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◆ UMaine athletics

BOT considers athletics study

By Chris DeBeck
Staff Writer

As allegations and charges against the University of Maine athletic department mounted, legislators, University of Maine System trustees and others wondered loudly about the role of UMaine athletics.

Indeed, system Chancellor J. Michael Orenduff broached the subject himself during a March 31 press conference.

After conducting an investigation into charges that Michael Ploszek, UMaine athletic director, tried to cover up the violations, Orenduff announced he will propose that the board of trustees study the role and scope of UMaine athletics during the board's May meeting.

Although a formal proposal has yet to be made, the subject has already been discussed by the trustees. During debate on an increase of UMaine's activity fee, the question of studying how UMaine should approach athletics was raised by several trustees of the Finance Committee.

"I think the comprehensive fee became a lightning rod for a lot of concern about athletics," Trustee

James Caron said. "It was sort of held hostage to the lingering question of athletics at the university."

Caron mentioned to the board at the meeting that a trustee subcommittee previously discussed UMaine's athletic priorities.

During a July 1989 meeting, a subcommittee on intercollegiate athletic programs was charged by the trustees to come up with a system-wide policy regarding college sports.

According to a report on the subcommittee's discussions, most of the study focused on UMaine.

Caron, who was a trustee at the time, said the driving forces came from two areas: because of national success in baseball and hockey, there is interest in studying how many other sports could compete nationally; and there is also interest in looking at issues surrounding how UMaine athletics came to be at the Division I level.

"Nobody really looked at this before," Caron said. "The University of Maine sort of evolved into Division I over 50 years."

After looking at the issue for almost a year, the committee came to its conclusion — UMaine should offer Division I athletics, but while

also developing a five-year plan.

In a May 15, 1990 letter written by then-Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury to subcommittee chair Richard Marshall, Woodbury recommended some policy decisions to the board.

Among the suggestions Woodbury made were increases in the comprehensive fee, establishing tuition waivers, and looking for more private support while also keeping costs in check. He also said UMaine should continue to work toward compliance of Title IX.

"This policy framework for the board will not make life easy for the campus," Woodbury wrote. "Major sports will face stringencies, two or more additional men's sports may need to be eliminated, efforts to improve markedly the condition for women's athletics will be demanding, and Division I athletics will continue to be a lightning rod for strong opinion."

With the recent problems of the UMaine athletic department, talk has surfaced again, mostly because the attention Caron said athletics receive.

"People seem to read the sports page a lot more than other parts of

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◆ Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Awareness Week

AIDS benefit dance, other events planned

By Laxmi Vallury
Staff Writer

The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Awareness Week begins Saturday, April 9, with a benefit dance for the Eastern Maine Aids Network. Other events include the movies "Philadelphia" and "Forbidden Love," a discussion of gay and lesbian issues by Sue Hyde of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and a Wilde Stein open house for people who want to know more about the club.

The program, sponsored by Wilde Stein, the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Concerns Committee and the Office of Multicultural and Special Programs, runs until Friday, April 15.

Harrison Ankers, co-chair of Wilde Stein, said this year's events are less controversial and political. He noted that last year's program included several speakers on gay issues, and kissing and display of affection on the front steps of the Memorial Union. He said this year's events are calmer, more flowing and easy-going. There are

also more movies this year.

Floan Butler, co-chair of Wilde Stein, also said that next week's programs will be less political and more educational. She said the movies will give people a feel for gay life, while the benefit dance will give people the chance to show their support.

Ankers said he wants more public involvement in the awareness week. He said the goal of Wilde Stein has always been to educate the public about homosexuality and heterosexism in the schools. He mentioned National Coming Out Day and awareness weeks as events that helped the education process.

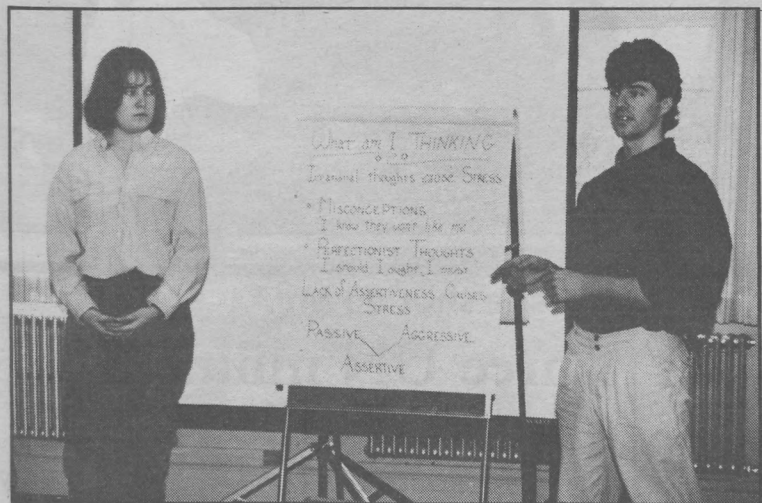
"Our goal is not just to have one week, but to continue to educate the people and get the public involved," Ankers said.

Tamara Judd, who is allied with the club, noted that lack of exposure to gay issues increases people's fear of them. Therefore, constant exposure was a key to more acceptance, she said.

Ankers said Wilde Stein's goal See GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUALS on page 4

◆ World Health Day

Stress reduction is mind over matter



Peer educators Keri Sevey and Todd Shearer discuss a stressful topic. (Wickenheiser photo.)

By Jonathan Humphrey
Staff Writer

With finals fast approaching, stress is once again a major problem for students at the University of Maine, but there are ways to keep it from running your life.

That was the focus of a stress management program called "Mind over Matter," sponsored by the Peer Educator Program on Thursday as part of World Health Day. Educators Keri Sewell and Todd Shearer presented the program in the Totman Lounge in Memorial Union with assistance from third-year den-

tal hygiene student Linda Duane.

According to Sewell and Shearer, stress is a condition of the mind brought on by psychological, physiological and environmental factors. Over time it can be very dangerous to a person's health.

"A lot of what causes stress is just thoughts in your head," Shearer said. Among the examples he listed were replaying events of the day, misconceptions about how you are perceived by other people and worrying about the future.

Stress affects different people in different ways, according to Shearer and Sewell. Among the

common recognizable physical results are fatigue, chills, sweats, and lack of appetite. Emotionally, stress can lead to anxiety attacks and depression. Memory loss and a short attention span are other potentially debilitating effects.

If stress persists over time, a person's blood pressure can rise significantly.

"This is where stress can become a problem for some people," Shearer said. "If it persists for months that's a lot of wear and tear on a body."

There are plenty of ways to reduce stress, including exercise, light music, getting enough sleep, breathing exercises and eating properly, Shearer and Sewell said.

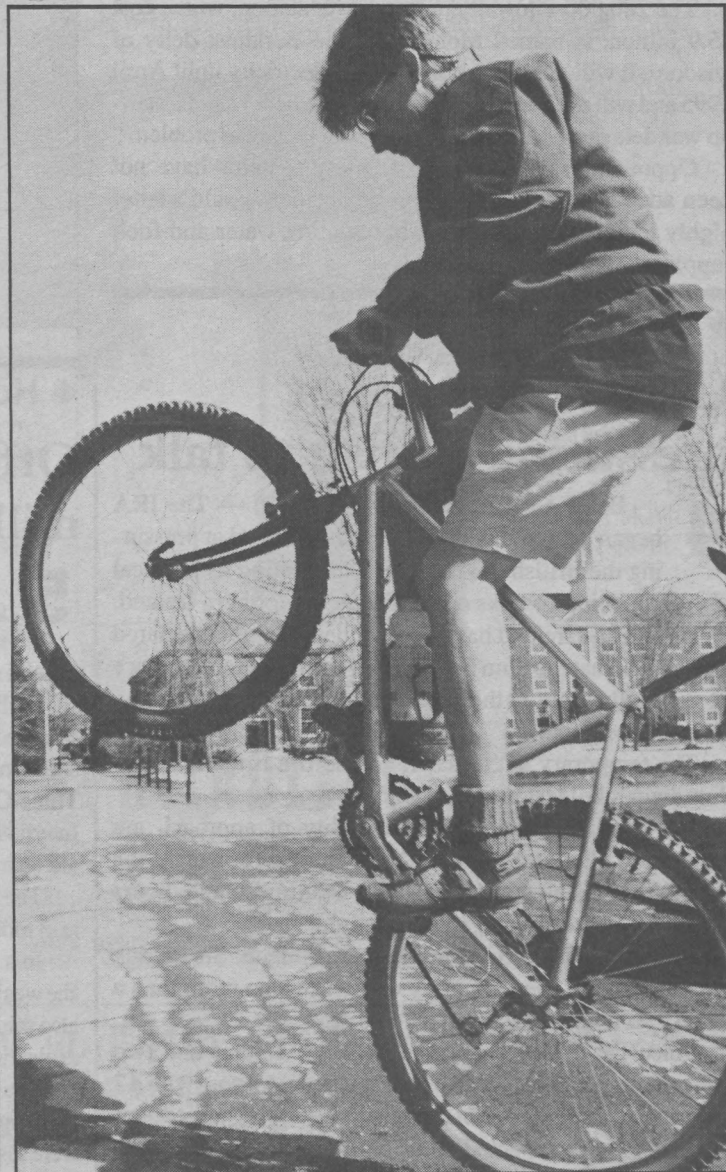
"The best thing you can do if you're having a really stressful week is to eat right, because that's about the only thing that is going to relieve your stress," Shearer said.

Sewell suggested putting some distance between yourself and your problems.

"Often times you just have to remove yourself from a situation," Sewell said. "Step back and take a look at what you're doing." She also recommended being assertive in your interactions with other people.

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Spring into Spring



Channing Jones makes good use of a recently ice-free campus pathway. (Geyerhahn photo.)

WorldBriefs

- United Nations describes Haitian war as one-sided
- Palestinian gunman opens fire at bus stop
- Japan opens controversial plutonium-producing plant

♦ War

Army and allies step up killings

1 PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The army and its allies have stepped up their killings of supporters of Haiti's ousted president even after snuffing out nearly all pro-democracy protest, a U.N. spokesman said Wednesday.

The top U.N. human rights official in Haiti put the blame for the violence squarely on those who toppled elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in 1991.

"This is not a civil war. There is no confrontation. The violence comes from one side alone," the U.N. official, Tiebele Drame, told The Associated Press.

Drame listed 112 summary executions and suspicious deaths since Jan. 31, when a 30-member U.N. observer mission returned to Haiti after more than three months' absence. At least 17 of the victims were Aristide activists, and 12 of the pro-democracy militants were disfigured and left on the streets as a message to others.

"We feel there is a deliberate policy to eliminate Aristide partisans, to break the back of the pro-democracy movement and to terrorize the population," Drame said. "Today the army and their auxiliaries, and paramilitary political allies are trying to finish off the job."

Drame described secret detention centers run by pro-military groups, where people abducted on the streets have been beaten, had their heads shaved to humiliate them and been forced to listen to propaganda praising the 1957-86 Duvalier dictatorship.

♦ Energy

Japan starts up plutonium- reactor

3 TOKYO (AP) — Japan's widely criticized plan to use plutonium to produce energy took an important step forward Tuesday when engineers shifted an experimental "fast-breeder" reactor into continuous operation.

Protesters denounced the reactor, which produces more plutonium than it uses, as unsafe and unwise. Police said about 100 people rallied peacefully outside the plant in Tsuruga, 200 miles from Tokyo on the Sea of Japan coast.

Critics say plutonium is too lethal for safe use, and they also worry it could become the target for terrorists who want to build a nuclear bomb.

The 280,000-kilowatt nuclear power station, which cost \$5.9 billion, is named Monju after the Buddhist deity of wisdom. It will not begin transmitting electricity until April 1995 and will not be at full power until late next year. Its start-up was delayed 1 1/2 years by a series of technical problems.

Opponents say the reactor's safety systems have not been adequately tested and fear an accident could scatter highly lethal plutonium, possibly tainting water and food supplies.

♦ IRA

Cease fire aimed at pressuring British to talk

4 BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The IRA began a three-day cease-fire today aimed at pressuring the British government into meeting its political ally, Sinn Fein, for talks on the future of Northern Ireland.

Britain and Ireland have held to their position, declared on Dec. 15, that the Sinn Fein party would be offered a place in such talks only if the Irish Republican Army gave up violence for good.

The temporary but unilateral cease-fire is the IRA and Sinn Fein's boldest response so far.

"A positive attitude and flexibility of approach are required to allow the situation to be moved forward," the IRA said in a statement released in Dublin, Ireland, hours before the cease-fire began at midnight.

Britain's chief official in Northern Ireland, Sir Patrick Mayhew, called the temporary cease-fire "no more than a threat" to renew attacks after three days.

Since Dec. 15, the IRA has killed a soldier and two policemen, peppered London's Heathrow Airport with 12 dud mortar shells and shot down a British army helicopter.

Sinn Fein is expected to go on the publicity offensive later today with speeches and news conferences in London and Belfast to preach that Sinn Fein and the IRA are being flexible while the British won't budge.

♦ Islamic fundamentalists

Gunman kills one, wounds four

2 JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian opened fire with a submachine gun at a bus stop near the port city of Ashdod Tuesday, killing one Israeli and wounding four others before being shot to death by bystanders, officials said.

The attack followed a suicide car bombing of an Israeli bus in the northern town of Afula on Wednesday in which the assailant and seven civilians were killed, including three teen-aged students.

