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## • AFFIRM

### 'Framework for change' document splits colleges

By Peter Cook  
Asst. City Editor

When President Frederick E. Hutchinson released the AFFIRM document, it caused a great deal of controversy on the campus.

However, it has been all but forgotten in the debate over the companion document, *A Framework for Change*, which outlines the changes that will be made in the structure of the University of Maine.

The document's greatest change to the university is the decrease in the number of colleges from seven to five. The colleges of education and science are slated to be eliminated, but many majors affiliated with those colleges will still be offered.

One department that will be affected is communication and journalism, which has been moved from Social and Behavioral Sciences to the College of Business, Management and Public Policy.

"Basically, the plan is to downgrade communication and journalism to a program," said Stuart Bullion, chairman of the department. He said the change

"came as a shock" because communication and journalism has already made concessions to the university in the previous downsizing plan.

"We have already gone along by making major sacrifices," he said, "and the contributions we made were not acknowledged." He said that his department is already "doing things in the spirit of AFFIRM" because they are popular and take in more revenue than they spend.

Bullion said that the faculty within his department met on Wednesday and unanimously drafted a statement to the administration "to let them know that this is a liberal arts department."

"We are very much a liberal arts department," he said. "There is absolutely no model in the U.S. where a communication and journalism program is housed in a college like that."

Bullion also said he was concerned because "there was absolutely no consultation below the level of dean" when the administration was planning the restructuring.

Earl Beard, president of the Orono chapter of the faculty union, AFUM, has also ex-



Judith Bailey, vice president of Academic Affairs, was the major architect of the 'Framework for change.' (File Photo.)

pressed displeasure with the changes.

"I think it's misconceived," he said, "the entire process is a mistake."

Beard said the administration asked for "virtually no organized faculty input," and the "process was extremely backwards, a top-down mechanism."

He said that by getting rid of faculty, the university is cutting in the wrong places.

"If we eliminate the presi-

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## • Privilege

### Student dining plan inconsistent

By Jeff Teunisen  
City Editor

As a general rule, based on financial reasons, all students who live on campus, with the exception of those living in York Village, must have a meal plan containing at least seven meals that are to be consumed at the various dining commons.

But according to two videotaped interviews obtained by *The Campus* of Jon Lewis, director of Campus Living Dining Services, and Student Government President Ben Meiklejohn, Lewis has granted exceptions to individuals for medical reasons as well as certain individuals within Student Government.

"I have no meal plan at all, what I have is Maine Card cash," Meiklejohn said. "I live in Colvin Hall. Because I spend most of my time in the Union, I got my meals converted to Maine Card cash."

Meiklejohn did say the plan he has is inappropriate because only some students can get the plan from dining services, a plan he would like to see all students have the option of getting.

"This plan was provided to me because of the time I have proven to have spent away from the dining



Student Government President Ben Meiklejohn is one of a few students on campus without a meal plan. (File Photo.)

commons," Meiklejohn said.

Meiklejohn said due to his busy schedule, he approached Lewis for the option of Maine Card cash instead of a meal plan. His request was granted.

Lewis said that many former Student Government officials have asked for and have been granted the exception.

"I would ask that if students

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## Green thumb



University of Maine student Heather Good working at the Roger Clapp greenhouse. (Page Photo.)

## • Student clubs

### GSS addresses discrimination

By Paul Livingstone  
Staff Writer

Non-discriminatory policy is hot topic nearly everywhere these days, and now it has traveled from the workplace to educational institutions. In particular, clubs and student organizations at the University of Maine are receiving pressure from Student Government to comply with not only discrimination policies but financial regulations, too.

The General Student Senate wouldn't release the names of the clubs not in compliance with these codes at Thursday's session. They did, however, debate extensively on a resolution proposing to distribute to the clubs on campus a letter containing the notification of violations and the encouragement to correct them.

The reason for this, Sen. Chad King explained, is for "the clubs to be aware of the potential problems they may face in the budget process."

Downplaying the role of the violating clubs, he added, "I don't

think that who is not in compliance is what matters."

Many senators agreed that clubs should be given time to be in compliance, but some were of the opinion that it would be an unfair correspondence to the clubs already in the clear.

Sen. Bill Bates said, "It would be rude of us to implement this."

The resolution passed by a wide margin.

Dissatisfaction with the spring break split decision by the Faculty Senate continued with comments from several senate members.

Sen. Scott Morelli said, "Frank-

ly, I'm disappointed with the 19 faculty members who voted for the split," and Sen. James LeBlonde cautioned that some students will "hit 'em where it hurts" by leaving the university.

"I am appalled at the lack of credence given student opinion," said President Ben Meiklejohn. "I'm going to use this as the fundamental base for the issues we have to face."

Meiklejohn has created three separate petitions to support a motion to repeal the spring break decision. Meiklejohn hopes to procure 4,000 signatures from the students.

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# World Briefs

## • Health threat

### British beef supply in jeopardy

**1** LONDON (AP) — Schools in England and Wales dropped hamburgers from lunch menus Thursday and three nations banned imports of British beef, frightened by news that "mad cow disease" may be killing humans.

In Britain's shops, consumers were simply confused. "Everyone tells you what are the risks of getting AIDS, but nobody tells you what are the risks of eating beef. I don't know enough facts," said Natasha Parker, shopping in London.

Prime Minister John Major and other political leaders said they were still eating beef, though the government on Wednesday had confirmed for the first time that humans might have contracted the cattle disease.

Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), the scientific name for "mad cow disease," was first diagnosed in 1986. It is believed to have spread to cattle via feed enriched with sheep organs.

Since then, nearly 160,000 dairy cattle have been destroyed in Britain after showing such distinctive symptoms as staggering and drooling.

Symptoms of the human variant, called Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, include mental deterioration, slurred speech and difficulty walking that gets progressively worse until death.

## • Disclosure

### Former Soviet pilot reveals mission

**2** MOSCOW (AP) — A Soviet military aircraft took pictures of Hiroshima soon after the Japanese city was devastated by an American atomic bomb, a news agency reported Thursday.

Georgy Kislitsyn, a former Soviet Air Force photographer, told the ITAR-Tass news agency that he had developed film brought back by an intelligence plane flying over Hiroshima shortly after the Aug. 6, 1945 attack.

The report appeared to be the first time the Soviet mission had been revealed. Russia was not at war with Japan until later in August 1945.

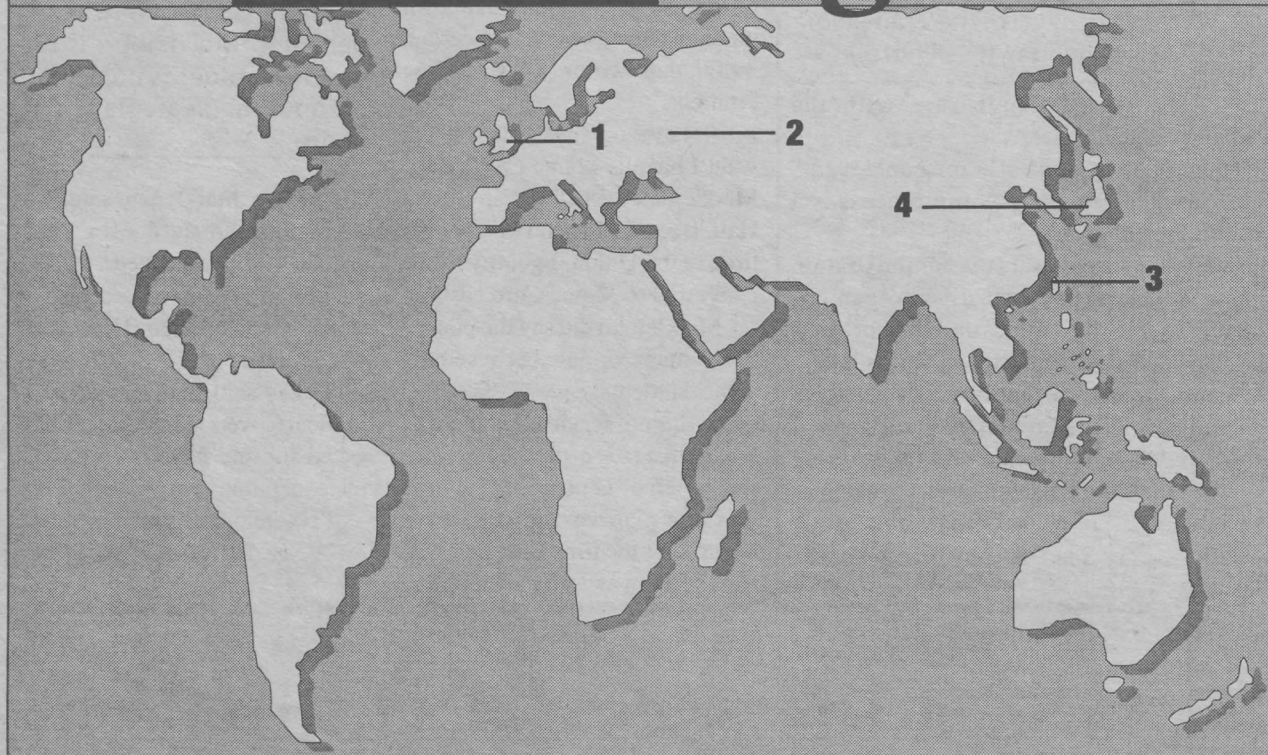
The attack on Hiroshima revealed for the first time that the United States had developed an atomic weapon.

Kislitsyn said the reconnaissance plane, flying at 16,500 feet, took pictures that allowed experts to compile a panoramic view of the devastated city.

Kislitsyn, 87, said he only managed to see several completed prints from the film before his superiors ordered him out.

The bomb, dropped by a B-29 aircraft, destroyed about five square miles of the city and killed an estimated 70,000-100,000 people. Thousands of others later died from radiation.

## World Digest



## • Politics

### Taiwanese election marred by mud slinging

**3** TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Mobsters, mistresses, treachery and pornography — the mud is flying as Taiwan's presidential race enters its final leg.

While voters in Saturday's election are preoccupied with the economy and with China's threatening war games, rival camps are out to discredit each other with lurid stories spread through TV, faxes, mail and whispers.

Even a devout Buddhist seen as the Mr. Clean of the campaign, Chen Li-an, has been targeted with rumors that he had an affair with a woman who used to teach him Buddhist scriptures. He denies it.

Taiwan's democracy is less than a decade old. It's young, robust, and not always pretty, as evidenced by the frequent brawls on the floor of its legislature.

Some fear the campaign may do it in at an early age.

"This smear campaign could lead to a collapse of confidence in multiparty politics," warned Rong Chi-ping, a spokesman for Chen.

The competing camps are vying fiercely for the undecided vote, which the latest poll indicates makes up more than 40 percent of the electorate. Taiwan's voters are also sick of rampant corruption, making character an important issue in the campaign.

## • Trial

### Japanese cult member concedes involvement

**4** TOKYO (AP) — A senior cult member told a court today that he played a part in lethal nerve gas attacks on Tokyo subways, but he was innocent of murder because he had been brainwashed, Kyodo News reported.

On the opening day of his trial, Yoshihiro Inoue, 26, said he was following orders from cult leader Shoko Asahara, and "there was a danger we would be killed if we turned him down," Kyodo said.

Officials of the Tokyo District Court refused to discuss the trial session.

Inoue is accused of supervising cult members who carried out the actual attack, and of organizing other crimes allegedly intended to confound police investigations of the cult.

Asahara frequently predicted an impending Armageddon. Inoue was the "intelligence minister" in a group Asahara formed to take control of the world after the cataclysmic war.

Inoue reportedly recruited 1,000 of the group's 10,000 members in Japan and was a close confidante of Asahara's, but has renounced the Aum Shinri Kyo cult since his May 14 arrest.

His trial began one day after the first anniversary of the nerve gas attacks that killed 12 people and sickened more than 5,500 others.

## Weather

### The Local Forecast

#### Today's Weather

Mostly cloudy with scattered sprinkles or flurries. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s.



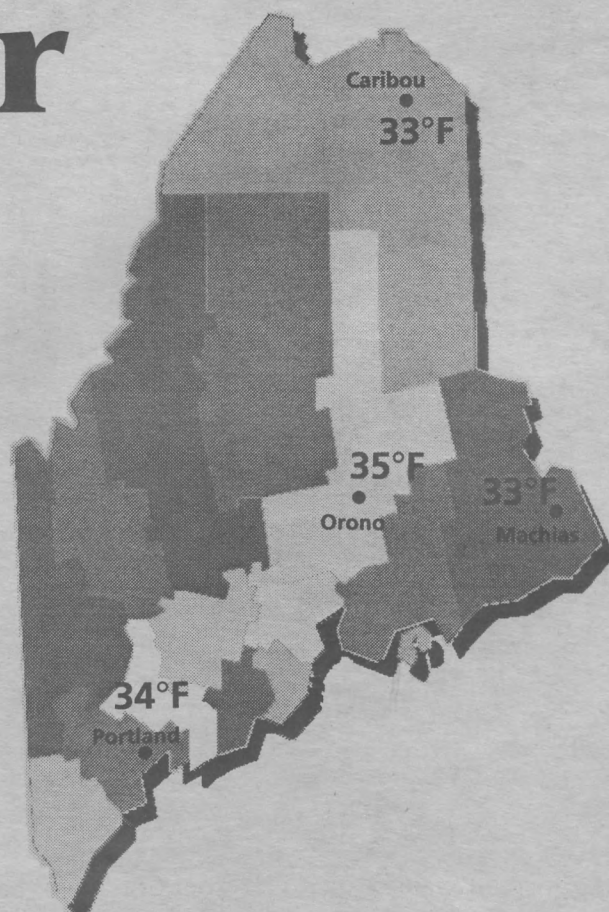
#### Saturday's Outlook

Mostly cloudy with scattered flurries. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s.



#### Extended Forecast

Sunday... Fair.  
Monday... Fair. Tuesday... Fair.





## • Faculty

# Professor makes UM students feel at home

By Svetlana Popova  
Staff Writer

The responsibilities and joys of being a professor and a mother have much in common. Students need the same kind of support and devotion a parent gives to her children, UMaine professor Mary Ellen Camire said.

Somewhere between her numerous duties as a mother, researcher, teacher and chair of UMaine's department of food science and human nutrition, Camire always finds time and energy to devote to her students, according to her colleagues and students.

