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• Gourman Report UMaine forestry receives acclaim

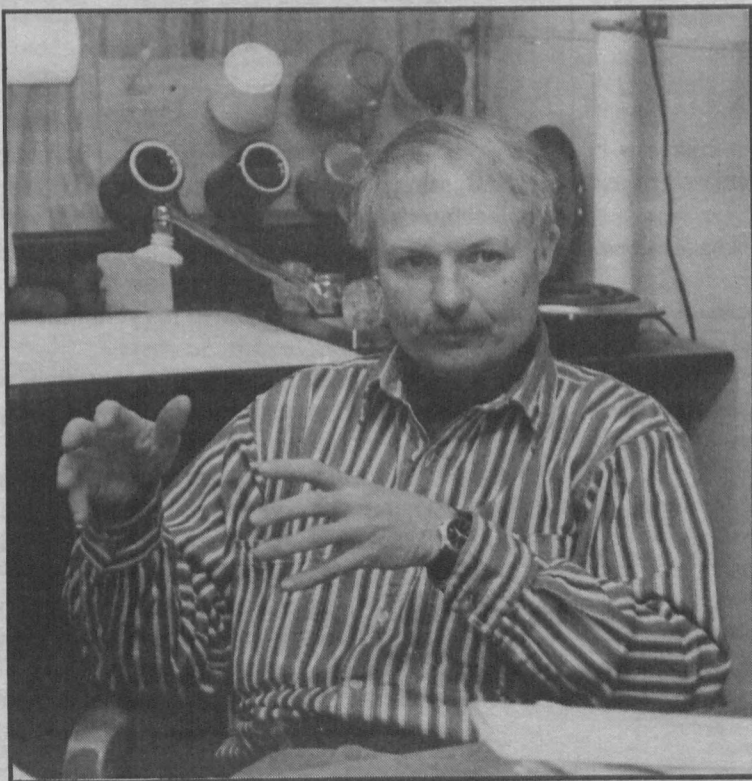
By Misty Edgecomb
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine's graduate forestry program was ranked fifth in the nation by the 1996 Gourman Report. Maine hasn't been placed in the report since 1989.

"I'm very proud of my staff and my graduate students," Bruce Wiersma, dean of the College of Natural resources, said. "I'm very excited."

Wiersma said UMaine was ranked against schools such as Yale, Berkeley and North Carolina.

"I think it's pretty impressive that we exceeded some well-established, world-renowned schools, for example, Yale University," said Mike Day, a doctoral candidate studying silviculture and forestry.



Richard Jacobs, Professor and Chair of the forestry department discusses the characteristics that allowed UMaine forestry to earn a high national ranking. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

The report doesn't specify the criteria used to determine rankings, but it lists broad issues, such as the strength of research program, facilities, curriculum and faculty as important in determining the overall quality of a program.

Forest management department chairman Dave Field said that although the department has been recognized nationally, he has concern about recognition for the department financially on the local level.

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• Public Safety

Precautions stressed to combat theft

By Krista Marrs
Maine Campus staff

A recent series of thefts hitting several dorms on campus, including Gannett Hall and Doris Twitchell Allen Village, have resident directors and Public Safety urging students to lock their doors when leaving their rooms.

Two thefts were reported last weekend in DTAV. One occurred in Smith, with the loss of \$40. The other incident occurred in Lown, where between \$30 and \$50 was stolen. A credit card and \$20 were reported stolen from the second floor of Gannett Hall, which resulted in a number of large purchases being charged to the card from stores around the state.

In all three of the cases it is believed doors were left unlocked while the students were gone.

"People must understand that we have a unique community, but there are people out there that can violate it easily," Matt Hansen, resident director of DTAV, said. He said that in both the Smith and Lown instances

the thefts were "opportunistic" and a result of residents' leaving their doors unlocked.

Jen Jacobs, resident director of Gannett, said there has been an increase in the number of thefts in her dorm since the beginning of the school year.

"In the past, there were some minor occurrences here and there, but nothing like what has been taking place now," Jacobs said. Jacobs said that in almost all of the cases doors were left unlocked.

During this recent spree of criminal activity on the UMaine campus, it

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• Fire alarm

Student complaint sparks inquiry

By Yolanda Sly
Maine Campus staff

University officials are investigating allegations made by a student that the smoke detector in his bedroom in York Village didn't go off until after he grabbed the fire extinguisher to put out the fire.

The Orono Fire Department responded to a fire that broke out in York Village Apt. 15 shortly before 3:30 a.m. Tuesday. The resident, C. Ryan Eslinger, was treated and released from Eastern Maine Medical Center for smoke inhalation and inhalation of dry chemicals from a fire extinguisher.

UMaine spokesman Joe Carr said Eslinger had attempted to put out the fire, which started when an electric blanket cord pinched against the baseboard and caused a spark that ignited a fire in the bed.

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• Children's studies

Multiple centers lend insight to child care

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine has three services that provide on-campus programs where students, faculty, staff and people in the surrounding area can receive child care.

"Child care is getting more critical each year because of the rising number of non-traditional students," said Director of Human Resources Dale MacDonald.

Available on campus are the Children's Center, the Child Study Cen-

ter—which is sponsored by the department of psychology—and the Child Development Learning Center, which is sponsored by the department of human development.

The Children's Center offers five programs that are run Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Available are a preschool program, infant program, toddler program, infant-toddler program, and the Chapel Preschool Program, which is located in University park.

Gary Quimby, director of the Children's Center, said the primary

mission of the center is to serve UMaine staff and students and people who are eligible for subsidized child care from the federal and state governments.

He said the program at the center is run by a full-time staff and a supplemental staff of university students who help care for the children.

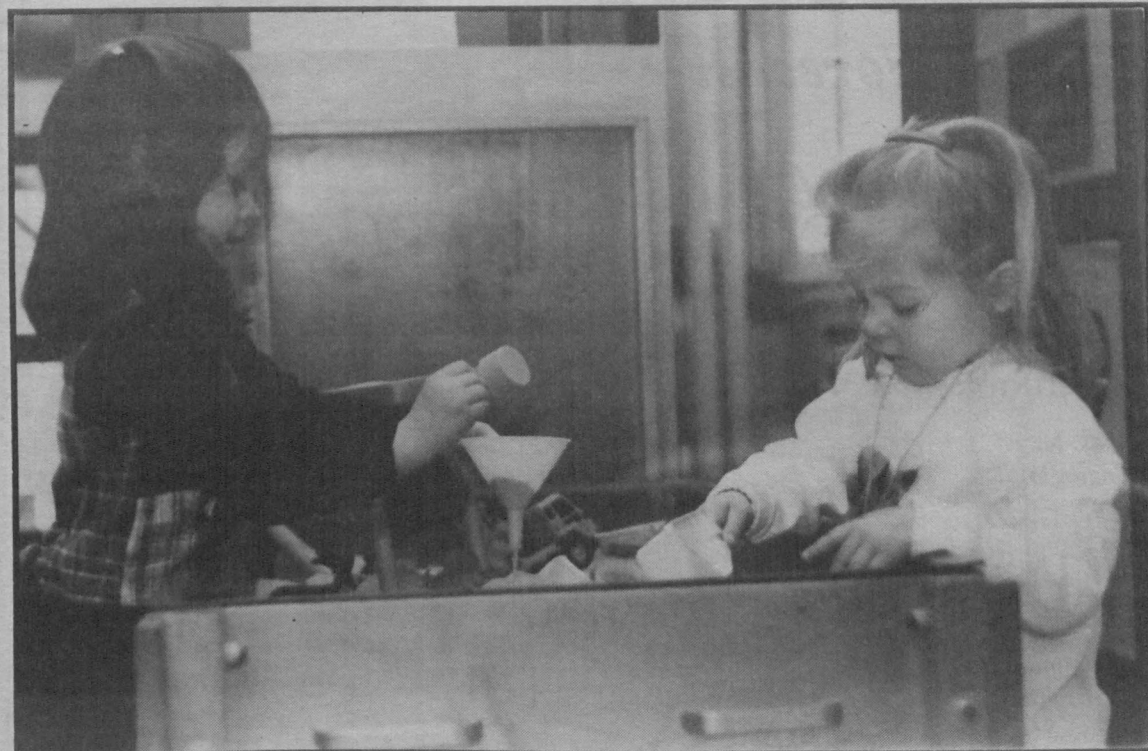
He said each day's program involves a variety of indoor, outdoor, group and transitional activities. Between these activities, breakfast, lunch, a snack and nap time, the day is very full.

To enroll a child in the Children's Center or for more information, call 581-4076.

Paul LaFreniere, Child Study Center director, said the center offers two programs. The first is a general program that runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and caters to children between 2 1/2 and 3 years old. The second is a pre-academic program that runs in two different sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and also from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This program caters to children between the ages of 4 and 5 years old. The Child Study Center is located on Sebago Road near the Maine Center for the Arts.

LaFreniere said the Child Study Center was created to provide knowledge about child development based on research. The Child Study Center also provides students with direct

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Kayla Paul (left) and Chloe Paul play in the sand box at the Child Development Learning Center in Merrill Hall. (Stef Bailey Photo.)

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High tech wood receives federal grant.

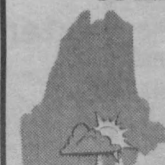
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World Briefs

• Violence

Army strikes Rwandan rebels, hundreds dead

1 RUHENGARI, Rwanda (AP) — The army has struck back at Hutu insurgents in northwestern Rwanda, killing as many as 350 people in a series of attacks, aid workers and residents said Thursday.

The military operations were intended to flush out Hutu militants accused of killing 50 people, including three Spanish aid workers, Rwandan army Capt. Frank Ndore said.

"We are dealing with rough people," said Ndore. He confirmed only one death, in military operations Wednesday. But local residents, priests and aid workers said the army had attacked Hutu rebels in nine of the 11 districts of Ruhengeri prefecture.

Hutu insurgents have stepped up their attacks in the northwest in their push to drive out the Tutsi-controlled government; it seized power in 1994, after a Hutu government-backed genocide killed a half-million people — most of the Tutsis.

Hutus make up 85 percent of the population, Tutsis 14 percent.

The bodies of the three Doctors of the World workers killed in Saturday's rebel attack were returned to Madrid on Thursday, bringing to nine the number of Spanish aid workers murdered here in the last three months. An American volunteer also was seriously injured.

Diplomats in Ruhengeri town, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that at least two suspects arrested in connection with the deaths of the Spanish aid workers have died in Rwandan police custody.

• Report

Moscow near hotel deal with Trump

2 MOSCOW (AP) — Moscow city officials reportedly are on the verge of signing an agreement with Donald Trump to restore one of the Russian capital's downtown hotels.

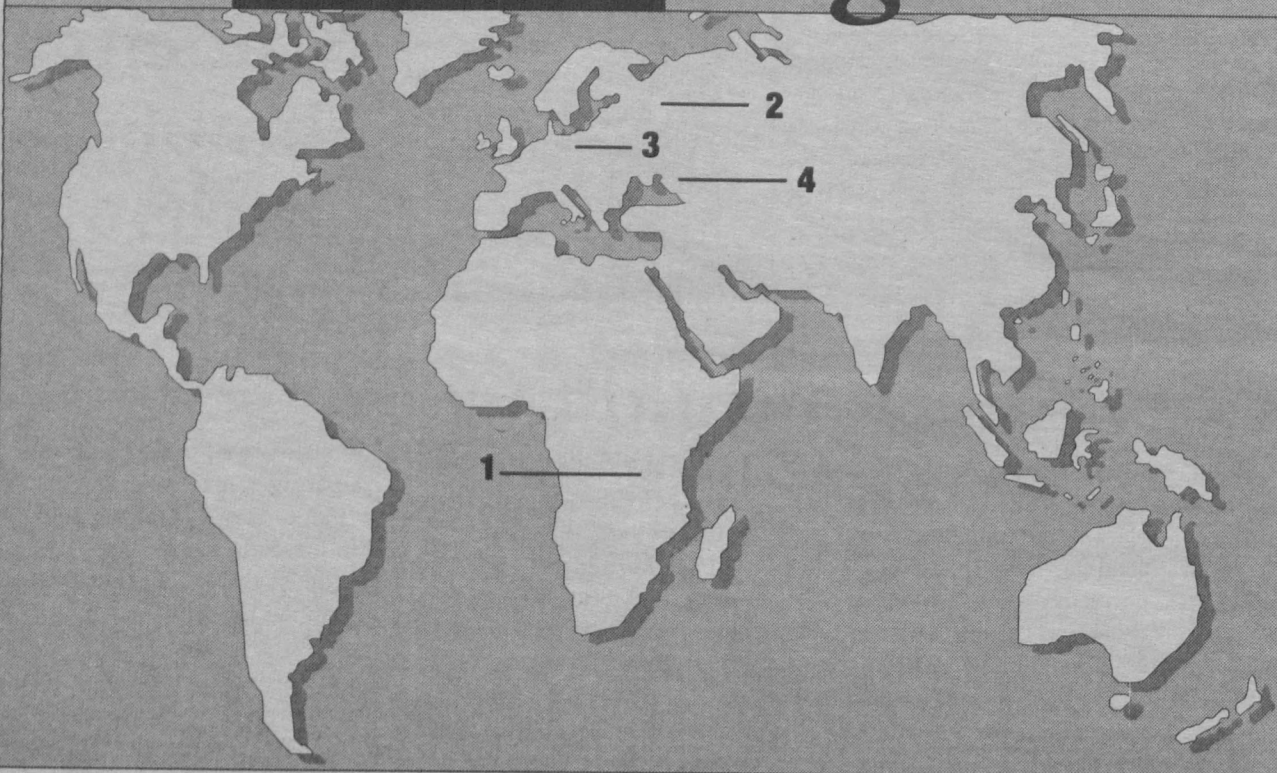
Trump said he can revamp Moscow's dilapidated Hotel Moskva within 18 months, First Deputy Mayor Vladimir Resin was quoted by the Interfax news agency Thursday as saying. Trump also is eyeing the nearby Hotel Rossiya for renovation, Resin said.

