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• Graduation

Longer stays in school a trend

By Karthryn Ritchie
Staff Writer

Don't be too surprised this May when only about 26 percent of fourth-year students graduate. It's part of a growing national trend.

"It seems to be taking students slightly longer to graduate," said Phil Pratt, senior research analyst at Institutional Studies on campus. "While the four year graduation rate has gone down, the five and six year rates have gone up."

Between 20 and 22 percent of students are taking five years to graduate, and between 4 and 6 percent are taking six years, according to Pratt.

According to university administrators, the trend has come about for a variety of reasons.

"If a student had the money, time and focus, they could graduate in four years, taking 15 credits a semester," said Marisue Pickering, associate vice-president for academic affairs. "(But) I see students putting more interest in balancing their lives."

Pickering believes that an "interweaving of factors" is involved: students are working at part-time jobs, taking fewer credits per semester, and in the case of non-traditional students, trying to care for a family on the side.

"The norm now is five years," said Pickering, adding that it's hard for some parents to accept, since their generation was able to graduate in four.

"It doesn't have to do with not getting the right courses, it's a case of either not wanting to work at that fast pace or not being able to," said Don

Stimpson, associate dean of the College of Natural Resources, Forestry and Agriculture.

Stimpson had a practical view of the situation, saying that there is simply more knowledge to learn today than a few generations ago.

"To keep the curriculum to a four-year limit is getting harder," Stimpson said.

Gerald Herlihy, also an associate vice-president for academic affairs, stressed economics as the biggest factor in students taking longer to graduate.

Universities used to charge a flat-rate tuition regardless of the number of classes, Herlihy said, but now charge per credit hour, which makes it more expensive.

He said also that dropping courses mid-semester, changing majors, and getting into academic trouble also were factors in the five year trend.

Currently, most majors require between 120 and 136 credit hours. Those are numbers Herlihy "can't imagine" changing.

"In terms of competitiveness, American education is already falling behind. If you cut back, it'll get worse," Herlihy said.

The largest number of UMaine students tracked by the Institutional Studies is the 45 percent that don't receive degrees from this university. Most of these students leave during their freshman year. According to Pickering, the retention rate has gone up in the past few years, and the university is encouraging creative approaches to serving these students better.

• Maine hockey

Violations plague hockey team

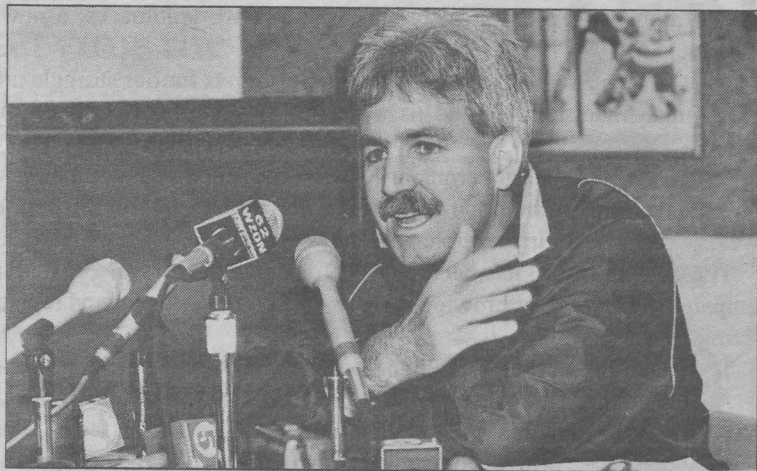
By Larry Rogers
Staff Writer

The University of Maine hockey team has advanced to the NCAA playoffs eight times in the last nine seasons, including last year when it made it to the title game against Boston University.

The Black Bears, ranked in the top 10 for most of this season, will now have to wait until 1997 to have another shot at an NCAA championship.

On Dec. 21, UMaine Director of Athletics Suzanne Tyler and President Frederick Hutchinson announced that the university has prohibited the hockey team from competing in the NCAA tournament and that head coach Shawn Walsh was suspended for a year without pay starting Dec. 24. Walsh vowed to return as head coach after his suspension is up. Assistant coach Greg Cronin has become the acting head coach.

Tyler and the university reached the decision following the conclusion of an 18-month investigation



Suspended UMaine hockey coach Shawn Walsh. (File Photo.)

of UMaine's athletic department and close review of a 450-page report compiled by the Kansas law firm hired by the university to conduct the investigation, Bonds, Schoeneck and King, which outlined over 40 violations of NCAA rules committed by UMaine athletic teams. The report was received by the university on Monday, Dec. 18 and the school immediately sent a copy to the NCAA, which is not expected to conclude its investigation of the university's athletic department until later this spring.

Nearly all of the violations occurred between the late 1980s and 1994 and most involved the hockey team, including the use of two players on the 1993 NCAA Championship team who have been found to have been ineligible and could ultimately cost the university to

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• Student senate

GSS addresses violations

By Christine Thurston
Staff Writer

Several senators dominated the open speaking portion of Tuesday night's General Student Senate meeting with biting comments on the plight of suspended head hockey coach Shawn Walsh.

"We can take the easy way out

and fire him," Sen. John Deetjen said. "We have to look at what is best for the university. Walsh will continue to disregard the rules."

Deetjen read a letter from a concerned student, and agreed with the student that Walsh "was a good coach on the ice, but a bad coach off the ice, where he blatantly violated the rules."

Sen. Chad King placed more of the blame on the entire athletic department and the athletic director.

"If any of the university staff violated one or two rules, I don't think they'd still be here," said King. "The coach violated 10 or 12, and he's still here."

King said the message that is coming across is if one brings money to the university, then one would just get a slap on the wrist as punishment for a violation.

"I cannot understand why he wasn't fired," King said. "Actually, I can because I happen to be skeptical of the university's integrity."

Sen. James LeBlond said he took offense at Walsh's treatment of UMaine's mascot, Bananas.

"He flat-out felt that Bananas wasn't worth 50 cents to fix his suit," LeBlond said. "It was a personal insult to the entire university."

LeBlond said it was suggested that Bananas not attend the hockey games if Walsh kept that attitude. Walsh later changed his mind regarding the mascot.

"Walsh thinks he can get away with anything because he brought recognition here with the national championship," said LeBlond. "That is something to be worried about."

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Fighting for the puck



UMaine's Tim Lovell (top) wrestles for the puck on the ice with Boston University's Chris Drury during Saturday night's game at Brown Arena in Boston. Maine won the ensuing shootout 4 - 2. (Page Photo.)

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World Briefs

• Vengeance

Militant group threatens U.S. attack

1 CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A militant Muslim group has threatened to attack American targets to avenge the life sentence imposed on Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman for plotting to blow up New York landmarks, a newspaper reported Sunday.

"All American interests will be legitimate targets for our struggle until the release of Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and his brothers," the Al-Hayat newspaper quoted the Islamic Group as saying.

"As the American government has opted for open confrontation with the Islamic movement and the Islamic symbols of struggle, al-Gamaa al-Islamiya (the Islamic Group) swears by God to its irreversible vow to take an eye for an eye," the statement said.

The Islamic Group has been blamed for much of the violence in a nearly four-year campaign aimed at overthrowing Egypt's secular government and replacing it with strict Islamic rule.

The group considers the Egyptian-born Abdel-Rahman as its spiritual leader.

Abdel-Rahman was sentenced to life in prison on Wednesday by a U.S. District Court after being convicted in a plot to bomb the United Nations, a federal building, two New York tunnels and a bridge. Nine others were convicted in the conspiracy.

• Flood

More money needed to feed North Korea

2 BEIJING (AP) — The Red Cross says it needs more money to feed North Koreans or else 120,000 of them could die before the next harvest.

The Red Cross received only 70 percent of the \$4.5 million it requested to help victims of last summer's devastating floods in North Korea, said Simon Missiri, deputy director of the Red Cross' Asia-Pacific department.

A new appeal will be launched, Missiri said Sunday, but he declined to estimate its goal until after he holds talks with the North Korean Red Cross. Missiri said he will leave for North Korea on Monday for a five-day tour of areas hit by the flooding.

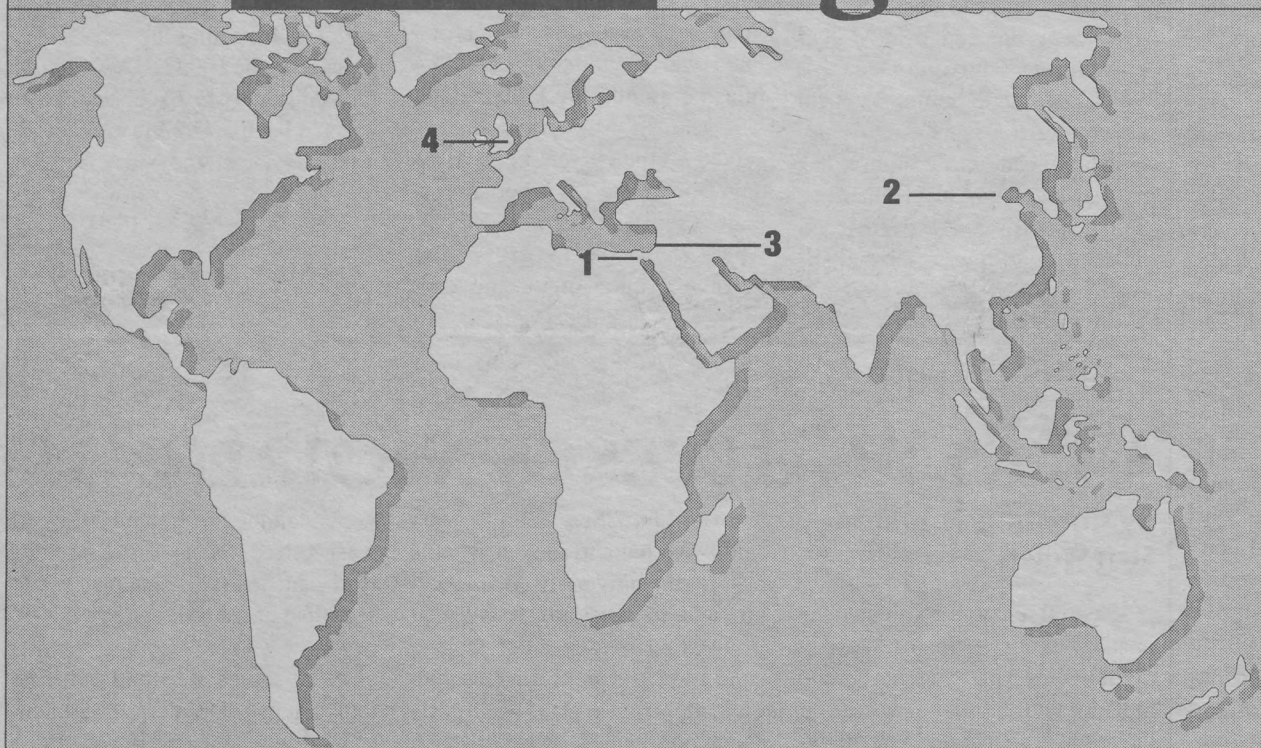
The Red Cross and other international aid groups have warned that millions could starve in the secretive, totalitarian country without concerted intervention.

Donors have not been forthcoming, in part because of rival South Korea's objections and suspicions the North is exaggerating the damage. South Korea has also accused North Korea of leaving vast stores of grain for the military untouched.

Missiri dismissed accusations that North Korea is hoarding grain or overestimating the scale of its needs.

"These issues are not our concern," Missiri said. "People will not survive unless the Red Cross provides humanitarian assistance."

World Digest



• Change

Historic election gives Arafat mandate for peace

3 GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Winning 85 percent of the vote, Yasser Arafat emerged Sunday from the first Palestinian election with a resounding mandate to complete peace with Israel and lead his people to independence.

Arafat loyalists will also control the newly elected 88-member Palestinian parliament, though he may have to share some power with uprising activists, outspoken women and other independents who until now were shut out of decision-making.

At least 50 of the legislators were members of Arafat's Fatah faction, including 10 who had served in his appointed interim Cabinet, according to unofficial results released Sunday night. Official results were expected Monday.

Despite the historic event, the mood in the West Bank and Gaza Strip was subdued Sunday as Palestinians began to observe the Muslim holy month of Ramadan with dawn-to-dusk fasting.

Winners postponed celebrations until after the "iftar," the festive meal that breaks the fast after sundown.

Arafat will convene the legislature for the first time after Ramadan ends, said spokesman Nabil Abu Irdeineh. That date was not yet set.

• Mistake

Researchers admit being wrong about AIDS case

4 LONDON (AP) — Two British researchers say they were mistaken in claiming that AIDS was present in Britain as early as 1959.

In a letter published in this week's issue of The Lancet, a British medical journal, Andrew Bailey and Gerald Corbitt of Manchester Royal Infirmary said the tissue samples had been contaminated in the laboratory.

The original research, published in The Lancet in July 1990, reported the AIDS virus was detected in tissues from a British sailor in 1959, 20 years earlier than the disease was thought to have reached the country.

Bailey and Corbitt said they were unable to duplicate their previous finding. "We must conclude that we find no evidence ... to suggest that the 1959 Manchester patient carried the HIV genome," they wrote.

The earlier finding had been questioned in a report published last year in Nature, a scientific journal. Bailey and Corbitt said they now agreed with the Nature report the strain of virus in the original test was modern.

"It is likely that this entered as a contaminant sometime from sectioning onwards," they said. "We have always accepted that ... the most likely source of any such contamination would be from within our own laboratory."

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather

Becoming mostly sunny.
Highs in the upper 20s to mid 30s.



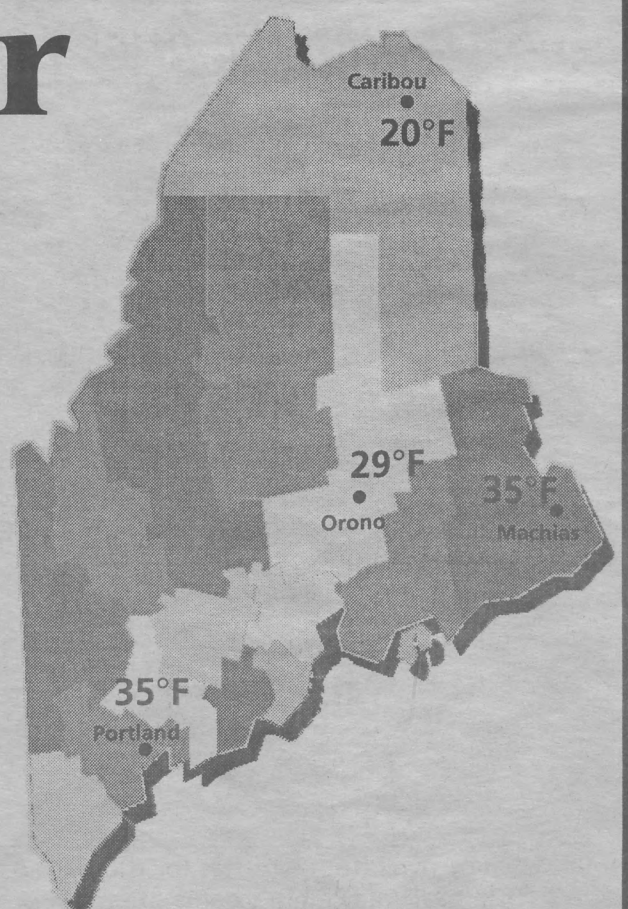
Tuesday's Outlook

Mostly cloudy with a chance of flurries. Highs in the 30s.



Extended Forecast

Wednesday...Snow likely, highs in the 20s.
Thursday...Snow or mixed precipitation, highs in the 20s.

