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## Union town meetings set

The committee that drafted the Memorial Union expansion proposal will hold a series of town meetings to hear students' questions and concerns regarding the expansion.

President Frederick E. Hutchinson will attend the meetings with vice president of Student Affairs John Halstead, executive director of Institutional and Facilities Planning Anita Wihry, and dean of Student Services Dwight Rideout.

Input from students will be used in deciding how the project should be funded and what programs will be put in the union.

Meeting times and locations are:

• Monday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in Kennebec Hall lounge.

• Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. in Knox Hall lounge.

• Thursday, Feb. 6 at noon in the Lown Room of the Memorial Union.

• Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in Hart Hall lounge.

All meetings are open to the public and should last about an hour.

## • Community

# Faculty Five advocates student activism

## State budget deadlines prompt university letter-writing campaign

By Katie Little  
Maine Campus staff

Students and faculty should come together and express to the Legislature how important a healthy University of Maine is when soliciting a budget increase. Professor of Botany and Quaternary Studies George Jacobson said at a meeting of the Faculty Five in Neville Hall Thursday.

Jacobson, Stephen Norton, Malcolm Hunter, George Markowski and David Smith comprise the Faculty Five, which has lobbied the Legislature to support UMaine.

"If we could mobilize even 10 percent of this institution and its alumni, there would be more contact with the Legislature than any other policy has caused in history," Jacobson said.



George Jacobson, professor of botany and quaternary studies. (File Photo.)

Jacobson said people need to write letters to the Legislature and the governor to explain to them why the university is important to students, faculty and their families.

According to Jacobson, 431 employees of the university have lost their jobs due to six years' worth of budget cuts. Jacobson compared the loss of personnel

to last year's near closing of the Hathaway Shirt Co. in Waterville. More than 400 Hathaway employees were slated to lose their jobs before the governor's office and a private group of investors led by former Gov. John McKernan stepped in and saved the plant from its financial troubles.

"This loss of positions had a significant effect on the university," he said. "And it happened without anyone noticing."

The University of Maine System needs a 3 percent increase per year in its base budget, Ja-

cobson said—the increase Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart proposed at a January meeting of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee. This would be equal to the rate of inflation.

Jacobson also said the annual base budget for the science and engineering departments needs to be increased by \$20 million.

"We were talking about trying to save the whole university," he said. "Politically, this is by far the most effective way to make a change."

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Sean Murphy, president of the Association of Graduate Students. (File Photo.)

## • Restrictions

# Health experts criticize defects in managed care

By Lester B. Smith  
Maine Campus staff

Managed health care plans are not beneficial for patients because they give too much control to their primary care doctors, the head of St. Joseph Hospital said Wednesday.

"The problem with managed care plans is that it creates a new cycle where the primary care doctors are known as gatekeepers," Sister Mary Norberta said. "They decide whether a patient can see a specialist, will a patient be entitled to home care services and will a individual be admitted into the hospital."

Norberta spoke at the Healthpeak Luncheon Series, held in Bangor Lounge of the Memorial Union.

Jean Symonds, an associate professor of nursing and coordina-

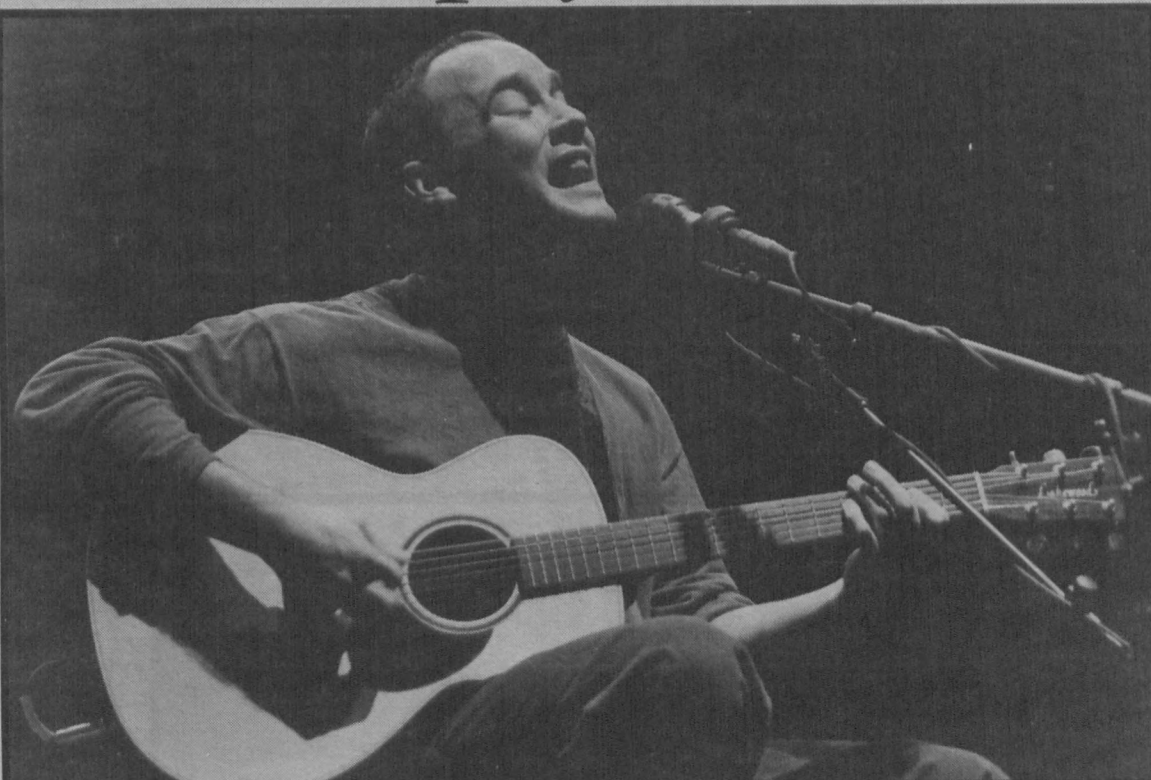
tor of registered nurse studies programs at the University of Maine, accompanied Norberta in discussing the problems managed health care and trying to find a solution to the problems.

Symonds said that when managed health care plans give physicians control over patient coverage physicians may lose sight of what their primary ethical goal should be, which is providing services for people's health, not for the amount of money they could make from a patient.

"Physicians have an incentive to restrict services that a patient may need from their health care plan because physician receive a per member-per month fee for each patient, and any additional cost of services will come out of that physician fee," Norberta said.

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## So much to play



Dave Matthews strums his guitar with Tim Reynolds at the MCA Wednesday night. (Joel Page Photo.)

## • Parking policy

# Storm towing upsets DTAV residents

By Kathryn Ritchie  
Maine Campus staff

Fifty-six cars were towed off campus early Wednesday morning for snow removal purposes, according to a police sergeant from Public Safety. The cars were parked in lots near Doris Twitchell Allen Village, Cutler Health Center and Bennett Hall in lots that ban overnight parking from Nov. 1 to May 1.

"When you buy a decal, we give you a map, and if you read the rules, it'll tell you (where not to park)," Sgt. Harold Kennedy said. "It's like everything else; no one reads the back."

He said dispatchers aren't able to call people to warn them about being towed because they don't have the staff to make that many calls. The university rotates campus towing with four area towing companies. Students who

were towed had to pay between \$40 and \$50 to retrieve their cars.

"One thing they ought to be aware of is once it is towed, (the garage charges) a storage fee every day," Kennedy said, adding that daily storage fees can vary depending upon the garage the car is towed to.

Students who were towed will also have a \$10 ticket put on their

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## I N S I D E

### • Local

The climbing wall may migrate...to where?

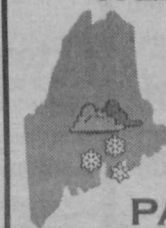
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Presidents speak out on union, funding.

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Light snow likely, highs in the mid 30s.

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Is it possible for two guys with acoustic guitars to rock?

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UMaine loses in the final second to Vermont.

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# World Briefs

## • In memoriam

### Last of Gandhi's ashes scattered

**1** ALLAHABAD, India (AP) — Helped by Hindu priests smeared with vermilion paste, a great-grandson of Mohandas Gandhi today scattered the last handful of the independence leader's ashes into the holy Ganges River.

Hundreds of people, their hands folded and heads bowed, crowded the river bank and stood in waist-deep water to watch the ceremony, conducted on a barge. Gandhi was assassinated 49 years ago today.

Tushar Gandhi, Gandhi's great-grandson, emptied the gray ash from a copper urn into the Ganges where it meets the Yamuna River, a confluence revered as especially holy by Hindus.

Worshippers chanted Hindu prayers and "Long Live Mahatma Gandhi."

A Hindu militant killed Gandhi on Jan. 30, 1948, because of Gandhi's support for the partition of India and the creation of Pakistan.

Gandhi's ashes were divided and sent to all the states of India to be scattered in rivers, according to Hindu ritual. For reasons no one knows, a portion of the ashes was placed in a safe deposit box at a bank in Cuttack, 1,100 miles southeast of New Delhi.

Tushar Gandhi went to court to gain custody of the ashes after newspapers reported in 1995 that they were at the bank.

## • Denial

### Rebels refute links to jailed leader

**2** OAXACA, Mexico (AP) — Rebel commanders said today that their Popular Revolutionary Army has no links to a recently arrested peasant organizer the government claims leads their group.

Benigno Guzman "is a democratic person, a social fighter, but he does not form part of our structure," said a masked man identifying himself as Comandante Ruben during a clandestine five-hour interview.

Federal officials on Tuesday announced the arrest of Guzman, a leader of a radical peasant organization called the Organization of Campesinos of the Southern Sierra.

It claimed he was a leader of the rebel group, known by its Spanish initials EPR, which emerged last summer and has staged raids on government and military installations around Mexico, killing more than two dozen people.

Guzman has denied any connection with the EPR, and repeated that denial Wednesday during a court appearance in Acapulco.

During today's interview, rebel Comandantes Ruben and Ernesto insisted that the government has arrested only three members of their organization. The government says it arrested scores.

# World Digest



## • Doomsday Cult

### Asahara names disciple as culprit in subway gassing

**3** TOKYO (AP) — Doomsday cult guru Shoko Asahara accused one of his former disciples in court today of masterminding the Tokyo subway nerve gas attack that Asahara is charged with directing.

"Yoshihiro Inoue was the leader in this case. Why do other people have to be arrested as accomplices?" Asahara said in an outburst at his murder trial in Tokyo District Court.

Inoue, the former "intelligence minister" in the Aum Shinri Kyo cult, has testified that Asahara was behind the Tokyo subway attack.

Asahara is charged with masterminding the gas attack that killed 12 people and sickened thousands. He also faces nearly 20 other charges, including murder, kidnapping and illegal drug production. If convicted, he could face the death penalty.

At today's hearing, Asahara did not talk about his own role in the March 1995 attack. He demanded he be allowed to enter a plea, which he has until now refused to do.

Inoue testified two weeks ago that he was providing evidence against his former guru to stop Asahara from pinning the blame for the gas killings on his followers.

Inoue recalled being angered by a newspaper article that described how Asahara told police his disciples had carried out the subway attack on their own.

## • Bid

### Russian airline offers to resurrect ailing airline

**4** MOSCOW (AP) — A New Jersey-based investment group is teaming up with Russia's second-largest airline in a bid to take control of Trans World Airlines, the vice chairman of Moscow-based Transaero said today.

Strategic Capital Group plans to have final terms of its bid ready next month, said Grigory Gurtovoi.

"We view the initial reaction as positive," Gurtovoi said. The investors made a preliminary offer to TWA's board Tuesday.

TWA spokesman John McDonald called the report "speculation" and said he could not confirm it.

"We talk to a lot of people a lot of times and when we're ready to do business with people we make announcements," he said today in St. Louis, where the airline is based.

TWA, the seventh largest airline in the United States, was recovering from heavy losses and bankruptcy reorganizations when its Flight 800 to Paris crashed off the New York coast in July, killing all 230 people on board.

Transaero, founded by state-owned carrier Aeroflot and a number of Russian airplane producers in 1990, has grown to become the country's second-largest carrier, serving 30 destinations worldwide.

# Weather

## The Local Forecast

### Today's Weather

Mostly cloudy with light snow likely. Highs in the mid to upper 20s.

