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• Campaign '97

Candidates set for Student Government elections

ROC candidates announced; questions remain regarding election practices

By Jeff Tuttle
Maine Campus staff

Students running for the positions of Student Government president and vice president officially announced their candidacies Monday.

Chris Barstow is running as an independent candidate for Student Government president against the ticket of Jenn Nelson and Scott Morelli, as president and vice president respectively.

Barstow, a sophomore elementary education major from Gorham, said one of his main objectives was to increase student morale by listening to the needs of students. He said he and other student senators have also been making a concerted effort to talk to legislators in Augusta and lobby for increased funding to the university.

Nelson, a junior public administration/ economics major

from South Portland, said she has two major issues on her platform. Nelson said she wants to look into increasing the number of women and minority faculty at the university, and didn't think it was in the students' best interests to elect candidates with too many issues on their platform.

"Some people go in with too many projects and they don't get

them done," Nelson said. "When the presidents are too busy with their own agenda, they sometimes tend to ignore the concerns of the students."

In light of recent assaults on campus, both tickets expressed a need to address the issue of safety. Nelson said she has been studying the safety issue and supports the formation of a commit-

tee which would include representatives from Public Safety, Student Government and the administration. She said she would like to see the implementation of a three-year plan designed to address safety issues at the university.

"I want to talk with students to see where they think there should be more lighting," Nel-

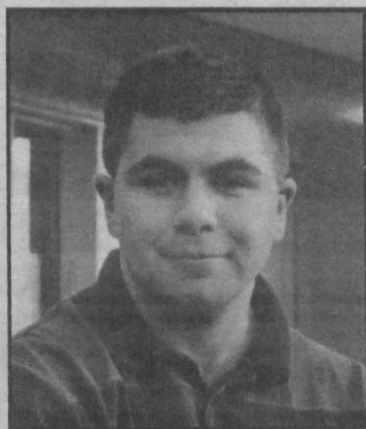
son said. "I like to get background information and work with people and not just say 'solve it.'"

Barstow said the campus should be equipped with more call boxes and lights. He also said more rape-awareness seminars would help educate students and possibly help prevent assaults.

"It doesn't really matter how many lights you put up because there will still be people who commit these crimes," Barstow said. "We have to realize that UMaine is not immune to these problems."

The Fair Elections Practices Commission, in response to the controversy that surrounded last year's election, changed the process for this year's election. Questions regarding the last year's election were raised when students were made to choose between the ticket of James LeBlond and Scott Morelli or the in-

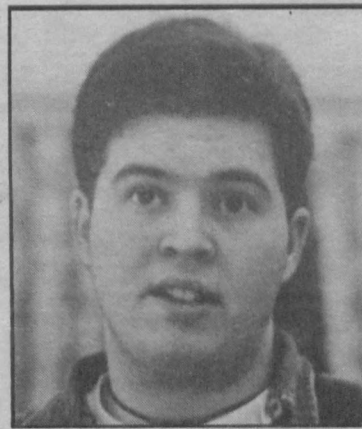
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Chris Barstow. (Dave Gagne Photo.)



Jenn Nelson. (Stef Bailey Photo.)



Scott Morelli. (Stef Bailey Photo.)

• BOT

Faculty disappointed with 'erosion of trust' in BOT

By Yolanda Sly
Maine Campus staff

Disgruntled University of Maine System professors questioned whether they should trust the Board of Trustees, and a UMaine professor questioned the university status of UMaine.

Richard Blanke, a professor of history at UMaine, said the UMS was not a system of seven universities, but of seven schools worthy of the name university.

"The question before us is not whether there is seven universities, but one worth the name at all," Blanke said.

Blanke said the public should

be debating whether it should be supporting a mediocre four-year institution, especially with the loss of several baccalaureate programs.

"The mission is ludicrous; it's a bureaucratic delusion of grandeur," Blanke said. "(The BOT) is furthering of bringing Orono down to (the other campuses)."

UMA professors voiced their concern of the BOT's trustworthiness.

"There's a serious lack of trust (in the BOT). I believe there's an erosion of trust for a variety of reasons," said Kay Surpless, an associate political science professor at University

College which was merged with UMA in 1994. "We should be involved in decision making. The academic community should not be left out."

Associate Professor of Humanities, at UMA Eileen Foley said in a statement titled "Another Declaration of Conscience" that she learned the Task Force on Telecommunications recommended 'not' to reattach Education Network of Maine to UMA because it is "unrealistic and inappropriate expansion of the mission."

Foley said the reasoning was

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President Hutchinson listens to an emotional tribute by BOT Chair Sally Vamvakis. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

• Spring expeditions

Maine Bound gears up for break

Paul Livingstone
Maine Campus Staff

The wet Maine winter will not deter many UMaine students from venturing out into the wilderness this spring. In fact, more and more students are taking advantage of the organized adventures offered by MaineBound and signing up for a multitude of courses. Ranging from kayaking to climbing to camping, the highlight of the spring MaineBound schedule will be the spring break programs.

Four big expeditions are planned

for the break: a Florida Everglades canoe journey, a Red Rocks, Nevada, rock climbing expedition, a South Appalachia whitewater canoe/kayak tour, and a winter moun-



taineering trek on Mt. Washington.


"This is one more trip than we usually do on spring break," said Jeff Hunt, Outdoor Educator and Assistant Director.

The Everglades canoe trip, from

Mar. 1 to 15, explores the "other side" of Florida: snakes and birds abound in the isolated, watery backcountry of the Everglades. The trip covers 90 miles in nine days and is encouraged for the beginning or experienced paddler who wants to learn and explore in an exotic locale.

A Southern whitewater paddling tour will embark on Mar. 8, and last through the 15th, taking the trip members through a variety of rivers in Georgia, Tennessee and the Carolinas. Though most

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World Briefs

• Standoff

Troops, music provoke terrorists

1 LIMA, Peru (AP) — Despite Japan's pleas for restraint, Peruvian police commandos marched to martial music outside the Japanese ambassador's residence and provoked gunfire from leftist rebels holding 72 hostages inside.

The black-bereted commandos ducked and scattered Monday during the shooting, which followed hours of police maneuvers outside the diplomatic compound.

Shortly before the incident, Japan's Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto had appealed to Peru "not to go too far" and to think about how the training exercises might affect the hostages' mental state.

Hashimoto again urged restraint in a telephone conversation today with Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori, who called to inform him of negotiation efforts.

"We understand the need to tighten security around the residence, but we ask that the Peruvian government exercise sufficient caution so as not to bring about an unexpected situation," the Japanese Foreign Ministry quoted Hashimoto as saying. It did not say how Fujimori responded.

Early today, police again blasted marching music from speakers set up outside the residence. Tupac Amaru rebels responded by singing a revolutionary anthem through a loudspeaker from a window.

• Paranoia?

German officials raise suspicions

2 BONN, Germany (AP) — Germany rejected U.S. criticism of its treatment of Scientologists, saying Tuesday it still considers church members a threat to the nation.

The U.S. State Department's annual report on human rights around the world, due this week, says Germany discriminates against Scientologists.

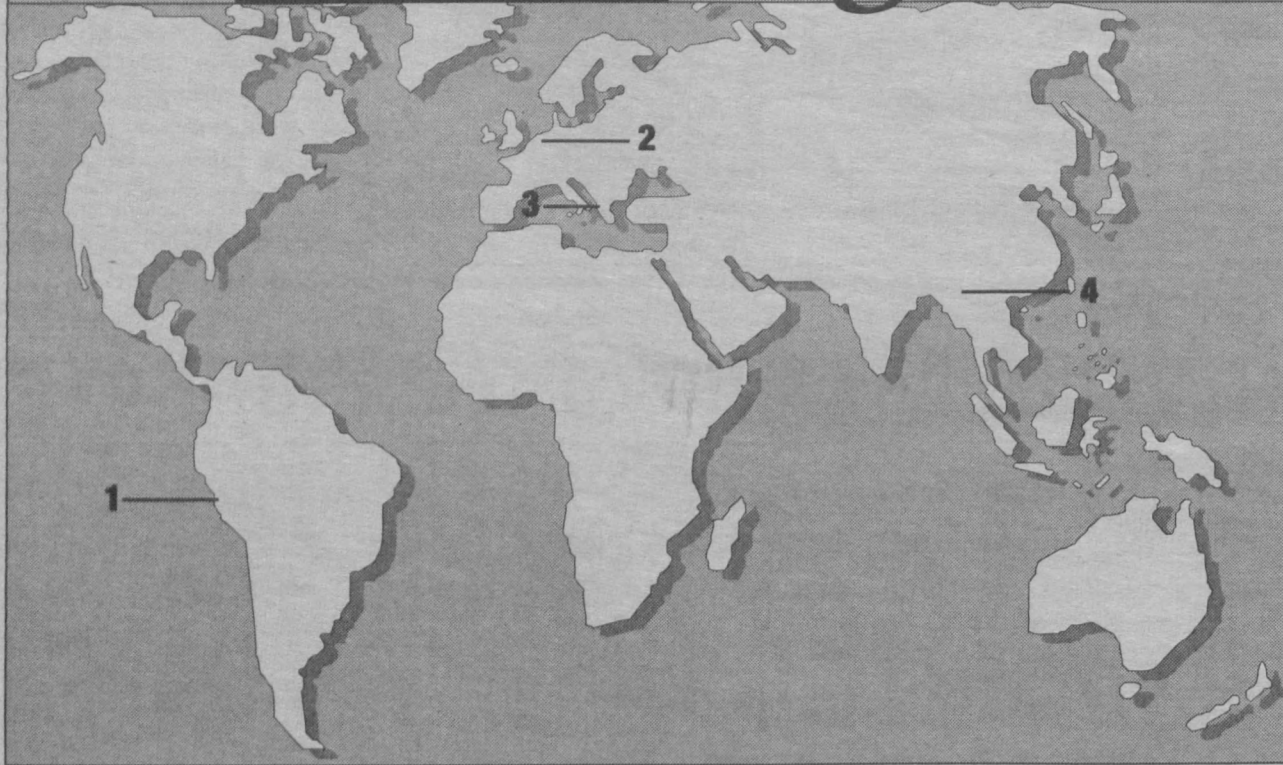
The German government says the church — which has 30,000 members in Germany — is largely a money-making organization with some organized crime traits that seeks world domination and threatens democracy. Scientologists deny the claims.

Last month, Germany announced it would keep people linked to the group out of public jobs such as counseling and teaching. The ruling Christian Democratic Union has also ousted party members for connections to Scientology.

Peter Hausmann, spokesman for Chancellor Helmut Kohl, responded to the State Department report by pointing out that Kohl and governors of Germany's 16 states agreed last December that Scientology was a threat.

Kohl and the states agreed that "the activities and practices of Scientology are questionable, and that its efforts to expand and its quest for domination will be combated with all legal means," Hausmann said Tuesday.

World Digest



• Announcement

Albanian government to reimburse investors

3 TIRANA, Albania (AP) — President Sali Berisha, in his first public appearance after two weeks of unrest, urged Albanians today not to resort to violence over failed get-rich-quick schemes.

Berisha spoke on the capital's main Skanderbeg Square to a crowd of 3,000.

That could be a sign of public discontent with his ruling Democratic Party, which is accused by some people of profiting from the apparent pyramid schemes. The Democrats deny the charge.

Many Albanians are angry with the government for freezing fund assets and arresting some operators. They suspect that officials were involved in the schemes or feel officials should have warned people away from the risky investments they flocked to in a bid to escape poverty.

In two weeks of sporadic violence across the country, protesters have battled police, and burned government and ruling party offices.

Government officials have promised they will begin paying back investors from the frozen assets on Feb. 5, a pledge reiterated by Prime Minister Aleksander Meksi today. He said the government expected to be able to reimburse people for 70 percent of their principal.

• Eruption

Fourteen sentenced in connection to violence

4 RANGOON, Burma (AP) — Fourteen more people have been sentenced to seven-year prison terms in connection with student unrest, the military said today, prompting pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi to denounce the secret trials.

The December protests, involving hundreds of students, marked Burma's biggest street unrest since 1988, when troops gunned down thousands of demonstrators demanding an end to military rule.

Five of those found guilty of agitation and throwing rocks at security forces belonged to Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party, the military statement said. The others were not identified.

"None of those who had been tried were allowed to have defense counsel and the trial was not done in public, which means that it was not a fair trial," Suu Kyi said.

The 14 were sentenced under emergency legislation dating from 1950 that is frequently used against political dissidents.

Twenty other people, including six members of Suu Kyi's party, were sentenced Jan. 18 to seven-year terms for fomenting the unrest.

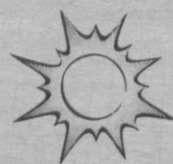
Suu Kyi, winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize, has said she shares the students' demands for more civil liberties but denies playing a role in their movement, as the government has charged.

Weather

The Local Forecast

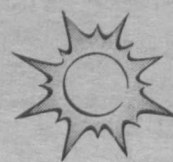
Today's Weather

Sunny. Highs near 20.



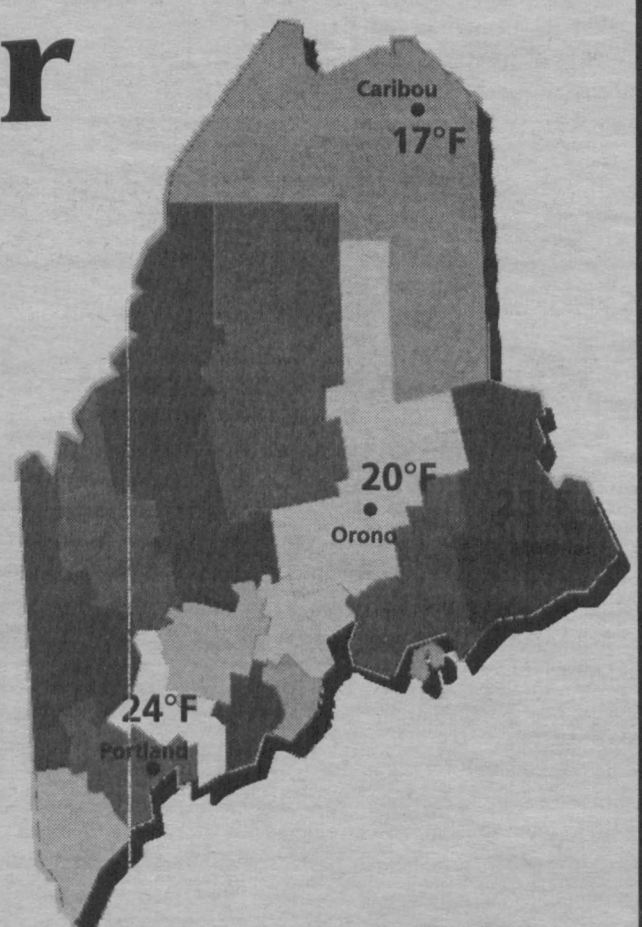
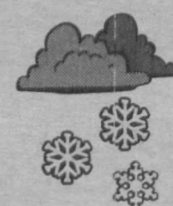
Tuesday's Outlook

Mostly sunny. Highs in the teens.