"She's a dedicated teacher," said Dick Work, a Ph.D. candidate and Camire's student. "She always thinks what's best for her students."

Advisor of first-year students, Camire tries to smooth the transition to a new place.

"She's incredibly helpful," said Craig Plummer, undergraduate food science major.

Plummer, a transfer student from UMaine in Presque Isle, had to go through a difficult process of transferring credits and adjusting to the new atmosphere.

"She was the first person I talked to (when I came here). She spent a lot of time talking to me and helping me through," he said.

According to Camire, the close interaction with each student is one of the assets of her small department of about 130 students.

"I tell parents of new students that I have (several) new children, that I'll be their mother away from home," Camire said,

smiling. She has her own two children at home — 14-year-old Michael and 12-year-old Alicia.

Camire's colleagues at the department say she has an excellent relationship with her students.

"She's very intimate with students to make them feel at home," said Bohdan Slabyi, professor of food science and microbiology, who teaches a class with Camire.

Camire said she benefited from the close relationship she had with her colleagues and professors in the small food science department of Texas Woman's University, where she got her Ph.D.

"It helped me become more creative and more willing to work with other people," Camire said.

The atmosphere in Camire's classes is relaxed and pleasant. She enters the classroom and chats with the students for a couple of minutes before putting on her glasses and beginning a lecture on sensory evaluation. Small and delicate, Camire steps on her toes each time she tries to write in the upper part of the chalkboard. She speaks at a smooth pace, pausing here and there to emphasize an important point or to illustrate the material with an example.

Students seem attentive and responsive, nodding, asking questions, joking. In the white classroom lighted by large windows, Camire, dressed in a white laboratory smock, seems to be in the right place.

But Camire's most important goal is to arm her students with the knowledge and expertise to do well in their jobs after leaving the university.

An important part of this is encouraging



Professor Mary Ellen Camire delivers a lecture to her class Thursday. (Newell Photo.)

students to work in close professional clubs during and after school, as well as helping them to attend professional conferences.

"The teaching doesn't stop when you get out of the classroom. We try to expose our students to the professional activities so that they can see the latest ideas and meet people," Camire said.

Students' own research is another part of the study process, Camire points out. Right

now, one food science senior is testing her idea for fat-free French fries and trying to get a patent for it. Another student is working on reduced-fat ice cream.

"Testing their own ideas gives them the skills to do well in the job," Camire said.

Camire's colleagues praise her efforts as chair of the department to better integrate the

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**Sign the petition in the union this week.**



## • Socialist Marxist

# Unique capitalist system provides new ideas

By Paul Livingstone  
Staff Writer

The capitalist system is nothing new to Americans. A company, headed by a CEO and a board of directors, produces a product, hires an engineering/ research staff and employs host of wage workers. The system has a lot of pros and cons, and many people are looking for a different way to do business.

This week's Socialist-Marxist Luncheon discussed a solution to this business dilemma. Mark Lutz, professor of economics at the University of Maine, and Michael Howard, professor of philosophy at UMaine, both spoke about the Mondragan Cooperatives, a unique capitalist system centered on the town of Mondragan in the Basque region of Spain.

The Mondragan Cooperative Corporation, as it has been called since 1991, has the unlikely origin of a Spanish priest who introduced in the 1050s a system of businesses owned and operated exclusively by workers. It was hidden from the fascist government of Spain to protect the Basque people, who were being persecuted at the time.

From the first cooperative in 1956, the Mondragan system grew to include divisions that handled finances, social services, technological development and education.

"Today, from the small beginning, there are a hundred cooperative groups, employing over 27,000 people," said Howard.

Other figures show Mondragan's influence. Despite a severe economic recession in 1992-'93, with unemployment rates of 20

percent, the corporation's profits rose from nothing to \$337 million in the past nine years, with fairly steady investment and export rates.

What makes Mondragan different? The basic difference, according to Lutz, is that "when you're with Mondragan, you're not an employee, you're a self-employed worker."

Workers have the ability to dictate the direction of the company based on the advice of the upper echelon, which is comprised of a president and thirteen vice-presidents, each in charge of thirteen divisions.

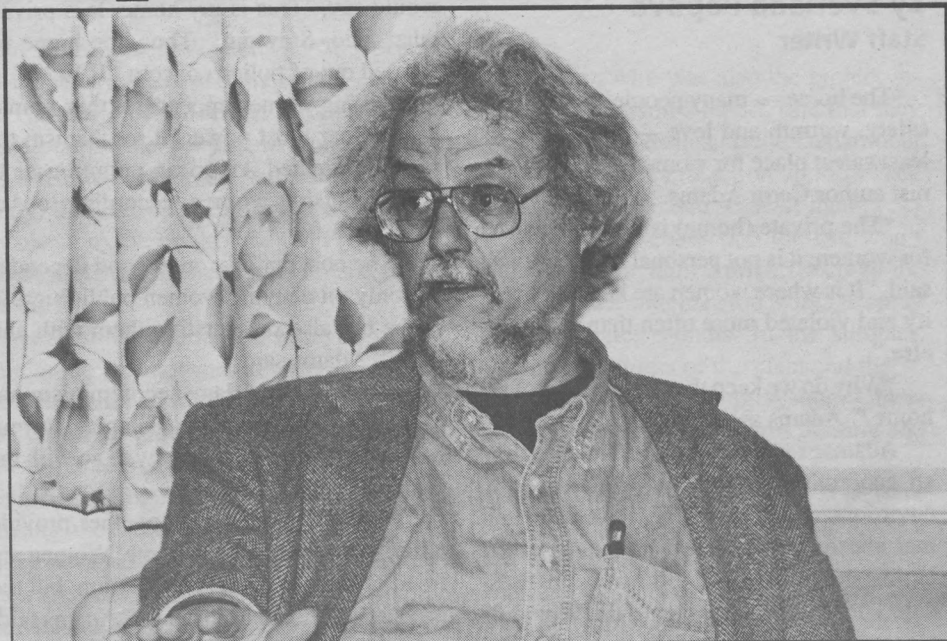
The cooperatives have spread to other areas of Spain, but they have had their share of difficulties. Mondragan has had to sacrifice in order to compete with other powerful, Western-style corporations.

"They have been able to do this at the cost of the social elements," said Lutz. "In principle, it is democratic, but there has been a lot of alienation and disgruntlement (on the part of the workers)."

Lutz and Howard, who both have visited and toured the factories of Mondragan, have mixed reactions.

"Yes, there are work teams and good lighting, but there are no happy workers, basically," Lutz said. "Global markets are such that they don't have many discretionary powers."

Also, if a Spaniard wishes to work for Mondragan, the worker must await a selection process to see if he qualifies. Then the worker must either cough up \$12,000 directly as an entrance fee or pay it off by receiving two-thirds pay for the first three years.



Mark Lutz outlines an alternative form of capitalism as part of the Socialist-Marxist luncheon series Thursday. (Newell Photo.)

Although Mondragan is one of the few industrial corporations in Spain that will hire women, the company provides no child care, and working conditions are generally severe compared to Western standards.

Howard and Lutz believe in the principles of the system, however, and admit that nothing short of firm international agree-

ments between cooperatives and traditional companies will insure a healthy environment for workers.


An integral philosophy of the Mondragan Cooperative has been to change with the times and think to the future, but, as Howard admits, "changing the labor process is a very difficult thing."

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## • Women in curriculum

# Women often denied rights in private homes

By Svetlana Popova  
Staff Writer

The home — many people's symbol for safety, warmth and love — is actually the least safest place for women, said ecofeminist author Carol Adams.

"The private (home) is not a free space for women, it is not personal at all," Adams said. "It is where women are kept in captivity and violated more often than anywhere else."

"Why do we keep that false notion of the home?" Adams asked.

Adams examined domestic violence from an ecofeminist perspective, relating it to environmental destruction, racism and animal abuse in a series of three talks at the University of Maine on Monday and Tuesday. The lectures were part of the Women's History Celebration Month, sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and the department of history among more than ten other campus units.

UMaine professor of English Josephine Donovan, who has worked on a number of projects with Adams, described Adams as a leading ecofeminist writer. According to Donovan, Adams' 1995 book "The Sexual Politics of Meat" has already become a "contemporary classic."

In fighting against abuse of women, the cultural notion of the sacredness of privacy is one of the most difficult obstacles to overcome, Adams said.

"The public-private division protects the private home from becoming the focus of (public) discussion," Adams said. "Abusers

would say, 'This is my home. It is private what I do. Stay out!' Thus, the home remained out of police concern till 1973."

Making women appear less than human is the other most powerful mechanism the male-dominated American culture uses to justify abusing women, according to Adams.

"The concept of womanhood depended not only on denying women public significance but also on equating them with animals," Adams said.

According to Adams, ecofeminism has liberated women from the biological formula, but there is still a long way to go with the issue of privacy.

"Privacy and biology together provide alibis for violence in the home. Women are freed of the biological justification, but the privacy justification still stays," Adams said.

Adams analyzed the cultural framework that breeds and justifies abuse against women, children and animals in the home. According to Adams, society's thinking is based on a set of value dualisms such as man-woman, human-animal, white-colored and public-private, in which the first component dominates over the second.

"Those who are on the (right) side are more likely to be the victims of violence, (those on the left side) are the abusers," Adams said.

The danger of this system, according to Adams, lies in the fact that it perpetuates itself.

"Abuse will enact a value hierarchy because it establishes who's up and who's down. But abuse also originates in a value

hierarchy — those who are down become the victims," Adams said.

Ecofeminism is trying to make women and the whole society realize that the same mechanisms operate in women battering, animal abuse, racism and environmental destruction, Adams said. For example, the cultural value dualism of human vs. animal not only provides justification for treating animals inhumanely but also allows men to attribute the abuse of women to uncontrollable animal urges within

themselves.

"(Society) hides behind people-denying terms," Adams said. "This doesn't recognize the human, cultural elements."

By exposing the relationships of these social problems, ecofeminism may help society deal with them more effectively, Adams said.

"Perhaps the ecofeminist perspective will bring all these together (so that) violence is banished against women, animals and the rest of nature," Adams said.

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would ask for a challenge to the exception that they ask their elected officials (about it)," Lewis said.

Meiklejohn said he felt everyone should be able to change their meal plan the way he did.

Lewis said that the option given to Meiklejohn could not be granted to the general student population because the university needs the financial support of the food services on campus.

"We make medical exceptions and exceptions in extreme cases," Lewis said. "We try to stand firm with students."

Sen. Scott Morelli is opposed to Meiklejohn's and others in Student Government who say they are too busy to eat at the dining commons like other students.

"Student Government officials are no different than any other student," Morelli said. "Student Government officials getting this is a slap in the face of the students."

In December of 1994, a resolution was put forth before the senate that called for the elimination of the requirement that students on campus must buy in to the meal plan. But the bill, sponsored by Meiklejohn when he was a senator, was withdrawn in January of 1995 for what Meiklejohn recalled was "lack of support by the Senate."

Morelli said that when the meal plan resolution was debated in senate, none of the Student Government officials mentioned that they did not have a meal plan similar to that of other students.

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## • Conservation

# Wastewater recycled to help environment

By Kathryn Ritchie  
Staff Writer

In an endless race to improve upon recycling and eco-consciousness, an environmentally friendly way to handle wastewater has developed in the last few decades: wastewater sprinkler systems.

Designed mainly as an alternative to dumping treated wastewater into the rivers, there are 22 wastewater irrigation sites in the remote fields and forests of Maine.

The closest system in this area is in Dexter and has been in operation since 1987. This site is located 3 miles from town and is connected to all the municipal wastewater lines in the center of the city, according to Randy Webber, superintendent of Dexter Facilities.

After being chemically treated, the water is sprayed over one of the site's 11 acre fields. There are 16 fields in all, and the fields must be rotated every hour. The site sprays 1.6 inches of water per acre per week.

"Maine is an ideal environment for this activity (since) it can't be done in big cities," said Willem Brutsaert, professor of civil and environmental engineering. "It's a very reasonable alternative, especially for small communities so they can avoid building a wastewater treatment plant."

Cathy Anderson, then a UMaine student going for her master's degree, finished a report last summer that analyzed the effect of Maine's spray irrigation systems.

"It's a very competitively priced system," Anderson said in a phone interview

from Rhinelander, Wisconsin. "It's better for the environment and the state."

The basis of Anderson's report came from groundwater documents from individual treatment operators. She said that currently, these same documents are required to be sent to the Environmental Protection Agency, but no one had sat down and studied the data.

Anderson found increased levels of nitrate in the groundwater at several sites. If nitrate reaches a greater concentration than 100 parts per million, it poses the threat of causing Blue Baby Syndrome. Babies don't have the development to break down nitrate, causing their blood not to carry oxygen. There have never been any deaths resulting from this in Maine, but there have been in the Midwest where there are more wastewater sprinkler systems.

Currently, the federal government limit of nitrate in groundwater is 10 parts per million.

Anderson also made some suggestions for improvements in the construction, placement and installations of groundwater wells.

"Before the systems are in place, they should determine baseline conditions," Anderson said. "Other states are monitored

better."

Brutsaert, who was also the project director for Anderson's report, said that they made some suggestions to the Department of Environmental Protection and the DEP may have incorporated some of them.

In Dexter, Webber said the site won't resume spraying until April 15, as both the ground and the water are too frozen to spray over the winter months. In the summer, Webber gives tours of the plant and the 26 mile above ground piping system. Otherwise, the site is posted against hunting and trespassing.

Many other towns across the state have come to Dexter to study the site and to use it as a model for sites in their own towns, according to Webber. The Dexter site cost about \$13 million dollars to build, with the piping, pump station, sewage lines and winter storage lagoon among the costs. Webber called the current operating costs mainly "labor intensive" because someone needs to be physically at the site to mow and turn the pumps on and off.

For those interested in learning more about this method, Bangor will be hosting a Maine Water Conference on March 28 on spray irrigation.

## Camire

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programs of food science and human nutrition, as well as to increase the public awareness of the department and the university.

"She's done a real good job as chair to increase the recognition of our program on a national basis," said Alfred Bushway, professor of food science and entomology, who is doing research with Camire. "Her research and numerous publications in some of the best papers in the area has also enhanced our image as an excellent research center."

Journalists from a variety of media, including *The Washington Post* and *The Wall Street Journal*, have interviewed Camire about various food and health concerns.

"I like the media work," Camire said. "It is another type of education, and it also raises the awareness of the University of Maine."