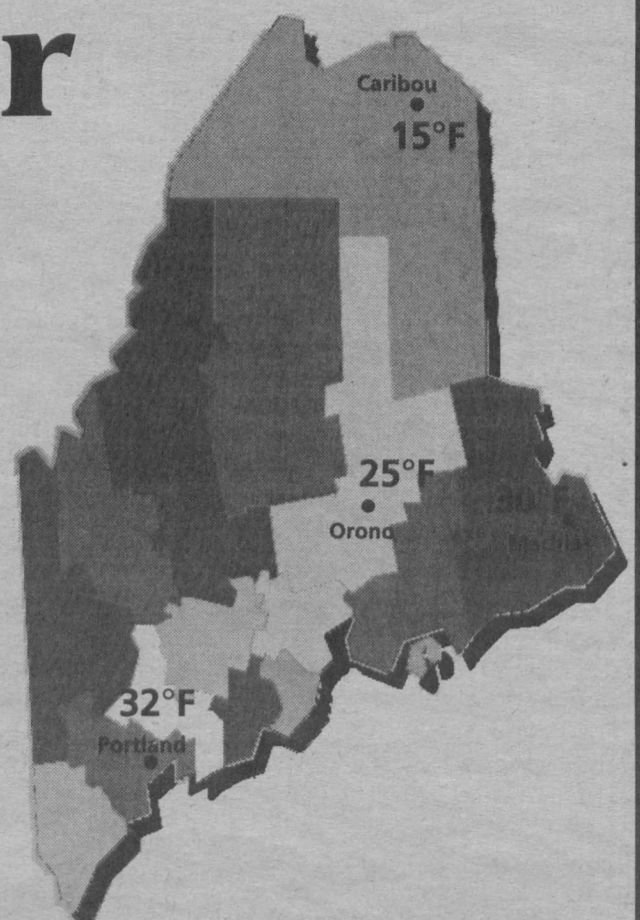
### Saturday's Outlook

Chance of light snow or flurries. Highs in the 20s north.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday...Chance of light snow or flurries. Highs in the teens north and 20s south.

Monday...Fair. Highs in the teens north and 20s south.



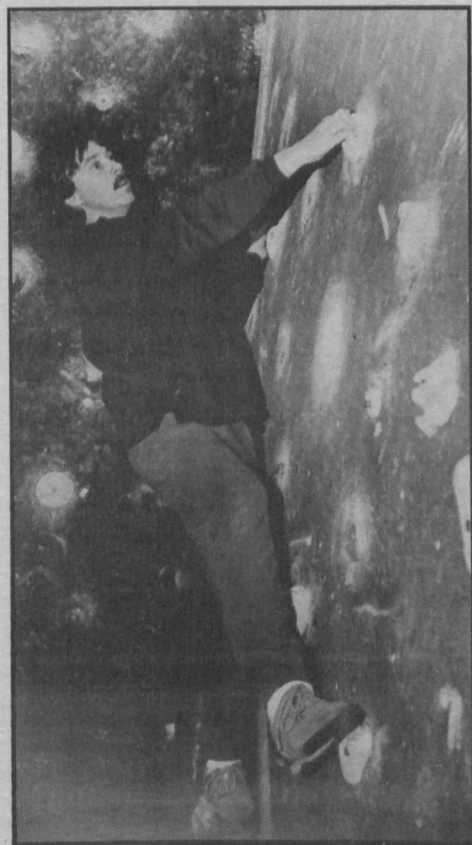


## • Fire codes

# Maine Bound continues search for climbing wall home

By Kristen Dobler  
Maine Campus staff

In an effort to benefit the university with a new indoor climbing wall facility, Maine Bound and Jon Tierney, senior outdoor educator and coordinator of the Memorial Union Recreation Program, are working on a proposition to have one



Jon Tierney, Director of Maine Bound leads the fight for a new climbing wall. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

built in the university's field house.

"The construction of a new climbing center is an opportunity to improve our facilities and create more recreational and academic choices for our student and community population," Tierney said.

Tierney said the climbing center will incorporate more than just a climbing wall.

"A climbing center incorporates additional elements, such as training and instruction, coaching and fitness consulting, strength and training tools—such as weight machines—rental and retail sales area, shower and locker facilities, and limited food and beverage service," he said.

The university has an indoor climbing facility in the union but it is inaccessible because of fire code violations.

While the indoor climbing facility was in use it was a very popular activity that attracted many students to the Maine Bound program and even to the university itself, Tierney said. The previous wall had about 400 people who held permanent passes to climb the facility and many more people who went for just a day or week.

"Climbers are attracted to indoor gyms

because they offer a place to practice in bad weather, at night or in winter and are convenient," he said.

Tierney said the university was the first in Maine to have an indoor climbing wall and that now many other colleges and schools in Maine have them; however, they are closed to the general public.

The new wall will be top of the line and accessible to every ability level, Tierney said.

"A variety of routes make the walls available to everyone of all ages," he said.

He said that if the new wall is built in the field house the amount of climbers will rise tremendously because of the more convenient location and the increased popularity of wall climbing. The wall could also be used for summer youth programs, athletics, the Upward Bound program and many of the other activities that take place in the field house.

The College of Education currently offers two rock climbing instructional courses and Tierney said that the wall would be an exceptional aid to them and that it is probable to encourage even more classes.

The wall will be able to suit the needs

of more than just climbers, said Peter Buehner a student at the university who has had past experience working with indoor climbing wall while he was a trainee in New York City and who also participates in Maine Bound.

"It's another great alternative for the students who aren't avid climbers but who are looking for other fitness alternatives," he said.

Buehner said that indoor wall climbing is a good activity for someone who is cross training. Climbing involves flexibility, strength, balance and virtually all components of fitness, he said.

## National Student Exchange

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Memorial Union

Kim Johnston, NSE Coordinator  
103 Chadbourne Hall:581-1570  
kim\_johnston@voyager.umeres.maine.edu

# EXERCISE

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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.



# Sex Matters

Sandra L. Caron, Ph.D



**Q: Is it OK not to speak to a girl after sex ever again, or is it easier for her if I simply say it was a one-shot deal, one-night stand?**  
Male, senior

**A:** I think honesty is probably the best policy in this case. Obviously, if you ignore her whenever you see her after your "get-together," she will take the hint and realize the one-night stand was just that and nothing more. However, it might be a bit more

manly if you could tell her. That way she would know it wasn't about her – it is about you. You could state your intentions BEFORE you end up in bed with someone. That way there isn't a question about what this means to you. For example, if she had hoped your sexual encounter would lead to something more significant, she would then know it would not; she has the information ahead of time to decide what she wants to do. You may find there will be less awkwardness the morning after.

**Q: Why does my friend stay in a bad relationship that she recognizes is bad?**  
Female, senior

**A:** Often, our relationships – even as children – precondition us to feel more comfortable, more at home, in destructive relationships. However, it's important to know that people who have grown up with damaging experiences often can change the direction of their lives with the help of counseling. As her concerned friend, you can discuss this with her. Be honest about what you see happening to her – what you see as a "bad relationship" – and encourage her to seek help. In other words, maybe you could point her in a different direction, recognizing that only she can actually change the direction of her life.

**Q: Is it common for one of my male friends to masturbate 27 times in 24 hours? Is this harmful to your body?**  
Female, senior

**A:** Is it common? No. While it's not necessarily harmful physically, certainly it is harmful to the psyche. What I would like to know is: What else does this guy do? It sounds like he doesn't have time to go class, work, hang out with friends....IF this is a

regular part of his daily routine, I'd suggest he talk to a professional. Certainly something is going on to create his compulsive sexual behavior (which it sounds like he's experiencing). For some people, sex is like a drug and is used to deaden pain of rejection, loneliness, fear, anxiety, childhood abuse or any of a dozen other hurts. But it doesn't work. Masturbation masks the pain for the moment, providing a brief mood change. But in the long run, instead of making the pain better, it ends up making it worse as the person experiences deepening humiliation and loss of control over his life. I hope he's willing to take a look at his behavior and seek the assistance he needs to deal with whatever is going on that is driving him to masturbate so often.

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## INFORMATIONAL MEETING for May Term in Mexico



Thursday, February 6, 1997 at 3:30 pm  
212 Chadbourne Hall, University of Maine, Orono

to discuss the May Travel Study course: **MLC 293/493 Magical Realism in San Miguel de Allende.** For additional information, please call Continuing Education Division, University of Maine at 207-581-3142

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**Deadline: February 3**



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## • UMaine accreditation

## Bulgarian university competitive in struggling economy

By Jodi Sokolowski  
Maine Campus staff

The International Awareness Luncheon series featured Bulgaria and the American University of Bulgaria Wednesday in the Totman Lounge in the Memorial Union.

The University of Maine continues to have a direct role in the forming of the American University in Bulgaria at Blagoevgrad, which opened its doors for the first time in September 1991.

AUBG operates under UMaine's accreditation and is recognized by authorized diplomas of Bulgaria, said Marisue Pickering, professor of communication disorders.

Pickering said UMaine will help out with running AUBG until the university is more matured and solidified. AUBG is a legitimate and legal institution that works in conjunction with the Bulgarian government, although the university has its own board of trustees and student body.

Students that apply to the university must attend English-speaking high schools because all classes are taught in English. The best schools in the country are the English speaking high schools, said Andrei Zhianski, currently a graduate student here at UMaine but previously on exchange here from Bulgaria.

"Only the best from these schools apply at AUBG, the cream of Bulgaria," Zhianski said.

AUBG applicants are required to take the American SAT. The average score

for Bulgarians is 1,231 compared to the American average of 900. One reason for the higher score, Zhianski said, is a more quantitative study of mathematics in southeastern European countries.

AUBG is five years old and will have its third graduating class in May 1997. AUBG is a four-year baccalaureate degree university with eight majors. Currently there are 632 students from 15 countries. Eighty percent of the students are from Bulgaria.

The university is competitive because young people in Bulgaria depend on an education due to the country's economic despair.

Pickering said financial support of students is prudent because the present instability of the economy isn't conducive for families paying tuition.

Tracey Nightingale, a 1996 political science graduate, was the first international exchange student at AUBG from Maine. She attended AUBG in the spring of 1995. Nightingale spoke of her experiences and travels in Bulgaria at the luncheon.

"It was new and exciting, and I was warmly welcomed," Nightingale said. "The quality of students is amazing and competitive."

She traveled extensively to Sofia, the capital, which is a two-hour bus ride from the university, and to the Black Sea coast. Another popular place for foreigners to visit is the Rila Monastery.

She did not speak Bulgarian when she arrived, but she learned some Bulgarian

to order food in restaurants.

"I really appreciate the people," Nightingale said. "They make an effort to speak your language."

After the Communist regime ended in 1989, Bulgarians have continued to elect the Communist party to Parliament. The country is currently economically and politically unstable. Two thousand units of the Bulgarian currency are equal to one American dollar. The Communist party has since changed its name to the Socialists because the people have thought "they have done away with (Communism)," Zhianski said.

He is looking forward to returning to his country to protest in the streets with his people for political reform.

Bulgaria is lacking natural resources and is dependent on Russia for natural gas

and petroleum, he said.

"It is hard to get independent from Russia," Zhianski said.

People are free to travel in and out of the country. Zhianski said Bulgaria hopes to become a member of the European Alliance.

The university is housed in a building that used to be Communist headquarters. The university shares the building with municipal offices, a library, auditorium, restaurant and the country's Communist archive.

Anyone interested in learning more about countries available on exchange or who is interested in becoming an international exchange student can contact Audrey Acton, student adviser of the Office of International Programs in 100 Winslow Hall.

## Towing

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student account from the University for either obstructing snow removal or not following the winter parking ban.

Kennedy said he would ask students to read over the rules and regulations in the parking manual. The "red" resident sections on the maps are the only ones that allow over-night parking during the winter ban period.

Jennifer Lobley, a senior living in DTAV, said hers was one of the first cars to be towed, and she realizes she shouldn't have parked there. She also said even though the cars were towed for snow removal, the lots were only sanded.

"They think we park out here because we're being lazy," Lobley said, adding that closest available lot for DTAV is the

Orchard lot down a hill that is currently iced over and not lighted.

"It's a safety issue too," said Jennie Fletcher, a senior whose car was towed. "I'd like to see more lighting or path-

ways."

Fletcher also said Public Safety was setting students up for a fall because they normally didn't ticket people illegally parked outside of DTAV.