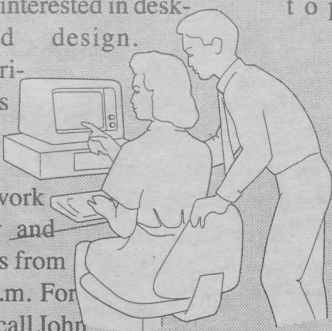


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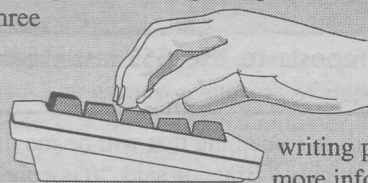
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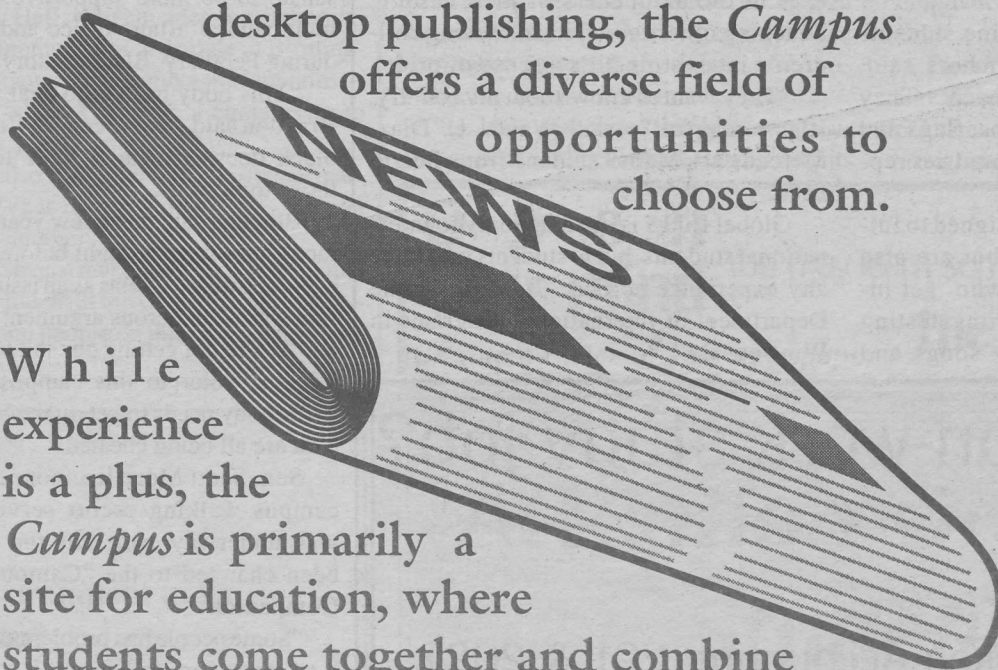
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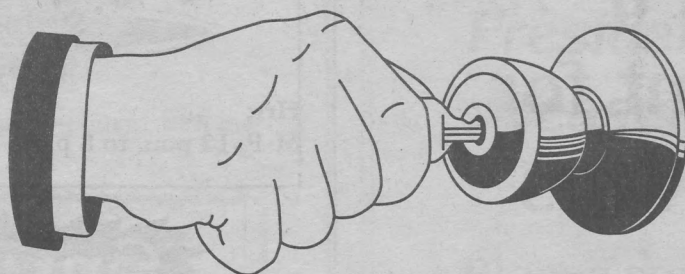
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• Worldly knowledge *Culture*

Global links program spreads cultural experience

By Kristin Nelson
Staff Writer

The University of Maine is represented by a vast array of cultures with over 500 international students, from approximately 75 different countries, enrolled.

For three years now, there has been a program on campus that allows students with experiences from other cultures to share their knowledge with people, especially schoolchildren, around the state. The program is called Global Links, and there are typically between 20 and 25 students each semester who participate.

Teachers from around the state can call the Global Links office and receive a booklet of information on a particular country being studied. They can also arrange to have student from that country, or who has visited there, to come into the classroom for a day.

"We try to adapt it to the teacher's needs," said Nancy Anchors, coordinator of Global Links.

When University of Maine students do visit the classroom, Anchors said, they take a hands-on approach. They bring in food, clothing, maps, flags and other visual aids from the countries represented.

The presentations are designed to fulfill the needs of teachers, but are also appealing to the students, who get involved by trying on the clothing, tasting the food and learning new songs and

dances. Often, they are prepared with many questions.

"The kids are interested, but have some funny ideas," said Sophie Fern, a UMaine student from England.

Katie Kong, a student from Hong Kong, said a popular question among young students is "Do you have McDonald's?"

Juan Pablo Ruiz, from Guatemala, has found himself quite impressed by the questions that children have asked him. Often, he said, the children want to know about foreign currency, farming, the climate and the geography.

Not only is Global Links a learning experience for Maine schoolchildren, but it also allows UMaine's international students to learn more about Maine and its schools.

"It's fun to see how American schools are different," Fern said.

Many of the students involved in the program agree that it opens their own eyes to the uniqueness of their culture. Teaching others about it, and seeing children's interest, instills a sense of pride.

"They want to know about my country. It's wonderful!" said Wanda L. Diaz-Merced, a UMaine student from Puerto Rico.

Global Links is open not only to international students, but to students who have any experience abroad. It is run by the Department of International Programs in Winslow Hall.

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Off-Campus Board President Kris Mueller reports to the GSS last week. (Gagne Photo.)

In other business Student Government Vice President Chris Bragdon called on the senate to be more supportive of the new multicultural affairs office and the events during February, Black History Month.

"This body has yet to deal with race," Bragdon said. "Just because I'm the token black doesn't mean I have to bring up those topics."

Bragdon said that a few years ago when race topics were brought before the senate, everyone raised quotas as an issue, which he said was a "ludicrous argument."

"We're not getting our shit together and bringing color to this campus," he said. "This body needs to get on the bandwagon. You are all being cheated."

Sen. Scott Morelli announced that his campus walking escort service project was underway and that the name had been changed to the "Campus Walking Companion."

"Some people had problems with calling it an escort service because it sounded like they were getting a hooker," Morelli said. "Of course some people would like that."

Bragdon said that the senate may be looking at a referendum in April about the future fee for the proposed union expansion.

"This is something that will be moving rather quickly," Bragdon said. "It is a pretty exciting idea."

Sens. Chris Barstow, Jim Billings, Chad King, James Leblond, Scott Morelli, Kris Mueller and Kevin Stevens were nominated to make up the Executive Budget Committee, in charge of drawing up the '96-'97 budget.

Other business included a new resolution to define gender discrimination in student organizations. The resolution proposed that as long as there are equal opportunities in same-type organizations like fraternities and sororities, then gender preference in some areas would be more acceptable.

King also expressed concern that Athletic Director Suzanne Tyler didn't realize that student fees pay for athletic scholarships, and, that she couldn't assure him that student tickets weren't being sold to the

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• Civil rights movement

Martin Luther King Day

Community remembers King

By Jen Becker
Special to the Campus

Approximately 40 people from different perspectives and backgrounds met in the Union on what would have been Martin Luther King's 67th birthday and agreed on the importance of working together to end racism.

A video chronicling King's involvement in the Civil Rights Movement opened the evening's activities, which were held in the Bangor Lounge of the Memorial Union.

James Varner, president of the Greater Bangor area chapter of the NAACP, said "I hope you will leave here inspired with an understanding of MLK. We certainly have work to be done."

Varner urged students to read King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," which summarizes his moral philosophy.

The grandson and son of Baptist ministers, King was also a minister. He advocated non-violent civil disobedience as a means of changing a segregated and racist society. He also believed people of all races need to work together to abolish poverty.

In his posthumously published essay, "A Testament of Hope," King described the black revolution as "forcing America to face all its interrelated flaws—racism, poverty, militarism and materialism."

Varner asked students to share why they had come together to celebrate King's work.

Chris Bragdon, Vice President of Stu-

dent Government, remarked how the climate of political correctness on college campuses can be taken to extremes.

"We break up into these little groups. The Gay-African-American-Vegetarians-Who-Like-Poetry. I'm being facetious, but we put up these little barriers. We're each carrying around our own identities, but we've got to relate to each other," Bragdon said.

Adonis Ferreira, Asst. Dean of Multicultural Affairs, spoke of the sense of history and pride he gained growing up in West Africa.

"I had to go home to my parents and explain that there's racism in your country. To have someone look down on you because you're African, I couldn't understand that," he said.

Ferreira speculated on reasons why King might have been assassinated. He said King publicly opposed the Johnson administration over the war in Vietnam and was subject to investigation by the FBI. "He was saying things the country wasn't ready to hear," Ferreira said.

Ricky Hall, who attended the gathering, recalled memories of 3rd grade in Birmingham, Alabama. "I remember the fountains—colored, white. One with a compressor to make the water cooler."

Hall also talked about interracial marriage. "What it comes down to is, do you love one another?" he said.

"Racism just makes me sick," Jeff Comissiong, a student at the UMaine, said. "Eleven thousand people on this campus and how many people are here (at the gathering)?"

Walsh

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vacate the title.

Hutchinson said during the Dec. 21 press conference that although most of the violations are insignificant and considered "secondary" by the NCAA, if you add them all together they create a picture of failure within the university and a lack of institutional control.

In addition to Walsh's one-year suspension, assistant coach and primary recruiter Grant Standbrook was prohibited from recruiting off campus for six months and Cronin was prohibited from recruiting off campus for one month, for various recruiting violations disclosed in the 450-page report. Maine must also forfeit two of its 18 scholarships for the 1996-97 season and one scholarship for 1997-98.

The violations cited involved coaches, players and boosters. The violations range from obscure, such as players getting free meals at dining commons, to very serious, such as Walsh receiving supplemental income from program "boosters" as he did during a brief suspension without pay served in December 1993.

In addition to an expansion of the university's self-sanctions, Hutchinson also made it clear that the violations occurred in the past and the appropriate measures have been taken to avoid any future problems within the athletic department.

"In 1994 we started implementing our new system of checks and balances, and its

much better able to prevent or catch situations that might be violations," Hutchinson said. "We finally spent the time and money needed to replace a system that should have been replaced several years ago."

Since the fall of 1994, the compliance department has upgraded its computer system using NCAA compliance assistant software, which is free to member institutions, and allows the University to create an interactive student-athlete data base with information downloaded from the mainframe computer. With help from a University of Maine System Computing and Data Processing Services (CAPS) representative, compliance has set up a local area network to connect its offices with the offices of registrar, financial aid and athletics academic support.

Part of the report suggests that student-athlete compliance at the University, mainly eligibility, financial aid and recruiting, with NCAA legislation is an institutional commitment and a campus-wide responsibility and not just an athletics department issue.

"I am confident that as long as people respect the rules and use the University's new system of checks and balances, our compliance problems are behind us," Tyler said.

The self-report has cost the university more than \$175,000, according to university spokesman Joe Carr, and that figure was met through donations from private sources.

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State News

• Tough times

Study: families working harder to make ends meet

BOSTON (AP) — The two-income family has become the norm in New England, and middle-class families with only one breadwinner have become virtually extinct, according to a new economic study.

After rising steadily in the 1980s, family income has dropped in the 1990s, according to an extensive study released by a new public policy organization, the Massachusetts Institute for a New Commonwealth, or MassINC.

In 1994, both the husband and wife were employed in 75 percent of New England families with children under 18, according to the study's analysis of U.S. Census figures.

New England wives with children worked almost 1,300 hours in 1994, an average of 25 hours per week. That's an increase of 149 percent since 1979.

"Shifting from one-income to two-income families has helped hold real family incomes constant — otherwise they would have declined," the study stated.

"Time is running out on the strategy that families have been using for the past 20 years to counteract declining wages," said Michael Gritton, MassINC's policy director.

"More and more of the wives in those families have entered the workforce, and more of those women working are working longer hours," Gritton said. "The two-income family has been the rule, not the exception."

Meanwhile, the average income of New England families has tailed off in the last five years, from \$51,909 in 1989 to \$46,990 in 1994

— a difference of 9.5 percent. Only Vermont has seen incomes increase during that time.

Nationally, the median income fell by 4.7 percent during that period, from \$40,724 to \$38,820.

The report, "The State of the American Dream in New England," also found that:

— The poverty rate for married New England couples was below 4 percent in 1994, but for female-headed households it ranged from 21 percent to 30 percent.

— The unemployment rate of adult dropouts more than tripled from 1989 to 1994, from 4 percent to 15 percent.

— Since 1989, the New England labor force has shrunk by .6 percent, and the region's reliance on foreign immigration as a source of new labor was the third highest in the nation.

"Many of these immigrants come to New England highly educated, with at least a college degree, but the largest proportion, 49 percent, come to New England with only a high school degree or less," the study concluded.

The study was written by a team from Northeastern University's Center for Labor Market Studies, led by Andrew Sum.

MassINC is a nonprofit think tank that formed last July. Three of the group's six members — Gritton, Chairman Mitchell Kurtzman and Executive Director Tripp Jones — have had strong ties to the Democratic Party and Democratic candidates in the past, but they say the goal at MassINC is to offer nonpartisan analysis of economic and social trends.

• Border inspections

Spud growers get noticed

PRESQUE ISLE (AP) — Border inspections of Canadian potatoes shipped through Maine have done little to raise prices but have focused attention on the plight of the state's growers, industry officials say.

U.S. officials say the heightened border inspections to ensure that potatoes meet quality standards will continue at least through next week's scheduled meeting in Ottawa between American and Canadian trade officials.

Maine growers say they cannot compete with government-subsidized potatoes from Prince Edward Island and other eastern provinces that have driven down prices and captured East Coast markets.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor is awaiting a report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture concerning subsidies awarded Canadian growers. Kantor has said if evidence shows that subsidies permit Canadians to sell potatoes cheaper in U.S. markets, he will move to impose countervailing duties on those imports.

Rep. John Baldacci predicted that the meeting next Friday will be useful.

"I think it is important that we are getting them to the table to talk about those issues because we haven't been able to in the

past," Baldacci said Thursday. "It's an important meeting and comes at the request of the Canadians."

Doug Tyler, New Brunswick's agriculture and rural development minister, expressed impatience Thursday with the potato inspections.

"This situation has to stop," Tyler said. "This amounts to nothing less than harassment on the part of the Americans towards potato producers and shippers in New Brunswick."

Tyler maintained that government aid to the industry is not that different on the two sides of the border.

Andy Yaeger of H. Smith Packing Corp. in Blaine, said the inspections may have interrupted the delivery schedule of Canadians a bit but mainly helped bring unfair trade issues to the forefront.

Ray Soucy, a Fort Kent grower and shipper, didn't pin much hope on the upcoming talks, suggesting instead that Kantor make a decision on his own without Canadian influence.

"Should we believe that the Canadians with 11,000 more truckloads to sell this year and nowhere to go except the U.S., would want to give up what they call 'their' rights? Of course not," Soucy said.

• Legislative committees

Rutland shuts door on calls for minorities

AUGUSTA (AP) — Senate President Jeffrey Butland has shut the door on Democratic calls for an increased minority party presence on legislative committees.

"The time for political maneuvering is over," the Cumberland Republican said Saturday. "There's no compelling reason for us to disrupt the Senate."

Late Friday, after Speaker Dan Gwadosky named Republicans to serve as House chairmen on eight of 17 panels, Butland sent a letter to ranking Senate Democrats Mark Lawrence and Beverly Bustin, declaring he planned no reciprocal action.

"We appreciate your desire to increase the number of Senate Democratic chairs, because we've experienced the same situation in the past," Butland wrote.

"However, the tradition in the Maine Senate has been for the majority party to hold all the chairs and two of the three seats on all committees. ... Given that tradition and given the need for stability and continuity in our committees, I believe now is not the time to change course and disrupt the work we have left."

Legislative committees have 10 House members and three senators, with one member from each chamber serving as co-chairman.