An agreement with Trump's representatives was "practically reached" Wednesday, Resin said. Both the Moskva and Rossiya are known for their crumbling interiors, poor service, and lack of cleanliness. Two years ago, the Rossiya was so badly infested with cockroaches and rats it had to be closed for fumigation.

Trump visited the Russian capital last November, exploring the possibility of building a "super-luxury" residential tower, which he said Moscow "desperately wants and needs."

It would be the first real-estate development project outside the United States for Trump, who owns and develops properties in New York and owns casinos in Atlantic City, N.J.

World Digest



• Rediscovery

Musicologist cleans up Beethoven's text, image

3 BERLIN (AP) — The Ninth will sound the same, and so will the Fifth. Beethoven will still be Beethoven because of a British musicologist who is painstakingly restoring the composer's symphonies.

Average listeners probably won't bolt from their seats in epiphany upon hearing the restorations, the first since the composer's death 150 years ago.

After a dozen years of comparing Beethoven's original scribbles with later copies, Jonathan Del Mar is giving the music world reason to reconsider long-held notions of the composer's work — and the popular image of Beethoven as a sloppy genius.

Del Mar's first corrected symphony, Beethoven's Ninth, was published just last week by Baerenreiter musical publishers, of Kassel. But the corrections already have been performed by many conductors, including John Eliot Gardiner, who incorporated them in his 1994 recording of the Ninth.

"They are not footnotes," Gardiner said. "I think anyone who is at all serious about interpreting Beethoven's symphonies will find they have totally new insights into the workings of that extraordinary mind."

• Hero?

Russians see terrorist; Chechens see president

4 GROZNY, Russia (AP) — In a land that reveres its warriors, Shamil Basayev captured more glory than any fighter in the Chechen war. That fame could propel him to victory in Chechnya's presidential election.

Russia's leaders branded the young, bearded rebel as an unrepentant terrorist for his 1995 raid on a hospital in southern Russia, where he took more than 100 patients and staff hostage.

In the eyes of many Chechens, though, Basayev's success in negotiating his way out of that confrontation was a huge embarrassment to Russia. It made him an instant legend at home, particularly among the young guerrilla fighters.

As he crisscrosses the mountain villages of Chechnya on his election campaign, Basayev is mobbed by supporters, from small children to elderly women.

He's trimmed his beard and traded his camouflage fatigues and rumpled hat for a suit, a tie and a traditional lambswool hat. But he's still thumbing his nose at Russia. His first act as president, he says, would be to declare Chechnya a fully independent state called Ichkeria.

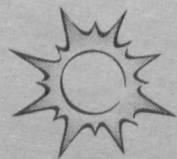
"Moscow wants to stop this election, but Moscow can't," he said at a campaign stop. "This election is the first step on the road of rebuilding our republic."

Weather

The Local Forecast

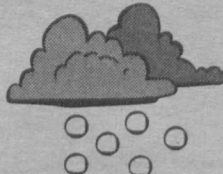
Today's Weather

Mostly sunny. Highs 15 to 20.



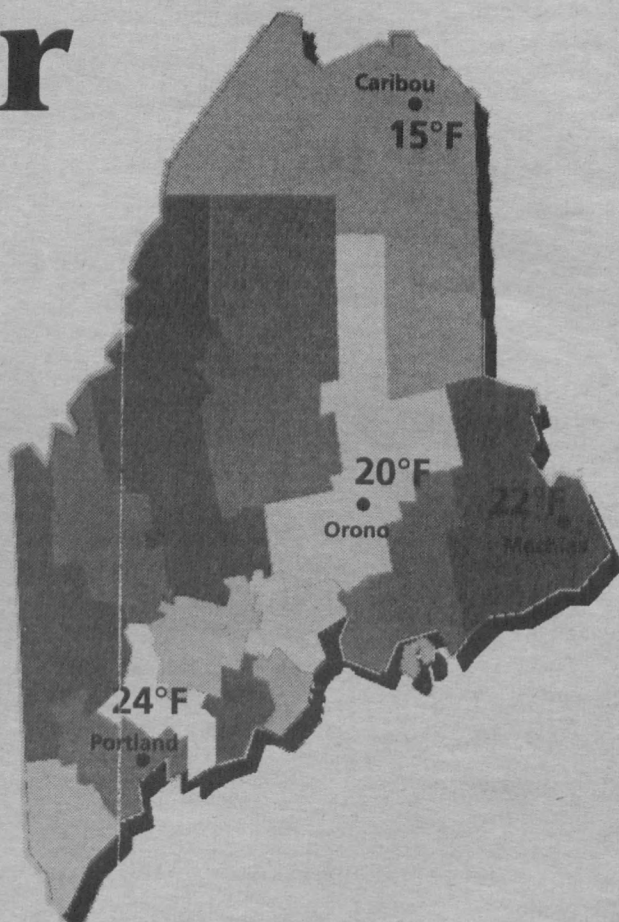
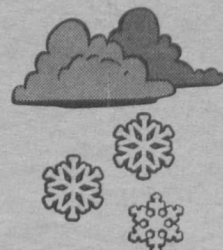
Saturday's Outlook

Becoming windy. Mixed precipitation changing to all rain. Highs 40 to 45.



Extended Forecast

Sunday... Precipitation changing to snow. Highs in the mid 20s. Monday... Scattered flurries. Highs in the teens to lower 20s.



• Student Government

Election commission expands voter options

By Jodi Sokolowski
Special to the Campus

The Fair Election Practices Commission has changed the process of Student Government president and vice-president elections.

Candidates for Student Government president and vice president may choose to run on a ticket together or independently. However, voters will be able to accept the ticket or split it.

For example, a ticket may include John Smith running for president and Jane Johnson running for vice president. Students will now be able to vote for Smith as president, but choose another vice presidential candidate instead of Johnson.

In the past, students who voted for a president had to vote for the candidate's running mate.

The FEPC changed the rules after questions were raised in last year's election, when Scott Morelli and James LeBlond ran for president and vice president, and President Ben Meiklejohn and former Vice President Jennifer Doherty ran for their positions independently.

"The question raised last year were never answered," Student Government Vice President William L. Bates II said.

However, Bates says voting for a ticket may ensure a good relationship between the president and vice president.

"There's an inherent advantage to running on a ticket, because if I vote for a ticket I know what package I'm getting,"

Bates said. "I know the people on the ticket work well together."

Bates said candidates would feel secure because they know how they work with their fellow candidate. Voting for people running without a mate can be risky because the (candidates) may or may not work well together, he said.

FEPC chairman Jonathan Duke said he'd like to see a higher voter turnout this year. The turnout last year was only 10 percent.

In addition to voting for Student Government president and vice president, on-campus students will vote for a Residents On Campus president and vice president.

Students who want to run for president and vice president of Student Government or ROC must return their nomination forms by 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27 to the Student Government office on the third floor of the union. Candidates will be required to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. that evening, at which the FEPC will brief them on election rules. Platform speeches will be held one week before the election, Feb. 4, in front of the General Student Senate.

The election will take place Feb. 11. On-campus students will vote in Stewart, York, Stodder and Hilltop commons. Off-campus students will vote in the Commuter Lounge of the Memorial Union. Absentee ballots must be turned in to the Student Government office three business days before the election.

Duke said there will be no changes

made to the election process until after the election. Possible changes may include limits on campaign spending and increased powers for the FEPC.

• Plastics technology

Students conduct stress test on composite timber

By Yolanda Sly
Maine Campus staff

Students and faculty in the department of civil engineering began testing Thursday the strength of timber that is combined with fiber-reinforced plastics, making it 50 percent to 60 percent stronger than steel.

"I think it'll help utilize Maine species that haven't been used in the past except for paper," Al Putnam, a junior civil engineering major, said. "It's great for the economy because they'll get more use out of the wood."

Habib Dagher, a professor of civil engineering, said one of the reinforced beams broke after having 20,000 pounds applied to it. He said the department is still testing more beams.

John Poulin, a second-year graduate student in civil engineering, said adding the fiber-reinforced plastic balances the tension and compression in the wood.

To determine how much weight can break the wood, researchers conduct a bending test that uses sensors to analyze the test's data. The bending test includes a hydraulic jack pulling the beam down on either end until the beam breaks.

Sensors that pick up the stress waves in the

beams and allow the location of fracture to be determined are attached to the wood, Ken March, a second-year graduate student in civil engineering, said.

March said that by knowing how much weight is applied researchers can obtain a relationship between the accumulated damage and the weight applied to the beam.

"We hope never to see (a beam break) in a real structure," March said. "This is why we're doing this. By finding out the ultimate load category we can then predict a safe load to use in a structure."

March said adding value to the wood adds another market for Maine to compete in.

The Legislature recently voted to give researchers \$350,000 to build a facility to allow UMaine researchers to manufacture and test the beams.

The money will finance the \$2.9 million project, which received \$2.2 million from the federal government. UMaine will provide the rest of the money for the facility.

Poulin said examples of the glued-laminated beams were used in the construction of Alford Arena, Nutting Hall and roof rafters the Donald P. Corbett Business Building's main lecture hall.

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Sex Matters



Q: What is the world record for the most sexual partners in a 24-hour period? Male, senior

A: I looked under "Human Achievements," "Leisure and Entertainment" and even the "Sports and Games" section of the "Guinness Book of World Records," but couldn't find the answer. Oh well. We'll probably never know who set the record because that person is probably dead—from exhaustion! Whoever it was didn't live long enough to file the paperwork. However, I did find the record for the most people kissing at the same time: Set Feb. 14, 1996 by the University of Maine—2,840 people. Nice photo, too (see page 80).

Q: How can I help my female partner reach orgasm? Male, senior

A: Assuming she is interested, I would suggest you buy her a copy of a small paperback titled, "For Each Other" by Lonnie Barbach. The first step will be for her to learn about her body—especially her clitoris—and what feels good for her. Most women need clitoral stimulation to reach orgasm; most women will not reach orgasm without this. The most effective way to get this stimulation is through direct touch versus indirect stimulation that occurs with intercourse. The book is great in walking her through some simple steps in becoming better acquainted with her own body. Once she knows what feels good, she can tell you. It sounds like you care about her and that is certainly important. It will also mean being a bit

patient as she learns more about herself and what turns her on. You may also need to expand your sexual interaction to include more touching (what some refer to as foreplay). It's nice to know she has an understanding and supportive partner to share this experience with.

Q: Help! I've been in a relationship on and off for 1 1/2 years. Every time we go out for a while, my "friend" decides he's not ready for a relationship. What should I do? He does say he is attracted to me, and we're best friends. Female, senior

A: What should you do? Move on to someone else if you are interested in having a real love relationship. Certainly you should continue to enjoy the friendship you have, but recognize that is all it is—a friendship. It sounds like you've spent a lot of time investing in the relationship—with the hopes that it could be more than a friendship—but it hasn't happened. He says he's not ready for a relationship, so believe him. And try to stay firm on your friendship, rather than being in an "on-again, off-again" cycle. That can only add to the confusion, and hurt. As you recognize, a platonic friendship is nice, but can only go so far, in terms of the intimacy. If you desire to find that depth with someone else, you'll need to let go of your hopes with this guy. I'm also curious why you went back to him each time. Why didn't you believe him the first time he told you he wasn't ready for a relationship? I feel that's an important piece to look at. Understanding that will help you keep the boundaries between you. Best wishes!

Sandra L. Caron, Ph.D

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351: Human Sexuality. Questions for Dr. Caron should be sent directly to the Maine Campus, 4th floor Chadbourne Hall. Copyright Sandra L. Caron, 1997.

Alarm

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Eslinger said that when he went to bed the blanket was unplugged and his heater was turned off. He said he woke up to flames and that the smoke detector in his room sounded after he took the fire extinguisher off the wall to put out the flames. The sprinkler system in his room didn't go off, he said.

