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• Academics

Proposed changes ease requirements

By Jason Cunningham
Staff Writer

If the University of Maine's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences changes from the present Bachelor of Arts requirements to the new general education requirements, many say it will significantly weaken the writing intensive criteria, enabling students to get the same amount of credit as before without doing as much work.

"I don't think it's writing intensive," said Professor of Sociology James E. Gallagher, referring to the general education requirements. "There is not as much writing involved as before."

The two main staples of the general education criteria for what is considered writing intensive are that a substantial portion of the student's grade shall be based on the quality of the writing, and that students will be allowed to perform rewrites on papers.

According to Marie Tessier, an instructor in the Department of

Communication and Journalism, all writing classes should base a substantial portion of the student's grade on quality of writing, and this particular criteria does not make a class writing intensive. Tessier said that with the general education criteria, "a student can find a way to maneuver around the university by getting credit without doing as much work."

Eric Peterson, an associate professor of speech communication, also expressed his dislike of the general education requirements, but showed optimism by pointing out what he thinks to be a couple of good points about the whole situation. "Individual departments can require students to take more," said Peterson, meaning that even if the general education requirements are adopted, departments can, individually, set tougher standards for writing intensive criteria.

Peterson also noted what he described as a "leveling effect" among all the general education requirements by saying "even

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• Politics

King addresses State of State

From Staff and Wire reports

Gov. Angus King assessed the condition of the state of Maine Tuesday and voiced optimism about Maine's ability to compete in a global economy, perhaps giving a ray of hope to college students seeking jobs.

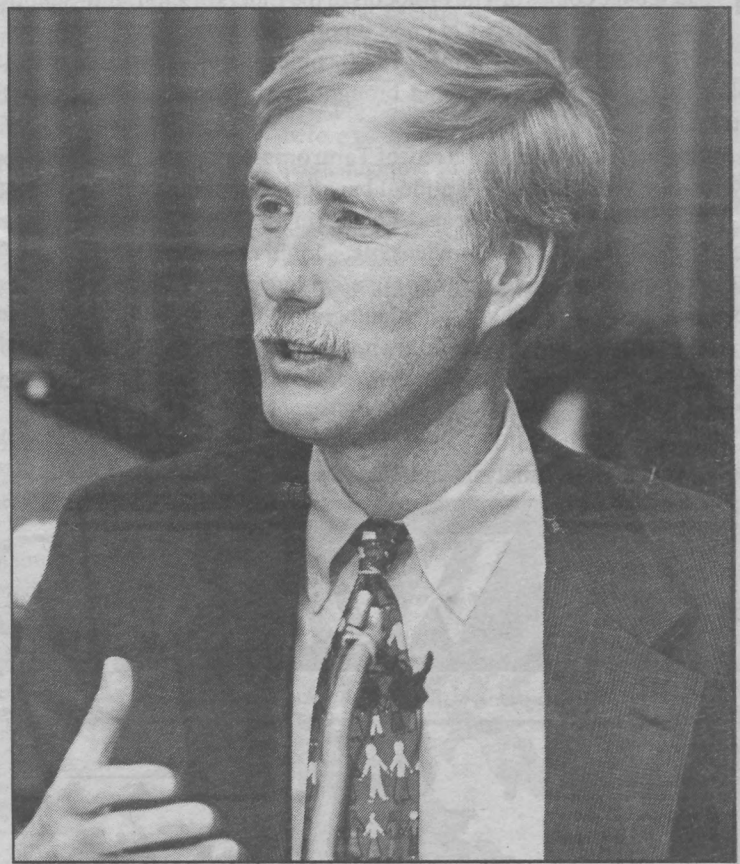
"Never again should a young person have to leave Maine to find a decent job," he said.

The independent governor, addressing a Legislature already preoccupied by upcoming elections with little more than two months to go in this year's session, said economic growth must be stimulated to boost employment.

A key factor in creating new jobs should be small business, said King, and the key to preparing the work force for new opportunities must be better performing public schools.

Vowing to continue efforts to restructure and consolidate government and to upgrade social services affecting the elderly, King held firm to previous promises that no new initiative would necessitate net new spending.

"There's not a dime's worth of new taxes here, there's just more



Gov. Angus King (File Photo.)

bang for the existing buck," he said.

Earlier this week, King told the Board of Trustees of the Universi-

ty of Maine System that they would get no major increase in funds over the next five years.

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• Mother Nature

Weather brings constant changes to region

By Kathleen Brennan
Staff Writer

Some thought it was over, but the attack started again yesterday, around 5 p.m. Out of nowhere, it flew from the sky. That cold, frigid visitor started its assault on the earth blanketing everything in sight. And according to a local meteorologist, the snow is back to stay.

"We will see more snow this weekend," Steve McKay of Bangor's WLBZ-TV, said in an interview.

Orono's streets were clear for a while as a thaw had delivered the town from nor'easter hell. For about two weeks, the mile-high snow banks and icy road conditions were washed away, but those days seem to be coming back.

"The thaw caused some minor flooding in the area," McKay said. "It's not unusual for a January thaw. It's pretty typical."

One thing unusual, however, was the amount snow that covered the east coast over Christmas break. From Virginia to Maine during the two larger nor'easters, the "New Year's Nor'easter" and the "Blizzard of '96," people shoveled, flights

were delayed, snowbanks gained height and schools were canceled.

Compared to other New England states, Maine was not hit too hard by the storms, but its residents still had to clean up.

On campus, the snow removal was made easier for Facilities Management since all of the students went home for the holidays.

"It went well on campus," Thomas Cole of Facilities Management said of the 24 hour snow removal process. "Basically because it was empty of students."

Facilities Management used all of its equipment during the storms, occasionally hiring outside contractors. Cole said that

although there was a lot of snow early this year, he thinks this winter is pretty average.

"It has been pretty much average even though there is more snow the further south you go," Cole said. "Mother Nature has a way of averaging things out."

As of now, cost of snow removal, which comes out of the grounds budget, are higher than planned, but Cole said this tends to average out also.

To date, Orono has had 52 inches of snow dropped upon it, according to MacKay. Although that is a lot of early snow fall, he said it is still far from a record-breaking winter, such as the 82 inches that fell in 1962 and the 80 inches in 1979.



Orono Public Works removes snow from streets. (Gagne Photo.)

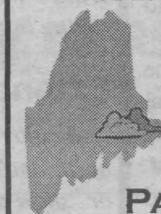
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World Briefs

• Book burning

Estonia destroys anti-semitic literature

1 TALLINN, Estonia (AP) — Estonian police have destroyed 600 Estonian-language copies of The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, anti-Semitic propaganda once used by the Nazis, local press reports said Tuesday.

An Estonian publisher printed 1,000 copies in 1993 and more than 400 were sold. But police seized the rest after a suit brought by the former Soviet republic's small Jewish community.

Last October, a court in the city of Tartu ordered that the remaining copies be destroyed, saying they violated a constitutional ban against racist literature.

The decision sparked heated debate in academic circles, with some arguing that literature, no matter how reprehensible, should never be destroyed.

The Protocols, which claim to give evidence of a Jewish conspiracy to dominate the world, are still used by right-wing hate groups.

The authors of The Protocols are not known. Historians say it probably was written by czarist Russia's secret police at the turn of the century. Nazi propaganda drew heavily from them.

Jewish groups in Tallinn said they don't oppose publishing The Protocols as a historical document, including analysis and background.

• Weather

Rain, snow close Spanish highways

2 MADRID, Spain (AP) — Heavy rains swamped much of Spain on Tuesday, forcing evacuations and wrecking crops, while blizzards trapped hundreds of mountain residents and travelers.

The heavy precipitation, which appeared to be a blessing in this drought-stricken nation when it began in early December, is causing havoc as it continues unabated.

In Spain's high country, snow blocked 23 mountain-pass roads, stranding travelers, some trying to cross the French-Spanish border over the Pyrenees Mountains.

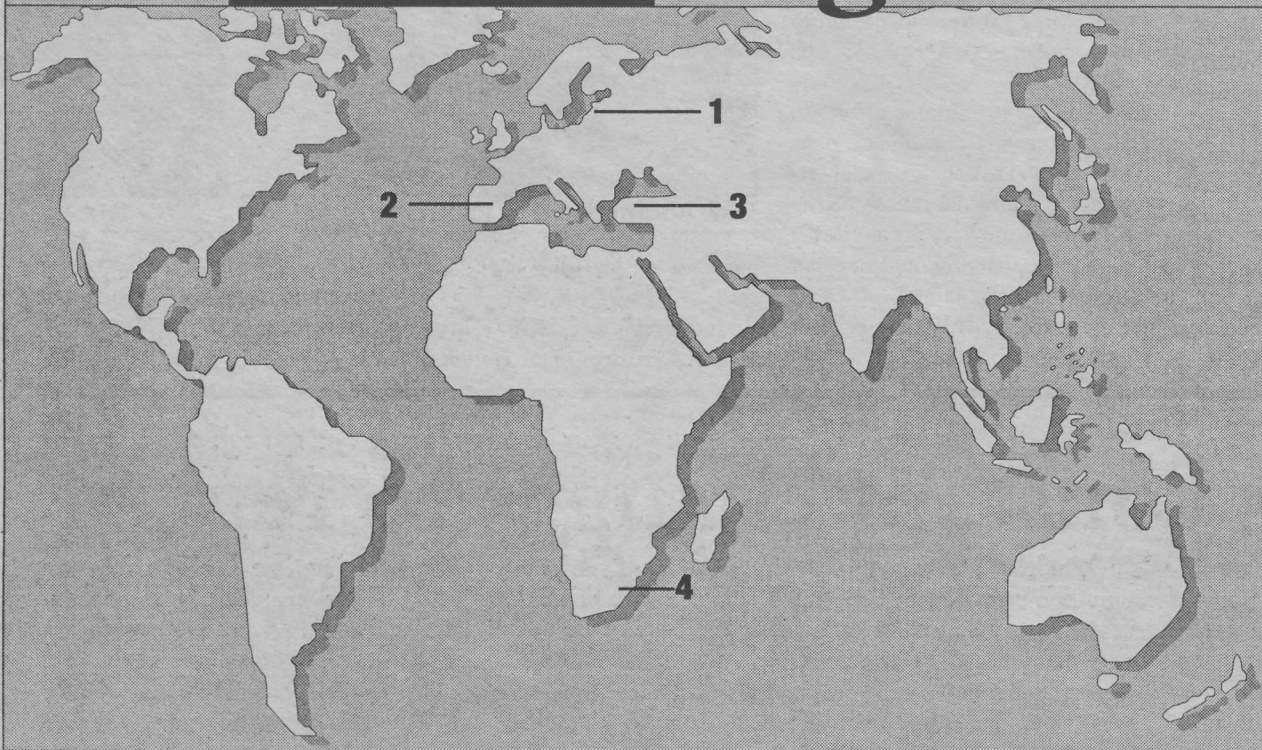
In the Guadarrama mountain range north of Madrid, the Civil Guard was attempting to evacuate more than 400 residents and travelers.

The guards used all-terrain vehicles to rescue 13 restaurant employees trapped at the Navacerrada ski resort. Snow caused a power outage that temporarily halted a train carrying evacuees to Madrid.

More than 130 mountain towns were cut off by snow in the northern Spanish region of Castilla and Leon, the Spanish news agency EFE reported.

Near Huelva, a southwestern Spanish province hard hit by flooding, 160 people have been evacuated since Monday, six highways closed, and strawberry and olive crops damaged, authorities said.

World Digest



• Cradle robbing

Turkish police arrest waiter with young taste

3 KAHRAMANMARAS, Turkey (AP) — Police arrested an 18-year-old Turkish waiter who married a 13-year-old British girl, and prosecutors charged him Tuesday with having sex with a minor.

Sarah Cooke and Musa Komeagac wed two weeks ago after meeting last summer on her family vacation to the Turkish Mediterranean, London's Sun newspaper said. Komeagac reportedly worked at the hotel where the girl's family stayed.

Under Turkish law, women must be at least 15 to marry.

Police detained the couple Tuesday, and released Sarah but held her husband, the Anatolia news agency said. Komeagac faces at least five years in prison if convicted.

Prosecutors also are questioning the Islamic clergyman who performed the marriage, Anatolia said. Turkey recognizes only marriages performed by city officials.

Sarah's mother told the Sun she took Sarah back to Turkey to be with Komeagac, saying the girl otherwise would have left on her own.

"I don't care what people think about her marrying — because she is loved and happy," Jackie Cooke said.

• Violence

Swaziland strikers turn violent in protest

4 MBABANE, Swaziland (AP) — Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets at protesters in the two main cities of Swaziland on Tuesday, the second day of a nationwide strike called to demand democratic reforms.

Labor leaders said at least six demonstrators were injured in the clashes at the capital of Mbabane and the industrial center of Manzini. Police said demonstrators shot and critically wounded two officers.

Soldiers and police patrolled the two cities, while supporters waited outside a Mbabane courthouse for news of three strike organizers who were arrested Monday under an anti-strike law passed earlier that day.

Shops, factories and utilities remained shut down Tuesday, said Vusi Ginindza, news editor of the independent Times of Swaziland newspaper.

Labor unions are calling on King Mswati III's government to legalize political parties banned since 1972.

The strike will continue until the government agrees to the unions' demands, which include creation of a constitutional assembly to begin the shift to a multiparty system, Jan Sithole of the Swaziland Federation of Trade Unions said before his arrest.

Sithole, the union federation's secretary general; Richard Nxumalo, the federation's president; and Jabulani Nxumalo, the assistant secretary-general, were detained under the new industrial relations law, which includes stiff jail sentences and fines.

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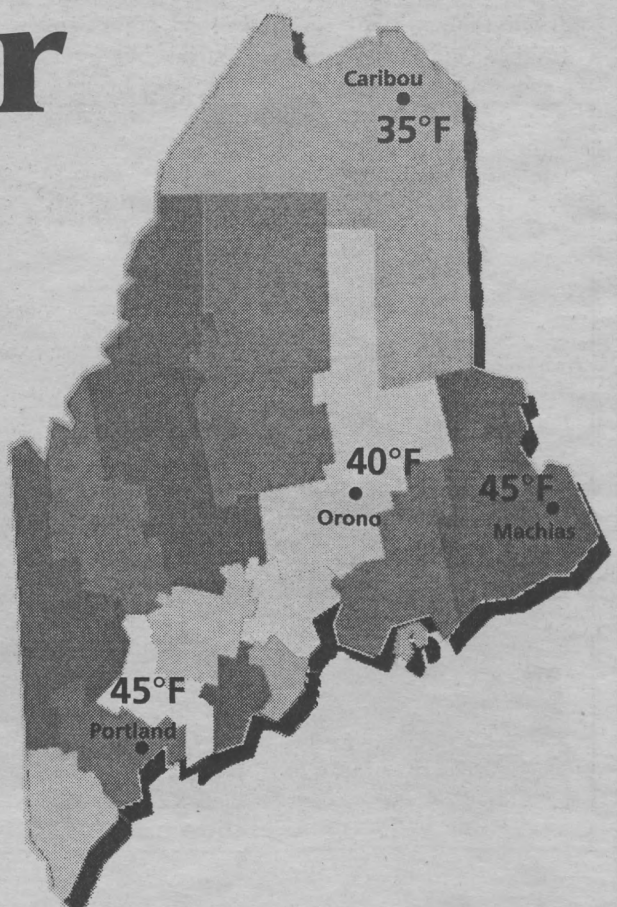
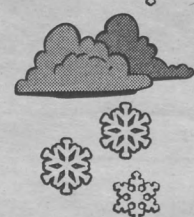
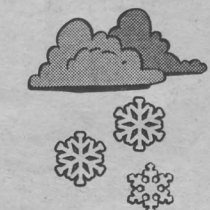
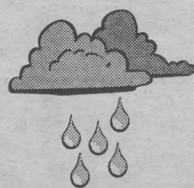
Precipitation changing over to rain...Heavy at times later in the day. Highs 40 to 45.

Thursday's Outlook

A chance of morning flurries...Then becoming partly to mostly sunny. Windy with temperatures falling into the teens.

Extended Forecast

Friday...Chance of snow north and a chance of rain or snow south. Saturday...Chance of snow or flurries north.