Lawrence, the Senate minority leader from Kittery, said he was disappointed but not surprised by Butland's stance.

"This has been his style since the start of the session," said Lawrence, "that Newt Gingrich kind of ultimate authority."

Last year when the current legislative session began, Gwadosky made initial moves toward parity, increasing Republican representation but awarding no chairmanships, in recognition of what was then a slim 77-74 Democratic house majority.

Butland, presiding over a Senate split 18-16-1 in the GOP's favor, held to tradition and gave Senate Democrats only one slot on each committee, and no chairmanships.

For a year, the House makeup has shifted repeatedly, with changes resulting from death, resignation and party-switching.

This month, when Auburn Rep. Belinda Gerry's switch from Democrat to independent left the House deadlocked 75-75-1, House Republicans stepped up their demands for equal treatment on committees and threatened to force a new election for speaker.

Gwadosky formalized a subsequent compromise Friday. Butland, almost immediately, said he would stand pat.

"Too much attention has already been diverted from the conduct of House business in the past few weeks, and we cannot afford any further delays if we wish to meet the March 31st adjournment date set by legislative leadership," Butland told Lawrence and Bustin, D-Augusta, in his letter.

The Senate leaders had conferred on the matter Thursday.

Lawrence maintained Saturday that, whatever the tradition of majority power in the Senate, Democrats merit more committee presence now because of the extremely close partisan division in the Legislature as a whole and of a heightened public interest in bipartisanship.

"It's been decided. It's in the past now. We're going to move on," Lawrence said. "My ultimate feeling is the voters out in the public will not forget this."

Butland said he was unmoved by Democratic arguments.

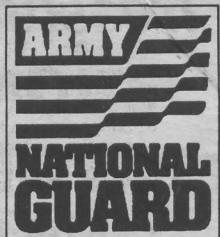
"Our committees have been working fine up until now," he said.

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• Money hungry

Shootings failed scam Portland police say

PORTLAND (AP) — A shooting at an auto repair shop that left one man dead and another injured was the result of the owner's botched attempt to kill his manager and collect an insurance policy, police said Saturday.

The owner, who had taken out a \$250,000 policy on his manager, attempted to kill Kevin Trempe execution-style and make it look like a robbery Friday night, said Portland Police Chief Michael Chitwood.

Trempe, 34, of Biddeford, was shot in the chest but managed to escape, Chitwood said. The owner, Seth Hetherington, 63, of Yarmouth, killed himself when his scheme crumbled apart, the chief said.

"Apparently it was a made-for-Hollywood plot," Chitwood told a news briefing at the police station.

Trempe was in fair condition Saturday night at the Maine Medical Center in Portland, a nursing supervisor said.

The episode unfolded about 6:30 p.m. Friday when Trempe was closing the Precision Tune auto shop on Forest Avenue. A masked gunman jumped out of a storeroom and shot Trempe in the chest, Chitwood said.

Despite the wound, Trempe fought back ferociously during a struggle in which he was beaten with a metal flashlight, Chitwood said.

Stacey Porter, Trempe's girlfriend, arrived in the middle of the ordeal to give Trempe a ride home from work. Trempe jumped in the car and the of them stopped a police officer a few blocks away.

Trempe, his shirt bloodied, spilled out of

the car and told the officer that his business had been robbed.

Police who responded to Precision Tune found Hetherington, still wearing a mask, lying on the floor with a gunshot wound to the head. A gun, rope, tape and plastic cuffs were found with him.

Chitwood said Hetherington had taken out \$250,000 insurance policies on himself, his business partner Thomas Mercer, and Trempe last March at the same time the business was struggling financially.

Starting in November, Trempe received a threat in the mail and then someone in a black car tried to run him off the road, Chitwood said. In a third incident, someone fired a shot at his car, he said.

Chitwood said it was unclear whether those were attempts on Trempe's life or attempts by Hetherington to establish a pattern.

"We feel it could have been part of a continuing pattern by Mr. Hetherington" to set the stage for the faked execution-style robbery Friday night, Chitwood said.

The bullet struck Trempe in the chest and went through his intestines, but he was in fair condition Saturday night. In fact, he was in good enough condition to grant interviews to detectives, Chitwood said.

"He's a lucky man," the chief said.

Police were continuing their investigation to determine whether any other parties were involved in the planning of Hetherington's scheme, but there had been no arrests as of Saturday night, Chitwood said.

• Jobs

Sheriff qualifications tougher

PORTLAND (AP) — Candidates for sheriff, take note. The state has adopted qualifications requiring candidates to demonstrate their ability to manage patrol deputies and corrections officers.

Supporters say the new law will lead to better rural law enforcement and jail management, but critics contend that voters are the best judges of candidates.

"I think we need to open the barn door a little wider to allow more people in the arena," said Sgt. Chris Muse, a 20-year corrections officer at the Cumberland County Jail.

Muse ran for sheriff in 1994 and narrowly lost the Democratic primary. Now he might not meet minimum qualifications.

The new law requires candidates to prove they have the same level of law enforcement and management experience that Maine's municipal police chief applicants have had to demonstrate since 1976.

Before the law, candidates simply had to prove they were residents of the county where they were seeking election, then gather either 150 signatures for a party member or 300 signatures for an independent.

Some experts say the law approved last year is the most important legislation affecting Maine sheriffs since the job became an elected position, more than 100 years ago.

Proponents predict the law's long-term impact will be to eliminate the perception that sheriffs' departments are

substandard police forces, run by sheriffs who care too much about getting elected.

They also believe the law will eliminate undesirable candidates, who probably shouldn't carry guns and lead large law enforcement agencies in the first place.

"I hate to say it, but it's been a 'good old boy' sort of job in some cases in years gone by," said Sagadahoc County Sheriff Mark Westrum. "That has been the perception — that it's a good place to go for retirement or for a second job."

The law says candidates who have worked as municipal police officers, sheriff's deputies, state troopers or federal agents automatically have the type of law enforcement experience needed to meet a key part of the qualifications process.

But candidates who have worked for "quasi-law enforcement agencies" — like jails or prisons — must have their experience specially assessed by the board of trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

The law will be tested this year in sheriff's elections in Sagadahoc and Franklin counties and in the rest of Maine's 14 counties in 1998.

Franklin County Sheriff Don Richards, Paris' former police chief, said he was amazed to learn in 1990 that anyone in Maine could become a sheriff.

"This is a landmark document," Richards said of the law. "The public certainly deserves to have someone with experience in charge of rural county law enforcement."

The **Student Academic Conference Travel Fund** for Undergraduate Students will hold its second competition of the academic year. This fund serves **undergraduate** students who need financial assistance for travel to meetings/conferences of an **academic** nature.

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Style & the Arts

• At the MCA

Harlem Boys Choir brings crowd to its feet

By Monique Gibouleau
Staff Writer

A cold, clear January night would hardly seem conducive to warm feelings of hope, peace and music, but to all those who braved the frigid weather to see the Boys Choir of Harlem at the Maine Center for the Arts on Saturday, the night proved somewhat warmer than what was reading on thermometers in Orono.

The concert began as many do, with an empty stage and an audience murmuring in anticipation. However, as the young men filed onto the stage, there was a feeling that this concert would be different somehow. Perhaps it was the loud and lengthy applause that would continue through the evening with unwavering enthusiasm.

The music began with Mozart, the six pieces of the *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore K. 339*. Difficult opening pieces, they featured a quartet of fine singers, and as each piece closed, the audience, in appreciation of such beautifully executed songs, clapped and clapped. Accompanied by pianist Keith Burton's beautiful playing, the choir was unstoppable, if a little stoic, an image shed not much later in the show. The star of the piece was Daniel Lane, a 12-year-old soprano whose voice, coming from a perfectly cherubic face, could have charmed the wings off an angel.

"You may think they look like angels, but believe me, they're not," quipped Dr. Walter J. Turnbull, the founder and artistic director of the group. Turnbull also mentioned that if anyone happened to find an angel when the boys mingled with the audience after the show, that he'd love to know about it.

Turnbull explained a little of what life is like for a boy at the Choir Academy of Harlem (there are also girls at the school, and a Girls Choir of Harlem, which is still in its infancy, but growing.) The school has boys from ages eight to 18, grades four to 12. The boys study music, music theory, piano and choir in addition to regular classes. While on tour, the boys have a tutor who works with them so studies are never neglected. Turnbull insists that the program has miraculous results, results which are even more solid than the sound of the choir. By the end of their schooling, 98 percent of Turnbull's students go on to college. In his words, "Not only have they learned the beauty of music, but we have saved their lives."

As if to echo that sentiment, Turnbull then introduced the next segment of the show, a set of four spirituals. The quartet of pieces were executed with astonishing precision, going from a thunderous and exciting sound to the tiniest pianoforte and back again. From the beautiful "I Want to Thank You" to the intricate and exciting "Elijah Rock," the audience was with them every note of the way.

When intermission was over, the choir, with the help of its great house band, started into a medley of Gershwin tunes combined with explosive dance numbers and brilliant smiles starting with a section of "Rhapsody in Blue," played by Burton and bounding energetically into such favorites as "Our Love is Here to Stay," an

infectious and very peppy "I've Got Rhythm" and "It Ain't Necessarily So," which featured a handsome young singer who charmed the audience before the reprise of "Rhythm." The set truly wowed the audience, and I thought that I'd now seen just about everything, a feeling which lasted an entire thirty or so seconds before the amazing Dr. Turnbull threw the boys into another set of tunes.

This set happened to be jazz, the good old jazz, starting out with "Take the 'A' Train" and then flying into "It Don't Mean A Thing," a number which threw out an intoxicating mix of energy, excitement, enthusiasm and sheer talent that was simply eaten up all over the full house. You could see the smiles in the back row. The set ended with a slow, Billie Holiday tune, "God Bless the Child," which featured another soloist backed by the wonderful voices of the choir.

Turnbull explained some of the other goals of the choir, which involve pride in oneself and one's culture. The presentation that was to follow included contemporary pieces written for the choir as well as a couple of African songs, and a few other delights in between.

So when the drums began, and boys came out, leaping to an African tribal rhythm, there was electricity in the air. And when the boys began to sing, I felt that indeed, though it was not possible, they actually sounded better now than even before. There was pride in these songs, "Liya Zula" and "Byede Mandela," a song which the Boys Choir performed for Nelson Mandela when he visited the United States. The boys pulled out sashes which they wore for the duration of the show. Cultural pride was the focus of this set of songs, each one dynamic and with a sentiment all its own. "We Are Heroes," a piece written especially for the Boys Choir, spoke of the pride these boys can find in their personal heritage, citing several black men who accomplished notable things in American history.

It always seemed that there was nothing that could be better, but the program kept gaining strength and beauty. The quintessential symbol of this had to be the most beautiful rendition of the ever-popular song, "Amazing Grace." Sung by one of the choir's older members in a strong, honest voice, the true emotions of this classic song were barred, joined by the whole choir and then sung by one of the younger members in a high, clear voice. This most powerful of all powerful songs immediately brought the entire house to its feet into a long and heartfelt ovation.

The rest of the program passed in delirium, as though brighter and more exciting with every note. The final two songs were songs written to express the spirit of the choir. "Power," a wild and dancable hip hop tune, brought a joyful and sensitive approach to racial issues that was enjoyable as much to the older and more conservative members of the audience, who stood along with the bobbing younger crowd when invited to stand and dance along. (I told you the music was infectious!) The

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Harlem Boys Choir performed at the MCA Saturday night. (Courtesy Photo.)

• At the theater

'Four Rooms' is four star flop

By Doug Weitz
Staff Writer

The word that comes to mind when thinking of "Four Rooms" is "miserable." The movie is made up of four different stories directed by Alison Anders, Alexandre Rockwell, Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino. The idea was for these "hot" young directors to have a chance to showcase their talents in short segments. The attempt was a pathetic failure. Watching television without v-hold would be more entertaining.

The stories are tied together through a bellboy named Ted (Tim Roth). He goes from room to room in the hotel getting in all sorts of trouble. For some reason, the directors decided that Ted needed to have an annoying, nervous way about him. He twitches and shakes constantly, which actually distracts from the other aspects of the movie.

The first two rooms are hardly worthy of discussion. They would have been completely intolerable if not for the fact that they appeared early on in the movie, which makes one assume that they were leading somewhere. The third room features Antonio Banderas as the father of two mischievous children. Why critics have been saying that he was hilarious is a mystery. It was not his fault. The character was not in the least bit humorous. The end of the scene finds Ted, the involuntary babysitter, standing in the room with the two children while the room is on fire, the boy is smoking a cigarette, the girl is drinking gin, and Ted is stabbing a dead prostitute with a syringe, seemingly the makings of a funny scene. It wasn't funny, however, because it was

completely contrived. It was painfully evident that everything was thrown together at the last minute.

And now we come to the final room. Since September of 1994, all anyone of the younger generation ever talks about when it comes to movies is Quentin Tarantino. So often does one hear the words, "Have you seen 'Reservoir Dogs'?" Oh, it's the best movie of all time." Granted, "Pulp Fiction", "Reservoir Dogs", and especially "True Romance" all showed a unique, fresh style of movie-making. All were enjoyable, but they became so fashionable that liking them became the hip thing to do. The idea of four different directors doing one movie was interesting, and could add more of a twist to the quickly-growing tiresome-and-predictable style of Tarantino. It was an absolutely excruciating experience. Jaws hit the floor when the audience left the theater, everyone was flabbergasted that they had just spent an hour and a half of life on such a hollow piece of garbage.

Tarantino decided that he would cast himself as the lead actor of his segment. He is the most irritating, hard-to-look-at actor in history. He lacks passion, and his deliveries are redundant and annoying. It didn't help that it was possibly the worst script of all time. It took him 15 minutes to explain something that should have taken him 30 seconds. The dialogue is repetitive and boring. A big fear is that these mindless Tarantino followers will enjoy this movie simply because they feel they have to. At least Tarantino only appeared in one segment of the movie. In his next movie, "From Dusk Till Dawn", he is the star throughout. Ugh...

• Technology

Primus releases enhanced interactive CD

By James Wright
Staff Writer

They've frizzle fried and sailed the seas of cheese, but now the wacked-out guys from Primus will charter the unsafe waters of the punchbowl in an enhanced CD version of their Top 10 gold album "Tales from the Punchbowl."

"Tales from the Punchbowl Interactive" is a combination of high-end production values, 3-D graphics, spectacular effects and an assortment of other demented stuff that only Primus could produce.

Bassist Les Claypool, guitarist Larry LaLonde and drummer Tim Alexander demon-

strated the enhanced version of their latest album at the world's largest Macintosh computer festival there is: The MACWORLD Expo, held Jan. 9 to 12 at the Moscone Center in San Francisco. Primus also played at the party held on the evening of Jan. 9.

The adventure begins as you navigate your tugboat throughout the sea of punch, visiting series of islands dotting the setting, each dedicated to a song from "Tales from the Punchbowl." Onshore of each island you will hear the song in perfect CD quality and witness outrageous visual effects like dancing lyrics and odd animation of all sorts. If you have seen any of Primus' music videos, then you may be prepared for what

lies ahead.

Dogs, cats, chickens and pigs ride flying saucers on "Space Farm," an elephant trunk provides access to "Southbound Pachyderm's" adventures of a flying elephant, and Pong Hell island will trap you in a never-ending game of Pong until you shut off the program. Just imagine what "Wynona's Big Brown Beaver" island has in store for you.

Unlike other bands' forays into the world of enhanced CDs, which are usually created by some techno-weenie with no input from the band, Primus was involved in every step of the process by coming up with the concept and helping to design the visuals.

"The band was totally involved," said illustrator James McCallister. "Working with Primus was a gas, just a gas. They're just very creative guys who have a clear sense of vision of what the band means, and what the music calls for."