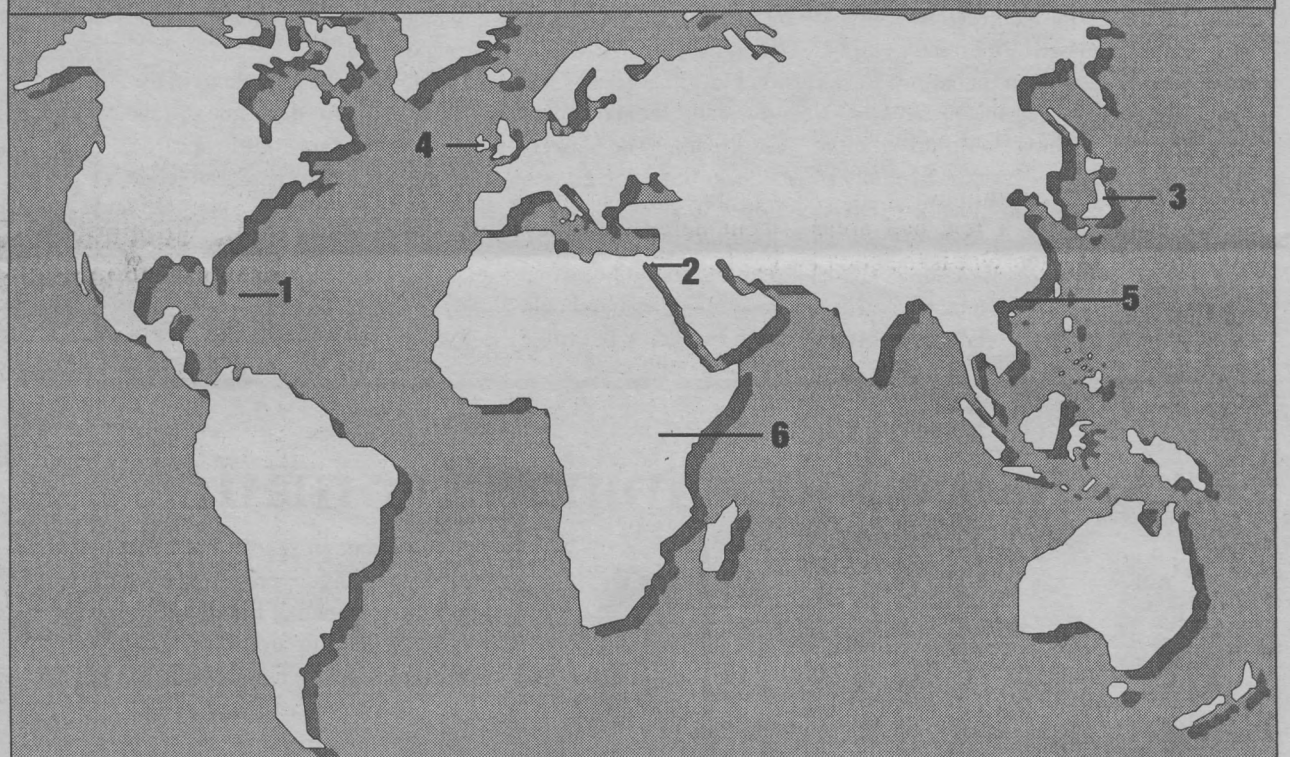
Islamic fundamentalists claimed responsibility for both attacks. The violence came as Israelis observed Holocaust Day in memory of the 6 million Jews slaughtered by Nazi Germans during World War II.

The attacks, which undermined already shaky support for Israel-PLO peacemaking, spurred calls for a suspension of negotiations with the PLO on the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho.

Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, the armed forces chief of staff, told reporters the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip where 1.8 million Palestinians live would be closed "at least for several days" to prevent further attacks.

The measure will tighten travel restrictions imposed after the Hebron mosque massacre, when most Palestinians were banned from bringing vehicles into Israel and the number of Arabs allowed into Israel daily was limited to 20,000.

WorldDigest



♦ Hostage

Officials say guerrillas want millions for American

5 PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Khmer Rouge guerrillas holding an American aid worker are demanding "millions of dollars" for her release, a government official said today.

Melissa Himes, 24, of Winston-Salem, N.C., has been detained since Thursday in a village in Kampot province where she went to try to settle a dispute over the drilling of water wells. Three Cambodians who also work for Food for the Hungry International, a Christian relief agency based in Scottsdale, Ariz., are also being held.

The aid agency's Phnom Penh office and the U.S. Embassy said today they were not aware of such a demand.

In a note she was permitted to send on Sunday, Himes said she was being treated well and asked her parents not to worry. She also said her captors apparently were seeking to have three wells drilled in an area under their control.

The head of a special police unit sent to the scene of the kidnapping said today that in addition to the wells, the guerrillas were also demanding "millions of dollars" in ransom.

Sin Sen, deputy secretary of state at the Interior Ministry, did not say how he received the demand. The Khmer Rouge has been using local villagers as intermediaries for communications.

♦ Plane shot down

Three UN military observers killed

6 NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Three U.N. military observers were killed today when fighting broke out in Rwanda's capital today after the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi died as their plane was apparently shot down.

U.N. spokesman Joe Sills in New York said the U.N. military observers were killed in Kigali after members of Rwanda's presidential guard kidnapped them and three Cabinet ministers.

He said the military observers were unarmed and from Belgium. Sills had no details of the circumstances of their killing. There are unconfirmed reports of an unspecified number of other U.N. military observers missing, Sills said.

One U.N. military observer from Togo was kidnapped and released unharmed. He also said there are unconfirmed reports that the U.N. compound in Kigali has been attacked and that there are casualties.

Sills said the United Nations had been denied access to the plane wreckage and thus could not confirm it was shot down.

U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said there also was an unconfirmed report that the prime minister of Rwanda has been killed while in a U.N. compound for volunteers in Kigali.

◆ Mud season

Groundskeepers tidy up campus for spring

By S. R. Judd
Staff Writer

With remaining snow and winter's touch well on its way out, the grounds crew at the University of Maine is beginning its spring clean-up procedures.

Every year about this time, the plows begin coming off the trucks, and the snow fences are pulled up in preparation for the arrival of warmer weather.

Thomas Cole, director of Facilities Management, said the crew ends up doing most of the care for UMaine dealing with everything from road repair (patching) to raking and sweeping.

"It's a permanent crew comprised of about 16 people. They wind up doing a lot of the clean-up work," he said.

The speed at which the clean-up occurs depends upon the weather, Cole said. If it still snows a few more times, that takes away from energy that could be used for clean-up.

"Their job does a whole variety of things. They take care of all the grounds work, as well as fixing what damage the plows did over the winter—though they are the ones who drove the plows—like putting sod back in place, picking up shrub guards, snow fencing and putting up picnic tables," he said.

Cole said when it comes to major road work, such as re-paving, a contractor would be hired to re-tar roads while the use of the campus is down, such as during the summer months.

"We hope to get a few bad areas paved in the first place. One is the gravel

lot by Alford Arena, and the other has been referred to as the mud-lot behind Nutting Hall," he said.

Though the grounds crew does limited patch work to the roads on campus, Cole said anything of size is done by contractors because Facilities Management doesn't have a large enough crew or machinery to do all the work.

"I encourage people to give us a hand on Maine Day. We have the potential of getting a lot done that day. The hundreds of students who help out on that day make a big difference," he said.

Cole said the size of the grounds crew has been cut in the last two or three years running and the work crew is getting pretty thin, and the student involvement on Maine Day makes getting the cleaning done more possible.

Orman Fowler, grounds supervisor, said the crew is currently repairing winter damage to road signs and guardrail posts as well as picking up the snow fencing.

"Patching pot holes right now is one of the major things we're doing," he said.

Fowler said they are already taking the plows off of a few of the 20 or so snow removal vehicles used during the winter.

The whole week during which Maine Day falls, is the strongest clean-up week for the crew, Fowler said.

"We'll be very fortunate if we get the campus clean in a week. There's a lot of it out there and it takes a long while to do it," he said.

This winter wasn't larger than normal in terms of snowfall, but Fowler said with the combination of cold temperatures soon after the snow, the ice build-up on the roads could only be dealt with by continuing to put sand on the roads.

"Maine Day helps, there's no question," he said. "Last year it was organized better than in the past."

"If we have to repeat the work the students do, then the day is wasted and the effort the students put in is wasted. I'd rather have them do half of what they try to accomplish and do it right then have them accomplish the whole thing and not do any of it right," he said.

The number one problem the grounds crew faces during spring clean-up is students disregarding the lawns of the university and driving their vehicles on the grass.

"I think it's ridiculous. We work very hard to make this campus look good for the students in the fall, and then they drive on the walk areas to the dormitories, cut the lawns up, and it's almost sad to see the disregard they show to the beauty of the campus," he said.

Fowler said he often wonders if these students go home and drive on their own lawns the way they do at UMaine.

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Stress

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ple, since passivity or active aggression can lead to increased stress levels.

"Don't take on too many things at once," Sewell warned. "You can't do everything. You have to learn to say no."

Shearer said that eustress is a psychological term for useful stress. He said a little stress can be beneficial in that it increases blood flow and alertness, as well as productivity. There is a point where this effect reverses itself, however.

"Everything just shuts down. That's the point where it becomes distress, and harmful," Shearer said.

"There's a really fine line between eustress and distress," Sewell agreed.

In keeping with the theme of World Health Day, "Oral Health for a Healthy Life," Duane mentioned some ways in which stress can affect oral health, including compulsive grinding of teeth, infections due to a reduced immune condition, and recurrent problems such as canker sores and herpes simplex blisters.

"A lot of times when people are stressed they neglect their nutrition," Duane said. "This can lead to a vitamin deficiency."

Sewell and Shearer asked the audience members to fill out evaluations on the program following their presentation.

Additional information on stress reduction is available from the Peer Educator Program center in Cutler Health Center.

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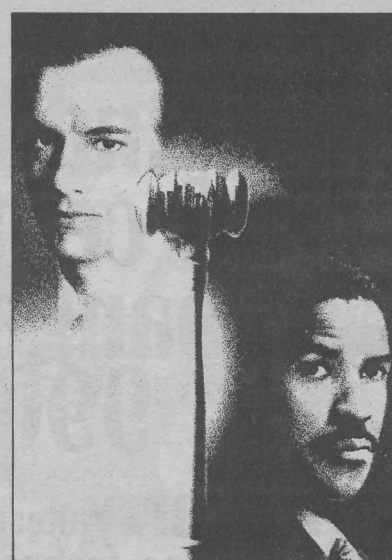
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has also been to create an environment that is less tolerant. He said the word "tolerant" implied that something was wrong. He added that he wants to change that attitude of tolerance into one of acceptance and celebration, especially of gay rights.

He said encouraging people to speak up would be one way of doing this. "To do that would be to have students speak up more in their classes about gay issues, or to speak up more in their residence halls and to speak up more in the paper. And to have people who are not necessarily gay, speak up on behalf of other people, instead of just letting someone else take care of it."

Ankers said events like the awareness week have helped change attitudes on campus. He said he has been a student for five years. During this time he has seen decreasing tolerance and increasing acceptance, less harassment, less name-calling through graffiti, more awareness and increasing public displays of affections.

He said awareness weeks tend to attract

people who are not gay, possibly because people, regardless of their sexual orientation, are beginning to recognize the universality of human condition. He said with more people coming out, there is an increased knowledge of who gay people are. This has led to a greater desire among people to be educated about gay and lesbian life, he said, so that they can help their friends and themselves.

Ankers said he has two messages to give. His first message is to teachers to be aware of the possibility that they may have a gay person in class. If the class book is heterosexual, they should discuss things outside it and play devil's advocate, he said.

His second message is to students who are gay, to take the risk and come out, since the university has become much more accepting of them. He said if people are not ready for the risk, but want more information, they can go and read books in the library. He said people could also just take a stand against homophobic jokes and name-calling.

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what the institution is doing," Caron said.

The Maine Legislature has also expressed concern about UMaine competing at the Division I level. But, according to Sen. John O'Dea, D-Old Town, most legislators seem to support maintaining the Division I status.

"I think they generally support that," O'Dea said. "Obviously, some people don't feel this is the case."

Caron added he hopes all the trustees will take the time to examine the 1989-90 study before jumping into another query.

"I'm going to wait until the next meeting

so everyone will have the opportunity to read and digest the report and ask questions," Caron said. "If the feeling is that we need a full-blown type to study, so be it."

O'Dea said he feels UMaine's athletic ship needs to be righted.

"The question, although we had a lot of discussion, is not whether we can compete at a Division I level," he said. "We certainly have proven we can."

"The question is can we administer an athletic department at a Division I level. I hope so."

◆ Health

Low blood pressure slows kidney disease in some patients

By Luran Neergaard
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Very low blood pressure may cut in half the progression of kidney disease in certain patients, according to new research that prompted government scientists to recommend the strategy.

A new study found below-normal blood pressure dramatically helped black kidney patients and all patients who had a type of the disease accompanied by protein in the urine.

The National Institutes of Health called the results so convincing that it said these patients should strive for a blood pressure of 125 over 75, below the normal range of 140 over 90.

"For the first time, we are looking at the possibility of interfering with the progression of the disease," said Dr. Gary Striker of the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

The scientists wonder if an even lower pressure would be better for blacks, who have higher rates of kidney disease, a question the agency will try to answer with a \$24 million study this summer.

Experts assembled by NIH are drawing up recommendations on how to reduce blood pressure below normal. Strict low-salt diets and exercise may help some people, but doctors may have to change their practice of not prescribing drugs to people within the normal range, Striker said.

The NIH also recommended Wednes-

day that people nearing kidney failure cut back on dietary protein. It recommended that people with diabetes-caused kidney disease use the drug captopril, which is commonly prescribed to lower very high blood pressure but which also protects the kidneys in an unrelated manner.

The therapies have long been considered promising, but it wasn't until a special meeting of international experts at NIH this week that the agency named them cornerstones of kidney disease treatment.

But most exciting, they said, was the blood pressure finding, published in last week's New England Journal of Medicine.

The study, performed on 840 patients at 15 medical centers, found blacks and people with proteinuria kidney disease could postpone kidney failure twice as long by dropping to 125 their systolic blood pressure (the pressure inside arteries during heartbeat) and to 75 their diastolic pressure (the pressure between beats).

The patients didn't suffer side effects from the low blood pressure, but further study is needed to see if very low pressure causes heart or vascular problems, said Dr. Shaul Massry, chairman of the Intersociety Council for Research of the Kidney and Urinary Tract.