Extended Forecast

Friday...A chance of snow. Saturday...Fair. Sunday...A chance of snow.



• Recruitment

Admissions endeavors to attract strong applicant response

By Scott McKenna
Special to the Campus

Building on last year's success, the University of Maine's admissions office looks to continue increasing application and enrollment numbers.

Last year's freshman class was the largest enrollment at UMaine in the last five years. The admissions office is primarily responsible for the success in recruiting high school and transfer students.

"Recruiting students is a multi-dimensional job, which the staff here is committed to," said admissions counselor Daniel Williams.

Williams said the admissions office is currently reading around 5,000 applications. Of these applications, approximately 4,000 students will be accepted and 1,900 students will enroll at the university.

Williams said the admissions office is looking to receive more than 6,000 applications this year so that the university can maintain selective standards. Currently, 80 percent of UMaine students are from Maine. Along with the 6,000 applications, the goal of the admissions office is to see a 75 percent in-state, 25 percent out-of-state enrollment split.

Williams and the admissions office staff promote and respond to prospective students' interest in the university. From the beginning of September through the middle of November, Williams and seven staff members visit every high school in Maine. The staff also visits national

college fairs in cities such as Boston, New York and Baltimore.

Williams said to reach students in other regions of the country, the admissions office looks to alumni for help. The Alumni Ambassador Program is a group that helps to reach areas that staff members are not physically able to visit.

Williams said the admissions office must also deal with the constantly changing, and not always favorable perception of the university.

"The past six years, students have seen job cuts, tuition hikes...perception is very difficult to change," Williams said.

He said strong legislative support of the university, a promise from the governor to increase the university's budget and the compliance of the athletics program are helping the university change these negative perceptions.

"A lot of times students from Maine think that they a lot about the university, but are surprised at how much we have to offer," said admissions counselor Kim Johnson.

Johnson and admissions counselors Kerry Brothers and Liz Downing stressed the importance of what they refer to as the "Maine connection."

"There are a lot of ties here. A friend or relative went here; maybe someone has a home in the area," Downing said. "Almost every student we talk to has a tie to the university in some way or the other."

UMaine can be a tougher sell for some in-state students rather than for students

out of state.

"Some in-state students see Maine as a safety school," Williams said. "It is my job to correct this misinformation. Students from northern Maine see this as a huge population. People from urban areas see it as the end of the earth. The most common out-of-state question I hear is, 'How cold does it get?'"

Williams said students today have more options than in the past. Students are no longer just trying to get into one school. Students today are trying to get into as many schools possible, and then choose which one to attend.

"Maine was my first choice," said Eric Hogate, a first-year student from Maine. "However, it was close to home and that helped make the choice safe for me."

Maine first-year student Don Dutremble made UMaine his first choice.

"I did not see this as a safety school," Dutremble said. "I came here because I heard a lot of great things about it."



Daniel Williams of UMaine admissions. (Joel Page Photo.)

Other first-year students upheld Williams' assessment that the university is seen as a safety school by some students from Maine.

"I saw it as a safety school," said Greg

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Student Government 1997-1998

Budgets for Clubs, Boards & Committees will be available Monday, February 10, 1997 in Room 100 Donald P. Corbett at 6:00p.m.

All eligible Boards, Clubs, and Committee are requested to send 2 representatives to attend this information session regarding the Annual Budget process.

Requirement

Your club must have funding approval and the president must be an undergraduate student. (To check your status, please come to the Student Government office as soon as possible.)

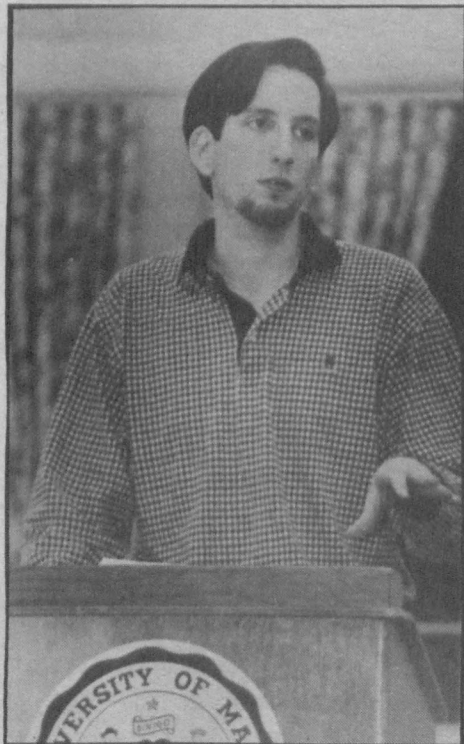
Deadline

for submitting completed forms to Student Government is: Tuesday, March 25, 1997 by 3:00p.m. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Student Government Office for groups to meet with the Vice-President for Financial Affairs from Feb. 17 through March 29.

No requests for budgets will be accepted after the deadline. Call 581-1775 if you have questions.

• GSS

UCB Student Government president outlines lawsuit



Kurtis Marsh, president of Student Government at University College, speaks at GSS Tuesday evening. (Stef Bailey Photo.)

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

The president of the student government at University College addressed the General Student Senate concerning the complaint filed against the University of Maine System and the UMS Board of Trustees with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Kurtis Marsh said he had discussed filing the complaint which alleges both age and sex discrimination with the BOT prior to the filing of the complaint.

"I have to do what's best for (UMA) students," Marsh said. "That is my job."

Marsh also said he doesn't feel the filing will hurt the other campuses struggle for money.

"I don't think that's true," Marsh said. It will draw more attention to the whole system being deprived. UMA couldn't do anything else."

Marsh said he foresees an ending to the complaint with funding for UMA. While there has been no settlement, he is optimistic, Marsh said.

Sen. Angela Shea, BOT representative, ad-

ressed the GSS to inform its members of the content of the BOT meeting, which was held in Wells Commons on Sunday and Monday.

"A lot of boring stuff happen at the Board of Trustees meeting," Shea said. The student representative to the BOT is to voice the opinion of students and report what occurs at the meeting to GSS.

Shea said the BOT discussed the possibility of having the same starting and ending date for all campuses, but nothing was voted on.

The GSS passed a 27-0-1 resolution that revised all the senate's financial policies and was of great importance since the GSS' primary function is to manage the students' activity funds.

During general good and welfare a member of the Greek community spoke against the proposal to move the InterFraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council out of the Thurrell Room.

"My great grandfather, Robert F. Thurrell, class of 1917, was a FIJI. He was president of the General Alumni Association, and on the onset of building the union, he donated the room for a place where students can study," Braeme Thurrell said. "Since the mid '70s it has been

used for IFC and Panhell offices."

Thurrell said he was told the Financial Affairs office wanted the room for the purpose of having more security and confidentiality concerning business manners.

Senators also passed a resolution that allocated \$2,000 from the general fund of the University of Maine Student Government, Inc. to the Guest Lecture Series Board that will be used to bring NBC news correspondent John Hockenberry to campus for a speech during the week of April 1, 1997.

Also passed was a resolution to allocate \$2,000 to the Guest Lecture Series from the general fund of the UMSG, Inc. which will be used to assist two lectures. There will be a lecture on February 18 about AIDS issues and one in March dealing with the environment.

The GSS passed a resolution to send a letter to President Hutchinson, the BOT and vice president addressing the issue of having UMaine recognize Martin Luther King Day.

The letter, which is written by Sen. Katie White, stresses the fact that GSS feels that conducting classes on Martin Luther King Day is a contradiction of the UMaine Mission Statement, which stresses the importance of cultural diversity at the university.

President Meiklejohn stated that UMaine students had a referendum in the past about having Martin Luther King Day off and they have already passed this.

Discussion also took place about looking into the possibility of having Veteran's and President's day off.

Two people were appointed to senator seats: Chris Geele, who is now an off-campus senator and Kendra Asselin who is now a DTAV senator. Senator Jessica Bastey was appointed chair of the Guest Lecture Series.

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Babonis, a first-year student from Maine. "I applied here because I knew I would be paying in-state fees. That meant a lot in my choosing this university."

Williams said the admissions office at UMaine has no quotas and is not numbers-driven. The staff is not responsible for bringing in a certain number of students each year, as other schools' admissions offices are.

"The pressure here comes from attracting the highest caliber of student possible," Williams said.

He said the admissions office must also deal with transfer acceptance policies, multicultural components and the acceptance of student athletes.

"The decision to accept a student athlete lies in this office, no matter how good they are," Williams said.

He said the admissions office must be sensitive to changing university programs, facilities and publications to provide prospective students with accurate information about the university.

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• Investigation

Police continue search for mysterious suspect

By Yolanda Sly
Maine Campus staff

The Orono Police Department is still investigating the possibility that a suspicious incident that occurred in University Park is connected to a suspicious incident that occurred in Talmar Wood shortly after midnight on Tuesday morning.

Orono Police Sgt. Tim Gould said a 12-year-old boy living in Talmar Woods noticed a male subject wearing a dark jacket, a hood and sweat pants outside his house.

Gould said the department is investigat-

ing the incident, however, officers do not know if the incident is related to the one that occurred on Friday in University Park.

On Friday, Jan. 25, a 12-year-old reported that he and a friend were followed by a white male wearing a black and brown jacket, driving a black sedan.

Public Safety Sgt. Robert Norman said the boy reported the man had tried to open the door to his house. Public Safety Lt. Allan Stormann said the department is still investigating the incident.

Other incidents that occurred over the weekend are as follows:

Four students were charged in connec-

tion to an incident on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 5:14 a.m.

Robert Thompson, 18, of Holden was charged with disorderly conduct possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal trespassing and possession of marijuana.

Isaac Blood, 21, of Brewer was charged with disorderly conduct and obstruction of justice.

Corey Grandmont, 21, of Brewer was charged with assault.

Stormann said at 5:14 a.m. on Jan. 25 Public Safety received a 911 call from the

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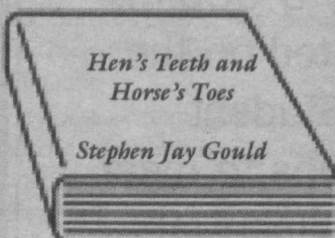
Nominations for 1997-1998

University of Maine Class Book

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate needs your nominations for next year's class book. The book is selected by the Academic Affairs Committee and the director of College Composition. The following guidelines are used in selecting the book:

1. *The book should be of sufficient intellectual rigor and cultural interest to engage an audience of university faculty and students, yet broad enough to appeal to a diverse academic community.*
2. *All nominations must be accompanied by a copy of the book and a one-page statement outlining the arguments in its favor.*
3. *The book should be available in paperback and be reasonable in cost.*

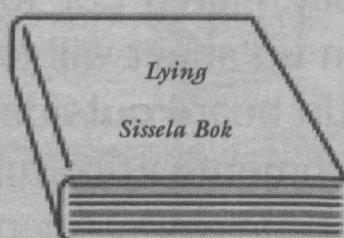
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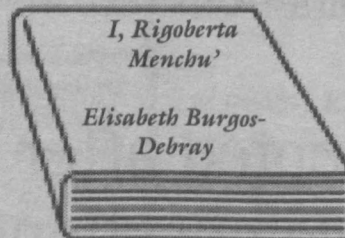
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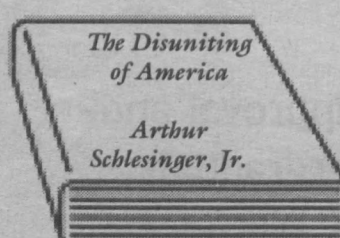
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*Nominations will be accepted through February 14. Send your nominations to:

Constance Perry
Academic Affairs Committee
329 Shibles Hall

• Ambition

Rep. Baldacci reflects on UMaine experiences

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus Staff

Community service is a key to the future, according to Maine's Second District Rep. John Baldacci as he spoke to the Circle K service organization Monday night in the Damn Yankee.

"I want young people to be part of what's going on," Baldacci said. "You've got to become more engaged, you've got to have more people turning out and participating if we are truly going to be the society that we need to be in the future. We're going to be number one."

Baldacci congratulated the Circle K members for going out into the community and being active citizens. Among other projects, the club has volunteered for blood drives, helped at the Dorothy Day soup kitchen and worked with the Kiwanis club on various service projects.

Baldacci also praised UMaine. A 1986 graduate of UMaine, he said seven out of eight members of his family also attended the university.

"It's a very important institution to our family, and it's a very important institution to all Maine families," Baldacci said. "My dad used to tell me 'Listen, the University of Maine can be like Harvard, it's whatever you want to make it to be.'"

Baldacci used to travel with his father in the 1960s when he was a national delegate for John Kennedy. He said his father passed down his admiration for Kennedy and his "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country" philosophy.

"We all grew up in that kind of belief as

well, of politics and public service, and being involved in our community," Baldacci said. He added that it is the most rewarding part of his service to put on a spaghetti dinner to help fund-raisers, such as the one held to aid the Old Town band on its inaugural trip to Washington, D.C.

"I always say to people, if I did anything good it was because I was raised well, and if something went astray, don't blame my parents for it, because it falls on my shoulders," he said.

Baldacci said lack of public service, caused by citizens having self-interest and not community interest, is causing a deterioration at the state and national levels.

"People have been getting into their own shells, and they've been trying to keep their heads above water and provide for their families and for themselves, and they don't have time to do anything else," he said. "Somehow we're going to have to break outside of that process, and get into our communities, and we're going to start to have to build our communities."

He said Congress is looking pass a tax package which includes a reduction of capital gains taxes for long-term investments, offering up to \$10,000 tax credit for college tuition and offering graduating high school seniors Hope Scholarships.

"People who maintain a 'B' average and stay off drugs are going to be able to get a \$1,500-a-year scholarship for two years from the federal government," Baldacci said.

Christopher Atwood, Circle K treasurer, invited Rep. Baldacci through a number of contacts he made during his six months as a page in Washington, D.C.

"We were really surprised to get him,"



Rep. John Baldacci spoke at UMaine Monday about his years at the University of Maine. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

Atwood said. "With his time it's hard to do something like this." Atwood added that he would like to see him visit the University again soon, but he understands Baldacci's time constraints.

Reaction from the small crowd was favor-

able after the speech and question-and-answer session.