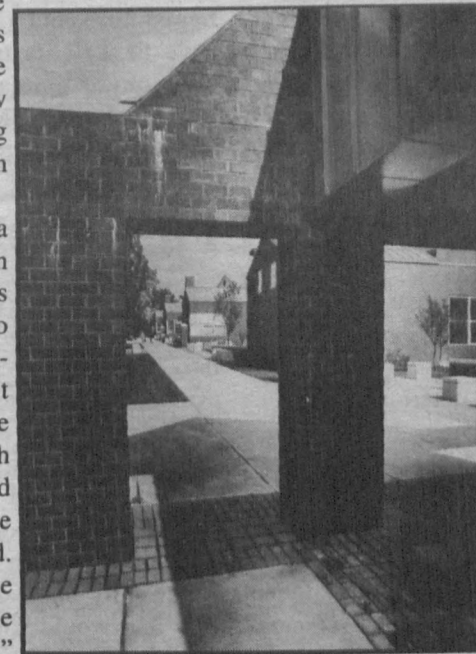
"I never knew we couldn't park there because we do every night," she said.

"A lot of the residents were upset," Dan Mayl, a senior and resident assistant in DTAV, said. Although he said he is not personally angry at Public Safety for towing the cars, there have been several parking concerns about the area.

Kennedy said the towing problem isn't unusual.

"We go through this every year," he said. After the first major snow storm and towings, he said peo-

ple begin to realize where they should and shouldn't park. An appeals process is available for anyone ticketed or towed. Forms are available from the Parking Office at Public Safety.



Doris Twitchell Allen Village before the snows that have caused a recent spate of parking problems. (File Photo.)

## Health

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Symonds said the two worst cases that she knew of when a doctor limited patient health care services were when a woman was released from the hospital 24 hours after giving birth and a man was released from the hospital three days after a having his hip replaced.

"What would be a solution to the problems is to have universal coverage and not managed health care, but until then every-

one should read their health insurance policy carefully and question their physician if they feel they are not getting what they are entitled to," Norberta said.

Symonds said she would like to see managed health care plan organizers realize their plans aren't providing proper services for many people before people have to go back to the days of taking care of their family members at home.



Jean Symonds, associate professor of nursing and coordinator of registered nurse studies programs at UMaine, talks about managed health care at the Healthspeak luncheon Wednesday. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

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## Budget

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Associate professor of history Alexander Grab at first expressed concern about the fiscal fate of departments in the College of Arts and Humanities if the Faculty Five were concentrating their efforts on increased funding for the sciences. After hearing Jacobson, he, too, liked the idea.

"Putting money in any part of the university will help the rest," he said. "I trust the whole campus will be pulled."

Maine spends a small amount on higher education than most states, Jacobson said.

"Maine is far, far away from where we need to be," he said. "Most states focus on getting more money to their universities because that is key to their own economic future."

Jacobson also said UMaine needs \$50 million alone to fix up the buildings on campus that have been neglected.

Although the library made it through the most recent budget cuts, no new scholarly journals have been ordered since

1991, he said.

Association of Graduate Students President Sean Murphy said negative sentiment about the university needs to cease while the future of the budget remains in question.

"We need to present a united front," he said. "Instead of pointing fingers at each other we have found a common enemy."

Student Government senator and vice presidential candidate Scott Morelli said he's optimistic UMaine will receive the money.

"There's always reason to feel optimistic when you can get faculty and students to work together," Morelli said.

Although he is asking a lot, Jacobson says the Legislature will come through and help put UMaine back on its feet.

"We need to work together and help the Legislature understand this is an important resource," he said. "We are going to be successful this time."



# Editorial

## Wait your turn UMA

The University of Maine at Augusta must come to terms with the fact that it is not another University of Maine and should neither function nor be funded like one.

The recent complaint that alleges age and gender discrimination on the part of the University of Maine System and its Board of Trustees may be favorably looked upon by the OCR. But the methods used by the two UMA students who filed the complaint are misguided and only serve to add to the internal strife currently plaguing the UMS.

Instead of filing complaints with federal organizations, these UMA student leaders should be working with their administration to define the role of UMA, an institution currently unhappy with its rightful and important function as a community college. UMA, which is made up of University College in Bangor, the Augusta campus and the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn campus, should no longer postpone its efforts to develop as a community college while it bets its future on roundabout complaints.

This complaint is designed only to

put pressure on the UMS in hopes of attaining increased funding for UMA and has little or nothing to do with overt age or sex discrimination. Wayne Moss, the Augusta lawyer and part-time UMA instructor who filed the complaint for the students, has said he didn't believe there was any intentional discrimination on the part of the UMS. To be successful, however, Moss, who collects his fee from student funds allocated to the UM Student Government Association, doesn't have to prove intent to the OCR, only a pattern leading to discrimination.

UMA may indeed deserve an increase in the amount of money it receives for every full-time equivalent student, but costly complaints are not the means to pursue such an increase. In light of constant budget cuts affecting the Orono campus, funding the state's largest land-grant must be the top priority of the Legislature and the UMS. UMA will have to wait its turn and not concentrate on its unrealistic aspirations of becoming central Maine's equivalent of the state's educational flagship.

## Seek safer energy sources

The Maine Yankee nuclear power plant was placed on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's "watch list" Wednesday, signifying the plant's deteriorating state. At the Category II stage, the plant can continue to operate while it makes many necessary changes. These changes include fixing crossed electrical cables, which initially forced the plant to shut down Dec. 6, 1996. This was not the first shutdown for the plant. Most of 1995 was spent repairing steam generator tubes.

Vice President of Operations Graham Leitch has said the shutdown is "an opportunity to rebuild public confidence in the plant."

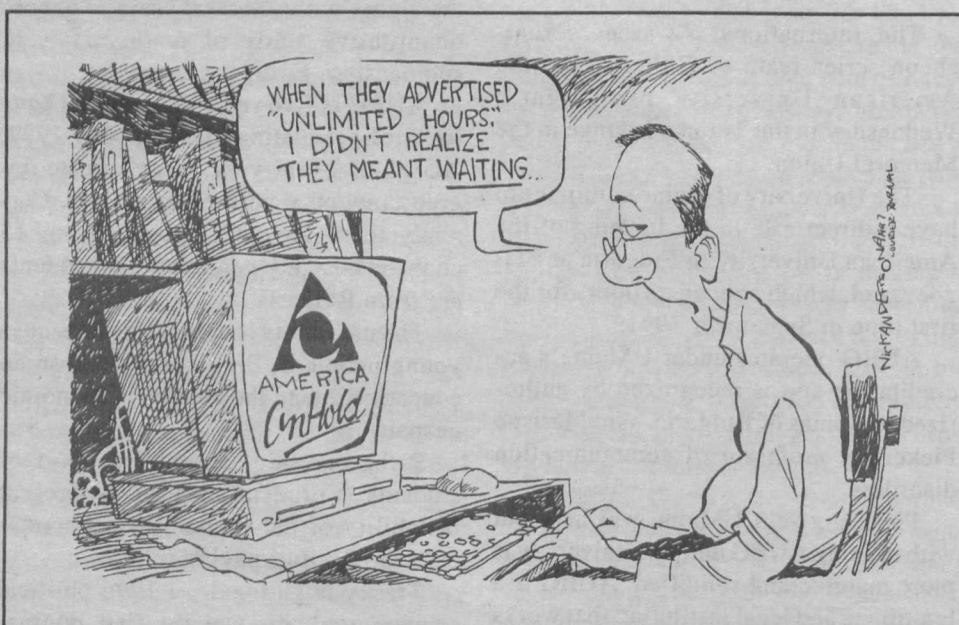
Far from restoring confidence, we remain skeptical of the plant and all its troubles. After a year of cutting costs at the plant to save money, Maine Yankee now plans to invest \$30 million over the next year in the floundering power plant. The plant should not approach the use of nuclear power as something that should

only replace things on an as-they-break basis. Had the money continued to flow into the plant, its condition might not even be up for discussion.

The fact that officials at the plant weren't surprised at the list ranking gives the outside world the impression they knew the plant is sliding downhill.

Bill Linnell, an anti-nuclear activist, is currently campaigning for a referendum that would shut down Maine Yankee by 2000. The plant is licensed to operate until 2008. Energy consultant Gordon Weil has said the region could survive without the nuclear power of Maine Yankee, which supplies a quarter of the state's electricity. Prices may go up in the short term, but a high-demand market may cause prices to fall in the long run.

The 24-year-old power plant should be closed before we have a major catastrophe on our hands. If other, safer energy sources exist, let's put them to work.



• Guest column

## A student call to arms

AGS President Sean Murphy  
and Student Government Inc.  
President Ben Meiklejohn

do not go on to higher education. One need look no further than our state legislative leaders to know on whose shoulders the blame rests.

Over the last year, this campus has witnessed a variety of manifestations of our current fiscal woes: faculty retirements, mid-year budget cuts and downsizing in all sectors. But while a host of newspaper articles and op-ed pieces have explored (and deplored) the potential effects of these decisions, very few have focused on the root cause of our current situation: chronic state underfunding. As leaders of the student governing bodies on campus, we are deeply concerned that this lack of information has led to energy wasted on internal bickering and the continued demoralization of our whole community.

To the outside observer, recent media coverage paints a picture of mismanagement and finger pointing. Retiring faculty publicly denounce the administration and decry an atmosphere where departments compete with each other for funding. Students at University of Maine at Augusta cope with their monetary woes by filing a discrimination complaint against the chancellor's office. Clearly administrators at both the university and system level have made mistakes in adjusting to our fiscal crisis, as anyone in the department of social work can attest. In large measure, however, they have been forced to play with the financial hand dealt them. While we honor the service given to this university by retiring faculty and respect the UMA student government's right to its opinion, in both cases these individuals miss the real culprit.

Despite the economic hard times of the early part of this decade, state general fund revenues have increased by a total of 29 percent since 1990. During this time most major state agencies and offices received at least modest increases in their overall budgets, if only to keep pace with inflation. The major exception to this "rule" is the university system, where support decreased by 1.8 percent or \$2.5 million. In terms of the total budgetary pie, the system watched its share of the state funds drop from 10 percent to 7.6 percent. Curious why your tuition keeps rising? The state of Maine ranks 41st in the nation in per capita expenditure for higher education. Without access to quality and affordable education, it is no wonder that so many capable Maine high school students

It is important, however, to recognize it is not too late to turn our situation around. In many ways our path has been shown to us by the so-called Faculty Five. Upset and angry over the prospect of continual budget cuts, they gathered information on state spending for higher education and then presented their case to the public. The university and the system as a whole owe this group a large debt of thanks for their selfless efforts. Respected scholars in their field, they each could have simply ignored the problem and funded their individual research through independent grants. Instead, they collectively spent hundreds of hours meeting with citizen groups, alumni and legislators to gather the political will for change.

As students, it is now time for us to do our part in this advocacy campaign. Over the next few weeks, Student Government and the AGS will be hosting various lobbying events, such as letter writing drives and visits to Augusta. Take the time to write a letter to your home legislators and encourage friends and family members to do the same. Call the Legislature's toll-free line and leave a message expressing your support for making higher education a spending priority for the 118th Legislature. This is a critical time in the budgetary process, and your legislators need to know that you feel education is an investment in our state's people, its economy and its future. Whether you are a graduate or undergraduate, the reputation of this university will profoundly influence your future life choices and options. The moment you spend today writing a letter could have a lifetime of benefits for you.

Over the last year, we watched as students, faculty and staff spun around in circles looking for someone nearby to blame for our recent pains, when in reality we needed to look beyond Orono's borders. We now need to pool our resources and present a unified front if we wish to turn this damaging tide of apathy by our elected leaders. Yes, there are real and profound problems that need to be addressed, but our first priority as concerned students and residents must be restoring the fiscal health of this school. We call upon students, faculty and members of our community to issue a "cease fire" so we can concentrate our efforts on the real issue facing this campus.

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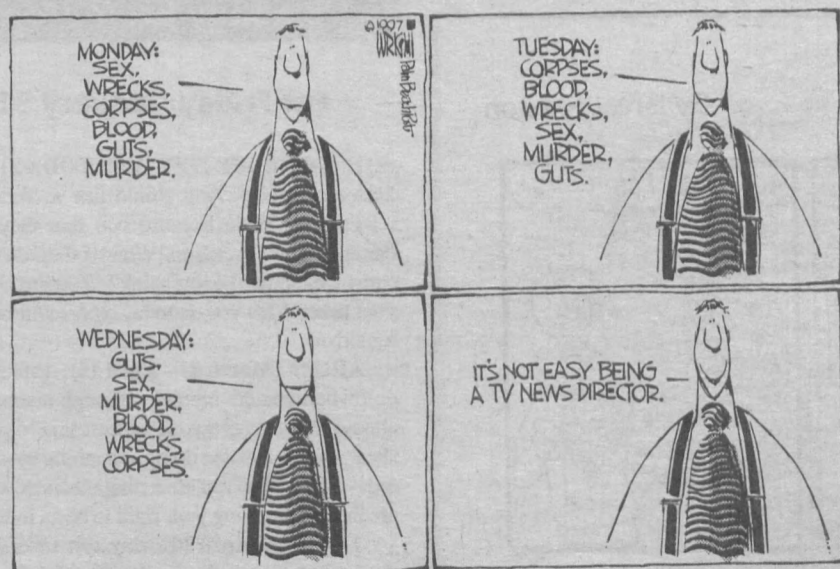
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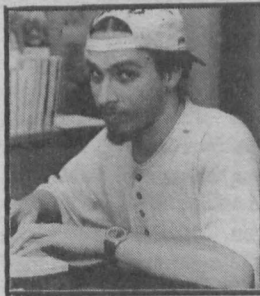


## OpEd



## • The Other Side

## Black remembrance



Scott Labby

Tomorrow is the beginning of Black History Month. Sort of.