Scientists don't know why the therapy worked on only the two types of patients and not all kidney disease.

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◆ The Supreme Court

Clinton considers Mitchell, others to fill court vacancy

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House officials are reviewing about a dozen possible candidates for President Clinton's second appointment to the Supreme Court, making no secret of the fact that retiring Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell is high on the list.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt also is on the list, even though he said he wasn't interested and had told Clinton he wanted to stay put.

Mitchell, D-Maine, and Babbitt were the only two candidates publicly acknowledged as under consideration, but White House officials insisted that the list was longer and that no decision had been made.

It was no surprise to Clinton when Justice Harry A. Blackmun announced Wednesday that he was retiring. The 85-year-old jurist had told the president months ago that he would retire. Blackmun called the White House on Monday to say he was ready to announce his decision publicly.

There was a torrent of speculation about Blackmun's successor. Likely candidates were said to include federal judges Stephen G. Breyer of Boston, Jose A. Cabranes of Connecticut and Appeals Judge Richard Arnold of Little Rock, Ark.

Attorney General Janet Reno and Solicitor General Drew Days also were mentioned. One official floated the name of U.S. District Judge Ann Clair Williams of Illinois as a long-shot prospect. She was named to the bench by Ronald Reagan in 1985.

Preliminary work on Blackmun's successor already had been under way because of anticipation of his retirement. The search goes into high gear, starting from a base of names compiled last year when Justice Byron White left the court.

White House special counsel Lloyd Cutler said, "There are other people who deserve consideration who were not seriously in the running the last time around." He said the eventual list would be 10 to 12, "more or

less."

Cutler, leading the search with Mack McLarty, the chief of staff, said he expected Clinton to announce his nominee within "a matter of weeks."

"He will pick someone who generally reflects his sense of political and moral values," Cutler said. "Every president does that."

He said candidates would be judged on the basis of ability, diversity and character. Moreover, Cutler said, "As you know, in the past (Clinton) has been attracted by people who have had some sort of political or other life experience in addition to being a good lawyer."

Administration officials made clear they did not want a repeat of last year's highly public, three-month search that resulted in the selection of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Clinton said he would select a nominee "of genuine stature" in "an appropriate

and timely fashion."

While Mitchell was viewed as perhaps the top prospect, there are political and legal problems with his selection.

The administration is counting on Mitchell to lead the Senate fight for Clinton's prized health reform plan. And from a legal standpoint, the Constitution bars lawmakers from taking a government position whose salary has been raised by Congress while they were members.

Cutler was quick to say he was confident that a solution could be found around the legal roadblock, should Clinton decide on a member of Congress.

Cutler even left open the possibility that Mitchell — should he be selected — could remain a member of Congress, working on health reform, even after being confirmed by the Senate.

"I think it would be legally possible, yes," Cutler said. "How politically possible it is, I wouldn't know."

◆ Meanwhile....

Mitchell unconfirming about nomination possibility

SOUTH PORTLAND (AP) — Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell shrugged off reports naming him as a possible nominee to the Supreme Court, saying had neither spoken to the president nor received advance word of Justice Harry Blackmun's decision to step down.

Mitchell said Wednesday he was flattered by the reports placing him high on President Clinton's list of potential candidates. If Clinton were to offer him the chance to serve on the high court, he would consider it, he said.

"Nothing has been offered to me, so I have nothing to consider at this time," the Maine Democrat told a crowd of reporters who greeted him at his appearance before a statewide meeting of insurance agents.

In his stunning announcement last month that he will not seek re-election this year, Mitchell said his future plans were uncertain and that he would examine whatever

options came his way.

Speculation by others about Mitchell's future plans has shifted between a Supreme Court seat that may become open and the vacant commissionership of Major League Baseball.

Mitchell, who gave up a federal judgeship when he was appointed to the Senate in 1980, recalled that he had advised President Clinton last year to remove him from consideration for the Supreme Court vacancy created by the resignation of Justice Byron White.

The senator said then that he wanted to remain in his leadership post to help the president pass his economic package and to get a start on health-care reform legislation.

One factor to be considered this time, he acknowledged, was that Gov. John McKernan, a Republican, would select his Senate successor should Mitchell step down early to accept an appointment to the high court.

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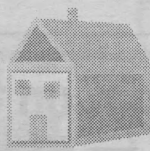
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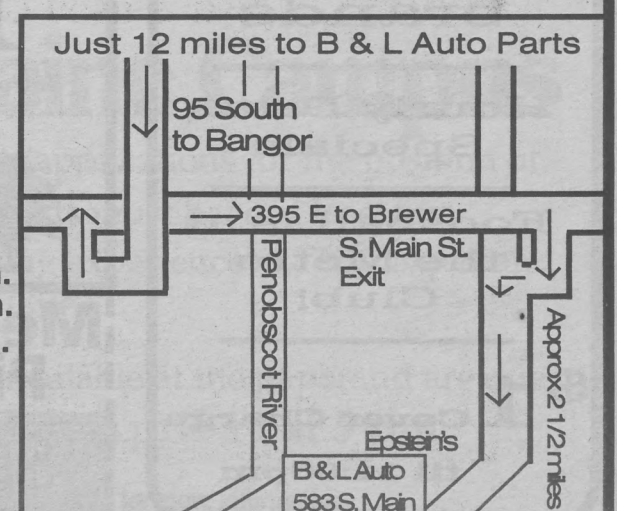
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◆ Prison

Cumberland County wants volunteers to go to jail

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Wanted: A few good inmates.

Cumberland County is seeking volunteers to don orange uniforms and play the role of prisoners Friday night to help corrections officials get acclimated to their new \$27 million jail.

Eighty people — a ragtag assortment of town officials, prosecutors, state legislators, lawyers and plain old citizenry — had volunteered as of Thursday afternoon.

"This is an important — and safe — opportunity to test our facility, and to let staff get used to managing live bodies in this new setting," Sheriff Wesley Ridlon said.

The event is also designed to showcase the 104,000-square-foot fortress that is expected to open in 6 to 8 weeks. Four times larger than the existing jail, it will house up to 400 inmates.

Among those to be jailed are District Attorney Stephanie Anderson, state Public Safety Department spokesman Stephen McCausland and Portland radio personality Jim Crocker.

After being frisked, the prisoners will be "booked," turn over their personal effects, get

issued prison clothing and be assigned to a cell in one of the jail's six "pods."

The volunteers will sleep like prisoners in 8-by-10 dormitory-style rooms with shiny stainless steel fixtures. It's a far cry from the old cells across town where eight to 15 inmates sleep together in noisy, dank cells with peeling paint and grimy walls.

Crocker turned his jail term into a fund-raising event for the Maine Kidney Foundation. Callers on his radio show on Portland's WGAN said the minimum donation of \$10 was well worth it to put him in jail.

"They're tickled to death," said Crocker, who raised more than \$1,000. "One lady called and said that it was a small price to pay to put a liberal in jail."

If prisoners like Crocker behave themselves, they will be free to roam in their pods.

Prisoners never leave their pods except for visitors, medical emergencies and recreation time. Inside each pod there are two TV areas, an exercise area and classrooms.

At the heart of the facility is the master control, where an officer behind bullet-proof glass resides in front of a black panel covered

hundreds of blinking red lights that indicate the status of all doors.

From here, the officer can shut down any or all of the 1,360 doors with the touch of a switch.

There's also air conditioning, a big plus for corrections officers who have had to sweat through summers right alongside inmates in the old jail two miles away.

"It's like night and day," said Maj. Steven Searcy, who heads administrative services for the sheriff's department. "Inmates who are aware of this facility are anxious to get over here."

Local officials bristle at the notion that prisoners are being coddled, but jailers admit the facility will be more humane and a better place for inmates to get their lives together.

Programs for substance abuse, domestic abuse counseling and education will be expanded in the new jail, Searcy said. Two teachers from the Portland school district will work there full-time.

"If they take advantage of these opportunities, they'll be better off than when they came here," Searcy said.

◆ Arson

Portland fire no accident, says investigator

WISCASSET, Maine (AP) — A 1992 apartment house fire in Portland that killed four people was intentionally set, according to a state investigator.

"The fire was deliberately set by an individual or individuals," Robert Long of the state Fire Marshal's Office testified Wednesday at the trial of Virgil Smith in Lincoln County Superior Court.

Long said his conclusion was based on such factors as the smell of gasoline, the burn pattern and the fact that the fire could be traced to three separate starting points inside the dwelling at the base of Munjoy Hill.

Smith, 19, is charged with four counts of murder, two counts of attempted murder and arson. If convicted, he would face a maximum penalty of life imprisonment for each murder charge.

His trial was moved to Wiscasset because of pre-trial publicity in Portland.

Smith's defense lawyer has said that police zeroed in on Smith within hours of the fire and disregarded other suspects.

Also Wednesday, firefighters told of their efforts to extinguish the fire, which destroyed a four-story apartment house, and rescue its occupants.

Four of the building's residents were

killed. They were: Marjorie Salazar, 20, and her daughter Kendra, 10 months; Thomas Curlew, 25; and Joseph Packard, 32. Packard fell to his death after helping his family out the window to a Fire Department ladder.

Packard's widow, Mary Packard, 30, gave emotional testimony Wednesday of how her husband insisted that he go last down the ladder, after his children, wife and brother-in-law.

Her brother, Kevin Merrill, who was living with the Packards, told the jury that before he went to bed at about 4 a.m. he smelled kerosene or gasoline in the hall. He said he checked the hallway, but didn't see anything and ignored the smell.

Under cross examination by Smith's defense lawyer, Matthew Nichols, Long testified that a trained dog smelled gasoline on the defendant's sneakers.

The state contends that an angry and vengeful Smith set the fire to carry out a threat against his former girlfriend, Stacy Richards, who lived in the building. Richards managed to escape with the couple's baby daughter.

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◆ Pass the tartar

Maine reels in biggest fish harvest in 30 years

PORTLAND (AP) — Maine fishermen had their largest commercial fish harvest in 30 years last year, despite dwindling stocks of cod, haddock and other groundfish.

Last year's harvest peaked at 252 million pounds worth about \$224.7 million — breaking a record for revenue set in 1992.

"I would say, overall, when you look at all the pessimism bestowed on the fishing industry, this is a real eye-opener," said Robert Morrill, who compiles statistics for the Na-

tional Marine Fisheries Service.

"This shows that the fishing industry hasn't rolled over and died," he said.

The decline in groundfish was compensated by strong catches of sea urchins, herring, lobster and other ocean creatures.

"The hallmark of Maine's fishery is diversification," said Penn Estabrook, deputy commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources.

Millions of pounds of fish and shellfish are

brought to Maine ports each year, most caught in the Gulf of Maine and on the Georges Bank fishing ground. The amount of fish landed is a barometer of the overall well-being of the state's fishing industry.

It also shows the strength of the Portland Fish Exchange, which draws out-of-state boats to port to sell their catches.

In 1950, Maine set a record landing of 356.2 million pounds. The harvests declined in the 60s and 70s. And by 1989, landings had

fallen to 151 million pounds.

Since then they have been on the rise.

Last year, 252.7 million pounds of fish and shellfish were landed at Maine ports, up 18 percent from 1992 and the biggest yield since 1963, when landings reached 285 million pounds.

The 1993 total does not include an estimated 37 million pounds of menhaden and herring caught in Maine waters and exported to Canada or sold to Russian fish-processing vessels.

◆ Unexplained behavior

Fed Ex plane lands after employee attacks crew

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A Federal Express DC-10 was forced to land at Memphis on Thursday after an employee attacked and injured the flight crew.

The Federal Express employee attacked three crew members with a claw hammer, a spear gun and a knife, said Jerry McMichael, executive vice president of the Memphis Shelby County Airport Authority.

Although wounded, the three crew members managed to wrestle their attacker to the floor and land the plane, McMichael said.

"The three crew members did one heck of a job landing the aircraft. It was a miracle they were able to land," McMichael said.

Three people taken to the Regional Medical Center were listed in critical condition and a

fourth was in non-critical condition, said Rick Roberts, the hospital's public relations manager.

Names of the injured were not immediately released.

McMichael said he was uncertain what time the attack occurred or where the flight originated. Airport officials became aware of the incident at about 3:45 p.m.

Federal Express is an air freight company based in Memphis.

McMichael said officials are uncertain what the attacker was doing on the plane.

Company employees are allowed to fly free when space is available. It wasn't immediately known if the man was doing that or was at work on the plane in some capacity.

◆ Return of Ma Bell

AT&T must prove to court that it's not remonopolizing

WASHINGTON (AP) — AT&T is going to have to satisfy a federal judge that its proposed \$12.6 billion purchase of McCaw Cellular Communications would not violate an anti-trust ruling that broke up the Bell System.

At issue is the ultimate owner, is barred from acquiring assets owned by Bell companies. By purchasing McCaw, AT&T would acquire cellular operations co-owned with other Bells.

U.S. District Judge Harold Greene, who wrote and oversees the consent decree, ruled Tuesday that the deal would violate his order, but he left open the door for the two companies to seek a waiver.

Although the decision does not block the purchase, it does set up additional hurdles, said attorneys involved in the case.

"This is not a nail in the coffin of the deal,

but it is an obstacle they must overcome," said John Schneidawind, a spokesman for Bell South Corp., which argued that AT&T needs the waiver.

Greene's decision came on the same day that Southwestern Bell Corp. blamed tougher federal regulation of the cable television industry for its decision to abandon plans for a \$4.9 billion partnership with Cox Cable Communications.

AT&T said it will go back to Greene and seek a waiver. "We are going to move quickly to state our case," a company statement said. "We're confident that we can win a waiver on the merits and complete the merger on schedule."

Seattle-based McCaw was equally upbeat. "While not necessarily expected, we feel like it is something we can keep moving and plugging away with," company spokesman Todd Wolfenberger said.

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◆ Science

Former crew members arrested for Biosphere break-in

Two members of environmental experiment arrested for allegedly breaking windows

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Two people who lived inside Biosphere 2 for two years have been arrested for allegedly breaking into the sealed environmental experiment and leaving the doors open so outside air could get in.

