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• Funding fight

Education Committee backs 3% increase for UMS

Proposal to be presented to Appropriations Committee Monday

By Yolanda Sly
Maine Campus staff

The state's Education Committee voted Friday to propose a 3 percent increase in funding to the University of Maine System. The bi-partisan proposal will be made to the Appropriations Committee today in Augusta.

"It's not a lot, but compared to what (UMS has been) getting, it is a lot," Sen. Mary Cathcart, D-Orono, said.

The plan would give a 3 percent increase to the UMS, as opposed to Gov. Angus King's budget, which would give UMS a 1 percent increase for each of the next two fiscal years. The system asked for a 3 percent increase for each of the next two fiscal years.

"It was an excellent move, however it's going to be difficult for us to get through the Appropriations Committee," Sen. Peggy Pendleton, D-Scarborough, said. "UMS has been neglected for too long."

Rep. Kathleen Stevens, D-Orono, who is a member of the Appropriations Committee, said the committee's approval will be difficult to get because there are members of the committee who favored Gov. King's plan, and felt that while UMS hasn't received a budget increase, there have been other programs that have been eliminated.

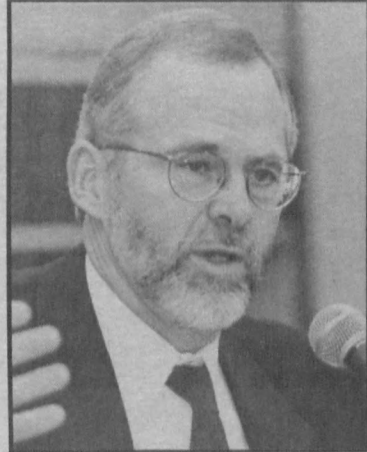
"I'm absolutely supportive to increased funding to UMaine," Stevens said. "I'm glad the education committee did this. It sends a

powerful message to the state Legislature."

Pendleton said money is scarce, but the committee has decided "this is a priority for us. It's something we believe we can work on," she said increased funding for UMS will help the state in the long run.

"I really appreciate the leadership of the education committee," UMS Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart said. "It will allow 30,000 students to better afford higher education."

Board of Trustees Chairwoman Sally Vamvakias said the proposal is a step forward for educa-



Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart (left) and State Sen. Mary Cathcart. (Page File Photos.)



tion in the state.

"Remember what the governor told us about flat funding,"

Vamvakias said. "Enormous needs would be met (by the 3 See PROPOSAL on page 4

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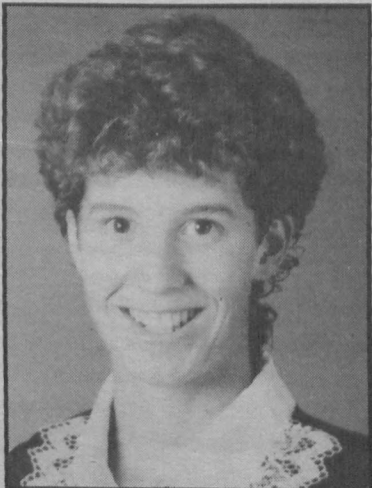
Blodgett breaks 2,000

From Staff Reports

Cindy Blodgett became the quickest player in Maine and America East history, man or woman, to score 2,000 points when she reached the mark Saturday in Maine's 84-70 win over the University of Vermont.

Blodgett scored her 2,000th point in just her 83rd game, which breaks the record set by the late Reggie Lewis of Northeastern University. Lewis reached the 2,000 mark in 92 games.

Blodgett is the third player in Maine history and the fifth female in America East to reach the mark. Rachael Bouchard holds the Maine record for points scored with 2,405.



Cindy Blodgett. (File Photo.) See story on page 13.

• Health

Official allays asbestos concerns

By Krista Marrs
Maine Campus staff

Asbestos can be found in most buildings on campus and university officials are urging students not to stick anything into the ceilings and walls, as it may cause complications in the future.

Asbestos is a natural mineral and "as long as asbestos is not disturbed, it is not a problem and poses no health concerns," said University of Maine Director of Environmental Health and Safety Victoria Justus.

Students living in the dorms are warned about hanging anything from the ceilings and puncturing the walls. Hooks, tacks, screws and nails can penetrate the structure and disturb the asbestos.

"If the asbestos is disturbed, it can

become airborne, and that is when it can cause problems," Justus said. "But until then, there is no health impact."

Many people become worried at the thought of asbestos, as they think

tions regarding the asbestos in the building because the ceiling was punctured.

"In the Gannett Hall fire, the asbestos was disturbed, which called for some low-level abatement activity to be done in the surrounding rooms on the fourth floor," Campus Living Associated Director Barbara Smith said. "These activities require specialists to go into the rooms with protective suits and assess the situation."

Gannett Hall Resident Director Jen Jacobs said there were some concerns raised by residents after the fire. She said that the day after the fire officials came to the dorm to check the asbestos and the air quality.

"At this point, all the residents in the wing have returned to their rooms. The only room with potential problems is 437, and that room has been blocked off," Jacobs said. "We have had several environmental officials in the hall to check out everything, so we feel very confident that the women in the wing are very safe."

After the fire, asbestos encapsulation was done by repainting the walls and ceilings so the asbestos could be sealed again.

"We're willing to go through any and all precautions to keep the residents safe, but they really should not

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Director of Environmental Health and Safety Victoria Justus. (Page File Photo.)

it is harmful and can only cause environmental complications. Actually, there are benefits of having asbestos in the walls and ceilings of buildings, which is why the university has an asbestos placement and management policy.

"Asbestos, since it is a natural mineral, can actually help contain fires, which is why we want to keep it there," Justus said.

The recent fire that took place in Gannett Hall has raised some ques-

Sealed for the season



Winter has returned to the University of Maine campus as seen from across the frozen Stillwater River. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

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• Violence

Danish gangs continue attacks

1 COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — An anti-tank grenade was fired into a jail housing members of the Bandidos biker gang early Sunday, injuring one gang member in his cell.

Police said the grenade, fired from a nearby highway, apparently didn't explode after breaking through the cell window.

The injured biker was identified as Paul Bjoern Andersen, who is being held pending trial in connection with the October anti-tank grenade attack on the Hells Angels compound in Copenhagen. Two people were killed and 19 injured in that attack.

Police said several people with ties to the Hells Angels were arrested in connection with Sunday's attack on the jail in Koege, 12 miles south of Copenhagen. They did not give further details.

The Hells Angels and Bandidos gangs have been feuding for three years in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. The feud has left 10 people dead and more than 50 injured.

Attacks have become increasingly brazen in the past year, including shootings in March at the international airports in Copenhagen and Oslo, Norway, in which one Bandidos member was killed and four injured.

• Future policy

Hong Kong fears consequences

2 HONG KONG (AP) — A pro-democracy legislator warned China on Sunday that tampering with Hong Kong's civil liberties "will backfire and will stir up resentment."

Hong Kong is law-abiding and China should learn to trust it, Emily Lau said in a statement broadcast on Hong Kong radio's weekly "Letter to Hong Kong."

It was aired a day after the Preparatory Committee, set up by Beijing to prepare for Chinese rule on July 1, defied British objections and approved the rolling back of some of Hong Kong's civil liberties laws.

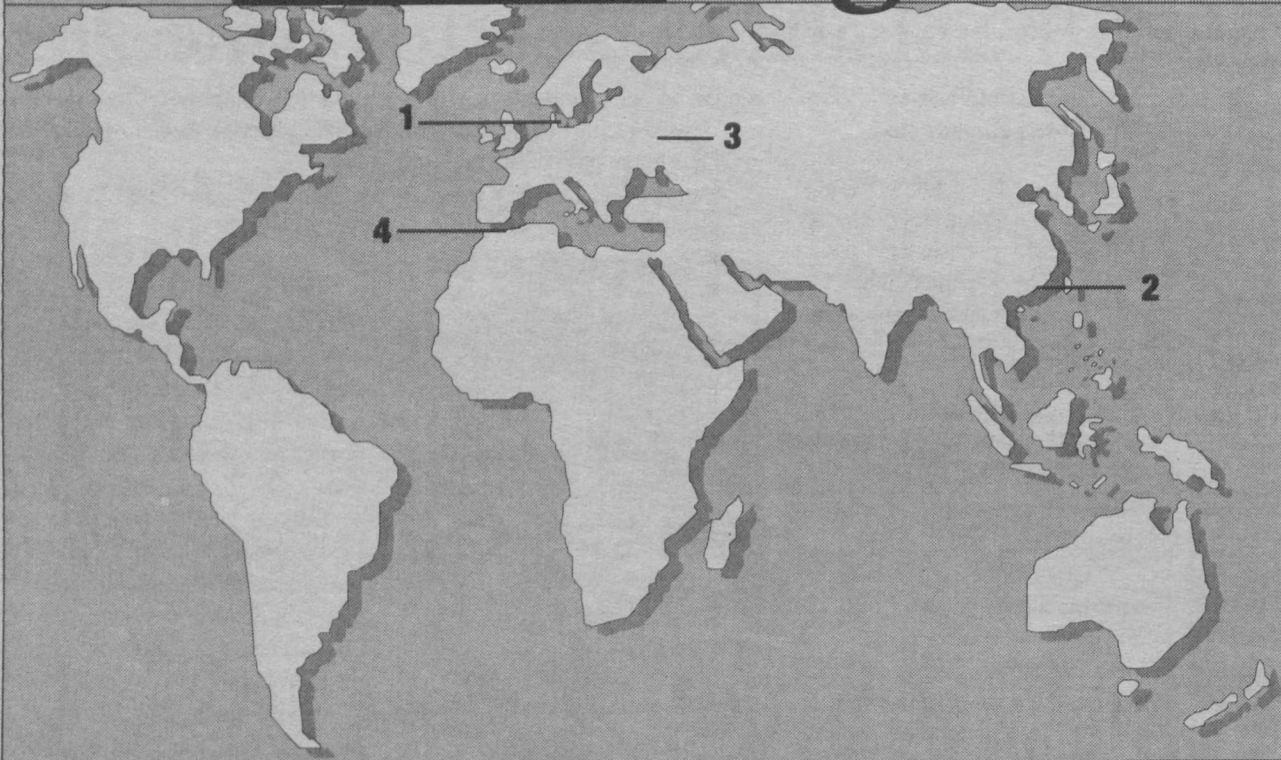
Lau, a member of Frontier, a pro-democracy coalition of lawmakers, urged Hong Kong's post-handover leader, Tung Chee-hwa, to protect Hong Kong from Chinese interference.

On Saturday, Tung backed the committee's move while insisting it didn't mean Hong Kong's freedoms would be diminished.

China says the laws were made without its consent and conflict with the Basic Law, the constitution it has written for post-colonial Hong Kong.

Under the recommendations, the colony's 1991 Bill of Rights will cease to override other laws after the handover.

World Digest



• Conference

Yeltsin, Chirac arrive to focus on NATO issues

3 MOSCOW (AP) — French President Jacques Chirac arrives Sunday in Moscow for a meeting with Boris Yeltsin that is expected to focus on NATO expansion and also serve as a gauge of the Russian leader's health.

The visit is the first by a Western leader since German Chancellor Helmut Kohl saw Yeltsin on Jan. 4.

A few days later, the Russian president, who underwent heart surgery in November, was hospitalized with pneumonia. He is still recovering and has been seen recently only in fleeting appearances on television news.

Chirac and Yeltsin are to hold an "informal working meeting" followed by lunch at an official residence outside Moscow that is near the country home where Yeltsin has been staying.

