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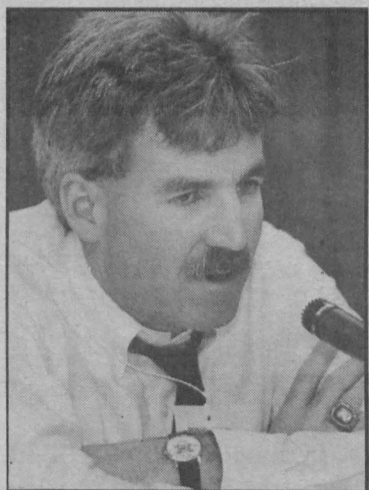
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• Athletics

UMaine appeals rejected by NCAA committee



UMaine men's hockey coach Shawn Walsh. (File Photo.)

Panel cites Walsh as major reason for penalty ruling

By Bill Stewart and
Scott Martin
Maine Campus Staff

The NCAA Infractions Appeals Committee denied appeals made by the University of Maine athletic department regarding the postseason ban on the Maine hockey program and the one-year reduction of football scholarships.

The Appeals Committee agreed with the initial ruling that head hockey coach Shawn Walsh failed to "exercise appropriate control and

monitoring in the administration of the men's ice hockey program," and "demonstrated an appalling lack of knowledge of NCAA recruiting and extra-benefit rules."

Despite an acknowledgment of the university's efforts to comply with NCAA regulations, the Appeals Committee said Walsh's actions greatly affected its decision to uphold the Infractions Committee's initial ruling.

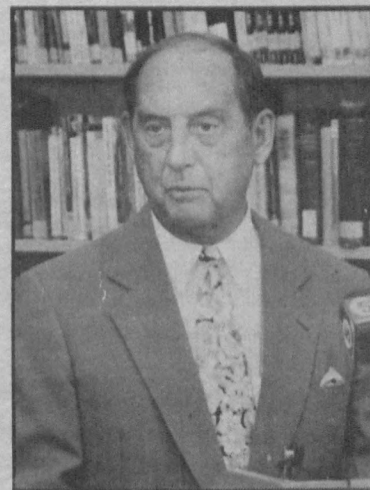
The NCAA's press release said, "In weighing the cooperation of the institution against the conduct of the head men's ice hockey coach, the Infractions Appeals Committee concluded that the head men's ice hockey coach's failure to exercise proper control over his program and his involvement in significant violations offset the good

work of the institution."

UMaine officials were displeased with the ruling that Walsh was a major reason for the penalties.

"There was no indication given in that (July) report that the additional penalties by the NCAA were related to Shawn," said UMaine President Frederick E. Hutchinson.

The Infractions Appeals Committee also upheld the decision to cut the number of scholarships available to the football team from 63 to 50. Maine lost one scholarship for every ineligible player from the 1993-94 football team. The Black Bears have averaged approximately 55 scholarships over the last three years, so that works out to a "one for one" re-



UMaine President Frederick Hutchinson. (File Photo.)

duction," the release said.

While UMaine officials were displeased with the ruling, they were glad to see the issue come to an end.

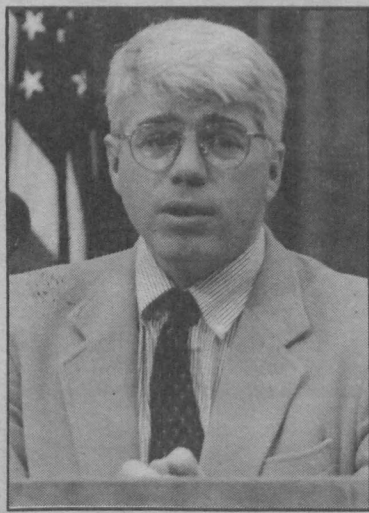
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• Substance survey

UM researcher warns state of drug increase

By Jeff Tuttle
Maine Campus staff

AUGUSTA – After painting a gloomy picture of increased drug use among Maine youths, a University of Maine researcher offered some techniques to combat the acceleration of this "significant problem" at a Wednesday



Dr. Robert Q. Dana. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

news conference at the State House.

Dr. Robert Q. Dana, associate dean of students and community life, presented an overview of the statewide survey, titled "State of Maine Alcohol and Other Drug Use: An Assessment of Students in Grades 6-12 Risk and Protective Factors 1996," to representatives from the Maine Substance Abuse Services Commission; the Maine Office of Substance Abuse; and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

Dana said that although programs like DARE that are offered in area schools generally result in a decrease in drug use for the year they are administered, heading off Maine's increasing drug problem would take more of a concerted and sustained effort by teachers, parents and state agencies.

"We'll never stop this epidemic by treating the sick and the

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• Valentine's Day

Campus organizations kick off condom week

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

Three organizations on campus are hoping this Valentine's Day is celebrated safely – with safe sex, that is.

Athletes for Sexual Responsibility and the Greek Peer Educators have been celebrating National Condom Week all this week, and the Sexual Health and Reproductive Education group is kicking off its week-long celebration today.

Why the confusion?

An official at the Condom Resource Center in California said there are no "condom week police" to enforce when the week is celebrated, so it usually varies. All three groups agree Valentine's Day is a key element of the week.

Sandra Caron, associate professor of family relations, said the common theme of the two holidays is, "If you really care about someone, use a condom."

Celebration of the week be-

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• Clifford Ball '97

Phish to play Loring

By Jeff Tuttle
Maine Campus staff

AUGUSTA – The Burlington, Vt.-based band Phish will play at a two-day music festival at the former Loring Air Force Base in Limestone, approximately two-and-a-half hours north of Bangor. The event will begin Friday, Aug. 15 and run through Sunday, Aug. 17.

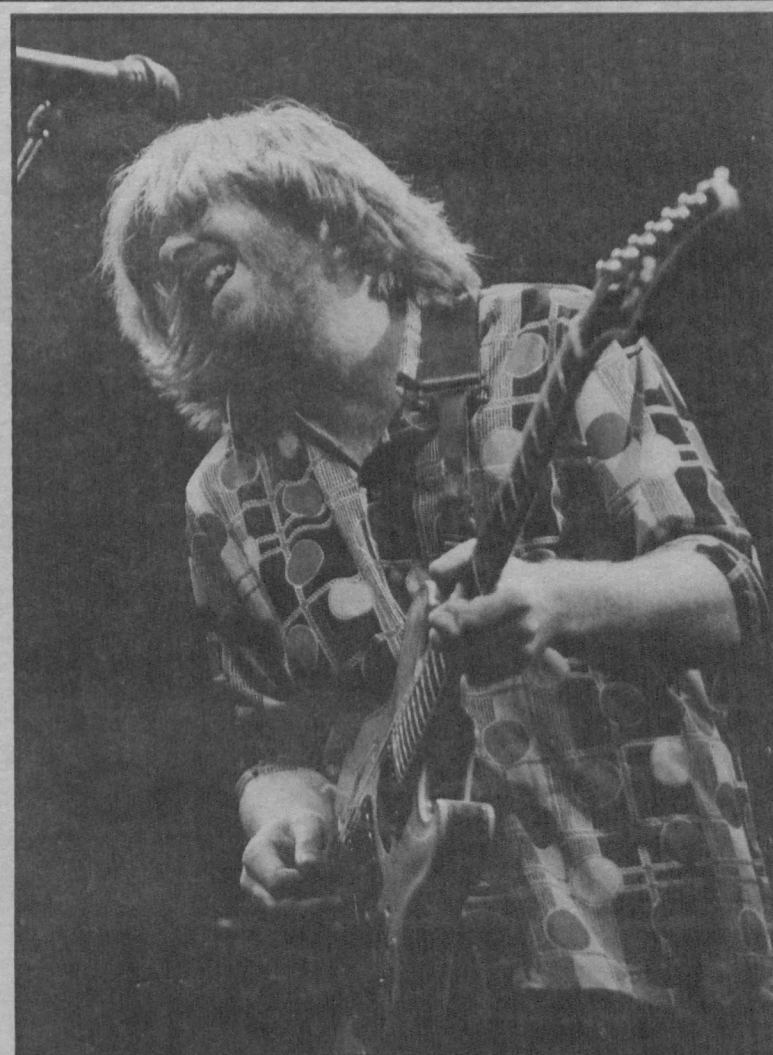
The Loring Development Authority announced Wednesday it had entered into a letter of intent with Great Northeast Productions, which promoted last summer's outdoor Phish concert at the former Plattsburg Air Force Base in upstate New York.

Known as the Clifford Ball, the Plattsburg event drew approximately 135,000 people over the two-day period and represented the largest outdoor concert of the 1996 concert season by any musical group.

Great Northeast Productions President David J. Werlin said he expects the Limestone show to attract between 50,000 and 75,000 concertgoers per day for the weekend of entertainment, arts, amusements and camping.

Werlin said the show would be in the same tradition as the

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Trey Anastasio, lead guitarist of Phish, plays at the Bangor Auditorium in 1994. Phish will play August 15-17 at the former Loring Air Force Base in Limestone. (Page File Photo.)

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• Local

Campus groups flood state with funding pleas.

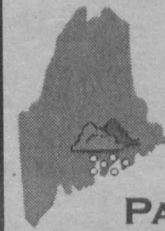
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World Briefs

• Waiting for now

Leader pushes for new constitution

1 QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — President Rosalia Arteaga clouded Ecuador's political landscape again today, insisting anew that the constitution be amended before she agrees to let Congress name her replacement.

Arteaga was promoted Sunday from vice president to quell a government crisis. But she has nearly caused another by saying she would not leave office until the country's constitution was changed.

"I think they're preparing a new coup against the constitution," she said today in an interview with CNN. She called it "a very dangerous precedent."

Because the constitution makes no provisions for an interim leader, Arteaga says it had to be amended before Congress could elect an interim leader to replace her.

Arteaga said she sent a fax to congressional leader Fabian Arteaga asking for a meeting before Congress convenes this afternoon to name a provisional president to replace her.

On Monday night, Arteaga's advisers said she had agreed to adhere to the military-backed plan for her to step down when Congress names a new chief executive.

That could happen today, when the legislature meets. And Ecuadoreans hope the appointment will put an end to the uncertainty that has gripped this small Andean nation since President Abdala Bucaram was deposed last week.

• More embarrassments

Army discharges men after assault

2 BONN, Germany (AP) — The U.S. Army relieved three male instructors of their duties after 11 female soldiers accused them of sexual abuse and harassment, indicating that a sex scandal in the service has spread overseas.

Two of the instructors at Darmstadt training center have been in custody since Feb. 7 after allegedly trying to "influence the testimony" of one woman, the Army said Wednesday.

The third suspect was ordered not to contact any victim or potential witnesses at the training center south of Frankfurt.

It is the most serious sex-abuse scandal to hit a U.S. military installation in Germany in years. At least some of the alleged acts happened after accusations of sexual misconduct surfaced at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland last November, which led to the appointment of a panel to investigate the extent of the problem in the Army.

The women in Germany accused the instructors, all non-commissioned officers, of sodomy, indecent assault, cruelty and maltreatment of subordinates, the Army said in response to an inquiry by The Associated Press.

The training center offers a two-week course attended by all soldiers with the 233rd Base Support Battalion and other units around Darmstadt. About 30 students at a time receive instructions in life and Germany and support services available to them.

World Digest



• Caught in the act

Iraqi oil sold to Iran despite U.N. sanctions

3 MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Skirting the shoals of Iran's Persian Gulf coast, tankers are smuggling tens of thousands of tons of fuel oil out of Iraq in violation of U.N. sanctions, a U.S. admiral said Tuesday.

The embargo busters and their Iranian protectors have had two confrontations with the Navy in the past two weeks, ramming a U.S. frigate in one unpublicized showdown.

"Our indications are that this is a rather sophisticated effort, centrally controlled within Iran," Vice Adm. Thomas B. Fargo, commander of the U.S. 5th Fleet, told The Associated Press at his Bahrain headquarters.

The "Iran connection" is one visible sign of cooperation between the two former enemies in trying to foil American efforts to enforce U.N. trade sanctions on Iraq.

The main motive is money. Iraq, desperate to circumvent the embargo, will sell the oil cheap, and a 2,000-ton shipment of oil can net \$150,000, Fargo estimated.

Crews of intercepted vessels tell investigators that Iranian authorities are taking a cut of the profits.

"A protection fee is paid to the Iranians that guarantees them safe passage through territorial waters," the admiral said.

• Call to arms

Rebels encourage new, young faces to enlist

4 UVIRA, Zaire (AP) — The faces of the newest recruits to the Zairian rebel cause were as fresh as their uniforms. Many will see combat before they have their first shaves.