Abigail Alling, who has been taking responsibility for Monday's intrusion in calls to reporters across the country, faces three felony charges: second-degree burglary, criminal property damage of more than \$250, and first-degree criminal trespass.

Alling, whose parents live in Maine, was arrested Wednesday at a Tucson motel with fellow crew member Mark Van Thillo, said Pinal County Sheriff's spokeswoman Belia Fessenden. Van Thillo faces the same charges.

Charles and Gail Alling declined com-

ment from their home in Kennebunk, Maine.

Alling and Van Thillo, among eight people who lived in the sealed dome for two years ending Sept. 26, 1993, are employees of the project's operator, Space Biospheres Ventures.

Both were suspended from their jobs with the project last week by a court-appointed receiver representing the controversial project's financial backer, Texas billionaire Ed Bass.

Alling had indicated she was considering turning herself in, but Fessenden said the pair was arrested by a surveillance team when they appeared to be preparing to leave the motel.

Alling said she ordered the doors thrown open at the giant terrarium to end the experiment in order to protect the current crew of seven living in the dome outside Oracle, 35

miles north of Tucson. Without offering specifics, she said the crew was in danger because the receiver had suspended managers who know how to operate the system and that the crew was incapable of reacting to emergencies that might occur.

At a court appearance Wednesday afternoon in Oracle, Alling, 33, and Van Thillo, 32, were released on their personal recognizance after promising to pay \$25,000 if they don't appear at future court proceedings. They were ordered to stay away from the Biosphere 2 complex, where they had been living until Monday, authorities said. Justice Court Judge Robert Kent set an April 26 preliminary hearing.

The burglary charge, the most serious, carries a sentence of up to 8 3/4 years upon conviction, said Deputy Pinal County Attorney John Canby.

The case was initially classified a misdemeanor. Fessenden said the property damage count was boosted to a felony after Biosphere 2 officials estimated losses at \$80,000. The only physical damage revealed publicly was that five small panes of glass in the dome's "lungs" were broken, as were plastic seals on some doors. Four of the five doors were left open.

Biosphere 2 spokesman Chris Helms said most of the \$80,000 loss figure represented revenue lost because tours were suspended Monday and Tuesday. Tours resumed Wednesday, with 793 visitors reported as of shortly after 2 p.m. Helms said that represented a larger-than-usual turnout.

The \$150 million habitat is designed as a self-supporting replica of Earth, which project organizers call Biosphere 1.

◆ Public attitude

People worried about jobs and crime, not Whitewater

By Jill Lawrence
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new poll suggests President Clinton is right when he says Americans are sick of hearing about Whitewater, his ill-fated Arkansas real estate investment now under investigation by a special prosecutor.

More than half the 2,001 people questioned in a Times Mirror poll released Tuesday said there's too much news coverage of Whitewater.

"In most cases, you get 7-15 percent saying, 'Hey, guys, stop it.' In this case it's 55 percent. That must mean something," said Don Kellerman of the Times Mirror Center for the People and the

Press.

He said the previous record for dissatisfaction with the media was set in January 1987. The target then was coverage of the Iran-Contra affair.

The Whitewater news for Clinton was both good and bad. Two-thirds of those surveyed said they thought he and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton were guilty of wrongdoing — but most thought the offenses were minor.

However, more than 80 percent said Whitewater is disrupting the government's efforts to fight crime, improve the economy and reform the health care system. And nearly one in four said officials are paying too much attention to scandals, personal matters, sensationalism and Whitewater.

An overwhelming majority of people in the poll said they were happy with their lives and their communities, but they were strikingly less satisfied when it came to the

nation. Only one-quarter said they were happy with the way things are going in the country.

Poll director Andrew Kohut attributed part of the malaise to Whitewater. He said the affair "is putting a damper on the gross national spirit."

Skepticism about the economy also is contributing to low morale, he said. "People don't quite believe in the recovery," Kohut said, and many are having trouble making ends meet.

Nearly half the people in the survey cited financial pressures when asked to identify their family's biggest problem. More than half said they or a relative had lost a job, taken a cut in pay or benefits or seen layoffs at their workplace.

Crime overtook economic concerns when people were asked to name the most important problem facing the country. Thirty-two percent cited it as the top problem, up from 25 percent last December.

Tidying up

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"If someone from the grounds crew drove in on their front lawn and cut it up on a wet day I wonder what their response would be," he said.

Other campus damage includes vandals breaking signs and littering. Fowler said he realizes the small percentage of bad students puts a black mark on everyone else on campus, but it has got

to stop.

York Village is among the worse part of campus, he said, and there may be fines implemented in the future if students don't start taking responsibility for their actions.

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◆ Homicide

Foul play claimed in Madison death

MADISON (AP) — Maine State Police were investigating the death of recycling and redemption business owner who was found slain on his kitchen floor.

Reynold Levesque's body was found when a deliveryman went to the home because there was no one next door at his business, said Stephen McCausland, spokesman for the Maine Public Safety Department.

Maine State Police investigators declined to say how Levesque died, McCausland said. An autopsy was scheduled Thursday in Augusta.

"We have a good idea about how he died, but we'll wait for autopsy results from the state medical examiner's office," McCausland said.

Detectives from the Maine State Police remained at the scene late Wednesday night, McCausland said. The team was expected to return to the scene on Thursday.

McCausland declined to mention any suspects, saying "It's too early in the investigation to talk about suspects."

Levesque, 55, was the owner of the Madison Area Recycling-Redemption Center on Route 148, adjacent to the local high school.

McCausland said Levesque was last seen alive by his wife in the morning. His wife was at work when the body was discovered about 1 p.m., McCausland said. Ambulance attendants notified local police, who called upon State Police investigators.

◆ Medvac crash

EMS Board delays action on pilot's license

AUGUSTA (AP) — The state Emergency Medical Services board once again delayed action Wednesday on renewing Sean Rafter's license to operate his air ambulance service.

The decision will keep Airmed Skycare grounded until another hearing on June 1. Rafter said his bills have been piling up at a rate of \$6,000 a month because of the board's inaction.

"I'm disappointed," he said after the hearing. "...We'll deal with it the best we can."

Rafter was the pilot of a medevac chopper that crashed into Casco Bay during bad weather in November, killing a patient, flight nurse and paramedic. Rafter survived by clinging to a pontoon.

The Federal Aviation Administration, citing negligence, revoked Rafter's flight certificate. But he still wants to run his business using other pilots until he finds a buyer.

Rafter told the board Wednesday that Airmed Skycare should be in business as long as he's not flying.

"Can someone here explain to me where in lies the danger to the public in allowing Airmed to provide this vital service to the people of the state of Maine," Rafter said.

◆ Loring AFB

State agency to take over Loring for free

LIMESTONE (AP) — New federal regulations will allow a state agency to acquire Loring Air Force Base at no cost, Maine's congressional delegation said.

The regulations, published Wednesday in the Federal Register, were the result of legislation sponsored by the Maine lawmakers and included in the defense department appropriations bill, they said.

"Initial review of these regulations indicates that there is substantial good news for communities facing base closures," U.S. Sens. George Mitchell and William Cohen said in a statement.

The regulations allow the Loring Development Authority to take ownership of the 11,000-acre base for free when it closes Sept. 30.

The rules also ensure that the Air Force cleans up the hazardous waste on the property, the lawmakers said.

U.S. Rep. Olympia Snowe, who represents the 2nd District, said the rules will ensure that the property doesn't remain idle because of disputes over "fair market value."

◆ Legal error

Criminal's work release brought him to victim's vocational school

ROCKLAND (AP) — Knox County Sheriff Daniel Davey apologized for allowing a convicted child molester to perform work release chores at his victims' school.

"We fell on our faces. It got by us. I apologize. We are humbling ourselves before you," Davey said at a meeting this week with irate parents.

"How could this ever happen?" said one parent. "It was like my son was molested again" when he saw John Blaisdell, 45, working at the Midcoast School of Technology in Rockland.

The Isle au Haut man was convicted in January of child molestation and sentenced to three years in jail with all but nine months suspended. That made him eligible for work release.

Blaisdell was released on a work detail supervised by Rockland Harbor Master Ken Rich, who was unaware of his crime. Blais-

dell's assignment to work on city floats and the harbor master's boat took him to the vocational school.

Blaisdell worked at the school for three weeks before one of his victims spotted him and alerted his parents.

Jail Administrator Raymond Voyer said that Blaisdell's counselor told police that there was "no public risk" from having him on work release. The work release was approved by the sentencing justice, Justice Nancy Mills, he said.

Officials admitted there was a breakdown in communications when Blaisdell's work release supervisor was not warned about a sentencing restriction that said Blaisdell should be kept away from children.

Vocational School Director Thomas Birmingham told parents at Tuesday's meeting that the school was not told that Blaisdell was on work release from the jail.

◆ Jail & taxes

Inmate sentenced to further time for false tax returns

PORTLAND (AP) — A Maine prison inmate has been sentenced to another 21 months in prison for electronically filing false income tax refund claims, U.S. Attorney Jay McCloskey said.

Mark Tiess, 25, must serve his federal sentence upon his release from a state facility, the Maine Correctional Center in

Windham, U.S. District Judge Gene Carter ruled.

McCloskey said Wednesday that abuse of the Internal Revenue Service electronic filing program is on the rise. The program allows taxpayers who file their returns by computer to receive quicker refunds.

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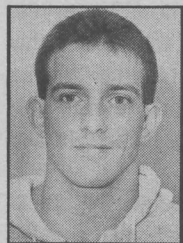
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◆ Column

A balancing act



Dana Gray

When I was young and had time to run around in the playground, one of the favorite things I liked to do, aside from trying to swing up and touch the sky, was to try to balance the teeter-totter out with one of my friends. Often times one of us was bigger than the other, and there had to be a readjustment of weight. I found that kicking my legs around would often provide the extra weight needed for a momentary balance.

The teeter-totter incident is probably one of the few times that perfect balance was achieved in my childhood. Most times I was caught up trying to outdo my friends in anything from schoolwork to backyard basketball.

Indeed, in this world outside of the playground it is rare for most anything to be balanced. My opinion vs. your opinion. Republicans vs. Democrats. Pro-lifers vs. pro-choicers. Conservatism vs. liberalism. Team A vs. team B. And so on.

It seems that we all left our desire for balance in the playground.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a little balance in the world — for instance, a balanced budget or even a balanced checkbook.

Here at the University of Maine, students are given every opportunity to observe balance. Diversity is accepted and welcome here. There is even a non-discrimination policy, which solidifies UMaine's desire for balance on this campus.

Tomorrow will start the beginning of Gay Lesbian Bisexual Awareness Week. Wilde Stein and the Office of Multicultural and Special Programs are sponsoring many events over the next seven days (except for Sunday), designed to promote gay awareness and to try to balance out their concerns with those people who refuse to accept their lifestyle.

There is a dance. Films will be shown, including "Philadelphia." There is a concert, and Wilde Stein is having an open house.

At least for one week, there is an observance of a different lifestyle. For one week at least there is a sought after balance trying to be achieved by the people involved in this lifestyle and those who support it. On one end of the teeter-totter are traditional heterosexual advocates and on the other end are the players promoting the value of this week, trying to achieve the weight needed to balance the sexual teeter-totter out.

Within this balancing attempt is another one that has been organized by a group of students who feel there needs to be a balance in the information given during the week.

A coalition of students is sponsoring a presentation by two women, who will advocate the ability to change from a gay lifestyle to a heterosexual lifestyle.

Jane Boyer and Penny Merrill are both counselors in Portland, who specialize in sexual behavior therapy.

Boyer was once a lesbian, and Penny Merrill had been married to a man for 30 years when she found out about his decision to pursue a homosexual lifestyle. Both women advocate the belief that being gay is something that doesn't have to be life-long. Boyer will tell how she was able to abandon the lifestyle.

While some people may not think it is right for such people to bring their views of treatable gay orientation, it is important to realize that the supporters of the gay lifestyle are on one side of the teeter-totter and the other side should have a chance to weight down their side in the pursuit of that ever elusive balance.

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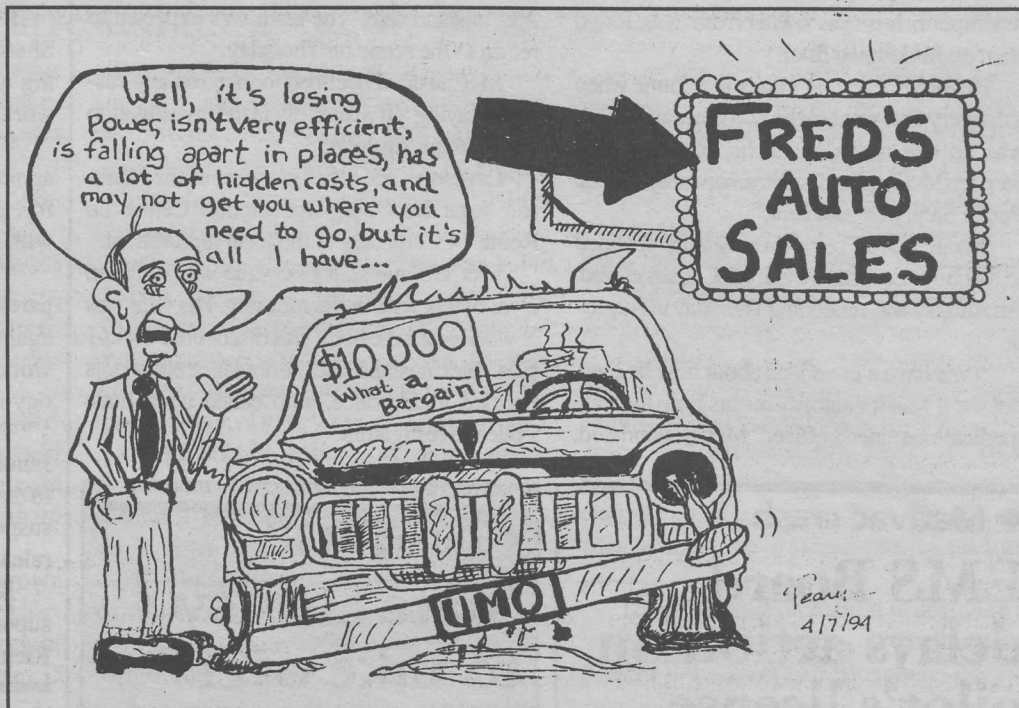
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◆ Student Government

What the students don't want

Two short months ago Student Government President Bob L'Heureux and Vice President Charles Allen were inaugurated as the new leaders of the student body at the University of Maine.