The two presidents are expected to discuss relations between Russia and NATO in light of the alliance's plans to expand into eastern Europe, a step Russia opposes. The talks come ahead of a scheduled NATO summit in Madrid July 7-8.

Yeltsin, who turned 66 on Saturday, spent a quiet day with his family and received a handful of faithful allies at his country retreat.

• Vicious

Massacre claims 31 lives; no responsibility claimed

4 ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — A band of men armed with knives and axes decapitated 31 people who had been forced from their homes in Medea, south of the capital, into the streets, the El Watan newspaper reported Sunday.

The attack by about 50 men took place early Saturday, the newspaper quoted local residents as saying.

"You have to do something," El Watan quoted a resident who contacted the paper as saying. "More than 30 people had their throats slit. Soon they're going to exterminate the entire town."

The French-language newspaper said 31 bodies were taken to the morgue at Medea Hospital. Security forces moved into the neighborhood Saturday, it said.

The attack was the latest in a series of car bombings and village massacres that have intensified with the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan on Jan. 10. Since then, about 310 people are known to have been killed and 600 injured.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Saturday's massacre, but suspicion fell on Muslim militants waging an insurgency for the past five years.

Security forces only occasionally report such attacks and did not confirm the El Watan account.

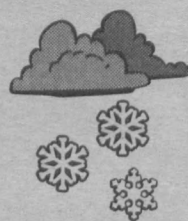
Medea is located south of Blida, a garrison town that has been a main center for violence attributed to Muslim insurgents.

Weather

The Local Forecast

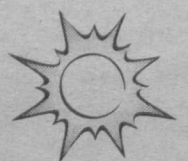
Today's Weather

Light snow likely. High in the mid 30s.



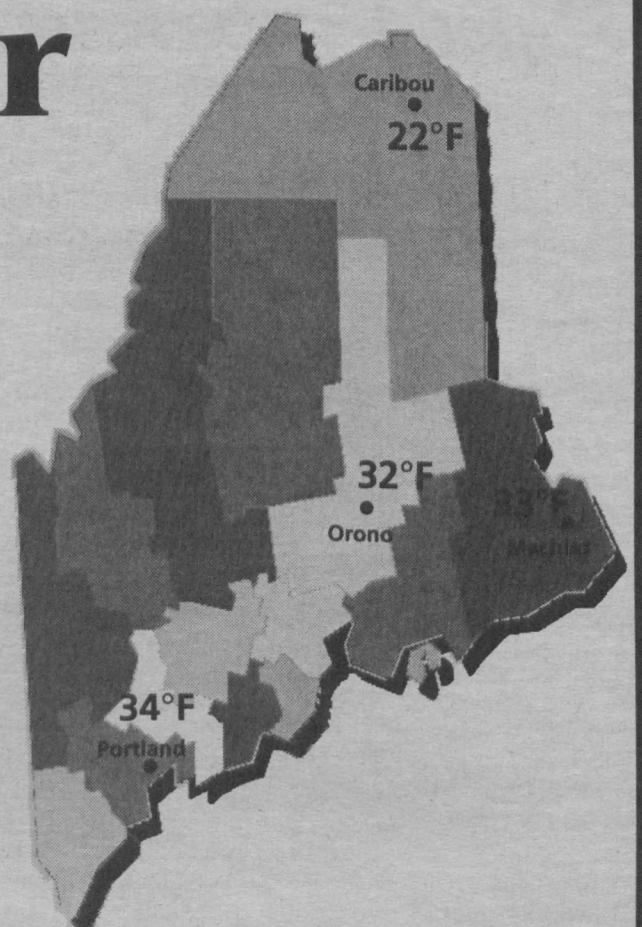
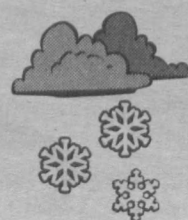
Tuesday's Outlook

Sunny. High 25 to 30.



Extended Forecast

Wednesday...Snow likely north. Snow or mixed precipitation south. Thursday...Snow showers or flurries likely north. Fair south. Friday...Chance of light snow north. Fair south.



• Workshop program

UMaine, Baldacci applaud Maine's agricultural leadership

By Scott McKenna
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine and U.S. Rep. John Baldacci gave their support to the seventh annual Maine Agricultural Leadership Institute Workshop Program last week.

The workshop, held at the Black Bear Inn, began Wednesday evening and concluded Friday afternoon. The program was part of a public service outreach by UMaine, managed by the university's cooperative extension.

The program represents Maine's agriculture, forestry, aquaculture and other natural resource-based industries.

"The program is a way for agricultural producers from across the state to come together, meet and learn more about themselves and how to communicate with each other," said program moderator Gary Anderson.

Anderson, a program administrator for the UMaine cooperative extension,

said the program was also set up for participants to learn more about how the legislative process works and how to use the Legislature to make a point about issues that affect them.

"The goal is to put into practice the process producers here would use in dealing with the legislative process," Anderson said.

Anderson stressed the importance of increasing skills to effectively communicate and work with other producers around the state.

"We want to encourage the participants to not be scared of the legislative process," Michael Corey, assistant director of the Maine Potato Board, said. "They are the experts in agricultural issues. They should be

involved in the lawmaking process, testify at hearings and be given suggestions on how they can be more effective."

The three-day program included individual workshops that dealt with communication skills, media relations and running effective meetings.

"People can't be scared of the media,

they must take advantage of it," said WABI-TV anchorman Don Colson, the media workshop's coordinator.

Colson interviewed participants and asked them questions that dealt with participants' specific areas of production. Colson then evaluated the participants' skills and gave them suggestions on how to improve.

"These are all good people who mean a lot to the state of Maine," Colson said. "They got a lot out of it."

Communication skills workshop coordinator Francine Sulinski emphasized the importance of working as a team.

"I wanted participants to gain the ability to resolve and deal with conflict as a team," Sulinski said. "I want participants to use these skills to better their business; people gain a lot from each other."

Program participants included blueberry growers, greenhouse operators, cranberry and apple producers, and potato farmers from across the state.

"I am not a good public speaker, this program helped me with that," Kenny

Fitzpatrick, a blueberry producer, said. "I came from Kentucky, where rules and regulations are different from Maine. I learned how to get answers to questions that I needed. It was a great hands-on course."

The program concluded Friday with a reaction panel that featured Baldacci.

Baldacci, who serves on the House Agricultural Committee, said he wanted to see Maine promote agriculture and process resources as effectively as possible.

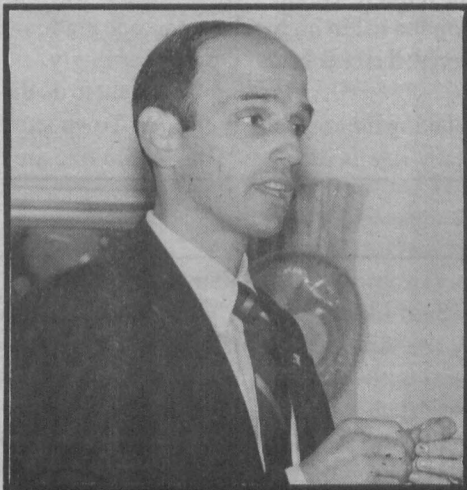
One item Baldacci hopes to stop is the use of harmful pesticides.

"We need to figure out a way to continue growth without pesti-

cides," Baldacci said. "We must create a win-win situation."

Currently in his second term, Baldacci stressed to participants the importance of reputation, credibility and the treatment of others.

"It is important to treat people the way you want to be treated," he said.



U.S. Rep. John Baldacci. (File Photo.)



Gary Anderson. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

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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 Committees 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.**

• Literacy

Peer coaching designed to benefit students' reading skills

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

Surrounded by posters of Michelle Pfeiffer and Stephen King urging children to read, a tiny band of middle school teachers is learning new methods to do just that. Jeffrey Wilhelm will spend 45 hours this year with the teachers in the Old Town High School library teaching his adult literacy seminar.

"I think there really is a nationwide problem with literacy," Wilhelm, an assistant professor of education, said.

Wilhelm said that during the middle school years children's interest in reading begins to drop off when they start to notice things like television and members of the opposite sex. Wilhelm has designed his course to help students by first giving the teachers new approaches to education.

"Teachers cannot do for kids unless (someone) does for the teachers," Wilhelm said. "I'm trying to assist them to assist the students."

One of his new approaches is to have teachers change their solitary roles and rely upon each other.

"Teachers teach in the way they were taught," Wilhelm said, adding that outsiders can encourage change. That's why peer coaching is so successful, he said. He compares the need for peer coaching to trying to start a morning running routine. One may start out with the best of intentions, but will stop if not motivated. For teachers, having a peer coach not only means having someone they are accountable to, but it's also a source of

feedback, encouragement and new ideas.

Teachers attending the seminar echoed his praises of peer coaching.

Elizabeth Robinson, a sixth grade language arts teacher at the Leonard Middle School in Old Town, said she has used peer coaching to develop units and create assessments of pupils.

"(We) coach each other to be the best we can be," she said.

David Thibodeau, a sixth-grade teacher at Indian Island School, said he liked that the course is being specific to the middle-school age group.

"You're always trying to find new ways and new approaches," he said.

Wilhelm has also taught the course at Belfast Area High School and is currently involved with Mt. Ararat Middle School in Topsham as well.

"Jeff was exceptionally open, he planned the course in concert with us," said Steve Smith, geography and American history teacher at Belfast Area High School. Smith said a substantial portion of the faculty thought students couldn't read as well as they should. "The course gave us what we needed as we felt we needed it."

Frank Perry, principal of Leonard Middle School, said the course has been a success so far, but real success will be measured in the years to come as the teachers start to implement Wilhelm's ideas over a number of years.

"The trend here, for the last four or five years, is we've had poor reading and writing scores on (Maine Educational Assessment tests)," Perry said. Teachers began brainstorming two years ago to figure out what to

do about it. Wilhelm's course is only one of the ideas the school has tried. Perry said teachers are also giving more questions that require written responses, paying more attention to grammar, requiring more journals and having students score other students' work on occasion. Teachers are also starting literacy checklists for students that will follow them all three years of middle school, with the intent of continuing the list in high school. Once a skill is mastered, it is checked off and dated.

Robinson said she isn't taking the course because she feels the literacy rate is drop-

ping, but because she wanted new methods for implementing changes in the curriculum. Educational standards already exist at the state and federal level. The Old Town school system has spent three years developing its own standards, which mirror the state's. These include benchmarks to meet at each grade level. Robinson said teachers find exactly what their students need to know at each grade and develop their curriculum accordingly.

"We want to do the best job educationally for Old Town students," Robinson said. "The bottom line are the kids."

Proposal

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percent increase).

Vamvakias said she would like to see the proposal approved by the Appropriations Committee.

When talking to state legislators, MacTaggart said that when making the proposal, he told the committee there would be cuts in the UMS and that tuition will not rise at a rate higher than the inflation rate.

"We will continue to cut administrative and operating costs—each university has a plan," he said.

MacTaggart said he was unsure of what plans the universities had for cutting costs.

Director of UMaine Public Affairs John Diamond said UMaine has no major plans for further cuts because the AFFIRM plan completed the reductions the system required in 1995-1996.

"We expect cuts to be made, and universities would be reallocating the money made by those cuts in various programs,"

Vamvakias said.

Vamvakias said the trustees would not tell universities where to make cuts, but that cuts would be expected.

"Find efficiencies and put the money (from those cuts) in other areas," Vamvakias said.

Cathcart said the proposal for the increase is separate from the democratic caucus's proposal of giving \$20 million to the University of Maine for research.

She said she was excited about the amount of support the university was getting and stressed the need for members of the university community to contact their senator and representative to gain support the increase.