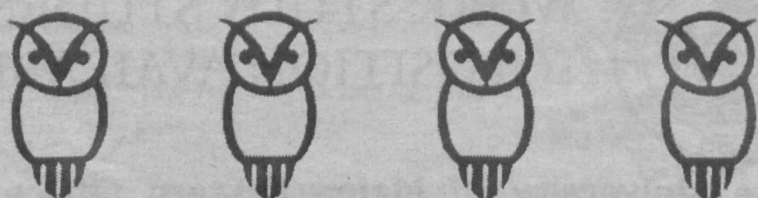
"He's not pretentious, not full of himself, and a good listener," said Jolene Twombly, a

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Bound

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MaineBound trips are designed to accommodate all skill levels, this trip is geared to the experienced paddler, either canoe or kayak.

There are many great rivers in the South to enjoy, and the cultural highlights will be a good diversion, said Hunt, who will be going on the trip.

Led by MaineBound Director John Tierney, the Mt. Washington expedition (Mar. 1-6) will emphasize a variety of climbing and mountain survival skills, from roped travel and belay methods to avalanche assessment and snow shelter construction. With a trained guide for every three climbers, the teacher-to-student ratio is high enough to guarantee extensive personal instruction.

"This trip develops skills for use on high peaks," Hunt said, "so time will be spent out in snow shelters and there will be a lot of rope travel."

Jeremy Wizer, a member of the General Camping and Ice Climbing Staff, will be an

instructor on the trip.

"The Washington trip is a wonderful way to learn valuable snow climbing and general mountaineering skills," said Wizer.

Red Rocks, Nevada, however, provides an escape from the horrors of the cold Maine winter. Despite the luxurious warmth, however, the climbing will be strenuous.

"This is a great season for climbing out West. It's a beautiful spot," Hunt said.

The trip will be scoped for experience, allowing both beginners and experts to enjoy rock climbing. Depending on skill, climbers will follow courses ranging from short pitches to routes over 1,000 feet high.

Bill Kidder, a MaineBound instructor leading a winter camping trip this weekend, is eager to begin the Red Rocks trip.

"You have to know the basics before you can enjoy a trip like this, but once you start, you never stop learning," Kidder said. "Anything is possible."

The registration deadline for this trip is Feb. 15; the Mt. Washington trip deadline is Feb. 15; the deadline for the two water trips is Feb. 3.

The spring break expeditions are by no means the extent of MaineBound's curriculum. A series of kayak and canoe whitewater training sessions at the campus swimming pool is set to begin in early February, and a host of rescue, climbing, first aid and ropes courses are available. Plus, MaineBound is a major area provider of outdoor equipment for rent.

MaineBound would like to offer even more expeditions and programs, and make them more affordable for students, but, like many departments on campus, they are feeling the financial squeeze.

Josh Corbin, an instructor with the Rock and Mountain Staff, says that pressure on the administration and the president will be invaluable to earning aid for MaineBound.

"This is only school in the country that has American Mountain Guide Association accreditation," Corbin said. "And despite the fact that we are a genuine department, we are funded only enough to keep us barely afloat."

Loss of the Union's climbing wall because of fire code regulations also limits the number activities MaineBound can instruct.

"I think we lost a lot of business because of the lack of a climbing wall," Wizer said. "We still get a lot of questions about it."

"We've put through a couple of proposals

to the administration, but they have big problems with money," Corbin said, who is also part of UMaine's High Angle Rescue Team, or HART, which also depends on UMaine funding.

With an emphasis on quality instruction, MaineBound nevertheless provides comprehensive programs stressing one on one training and team-building.

"MaineBound offers a positive impact, really, for everyone on campus," Wizer said. "If you go in with the right attitude, you can come out with a great experience."

To sign up for any courses MaineBound offers, registration forms are available at the central office, located on the first floor of the Memorial Union.



Just some of the equipment available at Maine Bound for students: ice axes, crampons, head lamps, mountaineering boots, etc. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

BOT

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"because the functions of the ENM are system wide functions and should be retained as such under the leadership of a Chief Information Officer and a reorganized office of the Vice Chancellor's of Academic Affairs," Foley said. "This separation concurs with the BOT's May '94 decision to separate ENM from UMA."

Foley said she heard from a BOT member that the corporate investments are yielding good dividends and the UMS is financially viable.

"Will the BOT authorize the removal of the \$1.8 million from reserve funds, replenishing the reserves upon the promised sale of the Capehart property?" Foley asked.

The BOT didn't respond to any of the comments or questions raised during the citizen comment in the meeting.

The Capehart property was to be sold and funds from the sale were to be used for UC's funding due to a \$1 million deficit caused to UMA by the merging of campuses.

"[We plan to have] full disclosure to faculty and students," Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart said. "With fresh enrollment there's the positive threshold to the future."

Concern was raised when UMA's mission statement, which was scheduled to be approved, was tabled.

The mission statement said "UMA is a single institution, geographically dispersed, committed to teaching and learning, which provides access to educational programs and work force training, both traditional and interactive electronic instruction, at multiple campuses, centers, and distance learning sites throughout the state, in selected baccalaureate and associate degree programs offered individually and cooperatively with other public and private institutions of higher learning."

"The board has been anything but decisive," Kurtis Marsh, president of UCB student government said. "They don't seem to put enough thought into action [regarding] UMA and Ednet."

The BOT voted to do the following:

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- Eliminate the B.S. in Merchandising and Consumer Resources at UMaine.
- To create a B.S. in Sports Medicine at the USM.
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Police

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first floor of Androscoggin Hall. Responding to the call were Officers Christopher Gardner, Joel Small and David Lint. When the officers arrived the fight had moved to the second floor.

Stormann said Grandmont was charged with assault. In the process of getting people to leave, drug paraphernalia was found, and while arresting Thompson, Blood interfered and was charged.

Stormann said on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 2:20 a.m., Jason Fogerty and Jason Randlett were charged with illegal possession of alcohol by a minor.

Stormann said on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 1:52 a.m., Jason Giblin was charged with violation of Maine's zero-tolerance law.

Stormann said Gardner and Small observed Giblin's vehicle exiting Knox Hall at a high rate of speed.



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State News

• State of the State

King defends proposals to doubtful legislators

AUGUSTA (AP) — Gov. Angus King said he approached Tuesday night's State of the State address as a chance to speak directly to the public, but that his primary audience would be the legislators who will dispose of the initiatives he proposed.

Initial reaction from rank-and-file House and Senate members suggested that King's offerings will face tough scrutiny. The call for doubling the levy on cigarettes to fund income tax relief immediately touched off a new round of debate over what kind of tax Mainers find most burdensome and what use should be made of new revenue.

Lawmakers as different as Republican Rep. Thomas Murphy of Kennebunk and Democratic Rep. Michael Brennan of Portland suggested that the cigarette tax initiative might need rethinking.

Murphy complained that failing to target more money for local schools would produce either "probably one of the biggest spikes up in the property tax in Maine or dramatic decreases in services on the part of municipalities or school units."

Brennan, saying the state's share of

local school funding had fallen from about 51 percent to about 43 percent, likewise advocated a different tack.

"From what I hear, I don't think people are as concerned about income taxes as they are the property tax," he said.

Christopher St. John, the executive director of the Maine Center for Economic Policy, said hiking cigarette taxes had won support from groups more commonly opposed to regressive tax measures, given its putative public health impact.

But that support, he suggested, was often linked to plans for using much of the new tax revenue for health-related programs. Debate over "giving the money back" might break out any number of ways, he said.

Walker Merryman, a vice president of The Tobacco Institute, said that the tax hike King proposed "probably won't mean a significant decline in the number of people smoking in Maine, but it certainly would do great damage to small business in Maine because the people who are the most hurt by it are the small

convenience stores."

Merryman also suggested that Maine could end up merely "chasing Maine business into New Hampshire," where prices are substantially lower, although New Hampshire Gov. Jeanne Shaheen has said she will call for an increase in the cigarette tax there.

Another King initiative already under fire calls for the establishment of a new community program known as "restorative justice," which would involve crime victims and local groups in overseeing the probation of low-risk offenders.

Appropriations Committee critics have voiced dissatisfaction with current budget plans within the Corrections Department. Other skeptical voices have been raised by state workers fearing that their jobs may be contracted out.

"That's a problem for us," Executive Director Carl Leinonen of the Maine State Employees Association said in response to King's address.

Some of the governor's less expansive initiatives won preliminary support.

Sen. Marge Kilkelly, D-Wiscasset, said that from her vantage point as Senate

chairman of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, streamlining the process for obtaining park passes, hunting or fishing licenses would be good for the state as well as its customers.

Allowing applicants to order passes or renew licenses on their tax forms "may provide us with an opportunity to get money into the system sooner," as well as improve revenue projections, Kilkelly said.

Leaders of the Republican Senate and House minorities were spare in complimenting King's presentation.

"I'm thrilled on the one hand that the governor has recognized the fact that high taxes in the state of Maine are causing our economy to stagnate or at least not expand at the level it should," said Senate Minority Leader Jane Amero, R-Cape Elizabeth.

"But on the other hand he says we need more patience. And for the people when we promised back in 1991 that the sales tax increase was only temporary and are still waiting, I'm sure they're wondering how much more patience do we have to have before we see that tax relief."

Elections

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dependent candidacies of Pres. Ben Meiklejohn and former Vice President Jennifer Doherty.

FEPC Chair Jonathan Duke said the fairness of this year's election should not come into question because students won't be forced to cast a single vote for either a ticket or an independent candidate. Voters will be able to split a ticket by voting for an independent candidate and either candidate on the ticket.

"I think this will be easier for everybody and tickets with running mates won't be at a disadvantage," Duke said. "I think that the better people will be chosen and students can vote for the people they really want."

Vice President William L. Bates II said he thought there was a still a problem with the election guidelines because students didn't have a clear choice between tickets. Bates said a vote for two candidates who appear on different tickets could result in a lack of cooperation once they take office.

"When you vote for a ticket, you know the candidates have talked with each other about their goals," Bates said. "But, can you imagine Bob Dole and Al Gore in office?"

Morelli, a junior public administration major, is the only candidate for vice president. Barstow said he wanted to run with Morelli, but Morelli decided to run with Nelson. Barstow said if he was elected, he would have no problem working with Morelli.

"I feel that the president needs to be able to work with anybody, and I know I can work with anybody," Barstow said.

"It's been proven by my work in the Senate."

"By joining the ticket, he's chosen who he wants to work with, and it's me," Nelson said. "I think it's important to run on a ticket because you set goals together and you plan to work together."

Students vying for the presidency and vice presidency of Residents on Campus also announced their candidacies. The ticket of Ryan Eslinger and Keith Heselton, as

president and vice president respectively, is running against the independent presidential ticket of Shana Walsh.

The election will take place on 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.

Baldacci

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four-year member of Circle K.

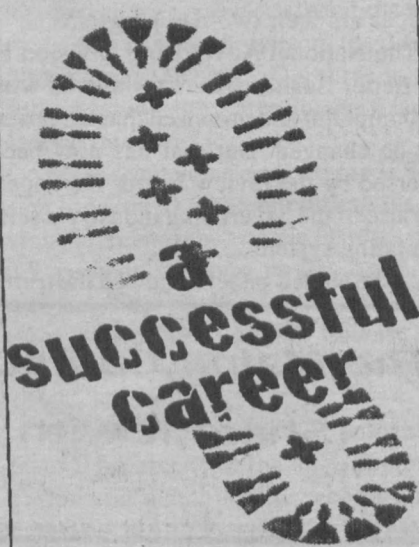
"I think it was very informative," said Circle K member Jeremy Gray. "He's got me convinced to volunteer and go out into the community."

Angela Cole, past president of Circle K, said Baldacci answered people's questions as both a politician and an average person.

"I think Rep. Baldacci is very much a people person," she said. "I think it's great he was willing to come to UMaine."

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National News

• Radioactive fuel

Arguments erupt over proper disposal of plutonium

WASHINGTON (AP) — An element found in most weapons-grade plutonium may complicate and add millions of dollars in costs to an Energy Department plan to use tons of plutonium as a civilian reactor fuel, according to some nuclear scientists.

Concerns about the element, known as gallium, in weapons-grade plutonium were outlined in a paper written by two nuclear weapons scientists from the Los Alamos National Laboratory and made public Monday.

Senior Energy Department officials said they remained confident that the scientists' concerns can be resolved and not hinder plans to dispose of up to 42 tons of plutonium by burning it in civilian reactors as a mixed oxide, or MOX, fuel.

The plan to burn most of the government's stockpile of plutonium over several decades is at the core of a plutonium disposal program approved by Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary earlier this month, shortly before her departure from the Cabinet. About a dozen utilities have shown interest in powering their reactors with a plutonium-mixed oxide fuel.

But the \$2.2 billion program has come under sharp criticism from environmentalists and nuclear weapons proliferation watchdog groups, who contend it sends a

signal to the rest of the world that plutonium can be put into commerce as a valuable fuel, instead of being buried as a dangerous radioactive waste.

Questions about the suitability of plutonium for civilian use are sure to be used by critics trying to scuttle the plan.

In their paper, the two Los Alamos scientists said high concentrations of gallium can complicate the processing of plutonium into a mixed oxide, or MOX, fuel, and also cause problems with the fuel's eventual disposal.

Plutonium from warheads contains up to 1 percent gallium. The element was added to make the plutonium workable in the warhead manufacturing process.

While the metal does not directly affect the fission process, it is known to attack zirconium, which is used as the cladding for fuel rods in civilian reactors.

"The presence of excessive gallium in spent MOX fuel could therefore cause (the cladding's) deterioration and hence possibly cause waste management problems," wrote Dr. James Toevs, project leader for nuclear material disposition, and Carl Beard, project leader for nuclear fuels research and development, both at Los Alamos.

The paper is to be printed this week in a newsletter of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, which has

been critical of using plutonium in civilian reactors.

"Gallium is a problem and you have to get it out," said Ajun Makhijani, a nuclear scientist and president of the IEER. "We don't know how much gallium will be tolerated (in a MOX fuel). That's going to be difficult to establish."

According to the two Los Alamos scientists, technologies for gallium removal are available, but either pose their own environmental concerns or have yet to be tested on the scale needed to dispose of tons of plutonium.

The current processing of MOX fuel and gallium removal requires the use of water and "results in the generation of large quantities of liquid radioactive wastes," wrote the two Los Alamos scientists.

Another method, using a dry process,

has been tested in the laboratory but is "not yet fully developed," they wrote. They also said it remains unclear what levels of residual gallium — perhaps as little as 10 parts per million — will be acceptable for use as a reactor fuel.

The scientists' concerns were first reported Monday in the New York Times.

Howard Canter, the Energy Department's acting director of fissile materials disposition, said in an interview that refined procedures for removing high levels of gallium are expected to be developed before the MOX processing begins in seven or eight years.

"It may not be a problem at all," he maintained. "Several methods (or gallium removal) are being explored. ... It's not a large process and we don't think it's going to be very difficult to do."