"As members of the General Student Senate and Student Government, we must earn the respect of the student body," L'Heureux told those present at his inauguration ceremony.

As student senators were hailing their new chief with applause when he uttered his first words as president, it's too bad someone didn't ask L'Heureux exactly what his definition of respect is. Thus far, earning the respect of students has appeared to be the last thing on the minds of L'Heureux and Allen.

Not long after getting their feet wet in their new office, the president and vice president have succeeded in throwing several UMaine students into a sea of uncertainty.

Norm Nelson, president of the Off-Campus Board, was one of the first victims to drown in this sea. Nelson was informed of a resolution calling for management of the Ram's Horn to be taken away from OCB only 10 minutes prior to the student senate meeting in which this resolution was introduced.

Nelson said he was upset that he didn't find out about the resolution sooner, especially considering that L'Heureux and Allen ran for office on the platform of communication. Perhaps Nelson read the profile of the two self-proclaimed communicators in *The Maine Campus* on Feb. 4 in which Allen said, "We're not going to go out and say we're going to fight this thing

on campus and that thing on campus, if we don't know that's what the students want or if we don't feel that's realistic for students. What we really want to do is find out what the students want."

Perhaps Shellie Batuski, an attorney for Student Legal Services, also read this quote and is confused by Allen saying one thing and doing another. Batuski was handed a letter from Student Government on March 29 telling her that SLS would be discussed at that night's senate meeting. To her shock, Batuski soon learned that Student Government was considering eliminating SLS and in effect her job.

How many of the students involved in the 150 to 160 unresolved SLS cases did L'Heureux and Allen talk to in order to "find out what the students want"?

It was only this week that the General Student Senate passed a resolution that will gather students' opinions concerning the elimination of SLS. So evidently L'Heureux and Allen's idea of opening the lines of communication is to shoot first and then ask the wounded for their opinions later. If the president and vice president continue this policy of firing shots at unsuspecting victims, they are likely to see more ricochets than they may be ready for.

In the words of Allen at the inauguration ceremony, "the future will be a true sign of what we're doing."

If this is a "true sign" of what L'Heureux and Allen are doing then the next sign they may run into will be held by the student body and will read "Stop."

◆ **Bosnian peace talks****US mediator returns to Balkans**

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. mediator Charles Redman is trying to revive lagging peace talks to end the two-year-old war in Bosnia. But with the Serbs still on the offensive, the United States is prepared to prod NATO to threaten them with an air attack.

Redman's tough assignment is to try to induce the Serbs to agree to a negotiated settlement even as they push an offensive against Gorazde and other Muslim enclaves in Bosnia. Joining a federation with Muslims and Croats would mean relinquishing some of the territory already under Serb control.

Redman will go to Sarajevo this week-end after stopping first in Zagreb, the Croatian capital.

While the Pentagon this week appeared to rule out using air power to lift the Serb siege of the Gorazde, officials said Wednesday that military assessment could be changed after a U.N. inspection.

A similar U.N. survey led to the ultimatum that forced the Serbs to end their siege of Sarajevo in February.

But Serb forces blocked the top U.N. commander, Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, from going to Gorazde. Instead, the British general went to Pale at the request of Bosnian Serb leaders to discuss the possibility of Bosnian cease-fire negotiations.

Rose was considering whether to dispatch Ukrainian peacekeepers to Gorazde and then whether to recommend they be protected by threatened air strikes. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Clinton administration would support the U.N. commander by asking

NATO to back him up.

American transport planes would ferry the Ukrainians to a staging area, the officials said, and if Serbs threatened their peace-keeping operations in Gorazde the United States would ask NATO to warn the Serbs to quit or face an air attack.

Three U.N. military observers and eight of Rose's liaison officers were permitted to proceed amid mixed reports about the fate of the town.

White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said, "We're looking at a number of ways to continue to deal with the situation (in Gorazde) and in other places in the country, including possibly expanding the exclusion-zone concept. ... It's something that's been under discussion since it was successful in Sarajevo."

Meanwhile, Rep. Frank McCloskey, D-Ind., just back from Bosnia, said the administration was turning away while Serb forces slaughter innocent civilians.

A longtime advocate of more forceful U.S. action, McCloskey said he planned to brief White House officials on his trip and urge a shift in administration policy.

Like President Clinton, McCloskey opposes sending U.S. ground troops to Bosnia until a peace settlement between the warring factions is achieved. But McCloskey wants the United States and NATO to expand the threat of air strikes beyond Sarajevo, to Gorazde and other besieged communities.

On Tuesday, Gen. John Shalikashvili, just back from his own Balkans survey, said the notion that NATO air strikes could save Gorazde may be "wishful thinking."

◆ **Alleged captives****Federal agents raid suburban home holding illegal chinese immigrants**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Residents of the Washington suburb thought they were getting new neighbors when they saw the U-Haul trucks arrive in the middle of the night. They were right — moving in were dozens of Chinese immigrants allegedly being held for ransom by smugglers.

Agents said 63 people were taken into custody after a federal raid on the small three-bedroom home in Mitchellville, Md. Another six were seized at a local restaurant, and the FBI said 12 were detained in New York.

John O'Malley of the Baltimore office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service said that because of language problems, it still was not clear who was a captive alien and who among the group was a captor. He said

the Mitchellville group appeared to be in good physical condition.

Officials said it appears the aliens were brought ashore in Virginia in mid-March and that the Maryland home was a holding point from which the alleged captives could be moved to New York.

Ronald Johnson, who lives two doors down from the house, said he was surprised by the raid. "I just thought somebody was moving in. I think I just saw one U-Haul truck," he said of the new residents.

Andy Manning, FBI spokesman in Baltimore, said neighbors saw rental trucks being backed up to the garage in the middle of the night, but they assumed it was furniture. "But apparently it was people."

◆ **Trade relations****Officials meet on agricultural issues**

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and Canadian negotiators are embarked on a new round of talks aimed at resolving disputes over trade in wheat and other farm goods.

No agreements were reached in a meeting Tuesday at the Canadian embassy, but both sides said further meetings would take place on dates to be scheduled.

"Today was basically reviewing what's happened and considering various options for how we might approach the matter," John Weekes, Canada's senior assistant deputy minister for Canada-U.S. relations, said before returning to Ottawa.

Weekes held out hope that the two countries

could resolve their disputes without resorting to high tariffs and other trade restrictions.

"I think the time has come to see whether we can't find a mutually agreed upon way of putting this behind us and move on to other things," he said.

"We did mainly stock-taking today," said Charles J. O'Mara, chief trade negotiator for the U.S. Agriculture Department. "We went through the full collection of issues and all the alternatives that are available."

The negotiations were the first since March 21, when Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy and Canadian Agriculture Minister Ralph Goodale met in Toronto.

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Film: Philadelphia, Hawk Auditorium, 9:30 pm Admission: \$1.

Tuesday, April 12
Film: Philadelphia, Hawk Auditorium, 7 pm and 9:30 pm, Admission \$1.

Wednesday, April 13
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Patric Walker

For Friday, April 8

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: There comes a time when even long established ties or associations have had their day. Consequently, there is simply no point in holding on to the past or trying to use finances as a threat or lever.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Dive in at the deep end, leaving your fears and insecurities behind — particularly when dealing with financial issues. You are now among friends and there is no need to be suspicious of others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Venus will exert a beneficial influence on intensely personal matters and will improve your bargaining power at work. Projects involving many people are also under favorable stars, so give them all you've got.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Life is made up of desires that appear all-consuming one day and inconsequential the next. We often gain what is best for us in the end. So leave well enough alone and allow others to work out their fantasies or resentments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Much now depends on how you assess your own capabilities and worth. To live and operate according to the dictates of your heart may take much courage and determination. But it would be foolish to deny your emotions.

LEO (July 23-August 22): You have a superb planetary setup to guide your footsteps. No matter how badly others have behaved or how many financial problems still must be solved you can begin to feel more energetic and optimistic about the future.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): There is no point pretending that Saturn passing through your opposite sign of Pisces signifies a time of heartwarming responses. But at least partners can no longer insist that the real issue isn't finances.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Putting yourself out for others may be commendable. But the time has come to determine whether certain individuals really deserve your trust, loyalty and devotion.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): By nature you aren't the one to tolerate deception or hype. But now, more than ever, you have the right to challenge those who are giving you the runaround concerning long-term interests.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): There is a solution to your current predicament. Real progress can be made by realizing that the forgiving mind is like a magnet that attracts only good, and that nothing will be withheld once you renounce anger and resentment.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): Even beneficial aspects involving Saturn can sometimes have a negative effect. But because Venus, the planet of love, is also involved in the planetary setup, disputes can easily be avoided if you'll compromise.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): Pull out all the stops while the tide of fortune is running so strongly in your favor. Above all, refuse to alter your stand over a business matter. Having held out for better terms, it would be foolish to lose your nerve now.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): Take advantage of a brilliant series of aspects to air your grievance. You loathe having to be so demanding with those you love, but it would be foolish to allow them to get away with things that will harm their long-term chances.

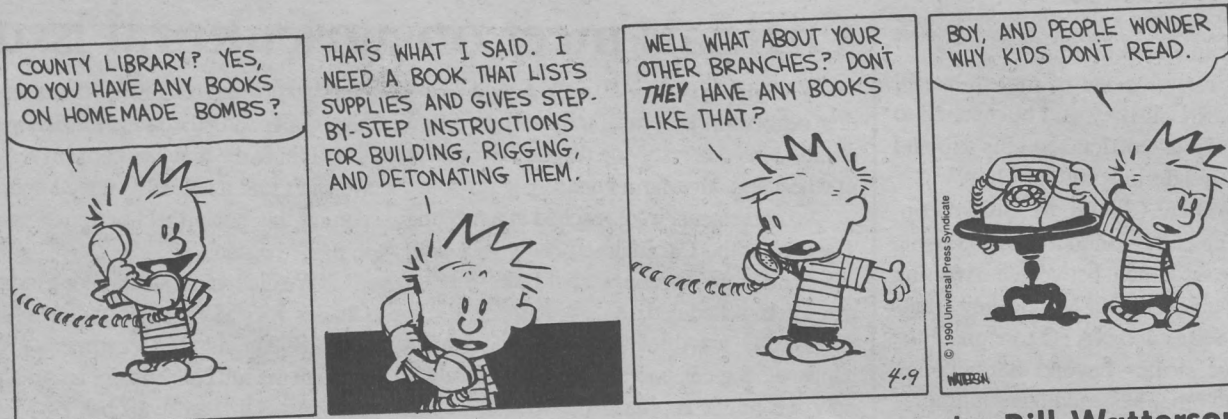
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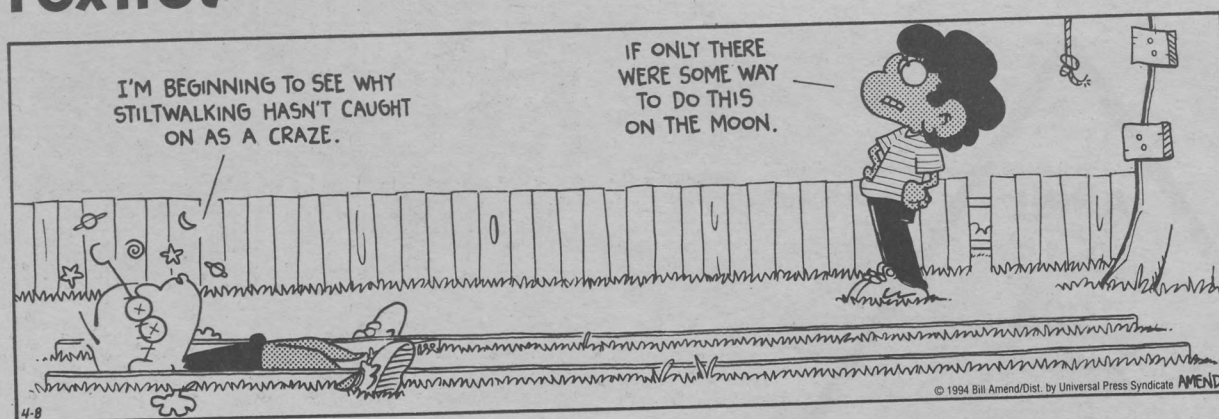
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For Saturday, April 9

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: It would be foolish to continue turning the other cheek or stifling your emotions. Disturbing or embarrassing situations must be faced head-on before you can pursue either personal or professional goals.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): At the risk of adding fuel to the fire, you must now take the initiative and flatly refuse to be silenced or side-tracked. Some kind of major upheaval or reorganization cannot be delayed much longer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't be hampered by shyness or pessimism. Carry on with a confidence and flair that disarms your critics. Forge your path with daring and enterprise. There are new territories to explore, and life can be much more fun and exciting.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stand your ground and make no adjustments that go against your beliefs. What transpires over the next three to four days may be difficult but, in the long term, events will also improve your bargaining power.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There needn't be a showdown or parting of the ways. Despite all your concern, accidents do happen. So it is your reaction to an error of judgment over a career matter that counts — not the error itself.

LEO (July 23-August 22): The New Moon in Aries is bound to give you more energy and self-confidence. Celebrate your achievements and share your experience, strength and hope with others.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): There comes a time when no amount of financial security or creature comforts can prevent a parting of the ways, and this is yours. You must summon up the courage to carve your own destiny.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Winning a contest won't bring you any rewards or prizes. Better by far to retain the respect of colleagues and the loyalty of loved ones. It must be apparent that even you can't be right all the time.