Campus Living Director Scott Anchors said his department is investigating why there was a delay in the detector's sounding.

"As far as we know there was no tampering (to the alarm)," Anchors said.

Orono Fire Dept. Capt. David Martin said the state fire marshal's electrician was investigating whether the electric blanket cord was the cause of the fire.

Orono Fire Dept. Lt. Henry Vaughan

the department hasn't received the report from the state fire marshal's office stating the cause of the fire.

Vaughan said the department is in charge of checking the smoke detectors in public areas on campus routinely, and the detectors in the apartments are checked roughly three times a year. He said the fire didn't generate enough heat for the sprinkler to go off. There are two types of detector, one that detects flames and one that detects smoke.

Anchors said there was between \$1,000 and \$2,000 in damage, mostly cosmetic and to personal belongings.

Anchors said the four residents who lived in the apartment were moved to Hancock Hall. Campus Living hopes to have the residents of the apartment moved back to York Village by this weekend.

Campus fires raise safety issues

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

Two fires on campus in the last week have prompted a reminder from Campus Living to student residents as to what is not allowed in university dorm rooms.

According to the 1996-1997 Resident's Manual, the following are not allowed in dorm rooms:

- Any shrubbery besides common house plants
- Burning incense or candles
- Clothing tapestries larger than 4 feet by 6 feet
- Decorations or furnishings that obstruct an exit
- Hot plates, frying pans, popcorn poppers, coffee makers, toasters, irons, electric heaters and all open coil equipment.
- Extension cords exceeding their normal capacity
- Microwave ovens that exceed 600

watts of cooking power

- Mini refrigerators that exceed 1.5 amps

Scott Anchors, director of Campus Living, said it is important for people to use common sense and look after safety issues themselves. He said it is impossible for Campus Living to check to see if every resident is obeying the rules.

Student rooms are subject to inspection by the fire department throughout the academic year. According to the Residents Manual, residents would receive 24 hours notice before each inspection and would be notified of any violations found.

Several dormitory residents expressed concerns that the residence rules are too restrictive.

Anchors said he is aware that all of the rules aren't followed by everyone all the time.

"It's extremely frustrating," he said. "People ought to take charge of their lives before someone gets hurt."

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 - Applicant's ability to do graduate work
 - Student's personal statement

One candidate from UMaine will be selected for the national competition, and the winners will be announced by the national Phi Kappa Phi office in early April.

Interested students who will have finished their undergraduate work by the fall of 1997 and who have not undertaken any previous graduate study should contact Scott Delcourt, 2 Winslow Hall, 581-3218

Opinion

Debate

Chancellor's Office and the UMaine System

Paul B. Livingstone

Educational opportunity has been the underlying philosophy and purpose of the University of Maine System since its inception in the early 1970s. The system was designed to close the gaps of distance and expense that hampered a good post-secondary education system. Despite its noble intent, the university system is beginning to buckle under its own weight, compelling administrators to perform the difficult task of damage control.

The economic boom that gave the university system a boost of funds and credibility in the early eighties didn't last the decade, burdening the project with financial constraints. To solve the problem, bills have recently emerged in the Legislature questioning the necessity of the chancellor's office. Though the current chancellor, Terrence McTaggart, isn't the sole occupant of the chancellor's office in Bangor, most of the department is dedicated to public relations. Certain funds are dedicated to legal services, but its most important and costly components are the CAPS and URSUS systems. The rest of the office is essentially a duplication of services that could be, or already are, provided by individual universities.

University College has detached itself from the UMaine already; the Legislature should continue the trend with regard to UMaine and the rest of the system. UMaine is the sole state institution accredited to grant doctorates and is the dominant focus of graduate research. For its 132-year history UMaine has always been fundamentally different in character, composition, and mission than any of the other schools that have since sprouted alongside of it.

Tuition has increased by 80 percent since 1990, and the university system has cut more than 350 jobs; this is not conjunctive with providing inexpensive education for people of any age around the state. In presenting an appropriations request to the Legislature, the Board of Trustees and the chancellor's office sought \$7 million each year for the next three years in addition to the conventional budget. If this proposal is accepted, it will constitute a 2-percent increase, hardly enough to offset the 80-percent tuition hike.

Increasingly, the primary educational center of the state is being forced to justify its level of funding to the other campuses. This competition, most recently manifested in a civil suit citing age and gender discrimination filed by University of Maine at Augusta students, may cost the state money that should have been invested in the Augusta campus in the first place. Costs passed on to the students include successive tuition increases and the forthcoming mass retirement program, which will permanently reduce the faculty-to-student ratio at nearly all campuses.

UMaine should not be tied to this limiting system. If a university system is to be maintained, it should be the project of the state and centered in Augusta, along with the system's computer networks, CAPS and URSUS. This will allow UMaine to communicate directly to the state without having to speak to the chancellor or the Board of Trustees, most of whom rarely, if ever, have occasion to visit this campus.

The effort to eliminate the chancellor's office will gain momentum as the monetary situation worsens. In essence, elimination of this ineffective office will remove the main link between UMaine and the rest of the system. This basic division should've been installed in the original program; it's unlikely the state will ever grow large enough to support multiple research institutions. The appellation "university" that has been optimistically applied to most system campuses is not entirely accurate; the local significance of the subsidiary schools is undeniable, but only UMaine supplies a full range of academic disciplines.

Conflict between campuses and between the university system and the state amounts to infighting that detracts significantly from both the system's image and its ability to compete with other states. The Legislature often forgets there is a world outside of Maine, a world that UMaine, in particular, is attempting to solicit top students from and educate students for. The current situation amounts to a recipe for perpetual mediocrity, and if allowed to continue could bring about a dissolution of the collegiate educational system for which nobody will be prepared.

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Jeff Tuttle

Proposals to restructure the University of Maine System and eliminate its chancellor's office would leave the fate of higher education in a state of disarray. While the system would certainly adapt to restructuring given time, it would suffer from the loss of the unifying voice that comes from the chancellor's office.

In these financially unstable times, the university system must rely on a representative of the system to send a defined and positive message to the Legislature. Unlike his cantankerous predecessor, who only succeeded in alienating a stingy Legislature, Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart has effectively pushed the university system's agenda in Augusta and should remain in office until his arguments cease to be influential.

Here at the University of Maine, students and faculty understandably concentrate on the fiscal future of the state's flagship campus. But the larger cause of education must be considered and the system cannot neglect its smaller campuses to benefit its largest. If the facilities in such foreign lands as Fort Kent, Presque Isle and Machias were to be forsaken by the system, higher education would cease to be available to those in these smaller Maine communities whose economies depend on the educated population.

Eliminating the chancellor's office wouldn't just put these smaller campuses at a financial disadvantage, it would put the students who attend these schools at an educational disadvantage the state of Maine cannot afford. The potential elimination of systemwide services currently provided by the University of Maine System, such as URSUS and CAPS, would keep students at smaller campuses from tapping into the expansive resources only available only at the Orono campus.

When addressing the Appropriations Committee, MacTaggart asked legislators to accept the differences among the seven UMS campuses while recognizing the common goals of each institution. Increased communication between area campuses and surrounding elementary and secondary schools, legitimate transfer of credit, increased enrollment and a partnership with Maine businesses are all goals needed to ensure

the survival of the system. To date, and despite the grumblings of those who would eliminate his position, MacTaggart has done a commendable job outlining these goals and selling them to a receptive Democratic Legislature.

Student proposals to eliminate the chancellor's office are akin to the recent misguided Republican efforts to do away with the U.S. Department of Education. Proponents of such actions use the bureaucracy battle cry and rally the disenchanted with the mistaken notion that smaller and more bureaucracies are a desirable alternative to a larger governance. To effectively guarantee educational opportunity to a varied population, such as that found in Maine, a logical course must be set by an encompassing administrative body with the ability to envision high educational standards. The chancellor's office is the most viable alternative to accomplish this goal.

Legislators have come to respect MacTaggart. Legislators provide funding to the university. To thrive, the university must allow the chancellor to continue his pursuit of good relations with our elected officials for the good of both the Orono campus and those that serve the far reaches of Maine.

Despite the prevailing attitude on our own campus, the faculty and students at the smaller campuses in the system are of equal importance to the future of Maine and the institution of education.

Competition among the campuses is inevitable and must be regulated by a single administrator. MacTaggart's efforts have proven effective and, thus far, his office is an asset to both the university and the education.

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Editorial

Violence and awareness

The recent murder of Ennis Cosby has brought to light the tragic events that take place every day in America. Murder is an all-too-common occurrence in the United States, especially in the violence-ridden streets of Los Angeles.

It is important that people begin to realize the horrific things that take place in this less-than-perfect country of ours. But it shouldn't take the death of a high-profile figure for someone to finally wake up and smell the coffee.

Ennis Cosby was the subject of many of his father's (Bill Cosby) comedy routines. At one point, every kid who grew up during the elder Cosby's heyday on the comedy scene has sung "Dad is great, he gives us chocolate cake." Bill Cosby's kids were like brothers and sisters to us, or to parents they were like their own children. Bill brought us into his life, from discussing the birth of his only son to telling us about the time he gave his kids chocolate cake for breakfast. When Ennis Cosby died, someone everyone knew died.

In the aftermath of this great loss, the

Los Angeles Police Department has called the Ennis Cosby case its top priority. While everyone wants to see the killer of the young Cosby pay his dues and serve time for his crime, what about the thousands of others who lose their lives every day at the hands of others? Why must the families of these people wait for answers, while their children are gone?

The real tragedy is it takes the death of a high-profile man or woman for people to take notice. But maybe this, coupled with the shooting death of rapper-actor Tupac Shakur, will spark a flame that will cause the people of America to do something. Bill Cosby has long been a role model for America's youth. Maybe now people will follow his lead and teach their children, as Cosby has done for children across the country for years. Be it on the instructional "Picture Pages," "Fat Albert" or the hugely successful sitcom "The Cosby Show," we were always taught a lesson by Cosby.

It's time we take action and listen to the lesson Cosby has taught us. Although, we should have learned it long ago.

Reporting the news

Recent court decisions have found the reporting techniques of certain media outlets to be problematic. Both NBC's treatment of Olympic bombing suspect Richard Jewell and ABC's use of a hidden camera in exposing the health violations of the Food Lion grocery store chain resulted in large cash settlements for the plaintiffs.

Even coverage of recent events by *The Maine Campus* has been criticized for the means with which facts were gathered and the manner they were presented. The role of the media, including this student newspaper, is to report the facts fairly and objectively. We fulfill this function as a service to our readers.

This public duty may not always serve to put the university in a positive light, as it is not our function to assist in the university's public relations efforts. While our editorial pages may congratulate or deride, those opinions will not find their way onto the news pages.

Local coverage is designed neither to praise or condemn, but to inform. Therefore, if a student is involved in a newsworthy event, barring

invasion of privacy, the *Campus* will identify the student as would any major newspaper.

This endeavor is one we share with every professional news outlet and for this reason *The Maine Campus* is much more than a learning environment. It is a newspaper whose reporters cover events and adhere to the principles of our profession.

Another function of the media is to differentiate between fact and rumor. We regard this as an especially salient responsibility of the press, that which enlightens the ill-informed and lays to rest unreliable hearsay.

The crucial role of the media in society is one that is often overlooked. Instead of watchdogs, members of the press are often seen as vultures preying upon those forced into the public eye. Journalism is a profession that may seem to lack compassion at times, but our responsibility to inform remains whether the news is good or bad.

The Maine Campus will continue to cover the news to the best of its ability and with utmost respect for those involved. We will not cater to the agenda of any constituency. In doing so, we will remain an independent news source for the university community.

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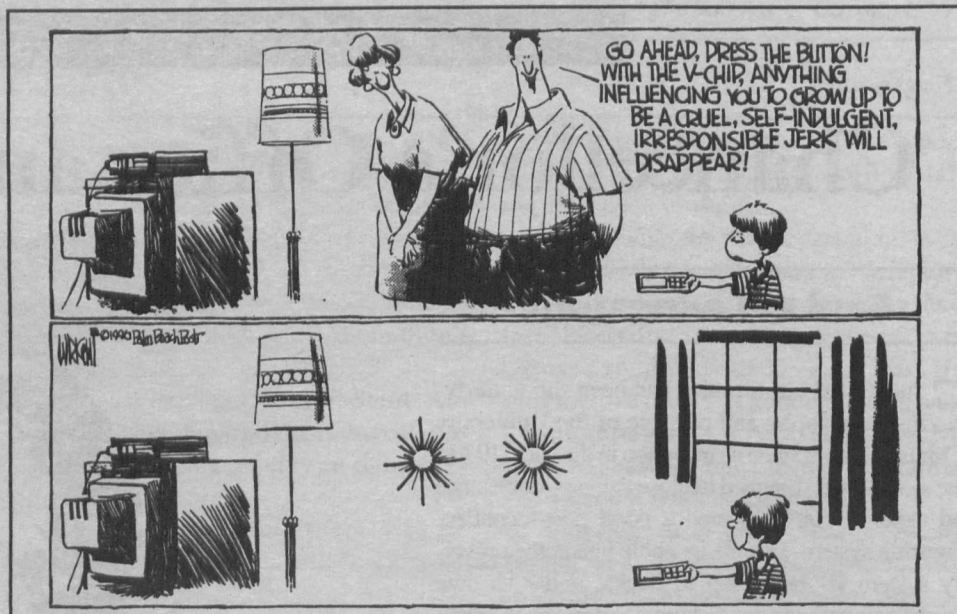
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Letters to the Editor

High & functional

To the Editor:

In response to Paul B. Livingstone, concerning his column "Marijuana Limbo," if you wish for the retraction of lies about marijuana, then stop perpetuating them.

