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• Campaign '96

FOUR MORE YEARS

Clinton captures second term in Electoral College landslide

(AP) — President Clinton won a landslide re-election and political redemption Tuesday night as Americans brushed aside Bob Dole's challenge to his economic leadership and character. Republicans tempered Clinton's triumph by holding the Senate and the GOP battled to keep the House, too.

Clinton polled strongly in every region for a coast-to-coast victory that made him the first Democratic president re-elected since Franklin Roosevelt. It was a dramatic rebound from the 1994 midterm elections that delivered Congress to the Republicans.

"They have affirmed our cause and told us to go forward," Clinton said of voters who returned him to office. Still, he acknowledged that Americans were bent on splitting

the balance of power in Washington. "They are sending us a message: Work together," Clinton said.

Fireworks erupted after the president addressed a crowd of thousands jamming the streets of Little Rock, Ark. Vice President Al Gore called it a "glorious evening" and indeed the numbers were very good for the Democratic ticket. Clinton was on a pace to match if not exceed the 370 electoral votes he won in 1992, and he was close to the majority vote that eluded him in 1992.

With 75 percent of the national vote counted, Clinton was at 50 percent, Dole 42 and Perot 8 percent. The president asked his Little Rock rally to applaud Dole and running mate, Jack Kemp, and they



President Clinton. (Page File Photo.)

did so.

"I wish him well and I pledge

my support," Dole said in conceding the race, hushing supporters who booed Clinton's name. Dole and other Republican leaders took solace in returns suggesting that voters would keep the Congress in GOP hands even as they gave Clinton four more years.

"We're going to keep the Senate, we're going to keep the House," Dole said.

Turnout declined in some states, and exit polls suggested that less than half the American electorate voted. Voter News Service projected that 49 percent of the voting-age population cast ballots, which would be the lowest voter turnout since 1924.

There were 34 Senate races on the ballot. Republicans won 18 of those to hold their majority and were leading in two more. Democrats won 13 and led in one. If those numbers held up, Republican ranks would grow by one seat to 54.

Republicans entered the election with 236 House seats. They

won 201 on Tuesday and were leading for 28 more — enough for a slim majority if those numbers held up. Democrats won 176 seats and were leading for 25 more.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said Republicans were willing to work with Clinton on balancing the budget and tax cuts for families — but sounded skeptical Clinton would follow through on his election year conservative conversion.

"He talks about how the era of big government is over," Lott told The Associated Press. "We'd like to help him keep his word on that, keep the government smaller and smarter." In a sobering note for Clinton, Lott promised tough investigations of questionable Democratic fund-raising from foreign interests.

Dole's concession was also a farewell of sorts, his last speech as a candidate. It ended a remarkable political career that included 35

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• Close race

Collins Senate victory imminent

By Matt Woodman
Staff Writer

Republican Susan Collins appears to have defeated Democrat Joe Brennan Tuesday in the race to replace retiring Sen. Bill Cohen.

With 63% of the precincts reporting, Collins was projected the winner by NBC. Collins had received 48.6% of the vote and Brennan 44.1%. Bill Clarke of the Taxpayers Party had received 3.2% and Green Party nominee John Rensinbrink got 4.2% of the vote.



Susan Collins speaks at her Bangor rally. (Joe Lachowski Photo.)

Collins has also been projected as the winner by the Bangor Daily News, CNN and ABC. Shortly after the polls closed at 8 p.m., Maine Public Radio projected Brennan the winner based on exit polls it had conducted throughout the day.

At 1:25 Wednesday morning, Collins told her supporter the Brennan campaign had informed her Brennan would not concede until later in the morning when more of the votes had been tabulated.

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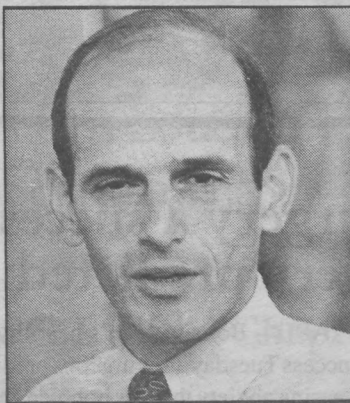
• Democratic win

Baldacci takes House

By Kathryn Ritchie
Asst. City Editor

have worked so hard to make sure we bring economic development and jobs to this district

In a race that never seemed hotly contested, Rep. John Baldacci won his bid for re-election, maintaining 70 percent of the vote throughout the evening. A large group of supporters and his family packed into a small room at U.S. Rep. John Baldacci. (Joe Lachowski Photo.)



and I can't tell you how much I'm going to enjoy working with President Clinton and Vice President Gore," he said in his acceptance speech. He added that he will continue to work with the administration to make Mainers' lives better.

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The results are in



Rep. Kathleen Stevens (arms raised) reacts to the news of her victory in House District 123. She celebrates with supporters (from l to r) Sarah Poole, Michele D'Errico, sister Sara Stevens and April Whetzel. See page 5 for story. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

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• Politics

President dismisses Bhutto's government

1 ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The president dismissed Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's government Tuesday and called for new elections, accusing her of corruption and mismanagement, of nepotism and of trying to undermine the judicial system.

President Farooq Leghari — a former ally who has grown increasingly critical of Ms. Bhutto's government — has been under longtime pressure from Ms. Bhutto's political rivals to take action against her regime. He dismissed four provincial legislatures and called for fresh elections Feb. 3.

He named a veteran of Ms. Bhutto's party as interim prime minister: Miraj Khalid, in his late 60s, is a former speaker of the legislature who had retired from politics after clashing with Ms. Bhutto's authoritarian style.

Soldiers, rifles slung over their shoulders, stood guard outside Ms. Bhutto's lavish official residence. The 10-foot steel gates at the foot of the driveway were padlocked, and army trucks were parked on the grounds.

Police manning the gate said the army was in charge of security in Islamabad, the capital. "Her telephone lines have been disconnected and only her family is allowed to see her," said a party spokesman Javed Mir.

• Death

Americans' bodies brought to Katmandu

2 KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — A Nepalese guide trapped in a snowstorm in the Himalayas watched an American medical college dean and his wife grow weak and despaired about the increasingly slim chances of rescue.

"The American couple is getting weaker," said the diary of Kumar Magar, 27, one of the three Nepalese sherpas who died with Helen and Philip J. Fialkow, both 62, of Seattle, Washington.

The rescue party that uncovered the frozen bodies also found a tape recorder of the American couple, but a U.S. Embassy spokesman said today the material would remain confidential until it is returned to the family.

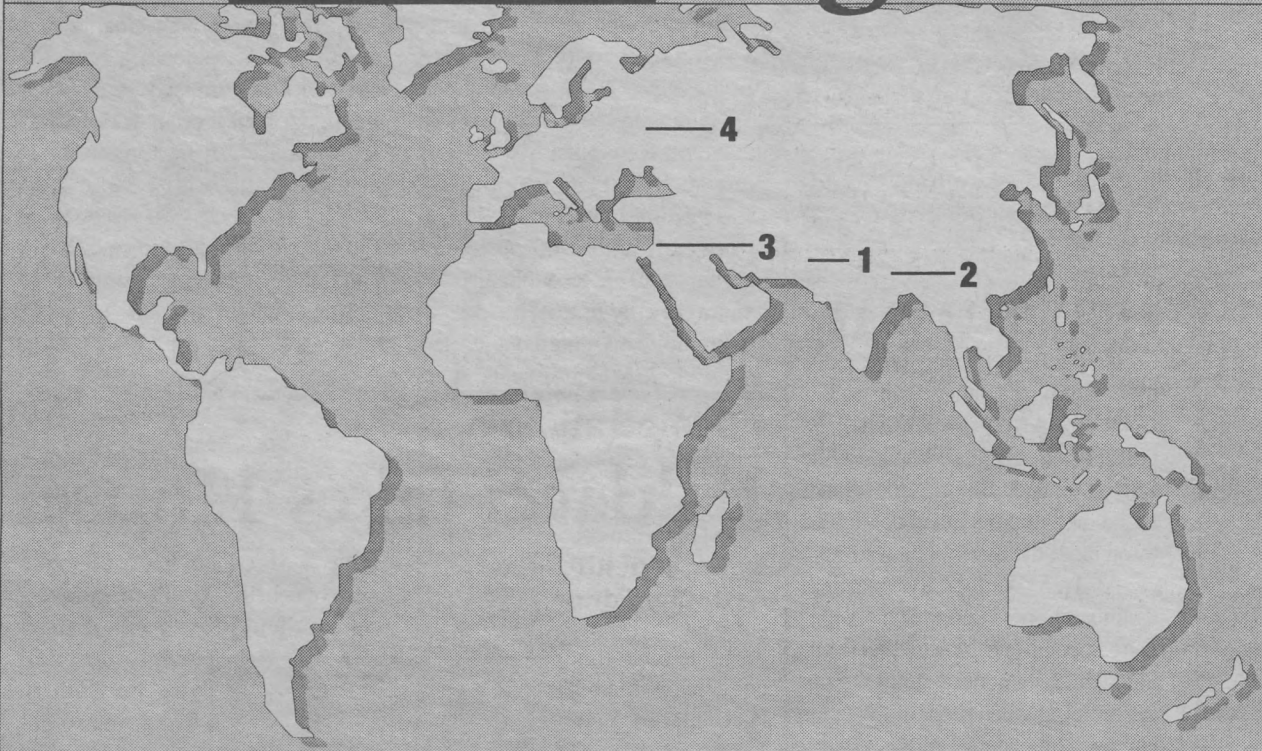
Rescuers digging through eight feet of snow and ice found Magar's diary, said helicopter pilot Maj. Kisendra Shahi, who brought the bodies to the capital today.

"Today is Dussera," Magar wrote on Oct. 21, referring to a Hindu holiday marking the triumph of good over evil in a mythological war.

"I remember my family," he scrawled in Nepalese in the notebook, according to Shahi, who read a few entries before turning over the personal effects to the Nepalese authorities.

Shahi quoted the diary as saying the weather over the area was deteriorating and the chances of a rescue helicopter reaching them appeared slim.

World Digest



• Middle East

Palestinians dejected at Israeli settlement plans

3 KHARBATA, West Bank (AP) — A Palestinian construction worker faced a wrenching choice: Remain unemployed because of Israel's blockade of the West Bank, or accept a job in a Jewish settlement built in part on land expropriated from his family.

As the sole breadwinner for 22 people, Fahri Houda took the job. He earns \$20 a day.

His decision confirmed to many in Houda's village what Palestinians have long feared: that the settlements are unstoppable and could destroy their dream of statehood in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Palestinian anxieties were heightened Monday as Israeli officials unveiled proposals that might double the number of Jewish settlers in the West Bank.

Raanan Gissin, spokesman for settlement czar Ariel Sharon, said Israel hoped to build two more Jewish cities in the territory with up to 23,000 new housing units — enough for 100,000 settlers. The current West Bank settler population is 145,000.

Gissin said one new city would be near the Kiryat Sefer settlement near Kharbata just inside the West Bank, and the second would incorporate five small settlements deeper inside disputed territory.

• Health

Yeltsin surgery a success; full recovery predicted

4 MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin's heart bypass surgery was a success Tuesday and surgeons predicted a full recovery, easing anxiety that has hobbled Russia for months. Yeltsin could take back his powers and the nuclear button in two days, but may not go back to his office until the new year.

There were signs the president's heart was in worse shape than the Kremlin had let on. Dr. Renat Akchurin, leader of the 12-man surgical team that conducted the seven-hour coronary artery bypass operation, said the number of bypasses "significantly exceeded" the expected three or four.

He refused to be specific. "I'd tell you immediately if I had his permission," Akchurin said. "It's his personal business."

Yeltsin's long illness has left Russia with a part-time leader at best and spawned power struggles among presidential wannabes. Financial markets trembled at rumors about his health and the government, by many accounts, was near paralysis.

Dr. Yevgeny Chazov, head of the Moscow Cardiological Center where the operation was performed, said there were no complications during the surgery. Dr. Michael DeBakey, the American heart surgery pioneer who is a consultant on the case and who trained Akchurin, declared it a success.

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather

Mostly sunny, highs in the 40s.



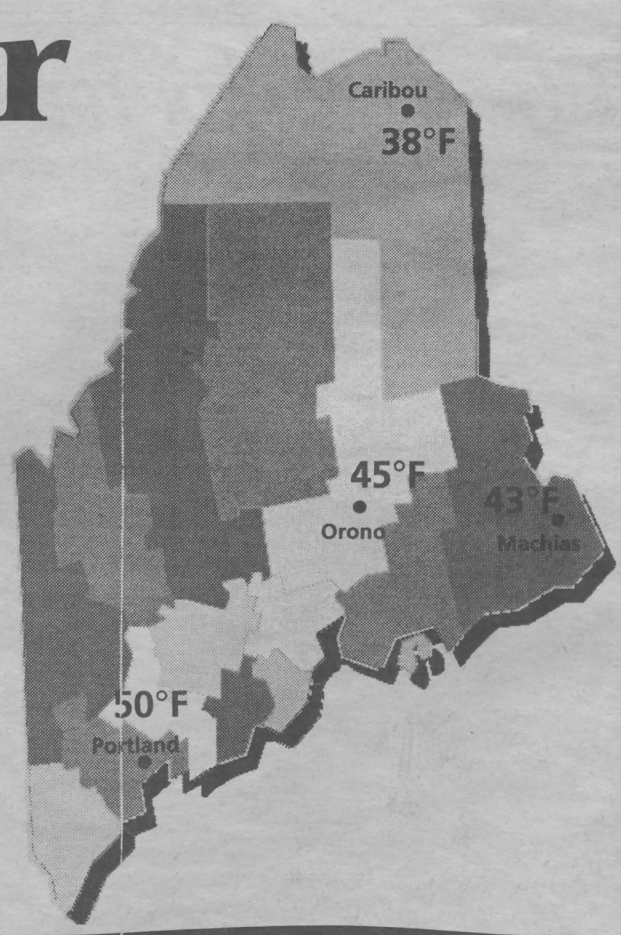
Thursday's Outlook

Mostly cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers. Highs 45 to 50.



Extended Forecast

Friday rain likely. Highs in the upper 40s to mid 50s. Saturday rain turning to snow. Highs in the mid 40s to lower 50s.



• District 7 outcome

Cathcart claims State Senate seat in decisive win

By Yolanda Sly
Staff Writer

Voters yesterday decided to send Orono resident Mary Cathcart to Maine's State Senate.

"I'm very excited to be going to Augusta as your state senator," Cathcart said. "I'll work as hard as I can for education, the University of Maine and all the people in my district."

Cathcart, once a state house representative defeated retired police officer Rod Carr. The final vote was 7989 votes for Cathcart and 3810 votes for Carr. Cathcart received 1415 votes from Orono, Carr received 446 votes.

Cathcart thanked those who helped

her in her campaign; family friends, students, and the media.

Cathcart said she would like to be put on a Senate committee, which will allow her to work for education in Maine.

"I hope to be put on the education or appropriations committee," Cathcart said. "I'll be able to help the university."

Cathcart said the issue of education will be greatly affected by the party that gains control of the state Legislature.

"It'll definitely influence the UMaine funding situation," Cathcart said. "It'll definitely be hinged on who's in the majority because democrats are more supportive of education."

Cathcart will fill the soon-to-be vacant senate held by retiring Sen. John O'Dea.

"Mary Cathcart is on her way to being elected to my seat — she did a great job as a member of the House and she'll be a great member of the Senate," O'Dea said in an interview prior to confirmation of election results.

"There's no other person better to take John O'Dea's Senate seat than Mary Cathcart," College Democrats President

Jeremy Potter said. "She's a fine individual and will strongly support the university."

Newly re-elected Rep. Kathleen Stevens said she's looking forward to working with Cathcart in Augusta.

"I'm excited. I can't wait to work for her," Stevens said. "She's the best voice for the university in the Maine Senate."



Mary Cathcart keeps an eye on the television early in the evening as she awaits the outcome of her District 7 Senate race. She won in her hometown of Orono by a margin of 3-to-1 and won her district by nearly a 2-to-1 margin over her Republican opponent, Rod Carr of Lincoln. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

• Campus controversy

Ballot distribution irregularities may force new council election

By Yolanda Sly
Staff Writer

The election in the Orono Town Council race for one vacant seat may have to be put to a new vote.

It was reported that Orono residents voting at the poll located in Doris Twitchell Allen Village did not receive ballots for the town council election.

It was speculated that students were also asked if they wanted a ballot for the election.

The election was held to fill the seat of Francis J. Martin, who died earlier this year. Candidates for the seat were Bradford Aubrey, Perry LaPointe, Michael Round, Elizabeth Schneider and Henry Woodbrey.

State Rep. Kathleen Stevens said she had heard ballots weren't being distributed on campus, and then saw students not receiving the green ballots, which were used for the town council election.

State law says all ballots must be distributed to voters. If voters chose not to vote, that is their choice, but they must still be given the ballots.

Stevens said this is against the democratic process, and that the town tries to hinder the students' right to vote.

Stevens said Schneider was the only city council candidate to place ads in *The Maine Campus*, and to reach out to student voters.

"Municipal leaders in Orono have had a history of disenfranchising student voters in municipal elections," Stevens said. "An example of this is the municipal elections are scheduled during spring break. This is only an example of their interest in silencing the student vote."