Most of Camire's work is research, but she said it improves her teaching.

"Things are always changing in the food field and our research keeps us current in our classwork too," Camire said.

Camire's research focuses on creating safer food. One of her projects deals with the use of potato peels in human food products to

increase fiber content. Another project is aimed at studying the possibility to use blueberry puree as a substitute of oil in cakes.

Camire's research is relevant to Maine's food industry, but other states are ahead of Maine in applying it, she said.

"And research is fun," she adds, smiling. "I'm very curious to see what happens when I do different things."

Camire hopes more students and her own children will become interested in the field of food science, which offers excellent perspectives of finding well paid jobs immediately after graduation.

"Nationally, there are not enough food science students. A popular joke among food scientists is that the only way to get more is to breed them," Camire said.

Camire adds that the work is also intellectually and psychologically rewarding.

"I know it's going to help people's health, or the economy. It feels good that what you do is not only for your own job but for people. There aren't many jobs that could give you that satisfaction," she said.

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staff and faculty.

The third issue of significance dealt with at the session was the presentation of the 1996-'97 room and board rates for the university by Board of Trustees representative Charles Allen.

Allen listed several rising costs but said "the one I find most disturbing is the fiscal year '97 student comprehensive fee, which will increase \$19, from \$380 to \$399."

The student comprehensive fee, created in 1988, has risen now two years in a row. Ostensibly, the latest increase will enable the university to eliminate the \$3 charge for transcript copies, the one-time commencement fee and the funding of additional pro-

grams or program upgrading. But some senators thought this more than pays for that charge.

"Changing the comprehensive fee in this way is stupid," said King. "It's more money for the same service."

Despite concern for future budget problems involving clubs, the senate approved funding for a new group, "Prisoners of Gender." The logic behind the approval was to give the club a chance to enter the budget process and compete for funds.

The senate also approved the status of a new organization, "Los Colores Unido," a club focusing on Latin culture.

## Plan

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dent and academic vice presidents, then took that money and gave it to the deans, the university would function for a long time," and would be able to teach students and do research.

However, Beard said, "if we eliminate the faculty and kept the administration, we wouldn't get anything." He added that this plan is more administration than faculty based, because of the 12 vice-provosts formed by the plan, only five are deans of academic colleges.

Ralph Townsend, president of the Faculty Senate, said he agrees with the sentiment of wanting to save money by cutting administration but does not like some of the particulars of the document.

"There are parts that the university has to do, but there are also parts I don't agree with," he said.

Townsend said the university faces hard problems in funding for the long run, and this document is an attempt to address them.

"The university is trying to send a signal across the board that we have to be very tight fiscally, we have to make some hard decisions," he said. "If this plan saves \$4 - 6 million, they would be lucky."

He said the document is "an important step to helping the university deal with its problems, but it won't solve those problems in the long run."

"Is this plan enough to solve the university's problems over the next three years?" he said.

According to Townsend, the Faculty Senate, under a directive from the administration, will be dealing with some of the issues brought up by AFFIRM this spring but will make the major decisions in the

fall at the meetings.

John Diamond, director of Public Affairs, said that the faculty input will be taken into consideration during a series of public meetings.

"The *Framework for Change* document has a schedule in it of discussions that will be held with Vice President Judith Bailey," he said.

"The process of shared governance does give the faculty input in the process," he said. "Through a review process, they will give the document between now and the middle of next academic year."

The Faculty Senate will take part in this process, he said, "in anything that pertains to academics."

The *Change* document was not released publicly at Hutchinson's speech but was instead delivered to the individual departments afterward. It was put together by Judith Bailey, vice president for Academic Affairs.

This release, after the news media had left, leaves some faculty with questions about the university's handling of the issue.

"Why did they have to hide it?" Bulion said. "The local media went without the full story."

"It's as good a piece of media management as I've seen since the Gulf War," he said.

Diamond said the reason for this was basic logistics because they had a limited number of copies of the document.

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# State News

## • Aftermath

### Bowdoin shuts down two fraternities after tragedy

BRUNSWICK (AP) — Bowdoin College shut down two fraternities on Thursday in response to the death of a visiting University of Maine student a week earlier.

Bowdoin shut down Alpha Kappa Sigma, the fraternity where Cameron Brett, 20, may have been drinking the night of March 14. Also closed was Chi Delta Phi, where he was found dead in a parking lot early the next day.

Brett was a sophomore engineering student at the University of Maine who was visiting Bowdoin when he climbed to the roof of Chi Delta Phi's three-story, off-campus fraternity house and fell to his death.

The college gave the 31 fraternity members who live in the two houses until April 2 to either abandon their homes or face expulsion. Another 131 fraternity members live elsewhere but eat at the houses.

"There's no getting around the fact that college policies were violated," said Bowdoin spokesman Scott Hood. "We have to take this action. We have no choice."

Students are required to register parties with the dean's office. Both frats, which are four doors away from each other, failed to do so.

It is also illegal to serve alcohol to people under the age of 21. Interviews with students revealed people were shuttling back and forth drinking at both frats

the night of Brett's death, Hood said.

The state medical examiner is conducting tests on Brett's blood to see if he was drunk.

The college has sent out a letter to the 31 members of the two fraternities telling them the kitchens have been shut down, Hood said. The 31 who live in the buildings have been told to accept dormitory housing by April 2 or face expulsion.

"It seems somewhat heavy-handed," said Robert Silvius, a 64-year-old alumni trustee of the Chi house. "But on the other hand someone died, so that's pretty serious."

Three years ago, Bowdoin forcefully integrated all-male fraternities, telling them to accept women.

Although they are still privately owned, Hood said the college has the authority to shut down those that don't follow the rules.

"The courts have made it clear that private colleges are within their rights to take this kind of action," he said. "Technically what we're saying is this is private property, but if you want to go to Bowdoin College, you can't live there."

The college may consider reopening the two houses in the spring of 1997, but by then it may be too late, Silvius said.

With no house, the bond between members could fade, he said. And with no tenants, there may be no money to pay the bills to maintain two big empty buildings.

## • Courts

### Grand jury indicts six in armed robbery case

BANGOR (AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted six people accused of stealing more than 5,000 computer chips in an armed robbery at an Augusta company last October.

The six, who include four former employees of SCI Systems, were charged Wednesday with interfering with interstate commerce by robbery, conspiracy and transporting stolen computer chips from Maine to Massachusetts, said U.S. Attorney Jay P. McCloskey.

They are: Joseph Boulette, II, of Augusta; Jonathan Condriet of Gardiner; Amy LeGasse of Hallowell; Roger Wheelock of Mount Vernon; Shawn Barnes of West Gardiner; and Anthony Barnes of Wiscasset.

Boulette, Condriet, LeGasse and Shawn Barnes are former employees of SCI. Anthony Barnes was arrested on Wednesday. The other suspects were arrested last month.

According to an FBI affidavit, two masked men entered SCI on the night of Oct. 15, bound and gagged employees, and hit a security guard in the face. One of the men was armed with a gun. SCI reported that approximately 5,400 computer chips worth about \$700,000 were taken in the robbery at the plant formerly owned by Digital Equipment Corp.

The indictment alleged that LeGasse, Boulette and Condriet met last October to plan the robbery. LeGasse allegedly supplied three Halloween masks, latex gloves, duct tape and a hand cart, and hired Wheelock to be the gunman by promising him \$25,000 from the robbery proceeds.

The indictment also alleged that LeGasse contacted Shawn Barnes, who owns a computer business in Wiscasset, to discuss whether he could fence the stolen computer chips.

According to the indictment, Condriet and Wheelock stole the computer chips while Boulette waited outside. Shawn and Anthony Barnes allegedly drove the chips from Augusta to Southboro, Mass.

Shawn Barnes allegedly received \$477,500 for the stolen chips and the proceeds were distributed among the six suspects, the indictment said.

McCloskey said the offenses of interference with commerce by robbery and conspiracy to do so each carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000, or both. Transportation of stolen goods in interstate commerce carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both.



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From: Charles E. Tarr, Dean of the Graduate School

Robert J. Dickson, President, Association of Graduate Students

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# Style & the Arts

## • Debate

### Students gather to discuss the hemp issue

By James Wright  
Arts Editor

On one side of the fence grows the wonder plant of the world. It is said to have positive environmental and medicinal potential. It is versatile and strong and millions of Americans use it in various methods and amounts each and every day. You can write on it, wear it, eat it and smoke it.

On the other side are the people that want to cut down these plants, these weeds that are seen not as a vehicle of spiritual exploration but as a stigma in the working order of society. The debate about marijuana and the legalization thereof continues to grow and find new forums for discussion.

Wednesday night, about two dozen people gathered to listen and discuss the positive and negative aspects of the forbidden plant with a representative from each side of the fence.

Rick Kochis, a substance abuse counselor and social worker at Cutler Health Center, joined Ben Meiklejohn, president of Student Government and Maine Vocals representative for a constructive discourse concerning the hemp issue.

Kochis started the evening by regarding this type of forum as prevention work. By getting the students to discuss the issues, he hopes to reduce personal and social harm as a result of abuse of psycho-

active drugs.

"There are social costs as a result of drug use," said Kochis, "and when there are social costs, everyone is hurt."

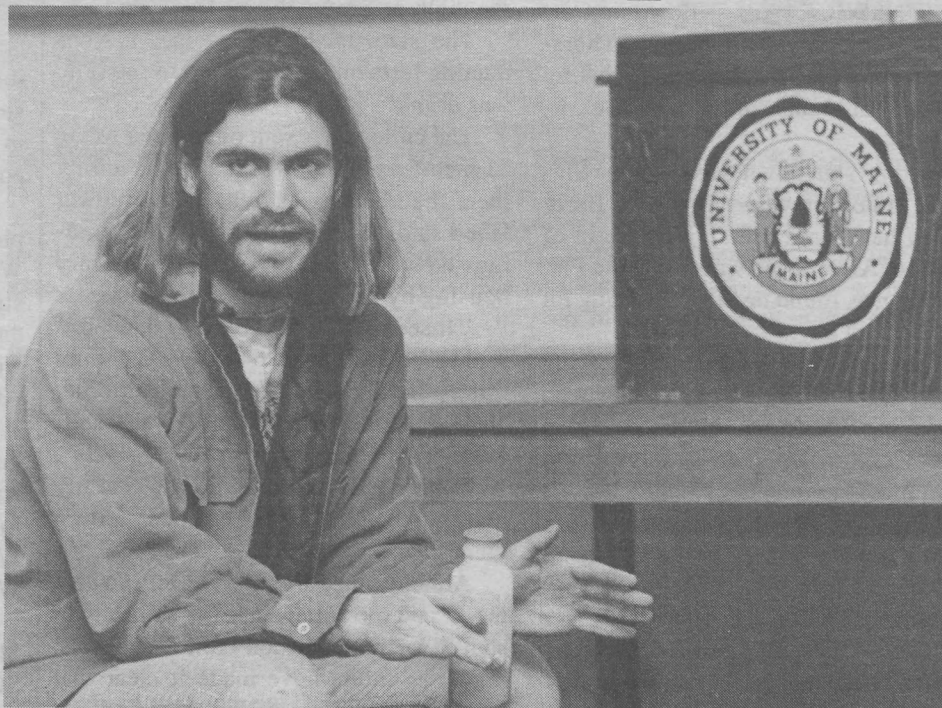
Meiklejohn, who is an advocate for the legalization of marijuana, feels that the hemp plant is a "wonder plant" that could possibly save the world. Besides all of the environmental factors, he feels that hemp is something that everyone should decide for themselves if it is for them or not, rather than having one almighty law governing how individuals treat their bodies.

"I feel that this oppression is an infringement on my constitutional rights to the pursuit of happiness," said Meiklejohn. "I don't harm anyone else, so there is no victim."

That, however, seemed to be the major sticking point of the evening. Although some feel getting high may be no big deal, personal use seemingly could not affect others, some begged to differ.

"If I get into my car and drive down the street, and the person driving in the opposite direction just finished smoking a joint, then it becomes my problem and affects me," said Abby Detz, the resident director of Hancock Hall who put on the evening. Another Hancock resident assistant complained of a headache after coming in contact with second-hand marijuana smoke.

Although the conversation remained mostly constructive, the comparisons to other drugs like alcohol and other smok-



Ben Meiklejohn, president of Student Government and a Maine Vocals representative, spoke to students about the positive aspects of marijuana. (File Photo.)

able products like cigarettes could not be avoided. The paradox of killers like alcohol and cigarettes being legal and marijuana being illegal was brought to attention by Meiklejohn who said, "Thousands and thousands of people are dying every day because of alcohol and nicotine, but there has not been one documented case of lung cancer caused by marijuana or one single death linked to the use of it."

Thomas Wendt, one of the audience participants, felt that denouncing a greater evil to justify a lesser one is dangerous. "We all agree that murder is worse

than theft, but that doesn't make theft OK."

It is hard to say if anyone's mind was changed or if more questions were raised than answered, but the fact that people from both sides are willing to discuss it peacefully is a step in the right direction. Since an extremely large percentage of the population currently uses marijuana, as well as a good sized chunk of people on this very campus, the issues should no longer remain in the dark and should be dealt with socially and politically.

## • Culture

### Women's History Month celebrated in presentation

Jim Henry  
Special to the Campus

Throughout history, women's ideas and philosophies have received little respect in a male dominated society, but three revolutionary women challenged this phenomena.

In celebration of the University of Maine Women's History celebration, a lecture entitled "Women's Biography as Woman's History: Finding the Parallels, Seeing the Differences" was given Wednesday afternoon, an annual discussion put on by the department of history symposium series.

The event consisted of three scholars from the university speaking on women whom they have chosen as the center of their respective academic studies.

The first speaker of the afternoon was Beth Emery, an undergraduate in the art history department. Emery presented her paper, "Saint Catherine of Siena: A Study in Iconography." She started her talk by connecting St. Catherine to Catholic mysticism, which she defined as "spiritual discovery focusing on direct contact with God." St. Catherine was a nun from a religious order in Siena whose duty, according to the order, was to serve God in isolation and silence. During this period, she claims that God appeared to her and told her to break her silence and dedicate

her life to helping others.

Emery attributes the lack of recognition for her accomplishments to her being a woman in a male controlled organization. The church tended to shrug off her claims of mysticism and encounters with Christ as melodramatic and emotional. It was not until almost 200 years after her death, when she was no threat to the church, that her life was depicted as it happened: in the community helping others.