A thousand strong, they stood in neat rows Wednesday in a dusty churchyard, hazy blue Lake Tanganyika spread out behind them. They pledged their lives to the battle to oust Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko.

"Make life impossible for Mobutu," Laurent Kabila exhorted the recruits, some as young as 14. "We'll be rid of him once and for all."

The revolt against Mobutu began in September when ethnic Tutsis, who had lived in eastern Zaire for decades, fought a government-ordered expulsion. The movement since has expanded to include an array of Zairian ethnic and rebel groups.

Kabila's Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire has seized a nearly 900-mile-long swath along Zaire's eastern border.

The rebel leader told the recruits he would take the war far into the west, to the capital, Kinshasa, and to Gbadolite, Mobutu's home village in northern Zaire, where the 66-year-old ruler has retreated while suffering from prostate cancer.

Rebel officials with Kabila said that since November, more than 10,000 new recruits have received three months of basic training.

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather

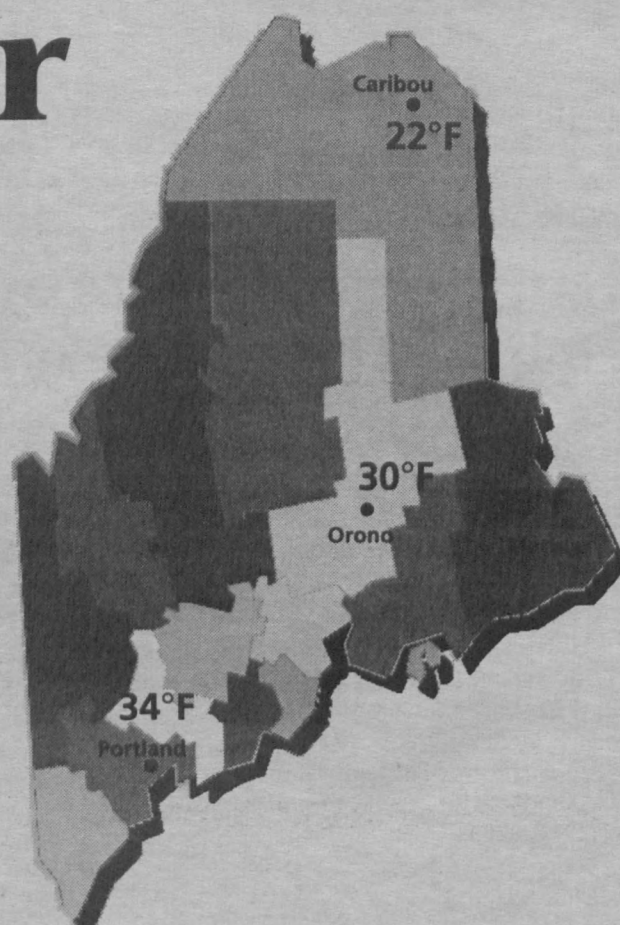
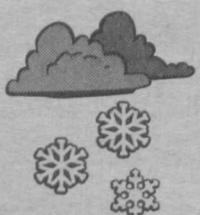
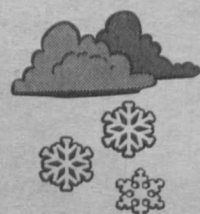
Clouding up with snow developing in the afternoon...Mixing with sleet or freezing rain towards evening. Highs in the mid 20s to lower 30s.

Saturday's Outlook

Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow. Highs 30 to 35.

Extended Forecast

Sunday... Scattered snow showers mountains and north. Fair south. Monday... Scattered flurries mountains and north. Fair south. LTuesday... Fair.



• Summer employment

Job fair participants encourage students to start early

By Yolanda Sly
Maine Campus staff

Students seeking to earn money over the summer had an opportunity to meet prospective employers during Wednesday's Student Employment Summer Job Fair, which was held in Wells Commons.

"It's a great opportunity for students to get out and see what's available for summer and full-time employment," Jennifer Fogerty, a junior human development major, said.

Student Employment Office Student Personnel Assistant Robin Parsons said the fair was going well; however, this was the fair's first year at the commons and attendance was down from previous years.

"Traffic has been slower than usual," Parsons said. "(In the past) people hung out in the union and they'd come in to check out the fair."

Parsons said that when the fair was held in the union it occupied three rooms, rather than the one room used in the commons this year.

"Students and employers expressed they wanted to have the fair in one room, and the commons was the only place on campus where we could fit everyone," Parsons said.

Employers representing corporations such as Shaw's, Wal-Mart and MBNA were seeking summer help, along with a variety of summer camps, tourist attractions and university employers such as Campus Living Dining Services and the bookstore.

"I don't have a job for the summer; I'm hoping to get a job painting," Virgil Reed, a senior at Husson College, said as he stood next to the Pro Painters table.

"I thought there'd be hundreds of students here looking for jobs," Reed said. "It's terrible they're not taking advantage of this."

Reed said he was taking advantage of the job fair because he didn't know if Husson had one.

Bar Harbor's High Seas Motel and Restaurant sought students who had restaurant experience in waiting tables and cooking, as well as students who were interested in working as chambermaids.

"We're looking for experienced people," Richard Oczkowski, a representative for the hotel and restaurant said. "The hours are flexible."

Oczkowski said students sometimes rent houses in the area, to enjoy living on the coast, and they usually can make a lot of money working in Bar Harbor. However, that isn't a job requirement.

Whale Watcher Inc., which runs whale watching tours out of Bar Harbor, was looking for students interested in working for the company's ticket sales, gift shop, crew and galley positions.

"You have to be steady on your feet to work to be a crew or galley member," Bonnie Mohur, a representative for the company, said.

Working with Mohur was Liz Petterson, who said they were looking for summer help and anyone interested in working until October, when the tourist season ends.



Alan Parks from Upward Bound explains the type of jobs available to Stephanie Bornstein at the job fair that was held in Wells Commons Tuesday. (Stef Bailey Photo.)

"We've had a few applications filled out, and we've had a lot of people asking about jobs," Petterson said. "A lot of times students rent a place for the summer before going back to school, and some seniors work the season to take time off before finding a job."

Mohur said they weren't looking to hire students from any particular major.

Some employers stressed the need for students who were looking for summer employment not to wait until the last minute to look for a job.

"You can't wait until the last minute," Hope Picard, personnel manager at the Scarborough Wal-Mart, said. She said

students who missed the fair should apply during spring break.

Picard said she was looking for cashiers, sales associates and snack bar personnel.

Sophomore engineering major Robert Newcomb was finding out what job opportunities Shaw's could offer him.

"I wanted to do a co-op, but they were filled, so I'm talking to Shaw's," Newcomb said. "I found out they have career advancements in engineering."

Newcomb said he hoped he would find a job that would provide extra in-

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Celebrate Valentine's Day at The University Bookstore

Enjoy music and poetry at noon, brought to you by the **Poetry Free Zone.**

My Jazzy Valentine,

a special poetry reading, will begin with music, and continue with poetry read in the spirit of St. Valentine.



12:00 p.m. at the Bookstore!

The Bookstore is pleased to host this special event.

When making a purchase, pick a heart from the box at the register and receive **14% or 28% off**

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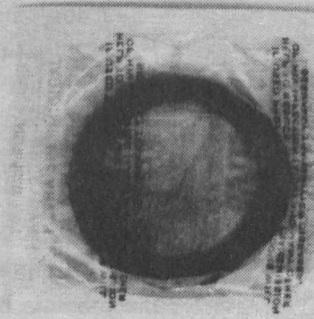


...and while your here, don't forget to sign up for our drawing to win a bear!

Specials and a drawing will also be held at The Newscounter!

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"We feel that promoting safe sex is always important," Schlenker said.



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Sleepingbeauty- before I met you, words were just words, trees were just trees, and dreams were just dreams, now that I Love You, words become stories, trees become forests and dreams become reality- The Mouse

To the girls of 4N: Happy Valentine's Day! May the legend of MacDonald's last forever!

Do you realize you're talking to a naked woman?- was the first thing to me she said. Now we are to be wed!! Love you Bubbie- My Beautiful Bride

GS you sweet little thang. I miss you. From The Funnyman

Happy Valentine's Day Neighbor. I Love You. From, Sweet-Pea

Hi Hoppy- Looking forward to wrapping my arms around you, I've missed you. Happy Valentine's Day! Love Erin

Tatiana
Eu te amo para sempre
Alexander

JBW, "Your're so dreamy!"
143 more CSA. PS Will you be mine forever?
'Cause I'll be yours.

Joel, you make me feel like a natural woman. love
Dave

• Traffic and Safety Committee

Cutler parking situation sparks demand for more spaces

By Krista Marrs
Maine Campus staff

Students seeking medical attention at Cutler Health Center may find their health is not the only thing in poor shape at the facility. Parking for the center has raised the question of whether more spaces should be designated for patients.

Currently there are six parking spaces allotted for patients of Cutler, but there is a demand for more spaces.

"We have two populations of students: those who know it is their responsibility not to park in the special patient parking and those students who feel it is their right to park there," Cutler Health Director Dr. Mark Jackson said.

Jackson said he knows the parking situation isn't good, but the center is doing its best to keep others from parking in the patient parking spaces.

"We need more spaces, but that is a chronic problem across campus," Jackson said.

In the past, students have voiced their concerns about the Cutler parking problem, but a construction specialist at Facilities Management, Ron Brown, said nothing has been mentioned about the lack of parking spaces yet this year.

"Two years ago, complaints were made about the parking at Cutler, but none have been made to date," Brown said, "and to my knowledge there is nothing in the books for expanding the parking lot."

Brown said students who have concerns about parking at Cutler need to take

their ideas to the Traffic and Safety Committee on campus to get their voice heard.

"If complaints are not made, then people are not going to know there is a problem," Brown said.

Public Safety Lt. Alan Stormann said the Traffic and Safety Committee works hard to assess students' needs.

"Most decisions of parking lot changes are made to the committee, and they take the recommendations and do a re-evaluation of the parking," Stormann said. "The proposal is then given to the president's council, where it is either approved or denied."

Stormann said he feels the committee has a fair representation of campus individuals, ranging from students to faculty and staff, which allows the committee to reach "good, conscious decisions to the concerns and needs for the campus."

Students have their opinions of the health center parking. Jessica Cooper, a sophomore living on campus, said she feels the parking situation is a problem for all students.

"I usually walk to Cutler, but I think it is very inconvenient for students who live off campus," Cooper said. "Four or five parking spaces is not enough for anything on campus."

First-year student Rachel James agreed that the parking situation is bad.

"I live in Aroostook (Hall), so I would definitely (drive) to Cutler, and would contest my parking ticket if I got one," she said.

Although some students feel the parking for Cutler is a problem, there are



Cutler Health Center student parking spaces. (Stef Bailey Photo.)

students who say walking is the safe road to take.

"I've never had any problems at Cutler, because I always walk," Andy Koutalakis, a junior living on campus, said.

First-year student Jason Fitzgerald said, "I do think the center needs more parking, but I would only drive to Cutler only if I could not walk there on my own."

Traffic and Safety Committee Chairman Alan Reynolds said students who would like to have their concerns dealt with should address them to the committee by writing a letter addressed to him at Public Safety.

"I will then take the letters and deliver them to the Traffic and Safety Committee,

where they will be discussed and a recommendation of some sort will be made," Reynolds said. I do not recall any issues of Cutler parking being mentioned before, but we're always open to suggestions."

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Work-Study Student Positions Available



The Maine Educational Talent Search and Maine Educational Opportunity Center Programs have position openings for six Student Counselor Aides for the spring semester. The major tasks of these positions are to provide telephone follow-up services to program participants who have recently enrolled in college. Experience working with nontraditional students helpful, but not necessary. Knowledge of the financial aid application process is required. Strong communication skills and discretion with confidential information is very important. Potential for summer college work-study employment. Hourly rate is \$5.70.

Please call:

Lori Williams at 581-3703 to schedule an interview.

Please Join Us!

The Search Committee for the position of Director, Instructional Technologies would like to invite you to meet the candidates at one of the following sessions.

Geof Goldbogen

Professional/Classified	2/18, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Students	2/18, 2 p.m.-3 p.m.
Faculty	2/18, 3 p.m.-4 p.m.
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Kevin Work

Professional/Classified	2/21, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Students	2/21, 1 p.m.-2 p.m.
Faculty	2/21, 3 p.m.-4 p.m.
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Geof Goldbogen served as the Chair of the Academic Computing Department at Columbia College in Chicago from 1/91-6/96.

Kevin Work is currently the Director of Instructional Media Services at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

We hope you can attend and meet the candidates.