Stevens said she phoned Maine Secretary of State Bill Diamond, who told her every voter must receive the ballot, and the matter will be looked into.

Diamond was unavailable for comment at press time.

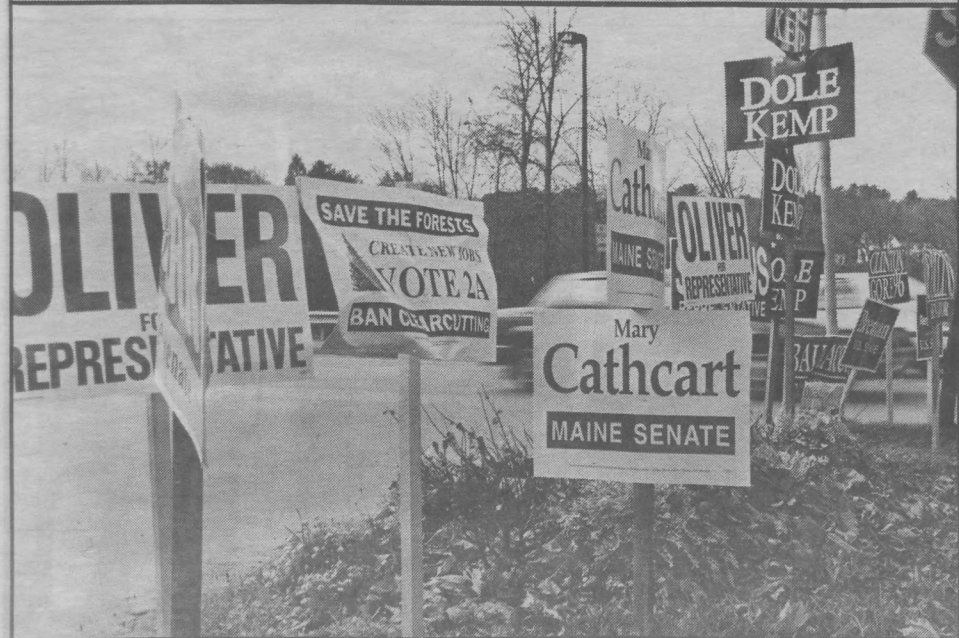
"How can the students be good citizens?" said Lu Zeph, an Orono resident and director of the Center for Community Inclusion.

Schneider said whoever held the vacant seat would do so for only four months and would then have to run for re-election.

Schneider also said she had heard about the controversy and that she had heard it was being investigated by the attorney general's office.

The attorney general's office and Orono Town officials were unavailable for comment at press time.

The many choices



The island at the intersection of Main and N. Main St. in Orono will soon be free of signs like these. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

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• GSS

Disagreements over use of FirstClass spark debate

By Lester B. Smith
Staff Writer

General Student Senate Fair Election Practices Commission Chairman Chad Sherrets said last night at the Senate meeting that Censorship of FirstClass is a violation of students First Amendment rights.

"Students should be able to use the FirstClass system without harassment from the computer consultants or the FirstClass system cutting off because they are not working on something that's strictly academic," Sherrets said.

Not everyone agreed with Sherrets' comments. Off-campus Sen. Aedrienne Latrina

said students should use the FirstClass system for academics and not for looking at what's on the latest Playboy internet.

Hilltop Sen. John Deetjen Jr. said that in the same way there is a restriction to First Amendment rights where someone can't scream "fire" in a crowded room, there should also be restrictions on students using FirstClass, so they'll use proper judgment while on the system.

"Students shouldn't just stop at academics, but explore the full capabilities of the (FirstClass) system, which could begin with getting notes for a class you miss, to viewing net news or talking to someone on the other side of the United States," On-campus Sen.

James LeBlond said.

Getting involved with extracurricular activities can be very unproductive because if students casually surf the system, they can hold up another student from writing a paper because server space is being wasted, or if students use chain letters, they could again take up to much space on the server, Sen. Adrienne (Wendy) Latrina said.

In other GSS news:

A resolution was passed that gives Wilde-Stein \$1,014.

After the improper managing of funds, Wilde-Stein owed the GSS \$620 and the university \$300, but after a year of working to raise the money, Wilde-Stein has paid the

debts back in full.

The organization already has every dollar of the award accounted for. Four hundred dollars will be spent on programming, \$214 will be used to pay the telephone bill, \$200 will be used for education purposes, \$150 is earmarked for advertising and \$50 will pay for office supplies.

The Senate also voted against using proxies, who are individuals that stand in for absent senators and have the same voting power as the senator who are representing.

The senators decided proxies wouldn't have enough knowledge of absent senators' stances to accurately represent the needs of the students the absent senators represent.

Baldacci



John Baldacci celebrates his victory with Julie Kratz (center) and Mitch Hartley (right), both UMaine students, at Momma Baldacci's in Bangor. (Joe Lachowski Photo.)

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"The important things are that we're there to serve the public, to put in, not take out. And we're there, as Jack Kennedy said, to ask what we can do for our country, not what our country can do for you is the way I was raised," Baldacci said.

Emphasizing the tight family bond he often talks about, Baldacci was introduced to his crowd of supporters by his brother, County Commissioner Peter Baldacci. Also serving as an informal adviser, Peter Baldacci said his brother's campaign was energized by visits by of several political pundits to the state.

Baldacci listed education, campaign finance reform and congressional accountability at the top of his agenda for his next term. He also said he will continue to work on restoring voter trust in politicians "so that people don't have to be cynical about public servants."

Baldacci said he thinks he got his message across to voters.

"I think people have been very responsive to that. It's something that is satisfying in the sense that people responded to it, but also we have now the responsibility to maintain and to work harder in those areas to show people that I'm going to continue to earn their support," Baldacci said.

He said he wasn't sure about how the higher voter turnout, which was projected by Secretary of State Bill Diamond to break Maine's record, helped his race, though he did say he worked in a bipartisan effort to "get the vote out."

His biggest challenger, Republican Paul Young, gave his concession speech at 9:30 p.m. in a press conference from his campaign headquarters in Lewiston.

"What doesn't kill us only makes us stronger," he said, borrowing the quote from the philosopher Nietzsche. The polls placed Young in upper teens and low twenties the entire night.

• District 123

Despite loss, campaign a learning experience for Oliver

By Katie Litle
Staff Writer

He called himself the sacrificial lamb of this year's election, but Republican Marc Oliver, who ran against Kathleen Stevens for a position in the state House of Representatives, plans to learn from this election and run in the future.

Stevens won the Orono, District 123, race with 1,482 votes while Oliver received 383.

"It's all right to make mistakes as long as you learn from them," he said. "In the future I'll be better prepared."

This was Oliver's first time running for a political office and he wasn't sure what was in store for him.

"I've never actually been involved in a political campaign," he said. "No class can prepare you for it. It's something you learn by experiencing it."

One thing Oliver wasn't prepared for was the amount of campaigning involved

in the election. He didn't have nearly as many campaign signs as Kathleen Stevens, but on the morning of the elections he tried to saturate the campus with literature. He also floated between the polls all day.

"In the future I'll have a better prepared campaign," he said.

Early in the day, Oliver said he had a fair chance of winning. His goal, if he lost, was to receive 40 percent of the vote.

"I'm anxious to see what happens," he said. "I'm playing it by ear."

Oliver also predicted early in the day that Susan Collins would win. He was also optimistic about the Dole campaign.

Oliver said he was fairly pleased with Stevens' campaign until the end, when she accused the Republicans of cutting education spending.

"A classic Democratic tactic is trying to scare anyone they can by saying Republicans cut education spending," he

said. "That's untrue."

Although Oliver was defeated, he still viewed the experience as a win-win situation.

"Even if I lose the election, when I go to apply for a job, people will see that I ran for an office," he said. "Under the circumstances of being a novice, I think I did the best I could."

Oliver was pleased with the voter turnout. He said there was a high turnout of

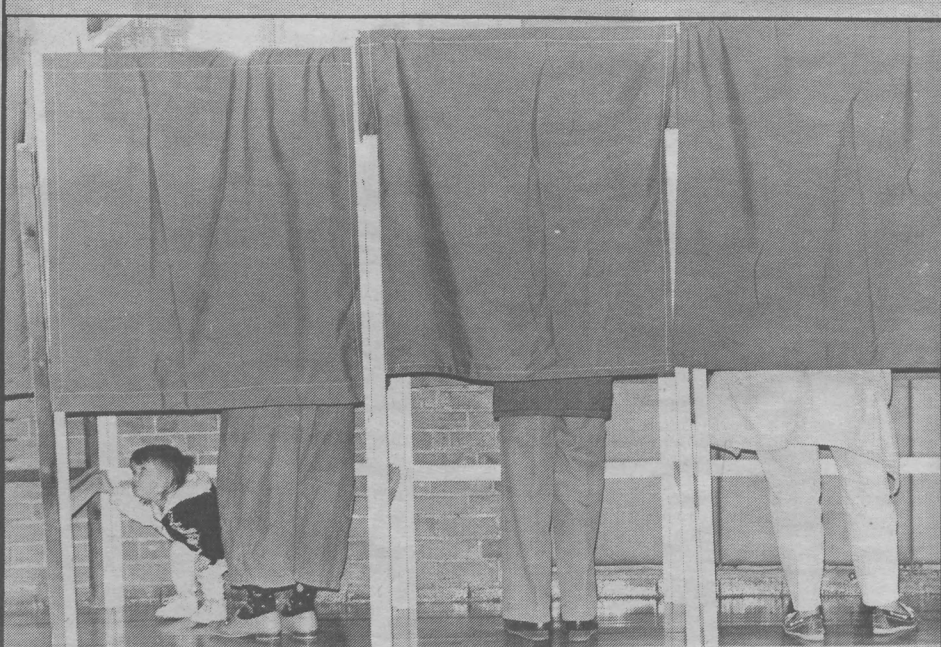
local voters.

As the day progressed, and Dole was soundly defeated by Clinton, Oliver said he felt deeply disappointed.

Despite his disappointing run for office, Oliver has already notified the town committee in Orono that he plans to run again.

"For a novice to the political arena with no support from anyone, it went well," Oliver said.

First election



A young observer gets a unique view of the election process at Mary Snow School, Bangor. (Joe Lachowski Photo.)

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• District 123

Voters send Stevens back for third term

By Yolanda Sly
Staff Writer

Orono voters yesterday re-elected incumbent Orono State Rep. Kathleen Stevens to a third term.

"You all did this — the College Democrats, everyone," Stevens said as her sister Sara Stevens announced the results at their home last night.

Orono residents cast 2,576 votes for Stevens. University of Maine students on campus cast 900 of those votes in favor of Stevens. Republican opponent Marc Oliver received a total of 624 votes, 244 votes being from on-campus students.

"I'm honored and excited to be going to

Augusta, to represent Orono in Augusta," Stevens said. "I looked forward to be working for the whole university community in defending and working for our university."

Retiring Maine Senator John O'Dea said he was pleased with the election results.

"Kassie Stevens is now the senior member of the Orono delegation," O'Dea said.

Stevens said her top priority would be to work for education and UMaine funding.

"This is a crucial year for UMaine. We need to band together and go to Augusta and continue the efforts of the faculty five," Stevens said.



Rep. Kathleen Stevens. (Page File Photo.)

Stevens said the faculty five is a group of five UMaine professors who lobby for education and UMaine.

Stevens commented on the possibility that the Democrats would regain control of the House and Senate locally as well as nationally.

"Hopefully the Democrats will take control of the House and Senate on the state and national level," Stevens said. "Given a

chance to fund education, Republicans failed to do so."

Members of UMaine College Democrats were at Stevens' home when the results were announced.

"College Democrats really pulled it together. Every democrat candidate won in our district," Jeremy Potter, President of UMaine College Democrats said. "It was a lot of hard work and a lot of fun."

Collins

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"I think that we are going to be celebrating tomorrow morning," Collins said.

Earlier in the night at a campaign rally in Bangor, Collins was upbeat about her chances to defeat Brennan, a former two-term governor.

"I think that things look good. The exit polling that we have done indicates that voters where going our way. It's going to be a nerve racking night," Collins said.

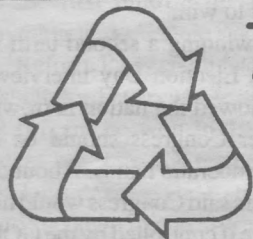
Election Day signaled the end of a grueling and at times nasty campaign that saw poll numbers fluctuate daily and the candidates attack each other at every turn. Despite the long

campaign, Collins said she enjoyed it for the most part.

"It's been a long campaign, but it has been a wonderful experience whether I win or lose this evening," Collins said at the Bangor rally.

John Hathaway, one of Collins' opponents during a difficult Republican primary, attended the rally in Bangor and praised the campaign run by Collins.

"I think that Susan has run a very good campaign. She's very disciplined at staying on message and it was a message that the people of Maine accepted," Hathaway said.

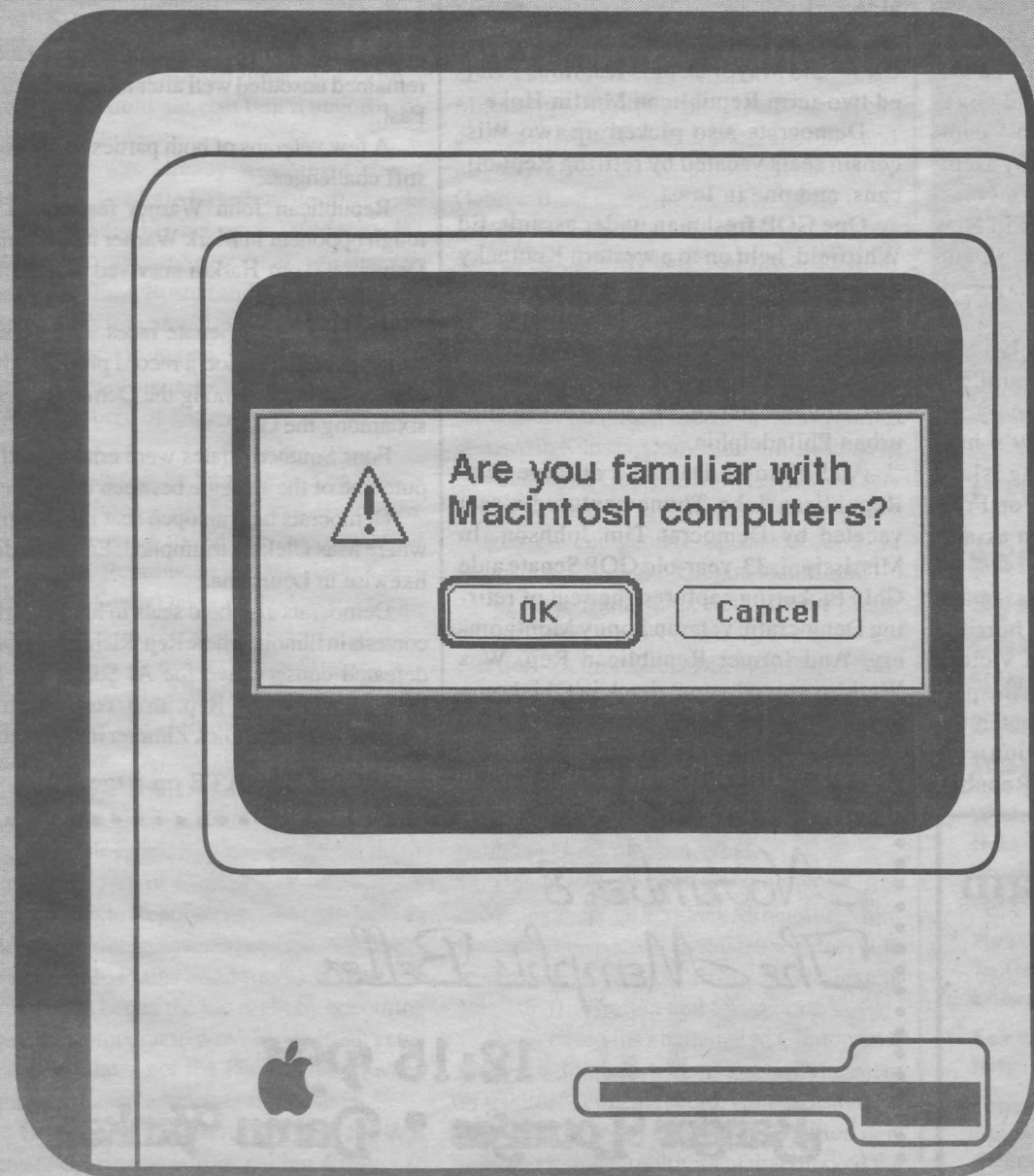


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National News

• Senate results

Republicans strengthen hold on U.S. Senate

(AP) - Republicans strengthened their conservative grip on the Senate early Wednesday, laying claim to seats once owned by Democrats in Alabama, Nebraska and Arkansas. Majority Leader Trent Lott pledged a fresh effort to cut taxes and shrink government.

On a night generally kind to incumbents of both parties, Sen. Jesse Helms triumphed in North Carolina and Strom Thurmond coasted to a new term in South Carolina at 93.

In the marquee contest involving Democratic incumbents, Massachusetts Democrat John Kerry prevailed over Gov. William

Weld.

Republican Sen. Larry Pressler was the lone veteran of either party to fall, surrendering his South Dakota seat to Rep. Tim Johnson.