The next presentation came from Andrea Hawkes, a graduate student in the history department. Hawkes' paper was on "The Feminist Biography of Elizabeth Wilson McClintock, 1821-1896: A Study in Sustaining Networks and Liberal Individualism." She started off with the story of a young woman who felt the urge to be a part of the budding world of 19th century entrepreneurial society. To satiate these urges, she applied to the Edward M. Davis and Co. Silk Importers of Philadelphia. Her employment was denied because she was a woman.

Elizabeth Wilson McClintock was a Quaker from Pennsylvania. She was taught to put faith in her individual self above all other external influences, including the Bible, which she referred to as an "inner light." What was important about this inner light was that it had nothing to do with one's sex.

In other words, one's ability and spirituality does not come from the fact that they are a woman or a man but rather their connection with themselves and God.

McClintock's family was very involved in the abolitionist movement. This motivated her to form what became known as the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society. Along with other women who were a part of this society, McClintock helped to raise funds for the anti-slavery movement by putting their sewing, quilting and artistic skills to work. This group also branched themselves out into their community and helped build a number of schools and libraries. McClintock became active in the women's rights movement, including writing a number of essays on the importance of the gender free inner-light that everyone possesses.

The last presentation came from Shannon Risk, a graduate student in history. Risk presented "Religion Among Friends: Exploring Everlasting Female Friendships in the Diary of Sarah Connell Ayer, 1805-1835." Sarah Connell Ayer was a woman from northern New England that felt, as Risk described, "friendship was the comet of her soul."

Ayer lived a hard life, moving a total of six times, losing her parents and giving birth to seven children, with only three surviving. These hardships intensified her spirituality,

leading to a greater involvement in her church life.

Most of her religious devotion was during a period of her life in Portland. This was interrupted by a sudden move to Eastport due to her husband's medical practice. Although this seemed like a blow to an already established routine in her faith and friendships, Ayer took advantage of this change.

After arriving in Eastport, Ayer assembled a different circle of friends and decided to start a church. Under the advisement of her spiritual advisor from Portland, the church grew from seven to 50 members in eight years. Her church became a shoulder to lean on for other women in the community. Their duties ranged from biblical advisement to comforting women during sickness and pregnancy.

After the three presentations, Martha McNamara, assistant professor of history, gave her thoughts on the forum. She analyzed the three presentations and pontificated as to how one could justify putting the three in the same forum. She concluded that these women all went against the social norm that would dictate that the place for the woman is in the private sphere rather than in the public realm. McNamara also pointed that religion was also a formative part of the

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## • In theaters

**'Executive Decision' full of suspense**By Greg Dowling  
Staff Writer

The new action thriller "Executive Decision" tells the story of a military operative named David Grant (Kurt Russell) who is called in from a dinner party when a passenger plane is hijacked by Middle Eastern terrorists who want to blow the plane up over the United States releasing enough nerve agent, which they smuggled on board, to wipe out the entire eastern seaboard.

Grant, another officer, must get on board via a specialized stealth bomber that has a pressure tube that hooks to the belly of the plane so they can enter the plane without the terrorists even knowing. Otherwise the government has no choice but to shoot down the plane before it gets to U.S. air space. As they are boarding the plane, the terrorists get wise to the fact that something is going on, so they pull the plane up causing a pressure imbalance in the stealth, blowing the team's commander (Seagal in his first on screen death) out into the sky leaving the team without leadership and without the vaguest idea as to what to do next. So Grant takes over knowing that when the government finds out about the stealth being blown up, they might decide

to shoot down the plane anyway, considering that this operative team was the last line of defense.

The plot is from formula action stock and the story is far from original, but "Executive Decision" is nevertheless a superior action thriller. It's a tightly directed and exciting thriller that's in familiar ground with films such as "Die Hard 2" and "Passenger 57." It makes a very daring and much appreciated decision to keep the action from going over the top and builds its scenes with bracing suspense and tension, which are two things most action films leave in the dust. The scene when they board the plane is worth the price of admission in terms of suspense.

The film was directed by Stuart Baird, who obviously has a flair for technical action, but also for the crackling tension that veils the movie. It's a much appreciated change of pace. He also makes a brave move in killing off Steven Seagal's character in the opening ten minutes. The film's ad campaign makes it look as if Seagal is in the entire film. However, this decision sets the audience in a frame of mind where anything is possible in this film, heightening its suspense. This becomes even more the case when the audience slowly discov-

ers that this isn't the usual set of bogus heroics and testosterone pumping bad asses, but rather a film composed of characters who must fight, not to preserve the American way, but for their own lives. This film is a work of supreme craft, not just a visual showcase.

The cast is terrific. Kurt Russell is, as always, convincing and charismatic. This is more or less his comeback vehicle after 1994's "Stargate," this shows that he still has the ability to put butts in the seats. He's a much more believable action hero than, for example, his costar, Steven Seagal. Seagal's screen death saves us from any possible bad acting, but he's still good in his scenes, what few there are. Oliver Platt ("Three Musketeers," "Indecent Proposal") offers some comic relief as a consultant (he designed the stealth) to aid in the mission. He finds himself in a little deeper than he bargained for when the mission goes awry, and he has to disarm the detonator after the explosives specialist (Joe Morton) is seriously injured, leaving him paralyzed. Halle Berry is also quite good as a stewardess who is dragged into the mission. Berry is what one might call the audience surrogate, meaning that the terror and emotion of what is happening is refracted through her character.

"Executive Decision" is a rare action treat. It is a triumph in suspense, tension, style and special effects. It isn't brilliant, but it keeps on punching with ferocity and excitement. The film's climax is a virtuosity of pulse pounding thrills as all hell breaks loose on the plane as Grant and his team face off with the terrorists. This is great entertainment.

**Women**

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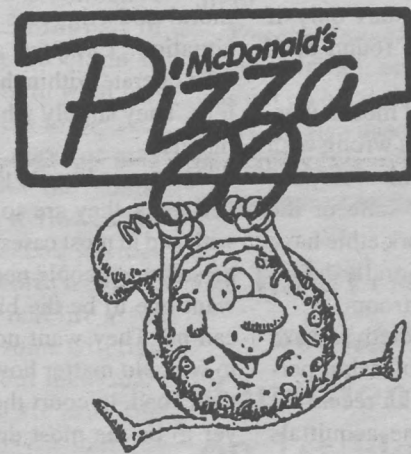


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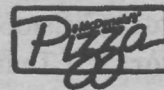


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# Editorial Page

## • Commentaries

### Clinton, lies and videotape

In a country where people can identify Marcia Clark more readily than the vice president of the United States, one of the most humorous decisions concerning President Clinton's videotaped testimony in the Whitewater case is that any insignia related to the Office of the President, specifically the presidential seal, may not be visible in the video.

One must wonder whether Judge George Howard Jr., who has allowed the president to testify on tape, feels the presidential seal will bias the president's testimony. The president's face should be recognizable enough; and he will be testifying, as the president of the United States; seal or not. But we, the citizens of this country should wonder whether President Clinton is doing his best to comply to the Sixth Amendment, and the trial of his two former partners.

Howard denied a motion by defense attorneys demanding that Clinton testify at the trial in person.

Howard said asking the president to travel to Arkansas would be "unduly burdensome to the president in the performance of his official duties."

The fact is that the president now, and presidents before him have taken trips that are a simple waste of time and money. But Clinton, who has made trips to Arkansas to watch a game of hoops and attend his class reunion, should understand that not everyone has a pathetic short-term memory.

Clinton was subpoenaed to testify as a defense witness in the trial of his two former partners in the Whitewater real estate venture in Arkansas. He should either testify under the same conditions as all other citizens, or not testify at all under executive privilege. This videotape decision is truly a slap in the face of the American public, but what is even more worrisome is that the real truth of the investigation may be pushed under the rug because of his seeking re-election. (J.Teunisen)

### Lawyers and money

In ancient Rome, they were called jurists. In Europe, they are today respectfully called doctors. In America they are called a good start only if one hundred of them are found dead at the bottom of the sea.

Lawyers, in the eyes of most Americans, epitomize all that is wrong with society. The loss of individual responsibility and the decrepit state of the once strong American work ethic have been attributed to the morally bankrupt piranhas of the courtroom.

This animosity directed toward members of the legal profession perhaps is deservedly so. With recent legal decisions, such as the acquittals of O.J. and Snoop Doggy Dog and the million dollar coffee spill burned into the public's psyche, hatred of a group

of miscreants who free murderers and award stupidity is understandable.

Yet to castigate all lawyers as immoral sods, ignores the facts of the situation. Lawyers are businessmen who operate within the capitalistic system. They supply what the market demands.

Everyone likes to throw around lawyer jokes, they are so easy to come up with and in most cases fitting. But when these same people need a lawyer, they want one to be the biggest bastard he can be. They want nothing more than to win. No matter how high they think their road, in court they pay their lawyer to be the most duplicitous he can be. In essence, it is not all lawyers who are scum, but their clients, the masses of the nation. (M.L.Lane)



## • Editorials

### The AFFIRM diasaster

The mission of any academic institution should include providing the best possible education to its student population, but many aspects of the University of Maine's recently released reorganization plan have forsaken academics for economics.

The most blatant disregard for academics contained in the document, known as Actions to Facilitate Fiscal Integrity and Refocused Missions, or AFFIRM, is President Hutchinson's misguided and paradoxical notion that by increasing enrollment while decreasing faculty, the quality of education here at the university will improve.

Worsened student-teacher ratios will lead to less student-teacher interaction both in and out of the classroom, a place that is presumably sacred to and at the center of any institution of higher education.

Faculty positions are arguably the most important at the university. Faculty is integral in helping students realize their academic and career goals. The elimination of 35 faculty positions, as dictated by AFFIRM, will quickly lead to dissent among students concerned with the quality of their education and their prospective employment opportunities.

Lest he be labeled as sparing the already inflated administrative ranks, Hutchinson is quick to point out that the sacred cow has taken its share of cuts. Two vice president positions have been eliminated, but it's doubtful that any member of the current administration will be looking for work any time soon, unlike the 35 dismissed educators.

For every administrative position that has been cut in the reorganization process, it appears that a new one has been created. Reshuffling administrators and giving them less-impressive titles does not amount to effective reorganization. Hutchinson needs to take a hard look at certain destructive aspects of his AFFIRM document before he dooms any sense of academic integrity this university has.

Promises of improved education can not be fulfilled with a bloated albeit minimally reorganized administration at the expense of the faculty and ultimately the students.

### Responsible drinking

Everyone likes to and needs to cut loose every once in a while. Sucking back a few beers at the end of the week is nothing out of the ordinary. What people tend to ignore is that the consequences of their actions, especially as the blood-alcohol levels escalate, can be painful, even deadly. Now that one of our students, an under-aged student at that, has died suspectedly because of alcohol, we all could use a reminder before we reach for another.

No matter how big you may be or how tough you think you are, tragedy can strike. The university's and society's policy of begging and pleading with people to take responsibility for their celebratory techniques has obviously not worked. Frightening events involving those we may know have a greater effect on the public psyche.

It is a shame, however, that someone has to die to make people think twice. Recently, one of our own students lost his life shortly after leaving a keg party at a private college in Brunswick. Should we still regard alcohol as a harmless diversion? Do you still feel invincible, that such a thing could never happen to you? Ask Cameron Brett's family how they feel about the effects of alcohol and the misfortunes of having a good time.

According to William Laughlin, investigator at Public Safety, about 20 percent of all calls to Public Safety are behavioral or disturbance related. Of those calls—assault, criminal mischief and disorderly conduct—over 90 percent are alcohol related.

After a few drinks, you may feel you're on top of the world. After a few more, you may not feel anything. It is this time when the worst decisions are made. Underage drinking is an individual decision, one which often leads to ill-fated choices. Just because you turn 21 doesn't necessarily qualify you as a responsible drinker. We all should be acting like adults by now, if we want to be treated as such. If you can't handle your liquor, put the bottle down. You might live longer.

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# Editorial Page



• I was thinking

## Student shareholders

Katy Brennan



The day I became a columnist, I knew one day I would eventually be writing a "the things I hate about UMaine" column. I knew it wouldn't be too hard to write about things gone awry at this university, but thanks to the administration, writing this column was just made a lot easier.

Recent decisions have made digging up "bad administration" stories a simple task, but these same decisions have, at best, made the university's future shaky.

Over the course of four years attending this university, I have seen many decisions, good and bad, be made about the future of this institution, but none as hasty and atavistic as the ones made this semester.

The first blow hit the average student the hardest. Spring break was split. The faculty (who I will nonetheless support later in this column) with total disregard for traditional and most non-traditional students' welfare and wishes, passed the proposal for their own selfish reasons. Students are the backbone and the financiers of this university, to stab them in the back with the passage of this proposal was both a bad message to send to students and a bad business decision.

Students act as share holders in this university. Without students, there would be no funds. Without funds, there would be no university, nor any of those cute little paychecks the faculty receive each week. If college is supposed to be a learning experience, the only thing the faculty has taught students this year is that democracy is dead and the power in this institution definitely doesn't rest with the little people.

This is all the more apparent with AFFIRM, the most defeatist document to be given to this university ever. AFFIRM plans to bring more students to the university while at the same time "trimming the fat" from many programs and colleges. Make sense? Just wait, it gets worse.

In a supposed good move for the university, the student-teacher ratio will worsen. More students + less teachers = a good institution. I think the university had bet-

ter take a long look at their thinking and their decisions before they find the formula: No students + no teachers = the ending of a nearly 150-year-old institution.

And if students do stay, what can they expect. Some departments will be expanded, but most will be trampled in the name fiscal conservation. My major, journalism, according to AFFIRM, will become only a program. It will no longer have any of the advantages of being a college, including having a department head to act as a liaison between the students and the administration, something very much needed in a major where cuts are made by the administration as often and with as much thinking as the changing of underwear.

I say I'm glad to be leaving before the time of transition is upon campus, but decisions made by this university will not be so easy to leave behind. At the rate the department of journalism is being cut, I wonder if it will be around at all in a few years. How will that look when I'm trying to send out my resume? Not too good, but does the administration care? No.

It seems the administration doesn't care too much about what the students or faculty have to say about the cuts. In fact, according to the many faculty I have discussed the cuts with, they say that, as far as they know, their departments were never reached by the developers of AFFIRM for input or reaction.