• Priority mail

Disgruntled Post Office competitors denounce ads

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Advertising Review Board has rejected a complaint against post office advertising that compares its Priority Mail service with more costly services provided by Federal Express and United Parcel Service.

The board said Tuesday it believes the Postal Service "has a reasonable basis to substantiate its advertising for Priority Mail Service."

In question are broadcast ads in which the price of two-day service by the two private carriers is reported, followed by the lower price of "two-to-three" day Priority Mail.

The private firms complained that the price comparison wasn't fair because the Priority Mail isn't tracked and guaranteed, as are their two-day programs.

The National Advertising Division of the Better Business Bureaus agreed with the complaint and proposed that the postal ads be changed. But that has now been reversed by the review board, the appellate arm of the advertising industry's self-regulating system.

"The NARB panel reviewed the truth-

fulness of USPS' advertising and determined that the advertising in question need not be modified," the panel said in a decision issued in New York.

The post office released a statement saying it was "very pleased" with the ruling.

Federal Express spokeswoman Shirlee Clark said the company is disappointed in the decision and "believes that (post office) ads continue to mislead the public by comparing services that are not comparable." United Parcel Service did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The decision noted that the Postal Service ads made no claim that Priority Mail is tracked or guaranteed. And, the panel noted, the post office pointed out that its ads specified a "two-to-three" day delivery time, making it clear that no guarantee is offered.

The ads also mention that the post office offers Saturday delivery and free pickup, not available from the competitors, and the panel concluded that the post office had the right to advertise its extra services without having to refer to other features provided by its competitors.

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Record breaker

Both coastlines hit hard by rain in past year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Storms slamming into the West Coast and moisture marching north in the Atlantic made last year the wettest on record on opposite sides of the country.

For Oregon and Idaho in the West and Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and West Virginia in the East, 1996 recorded the most rain and snow ever. For New York, it was the second wettest, according to new figures from the National Climatic Data Center.

"It's pretty obvious what caused the West to be so wet; it was the prevalent storm track hitting the West Coast, as it's doing right now," William O. Brown of the Asheville, N.C., climate center, a part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said Tuesday.

"For the Northeast, he said, the No. 1 cause was the pretty active westerly (wind) flow. It caused storm development in the Gulf of Mexico, which caused the wetness.

... Also, we had an active tropical season."

For the nation as a whole, year-end figures compiled by the Data Center show precipitation averaged 32.32 inches across the country, the fifth wettest year on record. The record is 33.99 inches in 1973.

But it was the all-time wettest year in the Northeast with 51.66 inches, and the Northwest was also a record-setter at 37.85. In a normal year, the Northeast gets 41.63 inches and the Northwest 27.50.

In addition to the record states, those where precipitation put them among their 10 wettest years ever were Washington and California in the West. In the East, other states with years among their 10 wettest were Indiana, Ohio, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

The national average temperature last year was 52.3 degrees Fahrenheit, close to the normal of 52.4. Of the 102 years of recordkeeping, 1996 ranks 47th on a scale with 1 the coldest and 102 the hottest.

For the West — California and Nevada — it was the second hottest year on record with an average of 57.3 degrees, trailing only 1934's 57.8. Normal is 55.0. Arizona, New Mexico and Utah also had years ranked among the 10 hottest.

"In the Southwest ... you had a quite persistent high pressure there, especially earlier in the year, and therefore warmer temperatures and less cloud cover. That seemed to change later in the year," Brown said.

In the north-central part of the country, a persistent flow from the northwest caused several states to record temperatures among

their 10 coldest for a year, including North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois.

The annual summary does not include figures for Alaska and Hawaii, whose weather varies considerably from the 48 contiguous states.

A regional rundown including ranking in which 1 would be coldest or driest and 102 would be warmest or wettest:

Northeast: 52.66 inches of rain, 102; 46.0 degrees, 36; includes New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware.

East North Central: 31.04 inches, 67; 41.5 degrees, 9; includes Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Central: 47.28 inches, 88; 52.2 degrees, 10; includes Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee.

Southeast: 53.71 inches, 73; 61.9 degrees, 18; includes Virginia, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

West North Central: 19.17 inches, 86; 41.4 degrees, 12; includes Montana, North and South Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska.

South: 33.98 inches, 44; 62.3 degrees, 47; includes Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Southwest: 13.06 inches, 45; 53.8 degrees, 99; includes Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

Northwest: 37.85 inches, 102; 47.1 degrees, 72; includes Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

West: 23.80 inches, 97; 57.3 degrees, 101; includes California and Nevada.

Economy

Labor costs, wage increase boost consumer confidence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Workers' wages and benefits rose a moderate 2.9 percent last year, the government reported Tuesday, triggering a temporary rally in financial markets.

Bonds shot up initially after the labor cost report, boosting stocks despite a separate, worrisome report on consumer confidence. Both, however, gave up their gains at the close.

Analysts were divided over what impact the seemingly conflicting reports would have on interest rates.

Some said the modest increase in the Labor Department's Employment Cost Index showed inflation remained under control and would permit Federal Reserve policy-makers to leave interest rates unchanged when they meet next week.

"This Employment Cost Index report should allow (Chairman) Alan Greenspan and the Fed to sit tight for at least another month or so," said economist Bill Cheney of John Hancock Financial Services in Boston. "It confirms the impression that the labor markets aren't getting so tight that they will fuel inflation."

At the same, however, the Conference Board, a business research group, reported that its consumer confidence index jumped in January to a 7 1/2-year high. Some analysts suggested the steep advance could lead to sharply increased consumer spending, which represents two-thirds of the nation's economic activity. That, together with rising labor costs, could lead to higher prices, they argued.

"Consumer confidence really suggests that we have got a very impressive head of steam going into 1997 that, if anything, will put further heat on wages and inflation," contended economist Stephen S. Roach of Morgan Stanley & Co. He predicted Fed policy-makers would nudge short-term interest rates up at next week's meeting.

The 2.9 percent increase in labor costs last year was the biggest since they rose 3 percent in 1994. Labor costs had risen 2.7 percent in 1995.

Wages and salaries — nearly three-

fourths of total compensation — rose 3.3 percent, steepest since a 3.6 percent jump in 1991. But benefit costs inched up just 2 percent, the smallest gain on record.

The index is considered one of the best gauges of inflation pressures since compensation represents about two-thirds of the cost of a product.

The report at first calmed financial markets by coming in as many analysts had expected, rather than rising sharply as some investors had feared.

The inflation-sensitive bond market rallied, driving interest rates down from their four-month high and boosting the stock market's Dow Jones industrial average by nearly 100 points.

But at the close, bond prices had given up much of their gains although interest rates were up slightly. The Dow closed at 6,656.08, down 4.61.

In its report, the Conference Board in New York said its Consumer Confidence Index rose 2.6 points to 116.8 in January, its highest level since October 1989. The advance, which was well above economists' estimates, was the third straight.

While some analysts expressed concern the high confidence level could add to inflation pressures, others said consumer enthusiasm would be muted by high levels of debt and slower job and income growth this year.

During the fourth quarter, employment costs rose a seasonally adjusted 0.8 percent as expected, up from the 0.6 percent increase the previous three months and matching the gains in the first and second quarter.

Wages and salaries also rose 0.8 percent, up from 0.6 percent during the previous three months and the fastest since a 0.9 percent advance in the April-June quarter. The growth in pay during the third quarter had been the slowest since 0.4 percent during the same quarter of 1992.

Benefit costs grew 0.7 percent, up from 0.6 percent in the July-September period and matching the second-quarter increase.

The quarterly figures are adjusted for seasonal variations.

Racism

Church organization launches extensive reconstruction effort

WASHINGTON (AP) — Buoyed by a \$6 million grant from a private foundation, the nation's largest association of black churches is launching a three-year \$12 million campaign to rebuild burned-out churches in the South.

The Congress of National Black Churches Inc., which claims a membership of 65,000 churches and 20 million people, said it will also head up arson-suppression efforts and run a reconciliation campaign in communities with burned churches.

Half the needed money, or \$6 million, will come from the Indianapolis-based Lilly Foundation, and the rest from a fund-raising drive.

At a news conference Monday, Bishop John Hurst Adams, founder of the organization, said about \$3 million of the money will be used over the next three years to rebuild or repair some 50 black or multiracial churches in the South. Fire-retardant materials will be used in the work.

Adams and other officials said the rest of the fund will be used to provide black churches with anti-arson security systems and for educational efforts.

The effort will begin with pilot programs in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. Eventually, projects will be started in Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina and Virginia.

Adams said that federal, state and local authorities have identified 318 churches that were destroyed by fire between Jan. 1, 1995, and the end of 1996. But he and other officials said the number is subject to constant change. The church officials said that through the end of August, authorities have identified some 70 churches with black or multiracial congregations where race may have been the motive for arson.

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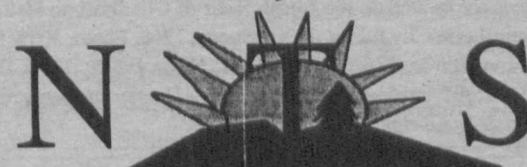
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Editorial

Expand university image

The University of Maine is pressing onward with its attempts to expand the Memorial Union in hopes of attracting more students to the flagship campus and shaking its reputation as the safety school of the Northeast. While union expansion is a sound endeavor, the administration must consider the impact of permanently losing approximately 15 percent of its faculty, most of whom decided to jump ship out of sheer frustration. More importantly, they must realize the negative message this faculty exodus sends to prospective students.

A new union can never replace the experience and contributions of the retiring faculty. The administration must make a concerted effort to recruit and retain quality educators, thus sending a clear message that faculty, not facilities, are the backbone of this institution.

These recent retirements force the university to face an increasingly difficult challenge. It must convince the best and brightest to bypass the esteemed private schools of the East Coast and attend Maine's public research institution. But with the increased demand for

a solid liberal arts education, and absolute necessity of a degree worth its weight in job opportunity, the university may find its reputation too tarnished by perceived indifference to faculty to lure potential academics.

With the promise of an increasingly competitive job market, conscientious students are no longer choosing a school based on social opportunity. The merit of their guidance counselors' advice has persuaded top students, whose choices are limitless, to attend the school with the strongest academic programs. This advice may drive potential engineering or forestry students to UMaine, but if teachers continue to leave, even these programs will suffer.

In the eyes of future employers, the value of a bachelor's degree has slowly become equivalent to that of the high school diploma of a decade ago. Employers are looking for post-graduate work with the aim of securing an effective and educated employee. The university must sell itself and its undergraduate programs to potential students, and while a new union may be frosting on the cake, students still want cake.

Coffee, tea or money

This week's news that the Democratic Party raised \$27 million from 400 political donors invited to the White House for coffee chats should come as no surprise to anyone who has been following the Washington scene.

The Democratic Party, seeking to improve its image in the wake of charges of illegal campaign contributions, has banned contributions from non-citizens and from U.S. subsidiaries of foreign companies. It has also promised "closer scrutiny" of people invited to the White House and "rigorous background checks" on donors who contribute more than \$5,000.

This particular round of sparring has had Republicans and Democrats quibbling over who raises the most less-than-ethical campaign cash since before Election Day.

Republicans charged Clinton with accepting large donations from foreign sources. Clinton countered by charging Republicans with raising more foreign money than Democrats. And so on.

This kind of bickering and fighting will accomplish nothing in the way of

legislation aimed at reforming campaign finance laws.

Perhaps Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the principal author of the campaign finance reform legislation, put it best when he said, "If you're going to support this legislation and then beat the crap out of the other side, it's pretty hard to get bipartisan consensus."

The two sides need to admit that they've engaged in fundraising activities that have been shady at best and move on with reform. Name-calling and accusations may make for good sound bites, but Americans deserve better from their elected officials.

The Democrats' pledge also sounds good, but without bipartisan approval of proposed reform legislation, it amounts to nothing more than a promise made to save the image of a group under fire.

Solid campaign reform laws would go a long way toward evening the playing field for candidates from both parties and would ensure fair play from both parties, something Americans are still waiting for.



Letters to the Editor

No discipline

To the Editor:

Congratulations to Ms. Hersey (Jan. 24) for her "disciplined" and intelligent, or lack thereof, use of marijuana. Stop your denial. There is no such thing as responsible, disciplined use of marijuana, alcohol, or any other drug stimulant.

Marijuana isn't addictive? Yet, you need a "smoke" to begin your day, to study, and to get through class. With a stated GPA of 3.5, think what your potential could really be without marijuana in your life.

Sadly, my brother's present is not as rosy as Ms. Hersey's. He was a lettered athlete and honors student who also believed he had a disciplined control over drugs and alcohol. With help, he stopped using drugs, but required medication to repair the damage to his brain and thought process. My brother was able to begin college again, move into his own apartment, and start a full-time job. Then the denial and "disciplined" use of marijuana began again.

He is now a patient of a local mental health hospital, having been diagnosed with drug-induced psychosis.

So, for Ms. Hersey and all of you who say "Not me,

I have it under control", I say, "Yes, you!" Keep smoking your marijuana and other drugs. Keep wasting your mind and talents. Maybe you'll become my brother's next roommate.

Andrea Hardison
Old Town

The straight dope

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Paul Livingstone's Jan. 22 column titled "Marijuana Limbo". Mr. Livingstone made many factual errors in his article and I would like to help him get his information straight. Although I completely respect Mr. Livingstone's opinion (which greatly differs from my own), he made many statements which are completely false and show very sloppy journalism. The corrections to his misinformation are as follows:

1. Marijuana is not as addictive as tobacco and more so than alcohol. There exists no proof or evidence that marijuana is physically addicting at all. Where did you get this information Mr. Livingstone?

2. Marijuana has many uses today. The most popular use would undoubtedly be to get "stoned" (which I personally believe Mr. Livingstone should try some-

time). But try to remember that marijuana has been used by man for an extremely long time. Many early civilizations used it and a combination of other natural herbs and vegetables as medicines because of their powerful healing properties. Just because MERCK or some other huge drug manufacturer doesn't produce marijuana and sell it at every local drug store is no reason to discount the herb as medicine.

3. Marijuana was not "introduced in America in the 1960s." Mr. Livingstone makes it sound like a new cereal brand or style of clothing. Marijuana has been here all along. The negative marijuana hype began in the 1920s and 30s as a result of ignorance.

4. Mr. Livingstone, have you ever heard of morphine, Valium, Demerol, or Percodan? These are only a few examples of the countless man-made medicines prescribed daily by physicians around the world. And guess what? They are very proficient in their mind-altering capabilities. Consider this a part of your unofficial medical training.

I hope that my response has helped Mr. Livingstone set his facts straight.