"We're going to go forward with the agenda we were working on," Lott said in an interview with The Associated Press. Republicans will cooperate with a re-elected President Clinton, he said, to a point.

"He talks about how the era of big government is over," the Mississippi Republican said. "We'd like to help him keep his word on that."

Hours after the polls closed, one race

remained too close to call. It pitted Democrat Tom Bruggere against Gordon Smith in Oregon.

Pending the outcome of that contest, Republicans were certain of at least 54 seats in the new Senate, one more than their strength in the 104th Congress. Democrats had 45.

Fourteen races with no incumbent on the ballot guaranteed a big crop of newcomers to the Capitol, including two women: Mary Landrieu, a Democrat who won in Louisiana, and Susan Collins, a GOP victor in Maine.

After a bruising campaign that cost tens of millions of dollars, the GOP picked up seats

in Alabama, where state attorney general Jeff Sessions triumphed, and in Nebraska, where Republican businessman Chuck Hagel won a Democratic seat in his first try at elective office.

The Arkansas victory was especially sweet for the GOP. There, Rep. Tim Hutchinson became the first Republican elected since Reconstruction—and on the same night, and in the same state, where Clinton celebrated his own triumph.

In New Hampshire, exit polls indicated Dick Swett would unseat Republican Sen. Robert Smith. Smith won where it mattered and will take the oath of office for a second time in January.

"I guess you could say I've been to hell and back in one night," he said.

In North Carolina, Harvey Gantt spoke for vanquished candidates everywhere as he conceded defeat to Helms. "It is painful," he said. "It hurts not to win."

With Clinton winning a second term in the White House, Election Day interviews with the voters showed the nation narrowly split over whether Congress should be in Republican or Democratic hands. About 55 percent of the voters said Congress would not be too conservative if controlled by the GOP, though.

And about half said it would be too liberal with the Democrats in charge.

The exit polls were conducted by Voter News Service for The Associated Press and five television networks.

In a long night of vote counting, two races remained unsettled well after midnight in the East.

A few veterans of both parties fended off stiff challenges.

Republican John Warner fended off a tough opponent in Mark Warner in Virginia. Democrat Tom Harkin survived a scare in Iowa.

There were 14 Senate races with no incumbent on the ballot, a record produced by eight retirements among the Democrats and six among the GOP.

Four Southern states were critical to the outcome of the struggle between the parties.

Democrats held an open seat in Georgia, where Max Cleland triumphed; Landrieu did likewise in Louisiana.

Democrats also held seats in hard-fought contests in Illinois, where Rep. Richard Durbin defeated conservative foe Al Salvi; and in New Jersey, where Rep. Bob Torricelli triumphed over Rep. Dick Zimmer in one of the

• House of Representatives results

House majority retained by GOP

(AP) - Democrats made modest inroads Tuesday in Speaker Newt Gingrich's Republican majority in the House, but the GOP partly offset its losses by capturing Southern seats vacated by veteran Democrats. Republicans were poised to capture their first back-to-back majorities in 66 years.

"It looks like we will almost certainly keep control of the U.S. House," Gingrich told a cheering crowd in suburban Atlanta. He said the two sides were "in the process of swapping seats."

Republicans won or were leading in 227 districts; Democrats had won or were leading for 207 seats, which would be a gain of nine seats. The current House split is 236 Republicans and 198 Democrats. The only independent, Bernard Sanders of Vermont, won re-election and generally votes with the Democrats.

Voter News Service, a consortium of The Associated Press and five television networks, projected the Republicans would likely retain control of the House.

VNS exit polls across the nation showed that by a 51-45 margin, voters disapproved of Congress' performance under GOP leadership the past two years. By almost a 2-to-1 margin, those interviewed expressed a negative view of Gingrich.

"We cemented the majority tonight," said Rep. Bill Paxon, R-N.Y., chairman of the party's House campaign committee. "We will hold the House for the foreseeable future."

Democrats won 12 seats previously held by Republicans, six of them freshmen and five targeted by organized la-

bor's expensive television ad campaign. Republicans defeated two incumbents and picked up nine open Democratic seats, seven of them in the South, but the Democrats successfully defended many more.

Indianapolis voters picked their first black representative, local township trustee Julia Carson, to keep Democratic control of the hotly contested seat of retiring Democrat Andy Jacobs with extensive help from organized labor.

Democrats needed a net gain of 18 seats to take control of the chamber and pinned their hopes on toppling GOP freshmen.

In North Carolina, freshmen Republicans Fred Heineman and David Funderburk, who rode into office behind Gingrich's "Contract With America" campaign in 1994, were turned out by Democrats David Price, a former congressman, and Bobby Etheridge. And in New Jersey, freshman Bill Martini lost to Democrat William Pascrell, the mayor of Paterson.

In New York, Democrat Carolyn McCarthy defeated freshman Republican Daniel Frisa in a race dominated by the issue of gun control. McCarthy's husband was killed in the 1993 Long Island Railroad massacre, and she took on Frisa after he voted to repeal a ban on assault weapons.

"All we were out to do was make something good come out of a horrible situation," McCarthy said in a victory speech. "I certainly have beaten the person I wanted to beat.... I have beaten the NRA" (National Rifle Association).

Another victim was Chicago Republi-

can Michael Patrick Flanagan, who reached Congress two years ago by defeating indicted Democratic power Dan Rostenkowski. He was ousted by Democratic state Rep. Rod Blagojevich.

In Maine, former Portland Mayor Tom Allen, a Democrat, ousted Republican freshman James Longley.

Three-term Rep. Gary Franks, one of two black Republicans in the House, lost to Democrat James Maloney in western Connecticut. Two-term Republican Peter Blute lost in Massachusetts to Jim McGovern, a Democratic congressional aide.

With strong labor backing, former Cleveland Mayor Dennis Kucinich evicted two-term Republican Martin Hoke.

Democrats also picked up two Wisconsin seats vacated by retiring Republicans, and one in Iowa.

One GOP freshman under assault, Ed Whitfield, held on to a western Kentucky district, where two years ago he became the first Republican ever sent to the House. And in one of the night's closest races Rep. Jon Fox, R-Pa., survived by just 10 votes out of 246,043 cast in suburban Philadelphia.

And in South Dakota's at-large seat, Republican John Thune captured a seat vacated by Democrat Tim Johnson. In Mississippi, 33-year-old GOP Senate aide Chip Pickering captured the seat of retiring Democratic veteran Sonny Montgomery. And former Republican Rep. Wes Watkins staged a comeback in Oklahoma to take a vacant Democratic seat.

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Senate

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nation's costliest and nastiest contests.

"There's no shame in losing, only in not giving it your best," Zimmer told NBC.

In Rhode Island, Rep. Jack Reed easily held another seat for the Democrats.

Republicans replaced one senator with another in Kansas, where Rep. Pat Roberts, won handily. Rep. Sam Brownback kept Bob Dole's old Kansas seat in the GOP column.

State Rep. Mike Enzi kept a Wyoming seat for the Republicans. Rep. Wayne Allard kept Colorado in the GOP column.

Winning his eighth term, Thurmond got a step up on immortality Senate-style. Come May, he'll break the record for longevity, 41 years and 10 months, held by the late Carl Hayden of Arizona. Thurmond's public career began in the 1920s.

"I've campaigned a long time. I guess I'll miss it," Thurmond said as he savored the prospect of his eighth — and last — term.

Helms' victory was his fifth, in a rematch over Gantt, who was bidding to become the first black elected from the South

since Reconstruction.

Republican incumbents winning new terms included Helms; Thurmond; Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, his third; Phil Gramm of Texas, his third; Thad Cochran of Mississippi, his fourth; Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, his first full term; and Fred Thompson in Tennessee, also his first full six-year term. Sen. Pete Domenici won his fifth term in New Mexico; Warner's victory was his fourth. Sen. Larry Craig won re-election in Idaho.

Democrats returned to office included Kerry and Joseph Biden of Delaware, winning his fifth term; Carl Levin, winning his fourth; and Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, who won for a third time. Sen. Paul Wellstone in Minnesota turned back a challenge to win his second term; Harkin's term will be his third, and Sen. Max Baucus won a fourth.

The unparalleled wave of retirements guaranteed plenty of fresh faces in an institution where, until recently, lifetime service was the rule.

Clinton

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years in Congress and a record 12 years as the Senate Republican leader. "Tomorrow will be the first time in my life I don't have anything to do," Dole said.

Reform Party candidate Ross Perot was a distant third everywhere and well below the 19 percent he won in 1992. He conceded defeat but was not ready to fade into the shadows. "We going to have to stand at the gate and keep the pressure on and we will," Perot said in Texas, looking ahead perhaps to 2000.

Victories in 30 states and the District of Columbia gave Clinton 375 electoral votes — well above the necessary 270 and more than the 370 he claimed in defeating George Bush. An electoral landslide assured, Clinton had one last hope for the night: that Perot's candidacy would not cost him a majority of the popular vote.

Clinton was already weighing Cabinet changes as he plotted a second-term agenda and looked for his place in history. He promised to continue peacemaking efforts in the Middle East, Bosnia and Northern Ireland and to push for campaign finance reform.

Republicans hoped for a milestone of their own: Not since 1930 has the GOP won both chambers of Congress in consecutive elections.

It was a victory by Republican Tim Hutchinson in Clinton's Arkansas that assured the GOP of keeping its Senate majority. One incumbent Republican senator lost: Larry Pressler of South Dakota, who lost to Democratic Rep. Tim Johnson.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich celebrated his own re-election in Georgia and said he was looking ahead to running the House in the new year.

The jubilation in Little Rock afforded Democrats just a brief respite from controversies and scandals raised by Dole and Perot.

The breadth of Clinton's victory was sobering news to Republicans who once held an Electoral College advantage based on strength in the South, Plains and Mountain West.

Clinton began the big night by becoming the first Democrat to win Florida in 20 years and hours later got the Pacific West sweep that guaranteed an electoral landslide.

Dole monitored the results from his Watergate apartment before calling Clinton to offer congratulations. He then headed to a Republican gathering. Ohio delivered a telling early blow to Dole's upset hopes: no Republican has ever won the White House without that state.

Clinton went on to an industrial belt sweep,

winning New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Illinois. Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota added to Clinton's Midwest rout. The border states of Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee, home state of Vice President Al Gore, also were in the Democratic column, as was Clinton's Arkansas. Arizona and New Mexico brought good news from the Southwest; Louisiana from the South.

Clinton carried the six New England states and rolled through New York, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. California, Oregon and Washington continued the rout.

Dole and Jack Kemp, on the other hand, carried 14 states with a combined 129 electoral votes. Dole's wins came in North Dakota, Oklahoma, Indiana, Alabama, Wyoming, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nebraska, Texas, Utah, Idaho, Virginia, South Carolina and his native Kansas — all states carried by George Bush against Clinton in 1992.

Republicans began the evening with a 53-47 Senate majority and won two seats from retiring Democrats. Atty. Gen. Jeff Sessions took the Alabama seat of Howell Heflin. And Chuck Hagel captured the seat of James Exon in Nebraska.

Republicans held open seats in Wyoming and two in Kansas. Democrats did the same in Rhode Island, Georgia, Illinois and New Jersey. The size of the Republican majority hinged on competitive open seat races in Louisiana, Colorado, Oregon and Maine.

In New Hampshire, Sen. Robert Smith defied the exit polls and won a narrow re-election. Democratic challenger Dick Swett conceded early Wednesday.

Sen. Jesse Helms won his rematch against Democratic challenger Harvey Gantt in North Carolina. In Massachusetts, Sen. John Kerry withstood a stiff challenge from popular Republican Gov. William Weld.

Democratic incumbents won new terms in Michigan, West Virginia, Minnesota, Montana and Delaware. Republican senators won re-election in Alaska, Texas, New Mexico, Mississippi, Virginia and Oklahoma.

Dole based his challenge to Clinton on a pledge of dramatic tax cuts and an indictment of Clinton's ethical record. Clinton asked for four more years by citing the 10 million new jobs and low unemployment that marked the first four.

The White House campaign offered a stark generational contrast, pitting a graying 50-year-old baby boomer against Dole, 73, a veteran of 35 years in Congress and the battlefields of World War II.

House

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Gingrich and House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt easily won re-election.

Track star Jim Ryun, former world record holder in the mile, won an open Republican House seat in Kansas to join other Republican athletes, football star J.C. Watts of Oklahoma and major league pitcher Jim Bunning of Kentucky, in the House.

Voters interviewed in exit polls across the country were splitting evenly between Democratic and Republican House candidates; only in the South did Republicans appear to have an edge.

GOP victories in the South expanded on their gains in the region two years ago and furthered the political realignment of a once solidly Democratic region.

Nearly one in ten voters told interviewers they decided whom to vote for only in the last three days. Of those, 56 percent chose Republicans.

In Kentucky, freshman Democrat Mike Ward was narrowly defeated in a Louisville-area district. Ten-term Dem-

ocrat Harold Volkmer lost his Hannibal, Mo., district in a rematch with Republican Kenny Hulshof. Other Democratic incumbents in tough re-election battles included Reps. George Brown of California and Bill Orton of Utah.

In Missouri's bootheel, Jo Ann Emerson won the seat held by her deceased husband. She ran as an independent but is expected to join the Republicans.

In contrast to the 1994 elections that gave the GOP a majority, the anti-Washington fervor of two years ago was gone — replaced by satisfaction with a steady if not spectacular rate of economic growth.

And waking up after a 16-year nap, organized labor weighed in early, spending up to \$35 million in attacking vulnerable Republicans with TV spots on Medicare, the environment and education.


In Texas, a successful challenge to redistricting raised the possibility that several seats wouldn't be decided until runoffs in December.

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Style & the Arts

• Review

Phish continues to make bad albums with 'Billy Breathes'

By James Wright
Arts Editor

I realize Phish's newest album was released about three weeks ago, but I needed some time to let this one sink in before I tell you just how disappointing it is.

"Billy Breathes" is the sixth studio effort from Vermont's phinest, a group not known for impressive albums: "Billy Breathes" is no exception to that rule.

The true spirit of Phish is captured in live performances. The energy they create on stage can be equaled by no other act going today. A large proportion of their music in most fans' libraries consists of live tapes or bootlegs of their countless performances. This is why "A Live One," a collection of recordings from their hugely successful fall of 1994 tour, is their best-selling album.

The first track on "Billy Breathes," "Free," was introduced to fans sometime last year, and the live versions of this song are lengthy excursions into the unknown with Trey serv-

ing as your distorted captain on the voyage. But the studio release is stripped down to its rock and roll minimum with a sterile guitar solo that lacks passion and is just a distant relative of what it could, and should, be.

It is this move to a more radio-friendly format that has most Phish veteran fans, like myself, crying in our beers, wondering where the good ol' days have gone.

A good friend of mine told me this album sounds like they had all just gotten married since the last album. Listening to songs like "Waste" and "Talk" and the sappy lyrics found within them leaves no doubt there was a female influence, what with all the ballads, or some sort of mid-life crisis. Snap out of it guys — they're just women.

"Billy Breathes" is not without its winners, though. "Cars Trucks Buses" is a swinging instrumental heavy on the organ, with the flavor of Medeski Martin and Wood shining through, and "Theme From the Bottom" almost captures the feeling generated on stage. "Bliss" is a sweet acoustic instrumental that speaks volumes without words in a short two minutes.

As good as those songs are, or try to be, there are some tracks that just plain don't cut it. "Character Zero" is perhaps the worst song they have ever written. "Train Song" made me glad I bought it on CD, so I can skip it and never have to listen to it again.

At least the executives at Elektra Records will be happy with this one. Phish is just too

good (on stage) to keep a secret anymore, as concerts with 80,000 in attendance will attest.

Expectations were not high for "Billy Breathes." Phish's previous albums were no masterpieces and had to grow on the listener. *Rift*, although trashed by critics everywhere after its release in 1993, is one perhaps their best effort (after *Junta*, of course). But this latest one won't get that chance. At least not with me.

Editor's Note: Including a catalog of merchandise products inside the album cover (otherwise known as the Doniac Schvice), goes against every reason I became a Phish fan in the first place.

• Mr. TV

Milton Berle receives award for lifetime of laughs

NEW YORK (AP) — Milton Berle faces a room full of people in tuxes and gowns. He thanks them for coming and for bestowing on him this, his zillionth honor.

Then he recalls that he was in this very Manhattan banquet room a year ago.

"But not to entertain," he says, teeth bared in his rabbit grin. "It was for a seminar. A seminar on premature ejaculation. I left early."

At age 88, Milton Berle just won't quit. In his strident, blaring voice, he goes on to recount an exchange between "two guys over 90," one of whom is recently remarried. No, the man admits, his bride is hardly a looker, she can't cook and she's none too great in the bedroom.

"So why did you marry her?"

"Because she drives at night!"

With some 20 minutes of such gags and shtick did Berle return the favor, as the New York chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences recently gave "Mr. Television" its first Lifetime Achievement Award.

Attendees, each of whom had paid several hundred dollars to pay homage, heard Berle lionized by New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, former "Golden Girl" Bea Arthur, even-older-than-Berle funnyman Henny Youngman and who-knew-he-was-funny Hugh Downs, who made special mention of Berle's generosity.

"Earlier this year, I had surgery for double-knee replacements," Downs said. "Milton Berle was my donor."