This lack of research and lack of respect for the students and faculty of this campus is simply getting out of control. Signs of hope come when I see the turnout for Fred's AFFIRM speech and the dedicated students in the union fighting to keep break together. But fighting the administration can only go on for so long and can only turn minimal results.

Personally, I'm starting to give up on an institution I chose over a number of others. I put my faith in this institution to only have it, and my input, disregarded. It seems Maine hospitality has not yet reached the university level. So with my departure, I wish to say good luck to all students and faculty staying in Orono and good riddance to the administration.

Katy Brennan is a senior journalism major.

• Column

## Racism lives on

Scott Labby

"Does racism even exist anymore?"

Query on desk in Stevens Hall, 3rd Floor.

"What can people do about niggers?"

Question from a desk on 1st Floor, Stevens Hall.

You have to love academia.

The first question, of course, has become fashionable lately within the American political spectrum. Trying to bring up racial discrimination as a relevant issue these days is about as viable a campaign strategy as evacuating one's bowels on the flag. Over the past few years, Americans have become more and more offended at the very idea that racial oppression plays any active role in U.S. society. Conventional wisdom seems to dictate that the days of racial intolerance are over and that minorities just need to buck up and put their nose to the grindstone, or some such cheerful nonsense. As you might imagine, most people of color find this irritating.

The bitterness felt by minorities today has become fodder for endless position pieces, most of which lack perspective as to what the day to day effects of racism are, and the myriad of ways in which bigotry continues to lay waste to *individuals*, whose collective experience must form a central part of any holistic debate. I lay no claim to eloquence nor major insight in what follows. Instead, some answers to the second question from above may (or may not) serve to educate both the young scholar from whose pen it flowed, as well as those to whom racism has become but a meaningless word, a mythical concept devoid of any real life association. One suspects that some will find what follows disturbing, but then, reality has that tendency. You are probably not as offended as some of the individuals below. Well, then, just what should one do about those Negroes? Of course, these examples have multiple applications, being handy in their ability to do both short and long-term damage. Also, they are user-friendly, in that they may be used to terrorize any uppity minority. If you don't hate anyone, fake it, or choose one or more of the following to get maximum utility: thinking, silence, outrage.

*You can write letters:* Jesse Helms did. In his 1990 race against Harvey Gantt, an African-American with a spotless record, Helms found himself trailing in the polls going into the final weeks. His campaign manager sent letters to 125,000 blacks warning them they could be prosecuted for going to the polls. Helms won.

*You can hire Helms campaign managers.* Steve Forbes did. Tom Ellis, a segregationist and former director of the Pioneer Fund (which funds about two dozen scientists mightily struggling to prove that African-Americans are genetically inferior) and Carter Wrenn, who wrote the "Black Letter" were the go-to-

guys for Malcolm, Jr.

*You can go to church.* Some folks in a small town in Alabama staged a fundraiser they titled "Coon Hunt For Christ." They used pictures of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X and others, including the likenesses of four little girls who were blown to pieces not too far away, many years before. The object, of course, was to find as many pictures as possible. Praise Jesus.

*Fire might keep them away.* Since the

"Does racism even exist anymore?"

Query on desk in Stevens Hall, 3rd Floor

late 1970s, New York City has had an embarrassing problem involving homeless minorities being soaked in fuel and set on fire.

*Use art.* There is a poster widely distributed with the word "Multiculturalism" (sic) at the top, with a pair of baby gorilla's just below. At the bottom, the words are "Say hello to your grandchildren!"

*You can slaughter the elderly.* In 1991, South African activist Mbutu Bethazi was out on his usual early morning walk, which he also used to distribute freedom pamphlets. He was found nailed to a

"What can people do about niggers?"

Question from desk on 1st Floor, Stevens Hall

bulletin board, his freedom flyers literally stuffed down his throat. Scrawled on the board were the words "Goodbye, kaffir." He was almost 70 years old.

*Seek out women and children.* Like a young woman from Howard University who was found raped and strangled in Virginia Beach in 1993. Therese Reston was 23 years old and had just been accepted into Harvard Medical School. Her breasts and genitals were slashed to ribbons, and the words *jungle fever* were left on a note beside the bed, along with the disemboweled corpse of her 9 month old son, Steve.

As so, what of these things? No solutions or happy, constructive commentary is forthcoming. That burden belongs to you, but before you shoulder it, I would like to pose my own questions. Answer honestly. What do you think about race issues? What do you assume Steven Reston's grandparents believe?

Scott Labby is a senior history major.



# Entertainment

## Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Friday, March 22

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** You have serious duties to deal with this year and it's imperative that you adopt a positive attitude. Fate never asks of us more than we're capable of handling. If the test you face is tough, then you're tougher than you think.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** It's possible to have too much of a good thing. If you over-exert yourself in one direction, you're sure to pay for it in another. Moderation in all things will bring benefits you thought were beyond your reach just a few short weeks ago.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** You have a tendency to fear the worst, even when by any reasonable standards you're doing very well indeed. Planetary activity over the next few weeks will cause you to question aspects of your personality, but only to make life even more enjoyable than before.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** A decision you make today will have a profound and lasting effect on your lifestyle and on the lives of those you live and work with. Make it wisely and don't be rushed into anything which you don't feel is 100 percent right.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** The grass may look greener on the other side of the fence but think of the pain you'll cause if you act on impulse. Plan things carefully today, and you'll find there are ways to have what you want without giving up what you already have.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** You may have reason to doubt a partner's loyalty but don't let your suspicions ruin what can still be a viable relationship. A bit of realism is needed where both financial matters and affairs of the heart are concerned.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** Someone will offer you something which, under normal circumstances, you would happily accept. But these aren't normal circumstances, and there may be strings attached which will bind you to something unpleasant. Listen to your instincts.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** Your attention may be focused on one thing, but you won't do yourself any favors if you disregard what partners and colleagues are trying to tell you. Their warnings aren't designed to annoy you but to save you from making a fool of yourself.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** Your desire to do something constructive, to build a form or framework which stands the test of time, can no longer be ignored. Even if others are opposed to your creative ideas, you must now back your instincts with action.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** A slightly worrying aspect indicates that an emotional relationship has reached a delicate stage. But working on the principle that, in dangerous situations it's often safer to go on than to go back, you must see this phase through to its conclusion.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Careful planning and hard work bring most Capricorns success. There are times, however, when you would benefit from a more spontaneous approach, and this is one of them. Even if you make an error of judgment, there will be someone on hand to guide you out of trouble.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Don't force yourself to join in the fun and games. Something of a financial or business nature is preying on your mind and will continue to do so until the planets change signs on Sunday. After that you'll once again be the life of the party.

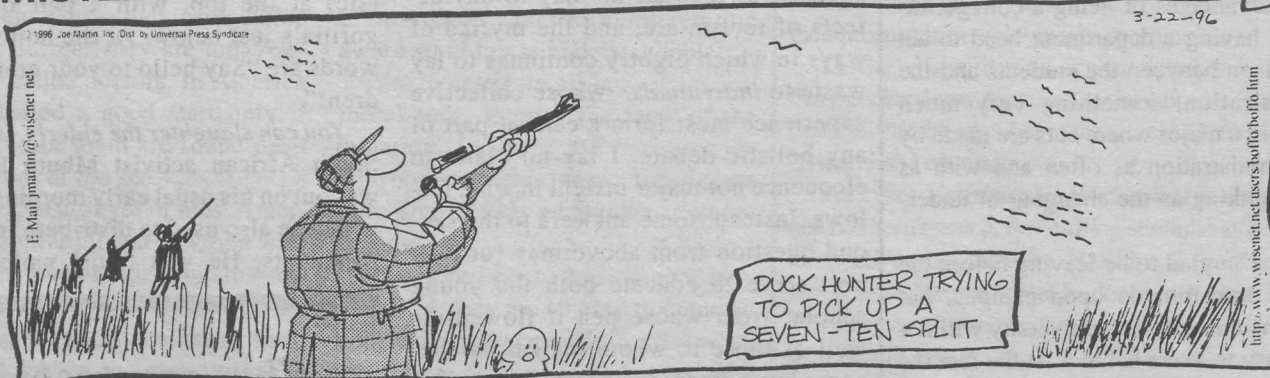
**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** The news you receive today can be viewed as either good or bad, depending on how you interpret it. If loved ones let you down, don't assume they are behaving selfishly. It may be because they don't want to hurt you.

### Schizofunia!



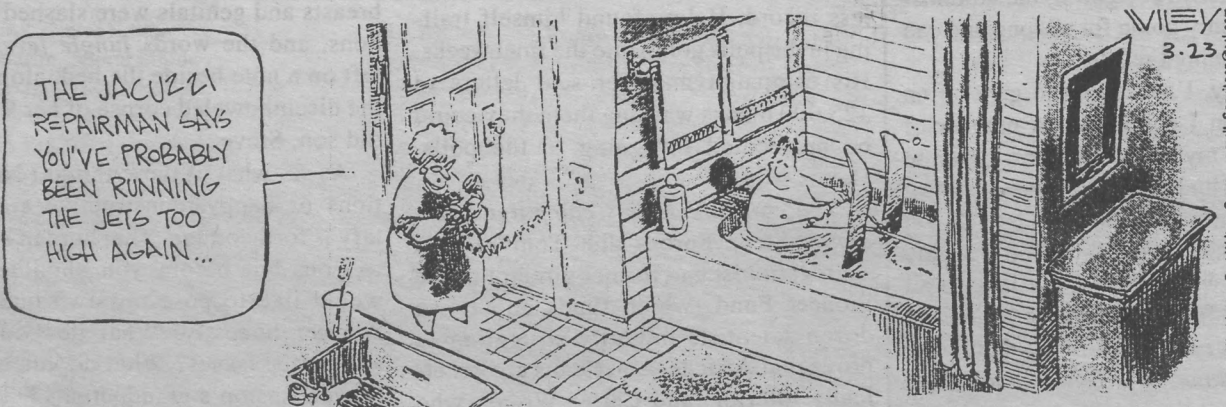
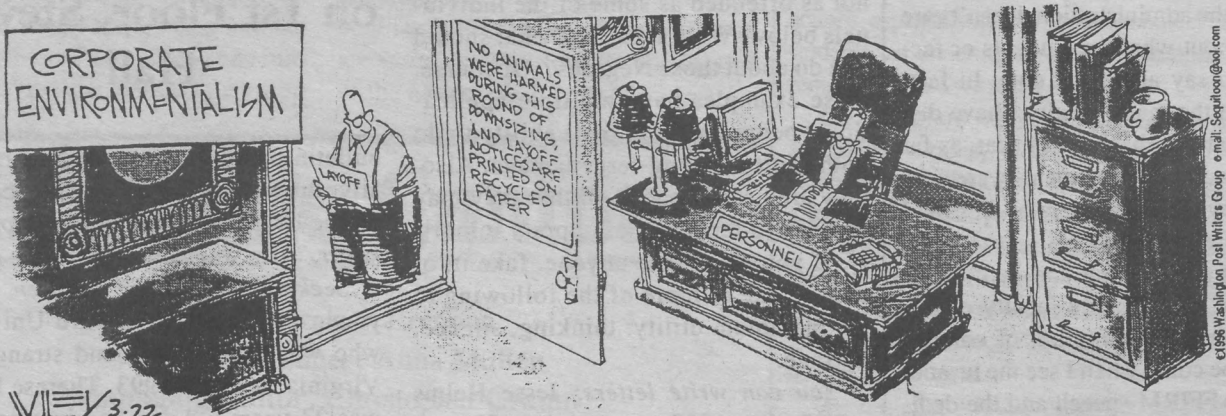
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by Joe Martin



### NON SEQUITUR

BY VIEV





Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Saturday, March 23

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** Clashing aspects don't necessarily mean conflicts in your personal life or at work, but they do suggest you'll have to choose between opportunities. Go with the one which feels right, even if it pays less.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Nothing you say or do will hurry a delicate situation along faster than it was intended to go. On the contrary, partners and colleagues are likely to drag their heels even more if they see signs of impatience.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Once you decide on a certain course of action, there's no point arguing with you. Don't blame fate if things go wrong this weekend: You were big enough to make a controversial decision, now be big enough to face up to the consequences.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** For weeks, you've starred in whatever social professional sphere you inhabit from day to day. Now you must realize that, confident and talented though you are, there are certain things you can't accomplish alone.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Don't underestimate your strength. Whatever problems you're facing, you're well-equipped to deal with them, even profit by them. You have the power and the drive to take a difficult situation and turn it to your own advantage.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** If you need to take decisive action over something which has been dragging on for weeks, even months, today is the day to set wheels in motion. A small seed planted now will grow big, at some stage in the future.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** If what you're told today doesn't add up, you know better than to ignore it because you don't want to hurt a loved one's feelings. The truth may be painful, but it's the only thing guaranteed to make a relationship a success.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** Something you were completely unaware of is about to emerge from a seemingly simple situation, but, with hindsight, appears a lot more complicated than you anticipated. Confused? It doesn't matter. An important question is about to be answered to your total satisfaction.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** Some things have to be taken on faith, even though experience has taught you it's far safer to be suspicious. Even if your worries over a work or financial matter are true, it won't make a difference to your long-term ambitions.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** It's always at the lowest ebb that the tide begins to turn, and already you should have noticed that the atmosphere is less claustrophobic than it was a week or two ago. The planets are your guides and helpers, so forget your problems and enjoy yourself.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** You may want to believe that a partner or colleague will never let you down again, but you can't take the chance. There's too much at stake to risk giving anyone the benefit of the doubt, especially if by doing so you set a precedent that may be hard to break.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You have nothing to apologize for. The time has come to draw a line under a business or financial relationship that hasn't yielded results. It's no one's fault, just a matter of different expectations.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** You may suspect that someone is stringing you along. Can you be sure of this? Probably not. Bide your time. Don't make any binding commitments but don't close the door completely on a professional or business opportunity.