You stated that marijuana "has the same addiction potential as tobacco, and more so than alcohol," but you failed to provide any evidence of that. In most research conducted outside of the government's stranglehold, researchers have found absolutely no addictive properties in marijuana. It has been suggested that marijuana may be emotionally addictive, but not physiologically. Therefore the emotionally addictive potential of marijuana, and the physically addictive potential of alcohol and tobacco, cannot be logically compared.

You also stated that people may be unable to learn while high. I begin every day with a smoke and a coffee. I read while high. I write while high. I go to class high, and my GPA is a 3.5. Not bad for no ability to learn.

You also stated that these effects can result in automobile accidents and transmission of sexually transmitted diseases. I have yet to experience an STD, and the only accident I've been in was when I wasn't high at all.

I'm not saying that marijuana is for everyone. It takes a disciplined person to remain high yet functioning all day. But the propaganda and "reefer madness" must stop. The drug war has helped no one.

It's about time we all relaxed a little and smoked a joint. It would be a far more peaceful world.

Jennifer Hersey
 Orono

Squeeze the cheese

To the Editor:

In response to "Wild and Crazy Guys," by Kathryn Ritchie, the upcoming Super Bowl may seem to have testosterone-increasing effects of

the men on this campus, but there are also some women who are just as excited about the game. Although football is considered to be a man's game, women have learned to enjoy the sport also. I have friends at home, women friends, who pay more attention to the football season than I do. And this Sunday's game may be just the Super Bowl to you, but this game is special. It is special because it is our team, the New England Patriots, that is playing on Sunday.

As far as the other men that were mentioned in your article, Dennis Rodman oftentimes is seen dressing in drag. How masculine is that? I'm sure Bill Clinton wasn't the one who spent the nation's money with his inauguration party. Everyone knows it is Hillary that is running the country, and also, who was responsible for those American flag napkins? It must have been a woman caterer. And don't forget the time when Dick Rutan and his woman copilot, Jeana Yeager, flew around the world non-stop in 1986. As far as Newt Gingrich is concerned, he's everybody's problem.

So as the Super Bowl arrives on Sunday, show a little team pride, and maybe sit down and watch a football game. It isn't just a bunch of dumb guys running after an odd-shaped ball. There is actually thinking involved, strategy to plan, complex offenses to plan, and defenses to solve. So give guys a break, some of us do have brains.

Joey Edward Thompson
 Orono

Intrusive vultures

To the Editor:

I am writing to you because of some of the things that were said in *The Maine Campus* concerning the fire. I will be as objective and non-biased as possible.

There were definitely some things that were misconstrued in the article. I wish the paper would have waited a few days before there was anything con-

crete written about the fire, but that doesn't sell or attract attention. So I understand why you print when you do. I think it was a little insensitive of your staff, however, to wait at the dorm all night for the victim of the fire like vultures ready for a meal. She had gone through enough that night and didn't need more people confusing her. I take personal insult to that. Have a little decency. And I would like to say that the firemen, firewomen, police and ambulance crews all were spectacular in their efforts to control the situation and their timely arrival. That was the only thing that prevented it from getting out of control. They deserve the credit. Plus, the R.A. who called the fire in and pulled the alarm, Valencia Daigle. She should be commended for her quick thinking and her knowledge of proper protocol in an emergency. Plus, East-West supervisor Cindy Stewart and South Campus supervisor Thomas Wendt, Tamara and the Knox Hall staff, Jeffrey and the Hart Hall staff, and Campus Living made the ordeal more comfortable and secure with their efforts to help those who needed it.

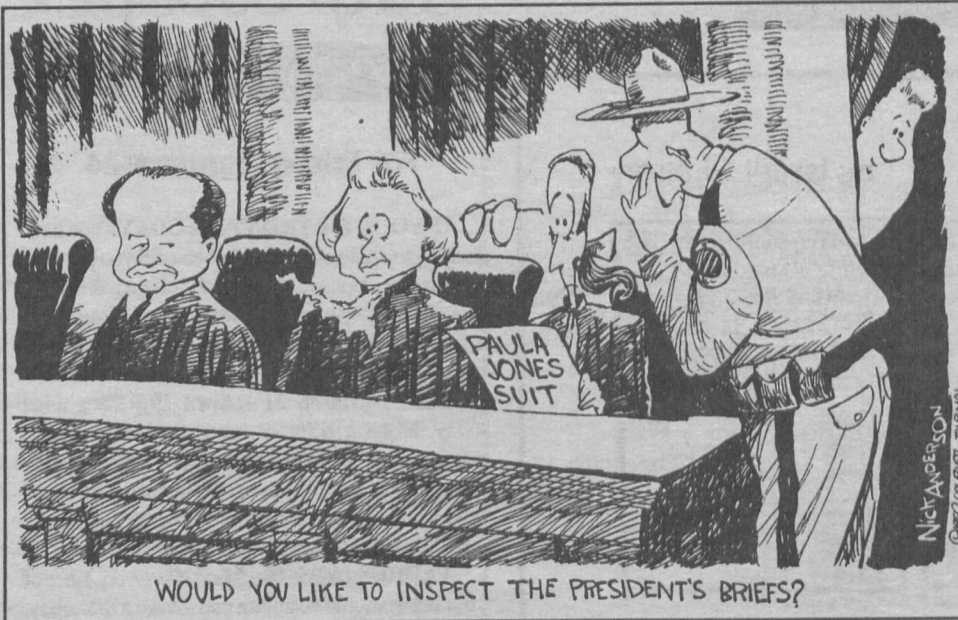
I think the people who read this paper deserve the right to correct, as well as timely, news. Granted, I didn't point out what it was that was incorrect, but it was mainly your procedure of getting information. It was sometimes intrusive, very annoying, and confused a lot of residents. All of these people deserve more than that.

Anthony Tomah
 resident assistant,
 Gannett Hall

Correction

The Maine Campus erroneously reported in a Page 1 story titled "Administration proposes \$9 million plan" that private donations for the union expansion would total \$500,000. Funds raised from private donations will total \$1 million.

OpEd



• Guest column

Ram's Horn Retort

Erika Hoxie

The news that the Ram's Horn had been dissolved in the senate Tuesday night wasn't all that much of a shock. I had hoped the senate might have class enough to wait until I could attend the meeting, but I realize that it was probably more convenient for the discussion to be held with no one there to represent the Ram's Horn. I can't say I'm not disappointed.

I realize that 99 percent of the reason the GSS decided the Ram's Horn Board was unnecessary was because we have (or should I say had) money still in our budget. I think it's ridiculous to reward groups for poor budgeting. Granted, the board didn't have the option of spending much of the money allocated to us, but the funds, which were for free use, I budgeted meticulously. Yet there are several groups — who budgeted poorly and spent all their allocated money — fighting for the scraps of what was once a noble organization that supported students. And here

we are, patting them on the heads and saying, "Oh, it's OK. You messed up. Have some more money."

Sorry, kids, but that ain't the way it goes in the real world. You go out and spend all your money at a bar and miss your car payment, you're hoofin' it.

Where would these organizations have been if the Ram's Horn hadn't

been annihilated? They'd be broke and that would be that.

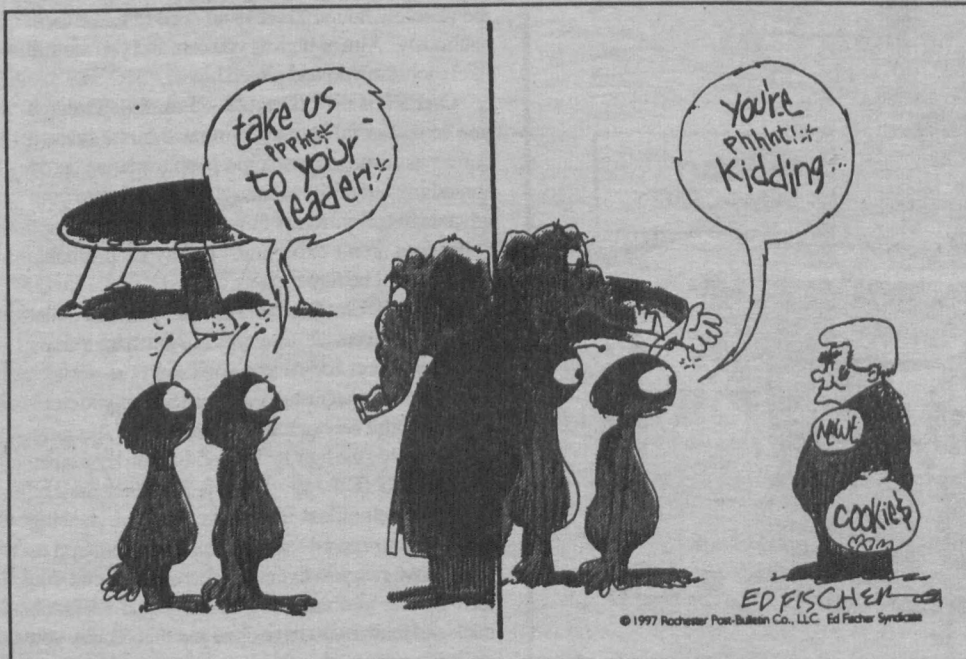
Personally, I think there shouldn't be any more money allocated to any organizations. We were all given a budget at the beginning of the semester and that was all we were supposed to have.

And I must reiterate that I am extremely disappointed in the GSS in general and the students as individuals who can-

not see past the option of monetary advancement for their organizations and see what the Ram's Horn is and why it should be saved — building or no building.

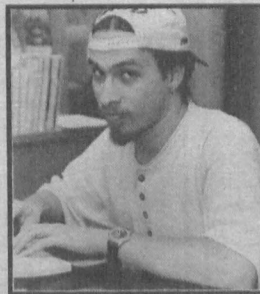
Erika Hoxie is a sophomore English major and former director of the Ram's Horn Board.

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• The Other Side

A deadly issue



Scott Labby

The capital punishment debate has once again entered the political arena in a handful of states, having been a relatively dor-

mant issue for some time. States including Texas (state motto: "You'll Take My Grenade Launcher When You Pry It Out From Under My Pillow") and Florida (where capital crimes include murder, kidnapping and any robbery involving the theft of denture cream) have concluded that capital punishment is a viable part of an evolved society. A majority, however, have decided otherwise during the past one hundred years. A handful in this latter category, including Maine, have witnessed the introduction of legislation that would reinstate the death penalty. If this isn't enough to make one uneasy, it is worth pointing out that the most popular example of government efficiency exposed through the media over the last few months was the double execution of two convicted murderers in Arkansas.

One would hope that there are enough ethical problems with capital punishment to dictate it being sentenced to the dustbin of history. Is it proper to continue with a policy that appears plagued by racial double-standards? Should we invest the state with the power to end the life of one of its residents? Is there a worse horror than that of the state mistakenly ending the life of an innocent person? Should violence be punished with its opposite (restraint) or with more violence? However, as problematic it may be to adequately answer all of the above, it is also true that these questions have not convinced pro-death penalty states to end the practice. In a society plagued by questions of crime and punishment, it appears that the capital solution may very well be reintroduced as an answer in selected areas across the nation.

Another consideration, then: Might it be demonstrated that the death penalty directly violates the basic themes of equality upon which Americans take so much pride? I'm not talking about racial equality, nor economic equality, at least not in the purest sense. For example:

Ponder the most common criteria for capital punishment in the legal system, the crime of murder. Most often, the death penalty is meted out in cases where an individual is shown to have *planned* or *previously intended* to take the life of the victim. In these instances, it is accepted that these factors define the crime as being particularly hideous, necessitating the

ultimate punishment. Other factors that often encourage the sentence of death are the method of the murder, social context and whether or not there were multiple victims.

An oversimplification, perhaps, but it will suffice. Compare the above with the actions of those darlings of the trial law profession: corporate offenders. From environmental polluters to auto manufacturers, the last two decades have witnessed a dazzling array of corporations being called to task for knowingly marketing products that were known to be dangerous or for dumping hazardous materials in violation of environmental law. In one recent year, there were 14 different judgments against corporate entities that were shown to have *intentionally* engaged in actions which resulted in the deaths of individuals. In a handful of examples, the offenses were directly traced to decisionmakers. In three cases, corporations were shown to have made estimates of the number of people who would be killed or injured by known defects. In *all* cases, the corporation in question paid only monetary damages, and a grand total of four people served time in jail.