Then veteran comic Joey Adams weighed in.

"There's only one Milton Berle," he declared. "I found that out by looking in the telephone directory."

But dust from ancient jokes like that had no time to settle. There was too much to unearth from Berle's long career.

He played an infant in silent films and

• New release

Tupac has life after death with 'Makaveli'

By James Wright
Arts Editor

Tupac Shakur, in the short and tragic life he led, released an amazing body of work by his mid 20s. After leaving Digital Underground in 1991 to pursue a solo career, his four albums have sold about 10 million copies. In his short time in the spotlight, he became the poster boy for gangster life and the self-appointed leader of urban struggles.

The tragic end his life met in September didn't mark the end of his illustrious recording career. Soon to be released is "The Don

"I don't owe the
struggle a damn thing,
the struggle owes me,"
—Tupac Shakur.

Killuminati - The Seven Day Theory" under the pseudonym "Makaveli," the album's title.

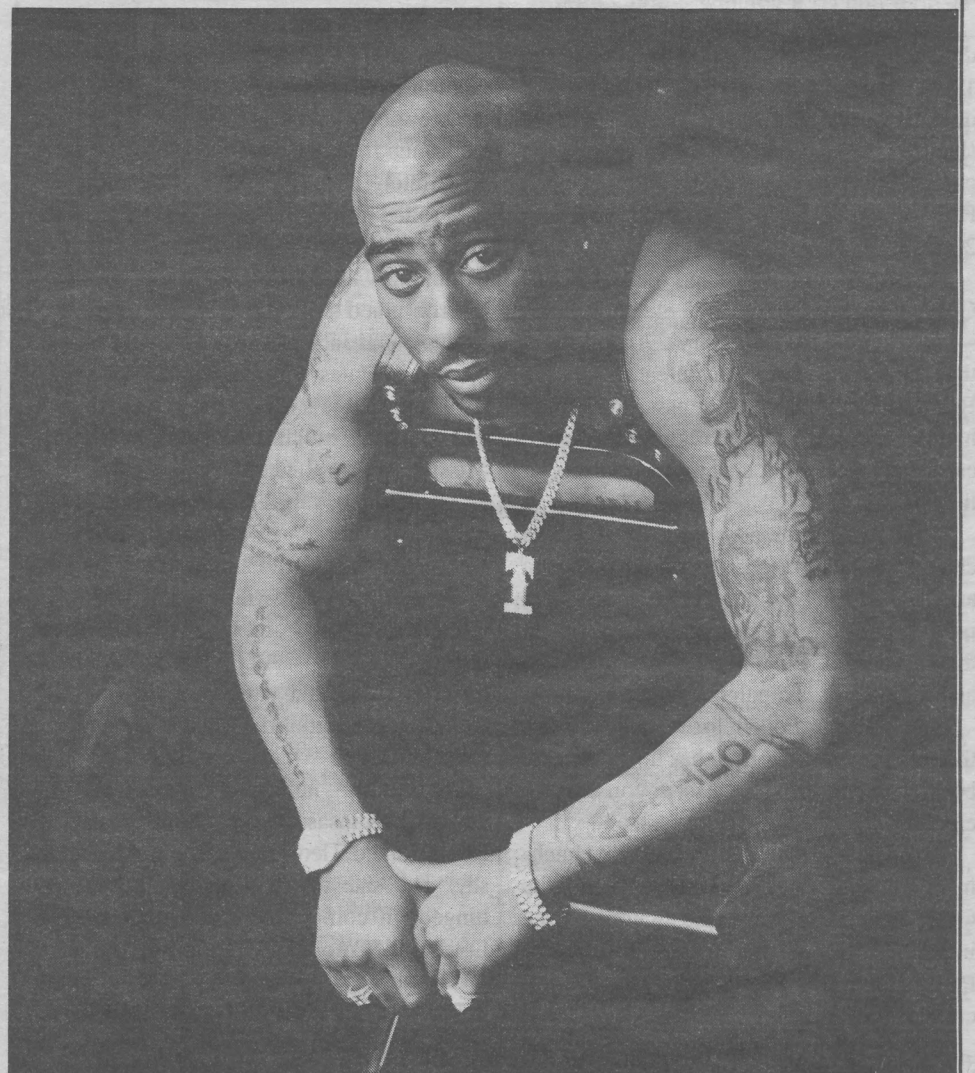
Makaveli, Shakur's professed alter ego, is steeped in the philosophy of the Italian political theorist Niccolo Machiavelli. Shakur was said to have been greatly influenced by "The Prince," which describes the achievements and maintenance of power by a determined ruler indifferent to moral considerations.

Just two months after his death, Tupac is heard on what he felt was the truest expression of his feelings to date. "Makaveli" represents the rebel image and dangerous lifestyle Tupac wore as proudly as his tattoos.

modeled as the Buster Brown Shoes kid. He headlined in nightclubs, made a few films and had several radio series.

But the real reason for this Emmy gala, the real reason for Berle's unshakeable status as a legend and a pioneer, came down to a pivotal phase of his hamsmanship that began long ago, when Harry Truman was president, but which barely lasted into Dwight Eisenhower's second term.

These days, "Mad About You" and "Something So Right" occupy NBC's 8-to-9-p.m. Tuesday slot, just as lots of shows



Tupac Shakur, the victim of a shooting two months ago, has his latest effort "Makaveli" released on Nov. 5. (Courtesy Photo.)

With songs concerning violence and conflict like "Blasphemy" and "Life of an Outlaw," Shakur keeps his gangster image. But positive messages come through in "Just Like Daddy" and "Hold Ya Head."

Tupac's posthumous release will no doubt follow in the successful footsteps of "All Eyez on Me," which sold in excess of six million copies.

"Makaveli" was released Nov. 5.

have lighted there in seasons past.

But no one has outright owned that TV hour, or any other, like Berle, who on Sept. 21, 1948, became host of the "Texaco Star Theater." And an instant sensation.

Berle brought with him the boisterous, anything-for-a-laugh tradition his vaudeville years had taught him. Then, he delivered it to the public en masse, as if by magic, on their television screens. Maybe vaudeville was dead, but "vaudeo" was born.

Successful? Early on, about three-quarters of all TVs were tuned to Uncle Miltie on

Tuesday nights. By comparison, last week's top-rated series, "E.R.," won about 16 percent.

Granted, the total number of TVs was minuscule in those days. There were only a half-million when Berle went on the air; today, the number of homes with at least one TV totals 97 million.

But if Berle's reach seems picayune by today's standards, his impact helps account for why today TV is everywhere. It was

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Berle

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Berle who lit the fuse.

Back then, he guaranteed viewers something irresistible to watch, and gave everyone who didn't own a TV a powerful incentive to buy one (by 1951, when his show's popularity crested, almost one in every four homes had acquired a set). Meanwhile, his riotous acceptance demonstrated to other, more chary entertainers that TV was the Promised Land after all.

"From Burns to Benny to Gleason, they asked me at first, 'What are you doing this

for?' " Berle tells a reporter. "I said, 'Well, we gotta go with the progress.' I'm proud of having the guts, or whatya call chutzpah, to be the first one to jump into TV and take a shot."

But it's more than that and always will be, which is why Milton Berle is worth remembering (as if he would ever let us forget).

It's why he's Mr. Television. Berle does nothing less than help explain TV for all of us who watch it. He helps explain the viewer in us to ourselves.

• Family planning

King of Pop becomes a pop

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sorry Billie Jean, the mother of Michael Jackson's child is Debbie Rowe.

Jackson on Monday announced he's going to be a pop, denying a tabloid report that the couple used artificial insemination and that Rowe, the singer's friend for 15 years, was being paid to have the baby.

"I am thrilled that I will soon be a father. ... This is my dream come true," Jackson, 38, said in a statement.

Rowe, 37, will have the child sometime next year, according to the statement, released by Jackson's spokeswoman Christine Holevas. No other details about Rowe were released.

Holevas denied a Sunday report in the London tabloid News of the World that the baby was a product of artificial insemination and that Rowe was being paid \$528,000. She called the report "com-

pletely false and irresponsible."

News of the World also reported that the baby is due in February, is a boy and will be named Michael Jackson Jr. It said Rowe was divorced and had helped treat Jackson for vitiligo, a disorder that lightens the skin.

There are no marriage plans and the pop superstar will raise the child himself, the tabloid said.

Jackson recently divorced Lisa Marie Presley.

In their first live interview after secretly exchanging vows in May 1994, the couple said last year that they were having sex and implied they wanted to have children. Presley already had two children from a previous marriage.

Jackson is touring Southeast Asia, performing such hits as the 1982 song "Billie Jean," about a man denying he had fathered a child with a woman named Billie Jean.

Box office

'Romeo and Juliet' debuts at No. 1

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A high-voltage, rewired version of "William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet" debuted as the box-office leader over the weekend, earning \$11.1 million.

The classic love story, starring Claire Danes and Leonardo DiCaprio, earned more money than any other bard-based film in recent years. Unlike the others, however, the fast-paced, modernized Shakespearean tragedy — with guns for swords and a hip MTV-like style — was widely released.

Former No. 1 "Sleepers," the revenge story starring Brad Pitt and Kevin Bacon, slipped to second but remained impressive in its third week with \$8 million.

Youth also was served with "High School High," the spoof starring Jon Lovitz, which earned \$5 million in its second week to rank third.

In fourth place was another comedy, "Larger Than Life," which pairs Bill Murray with an elephant on a cross-country trek.

The top 10 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. "William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet," Fox, \$11.1 million, 1,277 locations, \$8,718 average, \$11.1 million, one week.
2. "Sleepers," Warner Bros., \$8 million, 2,080 locations, \$3,865 average, \$37.6 million, three weeks.
3. "High School High," Sony, \$5 million, 2,146 locations, \$2,334 average, \$12.6 million, two weeks.

4. "Larger Than Life," MGM, \$3.8 million, 2,433 locations, \$1,553 average, \$3.8 million, one week.

5. "The Ghost and the Darkness," Paramount, \$3.7 million, 2,038 locations, \$1,796 average, \$31.8 million, four weeks.

6. "Thinner," Paramount, \$3.6 million, 2,009 locations, \$1,783 average, \$10.9 million, two weeks.

7. "The First Wives Club," Paramount, \$3.6 million, 2,051 locations, \$1,737 average, \$93.7 million, seven weeks.

8. "Dear God," Paramount, \$3.2 million, 1,754 locations, \$1,832 average, \$3.2 million, one week.

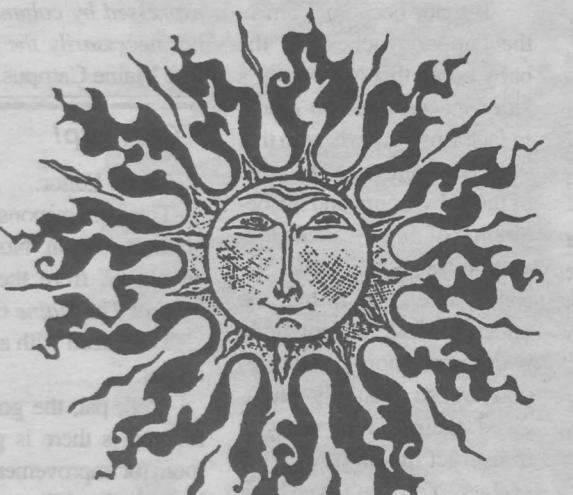
9. "The Associate," Buena Vista, \$3.1 million, 1,781 locations, \$1,751 average, \$8.7 million, two weeks.

10. "The Long Kiss Goodnight," New Line, \$2.4 million, 1,684 locations, \$1,412 average, \$28.9 million, four weeks.

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Editorial

• Commentaries

Return to the Dark Ages

In late September the Taliban religious army in Afghanistan gained control of Kabul, the nation's capital. The army preaches a strict form of Islam. Under its rule, women who venture outdoors must wear a burqa, a loose-fitting garment with a small mesh opening around the eyes that makes the women wearing them unrecognizable. Most women are not allowed to work and girls are not permitted to attend school.

Many people in Afghanistan, especially women, are quietly opposing the new rules for women, which they say are sending the country back to the dark ages. Afghan women are looking to the United States and people like Diane Sawyer, who did a story about the women for ABC's "20/20," to loudly voice opposition to the oppression. The Taliban wants the support of the United States and may ease the requirements to get that support.

Anthropologists may argue that even if our culture thinks the Taliban's rules for women are oppressive it does not mean the Taliban is wrong in its views. What is

right for one culture may be wrong for another and vice versa.

An anthropological view of the situation may be warranted if the people of Afghanistan had willingly accepted the rules for women, but they didn't. Men, even some who are benefiting financially from the explosive sales of burqas, don't agree with the Taliban. If Afghans don't approve of the culture, then it cannot be right for them.

The Taliban should reconsider its stance on women and relax the restrictions placed on them. The United States should not ignore the rights of these women to move forward socially and pressure the Taliban to reconsider its stance on women's issues.

Already, some women who are single parents have been allowed to return to work. But more needs to be done. After all, as Quand Hagha, an Afghan man said, "According to Islam, a woman's face and hands can be uncovered, so the Taliban's order is not Islamic." (M. Paquette)

Too much, much too late

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Over the last couple of months we've been inundated with enough commercials, fliers, news stories, editorials and campaign propaganda to forever be drowned. But the last week before yesterday's elections was strife with non-stop nonsense.

You would have had to be brain dead or living under a rock not to have real-

ized an election was coming soon. Politicians and political lobbyists have had months to infiltrate our heads with doublespeak and rhetorical jargon. A last-second rush of advertising amounts to little and is most likely a waste of money.

Nobody can escape the issues and races during September and October, and most people have their minds made up well before the first Tuesday in November.

A million fliers, a thousand street signs, a hundred commercials or even one president of the United States isn't enough to change minds, especially 48 hours before judgment day. Ask Joe Brennan about that last one.

My advice to aspiring politicians: Save your money, especially if you're sure to lose. That way you'll still be able to afford to feed your families when you're unemployed and not feeding out of the public trough. (J. Wright)

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• Letters to the Editor

• Abuse of power

To the Editor:

This is in response to Josh Nason's less-than-tolerant babbling in *The Maine Campus* Friday, Nov. 1 issue. (By the way, it was nice to see you got the day of the week right on this particular issue.)

When I first wrote to the University of Maine, in 1991, I was encouraged by some of the literature sent to me. Of course I knew most of it was glossy hype, but I took comfort in reading about UMaine being a place of "diversity" and "tolerance." Now, after having been here first as a fifth-year senior and then as a true graduate student, I have come to realize the campus basically pays lip service to "diversity." Essentially, diversity is recognized only when it is trendy — with some sort of new "awareness" day, week or month — or, unfortunately, when someone is physically threatened. Mr. Nason's editorial shows me just how shallow-minded my fellow residents of Maine can be. I hold Jeff Tuttle personally responsible for allowing such reprehensible bigotry to be published in some sort of quasi-official format in *The Campus*.

That's right. Regardless of how annoying the people Mr. Nason spoke of are in the classroom, by lumping them together and over-generalizing about "old people," he has demonstrated bigotry. Remember, Mr. Nason, age discrimination is NOT tolerated (supposedly) on this campus and throughout our country as well. In fact, age discrimination is against the law. Did you know that?

It's just too damn bad if you don't like certain people's learning styles in your class-

es. If you really have an issue with it, you should speak to them individually about it. Don't hide behind your "position" to lecture us and slander people merely because they are older than you. What you have done is as wrong as calling women "chicks" or asking what a rape victim was wearing the night she was victimized, or as wrong as the now infamous "dicks are for chicks" letter from a few semesters ago.

It's not because I am in the "upper reaches" of the baby boom that Mr. Nason's letter incenses me so much. In fact, I'm somewhere in that void between the very edge of the baby-boom and the beginning of the so-called Generation X. My point, Mr. Nason, is that close to half the undergraduate student body is the very "non-traditional" you are so blatantly prejudiced against. Who are you to instruct me on how to act in class? You don't even have a degree yet. I don't have the figures, but I would be willing to bet nontraditional students have a better GPA, as a whole, than you will ever obtain while studying here at UMaine. In fact, if you're brave enough why don't you post your GPA in *The Campus*? I'm sure being such a bright and capable first-year journalism major" you can obtain the average GPA of all non-traditionals so we can compare them.

The premise of Mr. Nason's editorial was wrong, and he and Jeff Tuttle have abused their positions as editors. At the very least I demand a public apology. Before you feel compelled to turn your classroom into a "riot scene" (some might take this statement from Mr. Nason as a thinly veiled threat of violence against older people), why don't you come by my office and see how you do man-to-man as

opposed to the "older ladies" in your math class? Thanks for your time.

Geoff Doyle
Orono

Editor's note: There seems to be some confusion. Josh Nason is not an editor at *The Maine Campus*, and "Not-so golden oldies" was a column, not an editorial. Nason is a staff writer and guest columnist. The views expressed by columnists are not necessarily the views of *The Maine Campus*.

• Grow up!

To the Editor:

This is in response to Josh Nason's column "Not so golden oldies" from the Nov. 1 issue of *The Maine Campus*.

To be read with a German accent:

Well, pal, the good news for you is there is plenty of room for improvement of your journalistic skills, and since you are a first-year student you will have plenty of time to achieve this. The bad news is your column "Not so golden oldies" is probably the most pathetic piece of journalism I have read in many years, and I used to read German tabloids. Its poor style reminded me of the annoying little essays I had to write in third grade or so ("How I spent my Summer vacation").