Entertainment

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New York Times Daily Crossword

No. 0108

ACROSS

- 1 "Greetings —"
- 5 "Stop, sailor!"
- 10 Gets older
- 14 Queue
- 15 Knight's weapon
- 16 Command at the Iditarod
- 17 QE 2, e.g.
- 19 "Do —" others
- 20 Patina
- 21 Microscope part
- 22 Tiff
- 23 Guard
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- 27 "Piggies"
- 29 Newsmen Newman

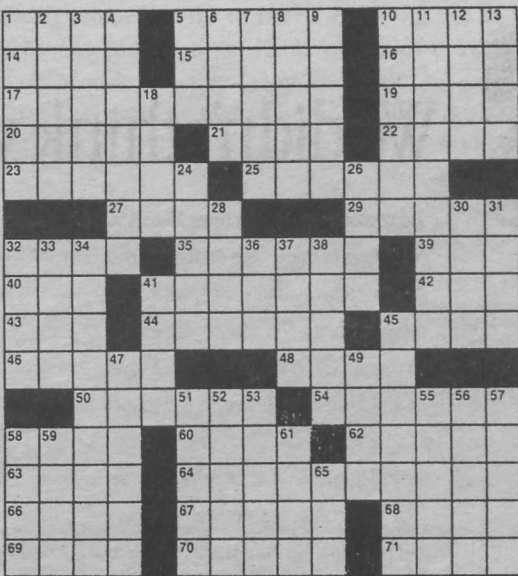
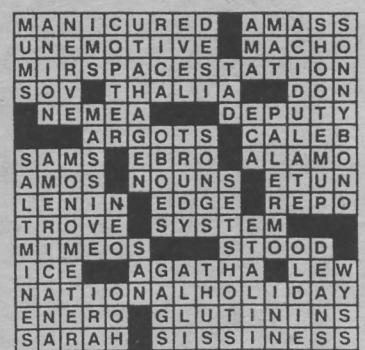
DOWN

- 32 " — jail" (Monopoly directive)
- 35 Beast
- 39 Scooby —
- 40 Volcano fallout
- 41 Ornamental work
- 42 Purpose
- 43 "Steady as — goes"
- 44 Eagerly wish
- 45 Mars's Greek counterpart
- 46 Is wearing
- 48 Measureless
- 50 Actress Anjelica
- 54 " — 17"
- 58 "Shool"
- 60 Breakfast restaurant chain, informally

DOWN

- 1 Dental care item
- 2 Nouveau —
- 3 — a million
- 4 Had the intention
- 5 Winner's take
- 6 Colorado ski town
- 7 Rice and Bancroft
- 8 Fragrance
- 9 Succinct
- 10 "We are not —"
- 11 Content of some shells
- 12 "C6mo — uted?"
- 13 Whisky glass
- 18 Claudius's stepson
- 24 Calendar periods
- 26 Depend (on)
- 28 Cinch

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Puzzle by Norma Steinberg

- 30 Actress Skye
- 31 Signals assent
- 32 Knife wound
- 33 Dept. of Labor division
- 34 Lamont Cranston
- 36 Here, in Quebec
- 37 TV's Griffin
- 38 Vicinities
- 41 Cures, as leather
- 45 Befuddled
- 47 Beginning
- 49 Polaris, e.g.
- 51 Mr. — (Poitier role)
- 52 Name on the Tara deed
- 53 Out
- 55 Name repeated in a 1963 hit song
- 56 Perspective
- 57 Nerds
- 58 Bridge
- 59 Composer Porter
- 61 French bridge
- 65 Cult. events funder

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# National News

## • Workplace

### GM, strikers reach tentative agreement

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — General Motors Corp. and the United Auto Workers Union reached a tentative agreement today that could end a 17-day-old strike that crippled the automaker's North American production.

Both sides refused to release details of the pact.

A ratification vote was scheduled for Friday. If approved, workers at the two the Dayton brake plants could return to their jobs Friday afternoon, ending the longest strike against GM in 26 years.

It is likely to take at least a week to resume operations at the other plants shut down because of the walkout, said GM spokesman Thomas Klipstine.

Joe Hasenjager, president of striking UAW Local 696, said he would recommend union members ratify the contract.

The strike by 2,700 workers at the GM Delphi Chassis plants had closed 26 of GM's 29 assembly plants and 18 parts plants, and affected dozens of parts plants and independent suppliers. The stoppage forced GM to furlough about 175,800 of its 250,000 hourly workers in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

The agreement was reached after lengthy

negotiations, which have been held daily since last Friday.

The key issue was GM's practice of buying parts from outside manufacturers to reduce labor and production costs. The union sees it as a job-killer, but GM says it needs that option to remain competitive.

"We feel that we negotiated for all labor organizations around this country and outside of this country," Hasenjager said.

Union officials refused to comment about whether the negotiators resolved the issue.

The agreement came one day after Labor Secretary Robert Reich offered federal mediators to help end the walkout. GM and the union declined to comment on the offer.

Although the strike idled workers and closed plants, car buyers were not affected.

Art Spinella of Bandon, Ore.-based CNW Marketing Research, which tracks auto retail activity, said his surveys showed GM likely would not have a problem delivering cars for another week. But GM can't keep up with the demand for its trucks, even without a strike.

The strike, which began March 5, was the longest against GM since 1970, when a national UAW walkout lasted 68 days, from Sept. 14 to Nov. 20.

## • Tragedy

### Slain teacher remembered

MIDDLETOWN, N.J. (AP) — At the school where she taught, Kathleen Weinstein was hailed as a woman who died the way she lived — "a teacher to the end."

In the administration office at Thorne Middle School, a large banner was decorated with a big red heart. It read: "You touched one at a time with your random acts of kindness."

Weinstein, 45, of Tinton Falls, was abducted from a shopping plaza in Toms River last Thursday. She managed to activate a small tape recorder, in which she is heard pleading with and counseling her killer.

Her body was found Sunday in the woods in Berkeley Township, not far from where a teen-age boy allegedly carjacked her 1995 Toyota Camry. He was found driving her car the same day.

Sixth-grade science teacher Betty Conk said the mood among staff and the school's 850 pupils Wednesday was one of anger, shock and sorrow.

"She was full of energy and always using it to do something for someone else," Conk said.

Even in the final minutes of Weinstein's life, she tried to convince her young assailant to take her car.

"You haven't done anything yet. All you have to do is to let me go and take my car," Weinstein is heard saying on the

secret 24-minute recording.

It was vintage Kathy Weinstein, friends say.

"When I heard what she was saying to that boy on the tape, I thought, 'She was a teacher to the end,'" said Eileen Largey, a guidance counselor at Thorne Middle School, where Weinstein taught for eight years. "Me, I would have fainted, passed out and died on the spot."

The tape enabled police to track down a suspect they identified only as M.L. of Berkeley Township. The boy, who turned 17 on Friday, was charged Tuesday with murder and carjacking.

He cannot face the death penalty because of his age.

Authorities say M.L. carjacked Weinstein because he wanted to steal a Camry like hers as a "present" for his birthday. He smothered her with her own coat, police said. The tape was hidden in the pocket.

"I knew he was a bad kid. I stayed away from him," said Brian Gregory, a junior at Toms River High School South, where M.L. had transferred days before the slaying. "He just has a bad reputation for fighting and (using) drugs."

Anna Chantsri, who described herself as M.L.'s best friend, told the Asbury Park Press he is "sweet and really innocent."

"He wouldn't hurt a fly," she said.



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## • Military

# Army finds few extremists, but subtle racism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The influence of hate groups and other extremists in the Army is minimal, but recruits should be screened for extremist views, an Army-sponsored panel recommended today.

A special task force established by Army Secretary Togo West said 3.5 percent of those surveyed in January and February reported being approached to join an extremist organization since entering the Army.

The actual number belonging to such groups is difficult to determine, the report said, particularly since any soldier who admitted being an active member would be in violation of Army regulations.

In direct interviews, less than 1 percent of soldiers reported knowing a soldier who was an active member in an extremist group. In separate written responses to a survey, about 7 percent knew a soldier believed to be an extremist.

The task force was commissioned by West on Dec. 12, 1995, after the killings five days earlier of a black couple on a downtown street in Fayetteville, N.C., home of Fort Bragg's elite 82nd Airborne Division. Police said the three 82nd Airborne members charged in the killings had racial motives.

An initial Army investigation at Fort Bragg found at least 22 soldiers in the 82nd Airborne held extremist views. The report released today said 26 at Bragg had "some association" with extremists.

Today's Army-wide report was based on face-to-face interviews with more than 7,600 soldiers and written responses by more than 17,000 soldiers at 28 major installations in 12 states and 12 posts abroad.

Despite minimal evidence of extremist activity in the Army or recruiting for such groups, investigators reported "an undercurrent of subtle racism."

"Junior soldiers reported an undercurrent which reflects their perception of race relations in the country at large. This undercurrent focuses on racial, ethnic and cultural differences, stereotyping, separatism, self-polarization, misperception and individual racial animosity," the report said.

Among the group's major recommendations:

—Screen recruits to keep out people with extremist views. Police record checks are done for enlistees only if the applicant states that he or she committed

an offense or if the recruiter suspects a criminal record.

—Clarify Army rules on extremist activity and ask the Defense Department to review its guidance for all the services.

—Assess the extent of extremist activity in the Army Reserve and National Guard.

—Consider giving new soldiers and officers more training on human relations and extremism.

Army regulations explicitly prohibit soldiers from active involvement in extremist groups, including those espousing white supremacist views or advocat-

ing violence.

There is no list of specific groups and no prohibition on membership as long as the soldier is not involved in public rallies, distribution of literature, raising funds, recruiting members or attending meetings.

The regulations say that passive activities in such organizations, such as receiving literature in the mail, are not prohibited but are strongly discouraged.

The report today said the Army must make a clearer distinction between active and passive activities.

## • GOP

## Buchanan takes off the gloves

WASHINGTON (AP) — The other night, after losing his 22nd consecutive GOP primary to Sen. Bob Dole, commentator Pat Buchanan took the gloves off.

Looking directly into the cameras, the candidate of rage, who'd been blunt from day one, announced his new policy: "No more Mr. Nice Guy."

Some would call it bizarre, some would call it gutsy, but throughout his presidential primary campaign against Dole, the Buchanan Rule has been: When the going gets tough, the talk gets tougher.

The harder he falls, the meaner he talks. He has an infinite capacity to sound angry. He's a phrase-maker who has earned his living in government and journalism on his ability to express himself in a catchy way.

Even when he won, Buchanan flexed his tongue. When he stunned Dole and the GOP establishment in the New Hampshire primary on Feb. 20, he didn't simply let it go as a good night's work.

"It was a victory," he declared, "for the good men and women of middle America who cannot understand why

there's deafness in Washington and silence about the fact the standard of living of our working men and women in the middle class has been stagnating while profits have been soaring."

After that, Buchanan started losing primaries, and the angry man of the GOP sounded only angrier.

After every shellacking, Buchanan found hollowness in the victories of "Beltway Bob," "the bellhop of the Business Roundtable."

On Wednesday, the day after Dole beat Buchanan in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin and locked up the Republican nomination mathematically, Buchanan still found Dole's cup half empty.

"Half of the voters said they did not believe Bob Dole had any ideas," he said.

He blustered and bluffed over what he could do to the party, win or lose. "I don't know if I'm going to be the nominee, but it's going to be a Pat Buchanan party. ... We're going to write the platform for them." That was said March 5, after Buchanan finished second to Dole

in five primaries.

When Dole refused to debate in Texas: "If he can't debate me, how's he going to do against Bill Clinton?"

The same day, in an Associated Press interview: "What does Bob Dole stand for that we all ought to get behind? The answer is: Nothing."

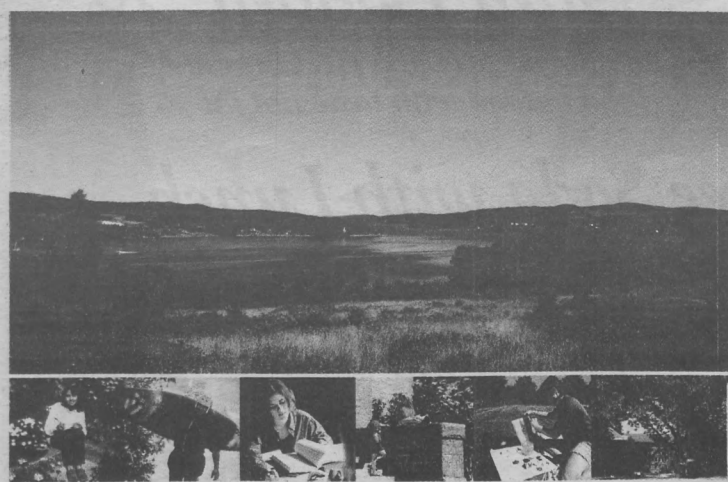
And again that day, he said Republicans like William Bennett and Colin Powell — who said they would not support him if he won the nomination — constituted "an empty, nothing establishment that is interested only in power. ... It just wants its limousines back."

His anger rose at the suggestion he might be denied a role at the Republican convention in San Diego. "Who are these folks to tell us, who have millions of votes, or will have by the convention, that we cannot speak at the convention of a party I've supported my whole life?"

And again: "What are they going to do to me? Not invite me to the convention? Kick me out of the convention? So what. Let them try."

And again: "They can't slam the door in my face and they can't keep my people out, if we want a majority party."

Buchanan says all these things with a grin, an implied wink. He knows that rage is his only weapon.



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## • Legislation

# Insurance association backs health care reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — In what President Clinton called "a remarkable act of statesmanship and good citizenship," the nation's largest insurance association today endorsed legislation to make it easier for millions of Americans to obtain health coverage.

The Independent Insurance Agents of America threw its support behind the Kennedy-Kassebaum health reform bill after meeting with Clinton at the White House.

The group, representing more than 300,000 agents who provide property, casualty, life and health insurance, had attacked first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's health reform effort.

Clinton called the insurers "about the most valuable partner America could have" in reforming health care.

"These people see, across a small desk in a modest room, the people who can't get health insurance because someone in their family has a crippling condition or has once had a serious illness, even if they have overcome it," Clinton said.

"The fact that they have decided to come in here today and express their support for the Kassebaum-Kennedy bill is a remarkable act of statesmanship and good citizenship," he added. "It will reverberate in every Main Street in the United States of America."

IIAA President George Shaffer said his group favors eliminating limitations that have blocked health coverage for many people with health problems.

"No legislation is perfect," Shaffer said. "But history will not judge us kindly if we allow the perfect to be the enemy of the good."

A popular proposal sponsored by Sens. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., and Edward M.

Kennedy, D-Mass., would guarantee workers access to health insurance when they change or lose their jobs, even if they have a pre-existing illness.

A more complicated package, being prepared by the House leadership, is headed for a House vote next week. The House Commerce Committee approved a piece of that bill Wednesday on a 38-0 vote that obscured disagreements among House Republicans.