The interactive punchbowl cruise is produced by Ion and Inscape, who did The Residents' CD-ROM "Gingerbread Man," David Bowie's "Jump," Brian Eno's "Head Candy" and Todd Rundgren's "The Individualist."

"Tales from the Punchbowl Interactive" is scheduled for release on Jan. 23. The best part about it is that you don't have to be a techno-wizard to enjoy it, all you need is a CD-ROM drive.

• Daytime TV

Donahue to call it quits

NEW YORK (AP) — Phil Donahue, who invented the issue-driven daytime talk show, then watched his ratings slip while low-brow imitators outperformed him, is calling it quits at the end of the season.

A nine-time Emmy Award winner as outstanding host, Donahue will continue to work on TV specials and new projects in broadcasting and cable, his syndicator, Multimedia Entertainment Inc., announced Wednesday.

Industry analysts blamed his departure on slipping ratings and a market crowded with more sensationalistic talk-shows.

A spokesman for the show said Donahue was taping a program and would not be available for interviews.

"Phil Donahue essentially started this company and began an entire industry in daytime syndication," said Multimedia President Bob Turner. "He was the first to intimately involve his studio and home audiences."

Seen in more than 45 countries, "Donahue" marked its 25th anniversary in 1992. It has won 20 national Emmys and broadcasting's prestigious Peabody award.

It first saw the light of day on Nov. 6,

1967, in Dayton, Ohio, where the then-brown-haired TV personality was launching a couch-and-desk talker, when a studio audience showed up for the canceled variety show he was replacing.

"Somebody said, 'Why don't we sit 'em down and let 'em watch the interview?'" Donahue recalled in a 1987 interview. His guest was atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, and the audience asked her questions during commercials.

Donahue thought the audience's questions were better than his. "Sometime during that first week, I jumped off my chair and ran into the audience," he said.

The program moved to national syndication and the top of the ratings — until a newcomer named Oprah Winfrey debuted in the 1986-87 season — and knocked him out of first place.

Still, Donahue stuck to the high road, even as his show's ratings began slipping three years ago.

The show's doom was sealed in August, when New York City's WNBC-TV declined to renew it for this fall season, and no other New York station picked it up — depriving it of 7 1/2 percent of the nation's viewers.

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final song, "Children of the World" gave a calm, beautiful musical wish of hope for all of the children of the world, a hope which brought another long standing ovation.

After the show the members of the choir stood in the lobby to entertain questions and congratulations from the audience. And because the gods of good fortune were looking over me, I was privileged to attend the post show dinner with the choir members and crew. What I found were a few potential music majors, many engineering hopefuls, and a hatfull of other aspirations. Daniel, the wonderful soprano, sat at the same table as me, and I found that he was, at 12, hoping to go into biological engineering. Another young choir member I sat with hopes to go into music production. I was amazed. Every-

one was so friendly, even though exhausted and hungry after such a show, even with an impending two hour drive to Portland ahead of them. And more importantly, I found that these young men are not just strong and beautiful singers, but strong and beautiful people. While chatting with Gregory Rountree, a senior interested in architectural design who has sung with the choir for six years, I asked what the best thing was about the Boys Choir of Harlem. He replied, "Growing up in the choir, becoming the person I am today. It's a learning experience - it's not just about music, it's about life - getting into the real world." All I can say is that with people like Turnbull and for every young man in the school and choir, the "real world" will certainly be a better place.

• In Hollywood

Golden Globe Awards nominees announced

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Will the foreign press favor the sweet sentiment of "Sense and Sensibility," the airborne heroics of "Apollo 13" or the despair of "Leaving Las Vegas"?

Whatever the choice of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, it will be a bellwether for the Academy Awards on March 26. During the past three years, the Golden Globes have come very close to mirroring the Oscars.

Also nominated as best dramatic picture: "Braveheart" and "The Bridges of Madison County."

Unlike the Oscars, the foreign press association divides its best picture recognition into two categories, dramatic and musical/comedy. Nominees for best musical or comedy: "The American President," "Babe," "Get Shorty," "Sabrina" and "Toy Story."

"Sense and Sensibility" led the nominations with six, followed by "The American President" with five.

The 53rd annual Golden Globes mark a return to respectability for the foreign press association. For the first time since 1978, a major network will broadcast the awards live.

The show, on NBC, was shifted from the traditional Saturday night to Sunday at 8 p.m. EST. (West Coast viewers will see it on a three-hour delay.)

The awards had been broadcast on Turner's TBS in recent years.

The Golden Globes had been shown by a major network until scandal struck in the 1970s. The association was accused of having shoddy voting standards, of being bought by Las Vegas junkets and other favors, and falling under the influence of a major publicity agency. The networks backed off.

The group tightened voting qualifications and hired the accounting firm of Ernst and Young to help keep the awards clean. This year 90 members voted for the awards out of a total membership of 120.

Despite their small numbers, the foreign press wield a heavy influence, with the Golden Globes attracting as many stars as the Oscars. The reasons:

— As the first major awards of the year, they bring out the Academy Award hopefuls, no matter whether their chances are slim to nil, in an effort to build pre-Oscar momentum.

— The Golden Globes offer a large number of nominees, not only in two categories for motion pictures, but in television as well.

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• Community restructuring

Hope, capital come to downtown Harlem

NEW YORK (AP) — A month ago, when a black man torched a white man's clothing store, Harlem's economic hopes seemed to be dying in the flames. But the start of a federal Empowerment Zone has raised new optimism about an old problem: the failure of black business in this famous community.

The hope is leavened with skepticism — especially on 125th Street, where Freddy's Fashion Mart became a symbol of Harlem's racial tensions and economic woes.

"We've heard about these things for years, but the money never filtered down," said Sikhulu Shange, the record shop owner whose dispute with Freddy's led to the Dec. 8 fire in which eight died. "So now we are apprehensive when someone says money is coming to Harlem."

The money is coming — \$300 million over 10 years for training, social services and loans, plus another \$250 million in tax breaks for businesses, officials announced Friday. Given the general decline in government aid to cities, the zone is probably Harlem's last chance.

Shange, who opened The Record Shack in the 1970s, personifies the area's economic malady. When he has asked for bank loans, he has been offered a tenth of what he needed. He was Freddy's sub-tenant, and when the clothing store wanted to expand, Shange lost his lease.

His plight became a local issue and protesters marched outside, their anger fueled by memories of a 125th Street where blacks could shop, but not work. Finally one protester, Roland Smith, charged into Freddy's with a gun and burned it down. He died with the others.

These days, Shange shivers on the sidewalk outside his ruined shop, tapes and compact discs piled on a folding table. He's not making any money, just holding on. He voices a question that's been asked many times, many ways. If a black businessman can't make it in Harlem, where can he make it?

Harlem has assets: three subway lines that travel the three miles to midtown Manhattan; some fine brownstones and apartment houses; a rich cultural tradition.

But just as tour buses regularly rumble up to Harlem, its residents often head in the opposite direction. About three-fourths do most of their shopping outside Harlem. In upper Manhattan — where 500,000 people live, more than in Atlanta — 125th Street is the only shopping center.

Why don't Harlem's stores measure up?

"People here are asleep, numb," says Van Woods, whose family owns the famed soul food restaurant Sylvia's. "They don't want to take chances."

"They" are street vendors who never moved into storefronts; tenant shopkeepers

who never got their own leases; small businesses that never expanded.

Woods wants to use the zone's tax breaks to build a food processing plant in Harlem, but he's afraid others won't seize the zone's opportunities.

These failures have produced a paradox: steadily rising commercial rents, but little or no new commercial space. As chains such as Strawberry and Duane Reade have moved onto 125th, the street's merchants — about half of whom are black — have felt squeezed.

The empowerment zone aims to ease the pressure by an ambitious undertaking — the creation of an entrepreneurial class.

Nationally, the number of black-owned businesses is increasing. They rose from 424,165 in 1987 to 620,000 in 1992, an increase of 46 percent, compared to 26 percent for all businesses.

• Space shuttle

Endeavor heads home

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — After a busy nine-day flight spent fetching satellites and walking in space, Endeavour's astronauts headed for home and a rare nighttime landing early Saturday.

"It was just one fantastic mission," said Brian Duffy, commander of the six-member crew.

Duffy fired the braking engines an hour before touchdown, dropping Endeavour out of orbit on an irreversible course toward Florida. The shuttle was due to land at 2:42 a.m. on a floodlit runway at Kennedy Space Center, following a journey of 3.7 million miles.

In 73 previous missions, NASA shuttles touched down in the dark just seven times.

Aboard the shuttle were two science satellites — one a Japanese spacecraft that was put in orbit nearly a year ago, the other a NASA probe that the astronauts released and retrieved two days later.

The middle-of-the-night landing was

dictated by the course the shuttle had to follow in chasing down the Japanese satellite.

Capturing the Japanese satellite and its astronomical, newt and crystal experiments was the No. 1 priority for Endeavour's U.S.-Japanese crew. The Japanese space program paid NASA about \$65 million for pickup and delivery.

The satellite is missing its two fold-down solar panels. They had to be cut loose by ground controllers last week after failing to latch into place.

Crew members also took two spacewalks, on Monday and Wednesday. Leroy Chiao, Dr. Daniel Barry and Winston Scott gave mostly favorable reviews to the heated spacesuits and station-building tools and techniques they tested for a total of 13 hours in the frigid void.

"We learned a lot, and it's going to feed right back into the space station, the space station program," Chiao said. "We're ready to go build it."

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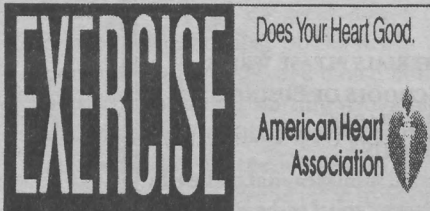
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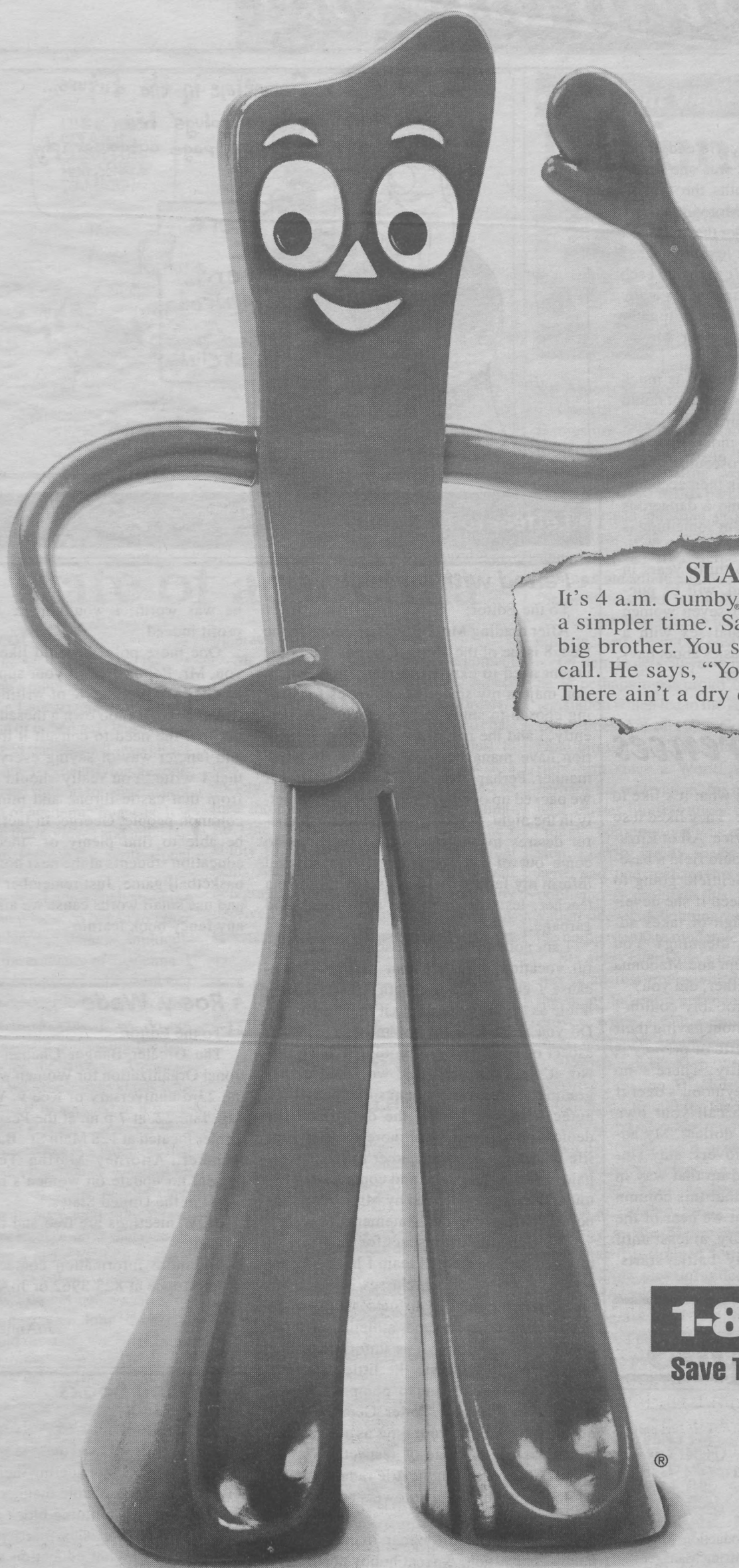


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Fantasy Man

Imagine a woman sleeping. Her slumber is interrupted by an early morning phone call; the voice on the other end of the line is the whisper of a male voice. The man tells the woman he is her boyfriend with a previously undiscovered fantasy. His fantasy is to have sex with her while she is blindfolded. The sexually explicit conversation continues for a while and the woman agrees to fulfill her boyfriend's fantasy. She invites the boyfriend to join her in bed.

It seems like a harmless little sexual game, but is it? For eight women in Tennessee, it was a case of mistaken identity that has led to a rape by fraud conviction for Raymond Mitchell III.

It seems a smooth-talking businessman called "Fantasy Man" duped women into having sex blindfolded by telling each woman he was her boyfriend over the phone. One woman reportedly had sex with Fantasy Man twice a week for over two months in 1992 and didn't realize he wasn't her boyfriend until her blindfold inadvertently slipped off.

This is truly a bizarre and unbelievable case. What was she thinking during the months the fantasy was being fulfilled? More importantly, what happened after they had sex? Didn't she know her lover's quirks? Obviously they didn't gaze into each other's eyes after intimacy, fix a bite to eat, take a steamy shower together or even talk to each other. Maybe it's overrated for some.

One thing is for sure, it is much easier to believe this incident could happen once to a woman than twice a week for over two months.

Hopefully the prosecutor's witnesses were truthful in their accounts of what happened, and a dangerous man is behind bars. But something is not copacetic here. Let's hope Mitchell, who faces up to thirty years in jail for rape by fraud, will be punished for the rape of seven women and not for consensual sex with a woman who had fantasies about having sex with a stranger.

(J. Teunisen)

Irreconcilable differences

When the King's daughter and the King of Pop linked their bank accounts and God knows what else, nobody thought their vows would have long term implications, even after they swapped spit on MTV. So to nobody's genuine surprise, Jacko and Elvis' kid called it a marriage on Thursday, and the media microscope may be the irreconcilable difference.

Maybe it was the part-time preschool that Mike used to run during the day. Perhaps she was jealous that Mike looks better in makeup. I think she just traded one last media blitz for a more private future, if that is at all possible. Let's hope for a clean and swift split so we, the public, don't suffer for long, and have to pretend that we're interested.