I should point out I am a graduate student and I was therefore by no means personally offended by your column, because you generously and explicitly excluded grad students in your little "essay." But as a teaching assistant in the department of physics and astronomy, I have had quite a number of the so-called non-traditional students, and all of them earned my deepest respect. I found they are among

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November 6 Through November 12, 1996

CULTURE FEST '96



A celebration of the University of Maine's international community

10am-5pm Saturday, November 9
Memorial Union, University of Maine

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Luncheon: "Trojan Whores: Prostitution and the AIDS Epidemic"

- 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union
- For more information call 581-1228

Meeting: P'Nuts Co-op

- 5:00 p.m. • Basement of Chadbourne Hall • Bulk food items need and hard to find speciality foods • For more information call Mark Guzzi 827-2598

Awards: Maryann Hartman Awards Maine Women of Achievement

- 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. • Wells Commons • Required Registration • For more information call Brenda Collamore at 581-1228

Lecture: "Native Plant Propagation for the Nursery Trade"

- 6:00 p.m. • 113 Deering Hall • Sponsored by the Landscape Horticulture Lecture Series • For more information call 866-0658

Audition: Eighteen Student-Directed Plays

- 7:00 p.m. • Pavillion Theater • For more information call Collin Worster 581-4716

Meeting: Global Links

- 7:30 p.m. • Lown Room, Memorial Union • Sponsored by the Office of International Programs • For more information call Nancy at 581-2905

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Lecture: "Democratic Therapy: An Alternative to Corporate and Professional Control"

- 12:30 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union Sponsored by the Marxist-Socialist Studies Interdisciplinary Minor • For more information call 581-3860

Seminar: "Superlearning"

- 3:15 p.m. • Totman Lounge, Memorial Union
- Sponsored by the Center for Students and Community Life

Meeting: The Society of Women Engineers

- 5:00 p.m. • 210 Boardman Hall • For more information call Lynnette Whitney at 581-7740

Group Meeting: Blue Line Club

- 7:00 p.m. • Dexter Lounge, Memorial Union • Sponsored by the Blue Line Club • For more information call Steve Ferris at 581-6917

Artist Display and Discussion: Books as Art

- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. • Bookstore, Memorial Union
- Sponsored by the UMaine Bookstore • For more information call Krista at 581-1700

Poetry Reading

- 7:00 p.m. • The Honors Center • Sponsored by The Maine Review • For more information call John Blyberg at 866-3401

UMaine Women's Basketball vs. Spartak Prerov (Czech Republic)

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Workshop: Introduction to Aldus Pagemaker

- 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon • 111 Donald P. Corbett Business Building • Registration Fee • Sponsored by Instructional Technology • For more information call 581-1638

Workshop: Do-it-Yourself Database Searching

- 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. • Folger Library • Registration Required • For Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty, Staff, and Students • For more information call 581-3611 or e-mail *christin@maine*

Jazz TGIF: Memphis Belles

- 12:15 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union
- Sponsored by the Center for Students and Community Life • For more information call 581-1734

Lecture: "Genetic and Non-Genetic Variability in Life-History and Physiological Traits in Clonal Sea Anemones"

- 3:10 p.m. • 300 Murray Hall • Sponsored by the Department of Zoology and the Migratory Fish Research Institute • For more information call 581-2541

Lecture: "Growing up Aztec"

- 3:30 p.m. • Maine Center for the Arts • Sponsored by the Hudson Museum • For more information call 581-1901

UMaine Men's Hockey vs. Northeastern University

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

The Dances of Universal Peace

- 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • Canterbury House, 2 Chapel Road, Orono • For more information call Carter Taylor at 866-7918

Live Music: Belizbetha, Hip Hop Acid Jazz & Opening with Chia Band

- 8:30 p.m. • Damn Yankee, Memorial Union • \$4.00 Admission Fee • Beer with ID • Sponsored by SEA
- For more information call 581-1840

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

CULTUREFEST '96

- 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Memorial Union • Sponsored by the office of International Programs, International Students Association, & Multicultural Student Affairs
- Celebration of Cultural Diversity at the University of Maine • For more information call Audrey Action or Marion Harris at 581-3423

UMaine Women's and Men's Swimming vs. University of Vermont

- 12 noon • Memorial Gym • For more information call 581-BEAR

Women's Ice Hockey vs. Boston University

- 1:00 p.m. • Alford Arena

UMaine Men's Ice Hockey vs. Northeastern University

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

Contradances: "Oakum Bay String Band"

- 8:00 p.m. • Orono Community Center • \$5.00 Admission Fee • For more information call Phile Locke at 581-3924

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

UMaine Men's Basketball vs. Dalhousie University

- 1:00 p.m. • Alford Sports Arena • Admission Fee
- For more information call 581-BEAR

Festival of Brass

- 3:00 p.m. • Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944 Building
- For more information call 581-1773

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Seminar: "Ocean Dumping and Efforts to Halt It"

- 12:00 p.m. • 204 Nutting Hall • Sponsored by the Department of Wildlife Ecology

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Workshop: Intermediate Introduction to Aldus Pagemaker

- 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. • 111 Donald P. Corbett Business Building • Registration Fee • Sponsored by Instructional Technology • For more information call 581-1638

Luncheon: "Something to Talk About: Exploring Feminism Through Oral History"

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

Meeting: Mexican Travel & Study Informational

- 7:00 p.m. • Totman Lounge, Memorial Union
- Sponsored by Continuing Education • For more information call Nancy at 866-5509

Presentation: "Life With HIV"

- 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • Somerset Hall • Tom Antonik will share personal experiences of living with HIV/AIDS

WEEKLY MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS

Maine Shooting Club

- 4:00 p.m. • Old Town Room, Memorial Union • For more information call John McDaniel at 866-2687

Maine Peace Action Committee

- 4:00 p.m. • Virtue Room, The Maples • For more information call Anna Allocco at 866-2036

Student Alumni Association

- 5:30 p.m. • Crossland Alumni Center
- For more information call 581-1141

FAROG (Franco American Resource Opportunity Group)

- 6:00 p.m. • Franco American Center • For more information call Jason Morneault or Toby Jandreau at 581-6943

Acoustic Music Jam

- 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. • Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union

Musicians' Coalition

- 7:00 p.m. • Hamm Room, Memorial Union • For musicians and supporters of the local music scene • For more information call John Brookhouse at 581-1267

Student Art League

- 7:00 p.m. • Basement of Carnegie Hall • Sponsored by the Art Department • For more information call 827-7392

Outing Club

- 7:30 p.m. • Damn Yankee, Memorial Union • For more information call 581-HIKE

THURSDAYS

"Non-Traditional" Commuter Student Coffee Hour

- 3:15 p.m. • Nutter Lounge, Memorial Union
- Sponsored by the Center for Students and Community Life
- Free coffee, dessert and good conversation

UMaine Green Party

- 4:00 p.m. • Hamn Room, Memorial Union

The Maine Event

- 7:30 p.m. • Damn Yankee, Memorial Union
- Sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ

FRIDAYS

Prisoners of Gender

- 3:00 p.m. • Old Town Room, Memorial Union • For more information call 827-8118

International Coffee Hour

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

SUNDAYS

Sunday Masses

- 9:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. • The Newman Center, 83 College Avenue • For more information call 866-2155

Protestant Worship

- 5:00 p.m. • Drummond Chapel, Memorial Union
- Sponsored by The Maine Christian Association • For more information call Dana Reed 866-4227

MONDAYS

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Questioning Discussion Group

- 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Seminar Room, Honors Center
- For more information call 581-6125

Amateur Radio Club

- 5:00 p.m. • Hamm Radio Station, Basement of Merrill Hall
- For more information call 581-6668

Maine Animal Club

- 5:00 p.m. • 2nd Floor, Roger Hall • For more information call Kevin Gerrish at 866-0683

Circle K

- 6:30 p.m. • Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union • For more information call Cindy at 581-6864

TUESDAYS

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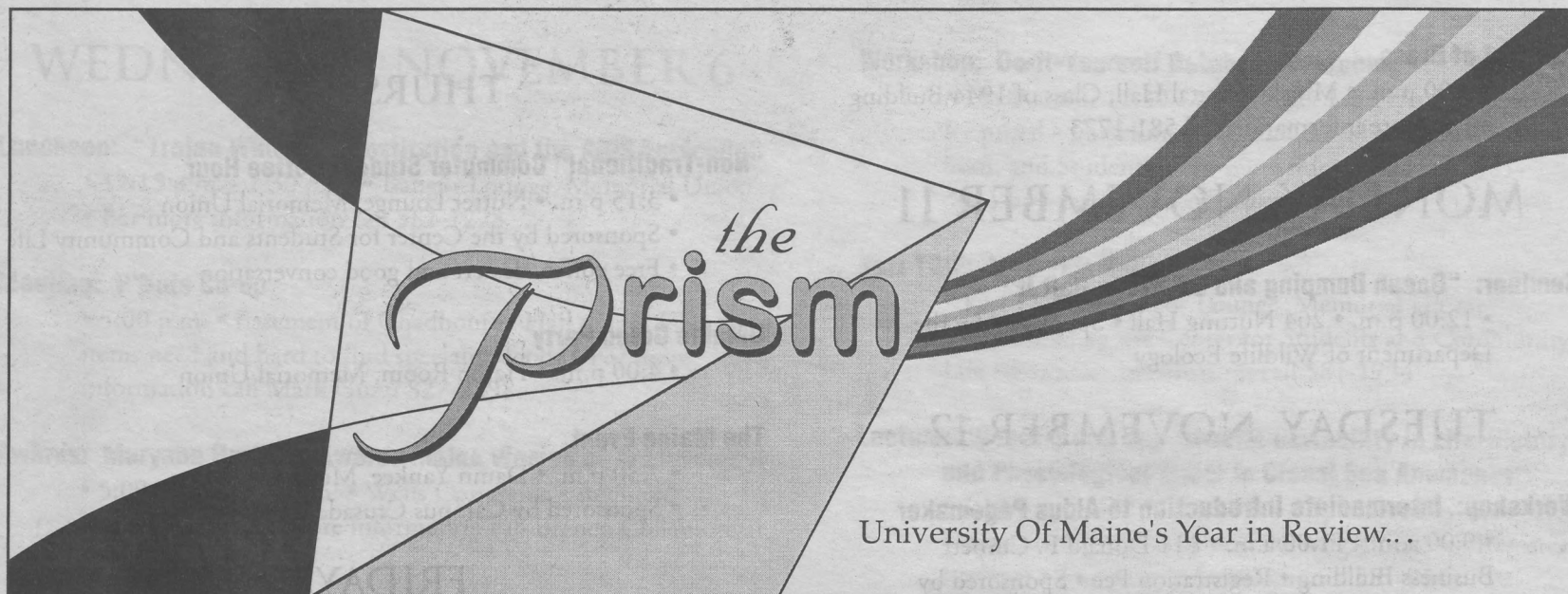
- 4:00 p.m. • Hamm Room, Memorial Union • For more information call 581-1840

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

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

College Democrats

- 6:00 p.m. • Old Town Room, Memorial Union • For more information call 866-2356



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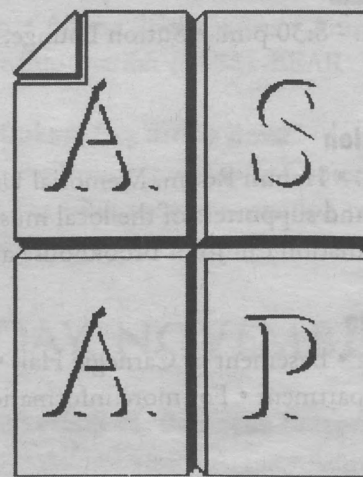
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Opinion



• Letters to the Editor

the hardest working and most intelligent students I had. Bill and Jody and all you other non-traditionals: Keep up the good work, you know who you are. Some of them are almost twice my age and thus older than my own parents. And talking of which, you think you don't need "parental figures" around you anymore? Boy (and I am using the term "boy" literally here), you couldn't be more wrong. You just proved it with your childish article. A little counseling by a "parental figure" might have avoided this embarrassing column.

Yes, non-traditional students behave differently from "normal" undergraduates, and they should. If they are still using "the same techniques they learned way back in their high school days," then they do so probably because these techniques served them well over the years. You don't like that? Fine. Who cares?

You are talking of etiquette? I wonder if you ever familiarized yourself with the proper etiquette of journalism. Show some respect toward other people and show some tolerance toward different behaviors and attitudes. But I guess that's asking a bit too much from a first-year journalism major.

Well, at least your column included one noteworthy line and you should really listen to yourself on that one: "Sit, listen, shut up and speak when spoken to." And listen especially when a non-traditional speaks, because you can learn a lot from them.

Finally, kid, here's another free bit of advice for you, something all non-traditional students I got to know have accomplished already: Grow up!

Thomas Zeltwanger
Graduate Student
Dept. of Physics and
Astronomy

• Name-calling

To the Editor:

I'm severely disappointed in young Mr. Nason's opinion article titled "Not so golden oldies," published Nov. 1. To be blunt, I was disgusted a first-year student would have the audacity to pass judgment and name-call in a forum such as *The Maine Campus*. To tell people how they should and should not behave in a classroom. A "freshman," if you will excuse the term, has no business telling my classmates — students I represent in the General Student Senate — they should learn to "sit down, shut up, and speak when spoken to." What an outlandish example of ignorance! And since when is "speaking when spoken to" proactive learning? What an idiot.

And to tease. I refer to the paragraph about non-traditional students' methods of note-taking. The way some non-traditional students ask questions just doesn't sit with him well so Nason resorts to immature measures such as name-calling and age discrimination. Who is this guy to judge what is and what isn't constructive learning?

What works for him may not work for another. But to put non-traditional students on lower level just because they don't fit in the 18- to 22-year age bracket is ignorant.

And to name-call. I take issue with the term "oldies." I'm 21 and a nursing student. Much, if not most, of the department's students are non-traditional students. I don't consider any of my classmates "old." I respect their life experiences; they challenge me with their dedication to their education. One student in particular has been an inspiration to me. I admire people who take an active role in their education at any age. Who is

this child, with only three months' college experience, to say everything but they don't belong in the classroom? That he "went to college to get away from (parental figures)." How dare he!

Amy K. Sczerba
Off-Campus Senator

• Look in the mirror

To the Editor:

After reading the article titled "Not so golden oldies," I was appalled. First, I believe it is important to recognize the *The Maine Campus* printed a column that would obviously hurt the feelings of many undeserving people. Second, I am shocked at the lack of intelligence and respect this extremely naive Josh Nason possesses. O.K., Josh, let me give it to you straight: If you want to succeed in college, you'd better start acting like an adult. Bashing people simply because their lifestyles are different from yours will not get you far at this university. I am proud to be a student here because a majority of the student body holds deep respect for others who are different from themselves. We do not seem to care about meaningless, petty things such as age and note-taking skills.

Perhaps, Josh, you should take a look at yourself in the mirror and realize that at this point you are an immature, bigoted, insecure child. If you want to act like you're 12, go back to grammar school. I am 21 years old and a senior at this university. Throughout my years spent here, I have come to learn the beauty of all people, regardless of their age or differences. Stop trying to make yourself feel better about your insecurities by publicly humiliating others. My, God, Josh, what would your parents think?

Ashley Begin
Orono

• Guest column

Buying our minds

By Kathryn Ritchie

It's the networks' favorite time of year again. Time for melodrama, romance, lust and tragedy; all in the name of the ratings game. The upcoming sweeps month kicked off Sunday with the television debuts of "The Lion King" and "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective." For the next 30 days, we'll all be mere pawns in the battle of the networks. And the ultimate prize up for grabs? Our eyes, if not our minds.

Even though I like the exciting programming, I feel a little more than used. After all, these flashy shows are just trying to buy my viewership by tantalizing me with a variety of commercials and sneak-peeks at the aptly named must-see shows. I only wish I had more will power. I kick myself for watching, but then I do it anyway.

I hate how networks think they can get away with peddling their audience reruns of their favorite shows for months and show all-new shows when they're only out to get better ratings. (So they can charge advertisers more for commercial space in the next three months worth of reruns.) It's like the viewers and network executives have some sick relationship; they use us for better ratings, then abuse us with reruns when we're no longer needed. How harsh.