Sex Matters



This week is National Condom Week, so I'd like to focus today's column on condoms to get you thinking

about this issue. Let me start off by saying **Vows of abstinence break far more often than condoms.** Having said that, I would like to point out that the simple truth is that, for sexually active couples, condoms are the best means we have of preventing HIV and AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. For a couple who are committed to having sexual intercourse and who have any concern regarding any of the STDs, latex condoms are the best means of preventing infection. Abstinence and a mutually faithful monogamous relationship with an uninfected partner, few would argue, are even more effective; but if sexual intercourse is going to occur, whatever the reasons behind the decision, condoms are the best approach to preventing an infection.

For condoms to work, they must be used correctly and consistently. The following instructions will help ensure effective use:

- Use latex condoms every time you have sexual intercourse; this is the key to any kind of successful contraception.
- Use spermicide containing nonoxynol-9 with the condom. Foam and film are both easy to apply. Spermicide protects against pregnancy and a number of STDs.

- Do not put a condomless penis into a vagina or anus. Even if a man has great "control" there is always the possibility of pre-ejaculatory leakage.

- Leave about a half-inch of space at the condom top, and roll the condom all the way down to the base of the penis.

- **Soon** after ejaculation, the penis should be withdrawn. Make sure someone holds the base of the condom firmly against the penis as it is withdrawn.

- After use, check the condom for possible torn spots. If you are not using a spermicide (you should be), immediately apply contraceptive foam or jelly. This may reduce the chance of pregnancy or infection. If torn condoms are a persistent problem, use a water-based lubricant to reduce friction; K-Y jelly, spermicides and saliva all work. Please note: Some of you will be happy to know there is a condom made to fit a larger penis; it's called Max X.

- Do not re-use condoms.

- Keep condoms in a cool, dry and convenient place.

If you and your partner are uncomfortable with condom use, consider the following:

- Communication is crucial. It may seem "unromantic," but planning your contraception-STD protection strategy before you are sexually entangled is essential. **Sex is too important to be left up to your genitals.** Giving or getting a disease or worrying about pregnancy is about as unromantic as you can get. Ex-

plore your feelings together, share your knowledge. Consider visiting Cutler for information – together. Neither partner should be forced to use a form of birth control he or she is truly unhappy with. But the issue of protection must be dealt with – by both of you.

- Don't forget your sense of humor and playfulness. Condoms can actually provide lots of laughs; laughter and sex go well together. Fancy condoms – lubricated, ribbed, flavored, colored (have you seen the black "tuxedo condoms" for formal affairs?) – are popular for their entertainment value. Let yourself be entertained.

- Stand your ground. Unless you want

Sandra L. Caron

to be pregnant and are sure your partner is free of STDs, you need protection during sex. If your partner says "no" to using a condom, you can just tell your partner, "None of my other partners have minded. What's wrong with you?" If your partner cares about you, your partner will want to use a condom.

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Jobs

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come for the summer.

If you like working with kids, the outdoors or you just like doing a variety of activities, summer camp is for you.

Summer camps, ranging from day to over-night, were looking for counselors.

Kamp Kohut, an overnight camp, was looking for students willing to share their experience with kids in sports, theater and the arts.

"We need a staff for nine weeks; the kids stay for a month to six weeks," Cathy White, a representative for the camp, said.

Jim Dunham, of the 4-H in Tanglewood, said he was looking for people interested in working with youths and in the outdoors.

"All of the camps were geared to what

I'm interested in," Tess Davis, a sophomore education and theater major, said.

Senior education major Chris Wise said camps may not pay much, but it would be a good resume builder.

"You need to sell yourself when looking for a job. You can stay home and make money, but you need something to give you experience," Wise said.

Although some students found the fair to provide jobs within the state, some students wished there were more recruiters from outside of Maine.

"It's a good opportunity for those who live in Maine, but it was difficult to find something for people looking for jobs in the New England area," Jessica Foster, a senior health fitness major, said. "There should be more recruiters from different states."

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Meatball.....	4.25	8.00	Jalapeno.....	4.25	8.00
Ham.....	4.25	8.00	Spinach.....	4.25	8.00
Pepperoni & Mushrooms	4.75	9.00	Taco.....	5.75	11.00
Salami & Mushrooms.....	4.75	9.00	(Taco Sauce, Hamb., Onion, Gr.		
Green Pepper & Onion...	4.75	9.00	Pep., Taco chips, Lettuce &		
Green Pepper.....	4.25	8.00	Tomato)		
Hawaiian (Ham & Pineapple)	4.75	9.00	Loaded.....	7.00	14.00
Combination - Special....	4.75	9.00	If you like thick crust order		
(Pepperoni, Salami, Mushrooms)			our		

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SUBS

Salami Italian.....	2.75
Ham Italian.....	3.00
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Large.....	1.50
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• Funding

Campus organizations struggle to mount letter campaigns

By Darren L. Pare and Yolanda Sly
Special to the Campus

With the Legislature's Appropriations Committee in the midst of deciding the funding future of the University of Maine System, various organizations are making a concerted effort to influence the committee's decision by writing letters.

Student Government, the Association of Graduate Students and the Classified Employee Action Committee are among the groups that have been writing letters of concern to the Legislature.

A letter writing campaign is never an easy thing to start and see all the way through, but that is just what the Classified Employees Action Committee, led by Administrative Assistant Suzanne Moulton, is attempting to do.

With help from the professional employees action committee, the faculty senate, the English department and the General Student Senate, the Classified Employees Action Committee hopes to grab the ear of the Legislature to let it know how the different levels of the university system feel.

"I was hoping to get a flood of letters," Moulton said.

Moulton said the goal of the campaign is to get funding increased by at least the 3 percent that was recommended by the Legislature's Education Committee earlier this month.

As of Wednesday afternoon, about a dozen letters had been written by those participating in the classified employees committee's campaign. That may not seem like many, but, Moulton said, "I've been told that if a Legislature receives just four letters that is a lot. People just don't tend to write."

Publicity has also been a problem for the cause. Fliers were made, but members had little chance to post them.

People were set up in the FFA room at the Memorial Union Tuesday, but few people stopped by. Seeing that changing the location was necessary, the group has since set up in the 1912 room by the Bear's Den for the last few days, trying to raise awareness for their effort. The traffic has been light, but better than earlier.

"If we could have been in the lobby it would have been better, instead we were off in a side room," Judy Round, president of the CEAC, said.

The campaign will be back for a final day in the 1912 room today from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The committee will be offering free stamps, envelopes and stationery for people wanting to join the campaign and write their own letter to the Legislature.

The AGS and GSS sponsored a letter writing pizza party Wednesday night, which generated 50 letters.

"It's important to contact those most influential in the budget allocation process," Sam Arslanian, a graduate student in math, said as he wrote his letter to the Appropriations Committee.

Former legislator Ted Curtis said it's important for people to contact legislators to have their opinions heard with regard to state funding. He attended the letter writing session held by AGS and GSS to write his own letter to legislators.

"I used to battle the good battle for the university," Curtis said, adding that while he was a legislator he brought a former band professor to the university and shortly afterward he had to tell legislators the professor left to teach a high school band in

Indiana after the teacher received an offer for a higher salary. He said legislators were shocked by his story.

Sen. Mary Cathcart said it's crucial for people to contact their legislators for increased funding for the university.

"I want to thank students on behalf of university," Cathcart said. "I think it's great that they're writing letters."

GSS Sen. Chris Barstow said part of his campaign for Student Government president was obtaining increased funding for the university.

"I'm trying to help the student cause anyway possible, whether it's writing a letter, organizing a rally in Augusta or going to Augusta to bring more money to the university," said Barstow, who's chairman of the GSS's Legislative Liaison Committee. "I'll still strive to do that (although I wasn't elected president.)"

One student said writing letters was almost not worth it because of the low turnout.

"It seems like it's not worth the effort," Mike Juenemann, a junior business administration major, said. "Everybody bitches and nobody puts a foot forward. It's like a vote in the Legislature; people can become leaders."

AGS Secretary Carla Bosse said the turnout wasn't as big as she had hoped; however, it showed that the students who attended the event did care about advocating for increased funding.

Juenemann said he didn't know about the event until he saw AGS President Sean Murphy. He then came in to write a letter.

"I'm here because we need to try to get money to support programs, and it takes a group effort," Aldo Romagnoli, a graduate student in chemical engineering, said. "It's the future of UMaine."

Murphy said Residents On Campus Vice President Ryan Eslinger told representatives they had to write a letter to legislators before their Wednesday night meeting began.

"I think as ROC representatives it's part of their jobs to represent students in any way possible and write letters to do whatever they can to increase funding for this school," Eslinger said.

Some have said morale at UMaine has increased because of alumni Stephen and Tabitha King's donation of \$4 million, because the donation has helped raise awareness in both the general public and the university community and the Legislature. The Kings' donation will provide UMaine \$1 million a year for four years.

"Morale has been down, until the Kings' gift," Curtis said. "It's a very telling challenge to legislators to produce support for the university."

Moulton sees the spirit at the university itself changing. "I'm very optimistic that the attitude is going to change," she said. "We've all been down in the dregs for the past half dozen years - everybody: moralewise, moneywise - and I really think we are at the point where it is going to happen."

Bosse said the Kings drew attention to a problem and she hoped other people around the state would pressure their legislators around the state.

"It (the donation) turned a lot of heads."

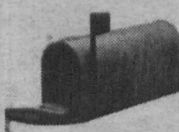
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wounded," Dana said. "We should approach drug use as a cradle-to-grave issue in this state. Our efforts have to be sustained and ongoing. We've got to reach out to youngsters. We've got to do more."

Bangor Police Department Officer Chris Stevens, who conducts DARE classes in the Bangor School Department, echoed Dana's wishes for long-term drug education. Stevens said that while there are DARE programs available for all educational levels, school systems seem to lack the time to implement them all.

"If I could keep a hand in it and see them every year, it would help a lot," Stevens said. "The continuity is so important."

Stevens said continued educational efforts would help sustain the level of drug awareness currently seen in the fifth grade, where DARE conducts its most intensive curriculum. Stevens recently started a basic DARE program for kindergarten students.

Dana, who with the help of the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy prepared the survey, said increases in smoking, marijuana use and alcohol use among students in grades six through 12 warrant a more intense focus to educate Maine youths. Dana included policy recommendations as part of his report to the Maine Office of Substance Abuse. Among the recommendations were the continuation of funding for prevention initiatives and a minimum punishment of a direct confrontation with the student's parent or guardian if the student is engaged in illegal drug use.

Results included in the study were obtained through an eight-page questionnaire given to 6,398 students, a number that represents approximately 6 percent of the student population between the grades of six and 12.

Dana said the large sample size makes the results reliable and worthy of attracting attention to Maine's drug problem.

According to the report, more Maine students are becoming acquainted with alcohol at an earlier age. Approximately 60 percent of all seventh graders, 70 percent of all eighth graders, 78 percent of ninth graders and 86 percent of all students in grades 10 through 12 have tried alcohol. The report also found that an increasing number of students at all grade levels surveyed have had one or more alcoholic beverages in the last 30 days.

Marijuana is an increasingly popular drug among Maine students, according to the report, which found that 50 percent of all students in grades 10 through 12 have used marijuana, and 29 percent of students in these grades have used marijuana in the last month.

Dana said the college students with marijuana dependence who seek consultation in his office are often faced with terrible problems. With bills currently in the Legislature designed to legalize marijuana for medicinal purposes, Dana said legalization would send mixed messages to the young people of Maine.

"I think with drugs with high abuse potential we have to be very careful," Dana said. "Once you begin making things more available, there's an unbelievable likelihood of it being abused. Right now, I'm not convinced."

Dana also questioned the motives of some of the proponents of legalization for medicinal purposes.

"I think that a lot of people who are pushing for the legalization of marijuana are looking for a way to use it," Dana said. "I don't think a lot of them are clear in their intent."