More than half of the average American marriages end in divorce, and the rate for Hollywood splits is no doubt higher. Just ask Don Johnson

and Melanie Griffith what it's like to wed in the public eye. They liked it so much, they tried it twice. All of Elizabeth Taylor's exes could field a baseball team. Is Jerry Seinfeld going to dump his teenage queen if she develops an annoying laugh or takes advantage of his dry cleaning? You didn't think Sean Penn and Madonna would grow old together, did you?

Mike and Lisa probably couldn't go out for coffee without having their pictures taken, so a life of privacy is an exercise in futility. There's no wonder that the honeymoon's over if you have nothing to call your own except a few billion dollars. My advice to Tinseltown lovers: stay single. You'll only end up that way in the end. Let's hope that this column is among the last that we hear of the marriage of the century, at least until the Bubbles custody battle starts.

(J. Wright)

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• Letters to the Editor

• Pelted with garbage

To the Editor:

After reading Mr. Potter's opinions in the Dec. 8 issue of the *Maine Campus*, I feel the urgent need to express to many non-education majors my sincerest apologies for having chosen to study to be a teacher. Apparently, I and the rest of the School of Education have managed to offend you in some manner. Perhaps you would all feel better if we packed up our stuff and crept away quietly in the night, burdened down by our shameful desires to be educators. I have yet to come out of my "educational closet" and inform my family that I am studying to be a teacher, lest they pelt me with rocks and garbage.

I am not sure why I chose such a shameful vocation. I realize that saying it's because I enjoy working with kids is not as noble as saying I am doing it for the money. Do you want to know the most demanding aspect of being in the School of Education? No, it's not our academic workload or our grading procedures, as I am sure you will all agree with. It's having the desire and the dedication to give four or more years of your life working towards a career that is underpaid, underappreciated and completely misunderstood, as evidenced by Mr. Potter's ignorant, narrow-minded statements.

I have the utmost respect for members of the women's basketball team I have had the privilege of attending classes with. I am amazed by their ability to successfully manage both academics and athletics without complaint or fanfare. It is unfortunate that they have had to waste the little free time they do have responding to pompous, know-it-all jerks such as Mr. Potter. George, please do not wave around your days as a "pretend" soldier as some badge of respect, I was in Desert Storm tracking hostile radar contacts while you were climbing towers and practicing left turns.

You are a bitter little man in dire need of a new hobby, your current hobby apparently consists of enjoying the sound of your own voice just a wee bit too much. At the end of your letter it states that you are from Old Town. That's funny, I am also from Old Town and in the two years I have lived there, I have yet to see the ivory tower that you apparently live in. Even though I am "academically famished" education major, I do know that if I bought Mr. Potter for what he was worth and sold him for what he thought

he was worth, I would make a handsome profit indeed.

One more point I would like to make to you, Mr. Potter. For all your supposed intellect and wit, your style of writing is tedious and annoying. I too own a thesaurus, but I do not feel the need to consult it to find a new and fancier way of saying every other word that I write. You really should come down from that castle throne and mingle with us common people, George. In fact, you should be able to find plenty of "theory-choked" education students at the next home women's basketball game. Just remember to talk slow and use small words cause we ain't much for any fancy book learnin'.

John Lee
Old Town

• Roe v. Wade

To the Editor:

The Greater Bangor Chapter of the National Organization for Women will celebrate the 23rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Monday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Peace & Justice Center located at 128 Main St., Bangor. Guest Speaker, Attorney Martha Temple, will present an update on women's reproductive rights in the United States.

NOW meetings are free and the public is invited.

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Brewer

• Burning books

To the Editor:

Civilization is based upon reasonable people behaving and conducting themselves in a civilized and reasonable manner. Education is a fundamental building block of a healthy society. Therefore when participants of an institution of higher education act like animals and willfully destroy the life blood of the institution which is its library and research materials then a warning needs to be given. For those of you who are willfully defacing library furniture, books and doors you need to realize a universal truth: you will reap what you sow. Life has a way of taking care of jerks. Now you know.

John B. Walsh
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Editorial Page



• Another View

The state of academia

By Jim Marcotte

In response to Michael Lane's Dec. 4 column, "UMaine's dumbing down" among the arguments Mr. Lane sought to express in his Dec. 4 column of imbedded clauses, several points emerged that merited response. I commend Mr. Lane for identifying the university's unbalanced support for athletic programs at the cost of academic interests. It is time to recognize that colleges and universities are not farm leagues for professional sports franchises.

Unfortunately, Mr. Lane's analysis of the state of American education began to falter when he placed blame on students, multicultural issues and the empathy of academia. I question whether an educational system that does not value the education of all can raise the performance in students. If we do not concern ourselves with addressing the particular concerns of the diverse American culture, how can we expect individuals with various backgrounds to succeed in a white dominated society? Has Mr. Lane ever tried to take a standardized test in a language that he does not speak? Individuals growing up outside the sphere of white middle class America are confronted with educational materials no less foreign on a daily basis. Are we providing a just education to those individuals if we do not accommodate for their differences? I do not believe so. Why must American education limit itself so? Instead, we should diversify the curriculum to reflect our multifaceted culture. If we choose not to meet the needs of minorities,

illiteracy will grow, not shrink.

Mr. Lane was correct in his argument that universities must not lower their expectations of students to "pander to minorities." Higher education must be vigorous and challenging. Simultaneously, it must adjust to meet the needs and special demands of a society. Education need not be diluted to meet those needs; it must be made meaningful. One's culture does not determine one's ability to acquire mathematical or verbal skills. As Mr. Lane expressed in his litany of denigration, individuals from economically deprived societies perform competitively

Acceptance of mediocrity impedes the growth of education.

with more developed countries. When a society's majority chooses to neglect portions of a population, then does their academic performance become poor.

Mr. Lane's depiction of non-traditional students was equally disturbing. Whereas the path to higher education is straight for many middle class Americans, there are those in our society whose circumstances are not so fortunate. Of what significance is the matriculation status of students? Traditional students are not necessarily the finest. On the contrary, many of the most motivated and insightful I have had the pleasure of studying with would describe themselves as non-traditional students. Age is inconsequential compared to motivation. Perhaps Mr. Lane should examine the motivation level of his traditional peers before passing judgment on others.

Finally, Mr. Lane criticized educational practitioners for possessing a sense of empathy. I suggest that empathy will be the basis for successful school reform. Without care providing the impetus for change, what will our schools become? Who would they leave behind in the process? Mr. Lane mistakes empathy for lethargy. Acceptance of mediocrity impedes the growth of education. The possession of conscience does not.

Jim Marcotte is a graduate student.

• The Right View

Unfunded mandates



Michael L. Lane

Unfunded mandates, the much ballyhooed cornerstone of the Contract With America, have once again found their way to the lime-light of the attention def-

icit American public.

Campaign '96 has descended upon New Hampshire with all the tact of an overloaded pulp truck, leaving in its path skid marks of bamboozling would-be presidents. The latest in this pathetic display of the American political process involves none other than Senator Dole and his stance on federally ordered mandates requiring state and local governments to pay for programs and institutions which our "betters" in Washington have single handedly decided are in our best interest.

Of Sen. Dole's 36 years in Washington, he is perhaps most proud of his backing legislation which led to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Considering that Dole himself has been without use of his right arm since a World War II injury, perhaps his motivation, for one who otherwise carries himself under the rubric of a "tough" conservative, was one of compassion. Luckily reality sheds its eerie head here, and one realizes his essence — a politician — prohibits this, thus his motivation sides with winning votes by playing the compassionate moderate.

Six years later Dole's tune is: placating special interest groups with delivering upon the states federally unfunded mandates in droves, while simultaneously lambasting those very same mandates in the media.

Walpole, N.H., a small town of 3,000, according to the Disabilities Act must cough up \$130,000 for the installation of an elevator and other renovations to the Town Hall making it handicap accessible. Instead of defending the Act, as he did in 1990, Dole, looking more like a salmon just pulled through the ice on any Saturday in the Maine winter, than an adult, has flip-flopped for all to see. For his part Dole sees unfunded mandates as the work of Satan, or if you prefer, liberal Democrats, and would rather keep handicapped persons out of the town hall than risk the politically decapitating move

Politics, US
— raising taxes.

Generally a bad idea, mandates, who P.J. O'Rourke said of federal regulatory agencies "Depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury," are in certain cases and to certain degrees necessary. Take a moment and visualize "Vacation land" without some of the more notable unfunded, or at least under-funded mandates. Lacking the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Ole Maine Yankee would be more like Chernobyl than what they say is a safe facility.

The list of mandates stemming out of Washington is crushing, often excessive in their requirements with complete disregard for states' rights or even individual rights. The seatbelt disaster Maine succumbed to this past November is an outgrowth of this mandate-maniac Washington. More often than not mandates are arrived at by what most would think of moral issues, or issues of responsibility, such as it is not right that U.S. Steel or James River or Union Carbide may profit at the expense of local residents who are forced to breathe air more fuliginous than my writing. Thus mandates required that companies be responsible for their smoke and make at least minimally efforts (from the smell of it) to protect area residents and the environment in general.

Very rarely, if ever do economic considerations play any significant part in such policy decisions, e.g. Walpole. Recently this poor trend has come under fire.

The U.S. Department of the Interior had ordered Bangor Hydro-Electric to build a \$2 million fishway to increase to Alewife population in Ellsworth's Union River, that order is now under consideration by the U.S. Circuit Court in Washington. At one point during oral arguments last Friday, Judge Laurence H. Silberman said "This is ludicrous, isn't it." It certainly is. Giving free reign to politicians and bureaucrats, both held hostage to the Beltway, is ludicrous.

This latest show of mandate-beating is refreshing in the least, and the road to more politically correct political practice. That is, place political power in the hands of more local agencies and agents.

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Entertainment

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Monday, January 22

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Check the validity of everything you're told. Partners and close companions have a tendency to embroider the facts. Take nothing on trust — not even from those who have least to gain from misleading you.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Some people see the worst in every situation. They like nothing better than being able to say: "I told you so". You're under no obligation to humor them. If their negative attitudes are getting you down either get angry or get up and leave.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Do you truly believe in the position you've adopted, or is it a matter of convenience? The answer is more important than you realize. Others can accept that you hold a dissenting viewpoint, but they won't be so forgiving if it turns out you've been playing games with them.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You can negotiate your way out of trouble today, but the underlying problem will remain until the 30th. Someone in a position of authority is prepared to be generous, but only if you're ready to admit that you've made a mistake.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Someone you approach for financial or professional assistance may decide that what you propose has too many strings attached. The refusal to help may save you money, if only because it forces you to consider cheaper options.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Emotional wounds need time to heal, and with time will come a clearer understanding of why loved ones have been so moody. You haven't exactly been the life and soul of the party yourself recently. Are you suffering from the same complaint?

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You may find it hard to carry on with routine tasks — but carry on you must, because they are the building blocks to something more important. The vision you had a few weeks ago is attainable. It's only your enthusiasm which has temporarily waned.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Planetary activity may inspire you to attempt something new, but other aspects warn that you should cost your plans carefully before you begin. Listen to your voice of reason, especially if it's trying to tell you something your ego doesn't want to hear.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Fate never demands of us more than we're capable of giving. If you're now being forced to change in ways which are painful, you can be sure it is for a reason. Your life is altering for the better, even if it doesn't feel like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): We learn more from our mistakes than we do from our successes. So, if what seems like a brilliant idea turns out to be no more than wishful thinking, at least you won't make the same mistake twice. If you heed this warning you can avoid making it in the first place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You know what you should be doing, but you may fear that you won't be up to the task. On the contrary, you have what it takes to make a success of something that will enhance your reputation and add to your bank balance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Even if everything appears to be going according to plan, don't take anything for granted. Be vigilant, and you'll see opportunities others have missed. Be reckless, and you'll miss out on something which could have added an exciting dimension to your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Even if your fears appear to be coming true, don't lose heart. Would you swap places with those around you? Probably not. There's always something which can cheer you up, but you won't find it unless you make an effort to look.

Schizofunia!

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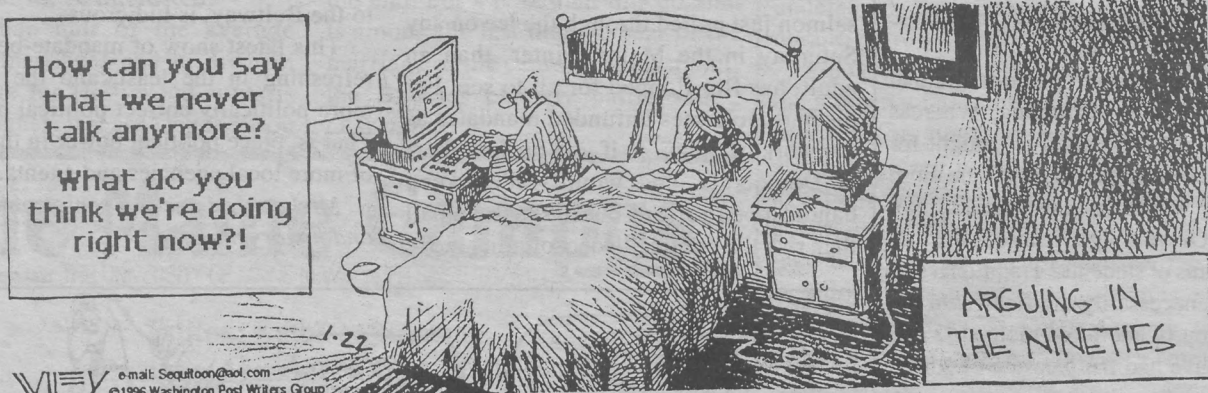
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Tuesday, January 23

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: If you must be ruthless, be ruthless with yourself, not with other people. Restrictions, separations and other obstacles have been put in your path for a reason: to help you to grow and to learn more about yourself.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Don't cling to ideas which are out of date. The world is changing, and you must change with it if you don't want to get left behind. You're given the energy and the opportunity to start moving in a more profitable direction.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Maybe you feel you aren't up to a certain task or that the obstacles are too big to circumnavigate. Is that really so, or is it just that your energy is low and you can't bothered to make the effort? You don't have to do everything immediately.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): If you feel restricted, either in your personal life or at work, maybe it's time to move on. Where to, with whom, and for what purpose remains to be seen. If you brave the unknown, you'll find a more exciting way of life.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Aspects may be disrupting key areas of your life, but only because you've become too complacent. There will be moments when you despair of your lot and moments when you catch a glimpse of what you could be achieving. Focus on the latter.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Something you begin today will cause ripples, maybe tidal waves, for weeks to come, so approach it seriously and don't think you can just drop it if your interest begins to wane. This applies to relationships as well as creative endeavors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You don't have to be a victim. If those you live and work with can't be persuaded to give you what you want, just take it for yourself. Don't be fooled by false emotion: It's just a ploy to make you change your mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): You need to make changes on the home front, but you can't make them immediately. But you can prepare the ground, and that means preparing loved ones for what's to come. Explain that what you're proposing is for their benefit as well as your own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Planetary activity today means that a family or financial difficulty can be resolved if you're determined to be done with it once and for all. Be honest about what's gone wrong and be realistic about how it can be redressed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Someone you haven't seen for years is about to come back into your life. It could jeopardize an existing relationship if you spend too much time reliving former glories. Financially, you must get your house in order before the 30th.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Be tolerant of others' ideas, even if they aren't tolerant of your own. You're going to need financial or professional assistance in your near future and can't afford to antagonize those who might be able to help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You should be a lot more like your old self now: inventive, ambitious and independent. Don't go from one extreme to the other. You can't do everything at once, but you can do something at once, and your main priority today is finding out what something is.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Don't be afraid to confront the truth about your current situation, both in your personal life and working environment. It may not be pretty, it may even be painful, but if you're honest about your fears and failures you can quite easily overcome them.