A case in point: NBC's "Must See TV." I've been addicted to Thursday night programming for about two years, and I've noticed they use many shady tactics. For instance, of the five-show lineup, they may only air one or two new shows a week. But this month, we can expect all-new episodes all month long because the networks are after more

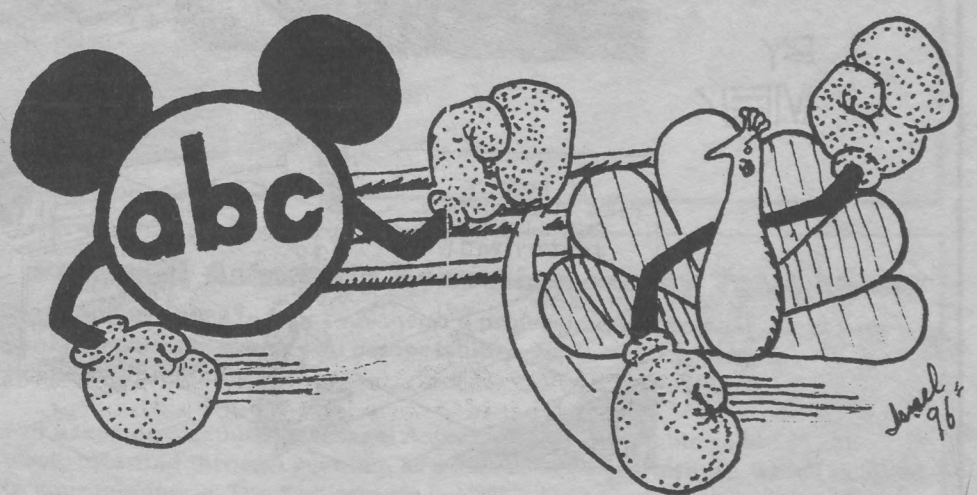
viewers (which equals more dough). "Friends" is already starting to advertise a new earth-shattering episode for one of its members. And lest we forget, when did Ross and Rachel finally get together? During sweeps month in March. Coincidence? I think not.

I really don't understand why television sitcoms don't make more shows in the first place. Most shows only film 23 to 25 episodes a year, and their stars whine that it takes too much time. Then I ask: How can a soap opera pump out a new show every day? For \$100,000 an episode, I think I could be willing to deal with the stress of stardom. Cartoons are even worse. For instance, the makers of "Spiderman" only do 13 new shows a year.

It's like the viewers and network executives have some sick relationship; they use us for better ratings, then abuse us with reruns when we're no longer needed.

Even my soap opera, "Days of Our Lives," has gotten sucked into the sweeps vacuum. Even though they do a new show every day, the writers are leaning toward the absurd in honor of the month. There are currently seven different villains dominating seven different story plots, ranging from the semi-tame to the you-must-have-had-a-lo-botomy-to-believe-this. For instance, just this week Kristen, who has been pretending to be pregnant with John's baby in order to keep Marlena from telling John how Kristen kept her locked in a cage in Paris for several months, found a woman who looks exactly like her and really is pregnant to go to her doctor's appointments for her. Follow all that? And this is only the beginning of sweeps month. I can't even begin to predict what could happen next.

So how do we avoid being network pawns? How do we avoid getting sucked into the ratings game? I have no clue. As I soon as I figure it out, I'll let you know. Stay tuned. (Kathryn Ritchie is a junior journalism major.)



Entertainment

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

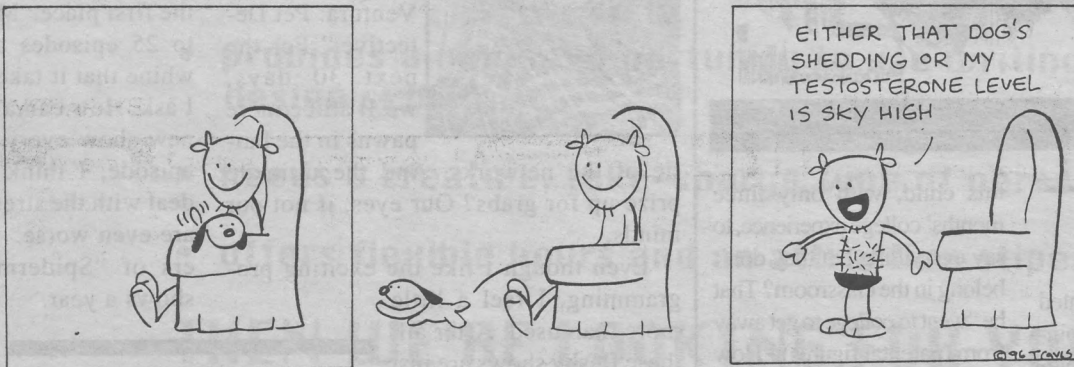
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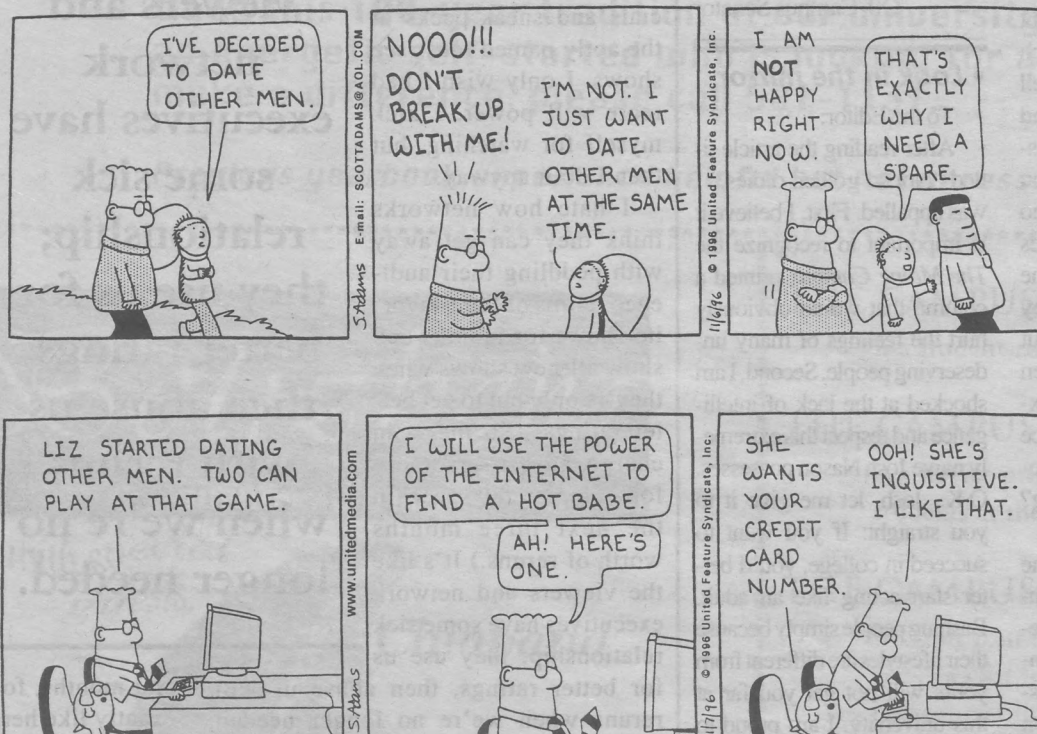


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For Wednesday, November 6

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Do what you want to do over the next 12 months, even if it means upsetting someone who had hoped you would do something different. No matter how much this person means to you, he/she has no right to ask you to conform to standards that belong to the past rather than the future.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Planetary activity at this time of year makes you determined to discover what's going on beneath the surface of things. So, do a little digging today and don't have any preconceived ideas of what you might find. It could be a lot different than what you expected.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You may feel more than a little daunted by the task you're about to undertake and the targets you've set for yourself. The anxiety you're experiencing, however, will keep you focused and make sure you don't waste time and energy on trivial matters.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You may be comfortable with certain habits and routines, but are they as good for you as you like to think they are? If the answer is "no," then this is the time to start planning changes.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): That mountain you've begun to climb isn't as treacherous as it looks. The higher you climb, the easier your journey will become. The summit may be hidden among the clouds, but you are getting closer to it every day.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): A friend or relative will come to you for help today and, no matter how busy you are with other things, you must do your best to assist him/her. It may be an imposition, but do it anyway. It could lead to something you would not want to miss.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): The people and places you've grown used to over the years don't seem to inspire you any more. This is the ideal time to travel, widen your circle of friends or study a brand new subject. Life is too short not to go on learning.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Why is it proving so hard to make ends meet? Why does one bill follow another? Are the stars trying to tell you something? Could it be you have allowed your financial affairs to get out of hand? This is the time to start making changes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): You can never be 100 percent certain that what you attempt will work out the way you want it to, but planetary activity suggests you can at least be 99 percent certain. Act on your instincts today — the odds on success are heavily in your favor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Some situations are so complex that it really is a waste of time trying to untangle them. In which case, you might as well stick to what you know best today. It may not be too exciting, but at least you know where you stand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Because you are a Capricorn you have a healthy respect for authority, but that doesn't mean you should accept everything you're told. If something you hear today doesn't sound right, reject it, no matter how illustrious the source.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You can make life easier for yourself today, simply by not attaching so much importance to what you see or hear. Remember: The world turns in spite of people, not because of them.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): It can't be stressed too strongly that this is one of the most positive times of the year for you. So why are you still walking around as if you're lost? Planetary activity will protect your every move, so get moving.

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, November 7

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: If you make the effort to explain your plans, you'll get all the help you need. If you keep your plans a secret, you can't complain if no one steps forward to help you. Success and communication are closely linked this year.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): If you pray for a miracle to happen today, it most likely will. That doesn't mean, however, that you can just let fate take care of you. If you want something positive to happen, do your best to set the scene. Your best will be enough.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): It isn't true that Taureans are incapable of original thought. On the contrary, some of your ideas are so advanced few can understand them. What you must aim for today is to make some of your more outrageous ideas palatable to wider audience.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): If you do nothing special, it won't be a special day. If you do something different you'll be rewarded in ways you hadn't expected. Remember: nothing ventured, nothing gained.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): We all need impartial advice every now and again, even someone like yourself who seems to know exactly where you are going. What you really need is reassurance, the one thing a Cancerian can never get too much of. You're liable to be told how wonderful you are today. Believe it, it's true.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): It is one of life's ironies that the things we don't enjoy so often turn out to be the things we need. You may not enjoy what someone asks you to do today, but you know it must be done. Soon, you'll know it's doing you good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You may not be one of life's natural radicals, but you know that a radical solution is needed if you're to transform your life for the better. Listen to what a friend or relative has to tell you today — you can learn important lessons from those who have been through this stage before.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): If you want something enough today you'll find a way to get it, regardless of whether or not you can afford it financially. You don't have to be rich to play in a high-stakes poker game, but you do need to have confidence that the hand you hold is the best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Don't let your pride get in the way of a good idea. It may annoy you that you didn't think of it first, but that shouldn't stop you from making use of it. A good idea is just a good idea until someone takes it and turns it into something that will work. That someone should be you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You don't need anyone's permission to follow a certain course of action, although the fact that you think you do suggests you aren't sure you're doing the right thing. This is no time for second thoughts: Having started a brand new project you must now go all the way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Certain sacrifices aren't only appropriate but absolutely necessary if you're to make a success of something you know will make an impact on your lifestyle, reputation and bank balance. You're emotionally attached to things you no longer need — don't be afraid to get rid of them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): If you try to control every situation you're going to be disappointed. Some things are too big for one person to have much of an impact on. But if you're willing to compromise and join forces with like-minded colleagues, who knows what you might achieve?

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Nothing in life happens in isolation: There is a cause for every effect, and every effect leads, ultimately, to yet another cause. Be careful what you say today or you could start a chain reaction of events over which you have no control.

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- 1 The Crimson Tide
- 5 Trucker's concern
- 9 Benchwarmer
- 14 Bulldogs
- 15 Tra trailer
- 16 Bel — cheese
- 17 Stadium walkway
- 18 Awestruck
- 19 Key
- 20 "My joy" and "my delight," in an old song
- 23 Ill-humored
- 24 — effect (electrical phenomenon)
- 28 Sloppy digs
- 29 "It's freezing!"

- 31 Basketball's Thurmond
- 32 Star
- 35 Summer tops
- 37 Abu Dhabi's federation: Abbr.
- 38 Microscope slide subjects
- 40 "— real!"
- 41 Haunted house hazards
- 43 Looks from Groucho
- 45 Radius's partner
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- 47 Accepted greedily, with "up"
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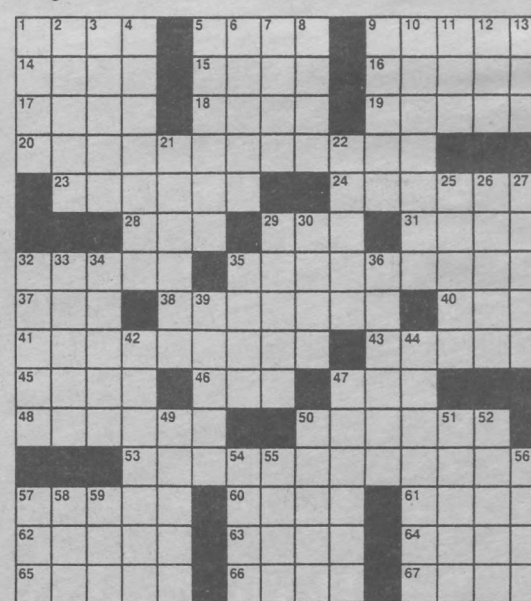
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- 64 — Ball (arcade game)
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- 66 Conservative
- 67 Henri's head

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- 3 Dupe
- 4 Malign
- 5 Like some eyes
- 6 Score in this puzzle's theme
- 7 Cream ingredient
- 8 Frenzy
- 9 Did moles' work
- 10 Famed couturier
- 11 Fam. member
- 12 Take habitually
- 13 "You —!"
- 21 O.K.
- 22 Vice follower
- 25 NCO's nickname
- 26 Web-footed mammal
- 27 Fits together

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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OURS ROMEO NAIL
OREO ATALL IMISO
DOWNINTHEDUMPS
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National News

• Mideast crisis

Missile mystery examined by military; Iraq uncooperative

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon could have some answers soon in its investigation into the launching of two U.S. anti-radar missiles by F-16 fighter jets over southern Iraq, a spokesman said today.

Military officials want "as complete a picture as possible of what happened," spokesman Kenneth Bacon told reporters. He said it would take several days to complete the investigation.

In separate incidents, the pilots of two U.S. Air Force F-16s fired missiles when they got warnings that they had been "locked on" by Iraqi surface-to-air missile sites. The first such firing occurred early Saturday and the second on Monday.

Bacon said officials are looking at the "electronic environment" where the incidents took place, how the planes' equipment functioned and intelligence information about the area. Both pilots have been questioned, and other pilots flying nearby also will be interviewed, he added.

Defense Secretary William Perry told reporters at the Pentagon on Monday that the pilots were justified in their actions because their cockpit warning systems indicated they were being targeted by Iraqi missiles.

Iraq denied any missile firings occurred, characterizing the reports as a campaign ploy by the Clinton administration.

"Fabricating this false report is part of American-style electioneering," an Iraqi Foreign Ministry official was quoted Monday by the official Iraqi News Agency. "It

seems that, for the second time, fabricators of this report have the urge to divert the attention of American voters from their domestic scandals by creating false problems abroad."

Perry said it wasn't immediately clear what exactly caused the aircraft to pick up such signals. It also wasn't clear whether faulty warning equipment might be involved or whether the Iraqis were playing cat-and-mouse games with their radar systems, he said.

In the meantime, allied flights over Iraq's southern no-fly zone will continue, even though Saddam Hussein's forces have been "quite quiet" in the past week, the defense secretary said.

Perry said he had no reports on possible damage caused by the missiles.

Even though it now appears that no Iraqi missiles were launched, both pilots acted appropriately, he said, explaining that their rules of engagement allow quick responses to potentially hostile acts.

Asked whether Saddam's move to rebuild his air defenses caused him any worry, Perry responded, "No." He said allied aircraft would continue to monitor the zone carefully.

The second firing occurred at 4 a.m. EST about 25 miles from where the earlier firing took place. Both occurred just south of the 32nd parallel, Perry said.

In both cases, the pilots returned safely to their base in Saudi Arabia.

The United States and its allies have

been flying over southern Iraq since the end of the Gulf War in 1991.

The U.S. missile firings were the first of their kind since Sept. 4, when Iraqi forces confronted U.S. fliers twice as they began their patrols over an expanded no-fly zone for Iraqi aircraft. Washington had unilaterally extended the zone the day before 60 miles northward to the 33rd parallel, taking it to the outskirts of Baghdad.

The administration argued that the extension reinforced the buffer zone between

Iraq and its neighbors.

The confrontations over the no-fly zone followed two separate strikes by a total of 44 cruise missiles against 15 Iraqi air-defense sites. Those strikes against Iraqi air defense sites had been sparked by Saddam's attacks on the Kurds in the north.

Iraq said it remained committed to a decision it made in September not to fire on U.S. warplanes enforcing no-fly zones over southern and northern Iraq. Warplanes from France and Britain also patrol the zones.

• Change of seasons

America braces for winter's onset

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Who can stand before the cold?" asks the Bible, warning of snow like wool and frost scattered like ashes.

While Psalms 147 goes on to promise melting winds, coping with arctic outbreaks and piling snow, winter also means stocking the woodpile and checking the insulation.

Warm outerwear is selling vigorously at L.L. Bean, the Freeport, Maine, catalog company.

"Customers are looking for an assortment for activities ranging from mountaineering to ice skating to just walking to the end of the driveway," said spokeswoman Linh Calhoun.

And the Atlanta-based hardware chain Home Depot says sales of snow-related equipment began as early as July and

August in its Northeast stores.

"We're doing a big business in snow shovels, roof rakes and snow blowers," spokeswoman Katrina Blauvelt said. "I don't think anyone wants to be caught unprepared."

Whether just for planning a ski trip or for setting up fuel oil deliveries, road salt purchases or airline schedules, thousands of people rely on long-range forecasts for the season.