In recent years, the month of February has become more about political agendas than actual discussion about African-American history. Meant as an acknowledgment of minority achievement, BHM has become tainted by those who have chosen to honor the past by holding political pep rallies in the present. It is fairly obvious that many individuals, both black and white, have decided that BHM exists for the sole purpose of providing yet another forum for personal political ideology (and, on occasion, shameless self-promotion). I would submit that the two do not mesh quite so neatly.

Although perhaps not pleasant to consider, we do not often honor the sacrifices made by others that have provided the opportunities we enjoy today. Some are famous, some are not. All left us with more than we might have had without them. With humility, we might remember:

Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, who were gunned down at point-blank range by the FBI in 1970, executed for the crime of political protest. Once, when he was much younger, an older white woman began to cry when Hampton tried to help her across a busy street, to which Hampton responded, "Don't worry, you don't have anything I could use, except skin. Do you want me to carry the bags or not?" She said no.

Malcolm X, who bled to death in front of his wife and children 32 years ago.

Medgar Evers, whose reward for helping to secure voting rights for southern blacks was to be shot in the back on June 13, 1963.

Zora Neale Hurston, who when asked at which point she decided to become a *black woman writer*, replied: "I never wanted to be a black woman writer. I wanted to be Shakespeare." She died in obscurity on January 28, 1960.

James Meredith, who had to be escorted into the University of Mississippi by the National Guard. A huge crowd of white students tried to light a university building on fire that evening. When asked about the event later, Meredith noted that "homework didn't bother me at all, given that I was never entirely positive that I wouldn't be stabbed in the library."

Lessons, indeed.

Emmet Till, a little boy who was beaten and drowned during the summer of 1955 by two white men after being accused of whistling at a white woman near Greenwood, Mississippi.

Steven Biko, beaten to death by South African police in September 1977. His list of crimes included eloquence, devotion and the refusal to accept the realities of apartheid: realities that included the murder of schoolchildren.

Franklin Abrams, lynched in 1922 for having dinner with a divorced white woman. The oral recountings of the event inform us that the crowd tried to skin him alive before the hanging. He left behind three children who had lost their mother two years before.

Viola Liuzzo, a woman from Michigan who went to Selma, Ala. for a civil rights march. The fact she was white did not save her from being chased down by the Klan and shot to death in her car.

William Brown, burned alive by a crowd in Omaha, Neb., in 1919. Men, women and children posed for pictures over his body.

Mbutu Bethazi, an old man from Port Elizabeth, South Africa. He was 72 years old when he was caught one day, just before dawn, posting "Freedom Now!" pamphlets on a local bulletin board. He was beaten, stabbed and nailed to the board itself.

This list, this recounting, these names, mean nothing by themselves. They are just words, and words cannot erase tragedy, or horror, or pain, or sacrifice or blood. One might hope to say, however, that these people did not *die in vain*, that they *live on within us*, that we will *never forget*. These clichés bear a measure of truth. But the legacy of these lives, the lessons that might be learned, depend upon us. Accepting this, we might realize that the value of these sacrifices is yet to be determined. We still have the opportunity to ensure that these memories survive, and that however painful they may be, they are fragments of those who suffered so that we might not. And what to do with these thoughts, these remembrances? That, dear reader, is up to you. Because in another place, another time, *you* are Wille Brown, *you* are Steven Biko, *you* are Viola Liuzzo. In a world where our differences often seem so much more important than our similarities, it is this realization that might preserve the essence of these lives and deaths.

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## • Guest column

## State of the university

President Frederick E. Hutchinson

It's no secret the University of Maine desperately needs renovations and expansion of the Memorial Union. Over the last decade, special task forces and planning groups have assessed the condition of the union and the increased demand for function and meeting space there. When once the campus discussion focused on whether renovation and expansion was necessary, the questions most people ask today are: How soon will the renovations and expansion take place? How will these necessary changes be paid for? And what will the facility include?

Last week, I met with the elected leadership of our student body — undergraduates and graduates, residents and commuters, Panhellenic and Interfraternity officers, traditional and non-traditional students. We met to discuss my desire to go forward with a \$9 million renovation and expansion plan. This plan was developed over the last six months by a task force of students from the Facilities Expansion Committee of Student Government, the General Student Senate, AGS and university planners convened by Vice President John Halstead and Director of Institutional Planning and Facilities Management Anita Wihry. We talked with students about the shortcomings of the existing facility, including fire and safety citations that must be addressed immediately. We also talked about what's happening at other universities and colleges where new or expanded student unions now exist and are instrumental in attracting and retaining students.

At our recent meeting there was widespread agreement that for the long-term good of the university, my administration must move forward with a plan to address both student interests and institutional needs related to the facility.

The Memorial Union was built more than 40 years ago (when I was a student!) for a student population of 3,500. Our student population today is nearly 10,000. The facility's bookstore, newsstand, organizational offices, meeting rooms and dining service areas serve students, faculty, staff and a wide variety of visitors, including prospective students. The union, even in its existing state, is at the literal and figurative center of our multifaceted learning community. And it is woefully inadequate and outdated for the many demands placed on it.

As we look around New England to our major competitors — public and private — we see that institutions such as the University of New Hampshire and Bowdoin College have aggressively expanded and renovated their student centers. Our own internal planning documents — the "Vision Statement" (1994) and "AFFIRM" (1996) — point to the need for more student-centered environments that enhance student learning both inside and outside the classroom. The Memorial Union should be our centerpiece.

Beginning shortly, the elected leadership of the various student governing organizations and I will be co-hosting a series of "town meetings" on campus to give students an opportunity to discuss the plan an ad hoc group of student leaders and university administrators developed for expanding and renovating the union. Working collaboratively, the group developed a \$9 million plan for expansion and renovations. The group also developed a "shared financing" concept to cover the cost of expansion and renovation, one that involves

the major "stakeholders" affected by, and benefiting from, the new facility. The sources of funding the group identified are as follows:

University: \$500,000, to immediately address mandated fire and safety issues.

UMaine's Office of University Development: \$1 million, to be raised through private fundraising.

University Bookstore: \$1,125,000, to be spread out over 15 years to retire the debt incurred by UMaine, which will have to borrow money initially to expand and renovate the building.

University Dining Services: \$2.25 million, to be spread out over 15 years through annual payments of \$150,000 to help pay off the debt caused by borrowing.

Students: the remaining \$4,125,000, to be paid for over a period of several years through one of two possible funding mechanisms offered by the ad hoc committee — either \$3.55 per credit hour or a flat fee of \$59 per semester. In neither case would the fee be charged until the expanded and renovated building is available for their use, which is projected to be in 1999, if we can keep to our timetable.

I must emphasize that the development of this funding plan came from both student leaders and representatives of my administration. It was their strong consensus that the university administration, the major university entities operating within the Union and the primary users — our students — must share responsibility for getting the project done and paid for. This must be a partnership. How students are assessed is open to student input. We want to hear your ideas on the funding options.

Of course, students will also have a major say in what the renovated and expanded union will include for features, space utilization and services. To adequately address the needs of the student body and future generations of students, this project requires students to be heavily involved in determining what will be housed in the facility. The possibility of more diverse food options, enclosed dining courtyards, lounge areas, banking, computer and travel centers, space for meetings, performance and functions, movie theaters and other facilities are all options considered by the planning group. But it is the input of students that will shape the final plans and the direction of the building committee — including students — that I will appoint in March.

Let me again emphasize that the upcoming meetings will focus on two issues:

(1) financing options and (2) programmatic issues — i.e., what should be included in the expansion and renovation project to address student needs. Meeting dates, times and locations will be publicized through *The Maine Campus*, campus posters, electronic bulletin boards, and through other means designed to raise student awareness. I will personally be at open forums scheduled for Feb. 3, 4, 6 and 19 in a variety of locations. My intent is to take the input I receive and report back to the university community by the end of March. I will then submit a preliminary plan to the University of Maine System's Board of Trustees in time for the board to consider it at its May meeting. If the board gives its approval, we will then proceed with contracting for the design and construction of this much needed facility.

This is an exciting opportunity for our University. I look forward to working with members of the UMaine community to make it reality. Please join me.



# Entertainment

## Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Friday, January 31

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** There are certain things you would like to do but are reluctant to begin because you fear they might damage your reputation. What if they do? Who cares what other people think? You are ahead of your time. What you do today others will be doing tomorrow.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Life is never dull when you are around, although it sometimes annoys you that everyone expects you to put on a show. If you feel like doing something by yourself today don't think you are letting others down. You are merely asserting your right to be an individual.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Over the next three weeks or so those who thought they knew you will have to think again as you do something unexpected with your life. You are almost ready to spring a huge surprise — almost but not quite. Keep your plans to yourself just a little while longer.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** You can feel the times are changing. Something wonderful is about to happen, and you will benefit from the experience. Don't expect it to be a material change. It is just as likely to be a change of awareness, a change that will make all other changes look small.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** You don't have to like a job to do it. You don't have to like a person to work with him-her. It helps, but it's not essential. You will be asked to do something or deal with someone you would prefer to avoid today. Your feelings are irrelevant — what matters is that you make a success of it.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** "If in doubt, leave it out" is a slogan that can be applied to any number of situations. It can certainly be applied to how you deal with a loved one today. He-She may deserve to be criticized, but is it necessary? Will it make things better or worse?

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** Don't fool with things you don't understand, because you could so easily make a small mistake — which will lead to bigger mistakes when you try to put it right. If you need help, call an expert. It will, of course, cost you money but not as much as if you do it yourself.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** Fate always guides you in the right direction, regardless of how many wrong turns you take. There is a pattern to your life that is clearer now than it has been for many years. Work with this pattern, then you will be happy.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** See yourself through someone else's eyes today. Put yourself in that person's position and imagine how you look to him-her. Scorpio reticence and love of secrecy sometimes make people reluctant to believe what you have to say. Convince them with deeds, not words.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** If you haven't yet felt the pull of a new hobby or interest it can only be a matter of time. You are on the lookout for excitement, and you are sure to find it over the next few weeks. But something will have to go to make room for it.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Inspiring news is on the way. Something unexpected is about to turn your life upside down and inside out. By nature you aren't much for surprises, but something tells you this is a surprise you will welcome with open arms. Trust your instincts.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** This is a time for action, a time to put what you have learned over the past six months to the best possible use. There should be no doubts in your mind anymore: You know what you want, and you know how to get it. Once you start moving in a new direction you won't want to stop.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Ask for help if you need it today. Don't try to do everything yourself. Individually, your tasks may be simple but taken together there is too much for any one person to bear. You have done plenty of favors for others in the past — now it is time to suggest that those favors be returned.