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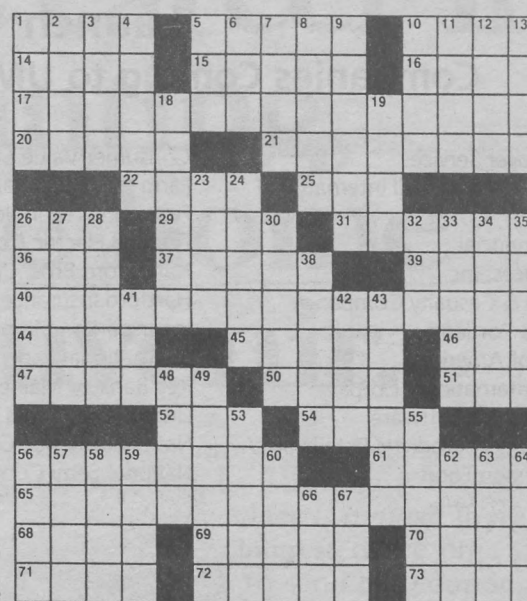
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• Oil spill

Tugboat catches fire, barge breaks up, leaks oil

NARRAGANSETT, R.I. (AP) — A single-hulled barge carrying 4 million gallons of home heating oil was breaking up in heavy surf and leaking its cargo Friday night after a tugboat explosion forced the crew to abandon ship.

The U.S. Coast Guard rescued all six, and later had to pull one of the crew members off the 340-foot barge by helicopter in 60-mph winds and driving rain after an unsuccessful attempt to drop anchor and keep it at sea.

The tug, Scandia, was still tethered to the North Cape, burning off 86,000 gallons of diesel fuel and listing on its side as the barge ran aground on Nebraska Shoals, about 900 feet off Matunuck Beach on Rhode Island's southern coast.

The tug fire burned out without spreading to the compartmentalized barge, which began breaking apart at about 8:30 p.m. after hours of being battered by huge waves.

It was not clear late Friday how many of the sections had ruptured.

"We deeply appreciate the bravery and professionalism of the Coast Guard in rescuing our crew," said Douglas Eklof, vice president of Eklof Marine, owner of both the tugboat and barge. "We will continue to cooperate with the Coast Guard to limit any damage to the environment and to resolve the situation."

It's possible only a small amount of fuel was leaking into the storm-roiled seas, but in a worst case scenario, "the (whole) barge breaks apart and we lose the whole 4 million gallons," Gov. Lincoln Almond said.

The Exxon Valdez, which spilled 11 million gallons of crude oil off Alaska, caused significant environmental damage. But Almond stressed that diesel and heating oil are light fuels that evaporate much more quickly.

The area near Friday's spill is not heavily populated, so there was no immediate health concern, the governor said, but the Trustum Pond National Wildlife Refuge is nearby.

"They are very sensitive areas, particularly with regard to juvenile fish and duck populations," said state Department of Environmental Management Director Timothy Keeney.

The Coast Guard was moving booms

into place to contain the spill, and hoped to begin unloading the remaining fuel from the barge after dawn. Meanwhile, the wind, which had been gusting to 60 mph, was pushing the oil away from the beach and lessening the potential damage, officials said.

"There's a tremendous dispersion in the air. ... (No. 2 heating oil) is much more biodegradable than crude oil. It breaks up quicker," said Mike Mulhare, state Department of Environmental Management supervising engineer.

A hazardous response team from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Seattle was en route to the scene, along with Coast Guard jets from Texas with radar systems capable of tracking oil spills.

The tugboat and barge, owned by Eklof Marine of New York City, were about 5 miles southwest of Point Judith, headed to Providence from Staten Island, when a flash fire in the engine room caused an explosion and forced the crew to abandon ship at about 3 p.m.

None of the Scandia's crew was hurt, although a Coast Guard swimmer who helped rescue them was hospitalized for hypothermia.

• Clinton speech

Dole, Gingrich ask for delay to respond

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC has refused Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich's unprecedented request to respond to President Clinton's State of the Union speech in prime time — on the following night.

"We feel strongly that our audience is best served by hearing the Republicans' response to the address immediately following the State of the Union as has always been the practice," said ABC spokeswoman Eileen Murphy.

Other networks have deferred their decisions, but ABC's move could make it easier for them to deny the request.

"We're going to rethink it and decide on Monday," said Lane Venardos, CBS' vice president for hard news and special events. NBC and Fox news executives also would mull the request over the weekend.

The GOP's request Friday for a 9 p.m. EST Wednesday time slot came by letter from Dole, the Senate Majority Leader, and House Speaker Gingrich to news executives at ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, PBS and the Fox Broadcasting Co.

Except for PBS, all had planned live coverage of Clinton's speech and the Republican response which, traditionally, immediately follows it. Cable's C-SPAN and Comedy Central also planned live coverage.

"Allowing 24 hours to pass between the President's address and the Republican response will enable us to best contribute to the national dialogue, and to most appropriately respond to the President's message," the letter said.

"We also assure you that the Republican presentation will not be of undue length," it said.

It was up to Dole, the leading candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, to choose who will make the formal response, and GOP officials said Friday that Dole was likely to select himself.

Dole's office and the White House did not answer requests for comment.

Under GOP ground rules, Gingrich designated last year's official Republican responder to the State of the Union. He chose New Jersey Gov. Christine Whitman.

The televised partisan response is a recent phenomenon, said Sherri Bebitch Jeffe, a professor of American political studies at the Claremont Graduate School's Center for Politics and Policy in California.

"This is Bob Dole being presidential, this is not Bob Dole being the loyal opposition," she said. "It is part of the positioning of Bob Dole as the presidential actor of the Republican party."

The Republicans, recalling how Clinton's last State of the Union speech ran 81 minutes, may want a chance to review the speech

overnight, address it point by point, and in more than 10 minutes, Ms. Jeffe said.

"Even given this strategy, I'm wondering whether it is the right strategy," she said. "If there is an audience for the president, will that audience tune in the following evening? ... That's a two-evening commitment."

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• Treasure hunt

Explorer plans to mine \$24 million from sub

CENTREVILLE, Va. (AP) — The huge Japanese submarine dived, struggling for cover in the Atlantic depths as an American torpedo bomber wheeled above and locked in for the kill. The bomber pilot heard an explosion and then the sound of air rushing out of the doomed ship.

The I-52 sank on June 23, 1944, with 109 sailors and two tons of gold Japan planned to use to pay war debts. The ship, bound for a port in German-occupied France, also held raw materials for the Nazi war machine.

For 51 years the location of the submarine's grave was a secret, until a maritime researcher using new computer mapping technology found and photographed the ship last year — about halfway between the Cape Verde Islands and Barbados.

"After five years devoted to looking, it was a beautiful sight," said project director Paul Tidwell.

Tidwell plans to salvage the gold along with artifacts from the ship, and may try to raise the submarine itself. The gold ingots are worth about \$24 million as gold, and probably far more as historical curiosities, he said.

Tidwell would sell some of the treasure to pay the estimated \$5 million cost of salvage and to repay investors. He plans to display some of the gold, along with artifacts and bits of ship hardware.

First, Tidwell must settle the question of whether the lost Japanese gold is legally his. Tidwell and his investors contend finders are keepers, but the Japanese government has not formally relinquished claim to the gold.

"Under laws and treaties ... we have a legal salvage right to the cargo," Tidwell said from his home in Centreville. "We are not claiming ownership of the submarine itself."

Tidwell went to Tokyo in November, where he promised to return all personal effects found on board to Japan. The bodies entombed in the submarine have probably disintegrated under the crush of water pressure, he said.

"The question of remains is a very emotional one," Tidwell said. "We will treat the question with respect. (But) we really don't expect to find them."

If any bodies survive they too would go to Japan, Tidwell said.

The 357-foot sub, remarkably intact, sits upright more than three miles underwater in a remote corner of the tropics. It is in international waters, which helps Tidwell's claim.

Tidwell calls his research and exploration

firm Au Holdings, after the chemical short-hand for the element gold. He plans a second trip to the ship site either this spring or in the fall. The first artifacts could come to the surface in 18 months, he said. Raising the hulk with special foam would be years off.

There are book and movie deals in the works, and a television special. Scientific and historical interest in the project is high, in part because of the research and technology used to find the ship. Tidwell used recently declassified documents to learn about the ship and its sinking, then hired a defense contractor to plot the wreck's location.

"It was the proverbial needle in a haystack," Tidwell said.

He beat a rival group of British treasure hunters to the prize last May.

The I-52 was part of a covert trade between Japan and Germany — Japanese raw materials for German technology and expertise. The Axis powers used submarines for the task because of Allied attacks on surface ships.

There is also a possibility the submarine was involved in Japanese and German efforts to build a nuclear bomb, and Tidwell hopes documents survive aboard the ship to answer that question.

The ship's cargo and route were no secret to American and British intelligence, which had cracked the Axis code and listened in as a Japanese diplomat detailed the manifest.

"We knew well in advance that this sub was coming around through the Indian Ocean, around the tip of Africa and into the Atlantic," said Carl Boyd, a military historian at Old Dominion University and author last year of a book on World War II Japanese submarines.

"Not surprisingly, the American anti-submarine warfare forces were in the area looking for it," Boyd said.

Jesse D. Taylor, the Avenger bomber pilot who fired the first of two torpedoes at the ship just before midnight more than 51 years ago, did not know the ship carried gold.

At first, Taylor didn't even know if he had hit the sub, since it dived before he could fire. A listening device Taylor dropped into the roiling water picked up the sub's death groans.

Taylor, 80, followed the hunt for the sub until recently, when he became seriously ill, his family said.

"He was very proud of what he did," said his stepson, Jack Barnes.

• Gay marriages

Lawmakers ponder marriages

HONOLULU (AP) — A thorny issue facing Hawaii's reluctant Legislature could affect all 50 states: whether to allow men to marry men, women to marry women.

Prodded by a special commission's 5-2 vote last month urging legalization of gay marriage, Hawaii's lawmakers — who just over a year ago voted to ban same-sex unions — face fresh debate on the question in this election year.

There is good reason why this one vote in Hawaii is carefully watched by 49 other state legislatures — and by hundreds of thousands of gay Americans. Heeding a clause in the Constitution, states generally agree to recognize each other's statutes — from driver permits and vehicle registrations to court decisions and marriage licenses.

Thus, in theory, two women or two men legally married in Hawaii would be considered legally married in any other state. Several states are already mulling ways to sidestep such recognition.

Hawaii legislators convened their 60-day session Wednesday and promptly predicted the issue might take another year to resolve.

Complex issues like this take time, said Senate President Norman Mizuguchi. He also said the Legislature was more likely to consider the commission's secondary recommendation — to devise a comprehensive domestic partnership law.

This also seems to be the path favored by Gov. Ben Cayetano, who appointed the seven members of the Commission on Sex-

ual Orientation and the Law last August.

Cayetano last week suggested the state should establish legal rights and obligations for domestic partners of the same or opposite sexes. Weddings would be religious matters, he said, and the government should quit the business of issuing marriage licenses altogether.

"The institution of marriage should be left to the church," Cayetano said. "The government needs to explore its role in marriages ... (and) should not be in the role of sanctifying marriages. That's when they run into problems."

Hawaii was pitched into the push-and-pull of one of the nation's most contentious social dilemmas May 27, 1993, when its Supreme Court agreed with three gay couples that they had been unconstitutionally denied marriage licenses in 1990.

The justices said the state had to show a compelling interest to ban such marriages and sent the case back for trial in a lower court.

Trying to bolster the state's court case by establishing legislative intent, lawmakers in 1994 clarified the somewhat vague Marriage Law to spell out that marriage was solely the union of a man and a woman.

They hedged their bet by also establishing the special commission to recommend a solution to the 1996 Legislature, and the lower court postponed action pending the commission's report. The court has now scheduled arguments in the same-sex marriage case for July 15.

• Joined at birth

Doctors evaluating week-old Siamese twins from Mexico

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Doctors are trying to determine whether week-old Siamese twins joined at the chest can be successfully separated.

The twins, who were in a Tijuana clinic, arrived Friday at Children's Hospital San Diego. They were born Jan. 12 to Maria Luisa Espinoza and Miguel Angel Morales of Tijuana.

Doctors were testing the two girls, named Sarah and Sarahi, to find out how many organs they shared. They know each has her own heart, but that they both

have heart problems.

Planning such surgery "is analogous to a moonshot or a shuttle launch or something like that," said Dr. John J. Lamberti, director of Children's Cardiac Institute. "We need to have everything well understood, and it has to be timed like a ballet."

Because the children are from Mexico, the state of California will not pay for their care. But officials said Children's Hospital and its physicians will donate their time and resources.

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• Racism

Black boy tells of attack by white friends' parents

NEW ZION, S.C. (AP) — It began innocently enough with black and white children playing together in a trailer.

It ended with a black boy's horrific tale of being pushed outside, tied to a tree and watching helplessly as a white playmate and his parents took turns kicking him, beating him with a crowbar and firing shots past his head.

Before a belt tightened around his neck and he passed out, the black boy said he remembers the father angrily accusing him of stealing from his pickup: "This is what I do to niggers that try to steal things from my truck."

While the sheriff says he doesn't believe the alleged Jan. 5 beating was a hate crime, the FBI on Friday began looking into the possibility of federal civil rights violations.

Emergency room doctors said the boy's

injuries — bruises, swelling and scratches — were consistent with his account.

"We've got a 9-year-old child's statement against an entire family," Sheriff Hoyt Collins said.

Benjamin Mims, 62, and his 43-year-old wife, Betty, were arrested on state charges of second-degree lynching, or mob violence, which does not require a racial motivation. The offense carries up to 20 years in prison.

The couple were jailed for a night before each posted \$5,000 bail on Wednesday. They had agreed to take a lie detector test but later refused without explanation.

"I did not do it, and the good Lord knows I did not do it," Mrs. Mims said Friday.

The couple's lawyer, Ernest A. Finney III, said: "You're going to find out that all this ink you're writing ... is nothing near what actually happened."

A small field separates the Mimses'

tan mobile home from the boy's home — a gray shanty of plywood and tin with no telephone.

According to a sheriff's report, the boy was at the Mims home playing with the couple's 9-year-old son and their 13-year-old niece. Mrs. Mims got angry, told the boy to get out of her house and pushed him onto the porch.

In the yard, the children pushed the black boy into the cab of Mims' truck, then told Mims the boy was stealing from the truck, sheriff's Lt. Jackie Blackwell said.

The family then forced the boy into the woods behind their home and tied him to a tree, the sheriff's report said.

Mims fired a shotgun blast past the boy's head, then gave the gun to his son, who fired a second shot, Blackwell said. Mims also hit the boy on the foot with a crowbar, and his son and niece punched him in the chest and

abdomen, Blackwell said.

Mrs. Mims then held a belt around the boy's neck until he passed out, the boy told police.

The boy eventually was freed and was told not to tell anyone what had happened or his family would be killed and his house burned, the sheriff's department said.

Police do not know what might have angered Mrs. Mims or why the children would have wanted to abuse their playmate, Collins said.

Prosecutors have not decided whether to bring charges against the couple's son and niece.

Second-degree lynching is "a routine charge where you've got four or five kids beating up another kid," said Dick Harpootlian, a former prosecutor in Columbia. It does not require prosecutors to show a racist motive.

• Courage

Boy discusses ordeal of falling through ice

WARWICK, R.I. (AP) — Ten-year-old Justin Hicks doesn't remember falling through an ice-covered pond, being pulled unconscious from the frigid water or spending nearly two weeks in a coma.

Still, he bravely took the stage and struggled to answer questions from several hundred grade schoolers who wanted to know what it was like to have a friend die.

He didn't say much, but somehow his courage came through.

Justin and Christopher Martini, 7, ventured onto Warwick's Spring Green Pond on Dec. 10 when they plunged through the ice. Christopher's brother, Thomas, 9, tried to rescue them but also fell in.