Rep. Marge Roukema, R-N.J., who sponsored a House bill identical to Kassebaum-Kennedy, has suggested that some in her party may be trying to sabotage her bill by loading it with controversial proposals that would hurt its chance of being signed by the president.

The House legislation also guarantees workers access to health insurance despite pre-existing conditions, but agreement breaks down over specifics. Memories are still fresh of the collapse of Clinton's health care legislation two years ago because it tried to do too much.

Roukema said she is troubled to hear the House bill might become "some kind of omnibus health care reform that is certain to contain controversial proposals that threaten its own viability."

"I certainly hope this is not an attempt to sabotage the Kassebaum-Roukema bill," she said.

Her bill was not accepted by any House committee but because it is cosponsored by more than 170 Democrats, it may be offered as the Democratic substitute on the House floor, she said.

House Republicans will combine the bills that came out of committees, with a full House vote expected March 28.

Republican Deputy Whip Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., who was assigned to shepherd the pieces through the committees said as a whole the package is "inherently common sense."

"It doesn't have anything on it that is crazy," he said.

Support was not unanimous in all committees handling pieces of the bill.

Only four Democrats voted with Republicans on Tuesday in the House Ways and Means Committee on a version of the bill that also includes tax deductible medical savings accounts.

Two weeks ago, the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee voted 24-18 along party lines in part because Democrats saw the measure as taking too much authority away from state insurance regulators.

A provision limiting malpractice awards approved earlier by the Judiciary Committee never has received wide bipartisan support.

Hastert, however, said the House leaders want a bill signed by the president. He expects compromises along the way. "I also hope the White House is willing to do a little compromising," he said.

## • Religion

## Denver DJs suspended after anthem prank

DENVER (AP) — Three Denver disc jockeys were suspended without pay after loudly playing the national anthem at a mosque, apparently in response to a Moslem basketball star's protest against the anthem.

KBPI's Joey Teehan, Dean Meyers and Roger Beatty walked into the mosque Tuesday morning playing "The Star-Spangled Banner" on a trumpet and bugle. Teehan was wearing a turban and a T-shirt featuring Denver Nuggets player Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf.

Station manager Jack Evans said the stunt was "an ill-conceived attempt at humor" as part of the "Torture Tuesday" segment, in which Teehan has done such things as ski naked and sit in bowls of Froot Loops. The stunt was broadcast live and rebroadcast later on.

"Whew. The morning show used some very poor judgment," Evans said Wednesday. The three "issue their sincerest apologies for the appearance of disrespect. Certainly none was intended." They were suspended indefinitely.

At a news conference today at the mosque, religious leaders from several denominations called for prosecution of the three on charges of

trespassing and committing a religious hate crime.

"We demand that the responsible individuals be prosecuted at the fullest extent of the law, and we expected the KBPI station to dismiss these employees instead of suspending them without pay," said a statement from the Colorado Muslim Society read by Mohammed Bashir.

The Arapahoe County district attorney's office had no immediate response.

The Rev. Lucia Guzman of the Colorado Council of Churches said the radio hosts "made a mockery of this place and of all religion."

"When one of our faith communities is hurt, we are all hurt," she said.

The stunt was apparently triggered by the recent protest by Abdul-Rauf, who refused to stand for the anthem prior to National Basketball Association games. He was suspended for one game last week, then reinstated after he agreed to stand and pray during the anthem.

Jodeh said he called the station Tuesday to complain about the intrusion and got no response until he reported the incident to the Federal Communications Commission.



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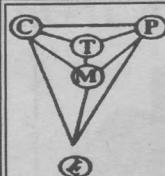
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## • Green Party

# Nader to pull votes from Clinton, Dole in California

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Consumer watchdog Ralph Nader is running for president with no illusions of capturing the White House and little regard for President Clinton or Bob Dole.

Democrats are afraid Nader's run as a Green Party candidate could put a dent in Clinton's general election prospects in California and a few other states, but Nader also has shown he can siphon votes from Republicans.

Nader, 62, will appear unopposed on the Greens' ballot in Tuesday's California primary, assuring him a spot on the general-election ballot in November. Other primary voters on Tuesday can write his name in.

The prospect of the influential activist mounting a campaign in California has sparked speculation that Nader's support will come from defecting Democrats and hurt Clinton in this critical state.

"It ain't going to come from us," said D. Todd Harris, a spokesman for the state Republican Party. "I would guess (Nader voters) would be a particularly wacko coalition of liberal Democrats, Greens and Peace and Freedom types."

With his name also likely to appear on an assortment of other state ballots, Nader says he has been approached by "emissaries" of the Democratic Party. He said they urged him to consider the po-

tential fallout of his campaign on Clinton's.

"They said, 'If you don't like us, Dole is worse,'" Nader recalled. "Between the lines what they're saying is, 'Okay, for another four years, you've got to take bad instead of worse.'"

Clinton-Gore deputy campaign manager Ann Lewis said no one from the campaign had been dispatched to talk to Nader. She expressed confidence that voters who care about the environment and other issues important to the Green Party ultimately would decide the best way to advance those causes is to back Clinton.

Some political scientists and Democrats believe Nader would pull votes from both major parties.

Nader said splintering one vote or another is the least of his concerns.

"Four more years of either of these candidates is not good for the country," he said in a telephone interview from the Washington, D.C., office of his Center for the Study of Responsive Law.

"Both have ignored legal protections for consumers and the environment," he said. "Both went for job-destroying NAFTA and GATT" trade pacts.

"The important thing is to give people an answer: Why is it we have nowhere else to go?" he said.

Some evidence suggests Nader could sap nearly as many votes from Dole as from Clinton.

During Nader's brief presidential run in 1992, about 6,300 people voted for him as a write-in candidate in the New Hampshire primary. He received 3,054 votes in the Democratic primary and 3,258 in the GOP primary — a difference of 204 votes.

In a Los Angeles Times poll published this week, Nader's presence on the ballot dragged support for Clinton down 5 percentage points, took 1 point from Dole and 3 points from Ross Perot. The margin of error was plus or minus 3 points.

Nader is set to appear on the New Mexico primary ballot in June. And he will seek the Maine Green Party's presidential nomination at its May convention.

He said he is reviewing requests from activists in five or six other states that he run under the Green banner. Greens in other states are still organizing, he said.

Green activist Mike Feinstein said when he pitches the idea of a Nader candidacy to people on the street, their faces light up.

He found patrons in the Novel Cafe in Santa Monica open to the idea one recent evening as he handed out campaign literature.

"I could possibly see voting for him," said Paul Birchall, a script-reader and Republican from Santa Monica who said he can't get excited by Dole.

"At first it sounded a little kookie," he said after listening to Feinstein. "But I wasn't immediately turned off by anything I heard."

Nader said his campaign will stress an overhaul of the current electoral process, particularly the campaign finance system and its "corrosive impact of special interest money."

He plans to spend just \$5,000 from his own pocket, accepting no contributions. The Green Party will finance some campaign activities, and Nader said he will seek "free media" exposure such as news interviews.

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## • Violence

# Rancher wanting 'real beer' kills police officer

WATFORD CITY, N.D. (AP) — A rancher fatally shot a police officer and took two other men hostage for nine hours in a bar after he loudly complained about the quality of beer he was served, police said.

"Now, bring me a real beer," were the words witnesses heard Robert Mead Jr. say at the American Legion club Wednesday night as he opened fire with a lever-action rifle in one hand and a semiautomatic rifle in the other.

Officer Keith Braddock was shot when he responded to the bar, police said.

Authorities could not get inside to confirm Braddock's death until the Mead calmly walked out unarmed at 2:20 a.m. today, police Chief Daryl Vance said. The two hostages were not harmed.

Mead had a gunshot wound to the thigh that apparently came in exchange of gunfire with Braddock shortly after the officer arrived at the bar, Vance said.

Police said a court hearing for Mead might be held later today.

The police chief and others said Mead had a history of mental problems.

"We've had troubles with him before," Vance said of the suspect. "He appears unstable."

Dennis Bingeman said he had worked with Mead on several pipeline projects. Sometimes, he said, Mead would act "just like he'd get plumb out of it."

State troopers and police cordoned off the area outside the club and tried to negotiate with the gunman, who talked with police on Braddock's police radio until its battery gave out. A family friend eventually helped get Mead to surrender, said prosecutor Ross Sundeen.

Witnesses said the standoff began when Mead, 41, of nearby Grassy Butte, complained about the beer he was served at the club. He left and then returned with the rifles. "He fired a shot into the ceiling and then said, 'Now, bring me a real beer,'" said customer Patrick Wagner.

Watford City, a community of about 1,800 people, is in northwestern North Dakota. The Legion club is on Main Street, sandwiched between a bar and an empty building that was once a bar.

## • Censorship

## Internet regulations challenged

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Supporters of a new law banning indecency on the Internet call it a necessary step to protect America's youth. Opponents say it's an unconstitutional attack on free speech.

Plaintiffs who have filed two lawsuits challenging the Communications Decency Act began presenting their arguments today in U.S. District Court.

"What this case is about is determining what the rules are going to be in the brand-new medium of cyberspace," said Chris Hansen, attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Scott O. Bradner of Harvard University opened the hearing with an Internet primer that ranged from FTP — the file transfer protocol used on the network — to Eudora, a popular software program for sending and receiving electronic mail.

The law was aimed at restricting the availability of indecent material on the Internet where children might have access to it. It imposes a \$250,000 fine and up to six years in prison for transmitting indecent material that children could find on the Internet.

Enforcement has been blocked temporarily by a lawsuit filed Feb. 8 — the same day President Clinton signed the legislation — by a coalition led by the American Civil Liberties Union. U.S. District Judge Ronald Buckwalter said the definition of indecency in the act was too vague.

The Citizens Internet Empowerment Coalition, which includes computer giants Microsoft and Apple and commercial online services America Online, Prodigy and CompuServe, filed a second suit Feb. 26 that also seeks to overturn the law.

The coalition argues that there are less restrictive means, such as in-home blocking software, to protect children or other users from offensive material.

Hansen said the lawsuit is not about child pornography, which will still be illegal even if the plaintiffs win the suit.

"It's about suppression of sexually oriented speech that does have social value," he said.

The plaintiffs planned to give the three-judge panel an online demonstration of the World Wide Web and Internet today and continue their arguments Friday and April 1. The government was to present its witnesses April 11-12, with a rebuttal day April 26.

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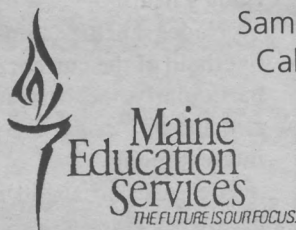
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# Sports Page

## Sports Briefs

### Correction

Ed. Note: In Wednesday's edition of the Maine Campus the caption under the photo of Steve Kariya incorrectly said that he would not be returning to school. The cutline was supposed to read "Steve Kariya is one of many Black Bears who will be returning next year."

### Stackhouse decks Hornacek

NEW YORK (AP) — The Jerry Stackhouse-Jeff Hornacek punching incident looks to be next up on the NBA's discipline agenda.

On Wednesday night, Philadelphia 76ers' Stackhouse and Utah Jazz's Hornacek were ejected in the third period after a frightening scene that saw the 76ers' guard grab Hornacek by the throat and hit him at least twice in the face.

Although the Jazz claimed Hornacek did not throw a punch, he was assessed a punching foul.

"We're looking into it," NBA spokesman Peter Land said today, adding that Rod Thorn, the league's senior vice president of basketball operations, would review a tape of the fight.

The incident occurred after Stackhouse was called for a flagrant foul as Hornacek drove for a layup 2:21 into the third period. With the 76ers trailing 53-43, Stackhouse fouled Hornacek, who then turned to face the 76ers' rookie. Stackhouse grabbed for Hornacek's throat and face, and then threw several punches that connected.

Stackhouse contended that after fouling Hornacek, the Jazz guard "came back with an elbow at me, and then he walked up to me and that was it."

"I regret the whole situation; I was wrong, but it was just the heat of the moment," Stackhouse said. "I wish I could have it all back, but I can't."

The Jazz won the game 107-84.

### Irvin under investigation

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin remains under investigation after being in a motel room where a woman was arrested on drug charges, a prosecutor said.

While looking into a motel manager's complaint March 4 about possible prostitution and drug use, Irving police said they discovered marijuana, cocaine and drug paraphernalia in a room occupied by four people.

Angela Renee Beck, 22, was the only person arrested, but Dallas County prosecutors say they want statements from the three others, who will be called to testify before a grand jury convening today.

Irvin, Beck, former Cowboys tight end Alfredo Roberts and another woman, Jasmine Nabwangu, were present, First Assistant District Attorney Norm Kinne said.

### • Baseball

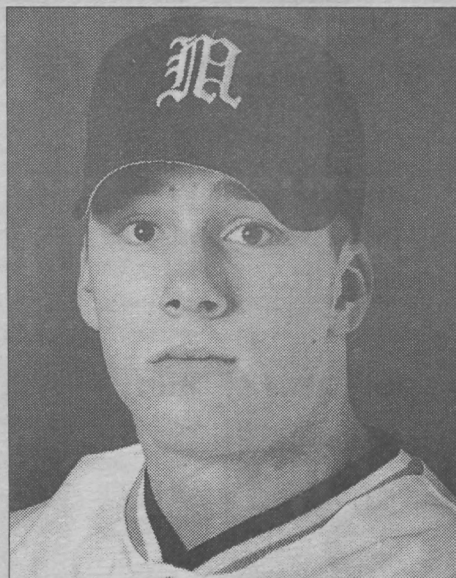
## Maine hopes to bounce back this weekend

By Scott Martin  
Sports Editor

After a long spring trip, the University of Maine baseball team returns to the Northeast to face Fordham for one game and Drexel for a three-game set (all non-conference games).

The Black Bears suffered their worst spring trip ever, going 0-22 while playing one of the nation's toughest schedules. Eighteen of Maine's 22 losses came at the hands of teams ranked in the top 25. Maine faced the likes of No. 13 Florida State, No. 16 Miami and No. 18 Oklahoma.