Erik Larsen
Orono

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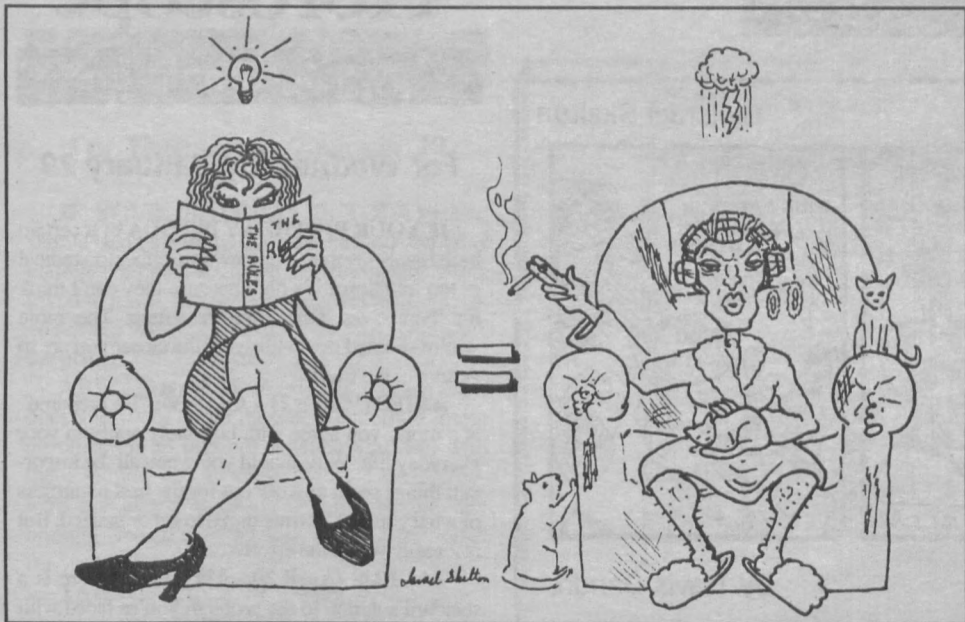
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OpEd



• As I See It

The 90s dating game



Kathryn Ritchie

I've been catching glimpses of talk shows lately where authors are touting their new dating guides for the 90s. So on a whim, I snuck my note pad into a bookstore and skimmed through the two most popular books (much to the annoyance of two store clerks). I certainly didn't find any answers for those still in the realm of dating, but I did find dozens of pages devoted to clichés, myths, and preconceived misinformation.

The first book is titled "The Rules" and is written by Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider. The book's back jacket explains that "men want a challenge, not an easy victory," and admits the authors' goal is "marriage in the shortest possible time." Skimming the book's 35 rules, it instantly occurs to me that this is more of an old maid's handbook. (Or as my boyfriend explained it, it's a way to guarantee the reader owns lots and lots of cats when they hit old age.) With rules like "Don't call him and rarely return his calls," and "Don't talk to him first," this book is setting its readers up for at least a decade of Saturday nights home alone. The passive-aggressive act went out in the 1940s, and would easily make a 90s woman seem frigid or a tease if she actually followed them.

Other rules include "Don't see him more than twice a week," "Don't discuss The Rules with your therapist," and "Don't break The Rules." A chapter in the book is dedicated to each anal-retentive rule. All in all, this is a book best to be avoided.

The male counterpart to all this dating advice is called "The Code," written by Nate Penn and Lawrence La Rose (two men who will surely never get a date ever again if the women in their lives read this book.) The book jacket proudly boasts the codes are "time tested secrets for getting what you want from women without marrying them."

With 24 codes, ranging from "How

do I lie to thee?" "The only message is a mixed message" and "Never trade anything for sex unless it's oral sex," this book also ensures the male reader will never get a second date.

What has happened to honesty or commitment? What's happened to showing genuine interest in someone you have feelings for? Both books approach dating as a very systematic list of dos and don'ts, which doesn't fly in the real world.

Theoretically, women following The Rules and men following the Code would never even get together. Imagine how long our population would survive with dating advice like this?!

In the real world, ice-cold, don't-call-him women don't walk down the aisle with the man of their dreams. They end up settling for some dweeby guy when they're approaching their 40s and kicking themselves in the butt for being so untouchable for so many years. Women who don't have the manners or guts to make or return calls are just putting their hopes in some prince charming who will insist on trying to get past their rigid exterior.

And in the real world, men who have endless strings of one night stands and don't-pin-me-down relationships don't throw bachelor-pad parties every weekend when they turn 40, without a care in the world. Know why? Because all their friends are married and are happy to stay home with their wives.

These books are only attempts at solving the problems of dating. Granted, dating does really suck at times, but neither approach will solve the problem.

Only honest, heartfelt attempts at making a play for the one you would like to love will work. Take your dating life into your own hands. If you feel like calling him — CALL HIM! And if you feel like living with her — PACK YOUR BAGS! It's time we all shut our ears to the advice of authors, mothers and best friends and exercise our own free will.

I bet the results will be more fulfilling than following any set of rules or codes.

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• Calling a spade a spade

Getting the lack of things



Yolanda Sly

May 10, 1997. For some this means the end of another semester at the University of Maine. However, for myself and many others of the class of 1997, it means the end of four years at UMaine.

We are survivors. We didn't transfer or drop out—but that's not to say we didn't suffer, or the idea of transferring didn't cross some of our minds (at least mine) on more than one occasion.

I've found many friends that I know I will keep in touch with after graduation and I've learned a great deal at UMaine—with special thanks to *Maine Campus* adviser Doug Kneeland. This is not to say I couldn't have learned more, or spent my parents' out-of-state tuition money better, at another school.

During my four years at UMaine, the administration has unsuccessfully tried to deal with lack of funding from the state and Board of Trustees.

Downsizing: This didn't work. It permanently reduced the university's hiring capacity by at least 50 percent of the number that are retiring, leaving more students and fewer professors.

AFFIRM: Given what the university faced, this

was a good idea, but it was only a stop-gap measure that bought some time to basically bolster what we had by giving each department enough money to get what it needed. However, once the money is used up the university will have to find another source of funding.

Retirement: While the retirement plan resulted from a proposal made by the University of Maine System, UMaine was the hardest hit. The retirement of 68 professors from UMaine will hinder the education a student receives. Departments interested in replacing their faculty will have to apply for new faculty, but not before justifying why they should be allowed to hire new faculty.

UMaine hopes to have more students attend the university while decreasing the number of faculty members. In reality, this means the quality of education decreases because with fewer resources, the university can't keep up with the quality of education that students deserve.

The administration will soon find that with all these cuts, the university can't attract quality students in state or out. This will be reflected in lower SAT and GPA averages and the quality of the student body will decrease.

Faculty should be replaced because they are a vital part of higher education. The quality of faculty and the number of facul-

ty who teach various aspects of a concentration reflects on the department of study.

A university is supposed to offer a wide variety of quality programs at a higher level of education. That's why it's called a university.

A reduction in the number of programs offered, or a decrease in the various aspects of a program that is taught decreases the quality of the education one receives at a university. If the quality of education is lowered its reputation is tarnished nationally and the qualifications of the students who receive degrees from the university are put into question.

While there are many programs at Maine that have been fortunate enough to improve or stay at the same level of quality education, too many programs haven't been that lucky.

Student Government has complained and has written letters to the Board of Trustees and state legislators about why

The administration will soon find that with all these cuts, the university can't attract quality students in state or out.

the university needs money. While the idea may have good intentions, there's more that could be done. For example, students could attend a BOT meeting (in Orono) for the duration, speak during citizen comment and when the state legislators are here, tell them why the university needs the money that has been requested from the state Legislature.

UMaine officials have courted the state legislators in hopes of getting more money. On

Sunday, legislators were treated to a UMaine basketball game, a movie telling them why UMaine is great with all of its accomplishments, and shrimp cocktail in the new 1944 building.

Showing legislators and BOT what UMaine offers students does not provide a basis for a request for more funds. Instead demonstrating what the university lacks, it does provide justification for increased funding. For example, a broadcast journalism program, adequate parking for students, lights and call boxes for increased safety, campuswide transportation, blue books for students to complete their exams because students hear their professors telling them that if they write too much they might not be able to buy more for the semester, updated journals in various fields of study, updated lavatories, professors who are experts in their field, adequate computer clusters ... this is just a sampling of what UMaine needs.

For UMaine to justify its need for increased funding, it must first demonstrate what it lacks. It must also take a proactive stance in acquiring those funds for the purpose of establishing a higher quality of education.

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Entertainment

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Wednesday, January 29

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: If certain individuals say that your views are either too radical or too traditional it's only because they can't think for themselves. One thing is certain: The more you're shouted down this year the closer you are to getting to the truth.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): "Be prepared" is a motto you agree with but rarely apply to your everyday life. Why should you when all the important things seem to work out for the best regardless of what you do? You are urged to get organized. But is it really worth the effort?

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): If there is a standard solution to the problem you're faced with today, you will deal with it quickly and completely. If, however, you find yourself in unknown territory you could be paralyzed with fright. In which case you must force yourself to be positive.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Someone you know may be very intelligent, but that does not mean he/she has all the answers. That person might have expert knowledge in a specific area, but can't grasp the wider picture. Don't listen to what others tell you when your inner voice tells you something different.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Whatever mountain you are trying to climb, be it in your private life or at work, it is proving tougher than expected. If you view it as a challenge, you will discover new ways to reach the summit. View it as an excuse to give up and you will have to start all over again from the bottom.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): No matter how much you fantasize you will never reach perfection. But you can hone to perfection the talents you were born with. Everyone is special in some way, and Leos are more special than most. Focus on what makes you special today and in some small way you will be perfect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You may be tempted to make a decision today even though you don't have all the facts. If your instincts tell you to go ahead, by all means do so. If it is pressure from outside that is pushing you in a certain direction, you must resist. Someone, somewhere, could be trying to take advantage of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Don't ignore those you suspect are doing their best to annoy you. If they have a grievance, then the sensible move is to find out what and why. The chances are they have simply got the wrong end of the stick, but it won't help matters if you start hitting them with it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Why is it that whenever someone says something nice you find it hard to believe? Could it be a lack of confidence in your abilities — or, even, a lack of self-esteem? Regardless of how you currently feel about yourself, there is no reason to doubt what a friend or colleague tells you today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You now have the chance to prove that you aren't the reckless individual some astrologers make you out to be. And, even if you are, another side of your nature will reveal itself today: the side that thinks deeply about serious subjects such as where you are heading — and why.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The conditions in your private life may be anything but perfect, but you can't afford to sit back and wait until they are. If you have difficult emotional matters to deal with, the longer you leave them the more difficult they will get. Start today and they will soon be over.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Minor obligations are likely to keep you tied close to home today. Though this may be frustrating, it's also exactly what you need. You have only a limited amount of energy at your disposal. If you travel too far you may use it all up before you reach your destination.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): It's essential today, tomorrow and for many weeks to come to keep expenses to an absolute minimum. Planetary activity warns that unless you spend money only on the things that really matter you could find that the books won't balance — no matter how skillfully you manage to juggle them.

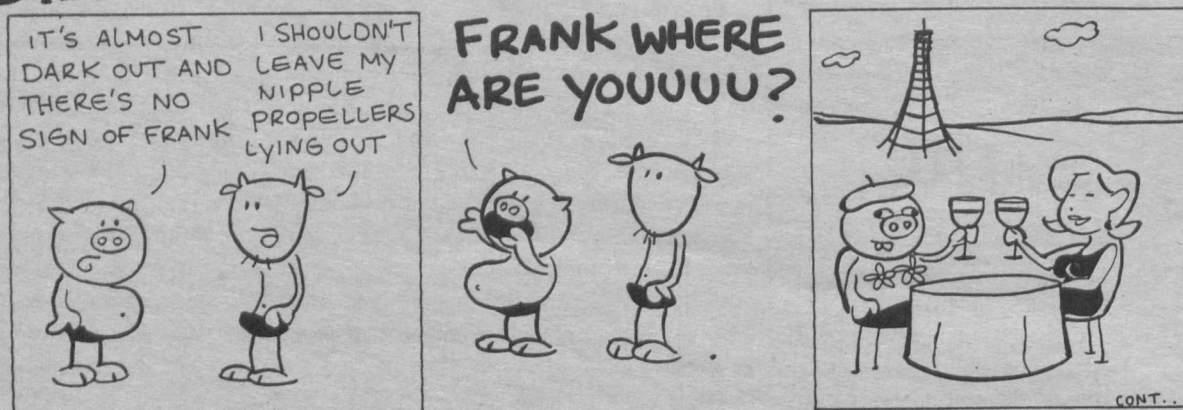
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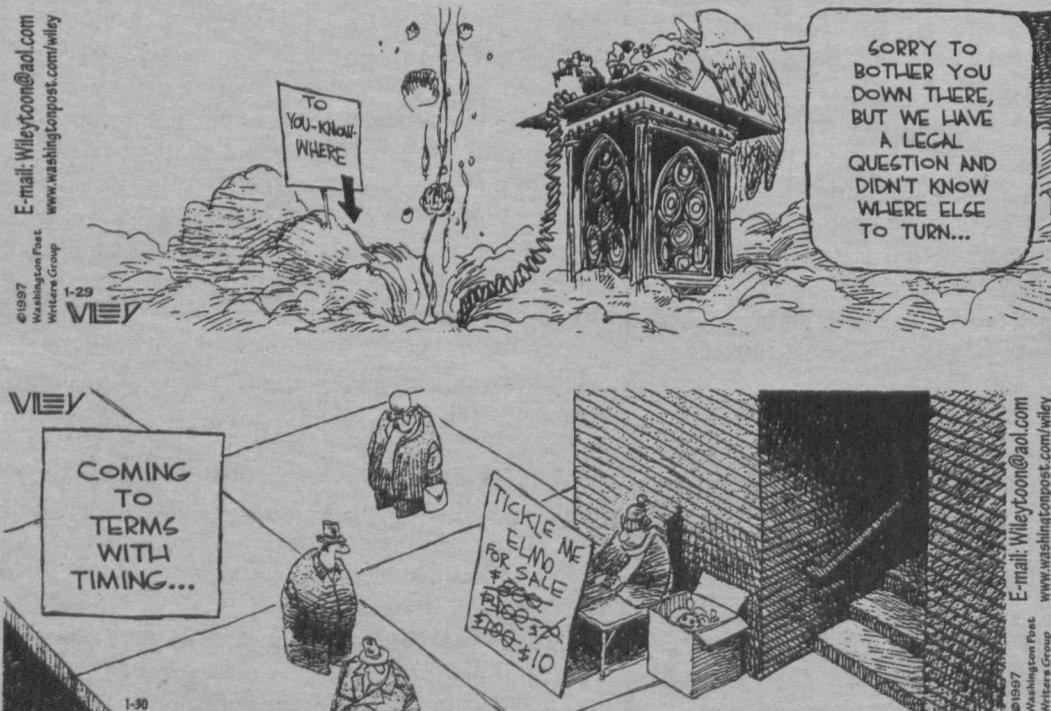
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, January 30