SCORPIO (October 23–November 21): Certain procedures on the work front no longer serve any useful purpose. So you now must make several decisive moves and even burn your bridges. Take it easy. After the 11th your way will be clearly posted.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Fight for the promotion or acceptance you seek. The next few days promise to be memorable, so begin as you mean to go on — convinced that your own creative talents must be put to better use.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): A battle of wits appears to be taking place on the home front and there is no way to gauge the outcome. You do have every right to question others' integrity, behavior, and motives.

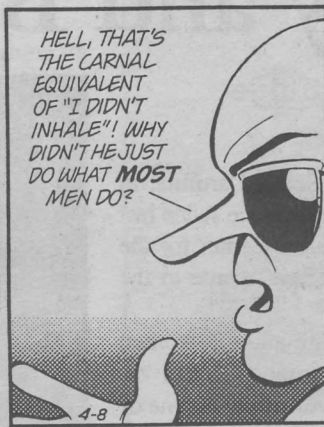
AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): Movement, travel and all forms of communication are highlighted by the New Moon on the 11th. Try to visualize what can be accomplished by a major alteration in your life, and don't be afraid to cast a wider net.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): Consider the advantages of settling for what is being offered. No doubt you deserve a larger slice of the cake, but in no time you should be able to maneuver yourself into a position where you can lay down the lay over finances or investments.

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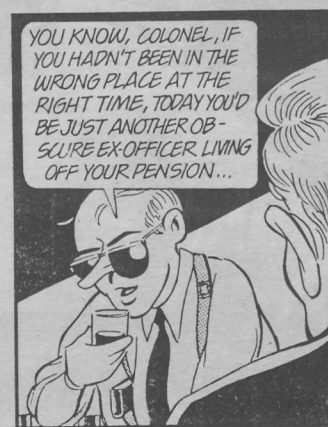
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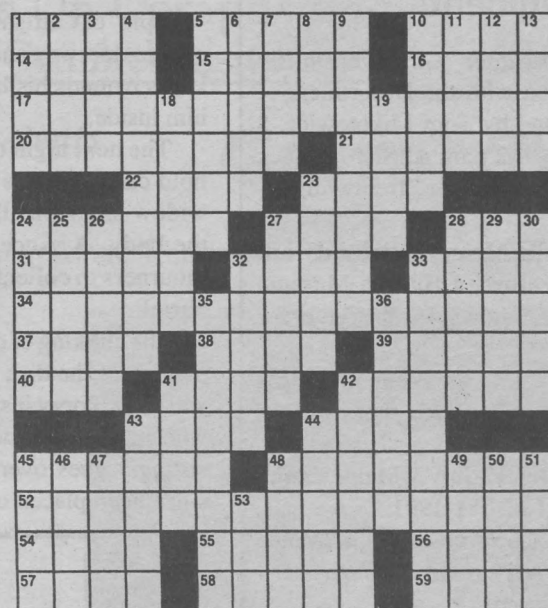
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- New exhibit on display in the Hudson Museum
- Black Dolls, Memorabilia and Children's Literature, offers an overview of history—its drawbacks and advances

What's new on the arts scene?

In the Near Future:

Comedy Cafe Series: "Judy Gold with Bill Burr," 9 p.m., Friday, April 8, Damn Yankee. Admission.

Fun and food for a good cause: "The Somebody Else Was Us," readers' theatre and fundraiser featuring Feminist Oral History Project Interviews with founding members of Spruce Run, followed by a Gala Chocolate Buffet to benefit Spruce Run, part of UMaine's Women's History Celebration, 7 p.m., Saturday, April 9, University College Center, Bangor campus. Admission. Call 945-5102 for details.

Dance: "Benefit Dance for Eastern Maine AIDS Network" hosted by Wilde Stein as part of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Awareness Week, 8 p.m., Saturday, April 9, Ram's Horn. Admission. Call 581-3138 for details.

Classical Music: "Academy of St. Martin in the Fields," 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10, Maine Center for the Arts. Admission.

On-Going Arts and Entertainment:

Maine Masque: "Guys and Dolls," in conjunction with the Department of Music directed by Tom Mikotowicz, 8 p.m. April 7-9; 2 p.m. April 10, Hauck Auditorium. Admission, free with student I.D.

Black Dolls, Memorabilia and Children's Literature, a Hudson Museum exhibit, April 5-July 3, Maine Center for the Arts.

Everyday Life of Women in Morocco, a Hudson Museum photo exhibit, part of UMaine's Women's History Celebration, March 15-July 3, Maine Center for the Arts. Call 581-1901.

Renaissance Manuscripts, a UMaine Museum of Art exhibit, through April 24, Fogler Library.

Campus Collection Sampler, a UMaine Museum of Art exhibit, through May 21, Hauck Gallery, Union.

Candace LeClaire: Recent Work, a UMaine Museum of Art exhibit, March 3-May 9, Hole in the Wall Gallery, Union.

The Maine Event — skits, music, friendship, refreshments, topics relevant to college students, offered by Campus Crusade for Christ, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m., North Bangor Lounge, Union. Call 581-8529 or 581-6329.

Movie and Live Music, every Thursday night at the Ram's Horn, 7:30 p.m. Call 581-1734.

Thursday Night at the Bear's Den, featuring live music, 9 p.m. Call 581-1734.

Movies from India, every Monday, 6:30 p.m., 101 Neville. Call 581-1734.

International Folk Dancing, every Monday, 7 p.m., Call 581-1734.

◆ Review

'Porgy and Bess' sizzles on stage

By Deanna L. Partridge
Staff Writer

Picture Charleston, South Carolina, in the early 1930s and you have the scene last Tuesday night at the Maine Center for the Arts when "Porgy and Bess" came to the stage.

It's a summer evening and the women are working and talking among themselves. The men are heavily involved in a game of craps. A couple argues about the man always being out with the guys on Saturday night. It's a regular evening down on Catfish Row.

Enter the hussy in a hot red dress and her flamboyant, drunken man — now the easy summer evening has got some trouble. The woman is Bess. She makes her way around the row flirting with all the men and perturbing all the women. Her man, Crown, starts brawling over the crapshooting. The action escalates from there and culminates in the murder of another man — Crown stabbed him with a cotton hook.

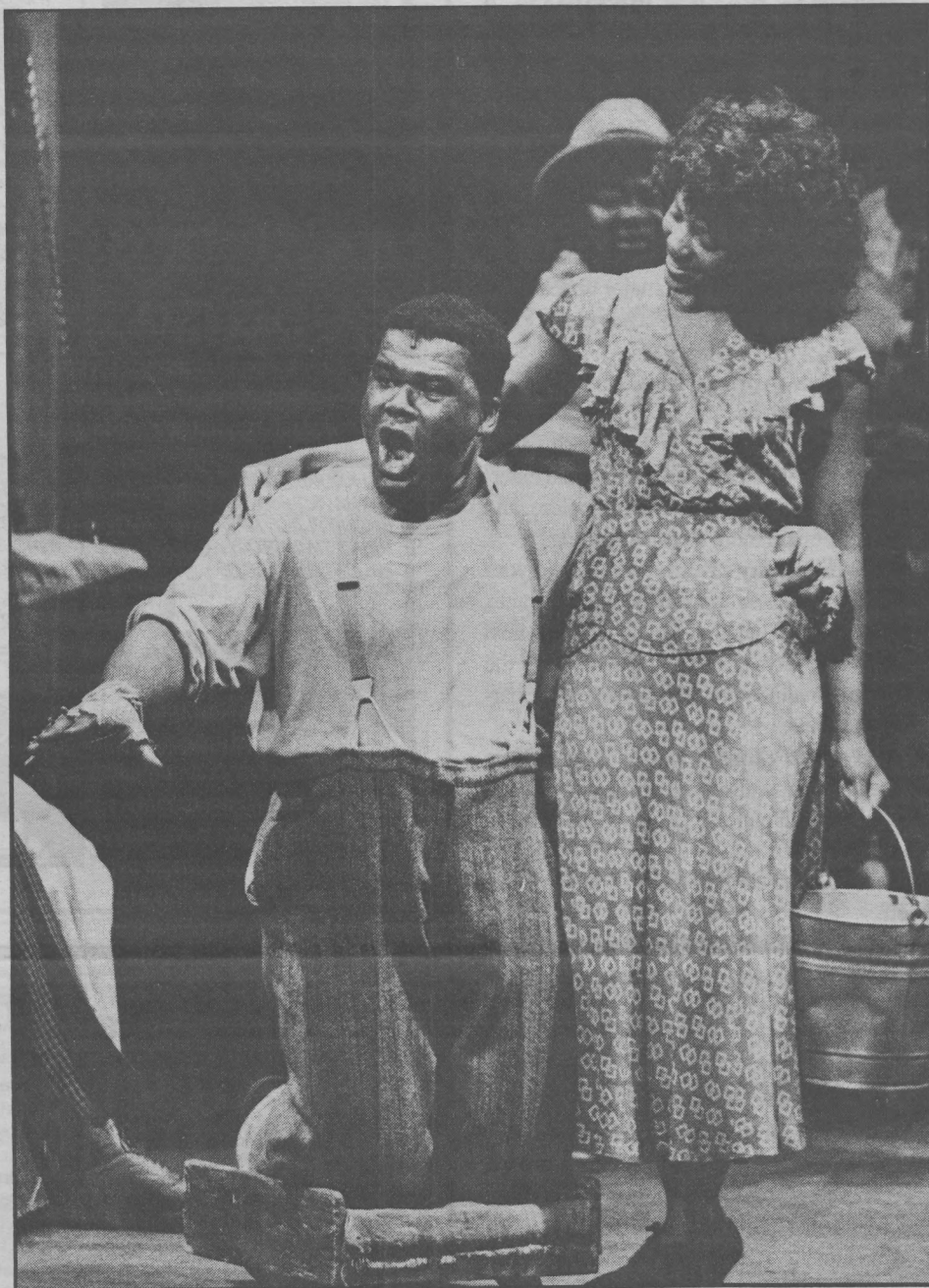
Crown flees the scene leaving Bess to fend for herself. The body is carried off and Bess is given the curt advice to hide herself away before the police come.

The audience is held in a moment of suspense, not quite emotionally involved enough with Bess to be as desperate as she is, but still absorbed by the dilemma.

Then there is Porgy, the gentle hearted "cripple" of Catfish Row. He draws back his curtain doorway and stretching up from his knees extends his hand to Bess, who joins him inside.

The next night the residents of the row hold calling hours for the slain man. His widow sits stoically dressed in black by the body. A saucer is passed among the mourners to collect enough money for the burial.

The clinking of change accompanies the passing of the dish until it comes to Porgy and Bess. Porgy insists that Bess be the one who puts in the money for them. She resistingly goes over to the saucer that has since been placed on the chest of her boy-



Porgy and Bess share a moment of brief happiness. (Boyd photo.)

friend's victim.

As Bess raises her hand to drop the money the widow suddenly bursts out "I don't need yo money!"

The tension filled the packed house. But Bess is with Porgy now, not Crown. The residents of Catfish Row are forgiving and

Bess places her money among that of the others.

Gospel and prayers are offered up to the dead man as the dish is passed around again and again. They need to raise the money

See PORGY & BESS

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By Mark Dehmlow
Staff Writer

This weekend I again strayed from the tentatively thought provoking films and picked up something mindless, really mindless. That's exactly what I got, really mindless. This week's video pick was "Fatal Instinct." I should have known better.

It centers around the main character Ned Ravine (Armand Assante), who is both a cop and a lawyer. His marriage is failing because he is never home due to his dual life.

His wife is having an affair with their mechanic and the two lovers have decided to collect on his insurance, which is worth a lot only if he is shot and falls from a moving train into a body of water. On top of this, Ned is being pursued by Lola Cain, who simply

just wants Ned's body. And then there is his ever-loving, sweet, innocent secretary (Sherilyn Fenn), who escaped from an abusive marriage by faking her death and now finds the apple of her eye to be Ned. The final plot twist is that a convict Ned unsuccessfully defended is getting out of jail with only one thing on his mind — revenge.

If the plot sounds even remotely hokey to you, well, that's because it is — in the most awful of ways. This movie spoofed everything from "Fatal Attraction" and "Basic Instinct" to "Cape Fear."

It had a couple of funny jokes, but I'm becoming tired of spoof movies. I want something original that will make me laugh. A movie where the jokes aren't stale, which tended to be the case with "Fatal Instinct." To put it bluntly, the movie makes a lot of stupid puns and bad jokes with a laugh once

in a while hiding among the all too many ill-chosen jokes.

I was disappointed because I know that Armand Assante is at least a decent actor with a small reputation around Hollywood for his talent, so this movie seemed to me like he was coping out, which puts a small dent in his reputation. I have also seen Sherilyn Fenn do better work.

I was in a mindless mood, but sometimes movies surpass mindlessness. This one did. It contained a lot of stupid jokes and pointless stabs at bed humor.

If you're in the mood for something pointless and mindless, pick this up. If you're in the mood for something creative, fresh and funny, go to the comedy shelf where all the classics are and pick up a copy of "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" or "Monty Python and the Holy Grail."

Out on Tape



◆ Hudson Museum

Exhibit chronicles changes in society with dolls

By Deanna L. Partridge
Staff Writer

A must-exhibit for people of all ages and backgrounds opened at the Hudson Museum this week.

"Black Dolls, Memorabilia and Children's Literature" spans a history that most Americans should be ashamed of and accomplishments of which African Americans should be proud.

The pieces run the spectrum from images with ape-like features and clown-wide eyes to realistically detailed dolls dressed in traditional African garb.

Many of the pieces are homemade, such as cornhusk figures and rag dolls, several of which were produced in Maine. Others are products of mass production coming from as far away as Germany.

Many exploited ongoing racial stereotypes, such as Mammy and Sambo with their watermelon; while still others were created to provide a source of culture among children who were lacking dolls that were reflective of their own identity.