State

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Sally Vamvakias, chair of the Board of Trustees, said that UMaine does not really expect any increase.

"There's no money there for the increases," she said. "It's unrealistic to ask for money that's not there."

Vamvakias said that the campuses of UMaine would need to "find resources within the system to do things they want to do."

She also said that although the system would not stop seeking funds from the legislature, they would do so in a manner that addresses the budget constraints of the state government.

King delivered his televised speech, marked by relatively few of the rhetorical flourishes he often favors but sprinkled with spontaneous interjections, to a joint convention of the House and Senate.

"In my view," said King, laying out the challenge facing Maine, "the single most important determining factor as to whether we're going to make it in the 21st century is education."

King said public schooling must be bolstered despite limits on the state's capacity to increase local aid, and asserted that his administration was prepared to use existing resources to emphasize "standards and accountability."

He said the mechanism to do so would be legislation to implement the new report of a Task Force on Learning Results.

The proposal would require Maine students to pass a test to qualify for a high-school diploma. It also sets out required "learning results" in seven subject areas

that would be applied statewide, and calls for newly designed assessment tests to be given in the fourth, eighth and 11th grades.

As promised, King advocated new steps to help small businesses add jobs, embracing a proposal by Rep. Richard Simoneau (R-Thomaston) to offer tax credits to firms with less than 50 workers that expand payroll.

He also presented a plan to set up a \$5 million revolving loan fund to provide capital for small businesses, and a similar \$6 million loan fund for agriculture and aquaculture projects.

Additionally, King said state government would act to ease paperwork requirements for businesses, streamline regulation without compromising the environment and improve coordination in services aimed at helping firms pursue international trade opportunities.

While focusing on economic development, King said, "we cannot forget those who need our help."

Specifically, he said, the administration will propose a plan to promote more boarding-home beds and home-care services for senior citizens. The plan would rely in part on volunteers and in part on financial incentives for nursing homes willing to convert beds to residential care.

In spelling out a modest agenda, King

lauded lawmakers for being able to work cooperatively, pointedly contrasting "what we have here" with "the failure of our national government to perform its most basic duties."

"We're no angels, but what we have in this room are a collection of Maine people who are doing their best as God gives them the light to know it," he said.

"We're sometimes opponents, but never enemies; we differ on the means, but rarely the ends; and we're grateful to you — the people of Maine — for giving us this extraordinary opportunity," he said.

King's praise for cooperative action was echoed in pre-taped statements by the Legislature's ranking Republican and Democrat, Senate President Jeffrey Butland and House Speaker Dan Gwadosky, respectively.

"We're not interested, and I don't think the people of Maine are interested, in who gets credit for finding the solutions," Butland said in the Republicans' prepared response.

"We need to blend the best of Republican, Democratic and independent ideas to find workable solutions to achieve that recovery."

"With a Legislature so evenly divided between the two major parties and an independent governor, cooperation is essential,"

said the Cumberland Republican. "We are firmly committed to this partnership."

Gwadosky, similarly if in less of a departure from previous statements, said Democrats will also maintain a nonpartisan approach.

"We pledge to work together with the governor and the Republicans for no other reason than it is the right thing to do," the Fairfield Democrat said in his party's response.

"The beating of the partisan drums is over and the time to do the people's business has begun. While we may certainly disagree over the solutions to meeting the challenges before us, a great opportunity has arrived to work together to put people first — for a change," Gwadosky said.

King, whose speech ran for about 45 minutes and was interrupted nearly 20 times by applause, said Mental Health Department Commissioner Melodie Peet would convene a special panel to try to reach a consensus by early summer on how to balance community services and institutional care.

On other matters, while describing successes within Maine's business sector, King noted in passing recently announced cutbacks by L.L. Bean and Bath Iron Works and characterized them as "a not-so-gentle reminder of our vulnerability."

Write

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though this is not an advance for those students enrolled in the Department of Communication and Journalism, it's good overall because the general education requirements actually made it harder for students in other departments, so it sort of balances itself out."

Despite this "self-balancing effect" described by Peterson, Tessier still thinks that replacing the current B.A. requirements with the general education requirements will weaken the criteria. "It's not a common sense definition," she said.

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State News

• Reaction

Not all agree on King's State of State

AUGUSTA (AP) — Even before Gov. Angus King sized up the state of the state Tuesday night, advocates for environmentalists and Maine workers were questioning whether King's policies are too friendly to business.

The head of Maine's largest environmental organization wrote a 2 1/2-page letter that praised the independent governor's actions on some issues while urging him to endorse a longer list of environmental priorities.

Funding for the monitoring of toxic water pollution, limits on wood harvesting to protect Maine forests from overcutting, and vigilance in attacking air pollution were among the goals recommended by Everett B. Carson of the Natural Resources Council of Maine.

"While we applaud your positive efforts, we must ask that you move beyond these initial steps to articulate as clear a vision for Maine's environment as you have so effectively for Maine's economy," Carson wrote last week.

The council was not concerned so much about any one of the points that Carson's letter raised as it was about King's apparent lack of a cohesive program to protect the environment, said another group spokesman.

"The absence of a strong environmental agenda overall is something that's giv-

en us concern," said Timothy Glidden.

After watching the speech from the House balcony, Glidden said he was cautiously encouraged by the governor's remarks.

"He touched on some good, broad themes," he said. "The proof is in the actions over the next year, and the next three years."

King's economic-development strategy was criticized by two Maine economic professors in an article published in Tuesday's Portland Press Herald.

David Vail of Bowdoin College and Michael Hillard of the University of Southern Maine warned that King's policies put the profits and needs of business ahead of the interests of Maine people.

They said the business tax breaks that King has supported do nothing to ensure the creation of quality jobs, help adult workers who have been displaced or shrink economic disparities among different regions.

"Business profits are a means to development, not an end," wrote the professors, both members of the board of the Augusta-based Maine Center for Economic Policy, a non-profit group that focuses on the working poor.

The center's director, Christopher St. John, said after reviewing the governor's speech that his proposals did little to ease

those concerns.

But St. John praised King's plan to provide a job-creation tax credit for small businesses on a sliding scale that would most benefit companies whose wages are higher than the local average.

While maintaining that tax credits in general are more expensive to taxpayers than other forms of job-creation incentives, St. John said the governor's approach

represents "a very positive direction."

Defending the governor's policies as even-handed was Dana Connors, president of the Maine Chamber & Business Alliance.

The independent governor has "been very careful" to balance diverse interests in advancing his initiatives even as he works to solve the state's financial problems, Connors said.

• Decency

Male dancing act not obscenity violation

PORTLAND (AP) — A stage act in which male dancers wore bikinis did not violate Portland's obscenity ordinance, a judge ruled.

District Judge Roland Beaudoin said the act was not illegal because police did not prove the dancers' buttocks were fully exposed.

Police cited the club's owners and two dancers from The Male Express after a female officer attended the show in September 1994. She claimed the performers simulated sex acts with female customers.

"We're disappointed, but I don't think it

throws some big wrench in the city's future enforcement of the ordinance," Bethanne Poliquin, an attorney for the police department, said Monday.

"This was ludicrous to begin with," said Stuart Tisdale, lawyer for the Old Port dance club once known as The Cage.

The owners required the dancers to wear bikini trunks to cover their buttocks, instead of more revealing G-strings, to abide by the nude activity ordinance.

The dancers' buttocks were exposed inadvertently when the trunks rode up, but were quickly adjusted, Tisdale said.

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• Racial incident

Youth center staff to undergo training

SOUTH PORTLAND (AP) — The state corrections commissioner ordered diversity training for the Maine Youth Center staff after a counselor entered a black youth's cell wearing a white pillowcase as a hood.

Corrections Commissioner Joseph Lehman vowed to prevent racist acts like the Dec. 8 incident after meeting Monday with members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"We want to get the message out that there is no place for hate, prejudice or bigotry within the Department of Corrections," Lehman said.

The incident that sparked the diversity training occurred when counselor Kenneth Factor entered the cell of 16-year-old Lamar

Kelly wearing a white sheet over his body and a pillowcase over his head.

Kelly said Factor called him "boy" and threatened to beat him.

Factor, who said he never meant for his actions to appear racist, claimed he covered himself in bedding to protect himself from Kelly, who he believed had hepatitis.

The state attorney general is investigating whether Factor should be charged with violating the Maine Civil Rights Act.

During Monday's meeting, NAACP members told Lehman they were concerned about the atmosphere at the youth center and whether other juveniles were being harassed because of their skin color.

"I've got many complaints from people

at the youth center about racial slurs coming from employees," said Neville Knowles, vice president for the New England chapter of the NAACP.

The diversity training among the youth center's 130-member staff will begin within the month, Lehman said.

Although he was unaware of racist incidents within the state's eight other prisons, Lehman said he would like to see his entire corrections staff trained on multi-cultural and diversity issues.

NAACP leaders left the meeting encouraged by Lehman's proposals. "In order to get to the core, you need to start at the top and look at what kind of environment exists," Knowles said.

• Derailment

Workers remove wreckage

FRENCHVILLE (AP) — Workers used cranes and other heavy equipment to clear the wreckage from an eight-car train derailment near this Canadian border town.

A spokesman for the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad said a 200-yard stretch of track was being rebuilt and would be back in service by early today.

A Texas company that specializes in clearing derailments dispatched crews from Illinois and Pennsylvania, along with 10 tractor trailers carrying heavy equipment, to clear away the wreckage, the spokesman said.

The wrecked cars and spilled cargo had been recovered by Monday morning, said Ben Coes, of the Washington-based Iron Road Railways, a holding company that owns B&A.

The derailment occurred Friday night after torrential rains washed away bedding under a section of track. Two locomotives and six freight cars, including three that were carrying logs and three hopper cars filled with ammonium sulfate fertilizer, ran off the tracks.

None of the crew members was seriously injured.

• Wildlife

Maine's first female Elk to be named

SANFORD (AP) — An all-buck organization is going doe.

After about 70 years as an all-male organization, the Sanford Elks Lodge 1470 recently voted to accept women as members, following a national policy change.

Mary Ann Polley will be named the first female Elk in Sanford and in Maine this week.

"My husband Gerald asked me if I really wanted to do this, and I said 'Yes,' so he said, 'Go for it,'" said Polley, a mother of two and grandmother of six.

"I hope I don't come across as a feminist, because I'm not a feminist. ...I didn't just join to be a woman getting into a

man's club. I think I can help out. ... Ever since I was a Girl Scout, I just like helping out anytime I could."

The Sanford Elks exalted ruler, Gordon Fraser, said his lodge followed the lead of the 1995 national convention, which amended the group's constitution to allow women to join the 130-year-old organization.

"It's really not a problem. There are few qualms in the lodge. The majority voted for the change," Fraser said. "It is kind of a landmark. ... Times have changed and it takes a while for some people to get accustomed."

Polley said the Elks Lodge wasn't for-

eign to her. For the past 10 years she has attended functions at the lodge. She liked the people she met and wanted to volunteer for their charitable endeavors.

She will be indoctrinated on Wednesday and initiated on Thursday. Other exalted rulers from other lodges are expected to be on hand for the ceremonies.

It's not the first time Polley has broken a male barrier. The Wolves Club used to be all-male. She wasn't its first female member, but she was the group's first female president.

As for the only all-male organization left in Sanford, the Lafayette Club, Polley shook her head.

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• Nuclear power

Maine Yankee ready to run safely at full power

WISCASSET (AP) — With the nuclear power plant operating at 90 percent power, Maine Yankee officials are ready to go about proving it can operate safely at full power, 910 megawatts.

Charles Frizzle, president and chief executive officer, said he plans to begin submitting data to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission proving that a computer model used in safety calculations is accurate.

He also said that early results of an internal investigation indicate Maine Yankee officials did not mislead the NRC about safety.

"I have very high confidence that we will be able to demonstrate there was no wrongdoing on the part of Maine Yankee personnel," he said.

Frizzle addressed reporters Monday as the plant reached 90 percent power after a shutdown of more than a year for the most extensive steam generator repairs ever conducted in the world.

The repairs were an apparent success, but safety allegations raised in an anonymous letter prevented the plant from reaching peak power.

The NRC's decision to force Maine Yankee to operate at 90 percent power will effectively drive up the cost of the plant's electricity by 10 percent in 1996, Frizzle said.

Maine Yankee's electricity will cost an average of between 3 cents and 3.3 cents per kilowatt hour, Frizzle said. He said last month that the plant hoped to produce electricity for 2.7 cents per kilowatt hour.

Nuclear critic Bill Linnell said Maine Yankee's electricity will be more costly

than electricity currently available on the open market.

"Maine Yankee replacement power has been available as cheaply as Maine Yankee can produce it. Who needs to take the risk when replacement power is so cheap?" Linnell said Monday.

The latest setback for Maine Yankee arose in December as the plant was preparing to return to service after an unprecedented repair to reinforce thousands of cracked steam generator tubes.

An anonymous letter accused engineers working for Maine Yankee of misleading the NRC to justify a power upgrade to 910 megawatts. The letter writer said the plant's safety was compromised.

The allegations revolved around a computer model that Maine Yankee used in several safety systems, including the emergency core coolant system.

The NRC launched dual investigations: one into the allegations about plant safety and the other into allegations that engineers working for Maine Yankee intentionally misled regulators.

Frizzle said he expects to submit "within days to a few weeks" data based on the same computer model proving that the plant is safe to operate at full power, or 910 megawatts.

The time frame for returning to full power depends on whether the NRC accepts the model. If it does not, the plant could be forced to use a new model, delaying the process for a year, he said.

Meanwhile, an internal investigation into the allegations of misconduct will be complete next month, Frizzle said. Results of the investigation will be made

public, he said.

Maine Yankee took the first step toward restoring public confidence by taking out newspaper advertisements across the state telling the public that the plant is safe and economical.

"It's a difficult issue to deal with," Frizzle said. He said that the most the plant can do is conduct a thorough investigation and release the findings to the public.

That won't be enough for critics like Linnell, spokesman for the Committee for a Safe Energy Future.

Linnell said the plant operated for years with cracked steam generator tubes before the extent of the problem was revealed. Now there are potential problems with the emergency core coolant system.

Maine Yankee officials claimed the

plant was safe while the problems went ignored or unnoticed, Linnell said, so "I don't see any evidence that we should believe them now."

Maine Yankee's return to 90 percent power follows the most extensive steam generator repair in the world.

Technicians inserted metal sleeves into more than 16,000 steam generator tubes to reinforce them against cracking.

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The final cost of the repair is expected to be \$27 million, which is \$3 million less than figures released in December. The original cost was anticipated to be about \$40 million.

• Under the influence

Alcohol factor in fatal snowmobile accident

GORHAM (AP) — Alcohol and speed were factors in a snowmobile accident that claimed the lives of two men in Gorham earlier this month, state game wardens said Tuesday.

Autopsies showed that 30-year-old Barry Cole of Westbrook and 29-year-old David Bouchard of Windham had blood alcohol levels of 0.21 percent and 0.13 percent, respectively.

The blood alcohol limit for drunken

driving in Maine is 0.08 percent.

Warden Service spokesman V. Paul Reynolds said alcohol and speed contributed to the accident that happened when the men's snowmobiles hit a bump and tumbled down an embankment into the Presumpscot River January 10.

A state medical examiner said both men drowned in 5 to 7 feet of water, but that hypothermia probably was a contributing factor. In frigid water, people lose the ability to move in about three minutes.

Bouchard and Cole had been friends since they attended Westbrook High School together.

It was the deadliest Maine snowmobile accident since March 1990, when a Greenville couple hit an ice ridge on Moosehead Lake, sailing 120 feet through the air. They were not wearing helmets.

There have been five snowmobile deaths so far this season, equaling last year's total.

The body of a 24-year-old snowmobiler from Massachusetts was found Sunday after his sled crashed at the edge of Rangeley Lake. Officials said they don't know if Andrew Palmer of Sudbury, Mass., died from the impact or from hypothermia.

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National News

• Medicine

Study launched to explore new hysterectomy alternatives

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A simple doctor's office procedure to stop excessive menstrual bleeding could eliminate up to 20 percent of hysterectomies performed each year in the United States, researchers say.

"We think hysterectomies are pretty serious," said Dr. Milton McColl of Gynecare in Menlo Park, which developed the new uterine balloon therapy. "And we think we should be able to treat all these women with this less invasive method."