"It's very important that every legislator be lobbied from his or her district," Cathcart said.

Pendleton said people should also write members of the Appropriations Committee, as well as their legislators.

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229 Alumni Hall - 207/581-1349

Choose from a variety of interests:

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AMIRI BARAKA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6th
7P.M.
THE BODWELL LOUNGE,
MAINE CENTER FOR THE ARTS
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

The University of Maine will observe Black History Month with a public lecture by poet Amiri Baraka on Thursday, February 6th.

An artist and author, Baraka will give a talk, "Activism in Diverse Cultures," beginning at 7 p.m. in the Bodwell Lounge, Maine Center for the Arts. Baraka is considered one of the nation's most influential and prolific African American artists and a vanguard in the black arts movement. He founded Totem Press

in 1958, and first published works by Allen Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac. His own works include "Eulogies," "Jesse Jackson and Black People," and "The Black Nation."

ACTIVISM IN DIVERSE CULTURES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS A TIME FOR REFLECTION—BLACK HISTORY IS EVERY AMERICAN'S HISTORY.

Baraka has been honored with the Wallace Stevens Prize for Poetry from the University of Connecticut and he received the Living Legend Award from the North Carolina Black Drama Festival.

Sponsored by: Multicultural Student Affairs, University of Maine, African American Student Association, Funded in part by the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series Committee, Administrators of the Arthur R. Lord Trust, the Class of 1934 Fund, Comprehensive Fee and the Program Fund Committee.

• Beta Theta Pi

Annual 'sleep out' invaluable to support of Bangor shelter

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

Beta Theta Pi Fraternity will be holding its annual "Sleep Out For Homelessness Awareness" Feb. 21 said Seth Prentice, public relations and philanthropy chairman of the Beta Eta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

"Each year, Betas, along with many other fraternities, sororities, and other organizations, construct cardboard shelters and sleep outside for one night in them to raise money and donations for the Greater Bangor Area Shelter," Prentice said.

Prentice stressed that the Bangor area is in dire need of help for the homeless.

"Contrary to popular belief, Bangor has a growing problem in the city's homelessness," Prentice said. "The Bangor Area Homeless Shelter is overcrowded and in dire need of financial assistance."

Beta hopes to make many people aware of these needs and problems, Prentice said.

"The lack of homelessness awareness poses the members of Beta Theta Pi, along with the guidance of the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter, with the challenge of raising funds, in an attempt to assist in what most feel is an important, yet overlooked, problem in America," he said.

The shelter is supported by the donations of the people of the Bangor area said Sharon Emery, shift supervisor for the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter.

"If it wasn't for these types of donations, the shelter wouldn't be there," she said.

The shelter is open 24 hours to men and women over the age of 18. It has a 32-bed

capacity, provides three meals a day to guests and to walk-ins if food is still available. The shelter also provides services that help people apply for food stamps and give them information about Social Security, human services and civil services. Two nurses visit the shelter twice a week and offer free services to the guests.

At this time, joining Beta in the sleep out will be: Alpha Gamma Rho, Sigma Nu, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Zeta and Kappa Lambda, a sorority from Husson College. Prentice encourages anyone who would like to be a part of the event to join.

"With my position in Beta, I have to ask many people to sleep out with us. Some jump right on the bandwagon, but others need a little convincing," Prentice said. "What people do not understand is that we only do this one night a year, but homeless people do it every night without a thought."

The idea of the sleep out was brought up by a fraternity at Bryant College when Beta was looking for a worthwhile cause, Joseph McIntyre, a member of Beta Theta Pi, said.

McIntyre said it worked well at the university and that every year donations have increased.

"Last year we raised \$4,000 dollars for the shelter, and we hope to raise well over that amount this year," he said.

McIntyre said that in the past there has been much publicity of the event, which has helped to raise the level of awareness.

Mike Andrick of the Bangor shelter will be there to speak about the need for homelessness awareness and there have been radio stations that have covered the event in the past, McIntyre said.



Beta Theta Pi's annual sleep out continually raises substantial money for the Greater Bangor Area Shelter. (File Photo.)

"We want people to understand that this is not about just one night," McIntyre said. "We want to raise awareness for anyone who stops by. We're going to have plenty of information available."

Prentice said that donations, clothing, or

food could be dropped off the week prior to the 21st. Donations can be made payable to the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter.

For more information on the event, call Prentice at 866-4271 or if there is no answer call 581-4161.

Asbestos

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worry," Smith said.

Although asbestos is helpful, there are also some health risks involved, especially if the mineral becomes airborne. One of the most common diseases linked to asbestos is asbestosis. According to researchers at the University of Iowa, "asbestos refers to fibrosis in the lungs. The degree of fibrosis is related to the magnitude and duration of the exposure."

The disease is most severe when it attacks the lower part of the lungs. Once a person has been exposed to asbestos, symptoms rarely show before 15 years after the time of initial exposure.

Justus and Smith stressed that students don't need to worry about asbestosis, or any other cancer due to asbestos, as the university is taking the proper steps to ensure students' safety.

"Only long-term exposure to asbestos is going to lead to asbestosis and other infections, not the average person who is exposed to it briefly when it is undisturbed," Justus said.

Residents in the dorms are urged to take the warning seriously and not stick anything in the ceiling. "Many students like to stick things,

especially bottle caps, into their ceilings, and this is a sure way to disturb the asbestos," Smith said.

"Students must understand that the walls and ceilings of various buildings are a certain way because it is the safest way," Smith said. "That's why we should leave them alone."

The Student Academic Travel Fund



for Undergraduate Students will hold its second competition of the academic year. This fund serves undergraduate students who need financial assistance for travel to meetings/conferences of an **academic** nature. Applications must be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs (209 Alumni Hall) by **February 7, 1997**. Money will be awarded for travel taking place between February 8 and May 1, 1997. Applications can be obtained from Joan Day in the Office of Academic Affairs, 209 Alumni Hall, or by calling 581-1504.

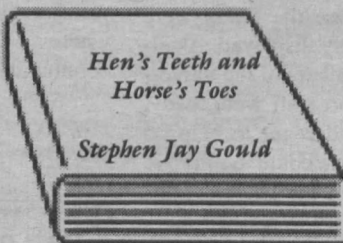
Nominations for 1997-1998

University of Maine Class Book

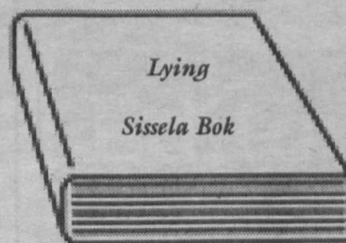
The Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate needs your nominations for next year's class book. The book is selected by the Academic Affairs Committee and the director of College Composition. The following guidelines are used in selecting the book:

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

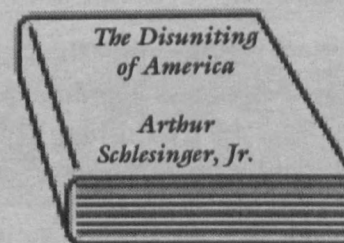
Selections from past years are:



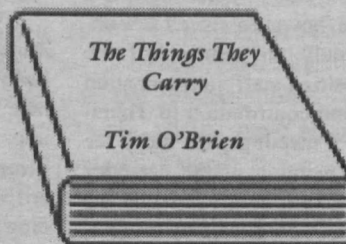
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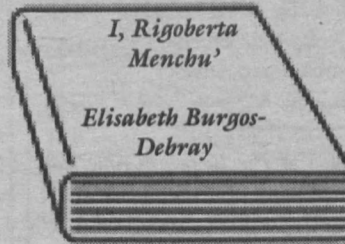
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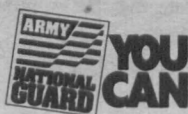
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Editorial

Lobby the Legislature

Sending a united message to the Legislature while its Appropriations Committee hammers out its budget proposal to Gov. Angus King is of the utmost importance to the future of the University of Maine and its rightful place within the University of Maine System. The Education Committee's proposal to the Appropriations Committee that would give the University of Maine System a 3 percent increase for the next two fiscal years is only a starting point, and efforts to influence legislators should continue and increase.

The budget cuts that have weakened UMaine, and, to a lesser extent the UMS, would continue to erode this institution if not for the efforts of groups like the Faculty Five, which has done an admirable job in presenting its fiscal case to lawmakers. The classified employees, who have undoubtedly taken the hardest personnel hits as a result of budget cuts, have also organized and played a valuable role in attempting to reverse this dangerous trend.

Morale among classified employees, which had understandably dropped in light of seemingly targeted downsizing,

has begun to rebound with the promise of a bright funding future for the university. Classified employees absorbed 315 of the 431 positions lost at UMaine from 1990-1996 and these losses have affected the quality of the university as much, if not more, than any loss of faculty or drop in enrollment.

Students, faculty and staff are all important players in the efforts to increase the level of funding provided by the state. The wise decisions of the Education Committee do not guarantee the university a sound financial future. Members of the Appropriations Committee are the next in line who must be convinced of UMaine's financial worth to the state.

Despite the perceptions of a disenfranchised electorate, legislators respond to the will of the public. Those who wish to see the university thrive and be given its long-overdue share of an increasing state budget should write the members of the Appropriations Committee, persuade them to support the will of the Education Committee and help provide an influential place for the university in Maine's future.

Ending the Parcels dispute

The New England Patriots and Bill Parcells' relationship has finally come to a close and the ramifications are tremendous for both Parcells and Pats owner Robert Kraft.

The contract dispute between New England and Parcells had grown to the point that NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue had to step in and make a ruling. Tagliabue ruled that Parcells could coach no one but the Patriots next year without Kraft's permission.

This is a huge ruling due to the fact that Parcells can leave, but only if the Patriots get compensation. Basically, the only way Parcells can leave is if New England gets the Jet's first-round draft pick. If Parcells goes to the Jets as rumored, the Pats will get the first pick in the draft, which is the only way Kraft will let Parcells coach for an AFC East team.

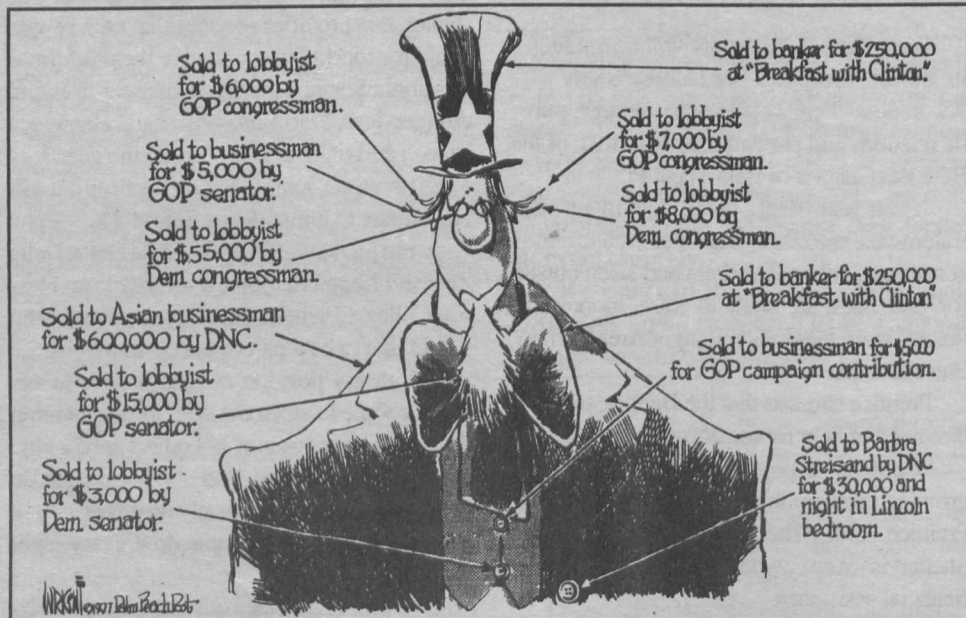
If Parcells is to leave for the Jets he will be taking over a 1-15 team in his former and future home in New York. This would also be a 1-15 team with no

initial first-round draft pick.