This begs some obvious questions. Is there an appreciable difference between the direct act of murder by one individual and the "blind" act of murder committed by a committee of vice presidents? Probably not, at least from the perspective of the victims. Both circumstances carry more similarity than difference. In each, there is loss of life. There is also intention to kill. This will seem a dramatic statement to some, but what else could you call the reality of a company knowingly sentencing faceless individuals to death in the name of profit? Finally, you have an assertion by the society that the law has been violated. The difference comes in the realm of punishment. One criminal pays with life, another with a check. It is difficult to label this as anything but hypocrisy. But, of course, any attempt to place corporate offenses among the list of capital crimes would meet massive (and successful) resistance.

Regardless of these words, some would still ask me: "What if it was your child, your wife or your best friend?" There is an easy answer: I would want to kill. But my desire for revenge should not dictate government policy, nor would it negate the hypocrisy that sometimes colors an otherwise sound judicial system. In the final analysis, we must ask which is more tragic: The death of a person, or of our collective common sense.

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Entertainment

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Friday, January 24

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You have nothing to apologize for: What you did you did for a reason; what you are about to do is for a reason too. You have a special task to perform. You can't afford to waste time explaining to those who haven't the wit to understand.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Be a rebel today. Make a point of upsetting someone who represents all the things you dislike about the way the world is run. You have probably had your fill of others telling you what to do. Now YOU can tell THEM what's what.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Every fiber of your being should be telling you to take a risk today, even though you have no way of knowing whether the odds are stacked for or against you. Have faith in your intuition and take that leap into the unknown. The place you land will feel remarkably like home.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): If you are the kind of Gemini who likes to shock then today's planetary activity will make you even more outrageous than usual. But remember that if you strike a radical pose others may associate you with that image for a long time to come. Be sure you know you really want.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You will learn something about yourself today, something that has always been there but which you have conveniently managed to ignore all these years. Now you can no longer be bothered to hide it from yourself, or others. Your only regret is likely to be that you weren't honest sooner.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): An unusual person will come into your life today. Alternatively, a person who is already in your life will turn out to be more unusual than you suspected. Either way you are in for an interesting day with interesting people. There are also some interesting new opportunities heading your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Even if you are the kind of Virgoan who only feels safe in familiar surroundings, you can't help but be tempted by an exciting new offer. What is frightening, of course, is that you will have to adapt to a situation you know so little about. Be brave: You will soon be an expert.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Don't waste time discussing what you intend to do because someone is sure to try to make you change your mind. You should have enough confidence in your abilities by now to press on in the face of opposition. Better still, avoid putting yourself in a position where you are inviting criticism.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): You may find it hard to accept that a partner or loved one has ideas of his/her own, but it need not be a problem. Some of the best relationships are between people who disagree on just about everything but still get along on a personal level. It is all a question of respect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): What happened yesterday is ancient history. What happens today is too late to change. What happens tomorrow depends on the decisions you make over the next few hours. There is no need to make them cautiously. Aim as high as you can, and you are still likely to wish you had aimed higher.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Because you're so careful about playing within the rules, it comes as a surprise to some people when you do something out of the ordinary. Use this fact to your advantage today: React in a way that partners and colleagues aren't expecting. It may be profitable and it should be fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Whether or not you think of yourself as a typical Aquarian, today's planetary aspect means you can't help but act in a typically Aquarian fashion. No matter who you manage to surprise or shock, this is the real you speaking, and no one has the right to demand that you keep quiet.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You may be amazed by the ideas and images that are dancing through your head — amazed and a little scared as well. How can you live up to them? How can you turn dreams into realities? One day you will look back and realize you have done just that. Today you must put your trust in fate.

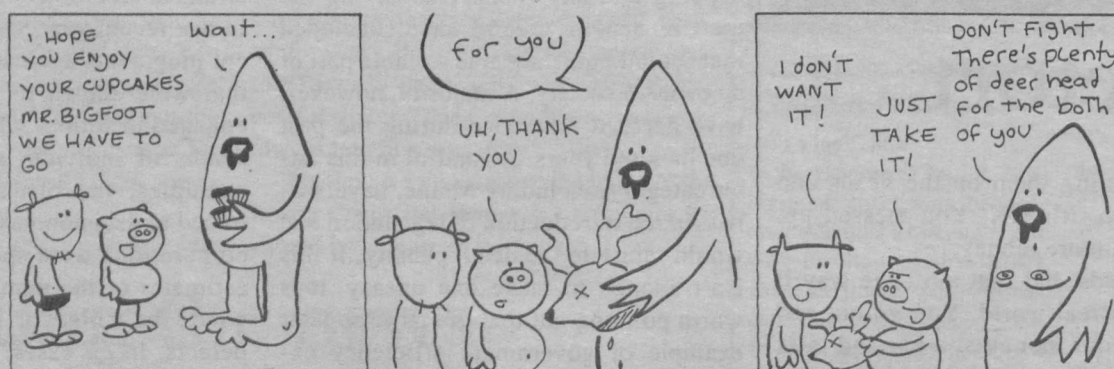
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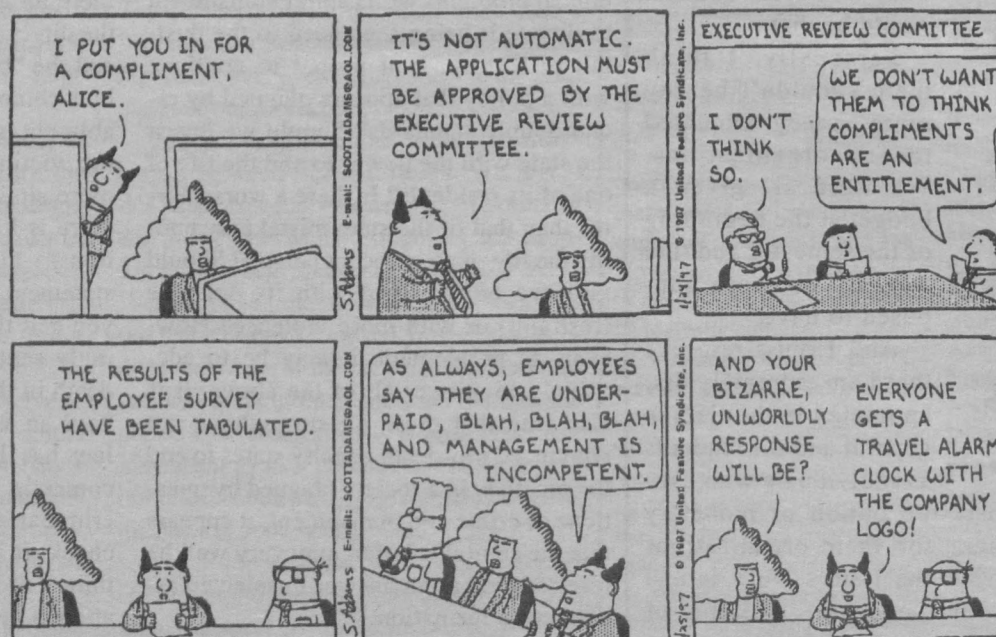
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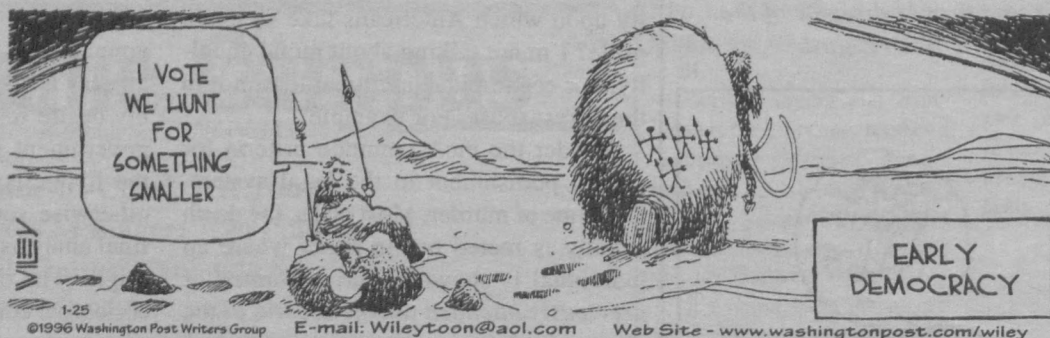
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Saturday, January 25

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: With not one, not two, but three major aspects on your birthday, this is going to be an important year for you. That all three aspects are also positive in nature is an excellent omen of success. The extent of that success still depends on the effort you choose to put in.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You appear to have no intention of hiding your feelings, so those of a sensitive disposition had best stay out of range! You are unlikely to give anyone the benefit of the doubt. Sometimes it is better to speak your mind.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Taureans don't often get angry, but when they do it is a sight to behold—and fear, if you are on the receiving end. This may not be the right place or the right time to air your grievances. By looking at the problem objectively you are more likely to reach a satisfactory agreement.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): True friends are often those who put your interests first, even if by doing so they make things harder for themselves. One such person will figure prominently this weekend, but this time the roles are reversed: It is a person who needs help, and you who can provide it.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): It's time for a change. Not just any old change or the kind that's good as a rest but a total transformation in the way you function. In a nutshell, you need freedom to express yourself. You will get that freedom this weekend—just be sure you use it wisely.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Nothing is impossible to those born under the sign of Lion. Some things are more difficult than others, of course, but few things defeat you completely. Planetary influences mean that anything you set your mind to can't possibly fail.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You won't lack for advice today. Unfortunately, it's all liable to be a bit too extreme. There is someone who can offer you some no-nonsense, common sense guidance. You won't get it simply by simply opening your ears, however. Open your mind and listen to what your inner voice is telling you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Communication must be clear and to the point today. If you leave your words vague, no one will know what you want and nothing much will get done, no matter how good your intentions might be. Don't worry about saying the wrong thing. Certain people aren't as helpless as they would like you to think they are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Pluto, your ruling planet, makes powerful aspects to the Sun and Mars today. On a personal level this means you are passionate in the extreme. On a professional level it means you are determined to stay in control. No one has a right to take what is yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): If things seem out of reach today, be patient. As the day goes by you will find yourself rising towards the stars. Foolhardy decisions you made yesterday will see fruition today and nothing is beyond your grasp.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): If it's only fear that holds you back, it is because the planets are making you prone to all sorts of weird and wonderful anxieties. None of them are real, however, and today's aspect means that if you take a risk it is likely to work out the way you hope, not the way you fear.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): This should be one of those days when, no matter what you turn your hand to, it will work out better than you expected. Even if you aren't an expert, today you can do a very expert job indeed. But don't let success go to your head—it may not be this easy every time.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You have so much talent, so much potential, but already the planets are making you doubt that you have what it takes to succeed. Not only do you have what it takes, you can't possibly fail at what you want to do this weekend—just so long as you have the courage to attempt it.

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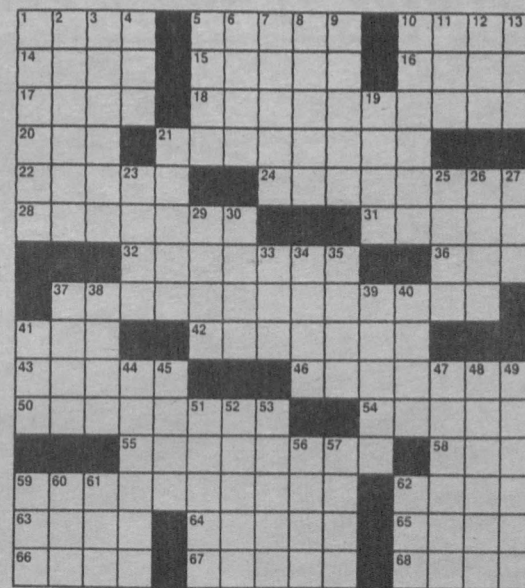
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Style & the Arts

• In theaters

'Ghosts' well-done, but relies on preconceptions

By Greg Dowling
Maine Campus staff

"Ghosts of Mississippi" is yet another courtroom potboiler that explores the issue of racism in the South, making it the third in a kind of trilogy, with "A Time to Kill" and "The Chamber." Directed by Rob Reiner, this film tells the true story of a black civil rights leader, Medgar Evers, who was gunned down in his driveway in June 1963 by a ruthless Klansman, Byron De La Beckwith (James Woods). The state charged Beckwith twice, and both times his case was heard by an all-white jury, and each trial ended in deadlock. More than 25 years later, Evers' widow, Myrlie (Whoopi Goldberg) tries to get the case retried. The case catches the eye of attorney Bobby DeLaughter (Alec Baldwin), who ends up pursuing it to its conclusion.