Uterine balloon therapy uses a catheter and balloon to heat the inside of the uterus and destroy its lining to stop excessive menstrual bleeding, the cause of 20 percent to 30 percent of the nation's 600,000 hysterectomies annually.

Doctors estimate that the new procedure could eliminate as many as 120,000 hysterectomies each year.

Tests on the procedure involving 250 women in 13 U.S. hospitals began Monday. The results are to be submitted to the Food and Drug Administration within 18 months. The technique is already approved in some European countries.

As with hysterectomies and any procedure in which the uterine lining is removed or destroyed, uterine balloon therapy results in sterility.

The other alternative to hysterectomy, called endometrial ablation, requires a special scope inserted into the uterus. Operated through a TV monitor, it involves electrical cauterization of the uterus.

But few gynecologists have the expertise to perform endometrial ablation, said Dr. David Grainger, director of the Center for Reproductive Medicine at University of Kansas in Wichita, which will be conducting one of the U.S. trials.

The balloon technique is far simpler. "This levels the playing field technically," Grainger said. "It can be done in the office, with local anesthetic, and takes 8 1/2 minutes." The patient can leave the office within an hour and be back to work the following day.

Hysterectomies, by contrast, usually require general anesthesia, several days of hospitalization and four to six weeks' recuperation. They are also accompanied by the risk of complications, including infections and damage to the bladder and bowel.

The balloon technique costs an average of \$7,000 to \$10,000, or less than half the cost of a hysterectomy and the follow-up care, said Dr. Robert London of Kaiser Permanente, the nation's largest health maintenance organization.

The annual costs of hysterectomies prompted by excessive menstrual bleeding are estimated at \$750 million to \$1.8 billion, London said.

More than 300 women in other countries have already undergone the balloon procedure, with good results, Grainger said.

Test results so far show 25 percent to 30 percent of women stop menstrual bleeding altogether, and 50 percent more have reduced flow, Grainger said.

• Ninja

Second brother convicted in brutal parent murders

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A jury convicted a second brother of murder and conspiracy in the 1985 deaths of his elderly parents, who were killed in their garage by hitmen wearing black ninja costumes.

Neil Woodman, 52, faces a 25-years-to-life prison term when he is sentenced Feb. 26 in the murders, a case that was the basis for the television movie "Bloodlines."

In Woodman's first trial in 1993, a jury deadlocked 7-5 in favor of convicting him.

Woodman's younger brother, Stewart, 46, was convicted in 1991 of soliciting the murders and was sentenced to life in prison without parole. Prosecutors agreed not to seek the death penalty after he agreed to testify against his brother.

Gerald Woodman, 67, and his wife Vera, 63, were gunned down Sept. 25, 1985, in their Brentwood condominium garage after returning from a Yom Kippur dinner.

Prosecutors said the brothers hired two men to kill their parents in a scheme to collect on their mother's \$500,000 insurance policy. They needed the money to save the failing plastics manufacturing company their father had founded a decade earlier, Deputy District Attorney Patrick Dixon said.

Two other brothers also were convicted of murder in the case. The triggerman, Steven Homick who was briefly a Los

Angeles police officer in the 1960s, was sentenced to death; Robert Homick is serving a sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole.

The Woodmans previously were convicted of federal charges of crossing state lines to orchestrate the murder because the Homicks were hired out of Las Vegas.

• Cuba

Five intercepted at sea

MIAMI (AP) — Five anti-Castro activists were caught off the Florida Keys early today on a 26-foot boat that contained weapons and explosives, federal agents said.

The fishing boat was spotted by a U.S. Customs vessel on a routine antidrug patrol about a mile south of Marathon, about 45 miles up the keys from Key West and 120 miles across the Florida Straits from Cuba's north coast.

The five Cuban-Americans, identified by agents as foes of Castro, were taken to the Coast Guard station for questioning, but were not immediately charged or arrested.

Weapons on board included a semiautomatic pistol with silencers, at least six blasting caps, ammunition and magazines for rifles and pistols, and components for building explosive devices, Customs agents said.

As the Customs boat approached, some of the men were seen throwing something, possibly weapons and explosives, overboard, Customs spokesman Mike Sheehan said.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Department was diving to find out what was thrown overboard. The men had some type of written plan, but Customs would not release specifics.

"It was apparent to us they were on the way to do something," Sheehan said. "One thing that becomes tricky is connecting the weapons to the people on board. Everyone on board will claim ignorance that there were weapons on the boat."

The boat apparently was experiencing some engine trouble or didn't have lights, said Paul Miller, FBI spokesman in Miami.



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• Kevorkian

Judge gives custody of Alzheimer's patient to son

PETOSKEY, Mich. (AP) — A man trying to keep his Alzheimer's-stricken father away from Dr. Jack Kevorkian won custody of the ailing 69-year-old in a court battle against his own mother.

Probate Judge Fred Mulhauser ruled in favor of Chip Klooster, who feared his mother and siblings were arranging for his father, Gerald Klooster, to kill himself.

"Chip Klooster was apparently the only person who felt bold enough to act," the judge said. "Through his efforts, it is not too

dramatic to say that his father's life may have been spared."

Legal experts said it may be the first time someone has gone to court to prevent an assisted suicide by a relative.

Mulhauser ruled that returning Gerald Klooster to his Castro Valley, Calif., home would be dangerous because his wife, Ruth, could pursue her "determined plan" to persuade him to kill himself. The judge extended a temporary order issued in December that gave custody of the elderly

man to Chip Klooster.

The judge rejected a request by Gerald Klooster's daughter Kristin Hamstra to return her father to California, where she would act as his conservator.

Gerald Klooster sat quietly through the hearing and showed no reaction. He has been described as mentally incompetent, but his attorney, Scott Eckhold, said the man has some sense that the family is fighting over him.

The elder Klooster retired as an obstetrician and gynecologist after he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's six years ago.

Chip Klooster said he learned last summer that his mother had joined the Hemlock Society, which supports physician-assisted suicide for terminally ill people who want it, and that she had spoken with Kevorkian.

In November, Chip Klooster went down to Florida, where his parents were visiting friends, distracted his mother with a phone call and spirited his father away to Michigan.

Testimony showed Mrs. Klooster had reserved plane tickets for her and her husband to fly to Detroit last November and had booked a room in a motel near Kevorkian's home. Also, friends of the Kloosters testified that she had sought their help in getting pills that could be used for a suicide.

Last month, Mrs. Klooster told an Alame-

da County, Calif., court that he occasionally spoke of committing suicide when his illness reached the advanced stages.

She was "was only acting as a good wife, cooperating with her husband's wishes," when she spoke with Kevorkian, said her lawyer, Nathaniel Stroup.

Mrs. Klooster also had testified that she had no intention of seeking her husband's suicide now that he can no longer make that decision for himself.

She was not in court Tuesday.

During five days of testimony in Petoskey, Klooster's siblings accused Klooster of kidnapping their father, criticized him for dragging a family matter into court and contended their father should live with Mrs. Hamstra.

They also said the opportunity for their father to commit suicide had passed because Kevorkian will not help anyone he judges mentally incompetent.

Kevorkian's lawyer, Geoffrey Fieger, said last week that Kevorkian had talked to the Kloosters but would not have gotten involved in their case.

Kevorkian has been present at 26 deaths while pushing his cause of doctor-assisted suicide.

After the judge's ruling, Mrs. Hamstra embraced her father and rushed out of the courtroom. Her lawyer said no decision had been made on whether to appeal.

• Yellowstone

West gets more wolves

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — A new batch of Canadian wolves arrived here today, traveling by plane and truck to take up their new lives as part of a federal program.

Twenty wolves were flown aboard a U.S. Forest Service DC-3 from Fort St. John, British Columbia, to Bozeman, Mont., overnight. Nine were to be flown to Idaho for release there; the other 11 were trucked to Yellowstone early today.

"They're still in the shipping containers that they arrived in. They'll be relocated to their pens later this morning," said the park's chief ranger, Dan Sholly. The wolves are to be held in three one-acre pens for an acclimation period of about 10 weeks.

The wolves were shipped as part of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service campaign to reintroduce the species to the United

States. Wolves roamed Yellowstone until the 1930s, when they were wiped out by a federal program.

Last year, 14 Canadian wolves were released in Yellowstone and 15 in Idaho.

Federal officials describe the wolf reintroduction program, which is strongly opposed by ranchers, as a success. The wolves released in Yellowstone last year produced nine pups. Two wolves there have been killed — one illegally shot and one hit by a truck.

Federal wolf biologist Ed Bangs said that if wolf reintroduction continues to be successful, this probably will be the last year any are brought to the United States. Earlier plans, which forecast higher wolf mortality and lower breeding rates, called for relocating wolves for three to five years.

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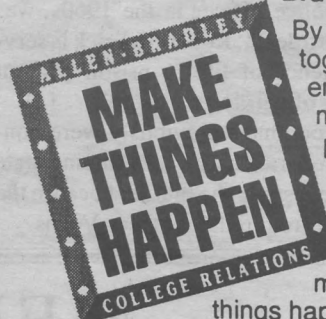
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Style & the Arts

• It's no tea party

Powerman 5000 the next big Boston band

By Kathleen Brennan
Staff Writer

Everyone needs a Christmas break, including musicians. During late December and early January, the number of shows going on declines greatly. But over the month of blessed rest, Boston was host to a number of shows performed by their own. It was the story of hometown boys making good. Below are some holiday highlights, mixed in with some CD reviews and some general information.

POWERMAN 5000 - This Boston band has finally seen the days of working for almost nothing while trying to promote an album go by the wayside. Powerman is making it.

Thanks to extensive college air play, Powerman is gaining a wide variety of listeners, as was evident at its sold-out Ratskeller performance on Jan. 12. The line to get into the club was, in a word, huge. College kids to local sceners alike waited in line for over an hour. But the wait was worthwhile because Powerman was on point.

Powerman ripped through songs from their new, highly acclaimed "The Blood Splat Rating System" disc while also venturing back to tunes off of their old self-titled CD. Powerman, with its funk, rap, hardcore, metal vibe, knows how to kick ass and take names.

The songs off the new CD, which is getting props up and down the east coast, seemed like old favorites to the crowd. Those in attendance did every-

thing from punch, kick and scream to some old fashioned bumping and grinding while the band pumped out some of the best music to come from Beantown in a while.

But like any band with a few discs under their belt, Powerman evoked the most uproar playing some older, better known tunes. Spider, the band's frenetic lead vocalist, furiously attacked the microphone on the popular "What if." With its funky bass and infectious groove, it brought the crowd to a slow, pumping grind in anticipation of Spider's and the band's explosive verse "Now what if..." Another high point was "Organized," the band's final assault of the night. It split through the crowd's ears, leaving them ringing but aching for more.

TREE - Boston's favorite socially-aware hardcore, or hardwood, band made its final appearance in town for a while on Saturday Jan. 6 at Mama Kin. The band branched out after that, heading out to the west coast to tour with Roadsaw, another great hometown band.

Birdbrain, an opening band, said it best: "Hey I know we aren't Tree, but you can still get into it." The crowd did get into it, but as soon as Tree popped on stage, things really began to move.

Tree is one of those bands that has it all. It has soul. You don't just hear the

words, covering topics from hate to AIDS. You feel them.

"Question Abuse," started the night off with unquestionable rage. Lead by "Jake's" bass line, the song grooves like no other. The crowd couldn't help but dance.

But personal favorites like "Everett," about a junkie who happens to wear a skirt, and "Freedom Rock" always bring the roof down.

Tree has been having problems in the Boston area because shows (or, more properly, some audience members... You know, the tough guy type) are getting out of control. The advice from this editor is bring all the rage and power, but leave the attitudes at home. Tree rocks.

(Tree also played one song on New Year's Eve in Providence, R.I. before the police came and threatened bringing in S.W.A.T. teams, ending the party.)

HONKEYBALL and BIG WIG -

Big Wig is amazing. They have a tape out now which is glued in many a tape deck. Big Wig's music fuses elements of rap, hardcore, funk and everything else that's good about music. They've been compared to bands, like Bad Brains and Rage Against the Machine, but no comparison quite fits them.

The one disappointing thing about Big Wig's show last weekend at the Rat was the sound quality at the venue. It's a tragedy when good music gets screwed up because of technical

problems. It was disappointing, but the band was still as into it as ever. Power.

Honkeyball is growing like a virus, but in a good way. Their self-titled CD, which was No. 2 in the WFNX Boston Rocks music poll, is selling like crazy. To hear them is to understand why.

Honkeyball is raw, in your face rock. It pulls no punches and makes no excuses. It's just there, pulsating.

Baby-faced lead singer and guitarist George Tsiaras, has a surprisingly rough and tough vocal style. This band proves that three is not a crowd. Tsiaras' voice, with a deep bass and whacked-out drums, make for a great mix.

"Kemosabi," the first song on the seven-song disc and the first song played last week, is by far their best. The other songs are strong, but don't reach the intensity displayed in this tune. If Honkeyball continues to grow as fast as they have been and to produce more songs like "Kemosabi," they will be a group to be reckoned with.

454 BIG BLOCK - Their "Your Jesus" CD, a Christmas gift, is a ball of pure energy, as are all five members of this band.

During the two nor'easters, while most in Massachusetts were freezing their butts off shoveling, Big Block was heating things up upstairs at the Middle East in Cambridge. Big Block rammed through their set with an energy and force that set the crowd on fire. "Your Jesus," a hard, hard song, was one of the many treats the audience was fed this cold evening.

To wrap up (ed note: this is stolen from an old ad), "Without these Boston bands, life sucks!"



• On the shelves

Cool cocktails done correctly

By James Wright
Staff Writer

When Tom Cruise tossed and flipped bottles of liquor in "Cocktail" on his way to scoring legions of beautiful women, the enrollment at bartending schools across the nation must have hit an all time high. Now there is a shortcut on the road to the career of choice, or at least a handy party bible.

"The Cultured Cocktail" is the latest of bartending guides, a cookbook of sorts for the spirit of any social gathering. It lists everything necessary for the perfect drink, including the proper equipment, a variety of glassware and the essential pantry items that the true aficionado should have in stock.

Katharine Williams is the author of this illustrated guide of recipes for today's home bartender that includes old traditional favorites like martinis, modern cocktails like the Long Island Iced Tea and even alcohol-free alternatives for the nondrinker or the designated driver.

What's best about "The Cultured Cocktail" are the easy reference sections throughout the book. Drinks aren't organized by alphabetical order or popularity or even by how drunk they might get you like your basic pocket recipe

book. Each section is dedicated to a certain liqueur or alcohol, and all the possible drinks using that liquor are listed thereafter. Nothing is left out of this how-to manual.

If you ever received a second glance after pouring your guest's red wine into a mason jar, then this handy guide will set you straight. The proper glasses for each class of drinks (white wine, red wine, Irish Coffee, etc.) are illustrated and listed near the beginning of the book to avoid a costly and unfashionable faux pas.

"The Cultured Cocktail" provides all of the proper pantry and refrigerator items as well. A martini just isn't a martini without a green olive and a Manhattan wouldn't be the same if it didn't have that maraschino cherry. This book touches all the bases on how to make the perfect drink. The recipes are easy to follow, detailed not only in ingredients, but by step-by-step processes as well. A daiquiri should be shaken, not stirred.

If you like to throw parties and would like to appear somewhat knowledgeable when you mix those drinks for company, "The Cultured Cocktail" should sit behind your bar right next to the Captain Morgan's. With 150 classic drink recipes "from the jazz age to the space age," it makes for the perfect party companion.

Back to the drawing board



President of the Anthropology club Tracy Swantseon (right) helps Michelle Murdock design an upcoming exhibit at Hudson Museum. The display of peruvian artifacts is part of the Museum Anthropology class (Page Photo.)

• In theaters

Dreyfuss triumphs in 'Mr. Holland's Opus'

(AP) — "Mr. Holland's Opus" marks the full return of the Richard Dreyfuss of old — not the fading star who slouched through bombs like "Moon Over Parador," but the Richard Dreyfuss people remember so fondly from films like "The Goodbye Girl," "Jaws," "Close Encounters" and, most recently, "The American President."

There's no question this latest role, an aspiring composer named Glenn Holland who puts aside his dreams to take care of his family, is a meaty one indeed.