If Parcells is to leave for the Jets, Patriots will get the top pick and have a chance to return to the Super Bowl. They will also have a new coach on the sidelines.

The logistics of this matter are long and confusing, but you don't need to be a lawyer to figure out that this should've never happened. Parcells is one of the best coaches in the NFL and he should have someone who can read and understand his contract. Parcells quit as Patriots coach for a petty reason, and Tagliabue made the right decision by ruling that Parcells is bound to the Pats. Parcells should have to honor his agreement with New England and Kraft should be allowed to have some say in whether Parcells is free to go.

The Patriots are clear winners in this case, and rightfully so. Chances are they are going to get the No. 1 pick in this year's draft and Parcells will be coaching the worst team in football.



• Letters to the Editor

• Staff left out

To the Editor:
Katie Little's front page article (*The Maine Campus*, Jan. 31) highlighted the major factors contributing to the dire financial situation of the University of Maine, as outlined very comprehensively by Professor George Jacobson at a campuswide meeting on Jan. 30. Professor Jacobson and his colleagues, who make up the "Faculty Five," have done an incredible piece of work in pulling together the facts and figures that help us all understand why we are in the predicament we are in today. I believe most people who have heard his presentation will agree that we have reason to be more optimistic about UMaine's future than has been possible in the past half-dozen years. Anyone who has not had the opportunity to hear Professor Jacobson's presentation should make an effort to do so.

It was a desire to help get this important message out that prompted members of the Classified Employees Advisory Council to organize Thursday's meeting. It was this new optimism that motivated me to spend last weekend stuffing 670 flyers into campus envelopes to announce the meeting to the campus community. It was a desire to reach as many people as possible that prompted members of the CEAC to trek around campus Thursday making sure the flyers were prominently displayed. As always, members of the university support staff were ready, willing and eager to help do whatever we could to improve and sustain the health of the UMaine.

Perhaps my copy of *The Maine Campus* was missing a page, however, since I saw absolutely no mention of the classified staff's organization of and contribution to Thursday's meeting. Nor did I see any mention of the need for classified staff to "come together" on behalf of the university, nor of the importance of explaining "why the university is important" to classi-

fied support staff as well as to "students, faculty and their families." My copy of the paper erred, too, in its omission of the fact that of the "431 employees of the university [who] have lost their jobs due to six years' worth of budget cuts," approximately 315 of them were classified support staff.

In opening Thursday's meeting and before introducing Professor Jacobson, I spoke to those gathered about the need for cohesiveness among members of the university community, about the need to put aside the pain and anger of the inequities of the past six years, about the optimism with which we all need to face the future in our combined efforts on behalf of our entire institution. I told the classified support staff who were present that they needed to believe that they would be among those who would reap the benefits of our combined efforts. I still believe that to be true, but my message was not carried forth in Ms. Little's article, nor was the strength of its argument advanced any by her reporting. I firmly believe in the probability of a stronger, brighter, more equitable tomorrow for ALL members of the UMaine community, notwithstanding the slights of the Katie Littles out there. But it would help immensely to bring others into the fold of believers if the classified support staff of this university were included whenever and wherever issues affecting our community are discussed.

Suzanne Moulton
President, CEAC

• Take proactive steps

To the Editor:
The front page story (*The Maine Campus*, Jan. 27) about Rohypnol, the so-called "date rape" drug, provided timely and important information. Unconfirmed reports to sexual assault crisis centers indicate that the drug is in Maine. What has been confirmed is that Rohypnol is being investigated and seized in many southernborder states.

Rohypnol is 10 times more powerful than Valium. It has never been approved for use in the United States, although it is widely distributed in Europe. Possession of Rohypnol is illegal in this country, and drugging a woman before raping her is a Class B crime in Maine.

Students are encouraged to take some proactive steps in response to the anger over the illegal use of this drug. One step is to contact the manufacturer of Rohypnol and urge the company to change the drug so that it cannot be dissolved without a trace in beverages. Being able to see, smell or taste Rohypnol would help cut down on its misuse. The manufacturer is Hoffman-LaRoche Inc., 340 Kingsland St., Nutley, N.J. 07110-1199. The company's toll-free number is 1-800-720-1076. Hoffman-LaRoche cannot control the illegal use of the drug but can make changes to the pill's presence in a drink is noticed.

Another action step is to contact Sens. Snowe and Collins and Reps. Baldacci and Allen, to encourage them to work toward changing the classification of Rohypnol from a Schedule Four drug to a Schedule One drug, under the federal Controlled Substances Act. Investigations of Schedule Four drugs have a low priority and penalty because they are considered to have a low potential for abuse compared to Schedule One drugs.

Members of the campus community are encouraged to call my office for additional information about Rohypnol, or to obtain the phone numbers of the members of our congressional delegation. I encourage everyone to take some action steps, which can include becoming informed and informing others about the illegal use of the "date rape" pill.

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OpEd



• The Quiet Room

No resolution at all



Derek Rice

If two people are murdered by a fanatic anti-abortionist who then kills himself and is exonerated of the crime by a technicality, did

the murders ever take place? Only time will tell.

John Salvi, the man convicted of killing two abortion clinic workers and wounding three others in a 1994 Massachusetts shooting spree, will be forever remembered in court records as an innocent man. His convictions have been overturned by the judge who presided over his trial.

On Jan. 21, Norfolk County Judge Barbara Dortch-Okara quietly voided the convictions at the request of Salvi's appellate attorney. A little-used 25-year-old Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court precedent holds that if a defendant dies before an appeal is complete, charges are dismissed.

By committing suicide in his cell last Nov. 29, Salvi ensured his conviction would be erased from the records. In the present, this means little, as most people will remember him as a murderer, but what about 20 or 50 years from now? There will be no record of Salvi's conviction to look back on. Salvi and his crimes may be forgotten by history.

A disturbing aspect of this decision is that Salvi's lawyers weren't originally seeking to have his conviction overturned. They wanted their client to be found not guilty by reason of insanity. There's a big difference. During the trial, Salvi's lawyers never disputed the facts of the shootings.

Perhaps most disturbing is the fact that, two months after Salvi took the easy way out of his life sentence without parole by tying a plastic bag around his head with his shoelaces, his lawyers were still pursuing his cause. Their hard work paid off for Salvi's parents, who were "thrilled" by the ruling.

And what about the families of the victims, who thought at one point justice had been done? Sure, this is just a posthumous ruling, a piece of paper, that declares a guilty man innocent, but what solace can the families take in that? It's not very

comforting to realize your loved one's murder will technically have no resolution. The only comfort they can take is knowing that Salvi had to die to get this ruling in his favor.

The judge is not to blame. The law itself is flawed. Death hardly connotes automatic innocence.

Salvi killed two women and wounded five other people because they worked at abortion clinics. He didn't know them and they didn't know him. In an act of cowardice and self-righteousness, he opened fire on people with whom he might have shared a pleasant conversation under different circumstances. It's lucky he didn't kill more people in his fanatical rage.

At the time he fired on these people, he may or may not have been mentally stable. Judge Dortch-Okara apparently didn't think so; she rejected his defense's claims he was incompetent to stand trial. The jurors apparently didn't think so either; they rejected defense arguments that Salvi was insane.

Salvi put on quite a show during his trial, having to be restrained and removed from the courtroom at the beginning of the proceedings. Still, no one bought into the idea he was a nutcase.

Anyone who would shoot up abortion clinics in the name of life has to have a screw loose, but if the idea of criminal insanity were so simple, our prisons would be empty.

Unfortunately, we'll never know if Salvi would have eventually had his conviction overturned or if a judge would have believed him to be criminally insane. He's technically innocent.

What we'll remember of Salvi remains to be seen. Those who saw his antics in the courtroom and heard his theory that there was a conspiracy against Catholics (again, another good attempt for an insanity ruling) will remember how he killed Lee-Ann Nichols, 38, and Shannon Lowney, 25, in late 1994. Future generations may give Salvi no thought whatsoever.

People die, but records don't. Sometimes records are all we have to tell us about the past Salvi needs to be remembered. As the cowardly murderer he was.

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• Tuttlevision

The new military mind



Jeff Tuttle

Allow me to preface this column by stating that I do indeed view the military as a necessary – although regret-

tably so in a perfect world – presence in our American culture. But, like any other bureaucracy, the military's methods must be examined and the philosophies on which they are based must be questioned, especially in light of recent alleged and even videotaped abuse within its ranks.

The prevailing military mind set is rooted in violence and arrogance. Covert military rituals, such as those aired on CNN and NBC that show young Marines writhing in pain as their trainers spike military decorations into their chests, do little to allay the public's perception of a socially backward military. This crude hazing ritual was a celebration of these young Marines completing their parachute training, an occasion worthy of praise, not brutality.

Secretary of Defense William Cohen's condemnation of such acts is a step in the right direction, and one fitting of Maine's socially moderate member of the president's cabinet. But any tangible results stemming from this condemnation remain to be seen, as this brand of violent behavior has been ingrained into our nation's enlisted men and women for centuries. Cohen's attempts to rid the forces of ignorance can be likened to efforts to turn a tank on a dime. It will take time and constant attention. Perhaps it will take the likes of Cohen, a man with no active military service, to incorporate humanity into a often inhumane military structure.

A first step would be for Cohen to immediately dismiss the trainers, nine of whom remain on active duty and have already been identified in the 1991 incident. Senior Marine officials, also products of this barbarism, have taken the defensive, however, citing the passage of the

five-year statute of limitations, thus protecting these "few good men" and essentially condoning their actions. These same officials have expressed a desire to find and discipline those responsible for the hazing in the 1993 incident, one no less brutal.

Hazing, a practice publicly banned from UMaine fraternities and sororities, has nevertheless reared its head from time to time on campus. The arrogance behind such rituals is no different from that of the Marine trainers who apparently believe their recruits must prove themselves worthy by enduring their violent acts. In situations such as these, ties of camaraderie are sacrificed for delusions of superiority.

The military has failed to adapt to the will of a progressive society and clings to

the savage roots that have turned countless soldiers into ignorant drones. Ferocity can no longer be looked upon as a valuable trait for soldiers, many of whose attitudes are shaped in the years immediately after their high school graduations, a time when these young men and women are especially impressionable.

The role of the military is changing. Peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia should serve as the new model for a benevolent military machine. Solving the Bosnian conflict may not be as popular as bombing a

Middle Eastern leader whose actions may result in high oil prices, but peaceful resolutions must be pursued and supported. With this new role comes the need for a new breed of soldier, one technically skilled and politically aware, not mentally deranged and socially isolated.

Cohen's most difficult challenge will certainly be assuring the American public of the need for this new military. To accomplish this, he must purge the ranks of those who would abuse their fellow soldier and convince the public at large of the value of all human life, despite its relation to our seemingly narrow national interests.