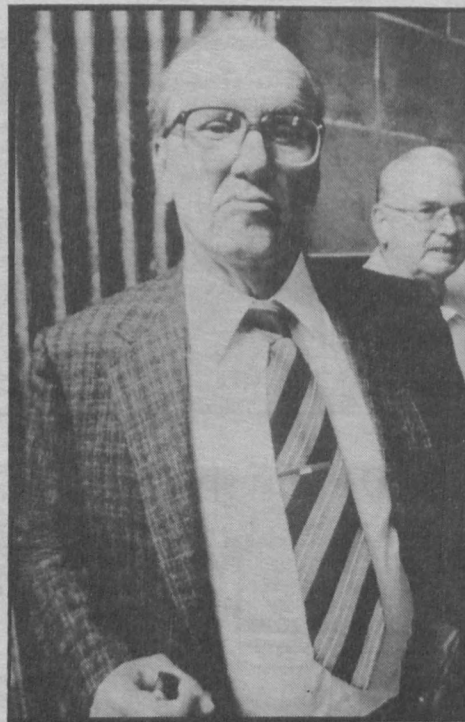
DeLaughter has three children of his own and an estranged wife (Virginia Madsen). The Evers case has struck a chord in him. He keeps imagining what it must have been like for Myrlie, who held her husband in her arms as he lay dying, or what Medgar's children felt as they watched him bleed to death. Scars this jagged don't heal. DeLaughter wants justice done, and the case consumes all of his free time. His wife leaves him, as she is disgusted

not only with his not being there for the family, but because she feels he is disgracing her family and embarrassing her. Her father was the judge who presided over the first two trials, so she feels it is a personal blow against her family.

As DeLaughter uncovers information, he keeps in contact with Myrlie to let her know how the case is going. Myrlie is skeptical about the young lawyer's intentions, and is at first resistant to his help. She is soft-spoken but forceful and determined. She and Bobby form a friendship bound by their mutual desire to see justice done and to see the ghosts finally put to rest.

Byron De La Beckwith is a 70-year-old, detestable wretch who still brags to his friends about killing Medgar and how watching him die gave him a rush. There's a scene where Bobby watches a videotape of an interview of De La Beckwith in which he explained that he'd kill a "nigger" before he'd ever shoot a deer, the reason being that a deer is a beautiful animal, whereas a "nigger" is as worthless a form a life as one could come across. De La

Beckwith snarls his racial epithets with a slithery delight that almost dares someone to nail him. It's clear he hasn't a shred of conscience about what he has done.



James Woods as Byron De La Beckwith in "Ghosts of Mississippi." (Courtesy Photo.)

"Ghosts of Mississippi" is a compelling story, but unfortunately and surprisingly, the movie is not very moving. Reiner takes a story that is ripe for drama and gives it half-baked treatment by failing to bring the characters to life. Racism and hate crimes are given only a surface once-over without trying to tell us something new or insightful we haven't seen in other films, such as "Missis-

issippi Burning."

The actors work hard. Alec Baldwin does a nice job for someone who was miscast, but his character is scripted rather blandly. We're never truly convinced as to why he is so obsessed with the case. Why would he put his family at risk? Why would he risk losing his job? We never get an answer that's particularly satisfying or convincing. Baldwin doesn't have the versatility or fire for a role like this. His character is similar to that of Matthew McConaughey's in "A Time to Kill," but McConaughey's performance towers over Baldwin's. We could relate to him. Baldwin doesn't inject enough humanity into his character.

James Woods is excellent in a limited role, but his character suffers from a similar problem. De La Beckwith is a searing racist, and we are easily manipulated into hating him, but we don't really get to see what's going on beneath the surface of his personality. The script underwrites him. He's more of an embodiment of all hatred and violence, racial malevolence personified. He doesn't register as a person as much as a symbol. As far as how he is scripted, he could be any racist pig. He's not given any definition or uniqueness.

We need to see what his life is and was like. A racist isn't born that way. There's no genetic code or predisposition to hate. It doesn't emerge in his natural temperament in childhood. It's not like he makes crosses out of popsicle sticks

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Artist of the week



Matthew Charland with his painting "Moe," 1995 oil on canvas. (Jeff Tuttle Photo.)

By Helene Farrar
Special to the Campus

Over the last three years Matthew Charland, a junior art education major, has been creating evocative and imaginative images that have filled the thoughts of fellow classmates. He recently had the opportunity to show his newest oil paintings in the Memorial Union Coffee Shop. The display has been assembled and presented by the Student Art League.

"I started painting using heavy paint with really brushy surfaces, and now have started experimenting with combining turpentine washes and heavy paint to create mixed surfaces that end up looking wet," Charland says.

In the past year, Charland's work has begun to explore images that not only repre-

sent his unique style, but also a meaningful, personal idea.

The Student Art League will continue to present art exhibitions and openings throughout the semester, featuring the works of senior art students.

Upcoming exhibitions are in the coffee shop: Sara McPherson, Jan. 26 - Feb. 9; Jamie Orminson, Feb. 9 - 23; Eva O'Reilly, Feb. 23 - Mar. 23; Catherine Atkinson Greenwood, Mar. 23 - April 6; and Jeff Jacques, April 6 - 20. If you have questions or comments about the Student Art League, call Helene at 827-7392.

Artist of the Week, a new feature encompassing all art disciplines, will work to improve arts awareness and recognition on campus. Questions, suggestions or comments? Call Helene at 827-7392.

From the home office at Beta Theta Pi

Top Ten signs you have a bad R.A.

- 10) He claims to be campaigning for a position on the R.A. staff at Shibles.
- 9) He's constantly answering his door in nothing but his underwear.
- 8) He's constantly answering your door in nothing but your underwear.
- 7) Whenever he's faced with a conflict, he wonders aloud, "Gee, I wonder what Mr. Gnu would do."
- 6) He's been repeatedly reprimanded for "lewd use" of the dorm vacuum cleaner.
- 5) He claims his R.D. is Jack Daniels.
- 4) Instead of writing you up, he gives you an atomic wedge.
- 3) His alcohol awareness is titled "Drinkin' Black 'n' Tannies and smackin' fannies."
- 2) When you tell him you've locked yourself out of your room, he starts bawling and whimpers, "Me too."
- 1) He sorts the mail pantless, claiming he wants to "put the 'organ' back in organization."

By Eric Simonds

• More awards

SAG announces nominees

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — "The English Patient" and "Jerry Maguire" led movie nominees Thursday for the 3rd annual Screen Actors Guild Awards, and NBC's "Seinfeld" captured the most television nods.

"The English Patient" drew four nominations, for stars Ralph Fiennes and Kristin Scott Thomas, supporting actress Juliette Binoche and for its cast performance.

"Jerry Maguire" earned Tom Cruise an acting nomination for the title role as a sports agent, and for supporting actor Cuba Gooding Jr. and supporting actress

Renee Zellweger.

The sidekicks of "Seinfeld" helped it dominate the TV category. Jason Alexander and Michael Richards were nominated for best actor, and Julia Louis-Dreyfus were nominated for best actress.

Nominees in 13 competitive movie and TV categories were selected by a committee of 4,200 active SAG members. The entire 86,000-member active guild roster can vote for winners.

The awards will be presented Feb. 22 during a Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium presentation broadcast that night on NBC-TV.

• CD review

British DJ relieves 'Tension' over coming centuryBy Mike Reynolds
Maine Campus staff

In less than three years our society will be on the brink of a new age, a new millennium. The great anticipation of this new era already is grounding a level of discord and anxiety in our culture. Tricky, a British disc jockey whose name is synonymous with the music genre known as "trip-hop," has easily captured the essence of this forthcoming anxiety in his release "Pre-Millennium Tension."

Trip hop, which is now a catchall phrase that everyone is trying to define themselves as, is a broad genre of music that combines traditional hip hop beats and rapping, with the influences of blues, jazz and British electronic bands like Moby and Prodigy. The music is intense, with frequent looping and subdued vocals, yet lacks a catchy beat to make one want to dance, but intrigues the listener enough to

listen intently.

"Pre-Millennium Tension" opens with "Vent" an industrial-flavored composition, built over drum beat and minimalist lyrics will create an uneasy feeling.

The song never builds into a rocking track. In fact, it takes an opposing direction, exposing various discordant and despondent samples over a looping phrase, "Can hardly Breathe..."

"This is a matter of utmost urgency," opens the track "Bad Dream." Tricky's collaborator, Martina, relentlessly recites the monotone lyrics, while the subtle drum mix continues to heighten the anxiety that Tricky is trying to elicit from the listener.

No song on this album is going to make it on any Billboard singles chart. Tricky seems to mix his songs in the manner that he wants to inflict some sort of mental anguish upon the listener. Tricky, a working duo of Martina and the DJ, has evolved

from the crime-ridden streets of Bristol, England. He has a history, riddled with teen-aged crime, various musical collaborations, frequent use of marijuana and psychedelic drugs.

His early collaborations with Massive Attack have won him critical acclaim. His first album, "Maxinquaye," went to No. 3 in Britain.

"Maxinquaye" was an ambitious album, with dark and bluesy jams. Perhaps one of the most interesting songs off his debut

album was a cover of Public Enemy's "Black Steel in the Hour of Chaos."

"Pre-Millennium" was a new and interesting experience for me. I expected a contemporary rap and techno fusion. While the album was initially difficult to appreciate, upon repeated listening I found myself entranced by it.

Tricky's "Pre-Millennium Tension" is not your typical rap or techno album. It definitely expands the boundaries of both genres and definitely is worth the money.

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and sets them on fire. A child must learn to hate, and the South in the first part of this century grew racists like cotton. We don't see any of the motivation or environment that drove De La Beckwith to murder. There needed to be at least one defining scene or speech to bring the character to life. Woods convinces us, the script does not.

The best performance in the movie and the one that holds it together, is Whoopi Goldberg's. She does an outstanding job. She makes Myrlie an impassioned yet unflashy heroine. Her presence in each scene brings an element to the movie the other characters lacked: humanity. I believed in her and understood why she revived the case after so long. Her final scene is the tearjerking moment of the movie. In it she says in a moving speech, "It's been a long journey." Goldberg deserves Oscar consideration for this performance; it's the most quietly fascinating performance she has given.

I'm not saying "Ghosts of Mississippi" is

a bad movie. It's still a well-done piece, but it could have been more. Rob Reiner is a gifted filmmaker; he has made much better, and he will undoubtedly continue to make better, films than this.

Racism is a powerful topic, and it can be the subject of great films, but preying on our mutual agreement that racism is a horrifying societal ill is not enough. When we see a story about racism, we need to understand what it means to the characters. We need to make a connection with them. "A Time to Kill" is a far superior film that handles a multitude of issues, including racism, which is dealt with in a much braver and more engrossing way. I certainly wouldn't discourage you from heading to your local multiplex to see "Ghosts of Mississippi," but you might be better served and ultimately more satisfied to spend half as much by going to the video store and renting "A Time to Kill."

Grade: B-

• Internet romance

Pennsylvanian cable personality kills on-line loving wife, stabs self

POTTSTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A cable TV personality known as Mr. Telemart was charged with stabbing his wife to death in an argument that began after she received a dozen roses from someone she had met online.

Raymond B. Stumpf, 54, nearly decapitated his wife with a kitchen knife Monday, then stabbed himself in his arms and

abdomen, police said.

Stumpf, the producer-host of a home shopping show seen in Pottstown three times a week, was charged with murder.

He told police that he and his wife started arguing and that she began slapping him, and he "just went wild." But he said he didn't remember what happened next or how his wife had been stabbed.

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Kids

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experience with children between 2 1/2 to 5 years old instead of just reading books about them. The Child Study Center, he said, is also a primary vehicle for parents to place their children in a stimulating environment.

The Child Study Center is run by two full-time staff and by work-merit and work-study students at the university. Students in PSY 420 and 421 also work in the center as part of a lab for the course.

"These courses emphasize social and cognitive development," LaFreniere said. "Students can participate in a course where they can do experiments and observations through the center."

The average day involves activities that aim at preparing children for kindergarten along with group activities, outdoor play, snack and many others, LaFreniere said.

To enroll a child in the Child Study Center or for more information, call Peter

LaFreniere at 581-3275 or Barbara Guidotti, Child Study Center Head Teacher, at 581-3272 or 3080.

The Child Development Learning Center offers three programs. The first is a kindergarten, which is approved by the state, that runs from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. A nursery school-intermediate group is run three mornings a week for two hours each day and consists of 3 1/2 and 4 1/2 year olds. Another nursery school-reception group is also offered, and runs two mornings a week for two hours and consists of 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 year olds. All of these programs are located at 11 Merrill Hall.

Jean Soule, head teacher of the Child Development Learning Center, said the center puts a lot of interest into children as a whole and stresses a lot of interaction with the family.

"A lot of different things make up the whole child," Soule said. "How we differ from other child care programs is the fam-

ily is very important to us. We study the whole child and the family component is part of that."

The center is used as a lab for CHF 203, the Practicum of Early Childhood Development, which is a two-hour lab concentrating on the whole child. Nutrition students at the university also use the center for projects involving snacks and meals.