For starters, Dreyfuss gets an entire adult life-span to play with, a huge swath of time, from age 30 to 60, to show a man changing and growing. He also gets the support of a "small" character-driven film, the kind that derives its drama from the unspectacular successes and failures making up an ordinary, uncelebrated life.

There are no car chases or splintering glass elevators. Instead, we get a neighborhood music teacher, a student who can't produce a good tune on her clarinet, a school orchestra that cannot keep time and a young singer who tantalizes Holland with the siren call of beauty, talent and ambition.

These are the events, the challenges making up Mr. Holland's days. And this bittersweet movie, though openly manipulative and oversentimental in places, reminds us how important such "small" moments are.

When the film opens, it's 1964 in Port-

land, Ore., and Glenn Holland is pushing 30. The young musician and his sweet, likable wife (Glenne Headly) are poor in an optimistic, graduate student kind of way, and Holland is seeking a way to escape the wedding circuit so he can concentrate on composing the magnificent symphony that will make him famous.

To temporarily solve the annoying problem of earning money, Holland takes what he sees as another temporary pick-up gig, teaching "Music Appreciation" and coaching the band at the local high school. He naively thinks a teacher's day ends at 3 p.m. and that he'll have time to compose.

Facing an audience of turned-off teens is quite a comedown for a man who would be Copeland and, at first, he's a resentful teacher, boring his students with colorless lectures and annoying the principal (Olympia Dukakis) with his obvious lack of commitment.

Something catches hold inside and the unique challenges of teaching begin to work their way under Mr. Holland's skin. Increasingly, he finds himself ignoring the score sitting on the piano at home to spend time after school drilling the orchestra.

Before he knows it, he's a fully fledged teacher and a life has gone by. It's not the life he planned out, but also not, as we later understand, a wasted life either.

It takes a certain degree of guts to make a movie about real life, the kind of

mixed, workaday lives people usually end up with instead of the glittering fantasies they planned out.

Unfortunately, director Stephen Herek ("Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure," "The Mighty Ducks") has about half the courage required to make this kind of movie. In the end, he doesn't completely trust that real life will be compelling enough unadorned.

There are a couple of times when "Opus" resorts to implausible contrivance for dramatic oomph. Like the hopeless music student who suddenly starts blowing notes like Benny Goodman after an hour of Mr. Holland's coaching. The deputy principal (W.H. Macy) is also a bit of a cardboard villain with a crewcut, given to yanking Holland into his office to warn against the evils of rock 'n' roll.

There is a touching subplot about Holland's lack of interest and eventual acceptance of his deaf son, and also a great performance from newcomer Jean Louisa Kelly as Rowena Martin, the classic small-town ingenue with the crystalline voice who materializes (rather mag-

ically) to sing Gershwin in the school musical.

It is also a tribute to Dreyfuss' unselfconscious performance, and an eclectic 26-song soundtrack featuring Bach, Beethoven, Jackson Browne and John Lennon, that the 145-minute movie appears to run for far less time.

Herek and screenwriter Patrick Sheane Duncan also skillfully put Holland's three decades in their social context by weaving in historical events — the dramatic sea change from 1964-67, the Vietnam War, the optimistic '80s and the budget crises and cutbacks of the 1990s — and by introducing each new era with a montage of film clips and music.

It's a clever move that helps balance the film's saccharine sentimentality, and frames such a personal story against the events that affected all our lives.

The Hollywood Pictures Release, which also features Jay Thomas as the school's sport's coach and Holland's best friend, is rated PG. It is produced by Ted Field, Michael Nolin and Robert W. Cort. Executive producers are Duncan and Scott Kroop.

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• Commentaries

Super Sunday

For sports fans, this is one of the longest weeks of the year: the week building up to Super Bowl Sunday.

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Every year fans gather in front of their T.V. sets with beer in hand and chips within reach, hoping the AFC representative will finally give them something worth watching, and it almost never happens. Twice in recent history we've seen a decent Super Bowl, Super Bowl XXV when Scott Norwood missed that infamous field

goal, and Super Bowl XXIII when Joe Montana worked his magic to give the 49ers yet another title. The AFC has not won a Super Bowl since 1984.

Lets hope that this hype is all for nought this year. Does anyone want to listen to Deion Sanders, Michael Irvin and Barry Switzer talk trash for two weeks if there isn't going to be a good game? Neil O'Donnel and the Pittsburgh Steelers will be national heroes if they can even give the Cowboys a game this weekend. They don't even need to win, just make it close.

So to all you fans out there, call your friends, buy a lot of beer and get a good seat, because even if there isn't a good game this weekend, at least you can watch all those killer Super Bowl commercials. (S.Martin)

I want my two dollars

Early morning risers can see them trampling through newly fallen snow in weather fit for no grown man. They are the paper deliverers of the area; a special breed.

Many adults view the delivery job as one in which the youth is exposed to business and people, an important step. There was a time when the delivery person had to come face to face with their patrons, greet them in a business-like manner and ask for the bill to be paid. A difficult and often nerve racking job for a young teen never exposed to the rules of society.

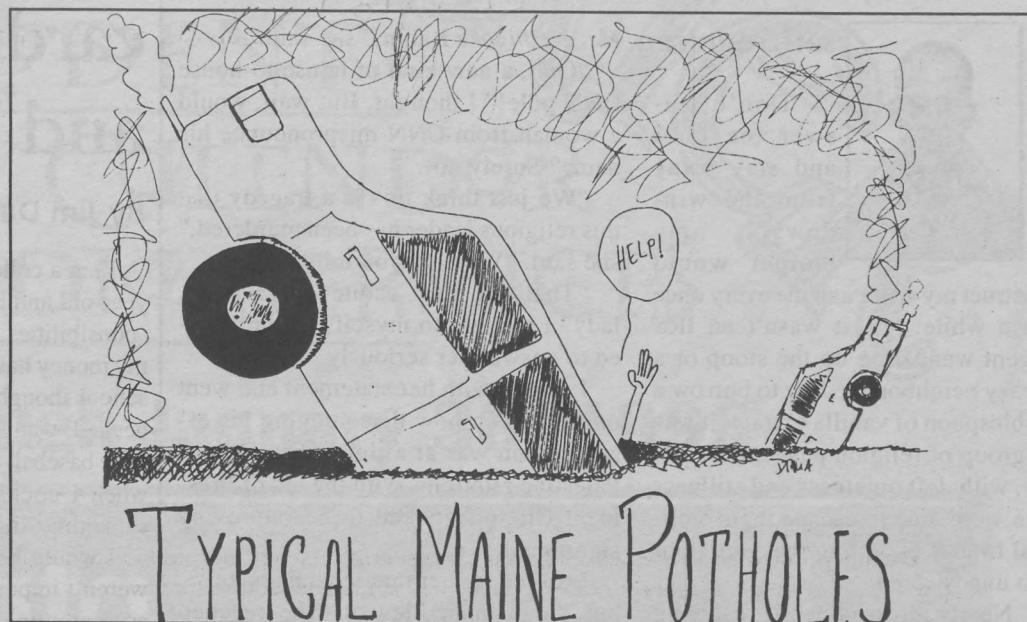
But that time seems to be coming to an unfortunate end. Many dailies across the nation have a new policy. Those with home delivery simply enclose their payment and mail it. The deliverer no longer has to go door to door, ask for their payment or listen to people complain about such things as the cost of the paper, poor delivery, or wet and torn papers.

One of the best learning experiences for a young deliverer is dealing with the consumer. Getting a good tip for doing a prompt and polite job has a lasting effect, as does dealing with a person who time and time again hands you \$3 in change, always without a tip. It teaches them responsibility with money, their boss and the consumer. Most of all, it teaches them they are responsible for their customer's payments.

As long as youths are taking on the great responsibility of delivering papers before hours in the classroom, they should be required to interact with community members.

The delivery of the paper is not what makes the job difficult. Dealing with the public is. Consumers should demand the days of old when the paper deliverer was known by name, and he or she thanked you in person for the tip provided.

(J. Teunisen)



• Commentary

Babbling Bill *Politics, National*

By Michael L. Lane

Last night many of you may have been driven over the edge by Campaign '96 and trench warfare in Washington: your favorite prime time television was ruined by President Clinton's fourth (and hopefully last) State of the Union address. What was once a historic occasion, the State of the Union address has in recent years, evolved into little more than a pompous campaign speech.

Early on, Clinton proslutitized about the virtues of a shrinking federal government. Clinton peppered his address with the quip: "The era of big government is over."

Calling for less buracracy and less government out of one side of his month, from the other side Clinton mumbled about such Orwellian institutions as uniforms in school, more police officers, virtual censorship of the Internet and anti-terrorism legislation. All of which castrate civil liberties, leaving citizens prey to their government.

Clinton even had evidence to back his claims: the federal government is the smallest it has been in 30 years. In recent weeks, on some days it has been so small that most employees were forced to stay home. That's shrinking for you.

For the most part, Clinton's strategy to achieve the "Age of Possibility," rested in personal responsibility. At times, in rhetoric that hearkened back to the ill-delivered message of the Million Man March, Clinton iterated that if we all act like adults, the nation's problems will be solved.

In this, an election year, it is not surprising that Clinton would take credit for any and all achievements from Washington. What was surprising was the number of achievements he claimed as his doing. Harping on the deficit reduction movement, Clinton came across as the sole architect of the movement. Unfortunately for him, *Time* magazine selected Rep. Newt Gingrich as their Man of the Year for his efforts, which made the budget reduction a reality, not merely a flashing sign in Times Square.

The Crime Bill of 1994 has, according to some, lead to the drop in violent crime across the nation. In his address, Clinton challenged Congress to stick with the strategy which is working, yet his bill provides only temporary (three years) funding, thereafter leaving municipalities scraping for funds. Perhaps Clinton should stick with his strategy more closely.

One report Clinton was bubbling over to make concerned the fact that at the moment no nuclear missiles are aimed upon any U.S. cities. Through some perverted twist of logic, Clinton apparently believes this to be his accomplishment. Perhaps he missed the Reagan years, whose nuclear arsenal proliferation both challenged and subsequently toppled the former Soviet Union.

Clinton, along the lines of plagiarizing others, also called for several reinventions which failed miserably their first time around. The first of these partial births concerns handing out tax credits like manna from the sky. That is, by appeasing the public by cutting taxes, Clinton postpones the inevitable budget shortfalls. Massive tax cuts are necessary, but lacking appropriate cuts in spending, his cuts will only doom future generations.

Clinton's leaning toward past policy failures go so far as to begin the war on drugs. What can only be thought of as a humorous, though nonetheless meddlesome effort, has been resurrected from what was clearly a failure under the Bush administration. Clinton, contiunally making excuses for his lack of military service, has named former General MaCafery as the nation's newest drug czar. The general comes to the post bespeckled with three purple hearts and two silver stars, which is in some way supposed to make us feel better about pouring money into such a fruitless endeavor.

In a move which will unfortunately tread most easily upon your ears, Clinton proposes to throw open the doors of colleges and universities across the country to all comers. Quantity does not equate with quality, and this move only contributes to the further decline of our higher educational system.

Luckily, history has played in our favor, with few, if any of Clinton's challenges or goals being realized. Clinton's addresses have increasingly been less and less effective. In the last address he called for tax cuts (how original for a politician hobbled by opinion polls) and reforming health care "step by step." Both of which have become dismal failures as Washington has become a stalemate between, if not unqualified, stubborn party hacks.

For an address that reports to set the standard for the upcoming year in the White House, Clinton has once again failed to provide sound defense for his poor presidency.

God bless the United States of America, and may William Jefferson Clinton lose in November.

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• On second thought

Lock the doors



Jeff Teunisen

"Don't answer the door and stay away from the windows!" my mother would

instruct my sister and me every once in a while. No, it wasn't an IRS agent wandering up the stoop or a crazy neighbor needing to borrow a tablespoon of vanilla extract; it was a group of religion pushers. Usually, with deft quietness and stillness we were able to escape their biblical tirades by letting the front door go unanswered.

Neatly dressed while carrying briefcases full of biblical literature, those wanting to save individuals like you and me from the evils of society wander America's crowded developments. A perfect environment for those advocating their religious beliefs door to door.

But why do they do it? What makes these people so intent on distributing the facts of their religion, their beliefs and lifestyles? Do they really think their God will help rid the world of all evils? I don't know, but to play with words, it's a religion for some.

The last time I was confronted by a religious fanatic was in an airport quite a few years ago. Some guy just walked right up to me and started preaching. Like a fly that wouldn't buzz off, he walked with me down the concourse telling me how his God could rid me of all evils. "Gee whiz," I thought, "the only evils in my life right now is this zit on my face and the fact that my favorite baseball player was just traded to Philly."

I never walked so fast in my life.

I forgot what it was like until I recently answered a knock at the door to be greeted by two very polite women.

"Hi, how are you?" the woman asked.

"I'm terrific," I replied. And I was, for I had just spent an enjoyable day getting lost in the woods while returning just in time for dinner. It's amazing how a hungry stomach will lead you to safety.

"Sue and I were wondering how you feel about the terrible death of

Mr. Yitzbigake Rabin," she said.

"Ooh, a new kind of house-to-house CNN pole!" I thought. But wait, would a woman from CNN mispronounce his name? Surely not.

"We just think this is a tragedy that this religious leader has been murdered," she said. "What do you think?"

"That's a very astute observation, lady" I thought to myself, but proceeded to answer her seriously.

I agreed with her statement and went on to explain how discouraging his assassination was at a time when Israeli-Palestine relations, with the aid of President Clinton, looked to be improving significantly.

I waited for her intellectual response, but the woman blew it. She reached into her briefcase and pulled out some biblical text, said she was from the church of Jehovah's Witnesses and was

She turned out to be a cunning religious panderer.

interested in obtaining a small donation.

"Hold on, hold on," I said. I knew there was no place to run.

The same woman who had fumbled in the pronunciation of Mr. Rabin had, in one quick tongue movement, rattled off information that had caught me off guard. Just when I thought my opinion really mattered to this woman, she turned out to be a cunning religious panderer. Shucks, tricked again.

"We too feel your grief. May I read to you an excerpt from the Bible?" she asked.

I know some who would have slammed the door on the solicitor, or even told her to go away in a less than polite manner. And although I did have the notion to say, "You cute little devil, could you not bother me anymore?" I succumbed to a polite, "I'm really not interested, thanks," and shut the door.

But it will surely happen many more times to me in the future. To borrow from pro-choice advocates, maybe I'll make a sign for my front door that reads, "Keep your religion off my stoop!"

Jeff Teunisen is a senior journalism major.

• Another View

Baseball cards, forts and Wiffleball

By Jim Davis

I am a college student at Maine. I am a 20-year-old and have been subjected to many responsibilities, debts and experiences in which my money has played a key role. In junior high school though there were only three things I needed, wanted or cared to be part of: Wiffle ball, baseball cards and forts. This was a time when I couldn't wait to grow up but at the same time, didn't want to be told anything.

I would be lying if I didn't tell you there weren't important players in my development as a sprouting adolescent. There were the Betit sisters, Billy-Joe and Erica; Jeff Deroschers, who was considered by many of us on School Street to be our fearless leader; Pete Wagner, the sinister-minded eighth-grader who got us into trouble when he felt like it; and my best friend Jason.

Jason and I were like two peas in a pod. We were the inseparable competitors of the neighborhood. Nobody could beat Jay and I in a foot race, thanks to our superhuman speed. We shared a passion for the same things: baseball, exploring, riding our chrome Huffly bikes with all the fixin's and, of course, building forts.

When it comes to building forts, junior high kids are the cream of the crop. It was never out of the ordinary for Jason and me to scrounge up some wood from my dad's scrap pile, an old banged-up hammer, rusted 16 penny nails, and within the friendly confines of my yard and its



end-amounts of "bamboo" build the best forts known to man. Of course our skills didn't stop at construction jobs.

When we were seventh or eighth graders, we really didn't have any major responsibilities beside cleaning our rooms or taking out the garbage. Because of the extreme amounts of time on our hands every day and the fact that our bodies were in the midst of rapid development, we were transformed into some of the greatest Wiffleball players in the United States. I was Mike Greenwell and Jay was Ellis Burks (our favorite Red Sox players). My yard was Fenway Park and my house, which was left field, was the Green Monster. We knew all the pitches. Curves, sliders, palm balls, sinkers, and you name it we could throw it with the accuracy of the Rocket.