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Entertainment

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Monday, February 3

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You don't need to be a follower of this or that theory, belief or religion to get the best out of yourself this year. All you need is the confidence to do the things you instinctively know are right. The only thing you need to follow is your conscience.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): The pace of life will speed up this week, especially around Friday. But that doesn't mean you have to work yourself into the ground. Allow yourself regular periods of rest. There is no point achieving something if you don't have time to enjoy it.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Planetary activity moves into the most ambitious area of your chart today, bringing with it something of a dilemma. Do you go all out for fame and fortune, or do you sit back and see what fate has in store? Only you can decide, but don't use it as an excuse to do nothing.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You pride yourself on your ability to juggle several things at once, but you have so many balls in the air at the moment you're probably beginning to think you may have overextended yourself. Maybe you have, but if you keep your head you will sail through as always.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): This is an important week for you on both an inner and outer level. On the inside you will be confronting the demons that have made your life complicated in recent months. On the outside you will be looking for ways to secure your financial future. They are closely linked.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Go out of your way to please a partner or loved one today, whether or not you think that person deserves it. By ignoring his/her failings and pretending that everything is OK, your efforts will pay valuable dividends throughout the remainder of the week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Do what you know is right today, even if it means you have to offend someone who was counting on you to support his/her side of the argument. There are times when real friends must tell the truth no matter what, because even white lies have a way of rebounding on those they are meant to protect.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): The celestial conditions are absolutely perfect for you to do something you hardly dared even to dream about in the past. Planetary activity promises fun, fame and fortune whichever route you choose to take. You can't lose — so act.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): There is nothing worse than being forced to make changes you don't approve of. But if the only reason you don't approve of what you are now being made to do is because you did not think of it yourself, isn't that a bit shortsighted? Who cares who thought of it, as long as it works?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Be yourself today. Let your instincts guide you in whatever direction they see fit. For some reason you've been trying too hard to conform to the image others have of you, an image you know is out of touch with reality. If you can't be true to yourself, how can you be true to others?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You don't have to do anything special this week, because you are special. You don't have to dream of being a success, because you are a success. Be yourself and everything you need will find its way to your door. And what doesn't arrive you can be sure you don't really need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): In years to come you will look back on February 1997 and be amazed at how many opportunities came your way. But will you also be sad because you failed to make the most of them? Decide here and now to be a leader not a follower. You were born to succeed.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): This will be a week of great and lasting change for you. You may not do a lot in the physical sense, but on an inner level your views will change completely. A new you is about to be born — a wiser you, a more confident you, a you that has the ability to take the world by storm.

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by Israel Skelton

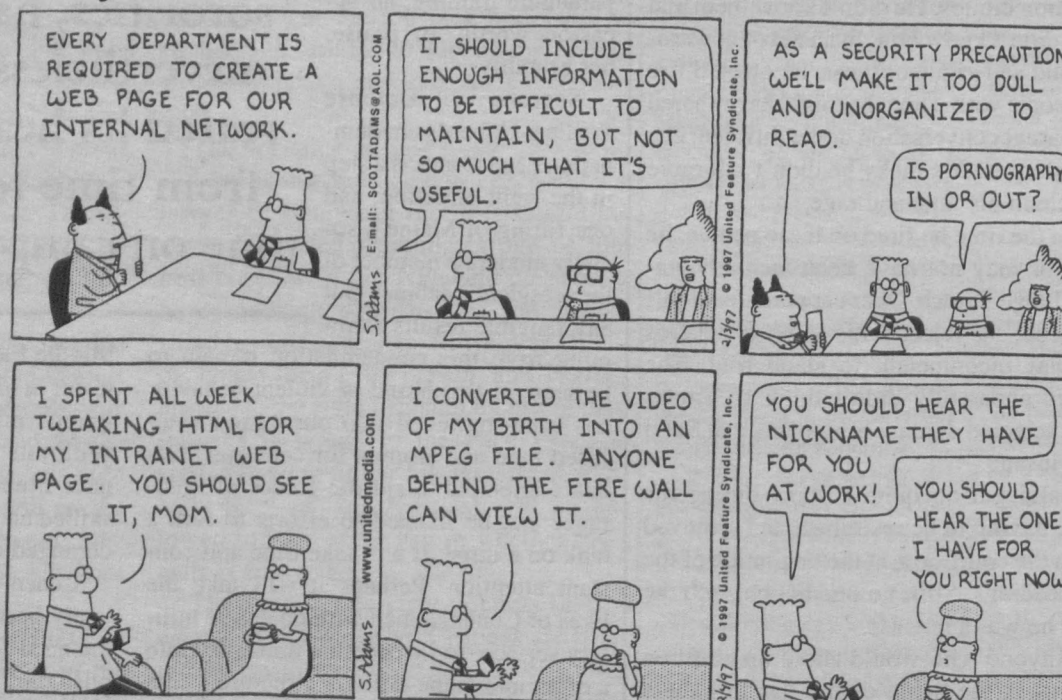


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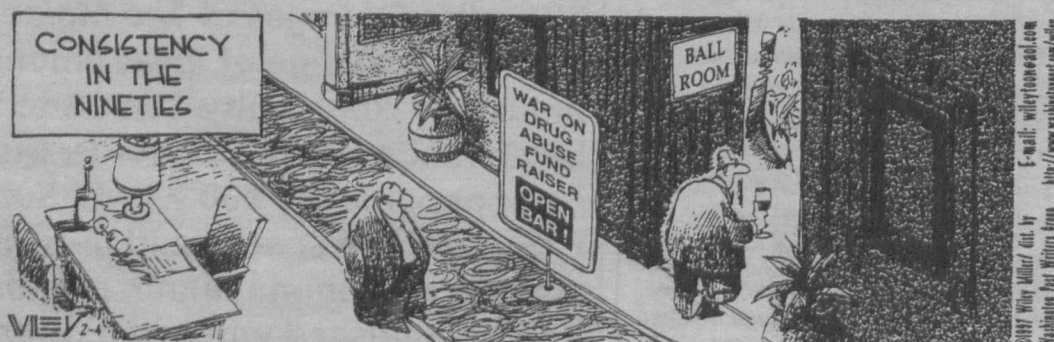
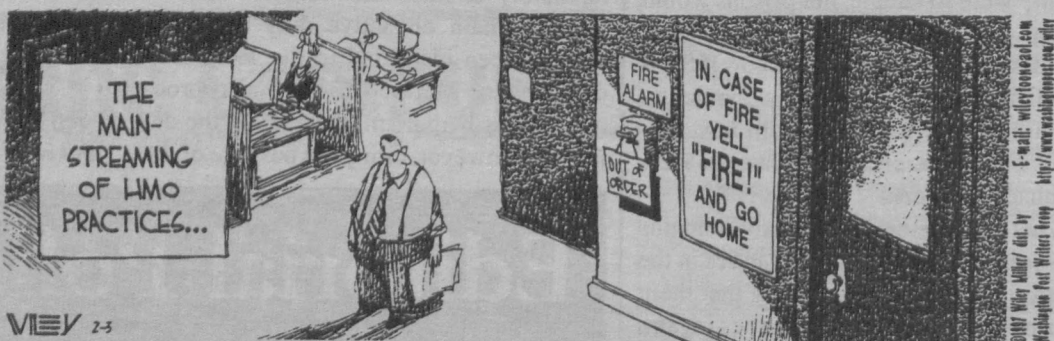
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Tuesday, February 4

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You aren't the sort to live in the past. You can, however, learn from previous mistakes, whether or not it was you who made them. The challenges you face over the year are variations on challenges you have faced before. This time you will master them.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Although Mars, your ruler, is about to come to a standstill, there is no reason why YOU should stand still and take criticisms that are simply not justified. Defend yourself as aggressively as you have always done. Better still, turn the tables and see how others like to be criticized.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): It will feel as if a giant burden has been lifted from your shoulders later this week but don't use that as an excuse to switch off and do nothing. Certain obligations must be met immediately, or they will nag away at the back of your mind for weeks to come.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): The more time you spend thinking about doing something the more excuses you will find to put off the evil hour. If you leave it much longer than 24 hours it may be too late. Make a start now while it is fresh in your mind. It won't be half the chore you feared it would be.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Is it too late to tell someone you love and admire that you did not mean what you recently said? Nearly, but not quite. If you genuinely regret making certain comments be all means say sorry. But if what you said was basically true then leave it as is, or you will risk losing that person's respect.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): If there is something you feel you should do but don't want to make the effort then you must either force yourself to put 100 percent into it or postpone it altogether. A halfhearted approach won't take you halfway to your target — it will put you even further behind than before.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You will soon get the chance to go back and finish something you should have completed last year. Whether it was something you openly gave up on or something that just faded away is irrelevant. What matters is that you can now see a way to make it work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Try to accept that there is nothing more you can do to further your ambitions in a certain direction. You have said and done everything you could, now it is out of your hands. It would be easy to sit and worry about what the outcome might be, but that's not very wise. Enjoy yourself today — you've earned it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Don't create work for yourself. You have enough on your plate as it is without changing things around, searching for the perfect fit. You may have done nothing special but someone, somewhere, is singing your praises. Find out what has impressed that person and make sure you do it again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): It's never easy living or working with someone of vastly different character, but it can be done. You may feel that partners or colleagues are behaving unreasonably today, but what makes them act that way? Could it be they are reacting to the kind of person they think you are?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Planetary activity urges you to make a bid for glory. So make it today and let rivals and enemies know that you mean business. If you wait until the end of the week, you may have to wait many months before the chance comes round again.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): The time when you most need self-discipline is when there is nothing to worry about. With so many good things going on in your life you may feel that you can come and go as you please. To an extent that is true, but you know what happens when you take too much for granted.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Why do you insist on thinking that you need to escape from your current situation? It may not be the life you dreamed of, but neither is it as bad as all that. More to the point, will the situation that succeeds it be any better? Seen in that light you might as well stay where you are.

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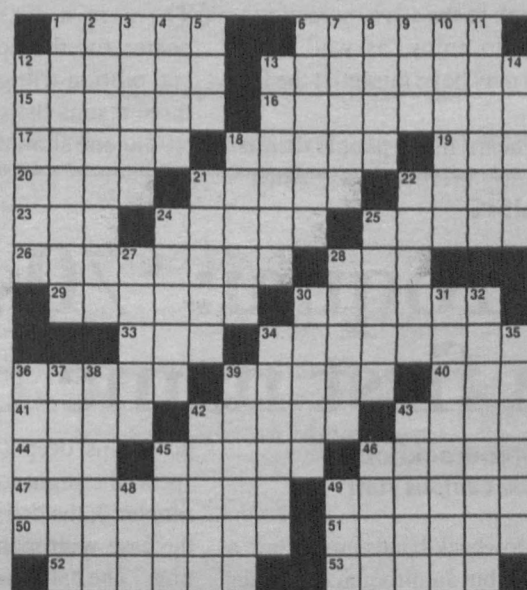
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Style & the Arts

• May the Force be with you

'Star Wars' blasts back into theaters

By Gibran Vogue Graham
Maine Campus staff

Twenty years ago my mother took me to see a movie at Radio City Music Hall in New York. We waited in long lines for hours and, following the movie, proceeded to hide in the theater to stay through the movie's next showing. At 3 years old I couldn't fathom the reasons for such delirious excitement, yet I was able to take away hard memories of the experience, one that would not only affect my life but the lives of moviegoers around the world.

That movie was, of course, "Star Wars," and its impact on pop culture has been enormous. To children like myself in the late '70s through the mid-'80s, "Star Wars" was our world. The merchandise was everywhere and we had to have it all, from the toys to the electric toothbrushes. To this day, phrases such as "May the force be with you" are understood by practically everyone, and those who don't are about to have their chance.

The "Star Wars Special Edition" was released in theaters Friday with overwhelming response, as many theaters sold out in advance and were forced to add shows into the early morning.

What's so special about this re-release?

Added footage, enhanced and new special effects, and a digitally remastered soundtrack have brought the greatest movie of all time back to the silver screen for a new generation to enjoy, as well as for those of us who may have missed it the first time around.