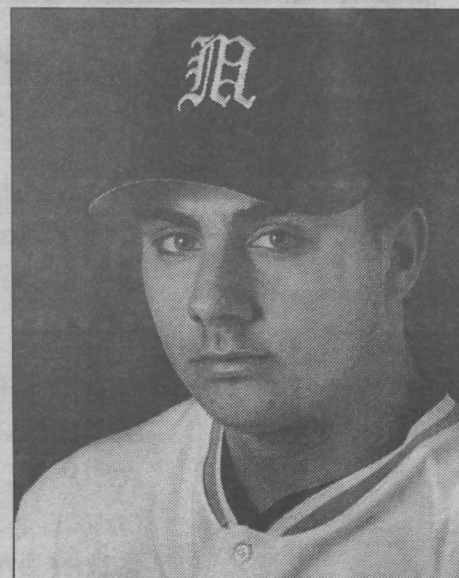
It wasn't an easy trip for Maine's pitchers. Opponents roughed up the Black Bears pitching staff, as Maine returned home with a 9.47 earned run average. Freshman Pete Fisher's ERA is currently 7.57, the lowest among Black Bear starters. He is 0-5 and has allowed 47 hits in 27.3 innings. Despite two good outings, Dave Foran is currently 0-5 with a 9.32 ERA. Freshman Andy Estabrooke should return to action this weekend after sitting



Rex Turner (left) and John Ellis have played well offensively for the Black Bears. (File Photos.)

out the second week of the trip with a sore elbow. Before the injury, Estabrooke was 0-1 in two starts with a 9.00 ERA.

Defense has been a sore spot for the Black Bears as they committed 49 errors thus far allowing 58 unearned runs.



Southern air proved to be somewhat friendly to the Black Bears power hitters. Outfielder Rex Turner is Maine's leading power source, he leads the team with

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### • Softball

## BC next for Black Bears

By Bill Stewart  
Sports Writer

The University of Maine softball team will return to action once again this weekend as it prepares to square off against the Boston College Eagles for a pair of games in Cape Cod.

The Black Bears are coming off a road swing through Florida where they finished their twenty-game trip at 10-10. Maine started off the season with a win against UNC-Wilmington on March 3rd.

However, after their first week in the sunshine state, the Bears were 4-8. In the last eight games, Maine went 6-2 to even the record, which head coach Janet Anderson was pleased with.

"The best part about the whole trip was that our second week was much more positive than the first in terms of overall playing and a total team confidence," replied Anderson. "Everything was really clicking."

This Saturday, the Black Bears will play a double header against the Eagles of Boston College. The game will be played at Otis Air Force Base on Cape Cod due to insufficient playing conditions at the field in Chestnut Hill, said Anderson.

"We won't be playing at the BC campus," said Anderson. "We're going to be playing at Otis Air Force Base in Cape Cod. Their field is very soft."

Last year, Maine finished its season at a modest 23-28 record. However, it was the loss of second team All-NAC pitcher Cindy Harrington that promptly raised questions and concerns about the strengths of the Maine's pitching this year.

However, junior hurler Mary Perrson and a pair of freshman in Jenn Burton and Vicki Brenner have silenced those con-



Janet Anderson (File Photo.)

cerns, said Anderson.

"One of our strengths is the fact that we have three pitchers that we can rely on. We're always counting on our pitchers. In fast pitch, that's 90 percent of your game," said Anderson. "We're looking for Mary (Perrson) to do a lot, and we have two freshman that go along with her in her Jenn Burton and Vicki Brenner."

Freshman Burton reflects on the season to date, and the transition from high school to college softball.

"We're doing a lot better, and I'm pleased with how well we've played together," said Burton. "We have a really good team. The transition is going easier than I expected. It's different, but I'm starting to fit in."

The Bears dropped two games to the Eagles down south earlier in the year. The key for the Black Bears to achieve success this weekend will rest in the arms of the pitchers and a more consistent offensive attack from the Bear's bats, said Anderson.

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### • AFFIRM

## Athletic department faces changes

By Scott Martin  
Sports Editor

The University of Maine's athletic department will be affected by the AFFIRM plan like all other departments on campus, according to athletic director Suzanne Tyler.

One main concern many people have is the number of trips the 19 varsity programs at the university make. Although a portion of the baseball team's trips next year will have to be canceled, Tyler said that isn't the biggest worry her department has.

"Everyone seems to be so interested in the trips, but it is really not a big thing," said Tyler. "I think trips are small potatoes compared to other things."

According to a *Framework for Change*, a companion document to the AFFIRM plan, the university will "Reduce Department of Athletic and Recreation expenditures and enhance the management and efficiency of the department..." The plans say this will be done by making better use of the "Friends of Maine" booster programs, reducing the cost of game programs and more importantly establishing a travel coordinator who will make all travel arrangements.

The plan also states that the university will try to "Generate additional revenue..." This will include increasing gate receipts from football and men's basketball games and increasing profit from the sale of UMaine novelties.

"Enhancing revenue is what we need to work on the most," said Tyler.

Tyler said that she doesn't feel that the number of scholarships offered by the university will be affected by the plan. She also feels that recruiting will not suffer either.

"We are right in tune with what's going on around campus, and we are doing what has to be done," said Tyler.



## Baseball

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five homeruns and is second with 11 runs batted in. As a team, Maine has hit 12 homeruns, which is the highest total for a spring trip since 1991 when it hit 13. John Ellis is Maine's top hitter, batting .273 with two homeruns and eight RBI's.

"The offense centers around what we

get out of (T.J.) Sheedy, (Nick) Ciazzo, Ellis, (Jeff) Longo and Turner. They are the keys," said Black Bear head coach John Winkin.

Maine will have a chance to check out conference foe Drexel this weekend, when they play three non-conference games

with the Dragons. Winkin said that Drexel will be one of the North Atlantic Conference's top teams.

"Drexel (behind Delaware) is the next team to be reckoned with because they

have decent pitching and a very fine player in (Kris) Dorian, who is projected to be he player of the year in the conference," said Winkin. "They have a pretty steady defensive team and some good looking hitters."

## • College basketball

## Thompson won't do business in Vegas

ATLANTA (AP) — John Thompson has never been one to shy away from controversy, whether it was a highly publicized stand against Proposition 48 or the guarded philosophy that came to be known as "Hoya Paranoia."

The Georgetown basketball coach landed right in the middle of another brouhaha during the NCAA tournament when it was revealed he was trying to acquire a gambling license in Nevada.

This time, though, Thompson bowed to the wishes of those who questioned whether the teacher of young men should also be involved with the bright lights of Las Vegas.

After talking with his university president, who was vehemently opposed to the idea, Thompson said Wednesday he would drop his application to become involved with a company that operates 1,000 slot machines at the Las Vegas airport.

"My feelings about whether I was right or wrong is something I would rather not say right now because my president is the boss," Thompson said in Atlanta, where he is coaching Georgetown in the East Regional. "He's a man I respect and a man who has been there for me. Since he has been there for me, I will support what he wants me to do."

The Rev. Leo O'Donovan, Georgetown's president, had said Thompson couldn't get involved with legalized gambling and remain the Hoyas coach.

"I have great personal regard for coach

Thompson, and I am pleased by the decision he made," O'Donovan said Wednesday. "He has always placed the interests of the university and the education of his players first, and I never doubted that he would continue to do so."

Thompson, an avid slot machine player, applied for the license nine months ago to join a Las Vegas casino owner in the company that operates a lucrative string of slot machines at McCarran International Airport.

"I had a state senator as a reference. I had a member of the NCAA as a reference. It was not a matter of being secretive in any way," Thompson said.

But news of his planned entry into the gambling industry was greeted coolly by the NCAA and especially by O'Donovan.

"This man has been very supportive of me," Thompson said. "He's not comfortable with this. Since he's not comfortable with this, I'll walk away from it."

While refusing to discuss the matter in detail, Thompson did address the negative perception of a college coach getting involved with the gaming industry.

"The only problem I have with that is people who get religious and sanctimonious about their perception (of gambling) and don't get that way about other things that are around us," Thompson said. "Maybe we need to define or redefine and really look very closely at what is real and what is not real."

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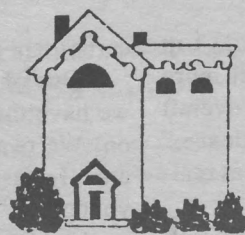
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## Softball

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"We're looking at BC and how we lost two to them down there. We have to have good pitching, and we have to have our bats," said Anderson. "I don't want to be in BC's back pocket anymore. I want to bring home the wins this time."

Captain and first baseman Michelle Lefevre agrees. "We lost both of them in Florida. We couldn't get it together. We have to play

two solid games this weekend."

So the UMaine softball team will face BC for the third and fourth time this season. With a .500 overall record, the Bears will look to even their season series against BC as well, said sophomore third baseman Mary Wells. "I think we can win both games," said Wells. "We're ready to pounce on them."

## • Figure skating

## Judges gain praise

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — The most maligned people in figure skating are getting a little credit at the World Figure Skating Championships, where the judging has sparked little or no controversy.

If anything, the international panel of judges has been praised for its openness, a refreshing development in such a subjective sport.

For decades, figure skating has been criticized for apparent pre-judging. And the criticism was hard to deny when marks for, say, an eastern bloc skater were higher from judges of communist countries than from western nations. And vice-versa.

Then there was the notion that judges considered reputation before performance. No matter how well a second-level skater did, there was little chance of getting higher marks than a top-level competitor, particularly a national or world or Olympic champion. Even if the highly ranked skater messed up.

While times quite obviously have changed throughout the sport — on the ice and off — the judging seems to be coming into line. This year's worlds have displayed that.

When Elvis Stojko crashed in the men's short program Wednesday, he was marked down to seventh. That is just about where he belonged, regardless of whether he was a two-time defending champion and the hometown favorite.

When Ilia Kulik of Russia and American Todd Eldredge skated cleanly and landed a triple axel-triple toe loop combination — the only skaters to do so in the short — they were placed 1-2.

"It's being judged by the way people skated, and it's nice that way," said Richard Callaghan, who coaches Eldredge, a three-time U.S. champion, and Tara Lipinski, the No. 3 U.S. woman. "It was fair for Todd to be second at nationals and it's fair for Todd to be second here and the world champion to be in seventh."

Kulik, who skated second on Wednesday, was thankful that the judges had no preconceptions. Normally, skating so early in the short program can be a disaster, with judges saving the highest marks for those who go later, just in case there is a knockout performance.

"You worry about skating so early, but then you forget and you do your best and hope the judges like it," Kulik said.

Rudy Galindo, the U.S. titleholder, but a newcomer to world singles competition, was fourth heading into Thursday night's free skate. Galindo did not do a triple-triple, choosing a triple axel-double toe in the middle of the combination. That dropped him below Kulik and Eldredge, and also behind Olympic champion Alexei Urmanov, whose program was similar to Galindo's.

So why was the American behind the Russian? Was it politics?

"I think if I skate well, the judges will be fair with what they're giving me," Galindo said. "I'm happy with how I skated. My marks were very good."

The marks were abysmal for Philippe Candeloro of France, the 1994 Olympic bronze medalist who also had a silver and a bronze from recent world championships. And well-deserved.

## • US Alpine

## Fleischer recovers, wins downhill

CARRABASSETT VALLEY, Maine (AP) — Chad Fleischer, the hottest skier on the U.S. men's team, survived a near fall midway through his run and won the downhill Thursday in the U.S. Alpine Championships.

Fleischer, of Vail, Colo., finished in 1 minute, 23.03 seconds to edge teammate Chris Puckett of Crested Butte, Colo., who was clocked in 1:23.06.

Tommy Moe of Girdwood, Alaska, completing a year of recovery from injury, finished third in 1:23.26.

The women's race was postponed until Friday because of poor visibility at Sugarloaf/USA. The men's event was delayed several hours before the weather cleared enough to race.

"I caught an edge off the headwall," Fleischer said. "But when you make mistakes and you're on, you can make up for them. My skis have been running great here."

He also won a FIS downhill on Tuesday.

Actually, they've been running good since February when he had his best World Cup finish, 11th in a super-G. Coach Bill Egan called Fleischer the team's best skier in the past six weeks, helping to remove some of the disappointment when AJ Kitt was injured ear-

ly in the season and Moe spent the season trying to return to form.

"I was thinking too much instead of just letting go," Fleischer said of his turnaround. "This is the best I've ever skied."

Fleischer, 24, in his third year on the team, picked a perfect time. He said he has been trying to win this title since he was 15.

"It's something I've always wanted to do — win a national championship," he said. It also broke a major drought in the downhill. His last victory in the event was four years ago in juniors.

Although visibility still was a problem at the top of the 1.72-mile course, the top skiers had more trouble with the soft snow in spots.

"You're skis are digging in a couple inches," said Puckett, who started fifth, seven spots ahead of Fleischer in the 65-man field. Moe said the same thing.

Mike Makar of San Antonio, Texas, was fourth, Daron Rahlves of Truckee, Calif., was fifth and Clic Bloomfield of Ketchum, Idaho, was sixth. All are completing their third year on the U.S. team.

Kyle Ramussen of Angels Camp, Calif., one of the top skiers on the team in his 11th year, was a disappointing seventh, and angrily rushed off the course.

## • College basketball

## Kruger named new Illinois coach

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Lon Kruger, who coached Florida to the Final Four in 1994, was hired today as the coach at Illinois.

Kruger replaces Lou Henson, who retired after 21 seasons at Illinois. He told his Florida players on Wednesday that he was leaving.

"He said he's doing what's best for him, so we have to wish him luck," sophomore LeRon Williams said.

Illini assistant Jimmy Collins said he was disappointed that he didn't get the head coaching job.

"I know I should be head coach right

now," he told The Florida Times-Union of Jacksonville. "I am going to take some time off and talk with my family."

Collins, an assistant at Illinois since 1983, was Henson's choice.

Henson, 64, announced his retirement last month. His overall record at Illinois was 422-223, including 213-163 in the Big Ten.

Kruger, 43, led the Gators from the depths of probation in 1990 to the Final Four in 1994, when the team went 29-8, the best record in the school's 76-year basketball history.

This season, Florida struggled with a young team and one of the nation's toughest schedules, losing eight of its last 11 games to finish 12-16. The Gators missed the NCAA tournament for the first time in three years.


Kruger was 104-80 in six seasons at Florida, including two appearances in the NCAA tournament and two in the NIT. Before coaching the Gators, Kruger was 81-46 at Kansas State.

Last year, Kruger signed a contract extension through 2001 that pays him \$400,000 per season. Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley said Kruger can get out of the contract, but must repay some loans.

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