Kids from other neighborhoods would come to my park and play for hours. We took it as seriously as our idols, and there weren't many times when I would go in to eat at five or six o'clock without a couple of scrapes and stains. I wouldn't have had it any other way. In my last season I hit 239 homers. So much for the Babe.

I suppose any childhood wouldn't be complete without an ample supply of baseball cards.

• Letters to the Editor

• In defense of ITV

To the Editor:

Michael Lane's commentary entitled, "I got my degree from TV" missed the mark by a wide margin. Mr. Lane criticized the awarding of UMaine's first graduate degree to a student who took the majority of her courses through the Interactive Television System (ITV). He states that the underlying motivation was an attempt by the UMS to make money without consideration of academic quality. As the student's advisor and the instructor for four of her ITV courses, I can tell you nothing is further from the truth.

The reason I teach my upper level engineering courses over ITV is to serve the educational needs of all my students, including those living and working in central and southern Maine. To advance in their profession, these engineers desperately need graduate degrees, and to continually upgrade their knowledge. Many of these engineers are married and have children — there is no way they can come to Orono.

The master of Engineering program is controlled by the College of Engineering faculty on this campus. We are the ones who set the standards and control the quality of the courses. The only reason the UMaine system comes into play is that they provide the hardware and the technicians. As far as making money, well, we just try to break even.

What about the educational quality for my students at Augusta and Portland receive sites? The quality is the same as for students in a traditional classroom, in part because ITV is interactive. We have class discussions, the students ask questions, I ask them questions, and the students chip in their "two cents worth" just like in a regular class. Outside of class my primary link with the students is by telephone. During weeks when they are working on difficult assignments, I talk with them for hours. If they need to show me something, they fax it to me. What about the effect on my "traditional" students here in Orono? They benefit from the real world engineering experiences that my Augusta and Portland students bring to class.

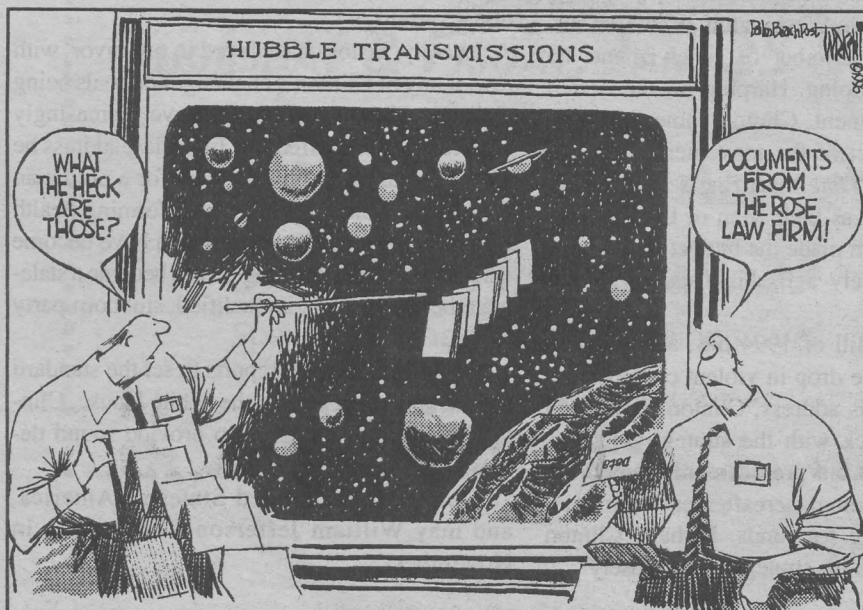
Can all courses be taught effectively over ITV? My answer is no. Do I agree with everything that is currently being done with ITV? Again, my answer is no. The solution is to use the model employed by the College of Engineering, namely direct faculty control of the types of courses that are offered over ITV and the quality of those courses. It is through this model that my students get their first rate Master of Engineering degrees that are essential to their professional growth.

Dana N. Humphrey, Ph.D., P.E.
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Jason and I would sit on his summer porch, with the Sox playing in Detroit in the background, and play memory games with a full set of Topp's training cards. We knew every player's stats. We could cover up the players' names and could identify the player and his stats by his face. We would play the game War but with baseball cards. I would set a card down and Jay would set one down. Whoever had the player with the best stats or who we thought was better would win the card.

I don't collect baseball cards anymore and I don't build forts or play Wiffle ball. Sometimes I look back at how I took those days for granted. The Little League games, junior high dances, Halloween, the excitement of Christmas, street football and forest exploration. I look back and ask myself "when did I change?" I guess I haven't really changed, I've just grown up and assumed the responsibilities I thought were best for me. Sometimes I wish I could snap my fingers and be a little kid again.

Jim Davis is a junior journalism major.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR
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January 24 Through January 30, 1996

La Traviata...



...Tuesday, January 30 7:00 p.m. Maine Center for the Arts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Training Session: FirstClass Computer Conferencing System

- 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. • Fogler Library Computer Classroom
- **Open to all users** • For more information call Gretchen Gfeller at 581-1675

Presentation: "What's Ahead? Assessing the Environment for Public Higher Education in Maine"

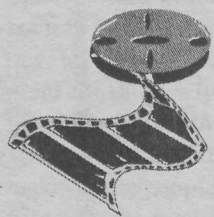
- 3:15 p.m. • FFA Room, Memorial Union • Featuring presentations by Mark Jackson and Nancy MacKnight • For more information call 581-1820

Meeting: Faculty Senate

- 3:15 p.m. • Lown Rooms, Memorial Union • For more information call 581-1167

Guest Speaker: "Anti-Racism and Affirmative Action" with Tim Wise

- 7:00 p.m. • Wells Commons • **Free Admission**
- Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Conference Center • For more information call 581-1405



Movie: "Sixteen Candles"

- 7:30 p.m. • 101 Neville Hall • **Free Admission**
- Sponsored by the Union Board • For more information call 581-1735

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Internet Class: "Navigating the Internet"

- 10:00 a.m.-12 noon • Fogler Library • Pre-register by contacting Gretchen Gfeller at gretchen_gfeller@voyager.umeres.maine.edu or 581-1675
- Or register online by completing the form on the Library's Internet Workshop homepage and returning the form to the Reference Office: <http://libinfo.ume.maine.edu/Classes/spring1996.html>

Informational Meeting: UMaine Peace Corps

- 7:00 p.m. • Totman Lounge, Memorial Union • For more information call 581-1366



Live Music: "Spilled Milk"

- 9:00 p.m. • Bear's Den, Memorial Union • **Free Admission** • Sponsored by the Union Board • For more information call 581-1735

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Training Session: FirstClass Computer Conferencing System

- 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. • Fogler Library Computer Classroom
- **Open to all users** • For more information call Gretchen Gfeller at 581-1675

Live Music: Sean McGowan, Jazz Guitarist

- 12:15 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union
- Sponsored by the Union Board • For more information call 581-1735

Opening Reception: Faculty Art Exhibition

- 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. • Carnegie Hall Galleries • **Free and open to the public** • Snow date: February 2, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

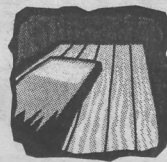
Sports: UMaine Hockey vs. UMass-Amherst

- 7:00 p.m. • Alford Arena • Admission fee • For more information call 581-BEAR

Comedy: Rick Jenkins and Bob Carney

- 9:00 p.m. • Damn Yankee, Memorial Union • Admission fee • Sponsored by the Union Board • For more information call 581-1735

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27



Sports: UMaine Swim Team vs. Boston College

- 11:00 a.m. • Wallace Pool • Admission fee • For more information call 581-BEAR

Movie: Japanese Anime-ated Series, "Angel Cop: 1, 2, & 3"

- 6:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. • 100 Donald P. Corbett Business Building • Admission fee • Sponsored by the Union Board
- For more information call 581-1735

Sports: UMaine Hockey vs. UMass-Amherst

- 7:00 p.m. • Alford Arena • Admission fee • For more information call 581-BEAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Lecture: Evie Slaven, Elizabeth A. Morris Peacemaker Award Recipient

- 12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union
- **Free and open to the public** • Part of the Peace Studies Spring Luncheon Series • For more information call 581-2609

Internet Class: "Uncover Journal Database"

- 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. • Fogler Library • Pre-register by contacting Gretchen Gfeller at gretchen_gfeller@voyager.umeres.maine.edu or 581-1675
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Internet Class: "Basic HTML"

- 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. • Fogler Library • Pre-register by contacting Gretchen Gfeller at gretchen_gfeller@voyager.umeres.maine.edu or 581-1675
- Or register online by completing the form on the Library's Internet Workshop homepage and returning the form to the Reference Office: <http://libinfo.ume.maine.edu/Classes/spring1996.html>

Lecture: "Recent Research on Women in Sport," by Suzanne Tyler

- 12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union
- Part of the Women in the Curriculum Luncheon Series
- For more information call 581-1228

Movie: "Panther"

- 6:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. • 100 Donald P. Corbett Business Building • Admission fee • Sponsored by the Union Board • For more information call 581-1735

Opera: La Traviata

- 7:00 p.m. • Maine Center for the Arts • Admission fee
- For more information call 581-1755

Sports: UMaine Women's Basketball vs. Hartford

- 7:30 p.m. • Alford Arena • Admission fee • For more information call 581-BEAR

Coffee House: Anne Dodson

- 8:00 p.m. • Peabody Lounge, Memorial Union
- **Free Admission** • Sponsored by the Union Board • For more information call 581-1735



WEEKLY MEETINGS SUNDAYS

Student Art League (First and third Sunday of each month)

- 6:00 p.m. • Carnegie Hall basement

Los Colores Unidos

- 7:00 p.m. • 1912 Room, Memorial Union
- For more information call Hassiba Gonzales at 866-0518

NAACP Chapter Meeting (Last Sunday of each month)

- 8:00 p.m. • Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union • For more information call James Varner at 581-1808 or Charles Gibson at 581-7096

MONDAYS

Friends of Bill W.

- 12 noon • Old Town Room, Memorial Union

Smoking Cessation Group

- 4:00 p.m. • Cutler Health Center • Free for students • For more information call Maureen Henry or Rick Kochis at 581-4031

Student Entertainment Activities Board

- 4:00 p.m. • Senior Skulls Room, Memorial Union (third floor) • For more information call Darryl Blease at 581-1840

Papa Phatt's 420 Tape-Trading Club

- 4:30 p.m. • Ram's Horn • For more information call Jeff at 581-6356

Amateur Radio Club

- 5:00 p.m. • Merrill Hall basement • For more information call Aaron at 866-5759

Maine Animal Club

- 5:00 p.m. • 206 Rogers Hall • For more information call Cathy Show at 581-6330

Guest Lecture Series Board

- 5:30 p.m. • Third floor, Memorial Union
- For more information call Thomas Hinchliffe at 581-1777

Circle K Club

- 6:30 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union
- For more information call Angie at 827-5998

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Discussion Group

- 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. • Honors Center, Seminar Room • For more information call the Counseling Center at 581-1392 or TDD at 581-6126

Amateur Radio License Course

- 7:00 p.m. • 123 Barrows • Free and open to anyone interested • For more information call Aaron at 866-5759

Student Wildlife Society (First Monday of each month)

- 7:00 p.m. • 204 Nutting Hall • For more information call Jeff Jacobs at 866-2731

TUESDAYS

Maine Black Bear Mountain Bike Club Women's Ride

- 4:00 p.m., group ride starts at 3:45 p.m.
- Start from Hilltop field • For more information call 866-2170

General Student Senate

- 6:00 p.m. • Damn Yankee, Memorial Union
- Meeting will be aired on Channel 10 from 8:30-9:30 on Wednesdays and Thursdays • For more information call Ben Meiklejohn at 581-1774

Maine Peace Action Committee

- 6:00 p.m. • Virtue Room, Maples • For more information call Jerry Turcotte at 866-4651

Poetry Readings (First and third Tuesdays of each month)

- 8:00 p.m. • Ram's Horn • Sponsored by the Maine Review • For more information call Dawn Gatz at 866-0429

WEDNESDAYS

Friends of Bill W.

- 12 noon • Old Town Room, Memorial Union

Earth Week '96 Planning Team

- 12 noon • 1912 Room, Memorial Union • For more information call Scott Wilkerson at 581-3300 or scott_wilkerson@voyager.umeres.maine.edu

Off Campus Board

- 3:00 p.m. • OCB office, third floor, Memorial Union • For more information call 581-1840

Women's Center

- 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. • 101 Fernald Hall
- For more information call 581-1508

UMaine Green Party

- 4:20 p.m. • Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union • For more information call Ben at 581-6355

Student Alumni Association

- 5:30 p.m. • Crossland Alumni Center
- For more information call 581-1140

Union Board

- 6:30 p.m. • Totman Lounge, Memorial Union

Maine Black Bear Mountain Bike Club Meeting

- 7:00 p.m. • Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union

Campus Crusade for Christ

- 7:30 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union

THURSDAYS

Wilson Center Midday Song Fest

- 12 noon • Drummond Chapel

Non-Traditional Student Coffee Hour

- 3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m. • Commuter Lounge • For more information call 581-1820

Maine Black Bear Mountain Bike Group Ride

- 3:45 p.m. • Start at Hilltop field

College Republicans

- 5:30 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union

Wilde Stein Club

- 6:30 p.m. • Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union
- For more information contact Brooke or Kristen at 581-1596

FRIDAYS

Friends of Bill W.

- 12 noon • Old Town Room, Memorial Union

UMaine Muslim Student Group

- 12 noon-2:00 p.m. • Drummond Chapel

Prisoners of Gender

- 1:15 p.m. • Davis Room, Memorial Union • For more information call Craig at 827-8118

International Coffee Hour

- 4:00 p.m. • Peabody Lounge • For more information call 581-2905

"A Taste of Home Potluck"

- 5:30 p.m. • Wilson Center

EXHIBITS

Artists' Books: Owen Smith and Company

- Hole in the Wall Gallery, Memorial Union
- Through January 26

Jack Walas Photography Juried

- Hauck Auditorium Gallery, Memorial Union
- Through February 2

Particular Places: Two Maine Visual Artists

- Hauck Auditorium Gallery, Memorial Union
- Through February 2

Art Faculty Annual

- 1938 Gallery, Carnegie Hall
- Opens January 26
- Through March 29

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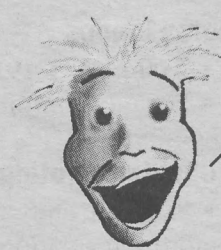
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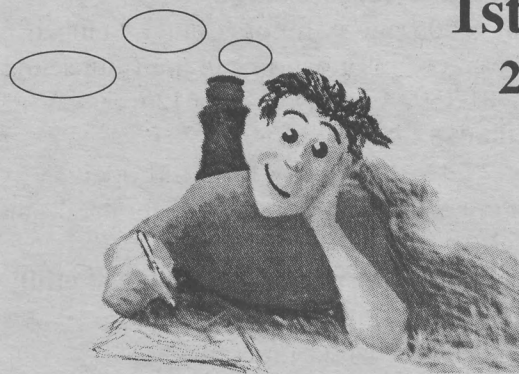
The Gift Certificates can be picked up with a photo I.D. at 424 Chadbourne Hall during regular business hours. The Mountain Bike **must** be picked up with a photo I.D. at **Rose's Bike Shop, 9 Pine St. in Orono.**

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• Letters to the Editor

• A gay man's demands

To the Editor:

I am a full-time student majoring in economics, a proud veteran of Panama and the Gulf War and a virile gay man. I believe that our country owes a debt to all gay men and women who have served honorably in uniform, but I am calling in my portion of the debt as of now.