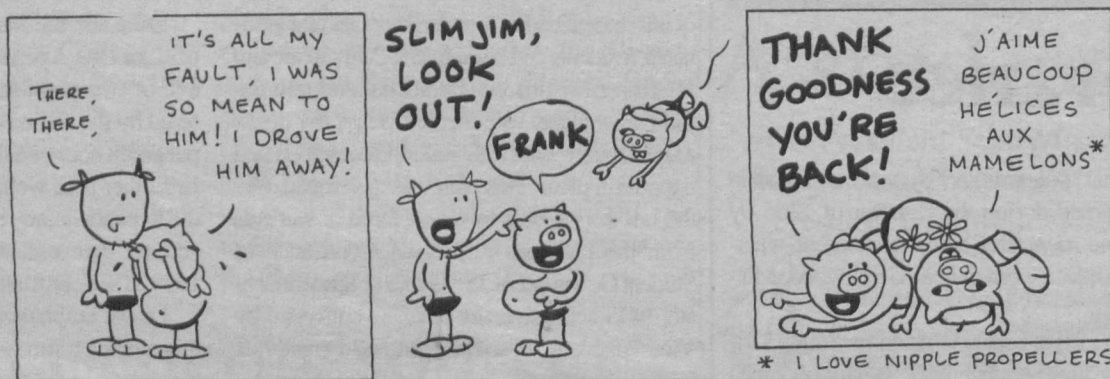
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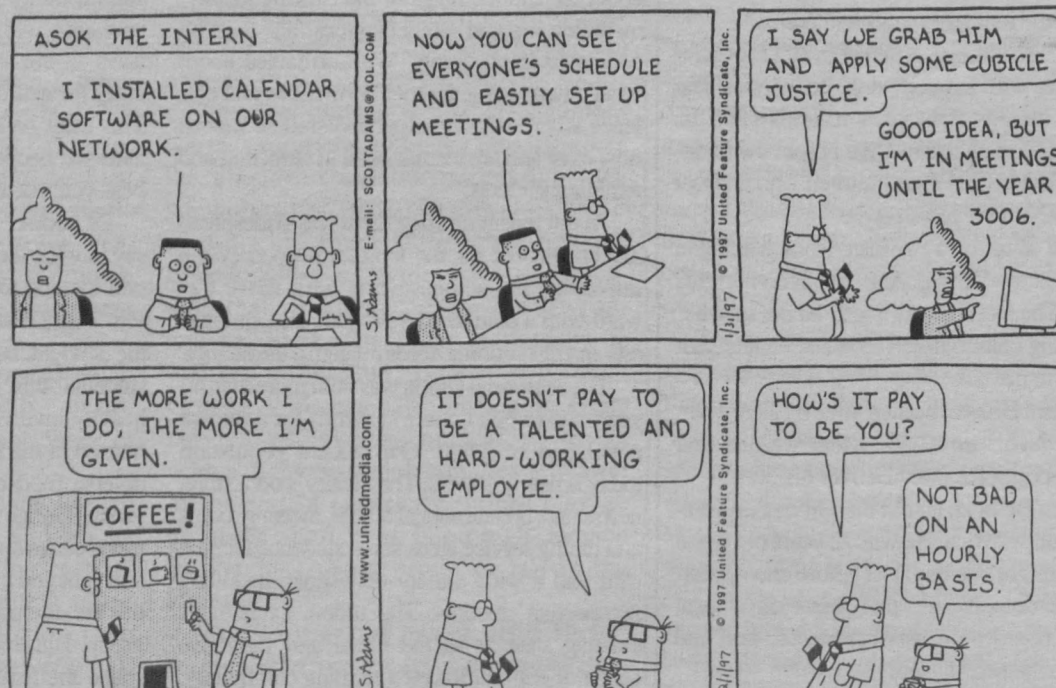


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# Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Saturday, February 1

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** Devote yourself to some kind of cause this year. It doesn't matter whether or not you occupy a position of leadership, just do your bit and watch the good that comes out of it. It is the little cogs that keep the wheels turning. Without them life would grind to a halt.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Abolish stress from your life this weekend. Planetary activity in Capricorn has a tendency to put you on edge and make you worry about what is coming next, but you need not fear a thing. Stress is for other people.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Give yourself the best of everything. What you desire you will get, and if there are strings attached they will be strings of gold. You have had your fill of self-restraint. Hedonism is now the name of the game.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You may have a few financial worries this weekend. Who doesn't? But when they arise, you can quite easily shove them to the back of your mind and get on with enjoying life. In the greater scheme of things money does not matter.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Quarrels solve nothing, and planetary activity suggests you can easily forgive and forget today. A loved one may want to continue a lively discussion, but you have neither the time nor the inclination to make a fuss.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** A little of what you fancy will do you good today, though too much could lead to indigestion of one kind or another. If you don't feel like working, fine. Everyone needs a lost weekend now and again. You just happen to need one more than most. You will enjoy it more than most as well.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You like to help. You like to feel useful. Planetary influences indicate you will get the chance to show your generosity of spirit today. Be that as it may, don't allow yourself to be misled. Not everyone is as honest or as positive as you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You aren't the sort to poke your nose in where it isn't wanted, but your sixth sense tells you that a friend of relative needs a shoulder to cry on. Don't be judgmental, however. It is not for you to decide the rights and the wrongs — he/she must decide that.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Are you confident of success? You should be, even though you can probably point to any number of reasons why failure is more likely. You enjoy upsetting the odds, and you enjoy overcoming challenges lesser beings would not even attempt. The enjoyment is in the doing, not the winning, this weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** There is always someone worse off than yourself. This may be a negative statement, if it helps you forget your worries, however, it is a negative statement used in a positive way. You have plenty to look forward to: Spare a thought for those who live from day to day.

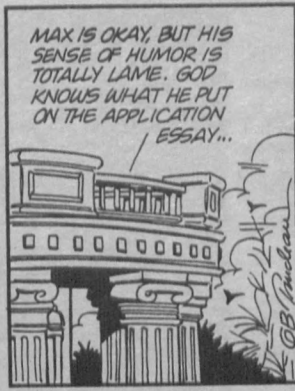
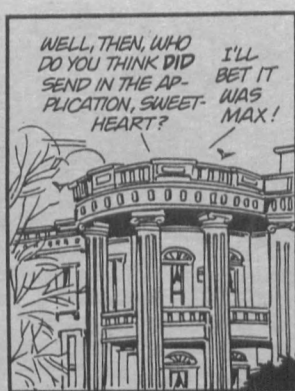
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't mistrust your feelings — they are a real and valid part of your personality. Your head may tell you one thing this weekend, but if your heart tells you another it is your heart you must heed. Money and ambition can have no say in the decision you are about to make.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** What do you have to worry about? Nothing! Why then are you so fearful? A new month is dawning and, by the time it is over, you will realize that it has been one of the most important months of your life. You have nothing to fear and everything to look forward to this weekend.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** There is no doubt you are on the right track. What is so marvelous about this weekend is that you will finally believe that statement with all your heart rather than just on an intellectual level.

# Entertainment

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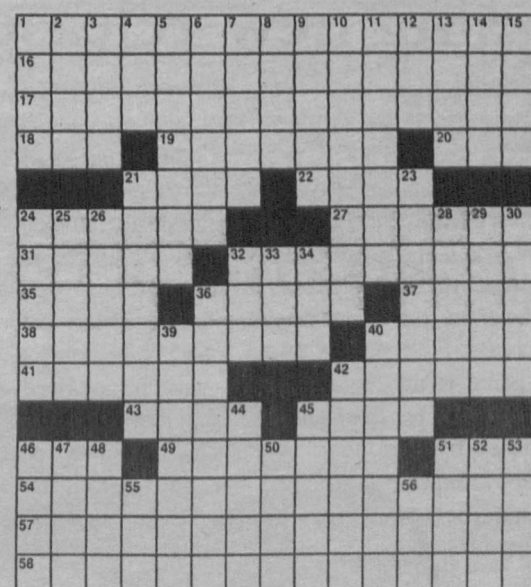
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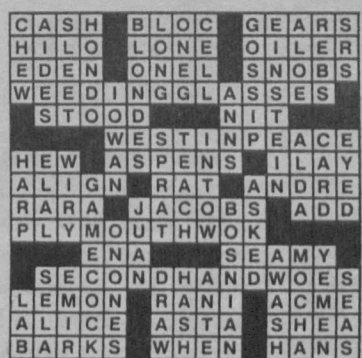
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# Style & the Arts

## • Concert

### Matthews, Reynolds impressive in stripped-down set

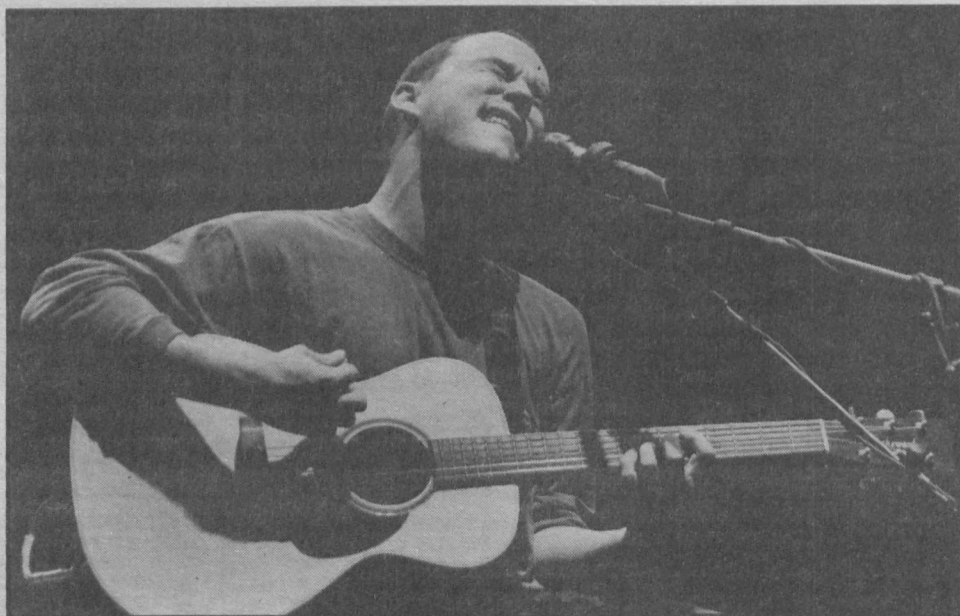
By James Wright  
Maine Campus staff

Not a soul was missing the rest of the band on this Wednesday night at the Maine Center for the Arts, and a packed house of eager fans got to "hang out" with Dave for a concert by candlelight.

With only fellow guitarist Tim Reynolds (who?) by his side, the stripped-down music of Dave Matthews echoed through the hall with all the power of a major orchestra, making for anything but a typical situation. After the duo's striking performance, everyone should know the name of Dave's long-time friend, partner and hero.

An experimental and confident guitarist, Reynolds added an explosive ingredient to the acoustic setup and the already proven list of songs that emanate sophistication and class. His accompanying parts were tasteful and surprising. With a flair for rapid picking and an array of effectual toys and synthesizers, the songs of the Dave Matthews Band, for the most part, were presented in a fresh and exciting fashion that no one is soon to forget.

More memorable than the music, per-



Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds played to a captivated audience Wednesday at the MCA. (Joel Page Photo.)

haps, was the personable stage presence and comic relief provided – at no extra charge – between every song. Whether it was rambling about fake canine testicles (neuticles), improvising "avant-garde" nonsense, gargling water into the microphone or just making some plainly weird noises,

Dave did everything in his power to make the audience feel at ease and himself comfortable on stage. When performers are having fun (or appear to be), it rubs off onto the audience. With Dave's almost boyish charm and countless facial expressions, the stage felt a whole lot closer.

But when the songs got into full swing, it was strictly business. Dave's keen sense of rhythm and signature-style strumming, along with rationed portions of light speed soloing by Reynolds for all the guitar junkies in the crowd, culminated in a relaxed and casual chemistry between the two.

A generous helping of tunes off their latest LP "Crash" included "Tripping Billies," "Crash Into Me," "Too Much," their latest hit, "So Much to Say," and "Proudest Monkey," among others.

Included in the set was an impressive solo exhibition by Reynolds that ran the gamut of guitar effects including wah-wah and volume pedals that made his guitar sound like three or four.

Along with older stuff like "Jimi Thing" and "Satellite," new originals and a jamming version of their hit "Ants Marching," during which Matthews busted a string and kept on playing, the evening was complete.

An encore of "Warehouse" capped off a fine show, the candles had long since burned down and Dave Matthews, whom I was not a fan of prior to Wednesday evening, proved that he is a talented musician and more than just a passing fad.

## • Off the beaten path

### Ten ways to solve the mystery of missing new-release videos

By Derek Rice  
Maine Campus staff

Tired of going to your local video store and finding all the newest releases out? Fear not. In this weekly feature, you'll find suggestions for good movies you've maybe never seen or even heard of. If it can be of use to even one person, then it will be a success.

This week's genre is mystery-detective movies. Maybe not the most fascinating or exciting genre, but these films are, nonetheless, a cut above most of the new releases. The ten best, listed in alphabetical order, are:

**The Big Sleep** (1946): Humphrey Bogart as Raymond Chandler's Phillip Marlowe, who becomes involved with Vivian Sternwood (Lauren Bacall) and her sister, Carmen (Martha Vickers). Incomprehensible plot involving a series of murders surprisingly works. Excellent dialogue has Bogart and Bacall exchanging barbs throughout. Script by William Faulkner, among others.

**Chinatown** (1974): Private investigator Jake Gittes (Jack Nicholson) investigates the murder of the Los Angeles water chief and uncovers much more than he expected in Roman Polanski's homage to classic hard-boiled detective films. Faye Dunaway shines as the wife of the dead man, and John Huston, who directed "The Maltese Falcon," is excellent as the ruthless Noah Cross. Look for director Polanski as the thug who cuts Gittes' nose.