A fourth friend ran for help. The three boys were unconscious when rescuers pulled them out. Christopher died eight days later; Thomas continues rehabilitation at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence.

"It was the worst possible situation," one of the rescuers, firefighter Charles Donilon, told the students as part of an ice safety lecture inspired by the accident.

Donilon said there was a hole in the ice and no sign of life, meaning divers had to search for bodies in murky, icy water. They found Thomas first, then Justin, then Christopher.

"Their hearts had stopped beating and they weren't breathing," Donilon told the wide-eyed children. "They really were, well, dead."

Justin remained unconscious for 12 days, but slowly showed signs of improvement. He began talking two weeks after the accident. He went home last week, and is continuing therapy as an outpatient.

"There were little sentences at first, then he started demanding things, like 'Get me a glass of water,'" said his mother, Colleen Green, chuckling. "That's when I knew he

was back."

Green, grateful for her son's remarkably fast recovery but still pained by Christopher's death, decided even before Justin came home that they should promote ice safety among children.

"I said that if this child came out of this, even if he's in a wheelchair the rest of his life, he can help other children," she said. "I don't want any other parent or child to go through what I did, or the boys did."

Donilon said he was so affected by the experience, that he also decided to go to local schools to warn youngsters about the danger of playing on ice-covered waters. At Green's suggestion, Justin joined him.

"The kids can relate to one of their peers," Donilon said.

Justin, a thin, soft-spoken boy who still walks haltingly and is working to regain full use of his hands and voice, nodded, shrugged or gave one-word answers to most queries from the children at Holliman Elementary School.

The fifth-grader said he hopes to return to school next month, but knows that means dealing with the most difficult question of his whole ordeal: the death of his friend.

"That's tough," he whispered.

• Search continued

Family finds lost body

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The uncle of an 18-year-old who died while exploring an abandoned mine rappelled down hundreds of feet into the mine before dawn today and found his body. The sheriff had called off the search, saying it was too dangerous.

Jeremiah Etherington's family telephoned at 4 a.m. today to say they had reached Etherington's body under a pile of timber, rocks and other mine debris, Tooele County Sheriff Frank Scharmann said. The relatives retrieved the body by hoisting it to the surface with ropes, after first hoisting up some of the debris that had covered it.

The teen had fallen off a ledge into the shaft Saturday while he and several others were spelunking in the Honorene Mine, a silver mine founded in the 1860s and abandoned in 1928.

The extraordinary retrieval came three days after the Scharmann called off the search. A searcher, Curtis Allen, had rappelled 350 feet into the mine without spotting Etherington's body. He did see a pile of debris about 100 feet below him.

Allen had said that continuing farther down the mine would have been dangerous because "there were 2 or 3 tons of material above my head that was not

secured. I went (about 100 feet) below it despite my better judgment."

About five family and friends were involved in moving the debris and bringing the body out today. It was turned over to the state medical examiner, Scharmann said.

"They could not settle for him to stay down there," said Jewel Etherington, the youth's grandmother.

She said an uncle, Keith Fivas, apparently found the body, which was hoisted by ropes to the surface.

"I feel they were pretty fortunate to make the descent down there," Scharmann said. "It turned out fine and I'm glad nobody else got hurt."

The mine, 32 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, is one of dozens of abandoned lead, silver and zinc mines that dot the area. It had been sealed, but the grate over the opening had been moved some time ago.

Jewel Etherington said the family had contacted the owner of the land where the mine is located, and he was very cooperative in allowing the search.

The sheriff said he had not ordered the family to stay away from the mine and would not have interfered even if he had known about the retrieval effort in advance.

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• Human rights

Abortion opponents mark Roe v. Wade anniversary

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Congress moves closer to banning some rare late-term abortions, abortion opponents gathered in the nation's capital for their annual march to the Supreme Court to protest its landmark Roe v. Wade decision 23 years ago.

The abortion debate appears to have taken a back seat to budget and tax matters in this presidential election year. Nonetheless, it remains one of the most emotional and divisive public and political issues facing Americans.

Thousands of abortion opponents from across the country were to rally near the White House at lunchtime Monday before marching to the Supreme Court, as they have done every year since 1974.

The event comes as Congress is moving closer toward dealing a major blow to the 1973 court decision by prohibiting a specific abortion procedure used in late-term pregnancies.

The Senate and House have each voted to ban the rarely used procedure, marking the first time since Roe v. Wade that Congress has acted to prohibit a specific abortion method. Differences in the House and Senate versions of the bill must be reconciled before it can be sent to the president.

President Clinton has threatened to veto any such legislation.

Among those in Washington for the anniversary is Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" in the 1973 decision. McCorvey, who

attended a memorial service Sunday at Georgetown University, shocked abortion advocates last year by announcing that she now opposes the procedure.

Meanwhile, abortion rights supporters were marking the anniversary as a day to celebrate.

"Roe vs. Wade is arguably the most important decision affecting the lives and health of women in this country," said Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League.

"Twenty-three years ago (the court) saved women from the shame and degradation of back alley abortions and yet today the freedom of choice is in more jeopardy probably

than at any other time since," she added.

The 1973 court decision declared that women's unrestricted access to abortions during the first three months of pregnancy was part of the constitutional right to privacy.

Cardinal Bernard Law, Archbishop of Boston, called the ruling "tragic." Justice for unborn children who cannot speak for themselves can be achieved only through a combined effort to change laws, attitudes and the "dire circumstances" that lead some women to contemplate abortion, he said.

"It will be a lifelong struggle," predicted Law, chairman of the Committee for Pro-Life Activities of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

• GOP plan

Flat income tax debated

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — When the talk first turned to a flat income tax, Jim Calvert was intrigued. Then he started worrying what would happen if he and his wife lost their deduction for mortgage interest.

"Could you ever save enough on (lower) interest rates to make up for that?" Calvert wondered. "I just don't see how."

That concern from middle-class voters is why GOP presidential front-runner Bob Dole and many other Republicans are cool to the idea of the pure flat tax proposal being pushed by candidate Steve Forbes.

Some Republicans worry that embracing the flat tax could kill the party's chances for a victory over President Clinton.

Forbes reiterated his call Sunday for a flat tax that would shelter investment income from taxes, but end popular deductions for mortgage interest and charitable contributions.

"The only way you are ultimately going to get a balanced budget and get Washington's finances in order is if you have a flat tax," Forbes declared on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley."

But other Republicans are not as certain.

Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss. called the flat tax "an idea whose time has come" and said it would produce "an explosion of growth in the economy." But Lott, also on ABC, said any flat tax should still retain widely popular deductions such as those for mortgage interest.

Whether it makes economic sense or not, many middle-class Americans have most of their wealth tied up in their houses. And like the Calverts, many homeowners — especially in places like South-

ern California where housing prices are high — have counted on the mortgage deduction.

"It played a big part in our thinking when we decided to buy," said Calvert, who bought his Orange County house eight years ago and has seen its value fall.

Calvert, like many people here, has not seen the TV ads promoting a flat tax aired by Forbes in other states. He's unfamiliar with the details of alternate proposals pushed by Republican hopefuls Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas and Pat Buchanan.

But Calvert does favor the general idea of making the tax code more simple, and cutting rates.

Last week, a Republican commission chaired by former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp endorsed the idea of a single, lower rate. Americans of different incomes are now charged different rates, with many possible deductions.

Dole generally endorsed the idea of a flatter tax system, but called for more study, especially on the mortgage interest deduction issue. The Kansas senator, Buchanan and Gramm all say the middle class must not suffer under any changes.

Forbes, on the other hand, has argued that if the mortgage interest deduction were preserved, Congress could start down a slippery slope and restore all deductions to special interests. Forbes argues that a flat tax would make the economy grow and interest rates fall, thus ending in savings for middle-class homeowners.

• Collision course

Armey says Republicans will set new debt ceiling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Contradicting other Republican leaders, House Majority Leader Dick Armey said Congress will refuse to raise the federal debt ceiling next month unless President Clinton agrees to GOP budget-cutting measures.

Armey's statements on NBC's "Meet the Press" put Republicans on a collision course with the White House that could bring the fiscal integrity of the country into question.

House Republicans in particular have been reluctant to pass stopgap funding measures for the 1996 budget and raise the debt ceiling until the White House moves closer to the Republicans' seven-year balanced budget plan.

Talks on the balanced budget broke down last week, and it's unlikely there will be any progress in settling the differences before President Clinton delivers his State of the Union address on Tuesday. Congress returns from a two-week recess on Monday.

"Let's not play games with the future of this country or the economy of this country," White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said later on "Meet the Press," warning that Clinton would not accept a debt limit extension with strings attached.

Last week on the same news program, House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, gave assurances that Republicans would extend the government's borrowing authority before Feb. 15, when interest due to bondholders would push the debt beyond the current \$4.9 trillion limit.

"John Kasich's willingness to vote for it to the contrary," said Armey, R-Texas, "it's not coming through the House unless it carries with it something that is a substantial share of our agenda of decreasing the size and the intrusiveness of government. ...

"We have a House that is committed to getting this job done, and we're going to use every instrument we can to move the ball forward," he said.

Armey said he would support linking the debt limit increase to language terminating the Commerce Department, a top priority of the Republican Congress, and preventing the Treasury secretary from "ever again raiding the trust funds of federal workers' retirement programs."

After Clinton last November vetoed a debt ceiling measure with similar restrictions, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin twice tapped government trust funds to avoid exceeding the borrowing limit.

Rubin said last week that he would be forced to take further actions so the government can avoid default after Feb. 15 and suggested that this time finding appropriate accounting maneuvers might be more difficult. He said a legal review was continuing because proposals being considered did not as yet "fully pass muster."

Armey said Congress would probably agree to another temporary spending bill when the current measure expires on Jan. 26, avoiding a third government shutdown.


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Sports Briefs

Cubs sign McRae

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs and center fielder Brian McRae reached agreement on a one-year contract today, avoiding salary arbitration.

McRae, 28, batted .288 with 12 homers and 27 stolen bases as the Cubs' leadoff hitter last season, his first in Chicago. He was obtained from Kansas City last spring in a trade for two minor league pitchers.

Details of the contract were not immediately available.

Anderson shipped to Charlotte

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Kenny Anderson, who has struggled to regain his All-Star form of two years ago, was traded by the New Jersey Nets to the Charlotte Hornets today in a four-player deal.

Anderson, who will become a free agent after the season, was dealt with Gerald Glass for Kendall Gill and Khalid Reeves.

Shaq downs Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal's layup with 4.7 seconds left after snaring a rebound lifted Orlando to a 97-96 victory over Houston Sunday in a rematch of the teams that made last season's NBA Finals.

O'Neal, who finished with 29 points and 16 rebounds, then blocked Sam Cassell's layup attempt at the buzzer to seal the victory.

Anfernee Hardaway had 13 of his 28 points in the final quarter as the Magic turned away a Houston rally. The Rockets, losing for the fourth time in seven games, had gone ahead 86-78 with six minutes to go before O'Neal and especially Hardaway took over.

Hakeem Olajuwon finished with 30 points on his 33rd birthday.

The Rockets shot a miserable 3-for-22 from 3-point range, missing their first 10 shots from behind the arc.

Orlando finished a five-game, nine-day road trip, the longest of the season for the Magic, with a 2-3 mark.

Clemson downs Wake

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Terrell McIntyre had 15 points in the second half, and No. 19 Clemson held sixth-ranked Wake Forest nearly 30 points below its average in a 55-41 victory Sunday.

McIntyre finished with a career-high 20 points as the Tigers (12-2, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) put an end to the Demon Deacons' nine-game winning streak.

Tim Duncan, the conference leader in rebounding and blocks, had 20 points for the Demon Deacons (12-2, 4-1).

• Hockey

Black Bears bounce back to tie BU

By Larry Rogers
Sports Writer

BOSTON — Even though the UMaine hockey team won't be able to compete in the NCAA tournament this year, the Black Bears made it clear over the weekend that they are still one of the best teams in the country.

After Friday night's hard-fought 4-3 loss, Maine charged back Saturday night

to earn a 3-3 tie with No. 1 ranked Boston University and a shootout win while playing before another rowdy, if not downright rude, soldout Brown Arena crowd.

Maine moved to 16-5-4 overall and 7-3-4 in Hockey East while BU is now 18-1-3 and 11-1-2. Both teams earned two points in the standings for the tie and Maine earned the additional point for the shootout win.

Maine's shooters took advantage of

weakness shown by BU freshman goalie Michel Larocque, whose blocker (right) side appeared to vulnerable. All four of Maine's shootout goals were placed in nearly the same exact spot — just above Larocque's blocker.

"We saw during the game that (Larocque) was going down into the butterfly a lot and putting his blocker flat on the ice," said sophomore forward Shawn Wansborough, who scored Maine's fourth shootout goal, which iced the win. "We knew he would have a tough time covering that spot."

Tim Lovell, Dan Shermerhorn and Reg Cardinal scored the other three goals in the shootout. Along with Wansborough, all four are left handed shooters.

"We wanted lefties out there on the shootout," said Maine's interim head coach Greg Cronin. "If a lefty comes down on the left side then they are facing a right-handed goalie's blocker."

Maine grabbed a 1-0 lead just 57 seconds into the game. Dan Shermerhorn flipped in a rebound over Larocque after the goalie failed to cover up a wrap-around attempt by Steve Kariya.

BU tied it up at 6:26 of the first period when Shawn Bates knocked in his rebound.

The Bears reclaimed the lead 11:15 into the opening period. With Brad Purdie screening out front, Jason Mansoff placed a low shot from the left point into the net.

Maine goalie Blair Allison put on yet another goalie clinic in the first period, stopping 17 shots, including 13 Grade-A (high-percentage) chances. He finished with 39 saves in the game, and stopped 86 of 93 shots (93 percent) in the two games.

Maine increased the lead to 3-1 midway through the second period while en-



UMaine goalie Blair Allison stopped 86 shots this weekend as Maine picked up a tie and a loss at the hands of BU. (Page Photo.)

• Penalties

UMaine awaits NCAA ruling

By Bill Stewart
Sports Writer

There will be no planned trips to Cincinnati for the UMaine hockey team this year, which also means there will be no national championship for the Black Bears.

On Dec. 21, 1995 the university announced their findings of an 18-month internal investigation of its athletic programs.

In the report, the university found many violations of NCAA regulations, with the most significant occurring within the hockey program. As a result, several self-imposed sanctions were laid down on the team, which has made it to the NCAA championship game two out of the last three years.

The most notable of them was the suspension of twelve year head coach Shawn Walsh without pay for one calendar year. Also, the Bears will not be able to compete in this year's NCAA post-season tournament.

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• Women's basketball

Blodgett scores 36 in win

By Stephen Campbell
Sports Writer

The University of Maine women's basketball team starts its run for the NCAA tournament tonight against the University of Massachusetts in the first round of the women's National Invitational Tournament at 7:30 p.m. in the Alford Arena.

The UMaine women's team is the pre-season favorite to win the North Atlantic Conference, earning nine of the ten first place votes, but head coach Joanne Palombo isn't interested in any pre-season poll.

"Pre-season polls are nice, but I honestly don't put a lot of stock in pre-season polls," said Palombo. "Frankly, it doesn't mean anything, it's a pre-season poll, and I'd rather focus on a post-season poll."

Both UMaine and UMass are very similar teams. Both teams have come off the best seasons each individual program has ever had. Both teams participated in their first ever post-season tournaments. Both teams are expected to accomplish more this season.

The pre-season favorite to win the Atlantic 10 conference this year, UMass last year took part in the post-season, participating in the National Women's Invitational Tournament, finishing in fourth place.