I demand that I kiss my lover in class, on the quad and in the Damn Yankee — without molestation. I demand that I be allowed to walk in with my lover hand-in-hand, arm-in-arm or with arms around each other's waists at any time of the day and night — anywhere — without molestation. I demand that I be allowed to adopt children, teach children, lead children and entertain children, without any social strictures whatsoever. I demand that I be able to teach children that who I am and what I do with my partner is just as beautiful, just as joyful and religious as what their parents are, and do. I demand to teach children that my sexual orientation is morally equivalent (if not morally superior) to that of their parents. I demand that I be allowed to marry my partner if we should so choose. I demand the same tax and insurance benefits showered on heterosexual couples. I demand that professors on campus stand up and acknowledge my homosexuality. I demand that they celebrate it! I demand that the vicious censoring, gay-baiting and gay-bashing in the classroom stop. Many sly asides about "faggots" and "queers" are made in some of my classes — by the professors! How would you feel if your sexual integrity was questioned and maligned by your "teachers"? No professor should be permitted to hide behind the smoke screen of academic freedom. No professor will because I will never again tolerate this stupidity. The next professor who maligns my sexuality directly or indirectly will feel the justice of my fist on his or her jaw. Conduct Officer, take note, because you cannot and will not discipline me for my courage!

Greek, take note. The real Greeks, the ancient Greeks were a culture who loved men and boys. Socrates, Aristotle, Isocrates, Demosthenes, Cicero, Cato, Thucydides, Xenophon, Virgil, Aristophanes, Alexander and Caesar were all faggots! They loved beautiful young men and taught them so many things, both metaphysical and physical. Now that was an education! These were real men: soldiers, statesmen, orators, philosophers, poets, historians and playwrights. This ancient Mediterranean world was the closest our sad world has ever come to heaven on Earth. Jewish, Christian and Islamic pigheadedness and intolerance destroyed this paradise and imposed a dark and satanic hell on our world. Gay men and women became ugly and perverse because priests, ministers and rabbis corrupted the world. There is nothing beautiful about hatred. Men today are mere shadows and empty bodies and souls so long as they betray their essential homosexual natures.

I am calling in my debt my country owes me. I demand a gay fraternity house! I demand a gay men's bar! I demand a gay man's gym and a gay man's bathhouse! And I demand that heterosexual puritans leave my lifestyle alone.

I demand your love and respect, and I give my love and respect to all of you

• Another View

The Social Security scare

By Gerrard W. Rudmin

Generation X-ers should begin examining Social Security. You are contributing to a program that will not be able to serve you as it presently serves your grandparents and/or parents. Surely, you all know that there is no real "trust fund" as many federal politicians would like you to believe. All money that goes into the system goes out in payment to current beneficiaries. Excess funds are consumed in the general operation of the government. The trust fund exists only on paper as a liability. The system depends on a continuous flow of money from those who are earning taxable income. Since it must have significantly more contributors than beneficiaries, it has been compared to the infamous Ponzi scheme of the '20s.

When the Social Security System was started, family sizes were much larger than they are today. Families with six, seven or eight children were not uncommon. Now our country is closer to a zero population growth because most families have no more than three children and one child or two children is most common. The point is that "in the old days" when all those children and their children joined the work force, there were many working to contribute for the smaller benefits paid to recipients. Now, because of continuous cost of living increases, social security payments are relatively much more generous, and, when you consider that Americans are living longer, there are proportionately fewer workers paying into the system. In the future, the ratio of those working to those receiving benefits will be close to 3/1!

What's the solution? One way to address the problem is for your generation to have many more children (and then grandchildren) than your parents did! You'll need a lot of working grandchildren to pay for your benefits. A more reasonable start is for the government to at least begin talking about this time bomb. Unfortunately, it has been labeled as the "third rail" of politics. It should be admitted that this generous retirement program is not sustainable. One possibility might be to phase in mandatory individual retirement accounts, to remove the federal government from the long term picture altogether.

In any case, it is your generation that must demand action to address the Social Security problem. And there isn't much time left. Your grandparents are very happy to receive their monthly checks from the government and your parents from the post-war Baby Boom are rapidly approaching retirement age. You must become as forceful and demanding a group as is the AARP! And you must talk to your parents, grandparents, and your Congressional representatives about the failing Social Security System.

Gerrard W. Rudmin is a Boomer from Dexter.

straight men and women who are children of Eros and not error.

I am calling in the debt, and I defy anyone to stop me.

Karl Hollenbach
Milford

• From the Left

Life or Death



Jeff Tuttle

The issue of the death penalty is so clouded with emotion that those who favor this ancient form of retribution are unable to rely upon their morality, the human attribute that should be foremost when considering the punishment of crimes against humanity and society.

In the new, and ridiculously simplistic movie "Eye for an Eye," a title which echoes the ancient mantra of revenge, Sally Field stars as a mother out for a vigilante brand of justice after her daughter's killer is released. The issue of capital punishment is discussed in the film, but reduced to a two-minute, inarticulate conversation between Field and her husband, in which they conclude that the death penalty serves justice because, well, that's just the way they feel. This attitude sadly typifies the thought process of many who favor execution.

I seriously doubt that Jeffrey Dahmer decided to settle in Wisconsin because it didn't have the death penalty.

Relying on intuition as a guiding force for the taking of another human life as punishment for a crime is as ridiculous as, and even more dangerous than Newt Gingrich using it to plot the economic future of the nation. Intuition may be on the very surface of morality, but objective exploration of one's own vision as to how human beings should interact in a modern society is a process much more conducive to clarity of thought and, if one is intent on advancing the concept of a just society, should ultimately lead to rejection of capital punishment.

Those who oppose abolition of the death penalty usually stick with the "eye-for-an-eye" argument, in which is found their moral defense for this most brutal of punishments. They will point to the

Death Penalty

immorality of the individual, and the heinous nature of the crime and come to the conclusion that this person deserves to die in return for taking the life of another. This retributive justice is seasoned with revenge, and revenge stems from rage, an emotion that has no place in justice, as justice is ideally blind.

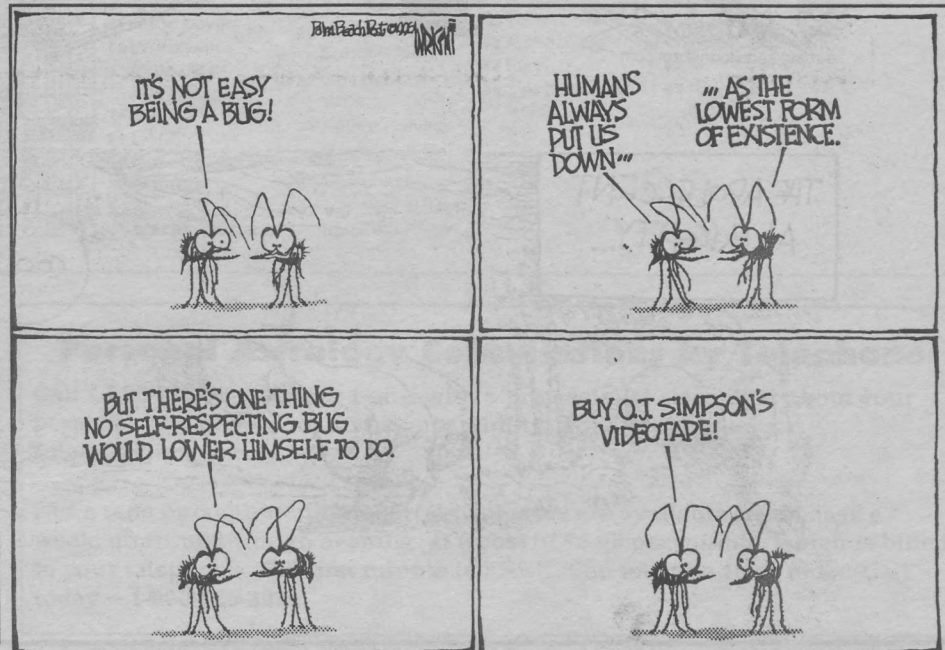
When pressed, most proponents of the death penalty that I have come in contact with will admit that inmates on death row were not deterred by the threat of execution, and the criminals who commit crimes that currently warrant the death penalty do not think twice about the consequences of their actions. I seriously doubt that Jeffrey Dahmer decided to settle in Wisconsin because it didn't have the death penalty.

Economic concerns usually come up next. It costs too much to keep lifers in prison. Why are we wasting money feeding these murderers when we, as many Southern states still do, could just strap them in wooden chairs and send massive amounts of electricity through their bodies? Abolitionists will instantly point out that it costs more to execute someone than it costs to keep them in prison.

According to the accounts I've read, this is generally accepted to be true, or at least it is conceded that costs are comparable. Day-to-day operations of a prison, regardless of the number of inmates, make up the greatest part of expenditures while, depending on the source, a single meal costs between 3 and 5 dollars per inmate. The number of appeals allowed death row inmates adds to the cost of execution, and while the staunch proponents will say that they only need one bullet and they'll finish the job in no time, a death sentence warrants a lengthy appeals process to ensure that the state does not kill an innocent citizen.

The institution of the death penalty would require that we be infallible in our judgment, which is simply not the case. Innocent people have been executed in the past, and as long as the death penalty remains our ultimate form of punishment, there is no reason to believe that such tragedies will cease. One wrongful death is too many and those interested in preserving the sanctity of our justice system should work to abolish the unethical, dehumanizing and pointless practice of execution.

Jeff Tuttle is senior journalism major.



Entertainment

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Wednesday, January 24

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You've come a long way in a short period of time. Now you must consolidate what you've achieved and use what you've learned to help others make the same journey. Common sense and courage will see you past the obstacles.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Tread carefully if you're to avoid upsetting someone of a nervous disposition. While it doesn't mean going against the grain, it does mean you'll have to turn a blind eye to something that could damage an important relationship if it became known.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): If you sit back and wait for the world to come to you this may be a lonely day. But if you try to approach those you wish to influence, you won't be short of friends. How much you get out of life depends on how much you're prepared to put in.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): An escape route appears to be opening up, but is this really the time to cut and run? Hang around for a bit, and you'll see there are loose ends which must be dealt with before you're free to make a new life for yourself.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): The more you learn about someone's personality and needs, the easier it becomes to influence him/her. But have you the right to insist that he/she conforms to standards which may not be suitable? Knowledge is power, but power brings responsibility. Be careful of what you say today.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): If you wait for a day when all the omens are perfect, you'll never get started on a project that's close to your heart. Start now, and you'll get further than anyone expected. The first few steps are the hardest, after that you'll fly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Important people are on your side. But it's up to you to make the first move and make them realize they can't afford to ignore your talents. Make contact today with someone whose patronage could be useful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Even if you've had your fill of tedious routines and pointless discussions, keep plugging away. Saturn's stay in the work angle of your chart is coming to an end. Soon you'll be rewarded for your devotion to duty.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): This is a difficult time of year for you, but once you realize that the problems you face, both at home and at work, are reflections of a deeper malaise you'll be able to do something about them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): The pace of life may be slow, but at least you have some time to think a little more about a family or financial issue which refuses to go away. There's an easy solution if only you would heed a loved one's advice and look for it in a different direction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Refuse to be influenced by those who attempt to seduce you with promises of glory. You are where you are for a reason, even though it may not be obvious. The grass looks greener on the other side of the fence, but only because someone has been painting it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Any kind of investment has an element of risk to it, but there are ways you can reduce the risk and reduce your reliance on unreliable people. Others will take you seriously if you are more serious about yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Having talked your way into trouble, you should be able to talk your way out. But it may not be that simple. No matter what you've promised, you must deliver, otherwise you'll do your reputation irreparable harm.

Schizofutnia!

By Jason McIntosh



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by Joe Martin



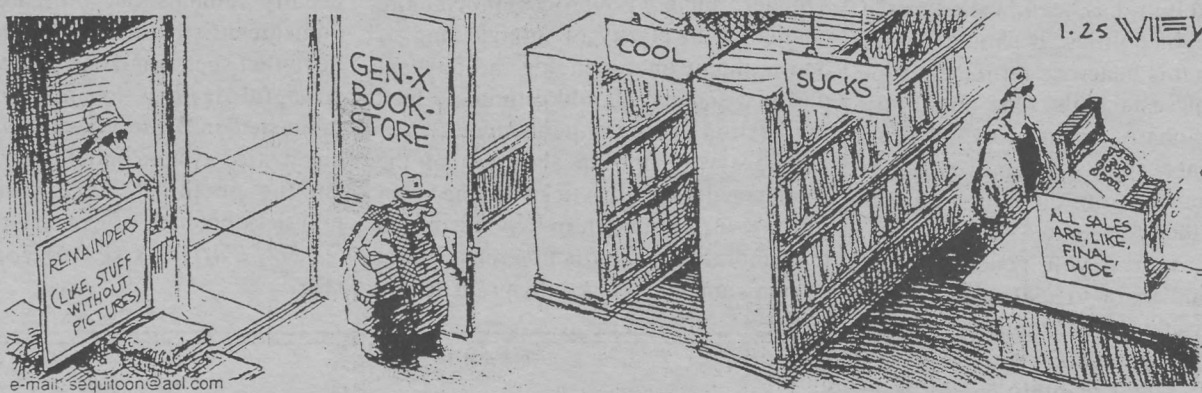
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, January 25

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: What is your greatest fear? Why do you fear it? What can be done to take that fear away? These are the sort of questions you should be asking yourself now. The answers will come more easily than expected.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Someone in a position of authority is hoping you'll make a mistake. You'll only make things easy for them if you lose your temper over something trivial. Confound them by showing how adaptable and agreeable you can be.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A terrific aspect bodes well for travel arrangements and anything connected to your career or social status. But don't think you're more important than anyone else. If you puff yourself up too much, you'll provide your enemies a much bigger target to aim at.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You may be desperate to go somewhere different and do something exciting but don't neglect your obligations. Others may sympathize with your predicament, but they won't take kindly to having to sort out the mess you've left behind.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You'll feel assertive today as planetary influences enliven your relationships and stimulate your ambitions. Planetary activity in other areas of your chart however, suggests that you can't afford too take to many chances.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): What at first seems to be a dynamic aspect could make life difficult unless you learn to say "no." You may feel it is your duty to help others, but you won't be much use to anyone if the weight of your responsibilities continually slows you down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): What went wrong toward the end of last year was a blessing in disguise. Far from being the end of the road, it opened up a new world of possibilities. Now it's up to you whether you have the ambition to take advantage of them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Any day you choose can be a new beginning, even more so when the planets are aligned as favorably as they are now. If you feel the need to do something different, don't feel you're expecting too much. If anything, you aren't being adventurous enough.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): You've never been one to shirk a challenge, so listen to your instincts and do what others say can't be done. It doesn't matter that you have fewer skills than some who have tried and failed. You have perseverance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Travel and communications are especially well-favored at the moment. If you need to plan ahead, now is the time to do it. A lot still depends on luck, but you, more than most, know that luck is largely what you make of it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Neptune in your birth sign is a deceptive influence at the best of times. Today it could lead you astray. Make sure the information you're acting on has been checked. If it's wrong, it's you who will take the blame, regardless of the source.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Planetary activity will provide you with all the energy you need. Other aspects warn, however, that you can't take too much for granted. The trick you must master today is to live within your means while still managing to enjoy life to the fullest.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Although you would love to give it all up and live on a desert island, planetary activity keeps reminding you there are important obligations to fulfill. Bide your time but don't give up on your dreams.

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New York Times Daily Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Year before jr.
 - 5 Dhaka dress
 - 9 Bacteria destroyer
 - 14 Command to Dobbin
 - 15 Desertlike
 - 16 First duke of Normandy
 - 17 Women's rights advocate
 - 18 Mathematician
 - 19 Church instrument
 - 20 Military bigwigs
 - 23 Chemical relative
 - 25 "A Lesson From"
 - 26 Brig, for one
 - 30 Like some tabloid headlines
 - 31 To the point, as a remark
 - 32 Evening hour
 - 35 Rank between viscount and marquis
 - 36 Fishing basket
 - 37 Infested, in a way
 - 38 Reagan milit. program
 - 39 Bel (cheese)
 - 40 Relating to pitch
 - 41 "Jules and Jim" situation
 - 43 Relinquish, as a right
 - 45 Skiing event
 - 46 Post-Derby site
 - 50 Writer of boys' tales
 - 51 Mexican girl
 - 52 Yen
 - 55 Barnyard sound
 - 56 Formerly
 - 57 London restaurant district
 - 58 Beforehand
 - 59 Prosperity
 - 60 Freshly
- DOWN**
- 1 Personal ad abbr.
 - 2 Exclamation of surprise
 - 3 Mishmash
 - 4 Nasty letters
 - 5 French existentialist
 - 6 Neighborhood
 - 7 Wagnerian cycle
 - 8 Prefix with gram or logical
 - 9 Bugbear
 - 10 "Friday the 13th" genre
 - 11 Pond cover
 - 12 Word with drinking or looking
 - 13 Ages and ages
 - 21 Dork
 - 22 Old movie star Conrad
 - 23 Enchanted places, perhaps
 - 39 Destitution
 - 40 Soft mineral
 - 41 Of direct descent
 - 42 Tel Aviv's land
 - 43 Author Cather
 - 44 Fury
 - 46 "Jabberwocky" word
 - 47 Cable TV clears it up
 - 48 Art film theater
 - 49 One whom Pizarro encountered
 - 53 Guevara
 - 54 "By what means?"