Aunt Jemima is a well-known image even today for consumers of pancakes and maple syrup. The story behind how Aunt Jemima made her way into the consumers' consciousness is perhaps not as well-known.

The R.T. Davis Milling Company hired a black cook named Nancy Green to take on the persona of Aunt Jemima. The company then fabricated a whole history for the fictitious character, which included her being a former slave famous for her pancake recipe.

Even though Nancy Cook died in 1923, the company continued to use the Aunt Jemima myth until the 1960s and her image, although slightly altered is still present on products.

The company offered a rag doll family as an incentive to buy their products. The dolls feature Aunt Jemima and relatives printed

on sheets that are sewn together and stuffed.

The dolls have an element of ugliness to them and they, along with the myth of Aunt Jemima, served to, perhaps unconsciously, perpetuate the black race in the role of servant and pauper.

Many pieces in exhibit are disturbing for the attitudes they represent and the stereotypes they perpetuate. This was not just an American phenomenon, however.

Golliwogs first originated from an English children's story in 1895. The story was about a black doll with bushy hair, exaggerated eyes and big red lips who wore a blue coat and red pants. The image of the golliwogg made its way onto marmalade jars and into figurine collections. The term is now understandably considered derogatory.

None is more blatantly horrifying than a small ceramic bank. The bank is of an alligator devouring an African American child. The caption that accompanies the memorabilia states that black children were considered to have little to no value and were often referred to as alligator bait.

A 1890 German Bisque doll has faces on both sides of its head. The doll was created to supposedly depict the different variations of skin color among blacks.

A Topsy-Turvy doll from 1901 has a black child on one end, but a white child is revealed on the other end under the dress when the doll is flipped upside down. The doll wasn't intended to make some great statement about us all being human or alike underneath. Instead, it depicts the black child in servant garb and the white child in much nicer clothing, representing superiority.

The 1930s brought mass produced black composition dolls. Even this step forward must be questioned because the dolls were made out of the same molds as white dolls,

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A ceramic bank depicts an alligator eating and African American child. (Geyerhahn photo.)

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Porgy and Bess

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because if they don't the body will be confiscated and given to medical students to study.

The singing here on the part of the widow is amazing. She had such range and power that the emotions of a woman in her situation transcended all artificial barriers of race or condition. This was pure emotion and drama on her part, which was well appreciated and rewarded by the audience.

Enter the white detective. A transformation overtakes the residents of Catfish Row. They transform instantly from proud and self-assured human beings to subservient, quiet creatures with heads bowed. The detective harasses the mourners by shining a flashlight in their faces and demanding answers. His authoritarian clatter is a harsh contrast to the sweet southern drawl and spiritual singing that had filled the room before his invasion.

Bess is hiding from the detective this whole time and the community seems to cover for her, offering no information about the murder.

A month later, Bess appears to have fit into life on Catfish Row fairly well. Porgy is quite happy and demonstrates his mood by singing about how, even though he has nothing in the material sense of the word, he has everything he needs so long as he has his soul and his spirit. Bess, presumably has a lot to do with this.

Remnants of the past still pester Bess, though, such as the foreshadowing of Sportin' Life trying to entice Bess with drugs and talk of money to run away with him to New York.

Crown also re-enters the picture during a

picnic that Bess attended without Porgy on Kittiwah Island.

Crown had been hiding out on the island and prevented Bess from leaving him once the picnic was over. Bess does return to Porgy but not until a week had passed. He takes her back despite knowing where she's been.

Crown, never one to take no for an answer, comes back to Catfish Row in the middle of a deadly hurricane to take Bess back. Porgy refuses to give up his love and the me struggle. Crown jumping around the stage and taunts Porgy who scrambles on his knees.

With a flash of lightning and a clap of thunder, Porgy murders Crown in a crime of passion. The storm falls silent as Porgy yells out, "Bess, you got a man now — You got Porgy!"

What easily could have been a climactic end continues as the same detective appears at dawn to investigate this second murder. He takes Porgy to identify the body, not realizing that he is the murderer.

Porgy refuses to look at the body and is thrown in jail for contempt of court. That same afternoon, Bess breaks her will and runs away to New York with Sportin' Life, hooked on "happy dust" just like she was when the performance began.

Porgy returns home a week later to find his Bess gone. The curtain closes with Porgy asking the way to New York and setting off to find his woman.

There was not too much about this performance with which to find fault. With a score by George and Ira Gershwin and a live

orchestra to perform it, the odds are already stacked favorably.

The scenic design proved very workable with catwalks and drop curtains providing opportunities for choreography to expand above the stage. Often the eyes were drawn to the shadows cast across the large sheet wall used to represent an inner room.

The backdrop served as time keeper for the performance, gradually transforming from early dawn to evening. The great storm was created with flashing strobe lights.

The voices of the performers were easily heard because they were miked, yet their comprehensibility during the first quarter of the performance was questionable. As the performance progressed, the lyrics were clearer. Some performers, such as William Marshall who played Porgy, had better diction than others, even though they all sounded wonderful.

Part of the difficulty in enjoying this particular performance stemmed from the shortcomings of the program. There was no synopsis of the production provided for those who might have been unfamiliar with the entirety of the plot or who may have benefited from a refresher of the storyline.

So at times, one's concentration was directed on sorting out the action on stage rather than focusing on the beauty of the lyrics. With the caliber of the performance, this proved to be only a minor distraction at points.

Again, the Maine Center for the Arts presents another high-quality performance for an appreciative audience.

Dolls

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thus having the identical features and not being really representative. The only difference between the white doll and the black dolls beside their skin pigmentation was that the black dolls were dressed more plainly.

A positive move was made in the 1950s by a Florida woman that led to an article in Life magazine. Sara Lee Creech was concerned about the lack of black dolls available to children. She photographed African American children in her town of Belle Glade and commissioned a sculptor to design several dolls that would be anthropologically correct. Her efforts led to the vinyl Saralee doll that was the subject of the 1951 Life article reiterating the lack of black dolls available.

Ten of dollmaker I. Roberta Bell's 27

"Bertabel's Dolls" are included in the display. Each doll is designed and handcrafted with heads and hands of porcelain and cloth bodies stuffed with sawdust, and they depict famous African Americans. This collection of historical figures is represented by abolitionist and women's rights activist Sojourner Truth, Arctic explorer Matthew Henson, and agricultural scientist Dr. George Washington Carver, just to name a few.

The now deceased Bell was the first African American elected to the National Institute of American Doll artists. She began creating the dolls in 1950, using the techniques she learned from her father who wanted his daughter to have black dolls as a child.

Contemporary creations are also on display. Beautiful dolls of African children

with traditional jewelry stand next to a Julius Irving basketball action figure from the 1970s.

In other cases, books from the era of Little Sambo to contemporary award-winning works rest side-by-side in a quiet statement of progress.

Its opening coinciding with the Maine Center for the Arts production of "Porgy and Bess," Tuesday, April 5, "Black Dolls, Memorabilia and Children's Literature," will be on display until July 3.

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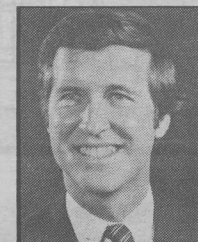
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Lemieux fined for charging ref

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mario Lemieux was fined \$500 and warned for charging referee Kerry Fraser.

The Pittsburgh star bolted from the penalty box and skated toward Fraser during the first period of the Penguins' 2-1 victory over Tampa Bay on Monday. Lemieux was ejected for only the third time in his 10-year career.

The \$500 fine was the maximum NHL vice president Brian Burke could impose under the league's collective bargaining agreement.

Fraser failed to call a penalty when Lightning defenseman Roman Hamrlik and Chris Joseph stuck their sticks between Lemieux's legs and dumped him to the ice while he carried the puck. He later called Lemieux for a high-sticking penalty.

In his most critical remarks since ridiculing the NHL in 1992 as being a "garage league," Lemieux said the league's reluctance to enforce interference rules has him reconsidering retirement.

Clemson center declares for NBA draft

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Clemson center Sharone Wright, saying it's time to move on, will forgo his senior season and enter the NBA draft.

The 6-foot-11, 260-pound junior from Macon, Ga., averaged 15.4 points and 10.6 rebounds this season and led the Tigers with 99 blocked shots.

NBA scouts believe Wright will be drafted between fourth and 10th overall.

Under a new NBA rule, underclassmen can declare for the NBA draft and return to college. If the player is drafted and returns to school, the same team retains rights to him for another year.

Top three seeds advance in Japan Open

TOKYO (AP) — Pete Sampras, Michael Chang and Boris Becker, the top three seeds, advanced to the third round of the \$1.21 million Japan Open.

Also advancing were fourth-seeded Ivan Lendl, fifth-seeded Aaron Krickstein and sixth-seeded Brad Gilbert.

Defending champion Sampras scored a 6-3, 7-6 (7-5) victory over Russian Andrei Olhovskiy; Chang topped Doug Flach 6-1, 7-6 (7-2); Becker downed Frenchman Stephane Simian 6-3, 7-6 (7-5); Lendl ousted Canadian Sebastian Lareau 6-1, 6-4; Krickstein trounced Italian Gianluca Pozzi 6-1, 6-1, and Gilbert beat Australian qualifier Michael Tebbutt 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2).

David Wheaton upset eighth-seeded Amos Mansdorf of Israel 6-3, 5-7, 6-1.

◆ College hockey

East-West Shrine game has Hobey flavor

By Chad Finn
Sports Editor

For the second consecutive year, the University of Maine's Alford Arena will be the site of the Shrine East-West College Hockey Classic, the sport's annual showcase of 42 of the best senior players in the country.

Also for the second consecutive year, the game should be a fan's delight — a high-scoring, "I can top that move," affair featuring defense only a matador could appreciate.

"It's going to be a great game for the people in the seats," said University of Maine coach Shawn Walsh of this year's contest, which takes place Saturday night at 7 p.m. "There will truly be a great collection of players on the ice."

Included among those players will be

eight of the 10 Hobey Baker finalists, including the winner, right wing Chris Marinucci of Minnesota-Duluth.

Originally all 10 Hobey nominees were scheduled to participate, but RPI goalie Neil Little signed a contract with the NHL's Philadelphia Flyers Wednesday, and Michigan goalie Steve Shields won't be able to play due to an academic commitment.

Still, there should be some interesting competition between the players, many of whom are already well aware of each other's reputations.

"I'm sure a lot of the guys who didn't win the Hobey Baker are going to be trying to outplay Marinucci," Walsh said. "Especially because there are going to be a lot of scouts there trying to get a feel for what some of these kids can do."

Among those who will be trying to catch a scout's eye in hopes of hooking on some-

where next season is UMaine's own Cal Ingraham. Ingraham, the nation's leading goal scorer as a junior with 46, slumped to 12 goals this season in a year marred by an eligibility problem and the controversy surrounding the UMaine program.

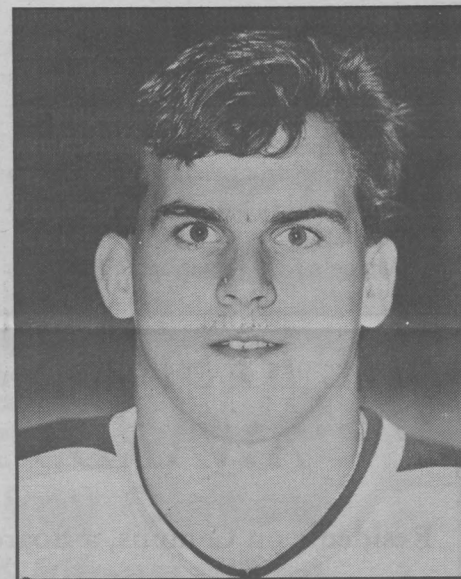
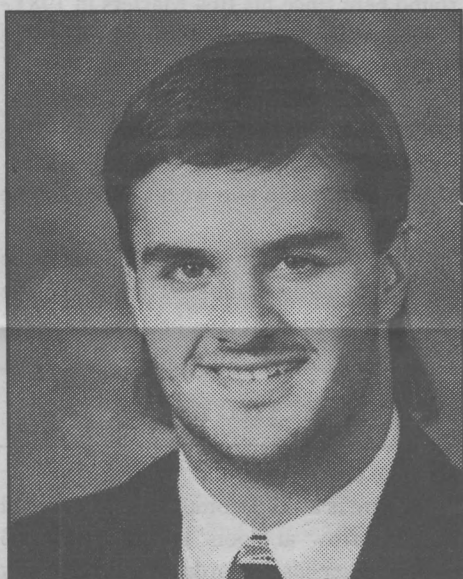
"Cal is one of the guys who might be playing for a contract," Walsh said. "If he has a good game and plays like the Cal Ingraham Maine fans are used to, who knows whose attention he might catch."

Walsh said ticket sales, of which all proceeds go to the 22 Shrine Hospitals for burned and crippled children, are going well.

"We've sold about 3,000 tickets, and there is a discount for UMaine students so they will only cost eight bucks," Walsh said. "It's a worthwhile cause and it should be a great game, so I hope as many people as

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Hobey Baker winner Chris Marinucci of Minnesota-Duluth (left), runner-up Craig Conroy of Clarkson and UMaine's own Cal Ingraham will be among the 42 seniors participating in the Shrine East-West College Hockey Classic. (File, Boyd photos.)

◆ UMaine baseball

Bears finding the groove

By John Black
Sports Writer

After getting roughed up on their West Coast road swing, the University of Maine baseball team has reversed its fortunes since returning East.

The Black Bears, 6-21 overall and 4-3 in the North Atlantic Conference, have won four of their last five heading into their game today with the Providence College Friars. UMaine will also play a double-header on Saturday and Sunday against the Boston University Terriers.

Wednesday's 13-4 win over the Holy Cross Crusaders saw the Black Bears plate a season-high in runs. The 16 hits were also a season best.

UMaine should get a lift this weekend with the return of senior tri-captain Todd Livingston.

Livingston, a shortstop, has been out of the lineup since the fifth game of the season with a posterior cruciate ligament injury to his left knee. Livingston will get some at bats as a designated hitter.