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You should be on the move this year, but you don't feel entirely confident about the direction you're being asked to travel. Rest assured you are worrying for no reason. Wherever you go and whatever you do, the planets will be watching over you.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): At what stage does a series of minor nuisances become a major nuisance? It all depends whether you deal with them individually or collectively. Tackle problems one at a time today. One by one they are nothing. Taken together they may be too much for you.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You are under no obligation to justify your beliefs. Anyone who tells you otherwise is mistaken. There are enough bigots proclaiming that their ways are right — don't encourage them. There is only one right way today and that is the way that is right for you.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): It may appear hard to be creative and lazy at the same time — but not if you are a Gemini. You may not want to exert yourself today, but you can still do something useful, such as reading a book or watching a TV program. What kind of book or program does not matter, just as long as it makes you think.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): No doubt you wish your life were less demanding. But think back to how little you achieved when times were easy and how much you achieved when times were hard. You need to be pushed. Be grateful the powers that be think you are worth the effort.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You have a duty to fulfill. Try as you might to persuade yourself that it can wait until another day, you know it can't. Set yourself a very tight schedule and stick to it come what may. If you are lucky you will discharge your duty and still have time to go out and have fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Yours is a practical sign by nature, but you also know how to enjoy yourself. Aspects suggest that you should stop planning everything in detail and let fate decide where you go and whom you meet. A sudden attraction is likely but remember: There is no such thing as coincidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): You are likely to be a bit emotional today — make that a lot if you have to say goodbye to someone. While this is perfectly natural, you must not let it get out of hand. You have important things to do, and you can't do them with tears in your eyes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): If you focus your mind on your weaknesses it is inevitable that you will think of yourself as weak. If you focus your mind on your strengths it is inevitable that you will think of yourself as strong. It doesn't matter how negative you feel today, you must think positive thoughts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You may feel anxious about certain things in your life, but are they worth the worry? Of course not. There are only so many hours in the day, and it is a crime to waste even one of them tormenting yourself about things that may never happen. Even if they do, you can handle them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): If you decide to get tough with someone today, there are two things of which you must be sure: first, that they deserve to be criticized and, second, that there is no way they can turn the argument around and use it against you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Keep things simple today, both at home and at work. If you look for complicated answers you will tie yourself up in knots; if you tie yourself up in knots, everything will seem confused — a vicious circle you will find hard to break. The right answers are usually the simple answers.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Keep your wits about you today, especially when dealing with cash and investments. It is unlikely that anyone is trying to cheat you, but you can never be too careful. Besides, you could be cheating yourself.

Entertainment

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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New York Times Daily Crossword No. 0913

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Taking care of business</p> <p>16 Ones with lots of inventory</p> <p>17 Fitting companions</p> <p>18 — cone</p> <p>19 Open-ended cigar</p> <p>20 O.T. book</p> <p>21 Insulting remark</p> <p>22 Camera diaphragm</p> <p>24 Lovelace's "To —, From Prison"</p> <p>27 Chekhov and Bruckner</p> <p>31 "— Theme" (1965 tune)</p>	<p>32 Brought to the surface</p> <p>35 Like-not link</p> <p>36 Seeing: Prefix</p> <p>37 Tabouli holder</p> <p>38 Mark's cry</p> <p>40 Martini go-with</p> <p>41 Nomads' pads</p> <p>42 Early German</p> <p>43 Okinawan port</p> <p>45 "Quiet!" to Shakespeare</p> <p>46 Office equipment, for short</p> <p>49 One in a hundred</p> <p>51 One way to go</p> <p>54 50's-60's ABC series</p>	<p>57 "Seeds in a dry pod, tick, tick, tick" writer</p> <p>58 Goes on and on, in a way</p>	<p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Vase occupants</p> <p>2 80's hit "The Heat —"</p> <p>3 Concern for Claudius</p> <p>4 Bug killer</p> <p>5 Christmas tree trimming</p> <p>6 Daniel Webster College site</p> <p>7 "The Female Eunuch" author</p> <p>8 Autocrat</p> <p>9 Capital on the Red River</p> <p>10 "The Gilded One" of myth</p> <p>11 Word with trend or table</p> <p>12 Philosopher Lao-</p> <p>13 Hawks' home court, with "The"</p> <p>14 Old cars</p> <p>15 Italian resort city</p> <p>21 Give an edge</p> <p>23 Leave for just a while</p> <p>24 Leaning</p> <p>25 Coffee-and-milk order</p> <p>26 Go as a throng</p> <p>28 Keats was one</p> <p>29 Loony</p>	<p>30 Cape Trafalgar site</p> <p>32 Seventh-century year</p> <p>33 Have some remorse</p> <p>34 Magic forest inhabitant</p> <p>36 1985 #1 song</p> <p>39 Promos</p> <p>40 Invigorate</p> <p>42 "Alas!"</p> <p>44 Put in a chip, perhaps</p> <p>45 Leaf opening</p> <p>46 Roman commoner</p> <p>47 Transfer, as property</p> <p>48 It's a long story</p> <p>50 Suit to —</p> <p>51 Maintain</p> <p>52 Kind of pronoun: Abbr.</p> <p>53 Talk of the Gaelic</p> <p>55 Wine storer</p> <p>56 — zed</p>
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Style & the Arts

• Performance

Acoustic set should be an intense experience

By Mike Reynolds
Maine Campus staff

Tonight, Dave Matthews will return to Maine Center for the Arts with Tim Reynolds, to play the only show north of Connecticut on their current acoustic duo tour.

The Dave Matthews Band played at MCA two years ago. The concert came before the band hit popular acclaim with the MTV generation, opened for the Grateful Dead, headlined Summer tours and sold out shows at the Fleet Center in Boston.

This small tour is definitely a treat for the diehard Matthews fan. Most of the venues throughout this tour are either small colleges or theaters. The tour is exclusively an acoustic evening and only Matthews and Reynolds will be appearing.

The Dave Matthews Band has several CDs available. "Under the Table and Dreaming" proved to be the disc that broke the band from the Southern independent touring circuit, to Billboard's singles chart with the song "What Would You Say." The album also popularized such classic songs as "Satellite," "Warehouse," "Danc-



Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds will perform an acoustic set at the MCA tonight at 8 p.m. (Courtesy Photo.)

ing Nancies" and "Ants Marching." The band's last live show, including the last show at MCA, still has people who went talking about how good it was.

The band's new disc, "Crash," is a continuation of the musical path set forth by the last album. The album shines in its lyrical quality, and features stronger production than "Under the Table and Dreaming." Songs like "Cry Freedom," "Say Goodbye" and the current radio hit "Crash Into Me" translated into solid performances when the band played to a sold-out Civic Center in Portland in October.

Reynolds is not an official member of the Dave Matthews Band. He is an intense and gifted guitarist who has played as a guest on all of the studio albums. They met when Matthews was a bartender in a Virginia bar five years ago. Reynolds is, by almost all accounts, an incredible guitarist to see live. The "Recently" EP, available only through mail order and at concerts, features two tracks, "Dancing Nancies" and "Warehouse," with only Matthews and Reynolds performing acoustically.

The duo tour, which came last February to Colby, has been receiving much attention on many forums on the Internet. Many of the posts plead for tickets to a specific show, but some posts provide

some humorous stories.

According to Reynolds, Matthews, who was invited to the White House during the inaugural festivities, walked past Bill Clinton and proceeded to kiss Hillary, Chelsea and the Gore daughters.

Several fans have reported Matthews is playing new material and material unreleased on CD.

The best source of reliable information still continues to be the band's official web site: <http://www.dmband.com/>. The site has recent setlists, doodles band members draw on their bus and pictures of every show of the fall tour.

The online consensus is that if you are lucky to have tickets, you shouldn't "act like a moron and scream throughout." It seems there is a direct correlation between crowds that are respectful and the length of the concert.

Matthews and Reynolds are allowing the audience to make audio recordings, but there will not be patches into the soundboard because they are trying to clamp down on the production of unlicensed CDs. They do ask that people be considerate when setting mic stands up. Please be aware that there is no smoking at the MCA.

• At Spotlight

'Beavis and Butthead' no masterpiece, but funny

By Greg Dowling
Maine Campus staff

Very few T.V. series have sparked the level of controversy that MTV's "Beavis and Butthead" has. For all two of you who do not know who these mindless fools are, they are two stupid, horny, obnoxious, and generally dispicable teenage cartoon characters who spend all their time watching music videos on TV and wreaking havoc on their school, workplace and neighborhood. Who knew this would be the formula for a monster hot series that has received a much-needed ratings boost by the inevitable film version of the show, "Beavis and Butthead Do America?"

The "plot" centers around the theft of their beloved television and their determination to recover it from the "fartknockers" who swiped it. In the search they become involved in a sleazoid fugitive's plot to kill his wife or, as he tells B & B, he'll give them \$50,000 to "do" his wife. As one can imagine, they take that the wrong way and pursue the task with a great deal of enthusiasm. This takes B & B around the country while being chased by the FBI. Their adventures take them aboard a bus full of nuns, to Old Faithful, and to the White House.

Is "Beavis and Butthead Do America" a good movie? Nope. It's as mindless and vulgar as your average Jim Carrey movie. Is "Beavis and Butthead Do America" funny? Absolutely. I laughed non-stop at every vile, disgusting joke these two morons cracked. All they joke about are turds, jerking off, breasts, butts, and sex, and it's all very entertaining to watch. The movie has clever moments and amusing situations. The scene where Butthead hits on Chelsea Clinton is priceless as is the scene where B & B hide out

in a confessional booth in a church and give people profound and spiritually uplifting advice as only they can.

The characters are mostly voiced by series creator Mike Judge. While I'm weary of crediting B & B with any real value, I have to say that Judge has dreamed up an imaginative script here. It's not so much what B & B do as much as how other characters react to it. The characters of Van Driessen and Tom Anderson, two of B & B's favorite people to torment, also have small bits here. Van Driessen is one of B & B's teachers who has

long hair, wears Birkenstocks and a peace T-shirt, and is always lecturing the boys about "being in touch with inner beauty" and the like. Anderson, who is taking his wife on a cross-country trip, is the kind of guy we all had in our neighborhoods as kids. The old, tubby Veteran who wears a white T-shirt and black socks pulled up to his knees, and just bitches about politics and his lawn mower. B & B sweep poor Anderson and his wife into their whirlwind of catastrophe. Anderson



Beavis and Butthead rock on in their Feature-Film debut, "Beavis and Butthead do America." (Courtesy Photo.)

refers to B & B as "those two little bastards who keep whacking off in my shed."

The other voices belong to the likes of Cloris Leachman, Eric Bogosian, Demi Moore and Robert Stack as the head FBI agent. Stack constantly calls for his suspects and witnesses to receive full body cavity searches. He says, "Don't stop 'til you scrape the back of his teeth!" These voices (and just trying to recognize them) add to the fun.

Beavis and Butthead themselves are as

disreputable and disgusting as they have always been. They constantly use words like "wood," "thingies," "score" and a whole range of insults from "asswipe" to "butt burglar." They are as nasty as they get, and they are funny while they're doing it. Critics who have actually attempted analysis on these characters have called B & B a kind of satire for America's youth - implying that kids

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• On video

'She's the one' fails to deliver, Aniston underused

By Adam White
Special to the Campus

Out on video this week, "She's the One" is writer-director Edward Burns' second film his major studio follow-up to the acclaimed "The Brothers McMellen." With "She's the One," Burns has a bigger budget, star power in the lovely Jennifer Aniston and, unfortunately, many of the same problems.

In addition to writing and directing the film, Burns plays the main character (as he did in "McCullen"), Mickey Fitzpatrick, a New York City cab driver. Mickey has been floating aimlessly through life in the three years since he walked out on his fiancée Heather (Cameron Diaz), who he found passed out and naked with another man.

His father ("Frazier's" John Mahoney) and his brother, Francis (Mike McGlone, who played Burns' brother in "McMellen") are frustrated and worried with Mickey's career choice and his seeming reluctance to enter adulthood and settle down into a nice Irish-American stereotype. Of course, they have problems of their own. Mr. Fitzpatrick spends all day fishing on his boat and spends no time with his wife, who seems to spend all her time in church.

Francis is an even bigger mess. He's a successful Wall Street broker with a loyal, beautiful wife, Renee (Aniston), who he hasn't touched in months. Whereas his mother seeks solace in church, Francis' wife seeks comfort with a vibrator.

Francis is disinterested in his increasing-

ly horny wife because he's embroiled in an affair with Heather, Mickey's ex-fiancée.

Meanwhile, Mickey picks up a woman named Hope (Maxine Burns, who also was in "McMellen," playing Burns' wife - seeing the connection yet?), and within 24 hours, he's married to her. She's a lovely waitress who seems to really dig Mickey. The only problem is she hasn't mentioned her plans to attend graduate school - in Paris.

How many times have we seen variations on this basic story line? What usually happens, of course, is that this type of movie becomes a series of comic attempts at hiding secrets as well as a showcase for snappy one-liners from the couples-in-distress.

Not here. "She's the One" takes a different approach, attempting to present a slice-of-life film with realistic dialogue, situations and resolutions. The problem with this approach is that it becomes quite boring. It becomes like watching a home movie of your family and friends, with all their foibles. That is, if your family and friends are completely uncommunicative bores whose jokes are funny a tenth of the time.

Movies are powerful when they provide the viewer with a spin on everyday traumas and issues. "She's the One" merely reflects them. Part of the problem is the script, which is clunky and half-developed.

A lot of it is the acting. Burns should seriously reconsider casting his wife in his movies. While attractive enough to hold up her end of the screen, her range of emotional reaction is limited, and one has trouble knowing that these two people are in love, except

for the fact that they keep insisting they are. McGlone is obviously some film-school buddy of Burns' who keeps begging Burns to let him be in his films so he can make out with Cameron Diaz.

Aniston is underused and essentially plays the same character she does on "Friends." Diaz is fine, but she's basically playing a stock character (social-climbing, money-grubbing whore), and has done much better work elsewhere.

It doesn't really matter what the women in the movie do anyway. This film is about two brothers and their father, and

how hard it is to be a man and be so darn competitive all the time. They just can't get together enough to communicate with their spouses and face the fact that they are still 12 years old emotionally.

One never understands the reason why the women are there in the first place, other than the men believe they're supposed to be. These attitudes and situations are interesting and worthy of being explored in the film. It's just too bad this particular movie doesn't do them justice. Burns tries to be Woody Allen, but ends up looking more like Tim Allen.

What's Happening

Thursday, Jan. 30: Adam White, Bear Brew Pub, 9 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 31: "Winterreise" by Franz Schubert. Minsky Music Hall, Performing Arts building, 8 p.m. Admission \$3, free with UMaine ID.