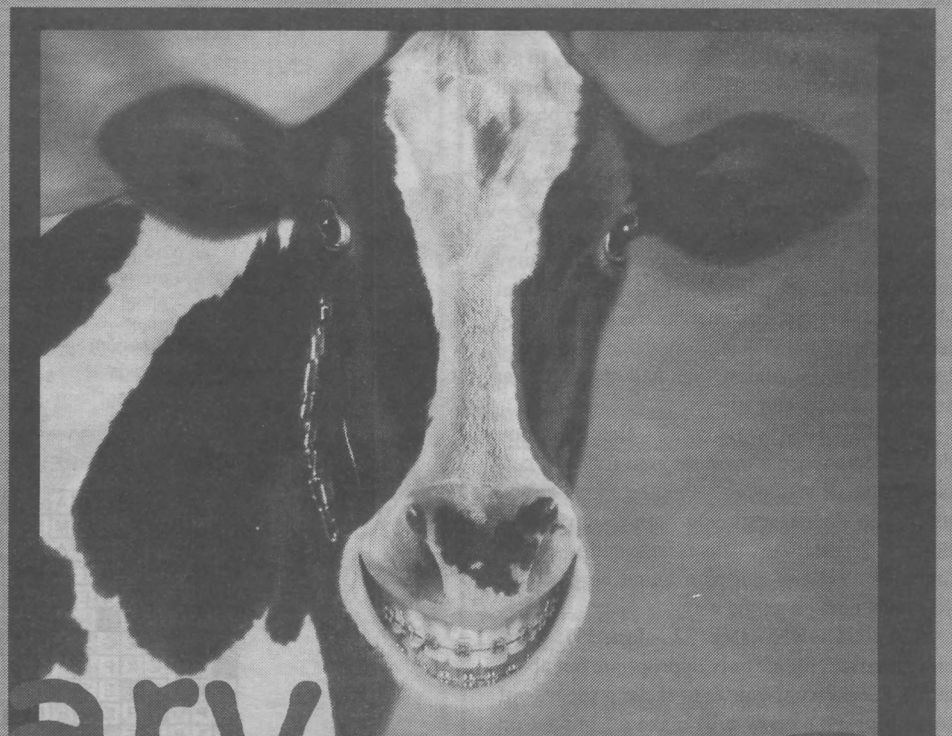
The National Weather Service's long-range outlook for December through February is:

Colder-than-normal temperatures are expected in the upper Midwest, particularly the Dakotas but also Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and parts of Nebraska

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• Prayer precedent

Supreme Court bars student organized school prayer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, dodging a grenade in the battle over school prayer, rejected Mississippi's bid Monday to let students lead group prayers in public school classrooms, at assemblies and sports events.

But confusion still reigns over just what the Constitution allows, and school officials nationwide remain caught in the middle of what the National School Boards Association calls "religious warfare."

The justices, acting without comment, let stand rulings that declared the 1994 Mississippi law a violation of the constitutionally required separation of church and state.

Monday's action was not a ruling on the merits of the Mississippi law and set no national precedent. But it was a defeat for Mississippi officials who had hoped to revive the state law.

The action also could be a setback for those outside Mississippi who argue that student-initiated prayers are constitutional in various public school settings.

"I hope lower courts won't read into the court's action any disapproval of legitimate student-initiated prayer and worship, such as prayer clubs," said Jay Sekulow of the American Center for Law and Justice.

"The way the (Mississippi) statute was worded was problematic at the outset," Sekulow said. "Official sanction was all over it."

The invalidated Mississippi law would have allowed "invocations, benedictions or nonsectarian, non-proselytizing student-initiated voluntary prayer" at "school-related student events."

T. Hunt Cole Jr., the special assistant attorney general who had filed the state's spurned high court appeal, said, "Our arguments on constitutional issues are over. There's nothing more we can do."

Republican leaders in Congress have proposed amending the Constitution to allow more opportunities for prayer in public schools. President Clinton says such an amendment is unnecessary, but Republican candidate Bob Dole supports it.

Since a 1962 Supreme Court ruling, organized school prayers have been barred from public schools. But that landmark case involved prayer sessions sponsored and led by public school officials, not students.

The court, of course, never has banned individual prayer from public schools. Students remain free to pray before lunch, before tests or even during class if they do so in an unobtrusive way.

The justices in 1992 strengthened the ban on officially sponsored worship in public schools by prohibiting clergy-led prayers at public school graduation ceremonies.

But the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals — in a decision that still is binding law in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas — subsequently ruled that the 1992 decision did not apply to graduation prayers planned and led by graduating seniors.

The Supreme Court silently left that ruling intact in 1993. But another federal appeals court has declared such student-led graduation prayers unlawful.

The National School Boards Association last year told the justices in another dispute that the nation's public schools

"are currently the site of religious warfare" and that "school boards are caught in the middle and do not know which way to turn."

Contacted Monday, NASB Executive Director Anne Bryant said "a lack of clarity from the courts" was "forcing school boards to be judges and juries — not a good place for them to be."

"What school boards across the nation would love is to have the Supreme Court give us some guidance," she said. "The murky area still haunts us, especially at graduation time."

The Mississippi law, designed to go beyond graduation ceremonies, was enacted shortly after a widely publicized incident in which a Jackson high school principal was disciplined for allowing

students to recite prayers over the school public address system while students were required to be in their classrooms.

David Ingebretsen, executive director of the state American Civil Liberties Union, and his daughter were among 14 individuals who sued to block the law from taking effect.

U.S. District Judge Henry Wingate ruled that the law was unconstitutional, except when applied to graduation ceremonies.

A three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit court upheld his ruling, and the entire appeals court voted 9-6 not to reconsider that ruling.

Leading the dissenters, Judge Edith

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• Women's health

Hormones proven beneficial to post-menopausal health

CHICAGO (AP) — Two new studies confirm that taking hormones after menopause can strengthen women's bones, perhaps heading off fractures in old age, researchers say.

A third study in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association found that older women with the strongest bones appear to have the highest risk of breast cancer. That finding may raise suspicions that estrogen supplements promote cancer, but outside experts quickly cautioned against that assumption.

Previous studies on the estrogen-

breast cancer question yielded conflicting results and have suggested that any increased risk is slight.

"I would NOT recommend that women taking estrogen for osteoporosis even consider stopping their therapy," said Dr. Karl Insogna, director of the Yale Bone Center in New Haven, Conn. He was not associated with any of the studies.

Insogna noted that estrogen is only one factor influencing bone density. "There are many other factors, such as

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exercise, race, calcium intake, other things that we don't know," he said.

Older women stop producing estrogen and take artificial hormones to counter symptoms of menopause such as hot flashes and vaginal dryness.

Estrogen encourages the uterus lining to thicken, as if it were soon to receive a fertilized egg, and progestins make the extra cells slough off if the egg doesn't arrive. The sloughing off is important in preventing uterine cancer, which estrogen alone promotes.

In one of the studies on hormones and bones, postmenopausal women who took estrogen alone or with either of two types of progestins gained 5 percent bone mass in their spines and 1.7 percent in their hips over three years.

The women who took placebos lost an average of 1.8 percent of spinal bone mass and 1.7 percent of hip bone mass, said the researchers, led by epidemiologist Irma L. Mebane-Sims, who then

worked for the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and now is an independent consultant.

In a second study, researchers tested an experimental combination of types of estrogen and progestin commonly used only in birth-control pills, and it, too, proved successful in building bone mass, said researchers led by Dr. Leon Speroff of Oregon Health Sciences University.

The new combination is under development by the Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Research Division of Warner-Lambert Co., for whom all the researchers in the study have received salaries or consulting fees.

The bone density-cancer study involved 6,854 women 65 and older, 97 of whom developed breast cancer over three years. Those women with the greatest bone mass had twice the breast-cancer risk of those with the least bone mass. The researchers took into account other traits known to influence breast cancer risk, such as age.

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and Montana. Below-normal readings also are predicted in New England and perhaps New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia.

The forecasters expect a milder-than-usual winter in New Mexico, the western two-thirds of Texas, western Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

West Texas, southeast New Mexico and a region extending through central Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa are expected to be wet this winter. Drier than normal is the outlook for Florida, Montana, Idaho and northern Nevada.

That relatively mild outlook conflicts with the forecast from the Farmers' Almanac published in Maine, which predicts: "It looks like virtually the entire country will be subjected to stormy and unseasonably cold conditions for the upcoming winter, even in the so-called Sun Belt areas."

"Another stormy, cold season," is the forecast from Harris' Farmer's Almanac, published in New York. The Hagerstown Town and Country Almanack of Hagerstown, Md., opines that this winter

"will be shorter, colder but less snowy than last winter."

While government forecasters rely on science, almanacs often add ages-old folklore.

One traditional rhyme advises: "Onion skins, very thin, Mild winter coming in. Onion skins very tough, Winter's coming cold and rough."

Many people predict a hard winter by the volume of acorns produced. More nuts, more snow.

And woolly-bear caterpillars are popular portents of coming months. The creature's middle brown stripe is the tipoff: The wider the brown band, the milder the winter, says Eric Sloane's "Folklore of American Weather."

German lore says it's better in February to see a wolf at the door than a farm worker in shirtsleeves. The English say: "Year of snow, year of plenty."

Those sayings reflect knowledge that snow stores water to nourish spring crops and also forms a blanket to shield developing crops from the worst of winter's cold. A warm spell in winter can cause plants to bud early and be killed by the next icy blast.

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Jones said the trial judge went too far in "striking down Mississippi's attempt to accommodate students' desire — and constitutional right — voluntarily to pray aloud at school" before it ever had been invoked by any student.

In the appeal acted on Monday, Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore argued that the law "does not mandate

than any religious speech or prayer occur at all at any time." Instead, he said, "this is left to private choice."

Opponents of the law urged the justices to reject the state's appeal, saying that the lower court rulings did nothing "to deprive any students of any independently existing constitutional right to pray in public schools."



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October 31, November 14, & December 12

(Committee meetings for the Spring Semester will be scheduled beginning in January)

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Sports Briefs

15 nominated for NBA Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Pete Carril, whose Princeton teams were everybody's favorite NCAA tournament underdog, and John Thompson, who transformed Georgetown into one of college basketball's top teams, were nominated Tuesday for the Basketball Hall of Fame.

The two old friends were among the largest group of nominees — seven coaches, seven players and one contributor — ever to go to the Honors Committee for a vote. And special nominating committees for women, oldtimers and the international game have yet to announce their proposed picks.

Former Denver Nuggets star Alex English, the NBA's most prolific scorer during the 1980s with 19,682 points, was one of three players being considered by the Honors Committee for the first time.

Also proposed for the first time were Sidney Moncrief, a star for Arkansas and the Milwaukee Bucks, and forward Bobby Jones, who played for North Carolina and then with the Nuggets and Philadelphia 76ers.

Renominated as players were the late Gus Johnson, a rebounding force for the Bullets during the 1960s; Dennis Johnson, who won two NBA titles with the Boston Celtics and one with Seattle; UCLA and Lakers standout Jamaal Wilkes, and sharpshooting point guard Jo Jo White, who helped boost the Celtics to two titles after starring at Kansas.

Alex Hannum, who got his start turning faltering pro teams into contenders as player-coach of the St. Louis Hawks in 1956-57, was another first-time nominee.

Hannum, who in his first season brought St. Louis to the NBA finals before losing to the Celtics in the seventh game, is the only coach to win NBA and ABA championships — at Philadelphia in 1967 and Oakland in 1969.

Renominated were Don Haskins of Texas-El Paso, whose five black starters beat Kentucky for the 1966 national championship, and Jerry Tarkanian of Fresno State, who led UNLV to the 1990 NCAA championship.

Also renominated as coaches were Jim Phelan of Mount St. Mary's, and Tex Winter, who has built winning teams both at the college level at Kansas State and in the NBA as a Chicago Bulls assistant.

Lee Williams, who helped create the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1962 and was its executive director for 19 years, was proposed as a contributor.

The Honors Committee has no limit on the number of people it can choose, but a nominee needs at least 18 votes from the 24-member committee to be inducted.

The results of the votes will be announced in February and the new inductees enshrined Sept. 29.

A player must be retired for at least five years before becoming eligible for nomination. A coach can be considered after 20 years on the job.

• NCAA

UMaine awaits decision from NCAA Tyler, Diamond expect ruling next week

By Bill Stewart
Sports Writer

The University of Maine hockey team is off to a 4-1 start this season, and the football team is 6-3, but all eyes are still focused on the pending decision by the NCAA concerning the University's appeal on its post season sanctions this year.

On Sept. 26, the university announced its decision to formally appeal the Committee of Infractions' decision to ban the Maine hockey team from post-season this year and the loss of 13 football scholarships.

The Committee of Infractions had 30 days in which it could respond to Maine's appeal, however, they asked for a two-week extension period, so a decision on the appeal will be dragged out longer, said UMaine Director of Public Affairs.

"The NCAA's Infractions Committee asked for a two-week extension from their 30-day deadline," John Diamond said. "So rather than getting final closure we'll have to wait until later."

Athletic Director Dr. Suzanne Tyler acknowledges that a decision from the Committee of Infractions to defend its penalties could be heard as soon as the beginning of next week.

"We'll probably hear back from (the committee) within the next week, probably at the beginning of next week," Tyler said. "Then we will have a two-week rebuttal so we go over the issues."

Diamond also reflected on the pending decision from the Committee of Infractions.

"What we will hear back would be the response from the committee," said Diamond. "That should happen in the near future."

Once the University receives the decision from the NCAA, it will have two weeks for rebuttal, which could include a face-to-face talk with the NCAA.

"The Committee of Infractions had an opportunity to explain their defense," Diamond said. "When those 30 days are up, we have 14 days in a rebuttal period."

Tyler said the two-week rebuttal period is a time when the university can go



Dr. Suzanne Tyler. (Joel Page Photo.)

back over the issues and the NCAA's decision.

"We'll have 24 days to go back over the issues," Tyler said. "Then, depending on what (the NCAA) says, we may have to go face-to-face."

The NCAA was unavailable for comment.

Although UMaine expects a decision based on its appeal in the immediate fu-

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• Football

Unsung heroes fuel Black Bear success

By Scott Martin
Sports Editor

The 1996 football season at the University of Maine has been defined by unsung heroes. Quarterback Mickey Fein and receivers Rameek Wright and John Tennett have emerged from the shadows of a high-powered running game, to make the Black Bears a balanced offensive team. Every week it has been someone different. Last Saturday was the same.

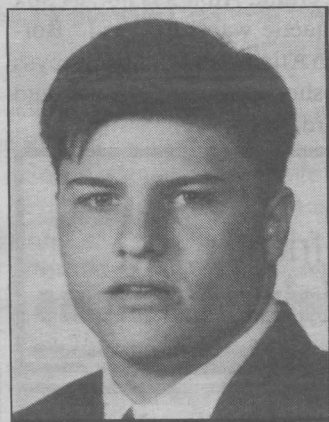
Darrick Brown, Chris Binder and Bryan Hawkes made the difference last weekend in Maine's 22-14 victory against the University of Massachusetts. As Maine's offense sputtered, the Black Bears' special teams and defense gave Maine the boost it needed.

Brown, a sophomore, was inserted to return punts for Saturday's game after a strong week of practices, and after Wright fumbled and recovered two punts in Maine's game with UNH two weeks ago.

"Meek was making us nervous on those," Maine head coach Jack Cosgrove said. "Sometimes you don't want to mess with things, but then you also have to have the guts, when you feel like you have a guy who can go do it for you. Darrick has been working back there and finally we stepped up this week and said let's give him a shot. He made us look like geniuses."

Wright had been the only Black Bear to return a punt for a touchdown, coming when he ripped one off for 59 yards against Boston University earlier this season. Brown showed game-breaking speed, returning three punts for 118 yards. He had a return of 35 yards and one for 20 yards. He also made four fair catches.

All Hawkes did was lead a Black Bear



Bryan Hawkes. (Courtesy File.)

defense that held UMass to just 14 points, and get named the Yankee Conference Player of the Week. With the Minutemen driving at the end of the game, Hawkes made a critical sack and

an interception that ended the game to secure the win for the Black Bears.

"Our defense was playing great and the only way UMass scored was our turnovers," Fein said.

Add to that defensive effort three Binder field goals, and you have the perfect formula for a win. The three field goals were a career high for Binder.

Hodges vents his anger

During the third quarter of Saturday's game, UMass took its only lead when Jamie Holston scored on a 23-yard touchdown run. With the touchdown, UMass went up 13-12. Instead of going for two, UMass head coach Mike Hodges called for a point-after attempt. This gave Maine the opportunity to win the game by just kicking a field goal. It proved to make no difference, after Brown scored on the punt return, but Hodges seemed to think it did.

"Someone's going to ask me why I went one," Hodges said to the media. "Are you shitting me? No one has the courage to ask me that. What do you get paid to do anyway?"

After someone asked Hodges what the deal was, he laughed.

"I don't even want to tell you now. Do I regret the call? 'I'll tell you exactly what happened. We have a two-point chart and the two-point chart says, at the top, go for one, with an asterisk next to it, late in the game. So I just looked at it and said, 'go for one,' Hodges said.

• Column

Baseball abounds with free agents



By Josh Nason
Sports Writer

As we enter what promises to be a vicious winter of 1996 and early 1997, baseball owners will open their wallets

to pay for the free agent class of '96 and '97. While not as superstar-laden as other years, some major movers and shakers are on the list, and a few more may be added if the players union is given service time for the strike season of almost two years ago. Now, a look at the class of 1996-'97, going by category of hitters, pitchers, and the underrated role players.