The "Baby Bears" (15 UMaine players

have made their collegiate debuts this spring) bats have also come to life.

Freshman center fielder Matt Huff is hitting at a .321 clip (10-31) over the last 15 games while leading the team in stolen bases with 13 in 16 attempts.

Another freshman, Nick Caiazzo, is batting .339 (20-59) over the past 20 games. Caiazzo 17 runs batted in leads the team.

Shiro Ando might be swinging the hottest bat, hitting .421 (9-19), including his first collegiate home run, over his last five games.

Junior catcher Steve Puleo's .400 batting average and 38 hits are team bests.

The pitching staff has been anchored by the first-year players, who have combined for a 5.25 ERA compared to 7.01 for the rest of the staff.

Senior tri-captain Mark Ballard is 1-4 with a 4.86 ERA after ending a four-game losing streak with a win last weekend against the Hartford Hawks.

Freshman lefthander Jim Hanning is 1-2 with a 4.73 ERA while LeRoy Deck-

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◆ UMaine sports notebook

Smith leads UMaine softball squad

By Chris DeBeck
Sports Writer

The University of Maine softball team swings back into action next weekend with four non-conference games in Boston.

The Black Bears, currently 16-10 on the season, face Harvard University on Saturday in a double-header, with the first game set for 1:00 p.m. Saturday. Then they take on Boston College in two more games Sunday, starting at 12:00 p.m.

Deb Smith leads the Black Bears both at the plate and in the circle. As an outfielder-pitcher, Smith is currently hitting .411 with 3 homers and 13 RBI at the plate, and is sporting a 9-3 record with a 1.46 ERA, with 52 strikeouts and 12 complete games as a pitcher.

She also holds UMaine records for most career doubles (34), is tied for first

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in career home runs (5), and leads the North Atlantic Conference with nine doubles.

Smith is complemented by junior pitcher Cindy Harrington, UMaine's number two starter. Harrington has a 5-5 record and a 2.82 ERA in nine starts, while also saving one game.

Kristin Steele (3b, .333, 0 homers and 13 RBI), Lisa Swain (1b-of, .370, 1-12), and Kris Gorman (ss, .292, 1-14) have provided senior leadership for the youth-laden Black Bears, as does sophomore catcher Kelly Dow (.253, 0-4).

First baseman Shelly Lefevre, one of eight freshmen on the squad, has stepped in for UMaine at first. She is currently batting .290, with one homerun and 12 RBI.

The Black Bear softball squad is scheduled to open their home season, after 31 games on the road, on April 16 against conference rival Boston University at Lengyel Field.

•An announcement on an interim athletic director could come today, according to University of Maine spokeswoman Kay Hyatt.

Discussions are underway, she added, and that the university is hoping to make such an announcement by the end of this week.

The interim athletic director would be UMaine's third athletic director this season. UMaine Vice President for Business and Finance Charles Rauch stepped in when Ploszek was suspended for one week on Feb. 27 for allowing ineligible athletes to compete.

Ploszek resigned as athletic director on April 9, with the resignation to take effect on April 15.

•Finally, the UMaine track squads return to action with meets this weekend.

The men and the women will travel to Rochester, N.H. for a meet with NAC teams New Hampshire and Vermont Saturday afternoon.

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er, a junior, sports a 2-3 record and 7.16 ERA.

In the bullpen, Dave Foran and Ryan Smith each have recorded a save. Foran has been the workhorse out of the pen with seven appearances.

On the injury front, senior first baseman Glen Stupienski remains sidelined with a separated left shoulder.

UMaine's four games against hapless

BU look to be a great opportunity to pick up ground in the NAC standings. The Northeastern Huskies lead the conference with a 6-0 mark.

The Terriers are firmly entrenched in last place with an 0-12 overall record, including 0-6 in the NAC.

UMaine is 13-3 overall against the Terriers, winning four in a row and 11 of their last 13 meetings.

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♦ The Masters

Mize takes the lead, Norman hangs tough

By Ron Sirak
AP Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Larry Mize survived the weird winds and prickly pin positions at Augusta National on Thursday to take the lead at the Masters, and Greg Norman battled his first-round jinx with a gutsy performance that left him two strokes back.

Mize rebounded from a bogey at No. 15, where he was one of a slew of players hitting into the water, to birdie 18 and finish at 4-under-par 68.

"Maybe I'm dumb, but I just didn't think the pins were that tough," Mize, the 1987 Masters champion, said. "You expect them to be tough here."

He needed only 25 putts.

Tom Kite and South African Fultom Allem were a stroke back at 69.

Norman, who has averaged 73.5 in the first round of his 13 previous Masters, had six birdies, six bogeys and an eagle for a 2-under-par 70. He hasn't broken 70 in his first round here since his first Masters in 1981.

He made only two pars on the back nine — 11 and 15 — and finished bogey, birdie, bogey, hitting the sand at 16 and 18.

Norman's six bogeys Thursday were five more than he made in 72 holes at The Players Championship two weeks ago when he shot 24 under par.

On a day in which unusual winds from the northwest confused club selection on a course that usually plays to southerly winds, ball

after ball plunked into the water at 15.

Tom Watson, the 44-year-old two-time Masters champion, was in the lead at 4-under-par until he made a triple bogey 8 after finding the water at 15. He bounced back with a birdie on 18 to finish at 2-under-par 70.

Watson, Mize, Norman, Payne Stewart and Nolan Henke were among the players who hit the drink at 15. Henke made 10 on the hole.

Norman slapped his second shot into the water on the par-5 hole, but rolled in a 15-foot putt to save par. You would have thought it was Sunday and he had just won his first Masters. He tossed the ball into the crowd and smiled from ear to ear as he walked off the green.

Joining Watson and Norman at 70 were Tom Lehman, 51-year-old Raymond Floyd, Seve Ballesteros and Vijay Singh.

The only others to break par were Australian Ian Baker-Finch, Corey Pavin, Russ Cochran, Brad Faxon, Chip Beck, Hajime Meshiai of Japan and 58-year-old South African Gary Player, a three-time Masters champion, all at 1 under par.

Jay Haas, Jim McGovern, Bill Glasson, John Huston and U.S. amateur champion John Harris finished at even par.

Defending champion Bernhard Langer of Germany was at 2-over-par 74, as was Nick Price of Zimbabwe. Nick Faldo, John Daly and Ian Woosnam all struggled to 76.

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possible come out."

•There is a skills competition scheduled for tomorrow at noon. It will determine which player has the hardest shot and who is the fastest skater among other things. It is free to the public.

•Three of the Hobey Baker finalists will join Ingraham on the East squad — UMass-

Lowell goalie Dwayne Roloson, Harvard defenseman Sean McCann and Hobey runner-up Craig Conroy of Clarkson.

David Oliver and Brian Wiseman of Michigan, Dean Fedorchuk of Alaska-Fairbanks, Minnesota-Duluth's Marinucci and Jamie Ram of Michigan Tech are Hobey finalists who will represent the West.

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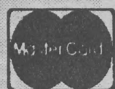
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◆ More Tonya

USOC ignores Harding

By Andrew Waters
Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A black-tie dinner and White House ceremony next week is expected to draw 150 athletes who competed in the Lillehammer Winter Olympics. Tonya Harding won't be one of them.

The U.S. Olympic Committee, which lost a court battle to hold hearings on whether Harding could skate in the Olympics, decided not to invite her to the event, USOC spokesman Mike Moran said Thursday.

"This is a social event we are sponsoring for the Olympic team and we thought we would be well advised not to create a distraction in Washington for this series of events," Moran said from the USOC's headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Harding pleaded guilty last month to a conspiracy charge in the Jan. 6 attack on Nancy Kerrigan during the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit.

After being struck on the knee with a metal baton, Kerrigan was unable to finish the competition. Harding subsequently won

the event and a place on the U.S. Olympic team.

Harding's attorney, Bob Weaver, said the USOC's decision to exclude Harding from the White House reception was impolite, considering she was a member of the Olympic team.

"It was kind of small of them to do," he said, adding that he did not know whether she would have gone, anyway.

As part of her plea bargain, Harding agreed to probation that restricts her travel to Oregon, Washington and California. She would need her probation officer's permission to go to Washington, D.C.

Moran said he did not recall an athlete ever having been excluded from the annual White House reception, scheduled for Wednesday.

"But I do not recall in my history of sports ... an issue of this kind in which individuals who were associated with an athlete tried to cripple and maim another athlete for the purpose of not only skewing the competition but maybe ending that athlete's career," he said.

◆ Michael Jordan

Jordan prepares for Double A debut

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

HOOVER, Ala. (AP) — When Casey Stengel was managing the hapless New York Mets in the 1960s, he used to ask: "Can anyone here play this game?" Now everyone wants to know: "Can Michael Jordan play this game?"

It will take weeks, months, maybe even years to get a definite verdict.

"It's going to be a fun year down here," said Jordan, who makes his minor-league debut Friday night for the Birmingham Barons, the Double-A affiliate of the Chicago White Sox.

"I plan to play as often as I can, play hard and let my skills determine how far I go. The only goal I can set is to enjoy myself."

Jordan, who returned to Chicago on Thursday to play in the Windy City Classic exhibition game, will start in right field and bat sixth or seventh.

While most observers consider it impossible for a 31-year-old former basketball star to make the transition to a sport he hasn't played since high school, Jordan has at least shown dedication to the endeavor if not much success.

Jordan shows up early to watch films of the major-league stars he hopes to emulate. He stays late to take some extra swings in the indoor batting cage at suburban Hoover Metropolitan Stadium.

"Michael is an exceptional athlete and only time will tell," said second baseman Steve Sax, who's on an injury-rehab assignment. "At first, the ball was coming

off his bat like mush. But he's stinging it pretty good right now."

Not content to make 12-hour trips on the Barons' old bus, Jordan is purchasing a \$350,000 luxury vehicle similar to one used by touring rock stars. It has 35 reclining seats, six televisions and a VCR, and a lounge area with wet bar in the rear.

"It's the latest thing," said Joe Thrasher, president of the Thrasher Brothers Bus Company which has been the Barons' charter service for the past 14 years. "It's like stepping into a new airplane. It just never leaves the ground."

Jordan, who is 6-foot-6, said he wanted a bus that would give him room to stretch out. "My biggest concern is my knees," he said. "As long as I can get some leg room, I'll be able to sleep."

Jordan has been living at a hotel, but he hopes to eventually rent a home close to the stadium. His requirements: four or five bedrooms with a price range of \$3,000 to \$5,000 per month. If the house is near a golf course, that would be good, too.

"I'm here to play baseball first," said Jordan, whose wife and three children will join him in Birmingham when school's out in Chicago. "If I have time to play golf, that would be great. But if I don't, I just don't."

The Hoover "Met" is a gleaming, six-year-old park with all the amenities of a big-league stadium, including luxury boxes and an expansive clubhouse.

In the prosperous suburbs south of Birmingham, the Met has 10,800 seats and up to 3,200 more people can sit on the grassy banks that extend down each foul line.

The Masters

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Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer both shot 78.

The greens are always a factor at Augusta were complicated by some tough pin placements even by Masters' standards.

Norman got an indication right off the bat that this might be his year. He blocked his tee shot on No. 1, pushing it right and rattling it off an oak tree. The ball dropped down directly behind a tree, leaving him no shot at the green.

As Norman approached his ball, a broad smile swept over his face and he turned toward an official who smiled back and nodded. Norman's stance was obstructed by

a sprinkler cover and he got a club-length drop, giving him a shot at the green. He hit short, chipped up and saved par.

The 39-year-old Australian followed with a birdie on the par-5 second hole and was on his way.

Scott Simpson, who shot a 2-over-par 74, was an early victim of the fast greens and tough pin placements. On No. 1 he hit a drive, a 5-iron, a putter, a sandwedge and a putter. His first putt, from about 25 feet, rolled 4 feet past the hole, caught the downslope, rolled another 15 feet to the edge of the green and ended about 10 yards down the fairway, leaving him a chip back.



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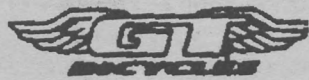
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◆ MLB

Dawson, Naehring, Greenwell homers power Red Sox, 9-6

BOSTON (AP) — Boston had seven extra-base hits Thursday, including homers by Mike Greenwell, Andre Dawson and Tim Naehring, as they beat the Detroit 9-6 for a sweep of their season-opening, three-game series.

Detroit also had three homers — two-run drives by Cecil Fielder and Dan Bautista, and a solo shot by Lou Whitaker.

Greenwell had a triple and his second homer of the year, Dawson hit a two-run homer and drove in another run with a bases-loaded walk, and Naehring's three-run shot made it 9-4 in the sev-

enth.

Boston fell behind early as Fielder hit his first homer in the first. Kirk Gibson made the score 3-0 with a sacrifice fly in the second off Danny Darwin (1-0).

Greg Blosser's RBI single made it 3-1 in the second against Tim Belcher (0-1). Greenwell led off the third with a homer.

Twins 7, Angels 4

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Scott Erickson gave up 11 hits Thursday but still helped Minnesota to their first victory of this season, 7-4 over California.

Dave Winfield drove in three runs and

Kirby Puckett two for the Twins.

Erickson earned his 50th career victory, allowing two runs in 6 1-3 innings.

Mark Guthrie relieved and allowed Chili Davis' two-run homer. Rick Aguilera pitched two innings of relief for the save.

Chuck Finley allowed six runs — five earned — and eight hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Minnesota scored an unearned run in the second. Winfield doubled and scored when third baseman Spike Owen threw wide of first for an error on David McCarty's grounder.

Yankees 18, Rangers 6

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Gallego homered twice, Danny Tartabull drove in four runs and Bernie Williams hit a three-run homer Thursday as New York scored its most runs at Yankee Stadium in 39 years and routed the Texas Rangers 18-6.

New York, which had 19 hits, hadn't scored as many runs at home since a 19-1 victory against the Washington Senators on April 13, 1955. The last time the Yankees scored this many runs anywhere was a 18-5 victory at Minnesota on April 18, 1988.

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