (11-for-29). The second half the situation reversed. UMaine poured in 37 points in the next 20 minutes and improved its shooting percentage to .522.

NU, however, shot 8-for-29 (.276) in the second half, and connected for 18 points.

Bouchard started the second half and gave UMaine a lead that was never in jeopardy. Tracey Frenette assisted Bouchard on a lob pass underneath, Julie Bradstreet drilled a three-pointer, and Bouchard stuck two foul shots to put UMaine up 30-24 at 15:45.

Bouchard poured in 21 second-half points (17 in a seven minute span) as the Bears won going away.

Bouchard finished with 34 points and 12 rebounds and first-year player Heather Briggs had 11 points and 11 boards coming off the bench.

Cathy Iaconeta grabbed six rebounds, assisted on four baskets, and made four steals for the 15-5 (5-1 NAC) Lady Black Bears.

Roberts said she was "very concerned" about her team's lack of a more balanced offensive attack.

"If we're going to win the conference and get to the NCAA tournament we have got to get more out of more players," she said.

Malchodi said her team "broke down offensively" in the second half.

"Our guards made mistakes with the ball and you will only hold UMaine for so long. We're young and we don't have a lot of firepower. Our defense was good, but when you don't reward yourself on offense, it gets to be hard," she said.

Jessica Arnold led 3.15 NU (0.5 NAC) with 12 points and 9 boards and Charlene Blake, the team's only senior, had 10 points and picked up five steals.

Both coaches were upset with the officiating.

Malchodi, whose team shot two free throws in forty minutes of action (Maine

shot 27), said, "I'm calling the assigner on Monday. Maybe my team can play a whole half of basketball and not be fouled, but I have a problem with it."

Roberts said she was frustrated with the inconsistency of calls. "I hate to keep harping on the officials, but it makes my job tougher. Sometimes they let you play and sometimes they don't. It's tough on the kids to adjust. The conference is going to have to address the situation," she said.

White beat Blue in Alumni game

Lauree Gott, NU assistant and former UMaine player, won one out of two games Saturday. Gott and five other

members of the

White Alumnae team, defeated the Blue team 57-50 in University of Maine women's alumnae action Saturday.

The game took place immediately following the UMaine-NU women's basketball contest in Memorial Gym.

Gott's teammates were Annie Allen, Laurie Bjorn, Liz Coffin, Joanna Hamilton, and Julie Treadwell.

The Blue team, which held a 31-28 halftime advantage, included Emily Ellis, Tammy Gardiner, Cheryl Higgins, Sue Howard, Lynn McGouldrick, Nancy Stetson, and Kissy Walker.

Kondrotas honored at halftime

Jocelyn Kondrotas, the University of Maine's senior third basemen, was honored at halftime of the UMaine-NU game Saturday. As a junior Kondrotas was the nation's Division I leading softball hitter.

In 49 games she rapped 62 hits in 130 at bats for a .477 batting average, 21 points higher than her closest competitor. For her feats, Kondrotas was named to the All-New England First Team and to the Northeast All-American Second Team.

• Rehab

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the Mets called an alcohol problem. The average length of stay at Smithers is 28 days.

"Obviously, we don't have a statute of limitations on this," Qualls said. "But if he's in a lockdown situation, we could adjust our hearing date."

The Mets, meanwhile, hope Strawberry's treatment will end his turbulent career on and off the field. In recent years, Strawberry has feuded with teammates, come close to fighting some of them and been fined by the team several times.

"Facing up to the fact you have a problem is the hardest thing a person can do. I know it was for me," Dwight Gooden, Strawberry's teammate and close friend, said in a statement.

Gooden spent 28 days at Smithers in 1987 for treatment of a cocaine problem. Mets catcher Mackey Sasser and Mets minor leaguer Reggie Dobie also spent time at Smithers for alcoholism trouble.

"There are a lot of people out on the street who have a problem and don't admit it. Give (Darryl) a lot of credit for

what he did. He felt he needed treatment and now he's going to get it." Gooden said.

"I plan to call him next week and tell him I stand behind him the way he stood behind me."

On opening day in 1987, when Gooden was in treatment, Strawberry wore Gooden's uniform pants and hit a home run.

Mets manager Davey Johnson said, "My heart goes out to Darryl. I wish him the best and hope this thing clears up."

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