Still, I have heard many people dismiss



In a new scene from the "Star Wars Special Edition", Imperial storm troopers ride dewbacks. (Courtesy Photo.)

the neo-excitement for the re-release.

"I saw it the first time" or "It's too expensive to see something that's on video," I hear them say.

What's wrong with you people?

This is the movie that has set the standards for all blockbuster movies. There is a teaser poster for the special edition trilogy that lists the trilogy as three reasons there are theaters today.

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to see "Star Wars" as it was meant to be seen: on the big screen. This is a privilege that should be taken advantage of completely.

And to those of you who scoff at the new enhancements to the movie: There is nothing contained in the special

edition that wasn't meant to be there from the beginning.

Lost scenes with Jabba the Hut and

Luke's friend Biggs Darklighter are a prize. The theater shakes with the sound of the Millennium Falcon ripping through space. And the enhanced special effects solidify the existence of a "Star Wars" universe waiting to be explored by the child within us all.

If you get a chance, see the movie in a theater that has THX sound, something none of the theaters in the area has. It's worth the time and money to drive farther south and experience the full effect of the new soundtrack.

If you miss this one, you will be missing one of the three greatest movies of the year. The other two are, of course, the special edition sequels.

• New music

Jamiroquai: '70s funk on a first name basis

By John Brookhouse
Maine Campus staff

Seventies throwback bands are a dime a dozen these days, but Jamiroquai continues to produce original, funky polyester-induced music for the present. Their new album, "Travelling Without Moving," is the U.K. outfit's third album since 1993 and is the band's strongest effort yet.

Often criticized for being a Stevie Wonder-sound-alike, singer Jason Kay leads his cosmic crew through 12 tracks of funk and groove. Most of the tunes feature loads of Toby's classic Moog synthesizer licks on top of Bootsy-esque basslines courtesy of Stuart (all the members of the band are only credited by their first name, except for Kay, and what instrument they play is left up to simple deduction). As on every Jamiroquai disc, the Didjeridoo talents of Wallis are spotlighted on two spacey instrumentals, "Didjerama" and "Didjital Vibrations," in the middle of this disc.

The standout track is "Alright," an extremely funky tune with a catchy chorus that will have you humming for days, whether you like it or not. Although the words are by

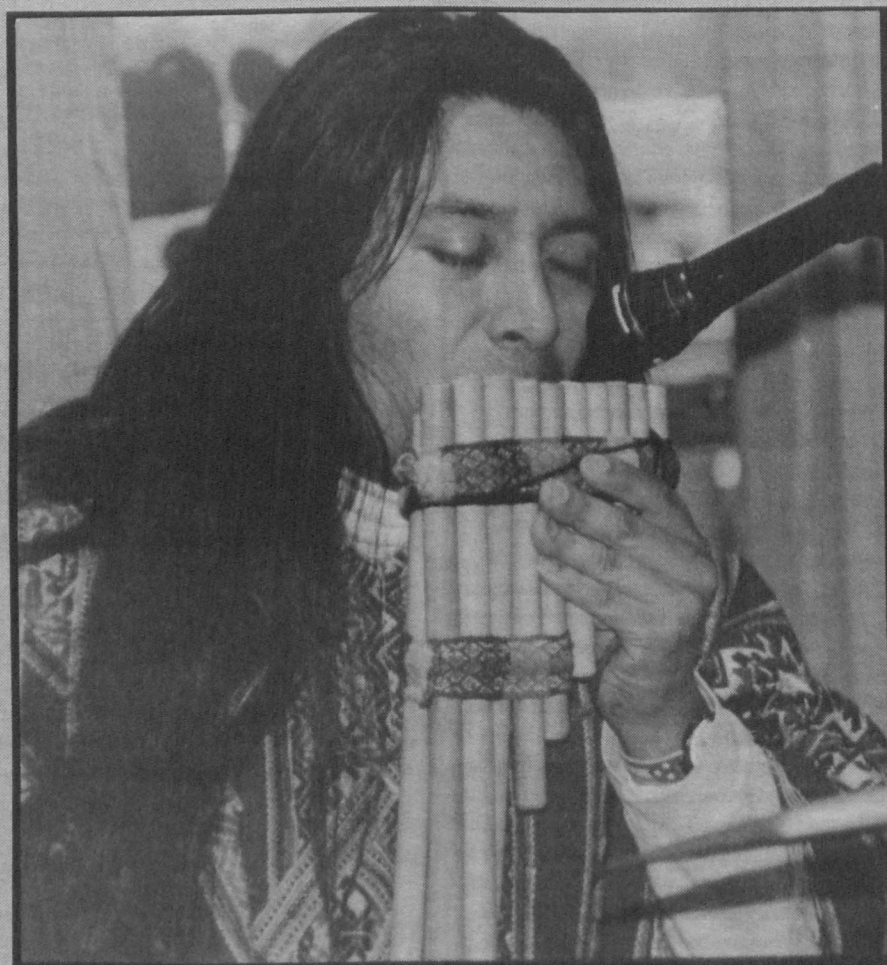
no means deep ("Yeah, hey alright we'll spend the night together, wake up and live forever"), the delivery is convincing. This is the case with many of the cuts on "Travelling." The band runs the gamut on '90s social commentary, from computer phobia ("Virtual Insanity") to drug culture ("High Times") to the ever-so-popular "Star Wars" craze ("Use the Force").

"Travelling Without Moving" contains many similarities to the first two efforts, "Emergency on Planet Earth" and the sophomore release "The Return of the Space Cowboy." It also demonstrates an attempt to branch out into different styles. "Drifting Along," for example, bears an uncanny resemblance to later era Bob Marley style reggae. The final track, "Do You Know Where You're Coming From?," pushes aside the lava lamp for a modern jungle style beat with a thundering 808 kick drum driving the rhythm.

In all, this disc is packed with booty shakin' groove and a must have for those who are fans of seventies funk and soul music. For those of you who were disappointed with the last release, "Travelling Without Moving" should put your mind and booty at ease.



Music of the Andes



Inca Son performed in the Memorial Union Friday afternoon. They brought their internationally renowned music of South America to the Oronoka Friday night for an unannounced show. The group played as part of the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta last summer. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

• Black History Month

Dinner, fashion show, dance kick off celebration

Lester B. Smith
Maine Campus staff

Unity, excitement and anticipation were in the air as more than 100 people gathered in Wells Commons Saturday night to celebrate Black History Month. The audience experienced music from the coast of Africa, fashions from the runways of New York City, poetry of Maya Angelou, electrifying dancing and a taste of "soul food."

The night began with a rhythmical performance of "A Call to Convene," played on a Congo by Chris Bragdon, a University of Maine graduate.

An extraordinary fashion show sponsored by J.C. Penney, T.J. Maxx and the UMaine bookstore showed off a wide range of fashion.

The fashion show featured 17 models ranging from toddlers to adults and showcased a variety of clothing from workout gear and casual outfits by Tommy Hilfiger to conservative wear by Perry Ellis.

Several of the models were faculty and

students of the university, but when the fashion show ended the audience realized they had seen an exhibit that was nothing short of a supermodel-caliber performance.

Fourth-year student Paula Codrington read Maya Angelou's poem "Phenomenal Woman" passionately. Codrington conveyed the message of the poem that black women have grown spiritually and mentally and have learned to love themselves.

Following the poem was the energetic dance group "Lifted," which delighted the audience members, who worked up an appetite just by watching them move and groove across the dance floor. Then the audience was treated to "a touch of soul food," which included black-eyed peas, collard greens, rice and beans, and sweet potato pie.

TV personalities, UMaine faculty members and students were some of the people who attended the event.

Vice President For Student Affairs and Cooperating Associate Professor of Education John Halstead said having an event

like this is good because it gives a sense of community to the university.

Tasha Jamison, producer of Channel 5 "Morning News", said, "This was a positive event because it brought everyone together in a relaxed environment to learn about African-American culture."

Shontay Delalue, a first-year student at UMaine, said she was impressed with the

food at the event because it was well-prepared and it reminded her of a home-cooked meal.

Associate Dean of Multicultural Affairs Adonis Ferreira said, "This event should prove that people of color can have an impact on this university and that there should be a serious effort to recruit more people of color to this campus."

• Entertainer

Grieving Cosby back to work, talks to audience about grief

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — In his first live performance since his son was killed, Bill Cosby compared his grief to the way he felt when Martin Luther King Jr. and President Kennedy were assassinated.

Then, as now, Cosby said Saturday night, somebody needed to make people laugh during a somber time.

"As an entertainer, it seemed like something should happen to help break the spirit," he said.

He told a crowd of 2,200 people at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts that he was not afraid to return to work. "This

is not difficult for me because a part of my lifetime is you all," he said.

Wearing a white sweatshirt that read, "Hello friend," the greeting used by his slain son, Cosby recalled one of the first fans who saw him after the killing.

Cosby gave the fan and his family a thumbs up but said they were glum and looked like they were going to a funeral. At that point, he realized he had to get back to work.

"Normally, my job is to make them laugh," Cosby said. "Somebody's got to give them a relief. This is what I do for a living. I don't sing."

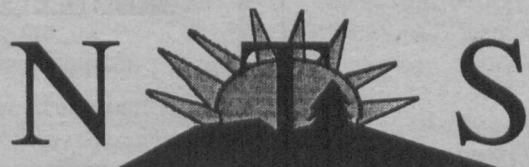
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• Box office

Still tops after 20 years

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Twenty years after its debut, "Star Wars" proved it still has the force to demolish all other comers at the box office.

The second opening of the refurbished film was the top-selling January weekend release ever, figures released Sunday showed.

"Star Wars" collected an estimated \$36.2 million over the weekend, dwarfing the nation's No. 2 film, "Jerry Maguire," which took in \$5.6 million.

The movie, with enhanced special effects and a few new scenes, had the ninth-highest three-day opening ever, according to estimates from Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

The epic about a motley band of heroes fighting an evil space empire "a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away" has screened only in video form for a generation.

Americans still captivated by "the ultimate story of good and evil" flocked to theaters to see it again on the big screen, and many brought their children, said Tom Sherak, chairman of 20th Century Fox Domestic Film Group.

The top 10 films at the box office from Friday through Sunday:

1. "Star Wars," \$36.2 million.
2. "Jerry Maguire," \$5.6 million.
3. "Scream," \$4.8 million.
4. "Metro," \$4.4 million.
5. "Beverly Hills Ninja," \$4.3 million.
5. "Evita," \$4.3 million.
7. "In Love and War," \$3.9 million.
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9. "Gridlock'd," \$2.8 million.
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• People

Boy George beaten; 'Homicide' cop harassed

LONDON (AP)— They really wanted to hurt me, Boy George says.

The pop singer said he was beaten up by bouncers as he and a friend tried to enter the Ministry of Sound, the London nightclub where he works as a disc jockey.

"They grabbed me by the throat and dragged me out into the street," he told Press Association on Sunday. "They kicked me and punched me and broke my fingernails. They actually beat me up under the poster

advertising an album I have done for them."

A Scotland Yard spokesman said police were investigating.

Mark Rodol, the club's managing director, said Boy George was apparently in a party that refused to go through the normal entry procedure.

Boy George, whose real name is George O'Dowd, recently produced one of the biggest-selling dance albums for Ministry of Sound with a BBC radio disc jockey. The album,

"Annual 2," sold over 450,000 copies.

Boy George was the lead singer of Culture Club, which recorded such hits as "Karma Chameleon" and "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me" in the 1980s. He also recorded a version of the title song for the 1992 film "The Crying Game."

PONCE INLET, Fla. (AP) — What's a little speeding between "Timecop" and a real cop?