**The Hound of the Baskervilles** (1939): Best of the early Sherlock Holmes films stars Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce as Holmes and Dr. Watson. The two investigate murders on an

English moor that are tied to local myth. Classic last line has cocaine-user Holmes shout, "Quick, Watson, the needle."

**The Maltese Falcon** (1941): Bogart as Dashiell Hammett's Sam Spade in John Huston's directorial debut. The film stands as one of the best of any genre. Strong supporting cast includes Mary Aster, Peter Lorre, Ward Bond and Walter Huston (the director's father). Beware the colorized version.

**Murder on the Orient Express** (1974): Albert Finney as Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot investigates murder on a moving train. All-star cast includes Bacall, Ingrid Bergman (who won a best supporting actress Oscar), Jacqueline Bisset, Sean Connery, Vanessa Redgrave, John Gielgud, Anthony Perkins and Martin Balsam.

**The Seven Percent Solution** (1976): Another in the Holmes series, with Nicol Williamson and Robert Duvall as Holmes and Watson. The two enlist the help of Sigmund Freud (Alan Arkin) when one of the psychiatrist's patients is kidnapped. Lawrence Olivier is the hit of the film as Holmes' nemesis, Professor Moriarty.

**A Shot in the Dark** (1964): Second and far and away funniest in the Inspector Clouseau series stars Peter Sellers as the sleuth in a farce that doesn't slow down to catch its breath. Excellent script by Blake Edwards and William Peter Blatty includes a memorable scene in a nudist colony.

**The Silence of the Lambs** (1991): Although often pegged as a horror movie, it's really more of a mystery than anything else. Agent Clarice Starling (Jodie Foster) is recruit-

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## From the home office at Beta Theta Pi

### Top Ten Ways the school is going to raise money for the union expansion that we voted against

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- 3) Put off painting North Stevens... again.
- 2) Syndicate Mr. Gnu to a school newspaper that is lacking a crappy comic strip.
- 1) Invest in some Chapstick and start kissing some alumni ass.

By Eric Simonds

## • Back in business

### MST3K moves to Sci-Fi channel

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The 'bots are back.

After facing oblivion in TV's Vast Wasteland, the smart-alecky heroes of "Mystery Science Theater 3000" have returned to heckle even more of the world's worst movies.

This time it's the Sci-Fi Channel that will carry the adventures of Mike Nelson and his robot sidekicks, Crow and Tom Servo.

Comedy Central dropped the cult show, citing low ratings, but Sci-Fi picked up "MST3K" for its eighth season. It debuts Saturday at 4 p.m. EST, with a repeat at 11 p.m., and is rated TV-PG.

Switching networks is a welcome change for the show's writers and performers, who work out of the clubhouse-like headquarters of Best Brains Inc. in suburban Eden Prairie.

"Nobody's burned out," said Nelson, 32, the show's host and head writer. "It's energized everybody."

Sci-Fi has committed for 13 new episodes,

with an option for nine more. The "MST3K" crew already has finished seven episodes since resuming production in late August. Among the new titles: Saturday's season-opener "Revenge of the Creature," the 1955 sequel to "The Creature From the Black Lagoon," "The Deadly Mantis" and "The Thing That Couldn't Die."

The show's premise remains the same: Nelson and his homemade robots (or 'bots) are trapped in space and forced to watch cruddy movies. To cope, they respond with a torrent of gibes, quips and bon mots aimed at the screen.

This time, their main tormentor is gone. Trace Beaulieu, who played the mad scientist Dr. Clayton Forrester and worked the Crow puppet, left last year to pursue other projects in Los Angeles. Writer Mary Jo Pehl, playing Dr. Forrester's obnoxious mother, Pearl, takes over as chief nemesis.

"She's the root of all evil as far as the

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## • Kollege Kult Classics Korner

## 'Brimstone and Treacle' bizarre and disturbing

By Monique Gibouleau  
Maine Campus staff

Part psychological thriller, part art film, part "Twilight Zone," "Brimstone and Treacle" will give you quite a start. This is no Valentine's day snuggle file, nor is it a seat gripping gore fest.

What it is, exactly, is incredibly difficult to explain, or really, to understand. Graphic, occasionally difficult, often shocking, it is, however, a brilliant gift to all coffeshop pseudointellectuals in the western world. I know I certainly was intrigued.

Martin Taylor is a handsome young Brit who is an expert con man and a rather intense and somewhat disturbing character. Played deftly by Sting, Martin is a character who left me concerned. Half choirboy, half incubus, I liked him, though I was never sure if I was supposed to or not.

The film centers around Martin and a family he cons and moves in with. Troubled by an accident that left his lovely daughter Patricia crippled and incoherent, possibly even mad, and by a darker secret, Patricia's father meets Martin, who enters his life, why or to what end we are never quite certain. Perhaps to be devil, or perhaps to be angel.

Patricia's mother, the sweet archetype of the English housewife, has been behind the house walls for four years, taking care of young Patricia, who was at art school when the accident, a hit-and-run, occurred.

Martin appears at their house on the pretense of returning a "lost" wallet. He then professes his love for the incapacitated Patricia, claiming that he had loved her, proposed and went to America when she refused, claiming they should meet again in five years' time.

Patricia's mother is completely drawn in by the beguiling charms of Martin. He convinces her she needs assistance with Patty and is allowed to stay at their home. After a brief discussion he convinces her to leave him to care for Patty and go into town, get her hair set and relax, as she hasn't in four years. Martin's presence tears at the basic fibers of the family, yet while something is always amiss, it is never obvious why or what. His presence is always disturbing, yet always comforting.

Undercurrents of the bizarre run throughout this film, and eddies of dry, black humor can be caught in the streams of plot and dialogue. There seems to be, beyond some wonderful rarely heard (I'd assume) music by the Police and other compositions sung by Sting, a deeper level of questioning what is good or bad in society. However, this could be just Art Film Syndrome - AFS - overworking my brain. AFS occasionally causes an overanalysis of a piece such as this, which may be nothing by a twisted, erotic film about a perverse young man, a mother with too much faith in the omnipotent and a father whose guilt fills his every waking moment with distress, distrust

and damnation.

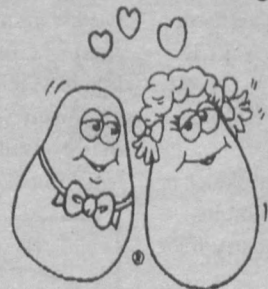
Brimstone is an old English term for sulfur, hot and putrid to the scent. Treacle is the British term for molasses and also for a syrup used to combat poison. Unsurprising that there is no hero really, but that Martin's character is both sulfuric demon and that medicine which will heal. He is not evil, or his he? True to title, "Brimstone and Treacle" will leave a sweet taste in your mouth and a sour

scent lingering in your head at its finish.

I know that images and questions lurked after I saw it. The ambiguities of good and bad and purposeful evils or accidental miracles will play joyful games with your mind. And if any other coffeshop pseudo-intellectuals decide to take in the interesting "Brimstone", I'd like to know what you see as the sulfur and what you see as the sweet. For I found it a strange, strange feast. A strange feast indeed.

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## • People

# Parents fear 'bad boy' Woody; CBS reporter attacked

SIMPSONVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Woody Harrelson's talk at a small-town elementary school never reached the ears of 44 children whose parents say he's a bad role model.

While young fans chanted "Woody! Woody!" some parents pulled their children out of Simpsonville Elementary School on Wednesday to protest his film roles as a mass murderer and pornographer.

Harrelson, whose visit to the school sparked protests last spring, returned to discuss his efforts to legalize hemp for paper and other industrial uses as a way of preserving old-growth forests.

"You're just not a good role model for

our children," parent Michelle Isenberg told the actor. "Look at the movies you make."

But Harrelson defended his visit. "I don't see why I shouldn't talk to them about hemp," he said.

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Wallace is used to hounding people for CBS' "60 Minutes." On a recent visit to Canada he and his crew were hounded right back.

A snarling German Shepherd came after Wallace as he approached the home of a suspected Nazi war criminal, ripping the newsman's coat and biting the sound man.

Wallace and his crew had followed instructions and honked their car horn when

they entered the long dirt driveway, but the large dog, fangs bared, bounded toward them when they got out of the car.

The man, fortunately, had a portable

battery strapped to his thigh inside his pants. The dog was tied up, and Wallace conducted his interview standing in the snow at the farm outside Toronto.

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ed to enlist the help of brilliant psychotic Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins) to help catch a serial killer. At times disgusting, and at others funny. Dialogue between Foster and Hopkins is superb and the ending is great. Schlock film writer-director Roger Corman plays FBI director and horror master George Romero makes a cameo. Hopkins, Foster and director Jonathan Demme all won Academy Awards.

**Sleuth** (1972): Lawrence Olivier as game-playing mystery writer Andrew Wyke, who leads his wife's lover, Milo Tweedle (Michael Caine), into a game of cat-and-mouse that slowly consumes both of their energies so they almost forget about Wyke's wife. Excellent screen adaptation of Anthony Shaffer's play, directed by Joseph L. Manckiewicz, who, along with Olivier and Caine, was nominated for an Oscar.

**The Thin Man** (1934): Rather comic adaptation of Hammett's novel stars William Powell and Myrna Loy as retired detective Nick Charles and his wealthy wife, Nora. They investigate the death of an inventor who's been in seclusion for six months. Five sequels and many imitations followed, but none live up to this film, which was shot in two weeks.

Now take this list for what it is: One guy's opinion. Nothing more. Look for this feature in Friday's paper and please, don't call or write with your complaints. This is done in the spirit of fun, and in no way is it done by an expert.

## MST3K

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Forrester family is concerned. She's the original," Nelson said.

Toying with the cliches of science fiction has proved fertile ground for the "MST3K" writers. In the opening episodes, they parody "Planet of the Apes" with an ape civilization set in the year 2525.

Later, Nelson said, they visit a planet of "super-evolved guys" who are just brains — no bodies. They need someone to carry their brains around.

Pehl, whose character chases our heroes around the galaxy in her 1960s Volkswagen van, said she's not been a big sci-fi buff.

"But now I have to go back and look at the entire 'Star Trek' library," she said.

Replacing Beaulieu as Crow is Bill Corbett, an actor and playwright who briefly worked as an "MST3K" writer in the sixth season. He got the Crow job only four days before production began.

Producer Jim Mallon said there are no hard feelings with Comedy Central. The cable network's predecessor, The Comedy Channel, first picked up "MST3K" for national distribution in 1989.

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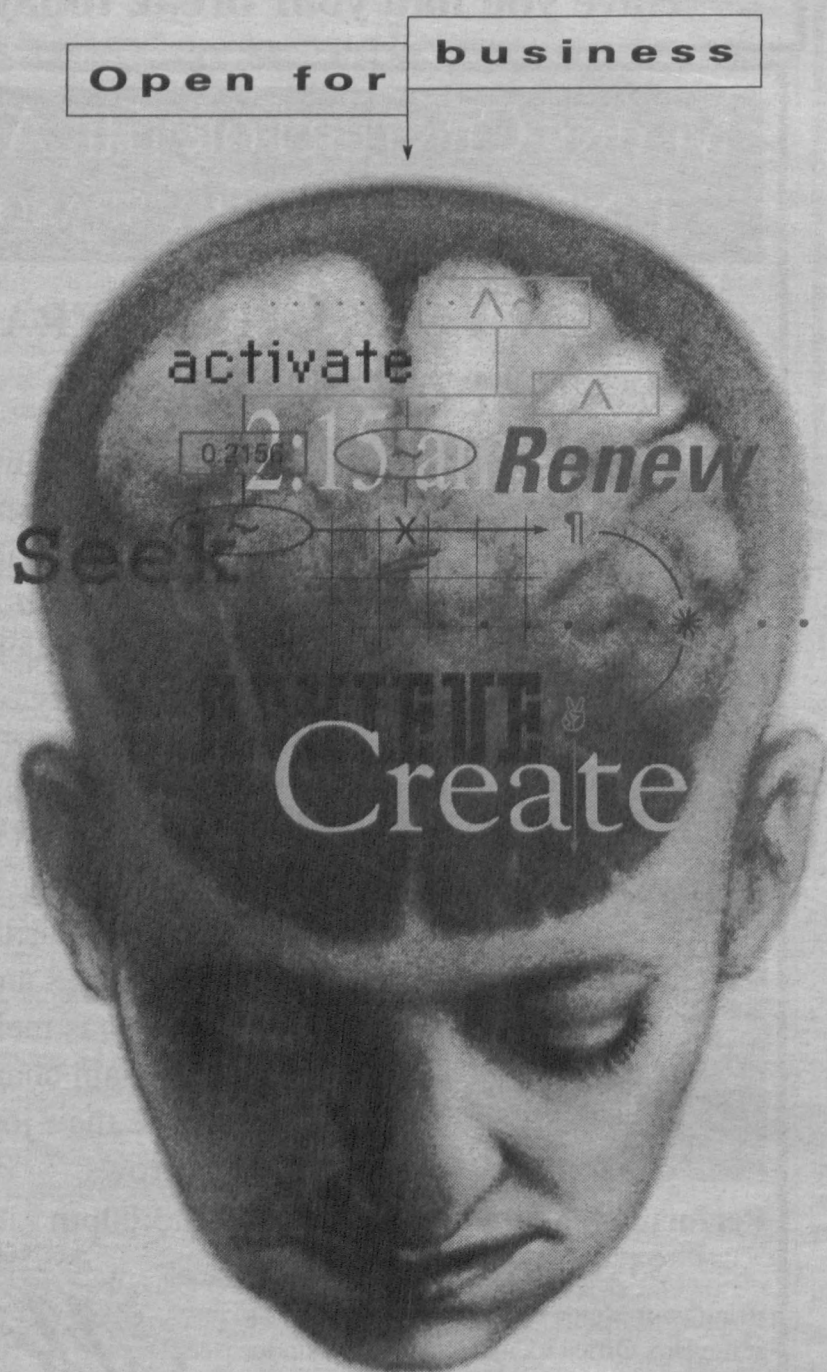
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# Sports Page

## • Men's basketball

### Bears lose in last second

By Scott Martin  
Maine Campus staff

Vermont Coach Tom Brennan didn't give his team a chance to win. Even with the game tied at 76 apiece with just over 27.2 seconds left, he still thought it was impossible. Sometimes the impossible happens.