HITTERS:

Greg Vaughn: The former Milwaukee Brewer and San Diego Padre slugger has reportedly received a good offer from the Padres to stay in left field. He did opt to

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officially become a free agent, but will most likely end up back in San Diego, surprisingly, not Milwaukee (where he actually liked the city), or a warm-climate environment like Florida.

Albert Belle: The controversial founder of the 50-50 club has received interest from the afore mentioned Marlins, but will opt to stay in Cleveland, where he became a big star and helped revive baseball in what used to be "the Mistake by the Lake."

Bobby Bonilla: (Note: he will be a free agent only if the club doesn't offer him arbitration.) After arguing with Baltimore manager Davey Johnson about being a designated hitter, Bonilla came on at the end of the year, just in time for the pennant drive. He wants to play the field, so that eliminates another DH job. Teams in the running could be Atlanta, who despite young superstar talents Jermaine Dye and Andruw Jones, are looking for a veteran outfielder; or the Chicago White Sox, who got by with Danny Tartabull (also a free agent), but need another power stick in the lineup to protect Frank Thomas. Also, Chicago was Bobby Bo's first team.

Other big bats: Eddie Murray (last team: Baltimore), Todd Zeile (Baltimore), Harold Baines (Chicago White Sox), Terry Steinbach (Oakland), Ryne Sandberg (Chicago Cubs), Gary Gaetti (St. Louis), and Benito Santiago (Philadelphia).

PITCHERS:

The weak state of pitching is reflected in this year's crop. Only a few stand out, but those who do are superstars. Roger Clemens is one of those men, as he upped his stock incredibly with his 20-strikeout performance and superb pitching down the stretch. This is a three-team race between Boston, Texas and Houston. It isn't so much a case of money as where his heart is. Gut instinct says he'll stay with the Sox, but just as with his forkball, you just don't know.

John Smoltz and Steve Avery: Smoltz

will stay with the Braves for a lot of cash, and Avery will go, depending on where the money is. Reports have Detroit looking at him, since that's his home state. Denny Neagle will stick around to take Avery's spot, so there won't be much of a drop-off.

Jimmy Key and John Wetteland: The winner of Game 6 and the World Series MVP both have a chance to become free agents: Key if the Yankees don't offer him salary arbitration, and Wetteland at his own option. Key is a leftie, so that automatically bumps up his desirability, and everybody is looking for a dominant closer like Wetteland. But there will be no surprise here, as George Steinbrenner will open up the purse strings and pay both men, avoiding a potential public-relations disaster after winning the World Series.

Other pitchers: David Wells (Baltimore), Doug Drabek (Houston), Todd Worrell (Los Angeles), Bob Tewksbury (San Diego), and Sid Fernandez (Philadelphia).

ROLE PLAYERS:

Rex Hudler (California) is a good defensive player with decent bat skills. Mark McLemore (Texas) is also good defensively, but has no bat. Eric Davis (Cincinnati) has revived his career after a year in Detroit, and has a good bat with decent speed. Danny Tartabull (White Sox) finally got the pop back in his bat, but totally struck out when it came to driving men home. Delino DeShields (Los Angeles) needs to get out of L.A. to revive what once was a star-status career.

Big names who will be free agents if service time is given include third baseman Tim Lincecum, University of Maine graduate- shortstop Mike Bordick, outfielder Moises Alou and pitcher Alex Fernandez. While Naehring's future in Boston is uncertain, Alou's is not, as Sox GM Dan Duquette wants him bad. Bordick may go to Atlanta and fill in the abyss they have at short with Jeff Blauser and Rafael Belliard.

• BC

Henning: Suspension may be ahead

NEWTON, Mass. (AP) — Boston College coach Dan Henning acknowledges "some sort of a problem" with players betting on football games and hinted suspensions were imminent.

"We're dealing with a situation here where the NCAA has a rule, and there are going to be some individuals here that are going to live with some kind of problem if they have bet on a game," the embattled coach said Tuesday.

"That's not my major concern. My major concern is if anybody on our football team has bet on our game and against us. That's an indefensible position."

Henning said two players, Kiernan Speight and another whom he did not identify, had asked out of practice Monday and would sit out again on Tuesday. Speight has denied any gambling.

"He (Speight) doesn't feel like he could practice football as long as his name has been put up like that," Henning said. "That's unfortunate. But I certainly understand his feelings."

"If they're not named or if they're innocent, they'll play" Saturday against No. 17 Notre Dame, Henning said.

Speight and three other Eagles sophomores were involved in a heated confrontation with Henning and the team's student captains on Saturday after rumors of point-shaving and game-fixing surfaced.

Athletic director Chet Gladchuk said there was no evidence of any wrongdoing, but initiated an investigation to clear the program's name. The Middlesex County district attorney is also investigating.

The four players confronted Monday hired a lawyer, who strongly denied those allegations.

"They told the authorities at Boston College that they never bet on BC games," attorney John McBride said Tuesday in a telephone interview. "But they also told the authorities that they did bet on other games."

As many as 30 other players have reportedly admitted to gambling in some way. Two of the four at the center of the controversy — none of whom are stars — have denied any gambling.

"I would expect that a couple of them are going to be totally exonerated," McBride said, adding that the other two were involved only in office pool-type wagering.

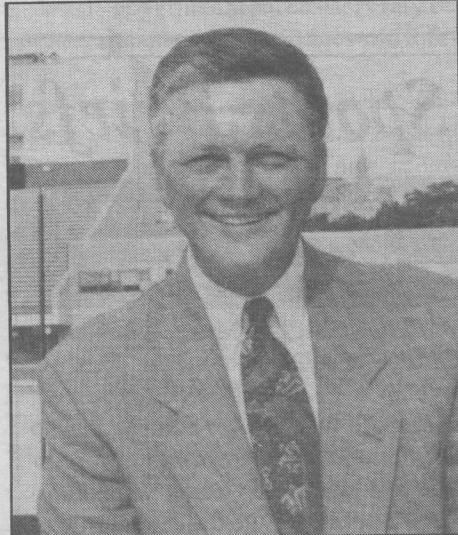
"We're not talking about going to a bookie. We're not talking about point-shaving, we're not talking about anything that has to do with BC football games."

"Big deal," he said, "except that it's an NCAA violation."

NCAA rules forbid athletes from betting on any intercollegiate or professional sporting events.

McBride and Henning both said they expected further announcements later Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

"Let's not be naive, gentleman," Hen-



Boston College athletic director Chet Gladchuk. (Courtesy Photo.)

ning told an unusually large media crunch, noting everyone from reporters to state governors place friendly bets on games. "I would suspect that this whole week was not because we didn't have some sort of a problem."

Said McBride: "We'll deal with that when the time comes. But right now, it is not something that it was originally thought."

Henning said his team was dealing with the distractions well while preparing for the game against Notre Dame — their biggest of the year. On a scheduled teleconference with the Boston and South Bend, Ind., media, Fighting Irish coach Lou Holtz said he did not expect an easy game because of the turmoil.

"I expect the Boston College team to play against us. I have no reason to think anything else," Holtz said, while conceding he had limited information about the budding scandal. "I expect them to play an outstanding football game."

Meanwhile, Las Vegas oddsmakers, who took Saturday's game off the board briefly on Monday, have resumed betting with Notre Dame a 22-point favorite. According to Chris Chavez of Las Vegas Sports Consultants, which sets the line for most major sporting books in Las Vegas, the game is "circled," meaning sports books will take only half their usual bet.

Chavez said the game is circled not because of betting rumors but because of possible suspensions of BC players. "We do that all the time in games," he said.

As for possible abnormal betting patterns on BC this year, Chavez said he has seen nothing.

Rumors of BC players betting on college football — perhaps even betting on themselves to lose — intensified on campus over the weekend after Thursday's loss to Pittsburgh, a game in which BC was favored by 11 1/2 points.

With reporters watching through a windowed, which has since been covered with paper, Henning met with the team's senior captains and four other players on

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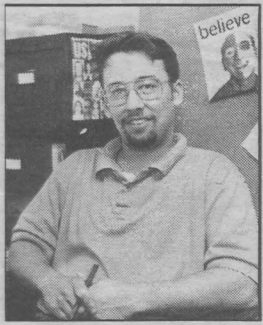
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• Column

Success at UMaine hindered by lack of resources



By Scott Martin
Sports Editor

So far, other than dealings with the NCAA, this has been a banner year for the University of Maine athletics department. The football team guaranteed its first winning season since 1992 Saturday, and is on the brink of breaking the top 25 in Division I-AA. The field hockey team is ranked third in the America East Conference and 19th in the Nation.

Add to that the Black Bear ice hockey team, off to a 4-1 start and ranked ninth in the nation in a number of hockey polls. The women's basketball team is the defending North Atlantic Conference champion and is led by All-American candidate Cindy Blodgett.

To understand how unfathomable this success is, you would have to look at other universities that are successful on a national level. Maine pales in comparison to most of these universities in all aspects of athletics, except success, where Maine has a chance to climb the ladder.

Maine does have some of the better facilities in the Northeast. Mahaney Diamond is a beautiful stadium that has seated 4,800 fans. It is home to not only the

Black Bears, but also the Northeast Independent League's Bangor Blue Ox. The foul poles are the same ones previously used at the Ball Park in Old Orchard, former home of the Triple-A Maine Guides and Maine Phillies. This fall, new Black Bear head coach Paul Kostacopolous said he wanted to show off Mahaney, and to do so played a six-game exhibition schedule.

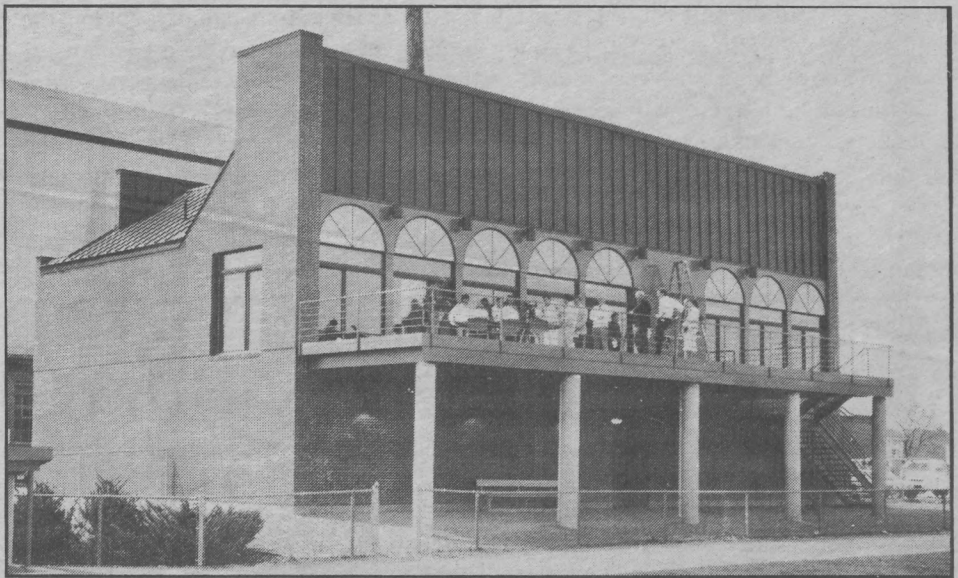
"Our facility is one of the top 20 in the country and we want to show it off," Kostacopolous said. "(Larry) Mahaney spent a lot of money on this thing, I want people to see it."

Alfond Arena is also a premier facility. For hockey, that is. The arena was built in 1977, but had to be remodeled in 1991 to allow basketball's return to the Orono campus.

For hockey, it is great. Fans are right on, or right above the ice. It is small, cozy and extremely loud.

For basketball, the atmosphere is not quite the same. Granted, at women's basketball games, the Alfond is the loudest place in the state. But fans are not close enough to the floor to get the full pleasure of the game. The same seating that is used for hockey games is used for basketball games. This leaves an area of about 30 feet from the boards to the hoop and about 15-20 feet from the boards to the sidelines.

The football stadium is another story altogether. It's amazing that Jack Cosgrove gets any football recruits to attend this university. Right now, the renovated



The Mahaney Clubhouse at Mahaney Diamond is one of few nice facilities on the University of Maine campus. (Courtesy Photo.)

Alumni Stadium seats approximately 5,000 people. Last year's version of the stadium could hold approximately 10,000 but it was condemned because it had deteriorated with age.

The Black Bears got a taste of a real football stadium last weekend when they played at Warren McGuirk Alumni Stadium in Amherst. This place was huge. It seated approximately 17,000 fans. The press box was about three times the size of the one at Maine.

Plans are in the works for a new Alumni Stadium, equipped with artificial turf and a new grandstand. If Maine plans to

garner any recruits for the future of its football team, it will quicken the process.

Maine's media guides are a different story altogether. Last year, the AFFIRM document cut the amount of money that could be spent on media guides and programs and it shows. Last year's men's basketball media guide was 45 pages. In comparison, this year's Kentucky men's basketball media guide is 256 pages. How can Maine's Sports Information Department promote the university if it isn't given the money to do so?

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• On the fringe

'The Rich Get Richer' tour is about to begin

(AP)-The more generous call it the Second Season. Others refer to it as the Silly Season. The PGA Tour calls it unofficial money, yet the banks cash the checks just the same. By any name, it's a gold mine for golf's best players.

Crank up the TV and settle into a comfortable chair. Six weeks of golf tournaments that matter only to the wallet are about to begin.

Call it the Rich Get Richer Tour. More than \$12 million is at stake in at least 13 off-season events. And that cash count doesn't include the appearance fees some of the overseas contests pay.

On the surface it appears to be a win-win situation for the players, the profes-

sional game and the corporations who get a glamorous stage with big-names to showcase their product.

Among the events coming up are: the Lincoln-Mercury Kapaula International, the MasterCard Grand Slam of Golf, the Franklin Templeton Shark Shootout, the Nedbank Million Dollar Golf Challenge, the JCPenney Classic, the Diners Club Matches and the Office Depot Father/Son Challenge.

Don't forget the Skins Game, the World Cup of Golf, the Johnnie Walker Super Tour and the ever-popular Hassan II Trophy.

And virtually everyone gets a slice of

the TV pie with CBS, NBC, ABC, ESPN and Turner Sports all airing at least one event.

Who knows, there might even be some good golf.

So what's the downside to all of this?

For the players: Burnout and overexposure.

For the PGA Tour: Weakened fields in early season events as players who competed in November and December use January and February to rest.

Last year, Corey Pavin won \$1.3 million on the PGA Tour and then picked up a total of \$1.5 million in the Skins Game, the Grand Slam of Golf and the Million Dollar Challenge.

Pavin played the first event of the 1996 season — the Mercedes Championship — and then skipped the next six, missing the entire West Coast swing.

"Players don't say they are rusty anymore," Pavin said at the time. "They say they are tired."

Others agree.

"I wish I could take about two months off," Mark O'Meara said when he showed up for the first tournament of the year. "It is a 12-month cycle out here. You have to be careful."

O'Meara said he rejected "more than \$60,000 and less than \$120,000" guaranteed money to play in the Hassan II Trophy in Morocco last year.

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The success of Maine's athletic programs is hindered by the facilities on this campus and the amount of money offered

to the programs. Besides being the northern most Division I school in the nation, the Black Bears are simply not on the same level as other Division I schools. If the Black Bears are to remain successful in the future, boosters need to follow Larry Mahaney and Harold Alford's lead and donated large sums of money to the university to update and upgrade the facilities and the amount of money the school can use to promote itself.

• Women's soccer

Black Bears end season with tie

From Staff Reports

HANOVER, NH - The University of Maine women's soccer team tied the No. 19-ranked Dartmouth College, Tuesday night, 2-2, despite being outshot 42-3.

The Black Bears jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first half. Their first goal came when Dartmouth goalie Annie Eckstein misplayed a pass from Megan Owens at the 8:13 mark of the first half. Eight minutes later, sophomore Sophie Lecot

scored an unassisted goal for the Black Bears' final goal of the season.

The Big Green responded in the second half. Kate Andrews scored at the 51:52 mark. Owens responded later in the half as Dartmouth outshot the Black Bears 13-0 in the half.

Sheila Fenderson made 19 saves on 42 shots, despite playing with a broken wrist for 8-8-1 Maine. Eckstein made two saves on three Black Bear shots for 11-3-1 Dartmouth.

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ture, the entire process is still far from over. With the two-week extension granted to the Committee of Infractions, final closure won't be reached until December, Diamond said.

"Once the Committee of Infractions got an extension, the Committee on Appeals will now take a few weeks," he said.

As the Bears prepare to open league play this weekend against Northeastern, they are still playing the waiting game, which Diamond hopes will reach a conclusion soon.

"The latest decision would be in late December," Diamond said. "Our goal is to get it over as soon as possible."

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Saturday: Speight, Jermaine Monk, J-mall Anderson and Brandon King, the grandson of boxing promoter Don King. Brandon King has not played this season because of a broken foot.

The 8,800-student school was at the center of a point-shaving scandal in 1982

when Rick Kuhn was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for his role in fixing six basketball games during the 1978-79 season.

Henning's job was already in jeopardy because of his 15-17-1 record, with a 4-5 mark this season.

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