"The Child Developmental Learning Center is used as a teaching lab to familiarize college students with this age group and to give them experience with interact-

ing with children and being able to observe and learn about them," Soule said.

The daily programs involve many activities, including learning centers that are displayed throughout the room, small and large group activities such as snack time and story time, field trips, and others.

Soule said that giving children the right to make choices is very important and that is stressed with all the activities.

To enroll a child in the Child Development Learning Center, or for more information, call 581-3119.

Theft

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may seem as though the crime rate is increasing, but officer Deb Mitchell said this isn't the case.

"It is at this time in the year when the number of thefts seems to increase," Mitchell said. "This is due to people needing cash after the holiday season, or when break is coming up and they need money to get home."

Mitchell, who is in charge of several crime prevention programs on campus, said students are becoming more aware of what can happen and are taking better precautions when leaving their rooms, but there is still room for improvement.

"Unfortunately, some people feel as though things like this will never happen to them," she said. "This is why it is so important to spread the word of what has been going on, so students can see that crime can happen to anyone."

Several steps have been taken in the last week to make students aware of the thefts. Crime-alert fliers have been posted around campus. Messages have been left on students' voice mailboxes, and programs are being developed.

"The R.A.s in DTAV are looking for a programmatic response to the thefts in order to spread the word and to teach residents how

to protect themselves," Hansen said. Mitchell said it's important to conduct safety programs in the most affected areas.

"Students will be more apt to go to crime prevention programs if it involves their living quarters, because they will feel threatened," Mitchell said. "It is also a good way to get acquainted with students."

Mitchell said students will feel more comfortable reporting crimes if they know and trust Public Safety officers.

Students are urged to keep their doors locked at all times, and are encouraged not to leave money in plain view. Hansen also suggested that DTAV residents lock their bedroom doors, as well as the outside door.

Money isn't the only item of interest to thieves. Credit cards, checkbooks and jewelry are also targets. Personal identification numbers to debit cards shouldn't be written on the card and shouldn't be given to people.

"It may sound trivial," Mitchell said, "but even the most tiny precaution can help prevent any more thefts from taking place on campus."

Anyone with questions or concerns about the recent thefts, or would like more information on crime prevention programs, can contact Public Safety, at 581-4040.

Forestry

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Wiersma said he's amazed the department received the ranking, because of UMaine budget cuts.

Field said it's important to receive alternative funding for UMaine because of university cutbacks and a lack of state funding. Faculty are often required to apply for research grants to fund their programs, and they have been successful in their attempts.

"Although the University of Maine is one of the smaller programs in the nation, with the least amount of money for graduate assistantships, we are able to draw quality students - many of them from outside the United States," Richard Jagels, chair of the department of forest ecosystem science, said.

Forestry was the only department in the University of Maine System to be ranked in the top 10 by the report. However, the departments of agricultural engineering and agricultural science were each ranked 32nd for their respective graduate programs.

The forestry department has two programs: forest management and forest ecosystem science.

Field said students learn about hands-on management and use of forest systems with degrees in forestry, forest engineering, parks, recreation and tourism, and wood science and technology.

Jagels said the department is aimed at students of sciences who want to focus on

the forest as a biological entity, with a new undergraduate degree in forest ecosystem science.

The department co-sponsors one graduate degree in forestry, in which students can choose a specific area of research, as well as the opportunity to receive a doctorate.

Both programs attribute their success to good faculty and a strong research program.

Field said UMaine forestry students have varied opportunities for field research, including the Dwight Demeritt forest on campus, the 5,000-acre Penobscot Experimental Forest in Bradley and numerous public and private lands.

"I think we have an excellent program, and students who have gone out and done good things in the real world," Field said.

Jagels said the physical and human resources are responsible for the department's success. He believes the small staff-to-student ratio - approximately 1 to 3 - benefits students, and that Orono's natural resource base is ideal for the students. Students are able to work with a database of scientific information that has been collected since the college was founded in 1903.

Jagels said a faculty that can relate to all of the economic and scientific issues facing foresters today is a benefit to the department.



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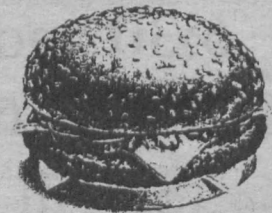
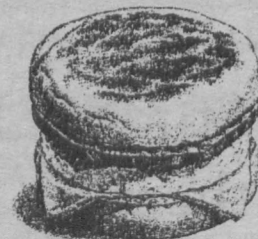
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Sports Page

• Women's basketball

Impact freshman Cassidy learns, grows into major role for Black Bears

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

Ahh, the life of a freshman. Orientation. Registering for classes. Worrying about tuition. Averaging 15.4 points a game, 7.4 rebounds a game and starting for the two-time America East champion women's basketball team. Well, maybe not every freshman, but certainly Maine forward Jaime Cassidy.

Cassidy, a 6-foot 4 native of Methuen, Mass., has been one of the major factors in the Black Bears' 11-6 record this season. She has scored 22 points twice, 24 once and 28 in a 101-90 win over UNH on Jan. 11.

Cassidy has led the team in scoring four out of 17 times this season, a turnaround from last season, when Cindy Blodgett was the leading scorer in every game except one. Although she has gotten a lot of attention from local media, she has not let her new notoriety overwhelm her.

"I really don't think much about it. People that I have no idea who they are will come up to me and say, 'Nice game,'" Cassidy said. "It's nice to have people recognize you. I don't really feel pressure at all, because I'm only a freshman, and everybody knows that. If I do good, they're like, 'Yeah.' And if I do bad they say, 'Well,

she's just a freshman.'"

Both her coaches and her teammates have nothing but praise for her. Head coach Joanne Palombo-McAllie said that after getting rave reviews from her assistant coaches, she saw Cassidy on tape, and then in person. "She's a great person, a great player and a great personality," Palombo said.

"She carried herself with a great deal of confidence from day one, and knew what she wanted in the recruiting process, and was very confident about all of it," Palombo said. "She was unlike a lot of student-athletes that hem and haw, that don't know what they want, and are frustrating to recruit. She was the polar extreme to that."

Because of instances of cheating on tests, free shopping sprees and other scandals, the lives of these student-athletes in the money-machine that is today's college sports are made out to be easy. That, according to Cassidy, isn't the case.

"No, not at all. You don't get any shortcuts or anything. It's the same as anybody else," Cassidy said. "You have to do all the work. I haven't come across any teachers that have given me a break."

"It's hard to manage your time, and get all your work in. But you just have to learn

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Although only a freshman, forward Jaime Cassidy has got a lot of on-the-job training. It has paid off, as she is averaging 15.4 points a game, second on the team. (Joel Page Photo.)

• Ice hockey

Maine, BU rivalry renewed

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus Staff

Shawn Walsh got a hero's welcome last weekend at Alford Arena. Don't expect the same thing this weekend.

Friday night the Bears will seek revenge on a Northeastern team that came into Alford earlier this year and came away with a win and a tie.

Saturday night Walsh will make his season debut in Walter Brown Arena, home of the Boston University Terriers.

"Well, I think we'll be focusing on Northeastern," Walsh said. "It's a different game on their rink, and the players want revenge."

Northeastern tied Maine 2-2 on Nov. 8, and then handed the Bears a 4-3 loss the next night. Northeastern is 1-13-1 in Hockey East this year and its only points have come against Maine.

"We're focusing on Northeastern," assistant coach Mario Thyer said. "They like to slow the game down, and we need to attack."

Walsh acknowledges that Northeastern plays a more slow-tempo game in an attempt to frustrate their opponents.

"They play a passive game and we have to get it going," Walsh said. "They like to frustrate us and we have to keep up the high-tempo game."

Northeastern is led this year by forward Justin Kearns, who leads the Huskies in goals, with 12. Former Black Bear Brad Mahoney, who transferred to Northeastern this year, has scored seven goals.

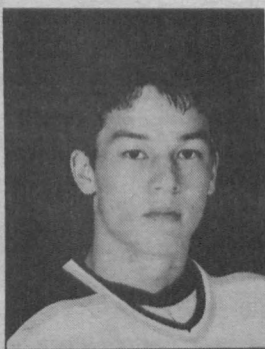
"I want the team to do as good as possible," Maine forward Marcus Gustafsson said. "We can't just focus on BU, because every game counts. I want to go down there and come away with two points Friday night."

Maine is 8-2 in its last 10 games and is one of the hottest teams in Hockey East. It is led by Steve Kariya, who has scored 13 goals and has 19 assists.

Northeastern enters the contest with a 3-7 mark in its last 10 games.

Saturday night Maine will square off against BU, which is the only undefeated team in Hockey East, at 11-0-3, good for first place. The Terriers are coming off a weekend in which they tied Boston College in two games, 5-5 and 4-4.

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Steve Kariya. (Courtesy Photo.)

• Men's basketball

Drexel coach preaches defense Man-to-man sets will test the Black Bears

By Scott Martin
Maine Campus Staff

John Gordon almost had to laugh after taking only five shots against Drexel. After many games he has been asked how hard it was for him to get off shots after being closely guarded, and he never thought too much about it.

Drexel coach Bill Herrion made him think twice. And the thought of answering "yes" to the same question he almost always answered "no" almost forced Gordon to laugh.

"Usually, you come in here and say, 'John you had a tough time getting open.' And I'll say, 'No.' Tonight, I had a tough time," Gordon said after taking just five shots in a 71-59 loss to Drexel on Dec. 8.

Herrion had at least one defender on Gordon the entire afternoon, as Drexel held Maine's sharp-shooting sophomore to just two points on 0 for 5 shooting.

"They play defense well on me every year. Wherever I go on the court they are with me, even holding me sometimes," Gordon said after the game.

Gordon is averaging just under 11 shots a game this year and is scoring 14.1 points a game.

During his tenure at Drexel, Herrion's teams have a reputation for playing stingy defense. Last season Drexel held opponents to just 66.3 points a game. And its defense sparked its offense, as Drexel averaged 82.6 points a game.

"(Defense) is our staple, our constant," Herrion said. "We take real pride in our man-to-man defense."

Defense once again reigns supreme for the Dragons this year. They are third in the America East Conference, allowing just 64.1 points a game. They are outscoring opponents by 6.3 points a game on their way to a 7-2 America East record.

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Herrion

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"They're a very good team defensively," Maine coach John Giannini said. "It's hard to execute and get open against a tough defensive team."

Drexel plays what Herrion likes to call "scouting-report defense." Last year the Dragons learned Gordon was a shooter, and played defense according to the scouting report.

This year, Herrion also wanted his defense to key on Terry Hunt. Although Hunt scored 21 points in the first meeting, he didn't score in the final 10 minutes of the game.

Hockey

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"It will be an exciting night and a good challenge for us," Walsh said. "It will be a good measurement stick for us."

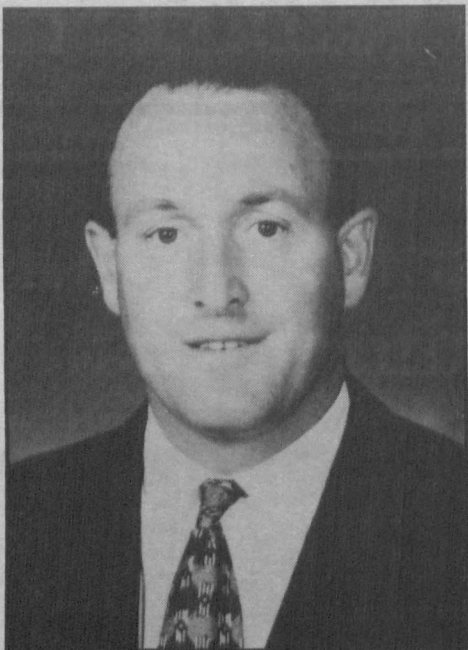
The Terriers are led by Hobey Baker Candidate Chris Drury. He has scored 27 goals this year and has added 15 assists in 22 games.

BU has three players who have scored more than 20 points. Aside from Drury, the Terriers boast a scoring machine in Mike Sylvia, Shawn Bates and Chris Kelleher. The three have combined for 63 points.

"BU has great personnel," Walsh said. "They play with tremendous emotion at home."

"We've heard plenty of the rivalry," said freshman Ben Guite, who will play in his first game against BU. "Right now we're playing good, and every game is crucial for us."

Walsh said, "It will be a hostile environment. They will be all over me and call me every name in the book. However, I'm used to it, and it's nothing I haven't heard before."



Bill Herrion of Drexel University. (Courtesy Photo.)

• Kareem

Muslims upset with beer ad

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar says he is surprised his appearance in a beer commercial has upset some of his fellow Muslims.

The basketball great told the Los Angeles Times that he has been featured in beer advertisements throughout his NBA career, adding his latest spot in a Coors ad does not show him holding a beer. Alcohol is prohibited in Islam.