The Catamounts came back from a 16-point deficit with 9:13 remaining in the second half, and faced overtime without their star Erik Nelson. But David Roache hit a 30-footer as time ran out to give Vermont a 79-76 win over the University of Maine Black Bears.

Maine drops to 7-14, 4-7 in America East with the loss. The Catamounts, who have won three straight, improve to 10-8, 3-7 in America East.

"I can't say I thought we were going to win, because I didn't," Brennan said. "When Roache's shot went in, I thought we could win. I thought if it went into overtime we wouldn't have had a chance because Nelson had fouled out."

Vermont's only lead of the second half came on the game-winner. After a Maine turnover by John Gordon, the Catamounts immediately called time-out. The ball was inbounded to Tyler Murphy, who passed it to a cutting Roache. Roache brought the ball into the front court and launched a shot with about a second left from the left hash mark, which hit the bottom of the net as time ran out.

"There were five seconds left so there was not that much time to get a shot," Roache said. "I was supposed to bring the ball up court, and Spencer Eisenmenger and Tyler were supposed to get on the

wings. If I had the shot or if I could kick it out to them, whoever could get the shot was supposed to take it."

"It was a tough shot, but I just shot it normally," Roache added. "It was a little lucky I guess too."

Maine had possession with 23.6 seconds remaining and the game tied. Gordon brought the ball up court and was isolated. With five seconds remaining, Gordon turned the ball over.

Nelson tied the game at 74 apiece with a pair of foul shots with 1:08 remaining. Nelson had missed three of four in the final two minutes. On Maine's trip down the floor, Nelson fouled out and Allen Ledbetter hit a pair of foul shots to give Maine back the lead at 76-74. Dade Faison then fouled Craig Maurer, who went down hard on his elbow. Murphy came in to shoot the foul shots for Maurer and nailed both, setting the game-ending play.

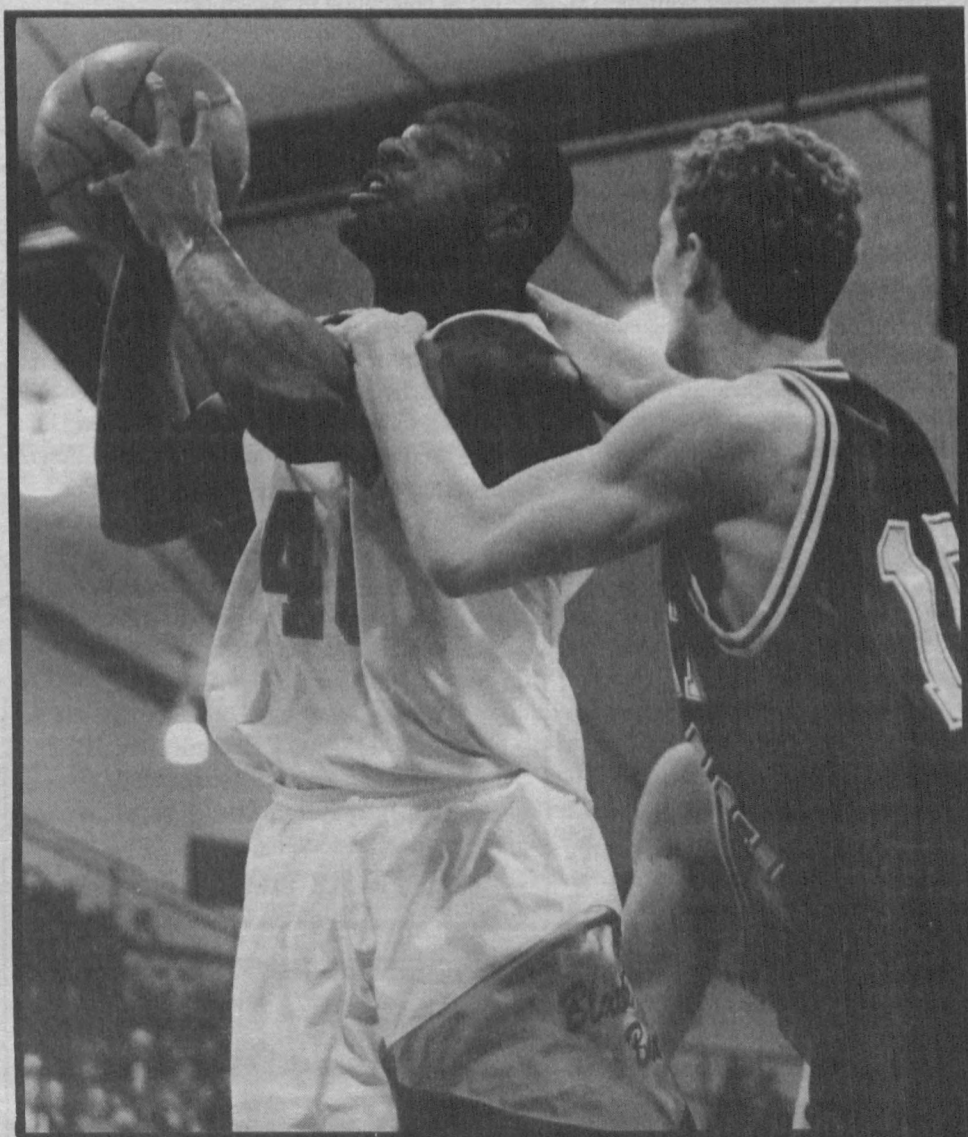
"The freshman kid (Murphy) hitting the foulshots was really ballsy," Brennan said.

The Black Bears got the ball into Gordon's hands after crossing into the front court. Gordon was isolated at the top of the key and drove to the basket. He was bottled up and turned the ball over with five seconds left.

"I felt like we tried to do all the right things," Maine coach John Giannini said. "We tried to do all the right things, and it just didn't happen for us."

Maine was able to jump out early behind a solid performance from senior Terry Hunt. Hunt got on the board early

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Sophomore forward Allen Ledbetter of Maine is fouled hard by University of Vermont freshman Tyler Murphy during the second half of Maine's 79-76 loss. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

## • Hockey

### Hot Black Bears return home

By Bill Stewart  
Maine Campus Staff

The hottest team in hockey returns to Alfred this weekend as the Maine hockey team prepares to entertain Boston College Friday night, and then Merrimack College for a Sunday afternoon matinee.

The Black Bears are coming off their biggest win of the season, a 3-1 win over Boston University in Boston last Saturday night.

However, Maine is not the only team to experience some success against BU this year. BC has tied the Terriers twice this year and is just four points behind Maine in Hockey East.

"I'm concerned about this weekend because BC's been playing really well," Black Bear head coach Shawn Walsh said. "I think it's going to be a matchup of two of the strongest teams in Hockey East right now."

BC and Maine met earlier this year for a pair of games in Boston in early of December. The two teams split the weekend series.

"BC's been playing really well," assistant coach Mario Thyer said. "It will be a tough game for us. They (BC) outplayed BU, and have a very good team."

Boston College is led this year by sophomore standout Marty Reasoner, who was last year's Hockey East Rookie of the Year.

Thyer acknowledges that Maine will have to shut Reasoner down in similar fashion to how the team handled BU's Chris Drury last

weekend.

"They are very explosive," Thyer said. "Last weekend we played close attention to Chris Drury, and we'll have to do that this weekend with Reasoner."

The Eagles also have one of the hottest rookies in the league in forward Jeff Farkas. He has scored six goals this year and has chipped in 14 assists. He is only six points behind Maine's Corey Larose for the league lead in points for all rookies.

"Farkas is an excellent player," Thyer said. "However, Walsh will make sure the guys will be ready to play."

The Bears are in the midst of a five-game winning streak, and have won eight of their last nine games to put them in third place in Hockey East games.

One of the reasons Maine has played its best hockey of the year recently is its goaltending tandem in junior walk-on Javier Gorriti and freshman Alfie Michaud. The two have combined for 2.71 goals against average in the last 12 games.

Before the semester break, the two goalies were a combined 7-7-1 with a 3.63 GAA. In the second semester of action they have gone 10-2.

"It's great to see both goaltenders playing so well," Thyer said.

The last team to beat Maine was the Mer-

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## • Women's basketball

### Maine's win streak ends

#### From Staff Reports

For the first time in 40 America East Conference games, the University of Maine has lost.

Maine lost at the hands of Hartford 70-58 Thursday night at the Hartford Sports Center.

Heather Weindorfer scored 23 points to lead the Hawks.

Cindy Blodgett scored 25 points in the loss for the Black Bears. Sandi Carver added 15, while Maine forward Jamie Cassidy was

held to just seven and Stacey Porrini was held scoreless.

Maine is now 13-7, and suffered its first conference loss of the year. Hartford improves to 9-10.

The loss marks the end of the longest in-conference winning streak in the nation. Maine had won 39-straight in the America East Conference on their way to two-straight NCAA Tournament bids.

Ironically, Maine beat the Hawks last year to clinch the regular season conference title, after being severely tested.

### Student Athlete of the Week



Stacey Porrini  
SENIOR  
WOMEN'S  
BASKETBALL



Stacey Porrini, a senior center for the University of Maine women's basketball team, has been named UMaine's Student Athlete of the Week.

Porrini was given the North Atlantic Conference Academic Honor as junior and earned numerous awards in high school, including being named an Air Force Scholar-Athlete. She is also involved with the Athletes for Sexual Responsibility and the Student-Athlete Advisory Board.



## • Baseball

## Prime Time's back in baseball

CINCINNATI (AP) — A year after he became a two-way starter with the Dallas Cowboys, Deion Sanders is going back to being a two-sport player.

Sanders agreed Thursday to an unusual one-year contract with Cincinnati that binds him to the Reds until they are eliminated from the pennant race. The agreement means Sanders will miss the Cowboys' training camp and might be unavailable for some of their early games.

There's also an informal agreement at work. General manager Jim Bowden said the club would give Sanders the option of

leaving to play for the Cowboys if the Reds are out of contention in September.

"I'm going to be there for the Dallas Cowboys in every way," Sanders said. "It's up to my discretion, and I'm going to weigh both sides heavily and make the best decision, even if I have to put a poll in the newspapers."

"If we're in a pennant race, Deion is not going to leave the Reds," Bowden said. "He's going to do the right thing for the Dallas Cowboys and the Cincinnati Reds. If we get to September and we're 16 games out, Deion is going to play football."

If the Reds are still within striking distance, it could get interesting. The Cowboys expect him back and appear to have a slightly different understanding of the baseball arrangement.

"We are supportive of Deion and his decision, and we are planning to have him be with us for all 16 games next year," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "This is something that we have discussed with Deion, his agent and the Reds organization."

A source, speaking on condition he not be identified, said Sanders' football contract cleared the way for him to return to baseball by guaranteeing him full pay from the Cowboys if he plays in eight regular-season games.