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• Tuberculosis

Train officials warn of infected passenger

MIAMI (AP) — Health officials are telling hundreds of Amtrak passengers to get tested for tuberculosis and are scrubbing train cars because of a TB-infected traveler who was coughing up blood and mucus.

The sick passenger, who had been on two Amtrak trains between Chicago and Miami over the weekend, was in fair condition Tuesday at a Jacksonville hospital. He was taken off the train Sunday at Starke, Amtrak said.

The 22-year-old man "was coughing and he had mucus all over him," passenger Maureen Reardon of New York City said Tuesday. "I said to him, 'Are you all right?' He said, 'No.' Then he started coughing blood all over the place."

The blood got on one other passenger, Reardon said.

The risk to other passengers is slight, and the recommendation for tests is only a precaution, said Dr. Landis Crockett of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

"This is not a public health emergency," he said. "Keep a level head about the whole thing. The risk of exposure is small and the disease is treatable."

Nevertheless, Amtrak gave the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta the names of hundreds of passengers and crew members who may have been exposed and left the train before health officials could talk to them.

"We want to err on the side of safety,"

said Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari in Chicago.

Six cars on the two trains were pulled from service and will be thoroughly cleaned, and air filters on all cars will be changed, Amtrak said.

The man left Chicago last Friday on Amtrak's Capitol Limited to Washington, where he boarded the New York-to-Miami Silver Star on Saturday.

There were about 300 people on the Silver Star when he boarded, and several hundred more rode the Capitol Limited, said Amtrak spokeswoman Debbie Hare in Chicago. The two trains made 35 stops in 10 states.

Because of flooding in the Northeast, five stations between Pittsburgh and Washington were closed and passengers were taken to the nation's capital by Greyhound, which has been notified of the case, Hare said.

Reardon said the sick man was sitting near the dining car, where passengers passed by him frequently. "They're trying to blow it off and say he wasn't on the train for that long. Well, he was on for close to a day," she said.

"Every year we get cases like this," said Mark Fussell, a CDC official working with Florida health workers.

In April 1994, a TB-infected woman on a flight from Baltimore to Honolulu infected at least three passengers and a crew member.

About 15 million people in the United States are infected with TB, which primarily attacks the lungs.

• Down syndrome

Woman gets transplant

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A woman with Down syndrome who was initially refused a heart-lung transplant because doctors didn't think she was smart enough to handle the aftereffects underwent the desperately needed operation Tuesday.

Sandra Jensen, 35, is believed to be the first seriously retarded person in the United States to receive a major transplant.

She was listed in critical but stable condition — routine for transplant recipients — after the five-hour operation, which came after Stanford Medical Center reversed course.

"I'm ecstatic. This is a miracle," said Dr. William Bronston, a state rehabilitation administrator and friend who helped lead the fight for Jensen's transplant. "The struggle to get Sandra on the transplant list was really a struggle to get everyone in the country on the list."

Jensen, a high school graduate who has worked on behalf of people with Down syndrome, has lived on her own for several years. She has acted as a spokeswoman for the mentally disabled in California and attended President Bush's signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990.

The Sacramento woman had congenital heart problems that became critical a year ago.

However, she was rejected for transplant surgery at both Stanford and the University of California at San Diego.

The surgery was not "appropriate" for a person with Down syndrome, Stanford wrote in a March 1995 letter. UCSD questioned whether she had the intelligence to follow through with the difficult post-operative regimen.

The hospitals relented after heavy lobbying and an offer from California's Medicaid program to pay for a full-time caretaker to make sure she takes her anti-rejection drugs, exercises as required and avoids strenuous activities. The state also paid for the surgery; the cost was not immediately known.

"Their original decision was flawed, and they saw the flaw when they took another look and decided that Sandra Jensen's life is as important as any other life," said Frank Murphy, executive di-

rector of the National Down Syndrome Congress in Atlanta.

With her operation, she has broken barriers for the disabled, said Remy Aronoff, deputy director of the transplant division at the U.S. Health and Human Services department in Washington.

"This is the first time this has come up in my nine years here," he said. "And I think the fact that it's happened with her would make it far more difficult to turn down someone next time."

The national disabled-rights magazine *Mainstream*, published in San Diego, took up Jensen's cause last year and encouraged readers to lobby for her.

"She was turned down because people didn't understand what her capabilities were," said publisher Cyndi Jones.

Down syndrome children are often given lower priority for expensive medical care because their life spans are short. But Jones said their life spans are short because they don't receive medical treatment.

"If she had the heart surgery she needed when she was an infant, then she wouldn't need the transplant now," Jones said.

Laws governing transplants and the handicapped fall into a gray area, said John Parry of the American Bar Association's Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law.

"You can't say a person with Down syndrome or cancer or HIV can't have medical services," he said. "But if you make rules that apply to large groups of people, and that happens to include those with Down syndrome, then that's permitted."

Bronston said the real villain in Jensen's case was the organ transplant system, with 43,000 people on a waiting list for an annual total of only 5,000 organs. "Something is gravely wrong," he said.

Jensen was on the transplant waiting list only four days before a match was found.

Jensen has B-positive blood, and there were only two people with that rare type ahead of her in Stanford's region. Both were too big for the organs from the available B-positive donor, who reportedly was a child.

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• After the White House

George, Barbara keeping busy

WASHINGTON (AP) — George and Barbara Bush say they've been keeping busy since he was left "unemployed" after the 1992 presidential elections, traveling for speaking engagements, seminars and other events.

Not that everything goes perfectly.

There was the time Bush struck a woman with a golf ball during the Bob Hope Classic, Mrs. Bush said, and the day she was named "Biker Babe of the Year" by a motorcycle magazine.

And then there are the many schools, groves and parks named after them.

"It's very flattering ... until you realize that they only do that for people that are very, very old — or dead," she said.

The couple drew hearty laughs from a sympathetic audience Monday during an appearance at a Greater Washington Society of Association Executives Foundation lecture series.

And while Bush offered a vigorous defense of his presidency, the couple's remarks were peppered with self-deprecating retirement humor, political observations and jibes at the press.

"I believe in freedom of the press," the former president said. "But now I rejoice in freedom from the press."

Bush seemed more relaxed at the podium than he did during his presidency, even recounting how the cartoon show "The Simpsons" recently featured him wrestling with the character Homer in a drainage pipe.

"We loved it — sort of," Bush said. "The only thing missing was Oliver Stone

as the director."

Nearly five years after the end of the Persian Gulf War, Bush lamented that Saddam Hussein still rules Iraq. But he stood by his decision to impose a ceasefire and end the Gulf War.

"Our mission was to end the aggression, it was to kick Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait — nothing more, nothing less," Bush said.

He also offered a purely Republican solution to the federal budget impasse. He noted that Republicans haven't controlled both the executive and legislative branches of government since the 1950s.

"The answer is in trying something that hasn't been tried since the first term of the Eisenhower administration," he said. "What has not been tried is a Republican president and a Republican Congress."

The Bushes now live in Houston, and Mrs. Bush said she was relieved that "for the first time in 16 years, George Bush is not a candidate for president or vice president."

That means no tramping over the frozen ground of New Hampshire or Iowa, she said, "no cows — or pigs — to have your picture taken with." And most importantly, "no media dogging your every step."

Mrs. Bush tells her friends it's a mistake to think she hasn't done anything "outrageous" lately just because they haven't read about it.

"I've done a lot of silly things," she said. "Just nobody cares."

• Fraud

Justice, court officials convicted of case-fixing

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A 70-page notebook containing names and dates was among the evidence prosecutors used to convict a magistrate and two court officials of fixing hundreds of cases in exchange for cash, gifts and favors.

Jules Melograne, a district justice in suburban Pittsburgh; his brother, Nunzio, a judge's aide in Allegheny County Statutory Appeals Court; and Walter "Bobo" Cross, a supervisor in the same court, were found guilty Monday of conspiracy to violate civil rights and commit fraud.

The officials were convicted in a scheme to fix 272 cases in exchange for money and gifts including sports tickets, liquor, lunch-

es and roof repairs. The cases involved traffic violations and other minor infractions such as improper disposal of yard waste and dog control violations.

"The jury has spoken. Our clients are disappointed," said J. Alan Johnson, the attorney for Jules Melograne.

The evidence included Nunzio Melograne's 70-page notebook listing people whose cases were fixed from 1991 to 1993 and the names of those who supposedly sought the favors.

That list included judges, former city councilmen, a state representative and police officers. No one else has been charged in the case.

• On the run

Police searching for pregnant 10-year-old

HOUSTON (AP) — A 10-year-old who is 8 1/2 months pregnant ran away from a youth center, prompting a police search and raising fears that she will attempt to have the baby without medical supervision.

The child came to the attention of state caseworkers Jan. 12, when she posed as a 14-year-old and tried to apply for welfare benefits for herself and the child she is

carrying.

The girl, who was taken into state custody and examined by a doctor, disappeared from a youth shelter Sunday morning.

"She just has no idea what she is in for," said Children's Protective Services spokeswoman Judy Hay. "With a 10-year-old body trying to have a baby she's definitely in for some problems. She needs to be under medical care."

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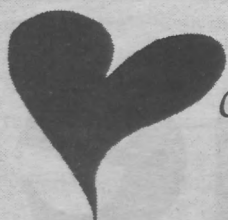
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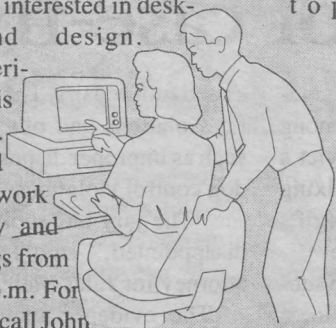
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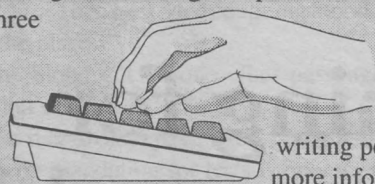
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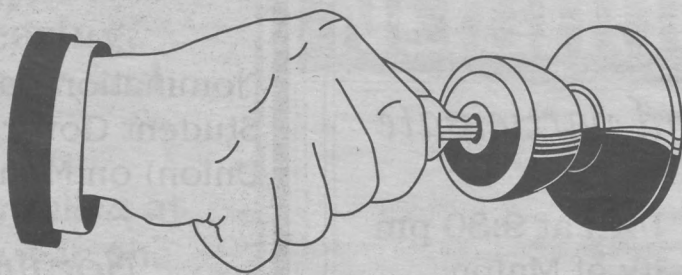
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Sports Briefs

UNH guard critical

University of New Hampshire basketball player Matt Smith was listed in critical condition at a Massachusetts hospital after a car accident early Sunday morning.

Smith was on his way back to Durham, N.H. after attending the NHL All-Star Game Saturday night.

Smith played in Orono Friday night when the Wildcats handed the Black Bears a loss in four overtimes.

Men's AP Top 25

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| 1. Massachusetts (57) | 16-0 |
| 2. Kentucky (8) | 15-1 |
| 3. Kansas | 14-1 |
| 4. Connecticut (1) | 16-1 |
| 5. Cincinnati | 12-1 |
| 6. Georgetown | 16-2 |
| 7. Villanova | 14-3 |
| 8. Virginia Tech | 11-1 |
| 9. Wake Forest | 12-2 |
| 10. Utah | 14-3 |
| 11. North Carolina | 13-4 |
| 12. Memphis | 12-3 |
| 13. Arizona | 13-3 |
| 14. Penn St. | 13-1 |
| 15. UCLA | 12-4 |
| 16. Michigan | 14-4 |
| 17. Syracuse | 13-4 |
| 18. Clemson | 12-2 |
| 19. Purdue | 14-3 |
| 20. Boston College | 12-3 |
| 21. Auburn | 15-3 |
| 22. Iowa | 14-4 |
| tie Texas Tech | 14-1 |
| 24. Marquette | 12-3 |
| 25. California | 10-4 |

Walsh back with 49ers

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Bill Walsh, who designed the offense that has made the San Francisco 49ers one of pro football's most powerful teams for nearly two decades, is returning to the club.

The team called a news conference today, and said Walsh, coach George Seifert and president Carmen Policy would attend.

Walsh will have the title of administrative assistant and will have an office at the team's practice compound here, the San Francisco Chronicle reported today, quoting sources who were not identified.

San Francisco's offensive coordinator, Marc Trestman, came under some criticism this season, despite the fact that the 49ers led the league in scoring for the fourth straight season.

Walsh, 64, led the team to three Super Bowl titles during the 1980s and was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1993. He's been out of the NFL since 1989. He left the team after his third Super Bowl victory for a three-year career in broadcasting.

Team spokesman Dave Rahn said Monday night he could not confirm reports that Walsh was returning to the team.

• Men's basketball

Black Bears run to 79 - 66 victory

By Scott Martin
Sports Editor

The University of Maine men's basketball team ran its way to its first victory in four games, beating the Hartford Hawks, 79-66 at Alfond Arena Tuesday night.

Leading 34-30 to start the second half Maine (8-7, 6-3 in the North Atlantic Conference) went on a 15-6 run with just over 16:00 to play to push its lead to 15 and silence Hartford (3-13, 3-6 NAC). The run started when Black Bear forward Allen Ledbetter scored two quick hoops, one a layup off a sweet wraparound dish from Casey Arena and the other a jump shot off a dump pass from Don Long. After Matt Moore and Arena combined to hit four foul shots, John Gordon nailed a three. Greg Logan then hit three straight buckets including an acrobatic spin move to put Maine ahead by 17, 60-43 with 9:15 remaining in the game.

"If I had been concentrating (on that shot), I probably would have missed it," said Logan. "We were making a little run and things happen when you make a run."

Gordon was once again the man for the Black Bears, scoring a game-high 26 points, including five three pointers. Gordon has been shooting more now that he is playing the two guard, as opposed to Arena playing the two.

"I've been playing the two guard for weeks now, so now I don't even think I'm a point guard anymore," said Gordon. "I just come down quick, and Casey finds me. When he comes out of the game, I don't look for the shot as much as when he's not in the game, just when he's in the game."

Maine lead 34-30 at the half behind the sharp shooting of Gordon. Trailing 9-14, Gordon dished the ball down low to Ange-



Black Bear John Gordon fumbles the ball during Maine's 79 - 66 victory over Hartford. Gordon scored 26 points. (Geyerhahn Photo.)

lo Thomas who hit a jumper. After a Chris Collins foul shot, Gordon hit a foul-line jumper to tie the game at 14 a piece. With 9:28 remaining in the half, Gordon drained a three and was fouled by Hartford's Mike Richardson, giving Maine an 18-14 lead.

Hartford quickly answered with a 6-0 run to reclaim the lead 22-18. After an Arena foul shot, Gordon hit another three as Maine

outscored Hartford 12-8 to take a 34-30 half-time lead. Gordon finished the half with 14 points.

After a grueling four overtime loss Friday night, Black Bear head coach Rudy Keeling was pleased with the fact his team was able to bounce back and run the fast

see MEN'S HOOPS on page 24

• Women's basketball

Black Bears roll past UNH, 80 - 64

By Stephen Campbell
Sports Writer

Ed. Note: This story was originally scheduled to run in Monday's edition of the Maine Campus.