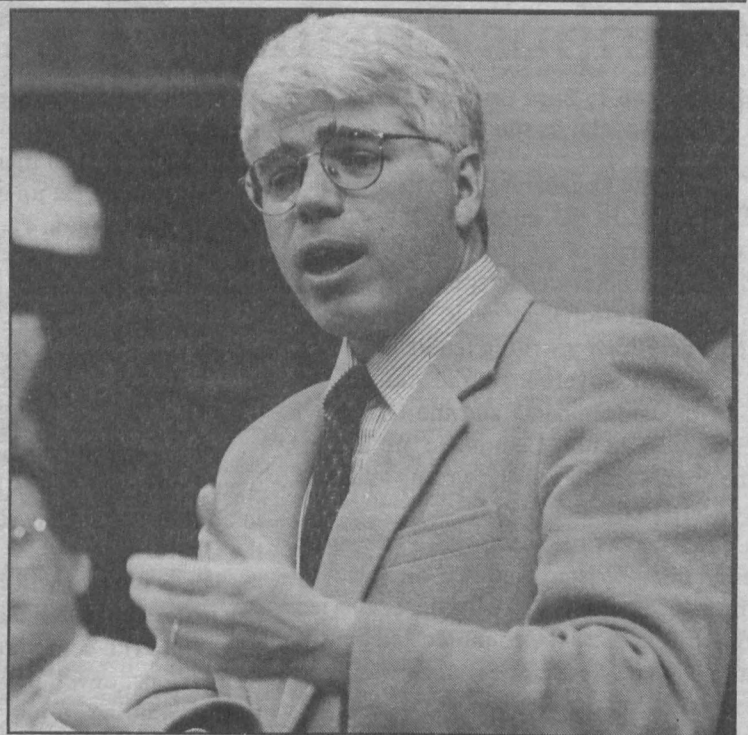
Parents can play a powerful role in ensuring their children don't choose to use drugs, Dana said. Among his recommendations, Dana said parents who smoke shouldn't do so in front of their children.

A father of three girls, Dana said it was important for parents to take a realistic outlook and, instead of lecturing, talk with their children about the facts of drug use. He said nearly all of the parents surveyed had high aspirations for their children, but they mistakenly believed that their children would initiate a conversation about their exposure to drugs.

"Parents, I think, are engaging in wishful thinking," Dana said. "Hope springs eternal, but we have to do more."

"Kids desperately want to talk about drugs with adults," he said. "If each of us talk to our children, and advocate for our children and then listen, we will begin making a very significant inroad into the problems of drugs in Maine."

Dana said he supported Gov. Angus King's proposed tax increase on cigarettes, and added that the state should also consider raising the tax on alcohol. Dana said tax



Dr. Robert Q. Dana presents the findings of his drug use study in Augusta Wednesday. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

increases such as these can result in a significant drop in use of cigarettes and alcohol. For every 10 percent tax increase, the state could expect a 4 percent drop in the use of the taxed substance, Dana said.

Maine is just like anywhere else when it comes to drug use among its teenagers, Dana said, and Maine teen-agers continue to lead the nation in tobacco use. According to the study, 50 percent of students have tried cigarettes and 68 percent of students in grades 10 through 12 have tried cigarettes once.

"We all believe at some level we live in happy valley," Dana said. "But Maine is not immune. It's a real place."

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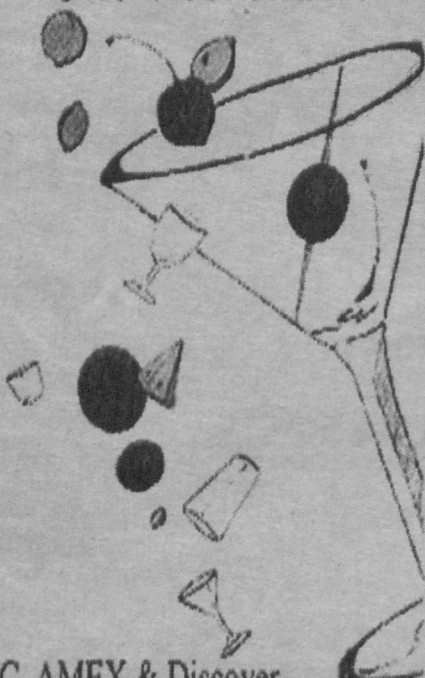
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National News

• Investigation

Senate issues subpoenas seeking fundraising information

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Senate panel voted to cast a dragnet of subpoenas today for documents about the Democratic Party fund raising and efforts to give big donors access to President Clinton at the White House.

The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee demanded documents from former Democratic National Committee fund-raiser John Huang and the Indonesian conglomerate where he worked before joining the Clinton administration, said Senate aides who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Subpoenas also sought information from a lengthy list of businessmen and lobbyists with ties to the White House, including Arkansas businessman C.J. Giroir, restaurateur Charles Yah Lin Trie,

lobbyist Pauline Kanchanalak and former White House aide Mark Middleton, aides said.

In separate votes, the panel agreed unanimously to issue 43 subpoenas. Another nine were voted out over Democratic objections and with partisan bickering. Democrats said they needed time to study the documents, and Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., the committee chairman, said the nine will not be issued until Wednesday.

The House investigation, meanwhile, is meeting some early resistance, with four key witnesses saying for now they won't volunteer documents.

The chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, said he would issue subpoenas in re-

sponse to the refusals to voluntarily cooperate by former Justice Department official Webster Hubbell, Trie, Middleton and Huang.

Barring any objections from Democrats, about 50 Senate subpoenas were expected to be issued today.

They include subpoenas for records of the Lippo Group, and 10 related corporate entities, the conglomerate where Huang worked before he became a high-level Commerce Department official, the sources said.

Still under discussion are subpoenas for documents from the DNC, the Republican National Committee as well as presidential campaigns of Clinton and his Republican challenger, former Sen. Bob Dole, Senate aides said.

There were no immediate plans to demand documents from the White House, but those under subpoena would be asked to produce any material on meetings with Clinton, Mrs. Clinton or attendance at White House functions, such as coffee klatches the DNC arranged for donors to meet the president, the aides said.

If Democrats object, the panel, which Republicans control by a 9-7 margin, could vote to issue the disputed subpoenas anyway.

Among other things, the panel wants to get information about telephone calls that Huang made to Lippo Group while at the Commerce Department, the aides said.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the House committee, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., voiced dismay about lack of cooperation.

"I am disappointed that these individuals, some of whom were high-ranking Clinton administration officials, have declined to cooperate with the committee," Burton said Wednesday.

The four witnesses' lawyers gave varying reasons for declining the committee's document request for the time being. They included concern about an ongoing criminal investigation and previous negative experiences with Congress.

The lawyer for Hubbell, a golfing bud-

dy of the president, wrote that his client had cooperated with an earlier Senate probe into Whitewater only to be referred later to prosecutors for possible perjury because of "alleged minor inconsistencies."

"Not surprisingly, he is disinclined voluntarily to participate in a new round of congressional investigations," attorney John Nields wrote.

The lawyer for Trie wrote that he would not cooperate at least until his "status in light of the criminal investigation is clarified."

Huang's attorney wrote that his client would like to strike an agreement for "full and complete cooperation" but that "circumstances currently do not permit Mr. Huang to produce" the requested documents or to submit to an interview.

Burton can issue the subpoenas without a committee vote. They are expected by week's end.

Besides the congressional investigations, a Justice Department task force is investigating whether any criminal violations occurred that may justify appointment of a special prosecutor.

Hubbell, who resigned in 1994 as associate attorney general over allegations he had overbilled law firm clients in Arkansas, on Wednesday finished the prison term he was serving on those charges.

In recent weeks, he has come under increased scrutiny for payments he received from the Indonesian-based Lippo Group between the time he stepped down from his Justice Department job and pleaded guilty.

Huang, former head of Lippo's U.S. operations, worked for 18 months in a top political job at Commerce before leaving there in 1996 to raise money for the Democratic Party.

Huang has broadly denied wrongdoing. But the Commerce Department recently asked its internal watchdog to investigate his conduct there. Congressional investigators want to know whether Huang did anything in his government job to assist Lippo.

• House approval

Family planning funds to be distributed internationally

WASHINGTON (AP) - Overcoming opposition from anti-abortion lawmakers, the House today approved the release of funds for international family planning programs.

In the first abortion test vote of the new Congress, the House by a 220-209 margin approved a resolution to begin providing \$385 million in overseas family planning funds on March 1. The Senate is to take up the measure soon.

Supporters of the bill won over many moderate Republicans by stressing that increased family planning aid could prevent millions of abortions.

"Indeed, the delay undermines U.S. efforts to promote child survival and actually increases the number of abortions worldwide," said Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Anti-abortion forces fought back later in the day when the House passed, by 231-194, a separate bill that ties the release of the funds to tighter restrictions on abortion.

But that bill, sponsored by Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., has little chance of surviving the Senate and would face a presidential veto.

Smith would restore the policy, in effect during the Reagan and Bush administrations, that bars money for groups that perform or promote abortion. It was revoked early in President Clinton's first term.

Lawmakers suspicious of the abortion-related activities of population control groups led efforts to slash family planning funding from \$547 million in fiscal 1995 to \$356 million in fiscal 1996.

Last fall, negotiations between the White House and GOP leaders over the fiscal 1997 budget nearly collapsed at the last moment when Clinton threatened to veto the package over language that restored the funding ban.

In a complicated compromise, anti-abortion language in a \$385 million budget was removed but the money was not made available until July 1, nine months into the fiscal year, and then was doled out month to month.

It also allowed Clinton to request that

the funds be released on March 1 if he certified that the delay was having a negative effect on programs. Earlier this month he did so, saying that the delay risked "a cost to humanity that we will bear well into the next century." Thursday's vote was to confirm that finding.

Smith, the House's leading opponent of abortion, offered a version that released all the money without the month-by-month restrictions but restored earlier anti-abortion language.

"We need to show the world we are ready to support education and other family practices but not at the expense of the innocent unborn," said Rep. Jim Bunning, R-Ky.

The United States is prohibited by a 1973 law from directly funding abortions overseas, but the Reagan administration at a 1984 international meeting in Mexico City took that a step beyond. It banned aid to family planning groups that perform abortions or promote abortions in foreign countries.

• Stock market

Dow Jones closes at record 7,000 Thursday

NEW YORK (AP) - The Dow Jones industrial average rose above 7,000 today for the first time with stocks advancing for a third straight session, yet another milestone in one of the most powerful bull markets in history.

A strong performance brought the 30-stock average as high as 7,015.12 this afternoon. As the day's session wound down, it was up 51.57 at 7,013.20.

The index crossed 6,000 only four months ago and its current historic lift followed a 104-point surge Wednesday, its fifth-biggest gain in points ever, and a 52-point run Tuesday.

Driving prices has been excitement among investors, who have continued to pour money into the market, about strong corporate earnings and data suggesting the economy is not overheated. That could trigger inflation, which would likely prompt the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates.

In fact, the Fed decided just two weeks ago against such a move. Higher rates are designed to slow the economy, which would tend to

reduce corporate profits. Profits, of course, are a primary driver of stock prices.

Also critical to the market's run, however, is overall psychology. Investors seem convinced the stock market can go nowhere but up, despite several stumbles so far this year.

"Unbridled greed and lust," said Stephen S. Roach, chief economist at Morgan Stanley & Co. "There is a conviction that we are in a perfect world, irrespective of any growth rate, where we will never again have any problem with inflation, Fed policy and interest rates."

Roach is somewhat skeptical that the good times will continue without pause. Many believe the economy's growth will eventually generate inflation and force the Fed to act.

For now, though, investors seem to be ignoring that likelihood. On Wednesday, a trade group reported that investors poured \$27 billion into stock and bond mutual funds last month, with the vast majority of that going into stock market.

Other market indicators also are at record levels. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index and the New York Stock Exchange composite index surged today beyond all-time highs reached Wednesday.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index remains a bit below its record, reached last month.

Nevertheless, the day's activity represents the continuation of the powerful bull market that has seen the Dow roar ahead with only minor pauses for more than six years. The average first hit 4,000 less than two years ago and a record close today would be its 12th new high this year.

So far in 1997, the Dow has advanced more than 8 percent.

The only major economic news released during today's rally was word from the government that retail sales rose 0.6 percent in January. That data tended to fall in line with the scenario of modest economic growth and low inflation.

Editorial

A description of leadership

The newly elected president and vice president of Student Government must address issues important to the students of the University of Maine, both creatively and, more importantly, actively. Too often, those in the executive branch of government are content to stay in the offices provided them and not communicate with the people who entrusted them with the responsibility that comes with leadership.

Leadership is not only serving on committees and making promises to improve the university, but taking the time to effectively communicate a vision to those whom this vision will affect. Action should not only be based on implied support of students because a candidate prevailed in an election. It must be based on the information that can only be compiled through executive-branch-initiated communication with students.

The will of students must be of primary concern to our newly elected officials. Student input must be solicited not because this editorial suggests it, but because it is truly in the forefront of the new administration's platform. Students must insist this is the prevailing mindset of Jenn Nelson and

Scott Morelli, the ticket chosen by the student body.

Nelson must work diligently to follow through with her promise to increase the number of minority faculty. To ensure faculty diversity, she must inspire a largely apathetic student body and convince its members of the immense advantage to be bestowed upon them if they are fortunate and motivated enough to insist they be allowed to experience true cultural diversity. Leaders must be eloquent and passionate to effectively inspire their followers.