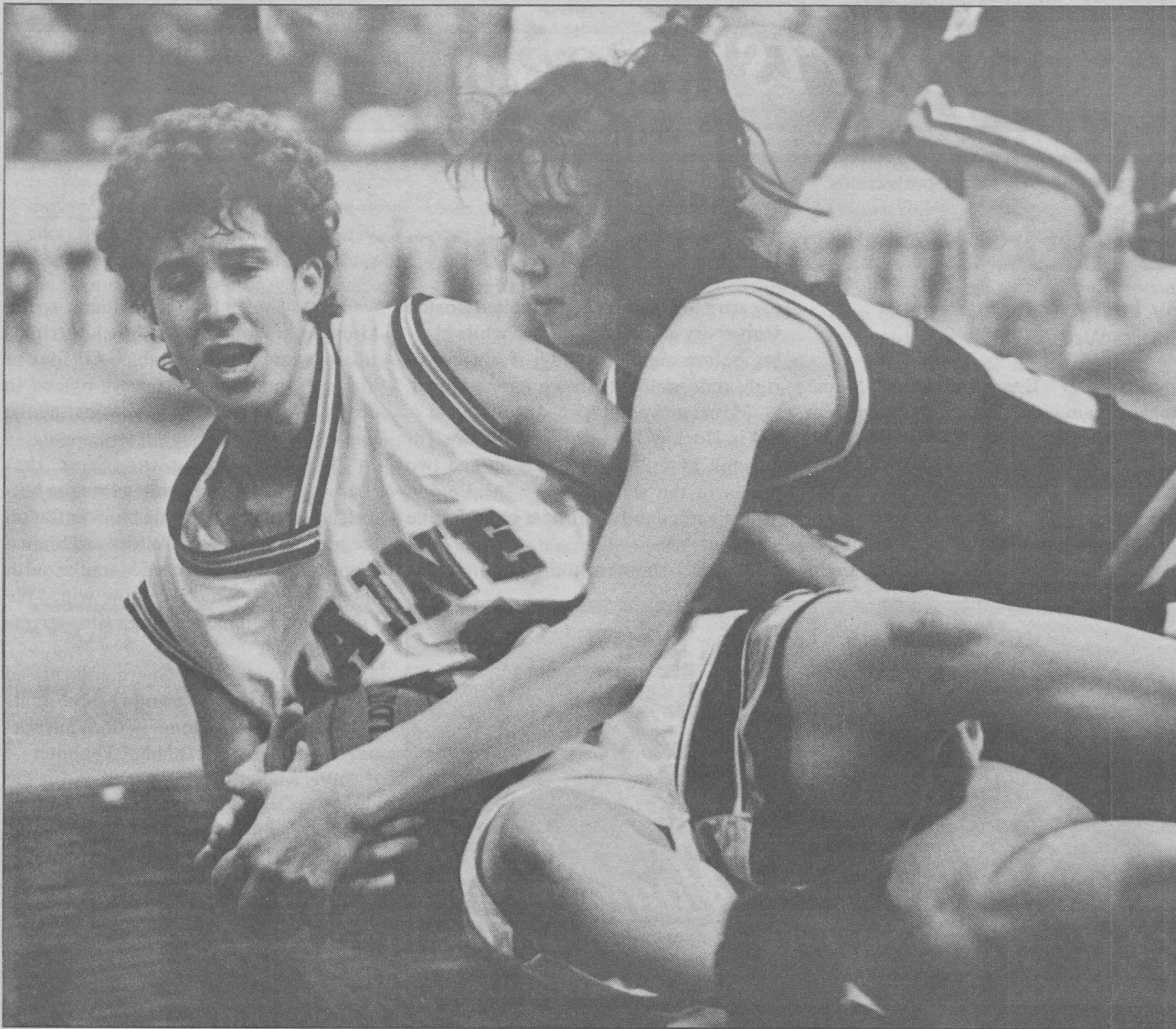
UMass set school records, going 13-3 in the conference and 19-11 overall, only four short years after having a winless season in 1991. Coach Palombo says they are a team to look out for.

"They're an excellent team, and they have all their starters returning," said Palombo. "They finished second in the Atlantic 10, and I have a great deal of respect for the team."

The Minutewomen are led by senior All-American candidates Melissa Gurile and Octavia Thomas. Both of them combined for a deadly one-two punch.

A 6-foot-4 center, Gurile was an All-Atlantic 10 first team selection. She led the team with 15.6 points per game with 6.8 rebounds per outing, starting every game for the Minutewomen. She was one of the conference's

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Cindy Blodgett, the leading scorer in the nation, smoked UNH for 36 points in the Black Bears 80-64 win Saturday. (Lachowski Photo.)

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premiere shot-blockers, recording a team high 48 blocks.

Thomas averaged 15.2 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. She tallied 49 steals and hit 55 percent of her shots.

Injured tri-captain Steph Guidi thinks the Black Bears need to focus on defense.

"Defense and rebounding is definitely going to be the key," said Guidi. "They need to talk to each other, a lot of communication is also important."

Rounding out the team is junior forward Crystal Carroll, who scored 10.9 points per game, guard Beth Kuzmeski, who averaged 9.2 points per outing, not to mention shooting 33 percent from three-point land, and forward Tez Kraft who averaged 7.5 points and nabbed 34 steals last season. Kraft is another UMass player who can come through in big games. She scored a career-high 24 points in the first round game of the post-season NIT last year.

Tri-captain Catherine Gallant feels the Black Bears need to start out quick and have everyone focused on the game.

"Like in every game, we want to get right into the game," said Gallant. "I also think it's important for us to get our heads into the game and things will come."

The Minutewomen are coached by Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year Joanie O'Brien. In four years, she has become the second winningest coach in the program's history. Both O'Brien and Palombo coached together as assistants at Auburn University before they both went on to build nationally recognized programs.

Black Bear Notes: Sophomore Cindy Blodgett and junior Stacey Porri were selected to the NAC pre-season All-Conference team.

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joying a two-man advantage. Larocque stopped a Shermerhorn shot from the left circle with his left skate, but the rebound bounced out front to Wansborough, who tipped it in.

The Terriers closed the gap nearly three minutes later. Jay Pandolfo blasted a rising slapshot from the right circle into the left corner making it 3-2.

Maine suffered a scare 11:15 into the third period when BU defenseman Shane Johnson charged Allison while coming down the middle and slashed the goalie in the head. Allison lay face down on the ice motionless for about two minutes while the obnoxious BU crowd chanted, "Sieve! Sieve! Sieve!" Allison slowly

got up and shook it off and continued.

BU scored its third power play goal of the game with 7:22 left in regulation. Chris Drury sent in Bob Lachance at the blue line and the senior center broke in and tucked a shot into the far corner.

Neither team scored the rest of the way or in overtime forcing the shoot-out.

Wansborough said the Black Bears knew they could play with BU and proved it Saturday night.

"We didn't play very well (Friday night), but we knew they got some breaks and didn't outright beat us," he said. "Tonight I think we were more physical, and we didn't give them as much skating room at all. Ally played a heck of a game too."

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• Hockey

BU drops Maine, 4-3

By Larry Rogers
Sports Writer

BOSTON – Boston University showed why it is ranked No. 1 in the nation Friday night and Maine goalie Blair Allison showed off the form that has made him arguably the best netminder in the nation.

The Terriers, trailing 2-0 after 40 minutes of play, exploded for four goals in the final period to steal a 4-3 win over Maine Friday night in Hockey East action.

Allison, who was recently granted another year of eligibility, turned in a remarkable 48-save performance to carry Maine throughout much of the game. He made saves with his skates, pads, stick, mask – he even made a save lying on his stomach.

"I think we saw why Blair Allison is an All-American tonight," said UMaine interim head coach Greg Cronin, whose Black Bears dropped to 16-5-3 overall and 7-3-3 in the league. "He was awesome," he later added.

"Allison made some nice saves," agreed BU boss Jack Parker. "We knew coming in that he was on a roll and that we would be facing a hot goaltender."

Twenty-two of Allison's saves came in the third period, and 18 of those were high-percentage shots.

"I think he's clearly the best goalie in our league," said BU's Chris O'Sullivan, who eventually scored the game-winning goal.

BU upped its overall record to 18-1-2 while moving to 11-1-1 in Hockey East, and, most importantly, picked up five more points in the standings on second-place Maine.

Maine took a 2-0 lead in the second period on power play goals from Trevor Roenick at 11:17 and Dan Shermerhorn at

16:49. Roenick's goal came when he recovered Jeff Tory's shot from the left point, which went wide to the left and then took a crazy bounce out of the corner to about eight feet in front of the net where Roenick swatted it in. Shermerhorn lit the lamp after he redirected a Tory wrister from the left point through BU goalie Tom Noble's legs.

But the Terriers came out fired up in the third period and brought the sellout Brown Arena crowd of 3,806 to their feet when Doug Wood and Billy Pierce scored goals just eight seconds apart.

Wood, a senior defenseman, scored first at 4:04 when he skated in from the left point untouched and slid the puck into the near corner. Following the ensuing faceoff, Pierce finished off a 2-on-1 with John Hynes.

"I told the team before the game that the two keys to the game were E and E – execution and emotion," said Cronin. "I thought that in the third period we lost some emotion, and when you lose emotion, you lose execution."

Maine, which was outshot 26-7 in the final period, regained the lead at 5:53 when junior forward Reg Cardinal chipped in the rebound of a Dan Shermerhorn attempt.

BU junior defenseman Jon Coleman made it 3-3 midway through the period when he slipped a backhand between Allison's legs from the top of the slot, charging more electricity into the partisan crowd.

The momentum shifted in BU's favor. "One of our seniors, Doug Wood, said to us, 'Let's step it up,' in between the last two periods," said O'Sullivan, a junior left winger.

O'Sullivan, last year's MVP of the

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• Men's basketball

UNH needs four OTs to beat Maine

By Scott Martin
Sports Editor

After an hour and fifteen minute delay due to a power outage, University of Maine freshman John Gordon and University of New Hampshire sophomore Brad Cirino engaged in an old-fashion shootout.

Gordon scored 34 points for the Black Bears, including a Maine record 10 three pointers, but Cirino poured in a game-high 39 points leading the Wildcats to a 106-103 win in four overtimes, Friday night at Alford Arena in a North Atlantic Conference matchup.

Cirino turned it on in the fourth overtime, scoring 10 points to give UNH (4-11, 3-5 NAC) a 10 point lead with about a minute left to play. Gordon nailed a three to cut the lead to seven. Then with 38.4 seconds left in the game, Cirino nailed two free throws that appeared to ice the game.

Seconds later Maine (7-7, 5-3 NAC) guard Casey Arena was fouled taking a three pointer and hit all three, slashing the lead to 100-106.

"Making a three-point foul on Casey Arena was almost fatal," said UNH head coach and University of Maine graduate Gib Chapman.

After Cirino missed a pair of free throws, Gordon drained a three with 21 seconds left to cut the lead to three, 103-106. UNH guard Jamal Jackson committed an offensive foul

giving Maine the ball with 18.5 seconds remaining. Black Bear forward Angelo Thomas missed a three and got his own rebound but was unable to get another shot off as time ran out.

"I think if Angelo hadn't taken that shot, and we had gotten it to John, we'd still be playing," Maine head coach Rudy Keeling said after the game.

The game itself almost was postponed, but right before Lynn Coutts, UMaine's Coordinator of Marketing and Promotions, could make the announcement, the lights flickered back on.

Once the game finally started, Maine appeared sluggish and not ready to play as UNH jumped out to a 24-4 lead over the first ten minutes. Cirino and Matt Alosa took turns burning Maine, as Alosa drained three three's and Cirino added seven points in the run.

Gordon, found his range and brought Maine back to life hitting two three's as the Black Bears cut the Wildcats' lead to 12, 23-35 at the end of the half. Gordon continued his hot shooting in the second half, scoring nine points, all on three's, as Maine took its first lead, 55-53, on a Greg Logan layup with just over three minutes remaining in the game.

"After the first half I knew I wasn't keeping my hand extended when I was shoot-

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ment. This seems to come as quite a blow to the program, but many fear the worst is still yet to come.

In the spring of 1994, the university discovered several NCAA compliance violations and initiated a report of the investigation under the independent Kansas law firm Bond, Schoeneck, and King, who specialize in NCAA-related matters.

Nearly 450 pages in length, the in-depth report has been received by the university, which in turn sent a copy to the NCAA for further review, said Rich Hilliard, Director of the Enforcement Committee for the NCAA. "The university has submitted a report outlining conclusions drawn and their corrective disciplinary action," said Hilliard.

"We will review the information to see if any follow up needs to be done. We will, in turn, submit a letter of official inquiry, and send it to the school," he added.

The official letter of inquiry will be sent out sometime around April, and during the next few months there will be a lengthy discussion process between the NCAA and the university said Athletic Director Sue Tyler. "That's the next step. They (NCAA) will read it, see what they agree with and what they don't agree with and where they think our big problems are," said Tyler.

Once the letter of official inquiry is re-

ceived by the school, the university has the right to a hearing before the NCAA Committee of Infractions decides what, if any, additional sanctions are needed.

In the past, the NCAA has imposed their own sanctions on many hockey programs across the country. In 1994, Colorado College was placed on probation for one year for violations involving improper recruiting, lodging and transportation. However, the Tigers were not banned from any post season tournaments.

In 1991, the University of Massachusetts-Lowell was placed on probation for two years, and was not allowed to participate in any post season tournament for one year. UMass-Lowell made improper recruiting contacts and were cited for unethical conduct. The River Hawks also violated NCAA regulations on financial aid and lodging. The University of Denver, Cornell University and Plattsburgh State University College have also been sanctioned by the NCAA in the past.

With only ten regular season games remaining on the schedule, the Black Bears gear up for the final stretch run of a season that will not end the way everyone envisioned. Maine will be able to compete in this year's Hockey East Tournament at the Fleet Center in Boston. However, any dreams or aspirations of a national championship will have to wait, for now, until next year.

Men's hoops

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ing the ball," said Gordon. "Ed Jones pointed it out to me, and in the second half, I was keeping it up there and got in a zone."

In overtime Cirino was smoking. He started off the first overtime by nailing a three, but Maine quickly answered when Ledbetter hit a jumper and Gordon drained a three giving Maine a 71-66 lead. Cirino nailed a three to send the game to the second overtime.

Maine needed more heroics in the second overtime as Alosa scored six points before fouling out. Gordon hit a three with 15 seconds remaining to send the game into a third overtime, with the score tied 80-80.

The rest of the game belonged to Cirino who scored 14 points in the final two overtimes as UNH finally put Maine away.

"When Matt Alosa and Doug Wilson fouled out, then I started feeling more of the pressure to play," said Cirino. "When I'm playing with Matt and Doug, it wasn't like I was forcing shots, they were the ones that got me open so it was easy for me to knock

them down."

Alosa finished with 22 points for the Wildcats, while Wilson added 15 and Matt Acres 11. Casey Arena added 23 points and Greg Logan had 14 points and 16 rebounds. Ledbetter scored 12 points and also grabbed 16 rebounds.

Notes from Break: The Black Bears went 4-4 over the break beating Youngstown State, Brown, Towson State and Vermont, while losing to Brown, Northern Illinois, Hofstra and Drexel.

• Josh Nash, a freshman forward, underwent surgery on his ankle Thursday night and as a result, will probably redshirt this year. Nash was averaging 4.4 points a game at the time of the injury.

• John Gordon has won the North Atlantic Conference Rookie of the Week Award twice this year.

• The Black Bears face Hartford Tuesday night at Alford Arena. Game time is set for 7:30.

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NCAA Championship, took Wood's advice and scored the game-winner with 5:47 left when he just happened to be standing in the right place at the right time. After Allison blocked a pass across the crease by Bob Lachance, the puck deflected out into the

top of the slot where O'Sullivan was stationed, and he ripped a low slapshot through Allison's legs.

"I saw the shot at first but then I lost it," said Allison. "They really came at us hard in the third period."

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