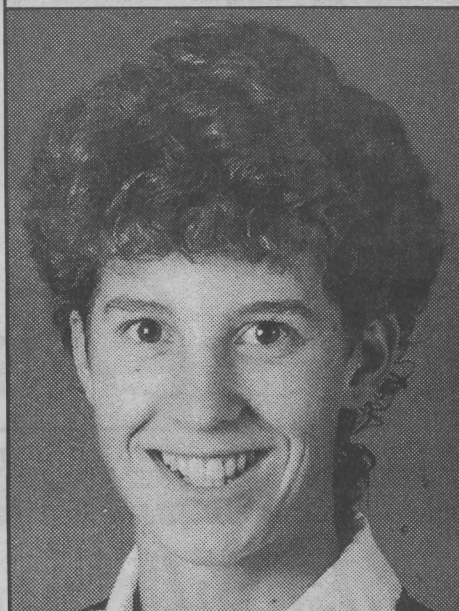
The biggest crowd of the season assembled at the Alfond Arena Saturday afternoon and watched the University of Maine women's basketball team fight off the University of New Hampshire and come away with the 80-64 victory and improve their record to 14-4 and 8-0 in the North Atlantic Conference.

Over 4,600 fans watched a very tight first half as Maine maintained a tenuous lead. The Black Bears were never up by more than six points until the last few minutes of the first half, when Maine went on an 8-2 run and went into the locker room with a 33-24 lead.

"I give a lot of credit to UNH in the first half," said Black Bear head coach

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Athlete of the week



Cindy Blodgett, a sophomore guard on Joanne Palombo's University of Maine women's basketball team, has been named the University of Maine's Athlete of the Week.

Blodgett, is currently leading the nation in scoring with a 26.6 points per game average. In North Atlantic Conference action she is averaging 33.4 points per game, helping the Black Bears to an 8-0 start in the conference. Twice this season Blodgett has hit for

Sophomore forward Cindy Blodgett

41 points, one point shy of a NAC record.

Blodgett broke the 1,000-point barrier in just 46 games, faster than any player in UMaine women's basketball history.

Ed. Note: The UMaine Athlete of the Week is selected by the Campus Sports Staff. Other nominees included John Gordon (men's basketball), Blair Allison (hockey), Casey Arena (men's basketball), Jeff Tory (hockey) and Stacia Rustad (women's basketball.)

• Guest column

Say no to interleague playBy Jeff Teunisen
Staff Writer

Baseball owners are close to approving a new gimmick that is supposed to rejuvenate and make baseball more exciting for the baseball fan. Their plan is interleague play for the 1997 season.

The current proposal creates a schedule in which N.L. East teams would play A.L. East teams, N.L. Central teams vs. A.L. Central and N.L. West vs. A.L. West. Each year thereafter, the divisions would rotate against one another.

Proponents of the plan say its good for business, good for fans and in whole, good for baseball. Mike Lupica of the N.Y. Daily News is for it and while he admits there are no guarantees the plan would significantly increase park admissions, he joked recently that there is still no guarantee there will be a season in '96 since the players and owners have yet to agree on a labor agreement.

With interleague play, the game of baseball we grew up with, knew, loved and cherished will be a memory. New records will be marked with an asterisk while the record holders of old roll over in their graves. More importantly, the season's pennant winner could be determined by a team in the other league. If Boston is in the heat of a pennant race and is scheduled to play, let's say Montreal at Olympic Stadium, Boston would be forced to play without their D.H. who is often the offensive force that makes an American League team a contender.

There's tradition here and the arguments of not knowing who would win a Clemen's-Gwynn match-up is what drives stickball players and armchair managers into intense, unrelentless debate.

Baseball is in dire need of something, but interleague play is not the answer. Baseball needs players who will stick together on one team and men who hustle

to first base. It needs men who are in it for the game, men who play with a stomach ache or a torn fingernail. It needs men who don't cry over a called third strike (many seem to feel it is their right because of the size of their wallets) and men who play the game hard and well.

Fans attend games because of baseball's great traditions. There's no feeling like seeing the ball field for the first time each season. Unfortunately, rising ticket prices, cold hot dogs and people with no respect for others attending the game has driven families from the parks. A child visiting Yankee or Shea stadiums in New York gets a quick lesson in life, while adults quickly learn it isn't worth the trip.

As a kid I could imitate my favorite players from each of the national league teams. Now, I have to pick up the paper to make sure my favorite players didn't sell out to a pennant prospect.

Times have surely changed. Baseball needs more players like Ripken and Puckett and less like Bonilla and Bonds.

Baltimore has one solution with its new Camden Yards. There's no smoking, no loud swearing, shirts must be worn and unruly rowdiness is not tolerated. The food is great and affordable, and the nearby bay area has been renovated and rejuvenated. Unfortunately, this is what baseball has come down to. New parks in nice neighborhoods with surrounding entertainment are doing much better than older parks in economically depressed areas.

Cleveland coming into Pittsburgh for a three game stint in August will do nothing for the game. Players who play the game the way it was meant to be played are the solution. And if the FOX network has to put a red streak behind an Johnson fastball so television viewers can see it, I'd opt to listen to the game on the radio. Now that's tradition. *Jeff Teunisen is a senior journalism major.*

• College roundup

Kansas holds off Oklahoma

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Ryan Minor's shooting slump put Oklahoma in a hole that was too deep to overcome against Kansas once he found the range.

Minor finished with 22 points, 15 in a furious second half Monday night, but No. 3 Kansas (15-1 overall, 3-0 Big Eight) held on for a 72-66 victory over the Sooners (10-7, 2-3).

"We did everything we could do to stay in the game. We played hard," said Minor, who is carrying the weight of the Sooners on his shoulders.

"They seemed to get all the bounces. A couple of calls here, a couple of bounces there, and we might be in the game at the end."

Minor, who has made just 30 percent of his field-goal attempts in Big Eight games and 39 percent in all games, was 3-for-17 on Saturday when the Sooners were defeated by Kansas State in a rare loss on their home court.

He missed four of his six attempts in the first half against Kansas before he almost singlehandedly rallied the Sooners back in the second half.

"For a team like this, you have to hope somebody steps up," said Minor, who seemed to grow increasingly frustrated as things started to go bad in the first half.

"I tried to step up. I don't know what it is. Maybe it's a concentration thing. I did the best I could to spark my team."

In the only other game involving a ranked team Monday night, No. 8 Virginia Tech defeated St. Bonaventure 65-58.

Kansas used a 15-4 run late in the first half to surge to a 39-28 lead. But the Jayhawks couldn't finish off Oklahoma until the final moments of the game. Minor finished by making five of his last seven field-goal attempts and seven of nine free throws.

"Their (inside) guys are huge," Minor said. "They are fundamentally sound. When they get the ball inside, they are either going to score or you are going to foul them. It raises your level of play sometimes."

Kansas' 6-foot-10 inside players, Scot Pollard and Raef LaFrentz, combined for 27 points and 20 rebounds. Pollard had 15 points and nine rebounds and LaFrentz 12 points and 11 rebounds.

"I thought we did a good job in the first half of rebounding and controlling the tempo, not just defensively, but offensively as well," Pollard said. "We played the way we wanted to."

The Jayhawks kept throwing defensive

players at Minor, alternating Jerod Haase, Paul Pierce and even point guard Jacques Vaughn on him in man-to-man defense.

"We just gave him different looks," Vaughn said. "First it was Jerod, then Paul, and even I was on him for awhile."

"I think the challenge is what I desire, and that brings out the best in me."

Pollard fouled out of the game by fouling Minor with 3:59 left, and Minor made both free throws to pull the Sooners to a 66-56 deficit.

A 3-pointer by Tyrone Foster with about three minutes left made it 66-59.

But Vaughn, who had 11 assists, lofted an alley-oop pass to LaFrentz for a dunk for a 68-59 lead with just over two minutes left, and time began to run out on the Sooners.

Allen Field House worked its magic again for a Kansas team that had won its first two league games on the road.

"It's early, but we're happy to be in that position," Vaughn said. "To get two road wins and then to protect our turf is a good sign for us."

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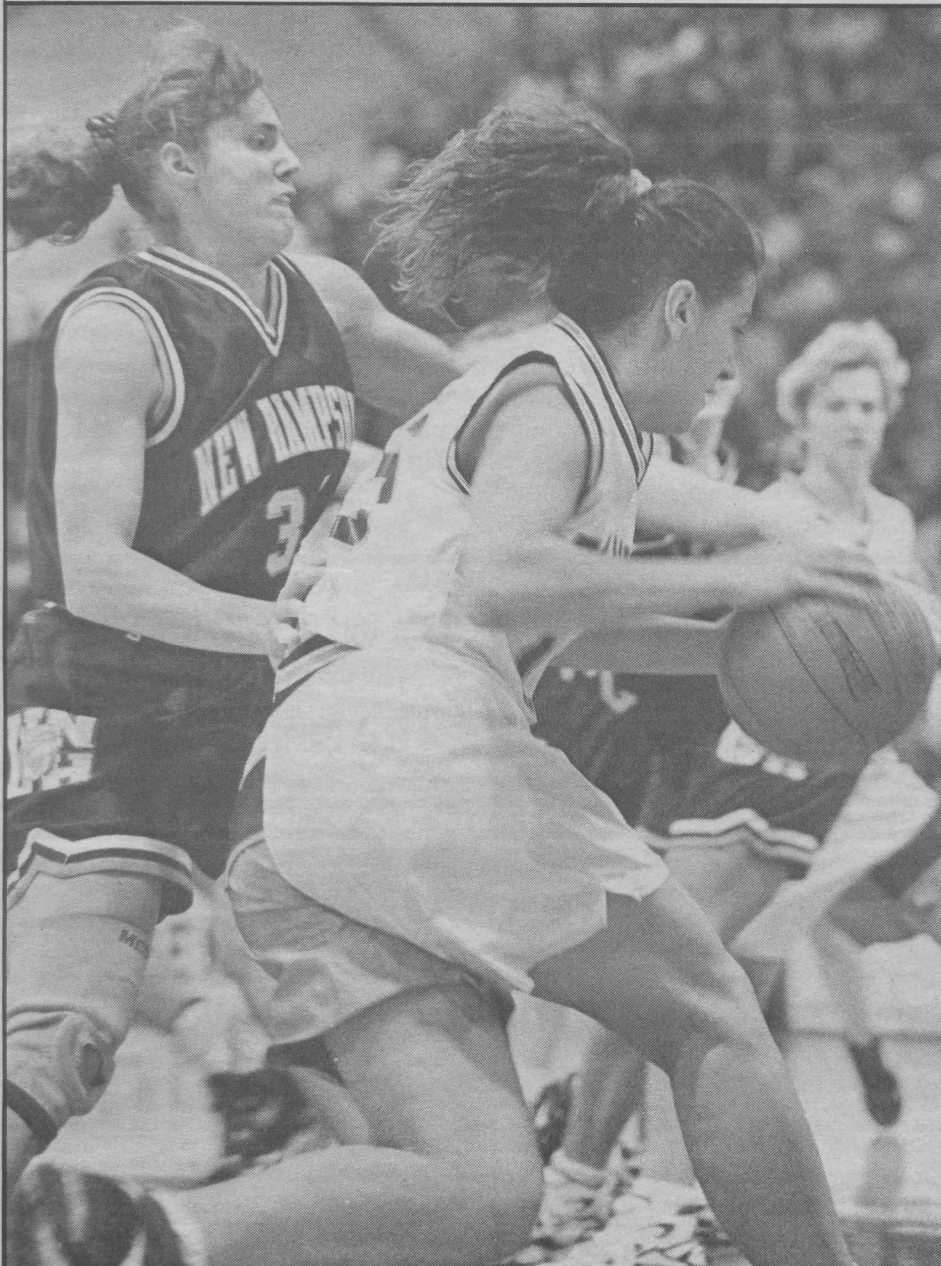
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Catherine Gallant and the University of Maine women's basketball team are undefeated in the NAC with an 8 - 0 record. (Geyerhahn Photo.)

• Coach

Haskins should recover smoothly

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Doctors have expressed optimism that Texas-El Paso coach Don Haskins will be all right following bypass surgery today to repair blocked arteries, university officials say.

Doctors determined Monday that surgery was the best option for the 65-year-old Haskins, who has been hospitalized since being stricken by what was described as a mild heart attack during a game Saturday.

The surgery was performed this morning at Providence Memorial Hospital.

The El Paso Herald-Post reported this afternoon that Haskins had undergone a successful triple bypass, instead of the double bypass that was originally scheduled.

UTEP and hospital officials could not immediately confirm the report.

University officials scheduled a 3 p.m. MST news conference to discuss the operation.

Athletic director John Thompson had said Monday that expectations were good.

"They were very upbeat," he said. "Dr. (Joe) Kidd was very upbeat about the condition (Haskins) was in."

None of Haskins' doctors has publicly discussed the coach's case.

Thompson said he was told Haskins had trouble with two blocked arteries. Otherwise, his heart is in "very good shape," he said.

"The anticipation is that he will recover from this very nicely," Thompson said, adding that Haskins looked well

Monday.

University officials don't know if the coach will be able to return to the sidelines this season, Thompson said. He will remain at UTEP, however.

"He wants to continue coaching," Thompson said. "He's the head coach here. He's not ready to retire."

Haskins is in his 35th season at UTEP and is recognized as one of college basketball's outstanding coaches. He has posted a 675-304 record to date and won an NCAA title in 1966.

He also has been nominated for enshrinement in the Basketball Hall of Fame, which will announce its inductees next month.

Since Haskins became ill, people from around the nation have been calling to inquire about his health and offer their best wishes, Thompson said. Among them was Arkansas' Nolan Richardson, who played for Haskins.

Utah coach Rick Majerus, whose team is to play UTEP Thursday, flew in Monday night to visit Haskins.

"If we have to cancel this game, forfeit this game, postpone this game, I'm amenable to all of those," Majerus said.

The Utah coach has himself been sidelined in the past by heart problems and has undergone several bypasses. He said Haskins' first priority should be caring for his health.

"Obviously the fans, the staff, the coaches, the players want you to return," Majerus said. "(But) you have to divorce yourself from the emotional aspect of it."

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Women's basketball

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Joanne Palombo. "They did a good job defensively and kept us from getting some offensive rebounds."

Action picked up in the second half. The Black Bears played relatively the same in the second half, until mid-way through the period when something happened. It's something every team in this conference fears. It's something that keeps coaches up at night. Cindy Blodgett shot the lights out.

"I think Russ (Stacia Rustad) was a big thing for me," said Blodgett. "Russ really gets me all worked up when she comes in because she plays so hard and puts a lot of pressure, and I really like when she gets a steal because we always look for each other on the break."

The Black Bears went on an 18-5 run in the second half, 12 of those 18 points came from Blodgett, and that proved to be the nail in the coffin as Maine claimed the 16-point win.

"I was pleased with the way our players came out with a game plan and stuck to it," said Kathy Sanborn, head coach of

the Wildcats. "There are a few adjustments we'll make when we play Maine again, and it was a good game for us and now our players know what to expect."

Blodgett finished with 36 points and eight rebounds. Rustad put away 14 points.

The Black Bears have scored over 80 points a game in their last five games.

"I don't think their defense is their best point, their offense is their best point," said Sheila Danker, junior forward who scored 31 points against the Black Bears. "There were definitely times and places where we could exploit their defense."

Cindy Blodgett continues to gain national exposure. Blodgett is currently leading the nation in scoring with her 26 points per game average. She is averaging 33 points per game in the NAC.

Black Bear Notes: Cindy Blodgett was named NAC Player of the week for a record straight fourth time this week. Blodgett has won the award five times this season.

Men's hoops

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break effectively.

"We felt we should be able to run better out of our zone," said Keeling. "We had three two-on-one breaks and only got two points because Allen (Ledbetter) missed foul shots. I like the execution, anytime you can get your big man three dunk chances its good, but I didn't like the results."

Maine continues to struggle from the foul line, hitting only 18-32 shots.

"It's something we just need to work on," said Keeling. "Its a confidence thing, and as soon as the guys start to make some, they'll start to fall."

"Maybe they should foul John all the time, he makes his foul shots," he added.

Arena, Ramone Jones and Moore each added 10 points, for the Black Bears. Arena also had 11 assists and six rebounds. Justin Bailey was the Hawks leading scorer 22 points. Greg Logan grabbed 12 rebounds and added eight points.

Black Bear Notes: John Gordon has been named NAC Rookie of the Week for the third time this year. Gordon scored a career-high 34 points in Maine's lose to New Hampshire in four overtimes. In that game Gordon hit a school-record 10 three pointers. The old record was eight held by Matt Rossignol.

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