Whatever our new president and vice president do, they must not look upon their opportunity as resume-building positions. They should realize that leaders are remembered for action and courage, they are not remembered for their ability to be cordial and agreeable for the university's upper tier, and they cannot be effective unless they represent a cohesive electorate with a strong voice.

Students should use this strong voice to make their wishes known, but dialogue must be initiated by those who have been given the opportunity to influence university policy.

Bangor's bomb scare

The Bangor City Council passed a commendable resolve this week to let state and Portland officials know how disappointed they were with the handling of pre-release candidate and self-described "ticking time bomb" Norman Dickinson. Portland residents voiced their concerns last month about Dickinson's stay in an area mental health crisis center and were quickly appeased. Without warning, Portland's concerns became Bangor's problem on Jan. 30 when the state transferred Dickinson to Bangor. Bangor City Manager Ed Barrett said he and Bangor Police Chief Randy Harrington learned about Dickinson's arrival on the nightly news, which shows Portland's eagerness to dispose of its problem and the lack of thought the state gave to how Bangor's residents would feel about having a kidnapper in the neighborhood.

The handling of the situation was terrible. Without notice of Dickinson's arrival at the Bangor Pre-Release Center, which is

near a residential area, Bangor police were not able to distribute photos and warn residents. To assure nothing like this happens in the future, the Bangor City Council voted to form an advisory committee similar to those found in other pre-release towns to work with the pre-release center and help alleviate community concerns ahead of time. Hopefully the state will contact Bangor's advisory board in the future before making rash decisions.

For now the Dickinson case may be a moot issue, as he is currently in Cumberland County Jail for possibly violating his parole when he smashed a television set at the Bangor pre-release center. That alone seems to attest to this man's instability and safety to those around him. But still the issue remains: Bangor should have been in the loop. Contrary to opinions held by those in the southern end of the state, Bangor is a heavily populated area whose residents should be treated with as much respect as Portland's.



Letters to the Editor

• Smear the gnu

To the Editor:

I am commenting on the Mr. Gnu cartoon Wednesday, Feb. 12. In the three-frame strip, ignorance and a lack of understanding of the positive aspect of diversity in society prevails.

The derogatory comment in the second frame fuels the fire for misunderstanding and prejudice. If *The Maine Campus* student newspaper will print negative cartoons toward "queers," What is next? Perhaps other cartoons will be printed that will depict other minorities that white males feel are inferior.

Ignorant attitudes start in early child development. For example, on the playground, "smear the queer" is often played. One boy becomes the "queer bait" and receives the ball. Such a situation contributes to a false sense of masculine identity and homophobia. Perhaps the "queers" should reverse the focus of the game — and look to the heterosexual male as "straight bait" in a game of violence and bru-

ality. Maybe then will the heterosexuals of this society realize that "queers" possess the same strengths and capabilities as "straights."

Thomas Hudgins
Orono

• Appreciative thanks

To the Editor:

Recently some students from the University of Maine completely surprised me with a very meaningful celebration at the Oronoka Restaurant. Since there is no way that I can identify and thank each of these students personally, I hope that this letter will convey my deepest appreciation.

In January 1957, while I was a student at Husson, my basketball coach got me a job at the Oronoka. Never could I imagine that I would spend the next four decades working at the Oronoka. Apparently, I mentioned to one UMaine student that this January marked my 40th year at the Oronoka. Leave it to the students to come up with

the unexpected.

On a recent Friday evening, I was overwhelmed by students who gave me so many beautiful roses, a huge cake, a card and a chef's hat covered with personal messages. These students even brought a band to add to the special celebration. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness to me.

This only confirms what I've known for the past 40 years. I feel lucky to have known thousands of UMaine students, to have seen them grow through their difficult times and through times of success and happiness, and to have been a part of so many meaningful experiences in their lives. I've regarded so many of the university students as if they were members of my own family. To have students who have been so kind to me over the years, I just want to convey my deepest feelings of appreciation.

Ellen Severance
Oronoka Restaurant

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OpEd

One real university, or none?

Richard Blanke

The following is a revised text of a statement made to the Board of Trustees at its Jan. 27, 1997, meeting.

The chancellor's World Wide Web homepage now includes a reference to "the seven universities" that supposedly comprise the University of Maine System. A harmless malapropism, perhaps. But it occurred to me that it might also be symptomatic of the University of Maine's current dilemma; to wit, that those in charge of the system may have no idea what a real university is like. Why else would they resort to terminology that subjects not just its authors, but the rest of us as well, to the ridicule of most members of the academic world in which we all work. (Question for the chancellor: If you count a dog's tail as a leg, how many legs does the dog have? Answer: four, because calling it so doesn't make it so.)

Unlike most faculty, I have attended a community college and a state college as well as a real university (and a real foreign university). I value each one, but I also appreciate the substantial differences between them, and will be happy to explain them to anyone who does not. To refer collectively, for example, to the several schools I have attended (L.A. Valley Junior College, San Fernando Valley State College and the University of California at Berkeley) as "three California universities" simply fails the straight-face test, although that is the logic of what the chancellor has devised for Maine.

Those who do know what a real university is like also know that the fundamental question before us is not whether Maine has *seven* "universities"—that's bureaucratic dreamland stuff—but whether this state is going to have *one* reasonably adequate and comprehensive land-grant university, *or* none at all. For the only institution in this state that can even pretend to satisfy the minimal definition of a real university and carry out its various functions is the University of Maine. It remains the one best hope, in many fields the only hope, that Maine people of above-average ability but modest financial resources have of acquiring the education and skills they will need to compete with graduates of private schools and the better-funded universities of other states for positions in a large number of challenging fields and in top graduate and professional schools.

But UMaine is in serious trouble. It is contracting, withering even, and it is doing so on your watch. And while some of the causes of its crisis may be beyond your control, others are not. How do you explain, for example, the fact that UMaine has lost at least 430 positions since 1990, including 80 faculty (and that's *before* the current wave of early retirements takes effect), while the rest of

the system has added about 140 positions, including a faculty position or two? How can one *not* conclude that the dire condition of this state's land-grant university is less a function of insufficient state funds overall than of their frittering away by a system-wide bureaucracy with a built-in tendency to bring Orono down to the level of the other campuses? And of a board of trustees that seems content to preside over the partial gutting of the state's flagship university while other units expand, proliferate and compound the system's superfluity.

For example, the Augusta campus continues its campaign for recognition as a baccalaureate-granting institution, despite the decision just a year or two ago that it join with other community college units in Bangor and Lewiston as the "Community College of Maine," despite the several outside reviews of the system which recommended precisely that course.

Is the current change of course a result of serious deliberations on your part? Do you really see a rationale, or detect some hidden groundswell of public demand, for yet another superfluous and necessarily mediocre four-year institution a mere 32 miles from an already established (and not exactly overcrowded) four-year college in Farmington? Or did this just happen—on your watch, but without your active participation? Is this yet another example of the unregulated "mission creep," ludicrous status inflation (cf. homepage), and bureaucratic self-service that have long been the hallmarks of this system? (One of you declared publicly not long ago that Augusta would become a four-year institution only over his dead body; but he's still on the board, and still alive.)

Related to this: you have really put UMaine President Frederick E. Hutchinson and those of us who supported his decision to separate University College Bangor from UMaine—in the interests of both parties and on grounds of their fundamentally different missions and character—in an awkward position. You let him give his personal assurance to UCB faculty that they had a more secure future as part of the Community College of Maine; that you had finally recognized the need for that level of instruction, which was best carried out in tandem with the other institutions of like character.

Instead, UCB finds that it has exchanged a sometimes awkward relationship with an established and reputable university a short distance away for and even more awkward relationship with a confused and unstable wannabe university 75 miles away, which seems determined, moreover, to use the Bangor campus as a sort of quarry to escape from its own financial problems (caused mainly by its own purposeless and unregulated growth over the years). As I see it, UCB faculty have every

reason to consider that they have been duped; if not by you personally, then on your watch.

Meanwhile, the public schools continue to pump out more and more graduates who cannot hope to perform at a real college level without the intermediary assistance that is provided in other states by community colleges. Maine clearly needs such institutions, whether or not faculty consider themselves too good to teach in them or administrators deign to preside over them. But what we do *not* need is yet another open-admissions community college (*de facto*) offering four-year programs of dubious quality and degrees that fail to impress the market (and now masquerading as a university); we have too many of those already.

I do not seek to malign the other campuses, and certainly not their student constituencies; nor do I deny their utility for some of Maine's students. But none of them, not all of them together, can take the place of the real university now under siege at Orono, or expect, in the foreseeable future, to replace the quality and scope of instruction that UMaine offers, or be of much utility or attraction to most of the students who now come to UMaine. Is this not clear to you? If so, why are you not doing more to prevent the development of a two-class system of higher education in Maine, where all the good schools are private, attended mainly by the wealthy, while the various units of the UMS move toward an equality in mediocrity.

Actually, this state provides reasonably well for its average-to-below-average students: they have a choice of eight campuses, counting Lewiston and Bangor; the vocational "colleges" (status inflation again!) are pretty well supported; and students from wealthy families, whether bright or dull, always seem to find a place at this or that private college. That leaves one particular kind of Maine student: the student of above-average ability but average-to-below-average means, the group upon which this state's future chiefly depends, a group that has no realistic alternative to its land-grant university, the group that is hurt most by its slippage. Check the widely used Princeton Review's Guide to the Best Colleges. Unimpressed by your references to "the seven universities," it lists only one unit of the UMS among the several hundred schools in Maine itself: four of these are private and very expensive, the fifth is UMaine.

I want to emphasize that the exasperation that fuels these remarks has no personal grounds, it is due entirely to what I see happening to my university. No one likes to devote his career to an institution, especially one as vital to Maine's future as this one, only to see it in worse shape than when he arrived. And since you have official responsibility for this university, I can't help directing some of

Hard to Take

Inhumane society

James Wright

Dog is man's best friend. Loyal and loving, yet totally dependent on the care and responsibility of its owner to provide food, shelter and attention.

Some people, many of whom live in this state and in your community, are completely unclear on this crucial concept. Animal abuse by pet owners in the state of Maine is rearing its ugly head and is making the news on almost a daily basis.

Animal shelters and humane societies are filling their cages and kennels with hundreds of unwanted, unhealthy and uncared for dogs and cats. However, some of these unfortunate creatures never get the chance to find a second home or even a decent "sleep." Take a look at what's happening in Maine, the way life should be:

Two weeks ago, seven retriever puppies were abandoned in a stream in Stetson, just down the road from here. When it happens in a Tom and Jerry cartoon it's one thing, but this type of criminal behavior happens more than we'd like to admit. Four of the puppies didn't survive the night. Only about six weeks old each, none of the survivors would have stood a chance if someone hadn't rescued them.

A couple from Meddybemps in Washington County last week had 16 dogs seized from them and taken to the Bangor Humane Society. Two of the puppies died from malnutrition and dehydration, 12 others were kept and only two were allowed to go back to their neglectful owners. All of the dogs were reportedly tied to posts in the back yard all day long.

Two neighboring landowners in Aroostook County have been feuding for years. One is a nature lover, the other an avid sportsman, hunter, trapper. The latter decided to illegally set a trap near his house where his neighbor's dog was prone to

wander. The trap closed on the dog's neck, killing it instantly. Whether the act was intentional or not is up to a higher authority. Wardens have responded by revoking the man's trapper's license, but no criminal charges have been filed yet.

These incidents have all taken place in February alone, which is only half way through. This reported behavior has not been a stranger to the local news pages or the "Big Story" on Channel 2. It's happening in our back yards.

A dog remains tied to its dog house during the daytime hours just down the street from where I live. The last time I checked it was not trying out for the local Iditorod sled dog race. At least he's not totally ignored; I think his name is "You Stupid Mutt!"

This utter neglect and disrespect for life is only accentuated by the extreme temperatures of these winter months when even we are afraid to go outside, much less stay chained to a post with only a frozen bowl of ice to lick.

A pet is not something to have around at your convenience or as a means to meet girls. Pets require more love and attention than most pet owners are willing to provide. Pet owners should have pets for the right reasons, not just because it's a cool thing to do.

As of now, there are no strict penalties for animal neglect. The growing problem in the state, however, may change lawmakers' minds when faced with animal abusers whose violent tendencies don't always stop at cats and dogs.

Animal abuse is not just found at large corporations and medical testing laboratories anymore. The real problem lies within our communities and our neighbors. Remember that when you're looking for a new best friend.