Jean-Claude Van Damme was let off with

a warning after he was pulled over Saturday for speeding. The Belgian-born Van Damme was going about 8 mph over the 35 mph limit.

"He was very nice and very polite," said Sgt. Larry Roberts, the forgiving officer. "He was a little rattled when I pulled him over."

Roberts said he pulled over the 1997 Chevrolet pickup truck and instantly recognized Van Damme, the star of "Timecop" and "Bloodsport." But he insists he wasn't star-struck; local police typically don't throw the book at drivers just a bit over the limit.

"Basically, I told him it would cost him an autographed picture," he said.

Van Damme was apparently in the area for the Rolex 24-Hours race at the Daytona International Speedway, which began Saturday.

Police dispatcher Jeanene Clauss-Peitz said Roberts shouldn't have let Van Damme off the hook so easily.

"He didn't send him down to the Police Department," Clauss-Peitz said wryly. "I was very disappointed."

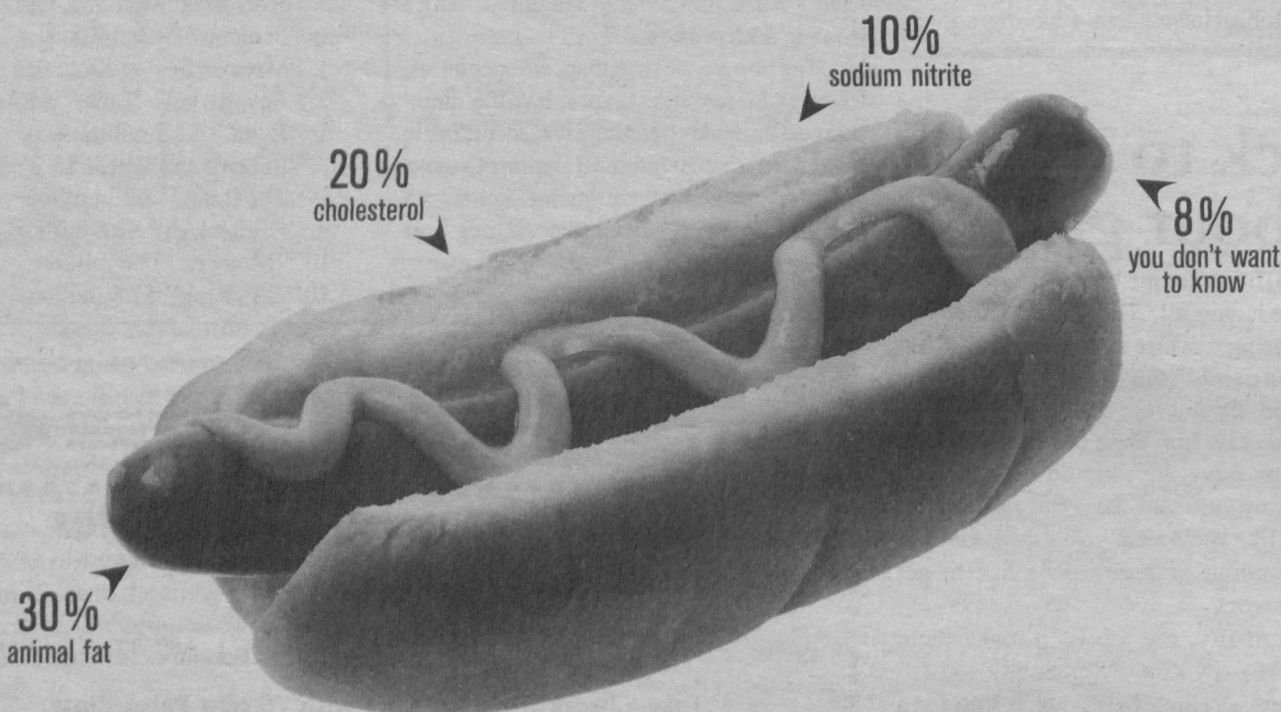
BALTIMORE (AP)— Yaphet Kotto grew up fighting for his religion, wearing his yarmulke on the streets of the Bronx. Harsh words about God almost led to fisticuffs again for the star of "Homicide: Life on the Street."

During a break Thursday, Kotto had to be restrained by bystanders after Daniel Eaton of Baltimore allegedly became verbally abusive.

Kotto, who was raised a Jew, attended Roman Catholic schools, and is the son of a Cameroonian crown prince, said Eaton went too far.

"The guy was yelling at me, saying he is God, saying all the Jews are going to hell," Kotto said. "Then he said, 'I'll see you later,' which I take as a threat."

Eaton was taken into custody, charged with "assault by threat."



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Sports Page

• Women's basketball

Blodgett hits 2000 as Maine gets back on track

From Staff Reports

When she came to Maine almost three years ago, junior guard Cindy Blodgett arrived with a load of fanfare attributed to the fact she was the leading scorer in Maine high school basketball history.

But in less than three complete seasons, Blodgett did what very few have ever done before: score 2,000 points in a career. She accomplished the feat Saturday afternoon during a 84-70 Maine victory over Vermont in Burlington, coming off a stunning loss at Hartford last Thursday.

Scoring 2,000 points in just her 83rd game gives Blodgett the conference record for the quickest player to 2,000.

Reggie Lewis of Northeastern held the old record, scoring 2,000 points in 92 games. Lewis hit the milestone, on the winning basket of the ECAC-NAC championship. Lewis went on to play with the Boston Celtics until his untimely death due to heart failure.

Blodgett is the 12th player in league history and the fifth female in the conference history to score 2,000 points. She becomes the first female player, and the second overall, ever to do so in her junior year. Two other players have scored 2,000 in Maine history. Rachel Bouchard is the all-time leading scorer at Maine, with 2,405. Liz Coffin is second with 2,153. Rufus Harris is the men's record holder and lone 2,000-point scorer, with 2,206.

Ten players in Maine women's history have scored 1,000 points. Stacey Porini joined that group this season.

Blodgett led all scorers with 28 points to go along with seven assists and four steals. Jamie Cassidy had 18 points and six rebounds, and Kristen McCormick and Andrea Clark each had 10 points for the Black Bears. Holly Harris came off the bench to net 25 for the Catamounts (14-6, 9-3 America East), with Karalyn Church tossing in 19 points.

The Black Bears (14-7, 12-1) shot 50 percent from the floor for the game, including 46 percent from three-point range. They have won 10 out of their last 11, and come home for a three-game homestand, starting Sunday.



Cindy Blodgett in second-half action Saturday. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

• Hockey



Maine's Dan Shermerhorn raises his arms as his shot goes past Boston College goalie Greg Taylor in the Black Bears 8-6 win Friday night. (Joel Page Photo.)

Black Bears outlast Boston College 8-6

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus Staff

The Maine hockey team engaged in an old fashioned shootout Friday night against Boston College, and the Black Bears prevailed 8-6.

Senior Dan Shermerhorn and freshman Corey Larose paced the Bears' scoring outburst by notching two goals apiece.

"It was a completely different game than the one we had against BU," Black bear head coach Shawn Walsh said. "It was a shootout, and very wide open game."

The Black Bears were anchored by a strong power play unit that converted on four of six chances to give them their sixth straight win, and ninth in their last 10.

"It was an important game for us for the battle for the third place," Walsh said. "We're putting ourselves in position for an NCAA bid to the tournament, pending the outcome of the appeal."

Sophomore forward Steve Kariya opened the scoring on a power play with a little more than three minutes played in the game.

With the power play winding down, Kariya took a feed from defenseman David Cullen in front of BC goalie Greg Taylor, and beat him to his left side.

After the Eagles tied it 1-1 with a Blake Bellefeuille goal, the Bears looked to make it an easy night when Larose and Shermerhorn scored the first of their two goals of the game.

BC head coach Jerry York was disappointed with his team's play in the first period, which saw Maine capitalize on two power play chances.

"The first period was a poor performance by us," York said. "We had some guys who were injured, but we were lousy."

However, in the second period BC was aided by a letdown in the Maine defense, coupled with the play of talented Eagle

freshman Jeff Farkas.

Farkas opened the scoring in the second period by scoring two consecutive goals. Farkas finished with four points on the night.

"We got down 3-1, and anytime you're down it's very hard to come back," Farkas said. "For me personally, I was pleased with how I played, but it's all overshadowed by the outcome."

With the game tied at three, the game turned into a seesaw battle as the teams exchanged goal for goal.

"In the second period we came back and tied it," York said. "Jeff Farkas played well for us."

After Larose and BC's Chris Masters exchanged goals to make it a 4-4 affair, junior Shawn Wansborough put the Bears ahead with a power play goal. Wansborough was set up by Shermerhorn and

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• Men's basketball

Hartford rolls past Black Bears

By Scott Martin
Maine Campus Staff



John Gordon.
(Courtesy Photo.)

Maine knows its limitations. It knows it has a lack of depth. That fact was never more evident than on Saturday.

The Hartford Hawks sent waves of players at the Black Bears and played almost non-stop pressure defense leading them to a 78-62 win at Alford Arena.

Hartford is now 13-7, 8-4 in America East. Maine falls to 7-15, 4-8 with the loss.

"The press definitely affected the tempo, and we turned it over against the press a few times," Maine head coach John Giannini said.

Hartford played a 2-1-2 zone press that forced Maine into quick shots. The Black Bears shot just 21 percent in the first half. Hartford's defense sparked its offense, as the Hawks went on a 16-0 run starting at the 13:54 mark in the first to take a 23-4 lead.

Maine answered with a 7-0 run sparked by a three by Terry Hunt, and cut the lead to 11 with 7:07 remaining. Hartford responded with a 9-0 run, including five straight points by Keith Bike - a three-pointer and a layup.

"We like to get teams in up-tempo games that don't like to play up-tempo games," Bike said. "They broke it a lot, and maybe they rushed a shot or two and that's what we wanted."

The Black Bears tried at times to run the ball, but had little success. They shot just 34 percent for the game.

"We were actually trying play with that," Maine's John Gordon said. "We were trying to push it down their throats so they would get out of it. We were playing in their hands, but there were times we did get some good shots."

"On the other hand, we have minimal bodies so we wanted to try and slow it down

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Fighting for space



Heidi Herms battles for the puck. The Maine women's ice hockey team beat Wesleyan 4-1 Saturday night at Alford Arena. (Stef Bailey Photo.)

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Men's hoops

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when we could," Gordon added.

Bike was the offensive catalyst for Hartford, scoring 21 points on 5 for 13 from three-point range.

"I felt it in practice yesterday," Bike said. "In practice right away I started shooting and it felt good.

"I was excited for this game; I hate man-to-man," Bike added. "When you do play zone you get a lot of threes. There were a lot of open gaps."

Gordon hit five threes to score 17 points and Hunt finished with 11. Allen Ledbetter also had 11 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Ramone Jones added 10 points.

Preseason All-America East selection Ryan Howse scored 16 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for the Hawks. Anthony Bethune scored 11 points and grabbed nine rebounds, and Chris Eames had 10 points and six rebounds.

Hartford's lead grew to as much as 21 in

the second half and was never under 13 points. Bike hit a pair of back-to-back threes and Howse hit a layup to spark an 8-2 run that started with 16:57 left in the game to push the lead to 21. Maine's Dade Faison hit a jumper to score the Black Bears only two points during the half.

Maine natives Corey Thibodeau and Dale Landrith played sparingly for Maine and Hartford respectively, and both sparked the crowd. In seven minutes of play, Thibodeau scored five points - a foul-line jumper and a three. Landrith scored four points in 10 minutes, including a dunk that bounced out of the hoop when he grabbed the rim and pulled it down, propelling the ball out of the hoop. The officials said the ball went through the basket and, therefore, counted.