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## MEN'S HOOPS

**What:** University of Hartford vs. Maine  
**When & Where:** Saturday, Feb. 1; 1 p.m., at Alfond Arena

**Key players:** Maine — G John Gordon (14.0 ppg, 3.4 apg), F Terry Hunt (16.3 ppg, 7.6 apg), G Ramone Jones (9.9 ppg, 4.1 rpg), F Rashaan Thompson (1.8 ppg, 1.8 rpg), C Allen Ledbetter (10.0 ppg, 9.2 rpg).  
**Hartford** — F Anthony Bethune (14.9 ppg), C Ryan Howse (13.9 ppg, 7.0 rpg), G Justin Bailey (12.2 ppg, 28 three pointers).\*

**Outlook:** Maine must contend with Preseason All-America East selection Howse. The 6-8 junior is a force. Bethune, a transfer from the University of New Haven, is seventh in the league in scoring. The Black Bears clearly need a win. With only two home conference games remaining after Saturday's game; things won't get any easier.

\*Stats as of Jan. 28, not including Maine's game with Vermont Thursday and Hartford's game with New Hampshire.

## WOMEN'S HOOPS

**What:** Maine (13-6, 11-0 America East) vs. Vermont (13-5, 8-2).

**When and Where:** Saturday, Feb. 1, 7 pm at Patrick Gym, Burlington, Vt.

**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).  
**Vermont** — Alex Lawson (15.1 ppg, .527 field goal pct.), Karalyn Church (10.6 ppg, 2.2 spg), Kate Cronin (10.0 ppg, 2.2 spg).\*

**Outlook:** Going into this season, there were two teams that legitimately had a shot at giving this Maine club a real game. Vermont was one of them, but the Bears ended that dream earlier this season with a 77-54 drubbing at Alfond. The Catamounts have a stellar home record and will try to upend the Maine powerhouse that has won its last nine games.

\*Stats and outlook as of Jan. 28., does not include Maine's game against Hartford and Vermont's game against New Hampshire, both Thursday.

## • NCAA

## Duke downs Tarheels

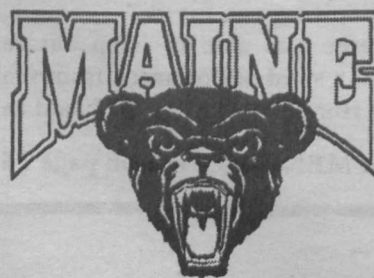
Trajan Langdon scored a career-high 28 points, and his seventh 3-pointer with 41 seconds left sealed the win for the Blue Devils (16-5, 5-3 ACC), breaking their seven-game losing streak to their archrival.

The Tar Heels (12-6, 3-5) closed to 72-70 on a jumper by freshman Ed Cota with 1:33 remaining. After a jump ball possession that went to Duke and a timeout, Langdon nailed his career-best seventh 3. Serge Zwikker led the visiting Tar Heels with 14 points, while

ACC scoring leader Antawn Jamison was held to a season-low 10 points.

Ed Gray scored 27 points, including four free throws in the final 46 seconds, and the Bears (15-5, 6-3 Pac 10) won their fifth straight overall and 15th straight at home.

Brevin Knight had 15 points to lead the Cardinal (13-4, 6-3), who were held to a season-low point total and shot 36.2 percent, their second-worst outing of the season.



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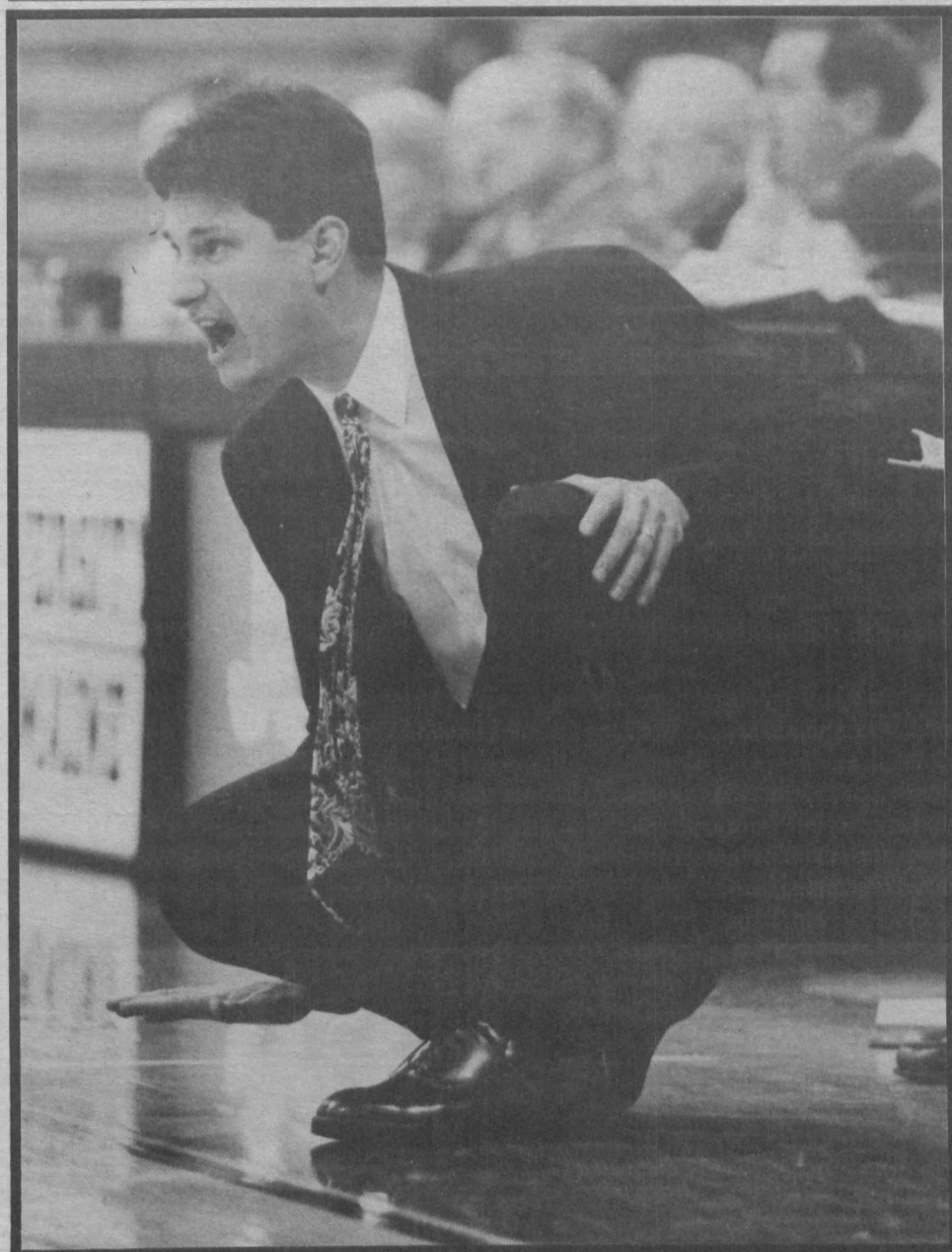


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Maine first-year coach John Giannini slaps the floor as he gives instructions to his team during the Black Bears' 79-76 loss Thursday to the University of Vermont Catamounts. The Black Bears fell to 7-14 with the loss. (Joel Page Photo.)

## Men's hoops

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and often, scoring with just 30 seconds gone on a reverse layup. After six straight Vermont points, Hunt scored eight points to spark Maine on a 10-0 run, giving the Black Bears a 12-9 lead with 13:56 remaining. Ledbetter added a bucket during the run.

"Terry Hunt was unbelievable in the first half," Brennan said.

Vermont scored four straight to give Vermont its last lead of the first half at 14-12 with 13:23 remaining. Maine then went on runs of 15-5 and 14-10 to end the half with a 40-29 halftime lead.

The lead built up to as much as 16 in the second when Vermont caught fire.

Eisenmenger and Roache combined to hit five threes and score 17 points in the last 10:45 of the game to lead the Catamounts back.

"I just think we made the shots in the second half," Roache said. "They were playing the same defense, but we knew we just had to play a little better."

Craig Peper scored 23 points to lead the Catamounts. Eisenmenger added 19, while Roache and Nelson both had 11.

Hunt finished with a game-high 28 points for the Black Bears and Gordon added 20. Ledbetter scored 15 points and had seven rebounds. Ramone Jones finished with 10 points and eight rebounds.

## • NBA

## Jordan plans to return, for now

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan says he expects to be back in a Bulls uniform next year, which is as close as he's come to stating his intentions.

"At the moment, I look forward to playing next year," he said after Tuesday night's victory in Vancouver. "I don't see anything that says I won't or that I will change my mind."

Jordan has a one-year contract that pays him \$30 million this year. It's unclear if he expects a raise. It's also uncertain whether owner Jerry Reinsdorf will pay another \$30 million or more for another season from his marquee player.

Jordan says he believes he is playing

at the top of his game and that he has been energized by support from fans, who earlier this week voted in record numbers to make him an NBA All-Star for the 11th time.

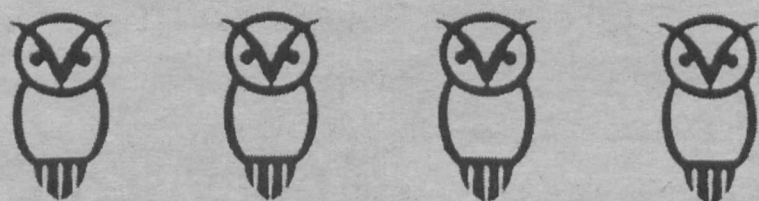
"The appreciation and respect the fans have paid me, especially this year, is very gratifying," he told the Chicago Tribune after Tuesday night's victory over Vancouver. "That only fuels the energy I have when I go out there on the basketball court."

Jordan said he knows more and better understands how to use his skills in certain situations. He said that earlier in his career, he played with more unfettered abandon and was more athletic.

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## Prime Time

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The deal is more interesting for what it means to the Cowboys than what it does for the Reds. Cincinnati is getting a leadoff hitter who still has blurry vision, hasn't played baseball in more than a year and had a poor on-base percentage when healthy.

The Cowboys will get substantially less practice time with Sanders, who learned the offense in training camp last year so he could play both ways. The two-sport move means he most likely will be limited to cornerback next season.

Sanders suggested he might take off week-ends late in baseball season to play for the Cowboys, then return to the Reds. He had the same sort of arrangement with the Atlanta Braves and Falcons in the early 1990s, but went to football exclusively last year.

Sanders broke a bone around his right eye when he was tackled during the Cowboys' 26-17 playoff loss to Carolina. He said he decided to go back to baseball as he recuperated and talked to friends on the Reds.

"I didn't really miss the game," Sanders

said. "I missed the camaraderie, being there on an everyday basis with friends. I missed a lot about the game, but I didn't miss the game itself."

The Reds were the only team he would play for. Bowden is a great admirer — he named one of his dogs "Prime Time" and nearly broke down when announcing Sanders' trade to San Francisco during the 1995 season.

Bowden also pursued Sanders last year, convincing him to return.

"He is one of the best athletes in the

world," Bowden said. "God blessed him with talent that few have. I always thought that if he played baseball full-time, he'd be the best leadoff hitter in the game."

Sanders has never played in more than 97 games and never got on base frequently enough to be considered a good leadoff man. His best asset is his speed, but he didn't get to use it very often.

In 1995, his last season, Sanders' on-base percentage with Cincinnati and San Francisco was .327, low for a leadoff man.

## Hockey

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Merrimack Warriors back on January 10th. Maine will look to avenge that loss on Sunday afternoon when the two teams square off for the final time of the year.

"Merrimack is still fresh in our minds," said Walsh. "The guys remember losing to them earlier."

Merrimack head coach Ron Anderson said that his team will have to contain Maine's

offense if they are going to steal a win on Sunday.

"We know from past experience and experience this year that Maine has a lot of talented forwards," said Anderson. "We don't score a lot of goals so we need to play a good solid defensive game."

Merrimack snapped a 28-game losing streak to Maine with its 3-1 win over the Black

Bears earlier this season.

Merrimack has a pair of goaltenders who are capable of beating anyone if they get hot. Martin Legault and Eric Thibeault provide the Warriors a solid tandem in net much like the Black Bears.

"Our goaltending has played well," said Anderson. "You can't win any games in Hockey East without good goaltending."

"We're juggling for a playoff position so every game is important for us," Anderson added.

"We know they can beat us because they did," said Thyer on Merrimack. "We're just going to have to play a good defensive game."

The Warriors are in eighth place in Hockey East, however they are just six points behind Boston College.

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