James Wright is a senior journalism major.

that displeasure at you. It's time for you to become more activist, more "hands-out"; we cannot afford trustees who are mere spectators, who view their appointment as a personal honor and sinecure. We need Trustees less willing to defer to journeyman administrators from who-knows-where, and more prepared to ride herd over them; they are not bad people (though higher education administration does have its kakistocratic aspect), but they do have their own interests and occupational values, which correspond only coinci-

dentally with the interests of Maine's taxpayers and academically talented students, who rely upon *you* for their defense. Finally, we need Trustees who understand that, while they are basically free to do whatever they will, their stewardship of this state's land-grant university will be judged one day: by history. And at the moment, it's hard to see how one can look forward to that verdict with a great deal of confidence.

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Entertainment

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Friday, February 14

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Every Aquarian wants to change the world — it is part of your astrological birthright — but not every Aquarian gets the chance. You however, can make a real difference over the next 12 months, not only in your present environment but in areas you know little or nothing about — yet.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Be as bold as you like today. Planetary influences suggest there is nothing you can't do and no one you cannot coerce to do your bidding. Today is St. Valentine's day — if you have romance in mind you are going to top the popularity stakes.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You have been struggling to get things accomplished over the last few weeks. Having achieved your goals, you feel as if there is nothing left to do — there isn't — so go out with someone you haven't seen for a while and let go of your worries.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Speak your mind and don't worry if your words appear offensive. Only those who have something to hide will be annoyed — everyone else is on your side. The truth may be painful, but it will always come out in the end. You don't need to wait for the end — you have to reveal it now.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You have been worrying about something to do with your family or financial situation, but if it has forced you to act then it must be positive. The consequences of your actions will be clear for all to see today. Open your eyes: They aren't as bad as you thought they would be.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You will go to extremes today: Caution means nothing to you. The planets are combining in spectacular fashion and you, more than most, will benefit from the extra energy and enthusiasm they bring. An intimate relationship is about to become even more exciting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Is there conflict in your life? Of course there is — it's nothing new. What is new, however, is that you now have the courage to go to the root of the problem rather than avoid doing something constructive. Some tough decisions are called for today. You're tough enough to make them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): This week has been a test of sorts. Now that the tests are finished, sit back and let it all hang out. First go to the store and buy some milk and gelatin. Enjoy these delectable goods as a true Libran does.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): If you have been patient and not done anything silly, then you should now be able to change a negative situation into a positive one. A planetary aspect suggests that what you have been planning in secret can now be unleashed upon the world.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You will be a law unto yourself today: Whatever you want you are liable to take, regardless of what it does to your reputation. At some stage in the future, however, the roles will be reversed and someone will be taking from you. Everything evens itself out in the end.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You can't aim too high today. Almost anything you desire is yours for the asking. Too many times in the past you have allowed good opportunities to slip away because you were scared to take advantage of them, but not this time. You deserve to be a success. So be one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Combined influences mean you are about to take a leading role in some kind of group or society. You have had enough of those who do nothing but talk; it is time for some serious action. Make sure it's positive action too, or it could have worrying results.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You will be called upon to make an important decision today, a decision that will in some way transform your worldly ambitions. You won't become less ambitious — you may even become more — but the focus of your ambitions will change. You are about to find something that really inspires you.

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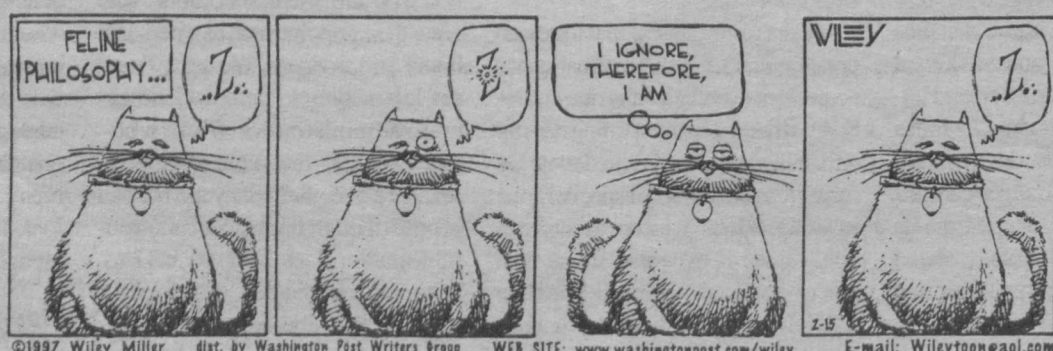
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Saturday, February 15

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You know what you must do, so do it. If you need a little extra help tell everyone you know about your plans. You will get so fed up with them asking you how you are getting on that it might just get you started — and that's the hardest part.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Planetary activity marks an ending of some sort, but it doesn't have to be a negative event. All things move on, and relationships are no exception. What you gain this weekend will be twice as valuable as what you leave behind. There is no need for sorrow.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Aim for your highest ideal this weekend, even if friends and relatives tell you it is a waste of time because it doesn't pay enough. Money is of secondary importance now — what matters is that you are happy. If you are happy, you will draw to you all the material things you need.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You are being denied access in one area of your life because you should be focusing on something else. Travel and social plans are likely to be disrupted this weekend but don't get angry. Something will catch your attention, and you will be off in a new direction.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You may not understand why someone you admire is being obstructive, but you suspect it is because he/she is being put under pressure by someone else. Make things easy for that person — don't make a big issue of it. The more you push for an explanation the less likely you are to get it.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): It is said that you can't run away from your troubles, but why should you want to when they are so easy to deal with? Don't neglect to ask others for advice. A fresh pair of eyes and ears may be able to see and hear things you have missed. A problem shared is a problem halved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): If you can't do the things you want to do this weekend — most likely because you don't have the money — you should be thanking your lucky stars not blaming them. If you get yourself even more in debt it may be quite a few weekends before you are allowed to enjoy your free time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Identify your top priority and focus on it exclusively. If you allow your attention to wander you will fall behind. If you fall behind you won't catch up until midway through next week. A major push now means you will have time to spare, and enjoy, over the next few weeks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): You like to be in control — of yourself and others — but you are smart enough to know there are occasions when the more you try to direct things the more out of control they will get. This is one of them. Loved ones and family members must be allowed to do their own thing today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Planetary influences will affect the way you think and communicate. New ideas and theories will interest you this weekend. Study them carefully and they could change your life.

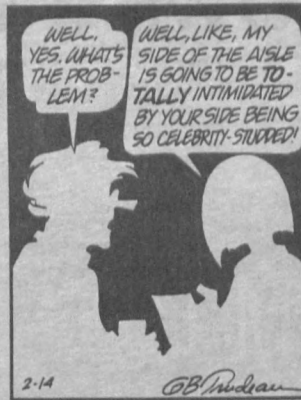
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You may be a creature of habit, but once you have made up your mind to move in a new direction you don't hang around. You know you need to transform your financial situation. You know the best time to act is now. Make a smart move this weekend — you will be richer for it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You have got too much of one thing and not enough of another. The thing you've got too much of you don't really want, and the thing you haven't got enough of you desire more than anything else. You only have to attack one end of this problem — the other end will adjust automatically.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You may be torn between insight and necessity this weekend, but you know which is more important. Take care of your spiritual needs and your material needs will follow — that is the way of the world. Both the good things and the bad things you do will always come back to you.

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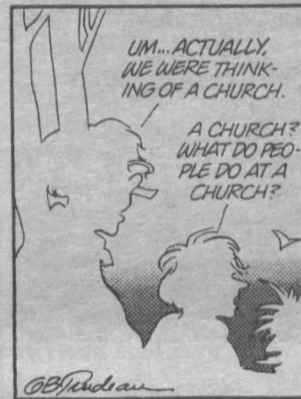
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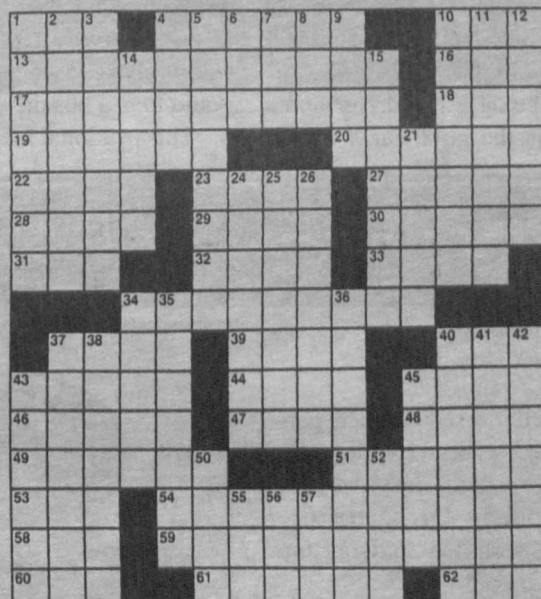


New York Times Daily Crossword No. 0920

- ACROSS**
- 1 "How revolting!"
- 4 Roman road
- 10 Pugilists' org.
- 13 Purchasing agent's job
- 16 Gee's opposite
- 17 Flowerlike marine creatures
- 18 Where the C.S.A. was organized
- 19 Cherry
- 20 With greater rainfall
- 22 Has — (knows somebody)
- 23 Angel's dread
- 27 Like a highway
- 28 Settlements
- 29 Tear apart
- 30 1990 Best Actor
- 31 Lapse
- 32 Standout
- 33 Elects
- 34 Margays, e.g.
- 37 "... bring forth —": Matt. 1:23
- 39 Woeful word
- 40 Year in Septimius Severus's reign
- 43 Muffler
- 44 Soft rock
- 45 King of clubs?
- 46 Up (to)
- 47 Flirtatious one
- 48 Singers Shannon and Reeves
- 49 Pen
- 51 Theorize
- 53 French biography
- 54 Champion
- 58 Afore
- 59 Bit of theatricality
- 60 Cherry
- 61 Prompt
- 62 Some A.L. batters
- DOWN**
- 1 Gentrified
- 2 Like some grass, in a phrase
- 3 Less fresh
- 4 Phoenix five
- 5 Amphibian with sticky feet
- 6 "Losing My Religion" band
- 7 Latin trio member
- 8 Retreat
- 9 De novo
- 10 Étagère
- 11 Whalebones
- 12 Grants
- 14 Doris Shannon novel — "Daughters"
- 15 Old Possum, really

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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LESSER YRS GUFF
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IPECAC EASILY
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Puzzle by Jim Page

- 21 They're saved for a rainy day
- 24 Striped
- 25 Transparent sheet
- 26 Sheet fabric
- 34 It's read on Saturday
- 35 Some drafts
- 36 Attributed
- 37 Pick up
- 38 Browned, in a way
- 40 Spiked
- 41 Operator of the Palomar Observatory
- 42 Stays, e.g.
- 43 "Miracle Mets" pitcher
- 45 Turn — ear to
- 50 Stagnates
- 52 Brave
- 55 Hip-hop music
- 56 T-shirt size: Abbr.
- 57 Common middle name

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Style & the Arts

• Book review

Lehrer shows a different side in latest novel

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

When you think of Jim Lehrer, you probably think of the stuffy anchor of a nightly PBS news program. You probably don't think of an accomplished writer who has written 10 novels, two works of non-fiction and three plays, but that is exactly what Lehrer is.

His latest novel, "White Widow" (Random House, \$21), is partly based on his experience working as a Trailways bus line ticket agent while he attended Victoria College in Victoria, Tex.

The novel, set in 1956, focuses on the life of On Time Jack T. Oliver, a bus driver for the Great Western Trailways company, whose regular route runs from his hometown of Corpus Christi to Galveston, usually back and forth in a day, but with an occasional nightly stop-over.

Jack is about to achieve the rank of master operator, which requires 12 years of accident-free driving and "an exemplary record of attention to duty." The main difference between being a bus driver and a master operator is the gold star a master

operator gets to wear on his hat.

In fact, every aspect of Jack's life is going along just fine, with little variance, which is fine with Jack. He is married to

Loretta, the first girl he ever had sex with, and they live for putting up their Christmas decorations each year. Every Friday, when he returns from his final run of the week, Loretta cooks meat loaf and then they have sex.

There is little change in Jack's life until, one Friday, a white widow boards his bus. A white widow is "any mysterious, beautiful, perfect woman passenger who was probably not available. A black widow only better." She is a mystery; Jack doesn't know

her, but for some inexplicable reason, Jack falls in love with her.

From that point on, Jack's life takes a drastic change for the worse. He can't stop thinking about his white widow, who he calls Ava because of her resemblance to Ava Gardner. He looks for her on his bus every Friday and fantasizes about her when he has sex with his wife. He has conversations with her in his head, mostly about whether she could love a bus driver.