Saturday, Feb. 1: Wood engraving workshop, printmaking studio Carnegie Hall, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. A \$25 fee covers cost of wood and materials. Limited to 15 people. For more information, call 581-3245.

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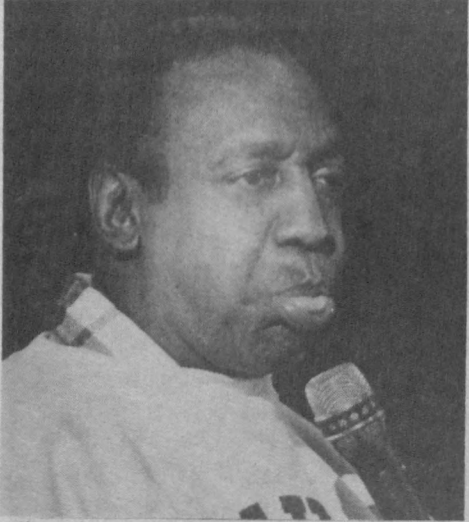
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• People

Cosby admits rendezvous, Pitt says he's misunderstood

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Cosby had an affair with the mother of a woman who claims to be his illegitimate daughter, TV's most beloved family man acknowledged in a television interview.

"If you said, 'Did you make love to the woman?' the answer is yes. 'Are you the father?' No," Cosby told Dan Rather in an interview scheduled to air Sunday on



Bil Cosby at Alford Arena. (File Photo.)

CBS' "60 Minutes."

Rather asked if there was a possibility he could be the woman's father.

"There is a possibility," Cosby said, according to a transcript.

The interview, portions of which were broadcast Monday on "The CBS Evening News," was Cosby's first since the Jan. 16 slaying of his 27-year-old son, Ennis. No arrests have been made.

Autumn Jackson, 22, the woman claim-

ing to be Cosby's daughter, is charged along with 51-year-old Jose Medina with trying to extort millions from the entertainer.

"On the birth certificate, it's not my name," Cosby said in part of the interview broadcast Monday.

"I had not spoken to the mother during her pregnancy nor her delivery nor some 14 months until we finally spoke. Never — she never called me and then one day when I called her for a second rendezvous, she came and she made the announcement," he said.

NEW YORK (AP) — Luke Skywalker may have been a box office superstar and an intergalactic hero, but his hair ... well, that was less than stellar.

So says Mark Hamill who played the towheaded Jedi warrior in "Star Wars," "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi."

"I always wanted Luke's hair to change. When he became a Jedi he should have lost the floppy look and gotten a buzz cut," he says in the March issue of Spin magazine.

A digitally enhanced, 20th anniversary edition of the "Star Wars" is opening in theaters on Friday. More "Star Wars" movies, "prequels" to the original trilogy, are expected to open in 1999.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brad Pitt says he wasn't panning his latest film, "Devil's Own," when he called it "the most irresponsible bit of filmmaking — if you can even call it that — that I've ever seen."



Harrison Ford and Brad Pitt. (Courtesy Photo.)

Newsweek misunderstood his remarks, the actor said Monday.

"I was giving the journalist a chronological history prior to shooting," Pitt said in response to the Feb. 3 article.

"What resulted from this challenge was hard work and dedication from people I've grown to love and respect, and a film I am very proud of," he said.

The soon-to-be-released thriller stars Pitt as an Irish Republican Army gunrunner who befriends a New York cop played by Harrison Ford.

In the Newsweek interview, Pitt said the original script was tossed and the revamped version a mess.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rodney Dangerfield has no trouble keeping a straight face while watching today's comedies.

Dangerfield, who plays an obnoxious talk show host in his latest movie "Meet Wally Sparks," said contemporary comedies are just not that funny.

"I like Laurel and Hardy and the old

timers," Dangerfield told the Orange County Register. "I don't want to knock anybody, but I don't get belly laughs from the comedies that are coming out now. OK, they're cute, but I don't laugh."

Dangerfield, who uses 400 jokes in his one-hour stand-up show, said the movie industry rushes too many comedies into production. The script for his latest film was four years in the making, he said.

"They throw these scripts together in three months, and that's not enough time to hone a comedy script," he said. "You just can't do it. I don't care how funny you are."

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Julia Roberts and Mel Gibson are going to be feted by Ivy-Leaguers in drag.

Ms. Roberts and Gibson have been chosen woman and man of the year by Harvard's Hasty Pudding theater club, the nation's oldest undergraduate drama club.

Ms. Roberts will lead a parade through the streets of Harvard Square on Feb. 13 with Harvard students in drag.

Gibson will appear on Feb. 18 at the opening night of the troupe's annual theatrical production.

The Hasty Pudding awards, which are little brass pudding pots, are given to performers who have made a "lasting and impressive contribution to the world of entertainment."

Previous recipients include Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman.

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today pick up their morals and values from MTV and other "offensive" entities, and that the television has become the surrogate parent. I'm not too sure about that. I definitely knew losers like B & B when I was a kid. I think we all did, but I scarcely believe that they are in any way a reflection of reality as much as incredibly embellished caricatures of a perceived social problem.

The show came under fire (no pun intended) a few years back when a little boy set a girl's hair on fire on a school bus. It was an isolated incident, but there was an uproar of angry parents who thought the show encour-

aged these behaviors. You'll note at the show's opening the disclaimer that says, "Beavis and Butthead are not role models, they're not even human, they're cartoons." For a show as mindless as it is, that's a logical phrase.

I'm not saying that anyone should see "Beavis and Butthead Do America" because it's a social phenomenon. It's far from it. It's a dumb movie with much more comic energy than it has any right to have. I think it's just kinda cool ... heh, heh, heh, heh.

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• Hockey

Goalie tandem pays dividends

By Scott Martin
Maine Campus Staff

After a 4-3 loss to Northeastern University Nov. 19, 1996, Maine freshman goalie Alfie Michaud was low. He had been thrust into action that was unexpected after potential All-American goalie Blair Allison left for the Canadian National team in September.

After that Northeastern game Michaud lost four of his next six games. On Dec. 6 junior Javier Gorriti stepped into the starting role in goal for Maine and platooned with Michaud; each goalie saw action in games as the Black Bears went 4-2.

Starting Jan. 3 against Providence, Gorriti and Michaud have been splitting time in goal, with Gorriti playing Friday nights and Michaud playing Saturday nights. Since that time Maine has lost only once, including a 3-1 upset win over Boston University last Saturday night in which Michaud made 25 saves.

Michaud has rebounded nicely from his slow start, winning his last three games, while allowing an average of only 1.33 goals a game. During that span he has a .955 save percentage. Not playing Friday nights has allowed Michaud to sit back and watch hockey games for the first time all year.

"I never got to see a college game before," Michaud said. "I got thrown

right into it, now I get to watch some games and learn. I get to see the speed of the game. I'm learning a lot about the college game and I'm getting to watch the college game."

Michaud, a former Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League All-Star, is 10-7-1 with a 3.46 goals against average.

"I was fighting the puck," Michaud said of his early season slump. "Now I'm confident and patient in the net. I'm not really thinking about stopping the puck. I see the shots now. I'm taking care of rebounds."

Splitting time has been a blessing for Michaud and he has no complaints about playing in fewer games.

"Watching Jav is great. Jav's been around, it helps to observe him and watch him," Michaud said of the junior goalie who is 7-2-0 this year with 2.77 goals against average. "Hey, we've won 8-10, we're 7-1 in Hockey East. Whatever works. And Jav's playing great."

"They get to focus on playing one game every week and they come out big for us," senior captain Reg Cardinal said. "I think at the beginning of the season a lot of pressure was put on Alfie after Allison left. This takes pressure off of him."

"Javier is playing great right now and our defense is playing great right now, too," Cardinal said.

• Women's basketball

Blodgett continues to be recognized

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus Staff

By now, awards are nothing new to Maine basketball superstar Cindy Blodgett. Just this past weekend, she was awarded a plaque for being the NCAA scoring champion last season.

However, the junior guard has another award to add to her mantel, being named Spalding/America East Player of the Week for the third time this season.

This week the Black Bears went 3-0, while Blodgett averaged 29 points a game on 53.4 percent shooting, and shot 10-23 from three-point land and 84 percent from the free-throw line.

According to the Jan. 20 national ranking Blodgett was No. 5 in the nation in scoring overall.

She is also closing in on a milestone that very few players have ever achieved. She is only 42 points away from 2,000 in her career,

which if and when achieved, will make her the 12th player overall (male or female) to do so in league history.

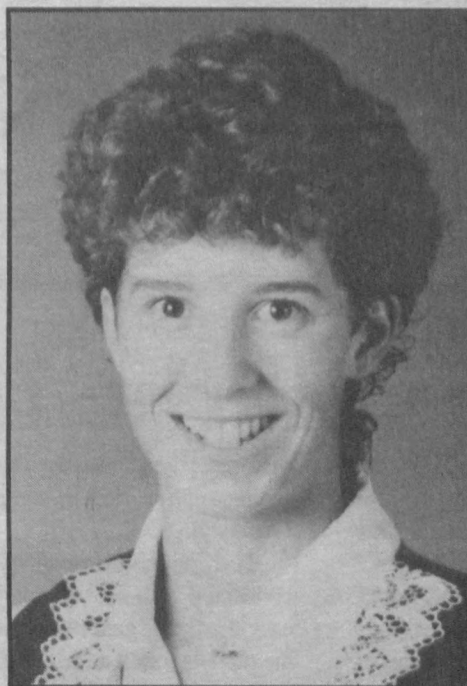
If she does go over 2,000 this season, she will become the first female ever and the second overall to go over that mark in their junior year. The only other one to do so is the late Reggie Lewis of Northeastern. Blodgett may reach the mark faster than Lewis, who scored his 2,000th on the final basket of the ECAC/NAC title game, his 92nd game. Blodgett has played 81 games thus far in her career.

Black Bear Notes:

First-year guard Katie Clark returned to action against Drexel Friday night after sitting out for nine games due to hernia surgery. Originally slated to return against Hartford on Jan. 30th, Clark made a quicker recovery than anyone had planned. She excited the crowd Friday night, scoring six points

and showing an aggressive offensive and defensive playing style. Freshman Jamie Cassidy's streak of being named Spalding/America East Rookie of the Week has ended

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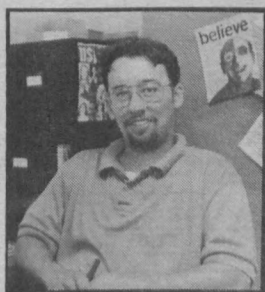


Cindy Blodgett. (File Photo.)

• Column

What a difference a year makes

One or two more bodies would do the Black Bears good



By Scott Martin
Maine Campus Staff

A picture can tell a thousand words. In the case of the University of Maine

men's basketball-two pictures tell an entire story.

Comparing the team photos of the last two University of Maine men's basketball teams, you can pinpoint the reason for this seasons 7-13 record, compared to a 12-8 record at the same time last season. In the 1995-1996 team photo there are 17 Black Bears in uniform (12 of which are healthy for most of the season); in the 1996-97 team photo there are 12 players in uniform (eight of which were remained healthy).

Inspect the photos more and you'll see that the '95-96 team had five seniors and five juniors, while the '96-97 team has three seniors and one junior.

The comparisons can go on and you can say what you will about the two photos, but the fact is the '96-97 team isn't deep as the '95-96 version and there are two important people missing in that photo- Ndongo and Mamadou N'diaye.

Maine was supposed to have not one, but two seven-footers clogging the paint for them this year, yet both were denied admission to the university and probably would have transferred anyway. Both

committed to Maine with the expectation that Rudy Keeling and Mike LaPlante, the man responsible for recruiting both to Maine, would still be coaches of the men's basketball team.

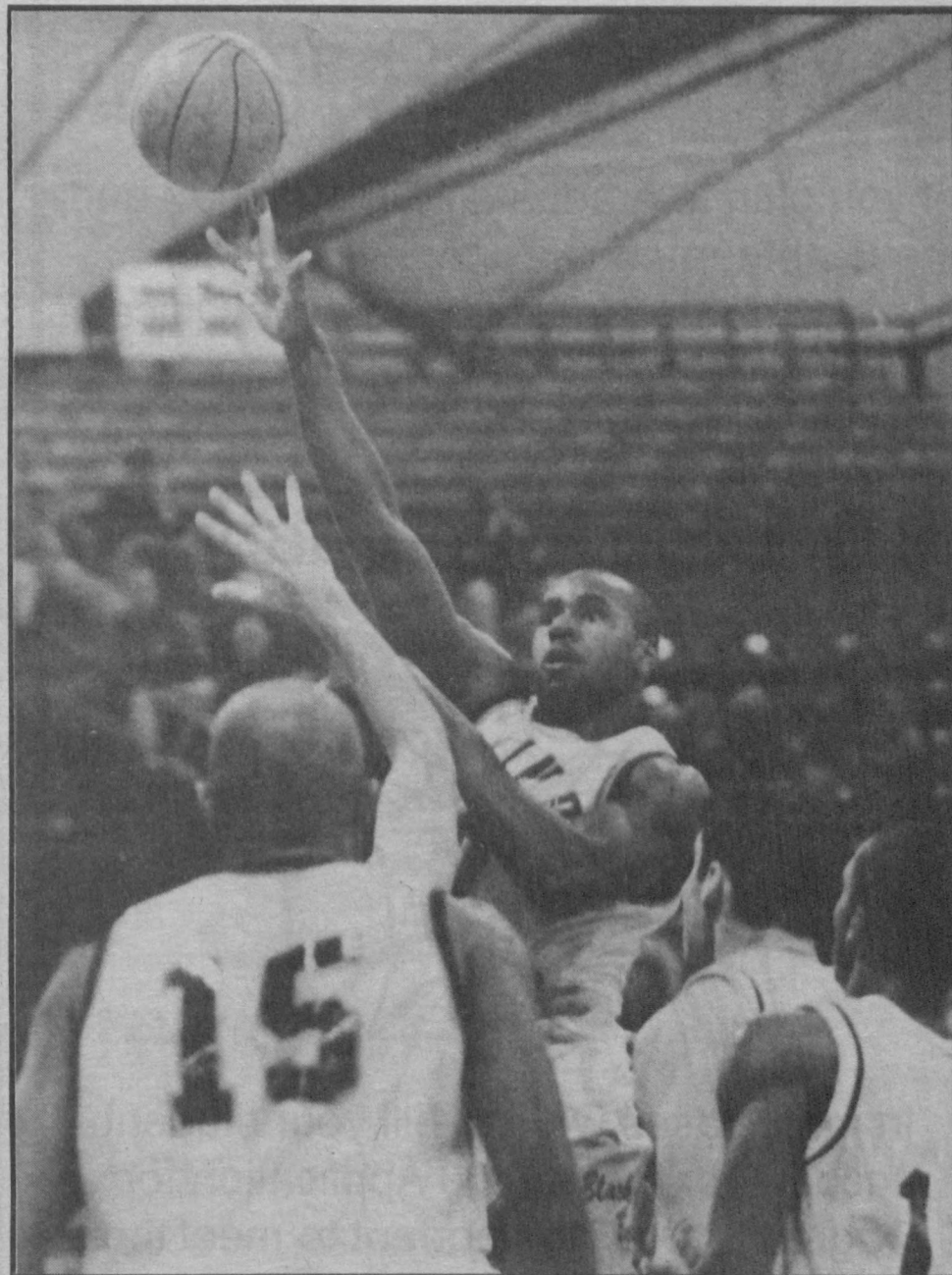
Well, Keeling accepted a job at Northeastern University and LaPlante accepted an assistant coaching job after John Giannini was hired as the new basketball coach. Both N'diayes expressed their displeasure with the fact that LaPlante was no longer at the university. Subsequently, both N'diayes were denied admission to the university and are attending other schools (Ndongo is at Providence and Mamadou followed LaPlante to Auburn.)