"Coors knew that I have taken a public posture of not drinking," he said. "I think it was tastefully done. ... I don't want to advocate anything that would be detri-

Men's hoops

What: Maine vs. Drexel and Hofstra
When and Where: Friday, 7:00 p.m., Physical Education Athletic Center, Philadelphia; Sunday, 1 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Hempstead, N.Y.

Key Players: **Maine** — G John Gordon (14.1 ppg, 3.6 apg), G Ramone Jones (10.6 ppg, 4.2 rpg), F Terry Hunt (16.7 ppg, 7.9 rpg), F Allen Ledbetter (9.1 ppg, 9.1 rpg). **Drexel** — G Mike DeRocckis (12.1 ppg, 37 three-pointers), G Jeff Myers (16.8 rpg, 7.2 rpg), F Joe Linderman (12.9 ppg, 7.1 rpg), F Chuck Guittar (12.4 ppg, 7.5 rpg). **Hofstra** — G Craig Claxton (14.4 ppg), F Tim Beckett (12.6 ppg, 5.4 rpg).

Outlook: Friday is a true test of just where the Black Bears stand at this point. The Dragons are the second best defensive team in the conference and have already beaten Maine once this year. Drexel is big and has a number of shooters, which makes things difficult for Maine's zones. The Black Bears will need to get Gordon going, he scored just two points on five attempts the last time these two teams met.

Hofstra has quick guards, which Maine should match up well with. Claxton is just a freshman, but has taken away minutes from senior Darius Burton, who averaged 6.3 assists per game last year. Claxton is the real deal.

mental to anyone, but I didn't see this in that light. My whole religious stance on this was something that we brought up with the ad agency."

The Islamic Society of North America this week asked Abdul-Jabbar to renounce the television ad that began running Jan. 1, showing the former Los Angeles Lakers star shooting his patented sky hook in a mountain setting, with a hole in the clouds as a basketball hoop.

Hockey

What: Maine vs. Northeastern and Boston University

When and Where: Friday at Matthew's Arena, 7 p.m.; Saturday at Walter Brown Arena, 7:00 p.m.

Key Players: **Maine** — F Steve Kariya (13 goals, 19 assists, 32 points), F Shawn Wansborough (10-16-26), F Reg Cardinal (11-13-24), D Jason Mansoff (7-9-16), G Javier Gorriti, G Alfie Michaud. **Northeastern** — F Justin Kearns (12 goals, 4 assists, 16 points), F Roger Holeczy (6-8-14), F Brad Mahoney (7-1-8), C Scott Campbell (5-8-13), G Marc Robitaille. **Boston University:** F Chris Drury (27 goals 15 assists 42 points), F Mike Sylvia (11-12-23), F Shawn Bates (12-9-21), D Jon Coleman (3-14-17), F Bill Pierce (3-12-15), D Tom Poti (3-8-11), G Michel Larocque, G Tom Noble.

Outlook: Northeastern's only Hockey East points have come against Maine. The last time Maine was in Matthew's Arena the Huskies handled the Bears 7-3, Feb. 17, 1996. First-year head coach Bruce Crowder is just 1-13-1 in Hockey East. Maine is 29-22-7 all-time against Northeastern.

The last time Maine beat the Terriers in Boston was Nov. 21, 1992. Maine is 0-3-2 in its last five games against BU. This includes the national championship game in Providence in 1995.

Sayyid Syeed, secretary general of the society based in Plainfield, Ind., had called Abdul-Jabbar's appearance in the television spot "devastating," as an implied endorsement of an alcoholic beverage.

Abdul-Jabbar, a practicing Muslim, said he wishes the group had contacted him privately instead.

"The prophet said we should try discourse first," Abdul-Jabbar said in today's Times.

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Cassidy

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"It's hard to manage your time, and get all your work in. But you just have to learn to fit everything in," said Cassidy, who is currently undecided as a major.

In high school, Cassidy was one of the best in Massachusetts. Playing for Methuen High School, she averaged 23 points, 13 rebounds and four blocks a game in leading her team to the Northern Area finals her senior year. She also has won several awards, including 1996 Merrimack Valley Conference Player of the Year. She was elected to the 1996 Boston Globe All-Scholastic and Super Teams.

However, the transition to a successful Division I school can be tough for any player, both mentally and physically. Cassidy, though, has made the adjustment without much struggle.

"It's a big change, because everyone is so much quicker and stronger. In high school I was able to rely on my height a lot, and now a lot of people are the same height, so I can't do that," the former high school all-conference volleyball all-star

said. "It's a lot more time with your preseason. All the running, the conditioning and the longer practices."

Palombo said Cassidy has come in on a mission.

"I think she understands the kind of level we'd like to rise to and where we've been and where we'd like to go. I also think Jaime's a leader in that group, and that the five (freshmen) are committed to bringing this program to the highest possible level," Cassidy said. "Once Jaime adjusted to the physical nature of the game and understood that she could dish it out more than she could receive it, her game has continued to climb."

Heavily recruited by other schools, such as Providence, Wake Forest, Maryland and Boston College, Cassidy said she wanted to come to a school that was successful and had a winning tradition. She said she didn't know what to expect when she first came to Orono.

"I just came in, and Coach told me that if I worked hard over the summer that I'd

have a chance to step in and play a lot," Cassidy said. "She never guaranteed me anything. I just came in and just kept working hard."

Blodgett, who went through quite a mind-numbing recruiting experience three years ago herself, is excited at having another weapon to go to.

"She's been a very pleasant surprise. She does a lot of things, like shoot inside and outside. She's done very well," Blodgett said.

Being 6-4 has its advantages and disadvantages. One advantage is having senior center Stacey Porrini around, who is also 6-4, as a mentor from which to learn.

"Stacey's been a great influence. She's a great shot blocker, in great physical condition. As a matter of fact, she's one of the best post players in terms of conditioning that I've ever had," Palombo said. "I think that's a great example for Jaime, because she'll continue to work on that."

Which can only mean good things for the future of the Black Bears.

Women's hoops

What: Drexel and Hofstra vs. Maine
When and Where: 7:30 pm, Jan. 24, and 1 pm, Jan. 26. Alford Arena, Orono, Maine.

Key Players: Maine - G Cindy Blodgett (23.8 ppg, 62 assists, 6.2 rebounds per game), F Jamie Cassidy (15.4 ppg, 7.4 rpg, 896 free throw pct.), C Stacey Porrini (10.4 ppg, 8.7 rpg, 24 blocks). Drexel - LaTasha Rice (15.8 ppg, 7.9 rpg.), Kim Koshineg (.383 three-point pct., .797 free throw pct.). Hofstra - Kate Gordon (15.9 ppg, 10.8 rpg.) Meg O'Brien (2.9 steals a game, 1.0 blocks a game).

Outlook: After dispatching Vermont quite handily Tuesday night, the same should happen in these two home contests this weekend. Both opposing clubs are in the middle of the pack in America East, and their overall records are horrible. However, in their only meeting this year, Drexel lost to Maine by 10 in a low-scoring 55-45 affair. But that was with a slumping Porrini, who is now coming on like a gangbuster.

Hofstra came even closer, coming within four points of the Black Bears, 65-61. However, that was then and this is now. Maine is on a roll, and look for the conference win streak to be upped to 39 after this weekend.

• Super Bowl

Super ads ready for Super Sunday

NEW YORK (AP) — The Super Bowl XXXI roster is set. The players are anxious to show their stuff. A huge crowd will show up to watch.

The advertisers are ready for a show-down Sunday on a telecast that annually serves as the ad world's showcase event.

Veteran Super Bowl commercial warriors like Anheuser-Busch, Pepsi and Nike are lined up with rookies like Fila shoes, Intel computer chips and Dirt Devil vacuums in a can-you-top-this pursuit of TV's biggest audience.

On the field in the Louisiana Superdome, the Green Bay Packers and New England Patriots will decide the NFL championship.

Fox Broadcasting says 30 advertisers paid a record average of about \$1.2 million for a half-minute commercial during the game.

The advertisers are hoping for an audience in excess of 100 million viewers to justify the steep price as well as the frenzied effort that went into creating many of the commercials.

The brewer Anheuser-Busch has bought more time on the Super Bowl telecast than any other sponsor — four minutes — and pitches its best-selling Budweiser and Bud Light ads.

It leads off with a 60-second commercial called "Power Surge" that involves a fictional citywide power outage. The ad was directed by Breck Eisner, the son of Walt Disney Co. boss Michael Eisner.

In the brewer's other ads, a Bud bottle drops into an unsuspecting caveman's life, a chicken takes a star turn and two new characters are introduced to pitch

Bud Light.

The Bud frogs have been limited to a fleeting cameo role in a pre-game commercial in which the winning number in the ninth annual Bud Bowl will be disclosed.

Pepsi-Cola, which is introducing its "Generation Next" ad theme with three minutes of in-game commercials, has Pepsi-sipping models Cindy Crawford, Tyra Banks and Bridgette Hall peek into a hospital nursery in one commercial. They indelibly impress a newborn boy.

Crawford also appears in a commercial for Cadillac's new Catera model, playing a princess rescued from boredom by an animated duck who has the keys to the new Caddy.

Banks also is working overtime on the Super Bowl, appearing in a Nike ad as a guest at "L'il Penny" Hardaway's big party. Nike has milked its roster of big-name athletes to fill the house in this 60-second commercial.

Dirt Devil vacuums has obtained the rights to use movie clips of dancer Fred Astaire, and has created the 15-second ads that were edited on a computer to make it appear that Astaire danced with its vacuums rather than a cane, a coat rack and other stage props. Astaire died in 1988, but his widow Robyn gave her consent for the ads.

Visa recruited former GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole for an ad.

Pepsi has actor Robert Stack in a humorous ad that shows off the Pepsi Club,

a device that can be attached to a Pepsi can to make sure no one steals the drink. And Shaquille O'Neal finds the missing ingredient to a happy life playing basketball for the Los Angeles Lakers in the hands of Michael J. Fox, sitting courtside in another Pepsi ad.

Coca-Cola is back in the Super Bowl

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for the first time since 1991, and is hoping to have more luck than Pepsi did with the launch of Crystal Pepsi on the 1993 telecast. Crystal Pepsi flopped.

Coca-Cola is introducing Surge, a new citrus green designed to compete with Pepsi's successful Mountain Dew with teens and young adults.

In an unusual arrangement with the Fox network, Coke will advertise Surge only in about 140 scattered markets where the drink is available. In other markets, representing about half the country, it will run ads for Diet Coke.

Among some of the other Super Bowl ads, Holiday Inn tries to draw attention to its \$1 billion remodeling program by showing how one former student's makeover amazed everybody at a school reunion.

Intel uses funky disco music and dancing technicians in brightly-colored lab garb that resembles space suits to illustrate the advantages of the new MMX technology in its Pentium processors.

Fila, which trails Nike and Reebok in the athletic shoe business, has NBA star Jerry Stackhouse scramble over the girders of a tall building under construction in an ad for his new shoes. Stackhouse leaps after a basketball, but is saved when a parachute with Fila's name breaks his fall.

Auto-By-Tel, the car sales service that operates over the Internet, has an animated ad narrated by Leonard Nimoy.

And the National Pork Producers Council has an ad in which the royal taster for the king collapses after eating a bite. He's trying to save the meal for himself.

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• NBA

Clinton scolds Rodman

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton says Dennis Rodman should acknowledge that it was wrong to kick a cameraman.

"I'm sure in his heart of hearts he regrets doing that, but I would hope that at some point in addition to paying this enormous fine, and also trying to pay the gentleman he kicked ... that he'll find a way to say, 'I shouldn't have done it and I really regret it,'" Clinton told New York's WBIS-TV in an interview taped Wednesday for broadcast today.

"I think it will only make him bigger, and it will make his fans think more of him. It will send a who-knows-what signal to some young person out there who like Dennis Rodman has enormous abilities and terrific imagination and a little bit different from the run of the mill person and therefore really identifies with Dennis Rodman.

"There's lots of kids out there like that — real smart, real able, a little bit different — and they've got to be fascinated by him, so I hope he'll find a way to say that. ... He might be able to help some young people if he just says, 'That's something I shouldn't have

done, I'm not going to do that any more.' "

Rodman told ABC's "Primetime Live" in an interview aired Wednesday night that his kick of a cameraman in the groin in Minnesota was was only a "tap."

"I apologized," said the Chicago Bulls forward, who has agreed to pay cameraman Eugene Amos \$200,000. "But most people in the world would say he's acting."

No charges have been filed against Rodman.

Bulls coach Phil Jackson, in an excerpt aired by Chicago's WLS-TV but not included in the show, said Rodman "has four fouls and two strikes against him. I don't think he has any more strikes."

In the interview taped Tuesday night in Newport Beach, Calif., Rodman criticized NBA commissioner David Stern for requiring him to undergo counseling and then explain why he should be reinstated.

"Don't treat me like a kid. I'm not a kid and you're not my father," said Rodman, suspended for 11 games without pay. "Everything I've done is really minor. People have blown it up real big."

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