This irrational love detracts from Jack's

driving ability. Suddenly, On Time Oliver is running six to nine minutes late every Friday. This doesn't go unnoticed, but Jack always has an excuse ready. At one point, he even sabotages his own bus so he'll have a few more minutes to try to speak to "Ava."

After the sabotage, Jack's life follows a downward path, leading to his losing everything, including his white widow.

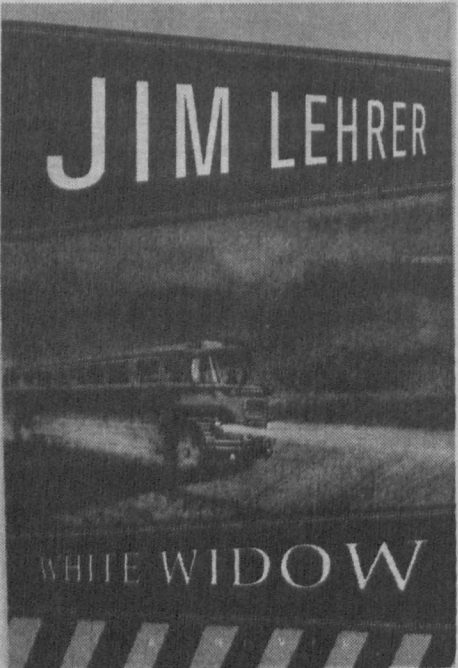
Lehrer does an exceptional job of getting inside the head of a man who is following an irrational path but doesn't seem to realize it until it's too late. To Jack, the whole situation isn't so extraordinary. At times he wonders what he's doing, but he slips back into his fantasy world and everything is all right again.

Lehrer has created in Jack Oliver a Walter

Mitty-esque character who prefers to deal with things in an escapist fantasy fashion. As long as he can be with Ava in his head, nothing else matters.

Excellent foreshadowing allows the reader to sense the trouble Jack will get himself into, but be powerless to do anything but continue to turn pages until that trouble manifests itself. By then, of course, the reader will want to continue, to find out what Jack's life will be like after his fall.

Judging by this novel, Lehrer is an expert storyteller who knows how to hook readers and keep them hooked. This is a short novel, 211 pages, which is a good thing, as it can be read in one sitting. If it were any longer, the effect of the suddenness of Jack's descent would be lost.



• Off the beaten path

A few ways to bring romance home

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

In keeping with the season, it being Feb. 14 and all, this week's theme is romance films. Not all of them specifically center on romance, but there's definitely love in the air of each.

While this may seem like an easy genre to nail, it was difficult to pare down to the usual ten, but here they are, in the customary alphabetical order:

"An Affair to Remember" (1957): This quintessential romance movie is actually a remake of 1939's "Love Affair." Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr agree to meet at the top of the Empire State building after meeting aboard a cruise ship. Kerr is involved in an accident on her way to the meeting, leaving Grant wondering. All works out in the end. This film was paid homage to in "Sleepless in Seattle."

"The African Queen" (1951): Set during the beginning of World War I, this adventure-romance is one of the finest films ever made. Humphrey Bogart is a steamboat pilot who brings supplies to small African villages. The sister of a dead missionary (Katherine Hepburn)

travels down river with him and they develop from adversaries to lovers as they battle the elements and the Germans. Bogart won the only Academy Award of his career for this film.

"Breakfast at Tiffany's" (1961): Holly Golightly (Audrey Hepburn) is a small-town girl trying to make it in New York City. She lives on money men give her. Her downstairs neighbor, a writer named Paul Varjak (George Peppard) is intrigued by Holly, whose aged husband (Buddy Ebsen) has come to try to bring his wayward wife home. A relationship develops between Holly and Paul with the obligatory happy ending.

"Ghost" (1990): Supernatural story of a murdered man (Patrick Swayze), whose love for his surviving wife (Demi Moore) transcends the boundaries of the spiritual world. He works through a storefront psychic (Whoopi Goldberg in an Oscar-winning role) to warn his wife that she's in danger and to enjoy one final moment with her before he enters the afterlife.

"The Goodbye Girl" (1977): A young actor from Chicago (Richard Dreyfuss in

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ARTIST OF THE WEEK

By Hélène Farrar
Maine Campus staff

Brendan Reilly, a senior music performance major, has been creating music since he was a child. Inspired by a Bangor Symphony Orchestra performance, Reilly started studying the violin at six years old.

Currently, his involvement in performing music has escalated into a busy schedule of practice and performance. On top of individual practice two hours each day, he plays with the following five musical groups: University of Maine Orchestra, Chiaband, Somethin' Simple (Jazz Combo), University of Maine Symphonic Band and Chamber Music.

Reilly focuses on playing the acoustic bass, but can also be seen playing the bass guitar and tuba. Through these instruments, he enjoys producing jazz, classical and rock n' roll music.

"Music has always amazed me, and I'd like to amaze others," Reilly said. "It's all about ears and brains, stirring and motivating others to get them excited about the music."

Anatole Wieck, associate professor of music, explained Reilly's ability to become an advanced acoustic bass player in less than a year was a result of "intelligent and efficient practicing, fo-



Artist of the week Brendan Reilly.
(Stef Bailey Photo.)

cus, natural talent and a high level of concentration." Wieck also said Reilly's expressive playing is a result of his technical ability and musical ideas.

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

From the home office at Beta Theta Pi

The Top Ten Signs You Are Going to Have a Bad Valentine's Day

- 10) The closest thing you get to a Valentine's card is a subpoena.
- 9) The events of the evening consist of splitting a burger at the Bear's Den and a make-out session in the stacked periodicals.
- 8) Your boyfriend is so cheap that he breaks up with you prior to all gift-giving holidays.
- 7) Just prior to opening your gift from your boyfriend, he says proudly, "You would not believe how many Happy Meals I had to eat to get that."
- 6) The money that was earmarked for flowers and dinner got spent because he had to buy a dry erase marker at the bookstore.
- 5) She screams out someone else's name... during dinner.
- 4) He tells you, "We'll go out as soon as I hear back from Ed McMahon."
- 3) You get a union expansion Valentine's Day... "So, do you want to stay in and watch a movie or do you want to stay in and watch a movie?"
- 2) Your boyfriend's idea of being romantic is mentioning you in his Top Ten List... Jane Maranhas.
- 1) Your man is a little confused and insists that you go to Alford to help set the record.

• Kollege Kult Klassics Korner

'Mosquito' will suck you in

By Monique Gibouleau
Maine Campus staff

They're ugly. They suck blood. They swarm all over in summer. And now, they're huge. You guessed it — mosquitoes.

Though perhaps a pretty weird idea for a horror flick, these big bloodsuckers will really suck you into a truly terrible film. With some of the most graphic and just downright disgusting and painful special effects, you'll find that "Mosquito" will have you scratching your way into the couch.

The basic deal reads like a tragically bad X-files episode: A spacecraft crash lands in a state park swamp, witnessed by an elderly farm couple (who, I might add, we never see again...hmmm) The definitive shot shows the top of the craft open with one delicate green-gray arm with little suckers on the ends of its fingers, sticking out. Naturally, it being the woods and all, those heartless little skeeters head for an easy meal. Yum.

When a young couple (one, coincidentally, a recent college zoology grad) hits something very big with the car, they look at the remains, which the zoo grad, Meg, decides is a big bug. Naturally, like any dedicated student, she wants to take it back to the lab. Inconveniently for all of us, the proboscis of the mosquito has punctured the radiator, rendering the trip to the lab an impossible one.

Soon come far too many very graphic scenes of people being massacred by giant mosquitoes. Honestly, these guys must have

had a real budget. Why they didn't just bother to make a *real movie* is beyond me. Anyway, all editorializing aside, they went all out with the blood packs.

This movie has just about everything, from gripping drama as a man fights the giant mosquito about to kill him (through the eyeball, I might add — the first of several traumatic death scenes. Another is right through a bare naked bum, and golly didn't *that* one look uncomfortable. And the one where the guy's eyeballs pop as he gets sucked dry, now that's a good one too...hmmm, lunch still good? You sure? You're a little green, sort of the color of the teeth of all the victims...sorry. I'll stop, I'll stop.)

Anyway, as everyone else is getting killed, our merry cast of characters has come to include a guy who works for some astronomers or something, looking for meteors. So he's trying to find one, wandering with his Geiger counter, listening for radioactive meteor materials though the woods, unaware of the lurking, buzzing evil. And a couple of bank robbers who resemble failed militiamen, as well as one surviving park ranger. Oh, and a Winnebago called "the Paddy Wagon," but it gets broken, so it's only sort of a hero, but then it *is*, after all, a Winnebago, and you just have to love the Winnebago in a film like this, because it seems sort of like some kind of political allegory and...oh, yeah, anyway...

So they're basically trying to get out of

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his Oscar-winning role) and a divorcee (Marsha Mason) each claim to be the rightful tenants of a New York apartment in Neil Simon's adaptation of his play. As they struggle to cope with each other (Dreyfuss has money and Mason doesn't), they grow closer with the help of Mason's 10-year-old daughter.

"Love Story" (1970): Big-screen adaptation of Erich Segal's best-selling novel stars Ryan O'Neal and Ali MacGraw as unlikely sweethearts from Harvard and Radcliffe who marry and face the tragedy of a sudden illness. The film builds up to an emotional ending that will move even the hardest of hearts.

"Romeo and Juliet" (1936, 1954, 1968 and 1996): What romance list would be complete without this Shakespearean classic? Which one you prefer depends on availability and style. All but the most recent are traditional adaptations, with the 1996 version updated to a modern-day setting, but with the original language.

"Sabrina" (1954 and 1995): In the older version, Humphrey Bogart and William Holden play the serious and the playboy sons of a businessman. Audrey Hepburn is their chauffeur's daughter, who initially loves Holden, but falls for Bogart, who changes his business-minded ways. The newer version puts Harrison Ford and Greg Kinnear in the Bogart and Holden roles, and Julia Ormond in the Hepburn role.

"When Harry Met Sally" (1989): Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan star as two people who meet in 1977 in college and share a ride to New York. They become good friends and struggle to keep their relationship from becoming romantic. It

takes them 12 years to finally get together and marry. The movie expresses some interesting ideas about communication and relationships between men and women. And who can forget the diner scene?

"Wuthering Heights" (1939): Classic adaptation of Emily Bronte's novel about repressed love between members of different social classes. Laurence Olivier stars as Heathcliff, Merle Oberon as Catherine and David Niven as Edgar Linton, who Cathy marries over Heathcliff, to whom she had pledged her love. Olivier is excellent as the scorned lover who marries Linton's sister out of spite.

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• People

Cosby not a good cook; King talks about fears

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — "Evita" director Alan Parker, snubbed in this year's Oscar nominations, says the movie's reception in Argentina is what really matters.

"This is the most important country for me," he told reporters Thursday. "I hope everybody likes it."

"Evita" premieres in Argentina next week.

During last year's filming in Buenos Aires, Parker and his cast were given a frosty reception by some who opposed Madonna playing the part of Argentina's be-

loved former first lady.

Madonna, who proclaimed herself Academy Award-worthy for her starring role, was denied a nomination Tuesday. The film also was passed over in the best picture and best director categories, but won nominations for art direction, cinematography, sound, original song and film editing.

"It's a strange organization and it's not the first time this has happened to me," Parker said. "You've got to be philosophical about these things."

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Cosby proved something during a television cooking dem-

onstration — he serves up jokes better than dinner.

The comedian, whose only son was slain last month, fulfilled a longstanding date to do the cooking spot on Thursday's "Fox After Breakfast" show.

Cosby actually did less cooking than wisecracking while a romantic fish dish was prepared around him in the kitchen of a restaurant he frequents, Ennio & Michael's.

"This is all looking very difficult," Cosby observed. "We're talking about a person who has never really cooked before, trying to do this."

"So they take two extra minutes," said one of the chefs.

"And FOUR extra fish!" Cosby quipped.

NEW YORK (AP) — What scares Stephen King?

The best-selling frightmeister said in a

CBS "60 Minutes" interview that he fears people imitating the horrifying scenarios in his books — particularly a 1977 book titled "Rage."

"If there's anything that I regret in my career, it's publishing the novel 'Rage,'" King said in the interview airing Sunday. "Never crossed my mind at the time, but it's a story about — I mean — I'm even hesitant to speak of it."

In the book, written under King's pseudonym Richard Bachman, a disturbed high school student brings a gun to school, kills his teacher and holds his classmates hostage.

"Since then, several kids have killed teachers or held classes hostage who apparently had read that book," King said. "One kid in Lexington, Kentucky, had read the book several times."

• Procreation

Michael Jackson's a daddy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The King of Pop has an heir.