Now, Giannini is the one who has had to face the consequences of the loss. Not only do the Black Bears not have the twin towers, they also missed out on the opportunity to recruit anyone to take the N'diayes place. Both were denied admission in September, therefore Giannini and his coaches had no chance to bring in big men to fill the shoes of Greg Logan and play next to sophomore Allen Ledbetter.

As a result, Maine is 7-13, 4-6 in the America East Conference. Not only do the Black Bears not have any size, they also lack depth. They essentially lost four players the N'diayes and the two players they didn't get to recruit.

Giannini is left with four good Division I players in Ramone Jones, Terry Hunt, John Gordon and Allen Ledbetter, and a

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A couple of big bodies would give Black Bear Allen Ledbetter some needed help in the paint, and would probably mean a few more wins for Maine. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

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• Golf

Arnie's still the man

(AP) — When Arnold Palmer walks into a room heads still turn. His mere presence sets off a whispered wave of words. "There's Arnie," they say. "It's the king," others murmur.

Nearly a quarter century after his last PGA Tour victory, nearly a decade after last winning on the senior tour, Palmer remains the most popular player in the history of the game.

The buzz that Tiger Woods created in his few months as a professional golfer has followed Palmer for 42 years, since he won for the first time in 1955.

The true importance of Palmer to golf far transcends talent. His appeal was based on

victories, surely, but it was also based on how he won — in a hard-charging, gambling, go-for-broke style.

Perhaps more important was the way he connected with fans. Palmer's winning smile, easy charm and generosity with his time remain the models for all athletes on how to deal with success and disappointment.

All athletes should learn from Palmer that they are not bigger than the game they play.

All athletes should learn from Palmer that the millions they make come from the ordinary

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• NFL

Pats, Parcell discuss future

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — With Bill Parcells' future at stake, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue presided Tuesday in a conference call in which the coach and the New England Patriots aired their contract differences.

The dispute involves a provision added to the contract in 1996, which the team claims gives it the exclusive right to employ Parcells for 1997 if he wishes to continue as the team's coach or in a comparable NFL job.

Parcells claims other parts of the contract entitle him to leave the Patriots and coach another NFL team next season.

Tagliabue said he would rule as early as Wednesday. Meantime, he has barred Parcells from negotiating with any other club.

Reports have speculated that Parcells has already decided to take over the New York Jets.

At Foxboro Stadium on Tuesday, players cleaned out their lockers but could offer little about the future of their coach.

Free safety Willie Clay said Parcells didn't talk about his plans at their final meeting upon the team's return from its 35-21 Super Bowl loss to Green Bay.

"He talked to us about the season and just said it was a heck of a season, and he talked about the future of the team," Clay said. "At that time, he gave us no indication he was going anywhere."

Parcells was heading into the fourth year

of a five-year contract last summer when he asked Kraft to cancel the final year. Kraft agreed. Although reports had Parcells deciding to leave because of growing tension between the two, publicly, Kraft and Parcells said only that they would discuss plans at the end of the season.

Tuesday's meeting took place with Tagliabue in Los Angeles, Kraft and his attorney in Boston, and Parcells and his representatives elsewhere in the city.

Patriots spokesman Don Lowery said the team would have no comment until Tagliabue issued his decision.

"I think everybody's kind of feeling ... like (his leaving) is inevitable, unfortunately," middle linebacker Ted Johnson said. "But there's nothing we can do about it. A lot of our success was due in part to his effort as our coach. It's going to be interesting to see what happens."

Reports in the days before the Super Bowl had Parcells being replaced by Pete Carroll, the defensive coordinator of the San Francisco 49ers. Carroll had a 6-10 record with the Jets in 1994, his only season as an NFL head coach.

Johnson said that no matter who leads the Patriots next year, he hopes the face of the team remains the same.

"We've got a pretty good core ... I'm really hoping there's not a facelift, that we keep the same guys," he said.

• Coaching

Ditka takes over Saints

NEW ORLEANS — Mike Ditka, once the snarling symbol of football in Chicago, returned to the NFL today as coach of a New Orleans Saints team that went 3-13 last season.

Ditka, who led the Bears to a Super Bowl title in 1986, was fired after the 1992 season and became a television analyst. He succeeds interim coach Rick Venturi, who took over when Jim Mora quit in mid-season.

"There are going to be changes made," Ditka said. "... but the people who stay, I think, are going to enjoy it."

The announcement was made by Bill

Kuharich, who will remain as chief operating officer, president and general manager. Saints owner Tom Benson said Ditka will report to Kuharich.

"He's a winner," Kuharich said. "That's the bottom line."

Ditka, known as Iron Mike for his tough, no-nonsense style, came to the news conference with tears in his eyes.

He spent Monday evening at a suburban hotel near New Orleans International airport, as the Saints tried futilely to keep their

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at three. However, she also has national rankings: No. 24 in field goal percentage and No. 5 in free throw percentage. The Black Bears have assured themselves of home-court advantage for the first round of the playoffs on Feb. 28th. Three players set career marks this weekend. Senior center Stacey Porrini had 19 rebounds against Drexel, Andrea Clark had her first ever assist against the Dragons, and Gabrielle

DeShong dished out five assists against Vermont to set her career high. In all, six non-freshmen have set career records this season in 13 different categories. The crowd of 5,632 at the Maine-Hofstra game on Super Bowl Sunday was the second largest crowd ever in Alford Arena and America East history. The first was an attendance of 5,663 set Feb. 24, 1996 at the Alford against Northeastern.

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negotiations secret.

Ditka, 57, said he was called earlier in the day by Mora. Mora resigned halfway through the season, after the team fell to 2-6. He cited personal reasons.

"I really appreciate what he had to say," Ditka said. "I appreciate what his contribution to the National Football League has been. I hope to have the type of success he had in this town."

Ditka said while his goal is to win games, he plans to have fun doing it. Winning, however, is not familiar territory to the Saints.

Four seasons ago, after starting off with a five-game winning streak, the Saints finished 8-8. Since then, they have had three straight losing seasons. This year, the Saints had the second-worst record in the league.

With Venturi as interim coach, the Saints lost seven of their last eight games while playing the league's easiest schedule. The Saints did not sell out a home game last season and season ticket sales fell as well.

Ditka said he has hired Danny Abramowicz as offensive coordinator and Zaven Yaralian as defensive coordinator. Abramowicz, who played with the Saints, is former special teams coach for the Bears. Yaralian was secondary coach under Ditka in Chicago from 1990-92. Venturi will be assistant coach and handle linebackers.

Benson praised Kuharich as someone who knows how to handle all aspects of a team.

"He is the man for this job and deserves to operate our club with total authority," Benson said.

Kuharich has been with the Saints for 11 years. His contract as general manager expired this month, but his contract as vice president of football operations runs through June 30.

Kuharich was hired by the late Jim Finks in 1986 as the director of player personnel. In January 1994, Kuharich was promoted to vice president of football operations. He became general manager last January.

Track and field

Lewis will continue to compete

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Contrary to a report out of Australia over the weekend, Olympic track and field star Carl Lewis will extend his career beyond this year, his attorney said Tuesday.

On the day he returned with Lewis from a week-long trip to New Zealand and Australia, David Greifinger said a story saying Lewis would retire in his hometown of Houston in June was simply not true.

"A couple of concepts got spliced," Greifinger said by telephone from his Santa Monica office. "He did say he would like to have his last meet in Houston, whenever that is. He certainly didn't give a date."

"The real story is, he plans basically this year to go to a lot of cities, a combination of places he's never been and places where he's had good experiences. That's through the whole year."

"What will probably happen in 1998 is, he won't tour Europe, he'll do a very limited number of meets for Nike, and that will be it."

Lewis, 35, has won nine Olympic gold medals, including the long jump gold at the Atlanta Olympics last summer, and eight world titles. He has been involved in setting 10 world records, and he recorded 65 consecutive victories in the long jump between 1981 and 1991.

Lewis was timed in 10.76 seconds in finishing seventh in a 100-meter race in Auckland, New Zealand, last Friday and was clocked in 10.56 seconds in tying for sixth in a 100-meter race in Sydney, Australia, on Monday, Greifinger said.

"He needs another couple months to be in good form," Greifinger said. "He typically runs not too fast in January or February."

Lewis' nine Olympic golds and one silver include four golds at the 1984 Los Angeles Games, matching Jesse Owens' feat of four golds at the 1936 Berlin Games.

Last summer, Lewis equaled discus thrower Al Oerter's record of winning the same event — the long jump — in four straight Olympics.

America East Men's standings

Team	Conference Record
1. Boston University	11-0
2. Drexel	9-2
3. Hartford	6-4
4. Delaware	6-5
5. Hofstra	6-5
6. Maine	4-6
7. New Hampshire	4-7
8. Northeastern	3-8
9. Vermont	2-7
10. Towson State	2-9

America East Women's standings

Team	Conference Record
1. Maine	1-0
2. New Hampshire	9-2
3. Vermont	8-2
4. Hartford	5-5
5. Towson State	5-6
6. Drexel	5-6
7. Delaware	4-7
7. Hofstra	4-7
9. Northeastern	2-9
10. Boston University	1-10

Men's hoops

What: Maine vs. UVM

When and Where: Thursday, Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m. at Alford Arena

Key Players-Maine: G John Gordon (14.0 ppg, 3.4 apg); G Ramone Jones (9.9 ppg, 4.1 rpg); F Terry Hunt (16.3 ppg, 7.6 rpg); F Rashaan Thompson (1.8 ppg, 1.8 rpg); C Allen Ledbetter (10.0 ppg, 9.2 rpg); **Vermont:** F Erik Nelson (14.5 ppg, 9.5 rpg, 59 blocks); F Craig Peper (12.3 ppg, 8.7 rpg); G Spencer Eisenmerger (10.8 ppg, 39 three's).

Outlook: Vermont is currently in ninth place in the conference. The Catamounts are a young team that feature seven sophomores on their roster. Nelson is the key to Vermont's attack. Maine will not have to face guard Eddie Benton who graduated, which may be to the dismay of Jones, who held Benton to a career-low two points last year. Maine will look to rebound from two straight conference losses; this is the perfect time.

Women's hoops

What: Maine (13-6, 11-0 America East) vs. Hartford (8-10, 5-5).

When and Where: Jan. 30, 7:00 p.m. at The Sports Center in Hartford, Conn.

Key Players-Maine: Cindy Blodgett (24.6 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 72 assists); F Jamie Cassidy (14.6 ppg, 7.4 rpg, .847 free throw pct.); C Stacey Porini (10.9 rpg, 9.3 rpg, 28 blocks). **Hartford:** Heather Weindorfer (16.6 ppg, 9.2 rpg); Tracy Stolle (10.6 ppg).

Outlook: With a win over Hartford, Maine can clinch a home quarter-final game. That shouldn't be a problem considering the Bears annihilated the Hawks 92-57 earlier this year. Hartford is .500 in the conference, and has lost two in a row. However, they are 6-2 at home this year overall, and 3-2 in their last five contests.

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Team Ranking	Points
1. Michigan	60
2. Minnesota	48
3. North Dakota	46
4. UNH	39
5. Boston University	33
6. Clarkson	30
7. St. Cloud	16
8. Miami Ohio	14
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10. Maine	9

(Other teams receiving votes: Lake Superior State 7, Vermont 4, Princeton 2, Colorado College 2.)

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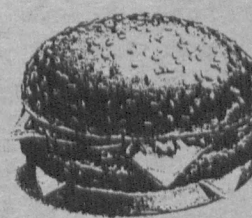
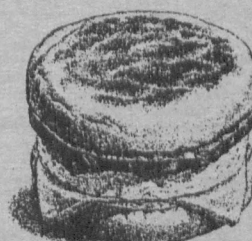
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group of role players. From the very beginning the first-year coach knew what he was faced with. "We have four players who are going to play as much as physically possible," Giannini said during the preseason and he couldn't have been any more to the point. Maine's core four have accounted for 78 percent of the Black Bears points this season and played an average of 34.2 minutes a game. "They are the only ones who are ready to compete against the best teams on our schedule, night in and night out," Giannini added.

Add the N'diayes to the mix and Maine has six good Division I players and will compete with any team in America East.

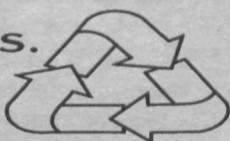
As it stands now, the Black Bears can beat most teams in the conference on any given day, but they have trouble with the Drexels of the conference. Plus, if any of their core players get into foul trouble, as Jones and Hunt did in Sunday's loss to Hofstra, the Bears are strapped.

Give Giannini another healthy big body or so and the Black Bears could be at the top of America East. For now, his team will struggle for a couple of years until he gets healthy, athletic capable bodies on his roster.

Just think what a rosy picture Maine would be looking at if things had gone a little differently. That picture could tell an NCAA tournament story.

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Golf

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people who watch them play.

All athletes should learn from Palmer that part of the price of success must be paid by never forgetting where you came from.

That's what made Palmer's announcement that he will return to competitive golf when he recovers from prostate cancer surgery such great news.

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Ben Hogan was intriguing. Jack Nicklaus was dominating. But Jones and Palmer were the complete package.

So when word got out that Palmer had cancer, the response from his fans was overwhelming.

"I've got mail from people that is unbelievable," Palmer said last week at Bay Hill Golf Club in his first public appearance since cancer surgery Jan. 15. "From golfers and non-golfers. There is no way I could answer them all."

Palmer stood behind the podium at Bay Hill still as dashing as ever with his white hair standing out in handsome contrast to his tanned, slightly lined face. He paused for a second and searched for just the right words to express how touched he was by the outpouring of affection.

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