Landrith is the third native Mainer to return to play in his home state this season. Mark Reed returned with Liberty and Ken Rassi with New Hampshire.

• Column

Where's the teamwork?



**By Josh Nason
Maine Campus
Staff**

The old adage "there is no 'I' in team" is one that is sown into aspiring athletes' psyches at an early age, or at least attempted to be. But through the de-evolution of sports, that mindset has been lost in a lot of competitors in favor of a "get what's mine while I can get it" attitude. Prime examples of this run rampant in the NBA, the latest with the recent Jason Kidd trade and the Shaquille O'Neal situation.

The Dallas Mavericks were a mess four years ago, a complete disaster. They won only 11 games, but that record enabled them to draft Kentucky forward Jamal Mashburn. A season later, they won a paltry 13 games, selecting California guard Kidd, "the next Magic Johnson." Along with Ohio State guard Jimmy Jackson, the Mavs had a young, solid triple-threat foundation (a la the

Chicago Bulls) for a championship future. The key word in that statement, however, is "had".

Last season was supposed to be the year Dallas broke out and went from pretenders to playoff contenders and a legitimate NBA team. A solid supporting group that included Popeye Jones, a resurgent George McCloud and other young talent was ready to go to where no team in recent franchise history had gone before — to win 20 games.

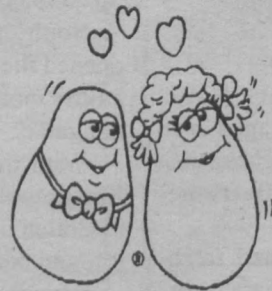
But something else joined the roster, that being injury. Mashburn played only 18 games, then bowed to arthroscopic knee surgery. Jackson, despite playing all 82 games, saw his scoring drop significantly in part because of his ongoing recovery from a sprained right ankle that kept him out the last 31 games of the 1994-95 season.

Dissension also reared its ugly head with both Jackson and Kidd allegedly almost coming to blows over singer Toni Braxton, with whom both had a vested interest. Interestingly enough, Ms. Brax-

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• Hockey

Merrimack ends Maine's streak

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus Staff

Riding the crest of a six-game winning streak, Maine headed into a rare Sunday afternoon game with the Merrimack Warriors, the last team to hand the Black Bears a loss.

The last time Maine felt defeat was at the hands of Merrimack in North Andover, Mass., January 10.

However, after an exhilarating Friday night win, the Bears once again saw a winning streak snapped by the Warrior club, as they fell in overtime 5-4.

"It's a tough loss," Maine head coach Shawn Walsh said. "However, I didn't think we deserved to win."

Although the game was dominated at the start by an aggressive Maine team, it was Merrimack that scored on its first two shots of the game to take an early 2-0 lead.

"After getting down 2-0 in the first period, it was like, 'it could be one of those nights,'" Walsh said. "And it was."

"The game had the smell of an upset right from the start," he added. "We just didn't play with any enthusiasm."

With the Black Bears trailing 2-0 despite outplaying Merrimack in the first, they looked to rebound when they scored on two different power plays.

Senior Dan Shermerhorn and junior Shawn Wansborough each tallied with the extra man advantage to knot the game at 2.

With the game tied 2-2 after one period of play, it was apparent the stingy Merrimack defense was about to dictate the play of the game.

"We lost the game outright," Black Bear Captain Reg Cardinal said. "I give them a lot of credit, they played very physical and outworked us on the puck."

Maine went ahead 3-2 on a Reg Cardinal power play goal in the second. It was Maine's third power play goal of the game.

Maine defenseman Jason Mansoff fired a shot from the point, and Cardinal gobbled up the rebound and poked it past Warrior goalie Eric Thibeault.

Merrimack, however, refused to go away and clawed back when Rejean Stringer got the equalizer nearly five minutes later.

In the third period it looked as though Maine was going to put the game away as Kariya broke the tie when he came in streaking from Thibeault's right side, and wristed it past him to give Maine a 4-3 lead.

Once again, though, it was the pesky Warrior club that refused to let down. With under a minute remaining in the game, Merrimack's Stringer scored his second goal of the game.

With a scramble in front of Maine goalie Alfie Michaud, Stringer found daylight and poked it in.

It was a hard game to generate any electricity," Walsh said. "There was no

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Friday

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Kariya as he slipped the puck past Taylor's left glove side.

After shutting down BU's Chris Drury last weekend, Maine was looking to do the same with the Eagle's sophomore phenom, Marty Reasoner. As the game turned into a shootout, however, it was a matter of time before Reasoner would strike.

With a little less than five minutes remaining in the second period, Reasoner tied the game at five as he poked home a rebound off Black Bear netminder Javier Gorriti.

"We didn't get a lot of support from our forwards defensively," Walsh said. "I give BC a lot of credit, they are an explosive team."

At the beginning of the third period Walsh pulled Gorriti from net in favor of freshman Alfie Michaud. Gorriti made 13 saves on the night.

"I told Javier that it wasn't his fault," Walsh said. "Our defense was getting

tired and Alfie came in and played great."

The Black Bears broke the tie on a power play goal by Scott Parmentier. The Bears then struck again when Shermerhorn added a short-handed goal to make it a 7-5 contest.

The Eagles looked as though they were going to mount another comeback when Ken Hemenway scored with a little more than six minutes left in the game.

However, with under two minutes remaining in the game, senior Trevor Roenick put the icing on the cake for the Bears when he took a pass from Wansborough and walked in uncontested to Taylor and beat him to his glove side.

"Trevor's goal was huge," Walsh said. "We didn't give them any skating room in the third and shut them down."

With the win Maine improved to 10-6-1 in Hockey East, as BC dropped to 6-8-3.

"I thought they (Maine) played really well," York said. "They were faster than us, and that was a key."

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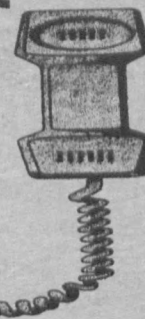
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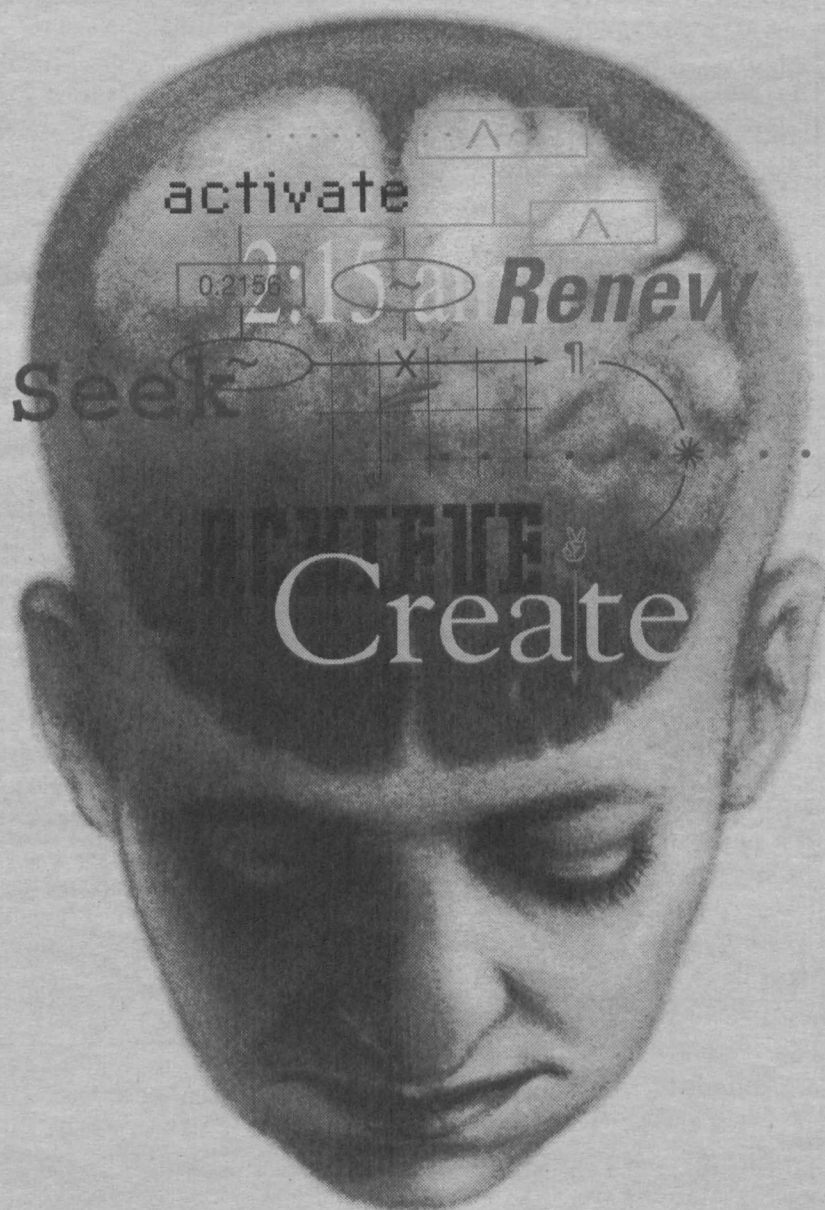
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ton ended up with Dennis Rodman for an evening at least. But anyway...

So, before the season began, Kidd demanded a trade, which didn't exactly endear him to new head coach Jim Clemons. But after trying to work it out through the opening stages of this year with Mashburn, complaining about play-

ing time and his role on the team through the media, the dam broke. Kidd, who was once seen as a future hall-of-famer by some, was dealt to the Phoenix Suns in late-December. After playing in one game, he returned to the injured list with neck problems, and is again rumored in trade talks with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Sunday

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spark out there, we were just flat."

In overtime, Maine dominated possession but it was Merrimack who came up with the game winner.

With only 29 seconds remaining in overtime, the Warriors closed the door on the Maine winning streak as Casey Kessleling took the puck in front of Michaud and chipped it in.

"I didn't know where the puck was,

and he just poked it in," Michaud said. "To lose at home is devastating."

With the loss, Maine finds itself at 10-7-1 in Hockey East. The Bears are off next weekend, before heading to UMass-Amherst for a pair of games.

"We were a flat team for whatever reasons," Walsh said. "It's just one of those games. I didn't coach a very good game and we didn't play a very good game."

The Mavs are once again in disarray, currently at 14-28, 16.5 games back. Kidd and Cherokee Parks are gone, Sam Cassell, Chris Gatling, Derek Harper and Samaki Walker are in. The only trouble is that despite talent enough to at least be competitive, they just aren't doing the job. Attempts have been made to deal both Mashburn and Jackson this season, but to no avail.

What is so troubling is there was no real attempt to reconcile for the good of the team. The Mavs had a team of the future with three young guns that could have grown up together and matured as a unit. But because of a lot of ego, constantly being fed by agents, no doubt, the window of opportunity was not only closed, but shattered.

Much is the same with the Orlando Magic. With all-world player Shaquille

O'Neal, Penny Hardaway, Nick Anderson and Dennis Scott, repeated trips to the NBA Finals appeared to be just an eventuality, as soon as they matured. But in this past offseason, the warts showed when it came time to negotiate with free agent O'Neal. Reports came out of the Sunshine State that he was upset about sharing top billing with another player. As we all know, O'Neal signed with Los Angeles, and the Magic, after a rash of injuries, are on the right track.

Both instances just go to show few players in the NBA are willing to share the spotlight for a shot at the ring, at least until it is too late in their careers. It's the teams that not only have the talent, but the ability to gel that talent, that end up playing for the title in June, not wondering what went wrong in January and February.

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