Michael Jackson became a father early Thursday when his wife, Deborah Rowe Jackson, gave birth to a boy.

The whirling dervish of pop music was in the delivery room for the arrival of the Glove Child — whose name, weight and length weren't revealed.

Elizabeth Taylor, the child's godmother, had planned to be there. But she came down with the flu and couldn't participate, a source told The Associated Press.

The Jackson camp was mum about the arrival, which took place about 1 a.m. at

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. A hospital source, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the birth to the AP. Ms. Rowe delivered without complications, the source said, adding: "Everyone's OK and healthy."

Hospital spokesman Ron Wise said the Jacksons, with their newborn, left the hospital about 8 a.m., destination unknown.

Jackson, 38, announced in November that Ms. Rowe, a 37-year-old nurse who worked with dermatologist, was six months pregnant with his child. They wed later that month. Jackson and his first wife, Lisa Marie Presley, divorced earlier last year.

Rumors that a Jackson baby was about to make its debut — Valentine's Day was the due date — sent the news media scurrying to the hospital.

Reporters, photographers and fans gathered Wednesday and Thursday for news and a chance glimpse of the newest Jackson, his famous father and his mother. Extra security guards were called in to keep away infiltrators.

"I've never seen anything like it," Wise said.

A photo of the Jacksons and son would fetch big bucks from the tabloids.

"If it's good quality, a shot of Jacko, Debbie and the baby — where we could see the baby's face — it could bring \$500,000," said National Enquirer editor Steve Coz.

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Clifford Ball, which featured a multitude of performers, craftsman, artists, acrobats, puppeteers, and drew a number of UMaine students to the small New York town.

Ben McGraw, a senior animal science major, went to last year's Plattsburg show and said that if he was in Maine this summer he would probably go to Limestone.

"It was just a sea of people," McGraw said of the Clifford Ball. "It was a pretty laid-back atmosphere."

Jess Smith, a junior human development major, also attended the Plattsburg concert, calling those who went a close-knit community.

"It was a lot like a commune in that there were tents upon tents," Smith said. "Everybody was in really good spirits and the scene was pretty decent."

Tickets will be available in mid- to late March, according to Werlin, whose company decided on Loring after looking for a decommissioned air base and viewing Loring's World Wide Web site.

Brian Hamel, president of the Loring Development Authority, said the concert would be a positive event for the



Phish: (L to R) Page McConnell, Trey Anastasio, John Fishman, and Mike Gordon. (Courtesy Photo.)

area both economically and culturally.

"In addition to the significant revenue stream that the concert will provide the LDA, as well as to the local communities though the purchase of products and services, Loring will receive national and international brand-name recognition as a result of the band's popularity and strong following," Hamel said. "It is clearly a win-win situation for everyone involved, and will assuredly be a memorable event that we will all be proud of."

Mosquito

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the woods alive. Which was working pretty well (and trust me, were we cheering for their escape) until the mosquitoes rendered the Paddy Wagon mostly useless. No, completely useless. I'm just in denial.

In the end, it's just their wits against the mosquitoes (who, at least, when it comes to wits, have a certain advantage). In the final confrontation between mosquito and man, you'll at least feel like it was all worth it to watch people blow four-foot mosquitoes to

bits with shotguns. Because, really, isn't that what we all dream of for about six months anyway? And after this movie, you'll likely count your blessings that here, they're only little ones.

Take a look at the wonderfully awful "Mosquito." It's one of those films that sucks, in kind of a good way. Man against nature. What a theme. Besides, it'll only cost you 50¢ if you split it four ways and it is well, well worth that.

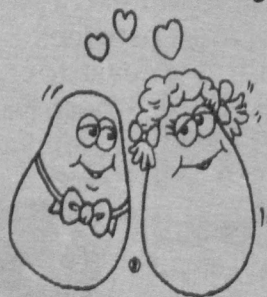
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• Appeals

NCAA denies Maine's appeal of penalties

Post-season ban, reduction of football scholarships upheld by Appeals Committee

Appeals

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"(Thursday's) announcement by the NCAA brings an end to a very difficult period for the entire university community," Hutchinson said. "Though disappointing, the Appeals Committee's decision to accept the arguments presented last November by the Infractions Committee adds nothing new to what had previously been said or known, except closure."

Maine filed its appeal in September and has played the waiting game until Thursday's ruling. This is the final step in the process and it has now come to an end.

"The decision is over; that is the best way to sum it up," said UMaine Director of Athletics Suzanne Tyler. "That monkey on our back or bird on our shoulder kept saying, 'NCAA, NCAA.' Now we can just move forward."

For the second straight year the UMaine hockey team will have to sit out the NCAA Tournament as a result of the penalties.

Tyler also said that she had spoken to both Shawn Walsh and head football coach Jack Cosgrove and neither were expecting to win the appeal.

"I've spoken to both of the coaches and they pretty much knew it was coming," Tyler said. "They approached it with their teams that if they won the appeal it would be a bonus."

Walsh, in a statement made through the university, said he was disappointed with the ruling, but is ready to move forward.

"Of course I'm disappointed, but at the same time I'm relieved that it is over," Walsh said. "Even though our appeal was accurate and well written, at no time did I feel we would win the appeal."

In the appeal, UMaine officials had alleged that the penalties were excessive



Dr. Suzanne Tyler. (Page File photo.)

and inappropriate.

President Hutchinson said the athletic department appealed the penalties because they were seen as unfair to the university.

"We addressed the issues of fairness - fairness to students and programs," Hutchinson said. "We felt we were being treated unfairly and too harshly under the rules of the NCAA."

"I thought we had at least a 60-40 chance," Tyler said. "It's a relief it's over and Maine athletics will be better for going through this."

With the decision on the appeal, the final chapter in what seemed to be an endless saga has come to a close.

"I regret the concern and anxiety the last three years have created both on campus and off," Hutchinson said. "While we will always remember the adversity this university experienced, it is just as important to remember how the university responded to that adversity: with candor, and with a spirit of accountability to the NCAA and to our students, faculty, staff, alumni and to the people of Maine."

Hockey team takes final six games as its playoffs; not surprised by ruling

By Scott Martin
Maine Campus Staff

It was business as usual, but there was something different this time around.

As the University of Maine hockey team boarded the bus to Amherst for this weekend's game with UMass, it knew it had a hockey game to play. It also knew the NCAA had just denied the university's appeals against its ban on postseason play. With that announcement, the Black Bears' playoffs began.

"Our 'playoffs' will begin Friday," said Maine hockey coach Shawn Walsh in a statement released by the university Thursday afternoon. "We have five games left in nine days, including three games against teams in the top four in the country here at Alford. While many other teams will have their playoffs in March, ours will be three weeks earlier."

Players expressed relief as well as disappointment about the decision. The team has been waiting for a ruling since September when the university first filed its appeal.

"We knew this was coming," senior Dan Shermerhorn said. "It's kind of a relief. It's the end of a saga that we weren't sure what was going to happen."

Shermerhorn, along with three other

seniors, will end their college hockey careers Mar. 1 with a game against UMass-Amherst. Trevor Roenick, who was a fourth-round draft choice of the Hartford Whalers, has no regrets about his senior year.



Trevor Roenick.
(File Photo.)

"I came to school (this year) with that in mind, that we weren't going to play," Roenick said. "I made my decision to come play at the University of Maine this year knowing that we weren't going to play in the tournament."

For the seniors, it is a chance to finish their college hockey careers and possibly move on to pro careers. Roenick is the only senior who has been drafted, but Shermerhorn said playing pro is a possibility.

"This opens a lot of doors. As seniors we have a lot of decisions to make," Shermerhorn said. "A lot of things are up in the air. My degree comes first; I want to get that first. Hopefully, those doors (to pro hockey) will open up."

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• Women's hoops

Maine routs Delaware

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

Sparked by a career night by Klara Danes and two large scoring runs, Maine upended conference adversary Delaware 102-54, leaving the Lady Black Bears one game closer to clinching No. 1 and Blue Hen head coach Tina Martin seeing red.

Danes had career highs in points with 20, and rebounds with 10. The sophomore forward hit 10 of 14 shots in 30 minutes of play. Cindy Blodgett led all scorers with 24 points. Jamie Cassidy also had 20 points and Stacey Porri registered another double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds.

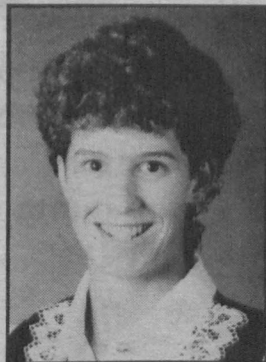
Delaware was led by Keisha McFadigon with 19 points. Shanda Piggot had 12 points and 9 boards for the Hens, who drop to 7-17 overall, 5-11 America East, with the loss.

The game was broken open in the first half on a 28-1 run that lasted just over nine minutes. Blodgett, Cassidy and Katie Clark paced Maine (16-7, 14-1) during this span. The Bears ended the first half with another 9-3 spurt to up their lead to 51-26 at the break. Joanne Palombo's club shot 56 percent for the half.

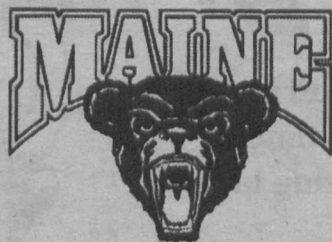
The second half featured mostly back and forth action, and matching baskets until Maine went on a 26-9 scoring run with just over nine

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Student Athlete of the Week



Junior
Cindy Blodgett
Women's
Basketball



Cindy Blodgett, junior for the University of Maine women's basketball team, has been named the Student Athlete of the Week.

Blodgett just recently surpassed the 2,000 point barrier and is second in the nation in scoring. Last Sunday, she scored 41 points to lead the Black Bears over the University of New Hampshire.

Off the court, Blodgett is involved with Athletes for Sexual Responsibility and won a bronze medallion at scholar-athlete recognition.

• Swimming

Maine hosts conference finals

From Staff Reports

The University of Maine men's and women's swim teams will host the America East Swimming and Diving Championship this weekend at the Stanley M. Wallace Pool Complex Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Maine women are led by sophomore sensation Susie Herrick who set a North Atlantic Conference record with a win in the 400 individual medley with a time of 4:31.97 at last season's championship. She also won the NAC title in the

200 butterfly and 200 individual medley at the same event last season.

Jaret Lizzotte and Brian Strubel, half of last season's 200 freestyle relay, which finished second at the conference championship last season, return to lead the men.

Last season, the lady Black Bears finished sixth in the championship, hosted by Delaware. The Maine men finished eighth in the meet, which was held at Northeastern.

This marks the second time in three years the conference championship has been held on the Orono campus.

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minutes to play that put the game out of reach to Delaware.

Although she has been starting as of late, Danes doesn't believe it is making that much of a difference in her game.

"I just looked to shoot more. I don't think I've ever taken this many shots. That made it easier. Things were just falling today," Danes said.

Palombo said Danes is the team's "box-out artist," playing best when taking shots and being aggressive.

"She gives us a little bit different look defensively. Certainly with the taller lineup, we can block more shots, and be more imposing that way," Palombo said. "Klara's very imposing because of her quickness to the ball, especially in rebounding."

Martin had good things to say about the play of the 6-foot-1 forward.

"She does all the little things that come up, as far as points or rebounds. She's definitely made improvements since the first time we've played them," Martin said.

The beleaguered Delaware head coach said that while she has the 'utmost respect' for the Maine team and its players, she was not at all happy with the press the club used late in the game with a large margin.

"You don't need to rub anybody's nose into it. That's how I feel this game was played

tonight. To say the least, I'm not happy about it," Martin explained. "You don't do that to people, because someday, it will come back to get you."

"Don't do that to my kids and try to embarrass our program," Martin said.

She added that she has played and coached against some of the best coaches in the country, such as Geno Auriemma of UConn, "and they don't do that kind of stuff."

Palombo said embarrassing Delaware was not Maine's intent, and the team is simply trying to focus on its game.

"I can't coach any way but 100 percent. You see a team like UNH come back from a 27-point deficit, because we did retreat and get soft, and that is something we will not do as a team," Palombo said. "Again, the most respect I can show for a program is to be coaching 100 percent with my team all the time."

Highlighted by Danes and Cassidy, Maine's six post players accounted for 70 points, 35 rebounds, four blocks and five steals on the evening. Blodgett said that opposing teams can be overwhelmed at times by Maine's tall weapons.

"It just happened to be that they were open. As far as passing to the post players, we kept them off-guard with Stacey, Jamie and Klara just because they have to play all three of them differently," Blodgett said. "At times, we caught them sleeping."

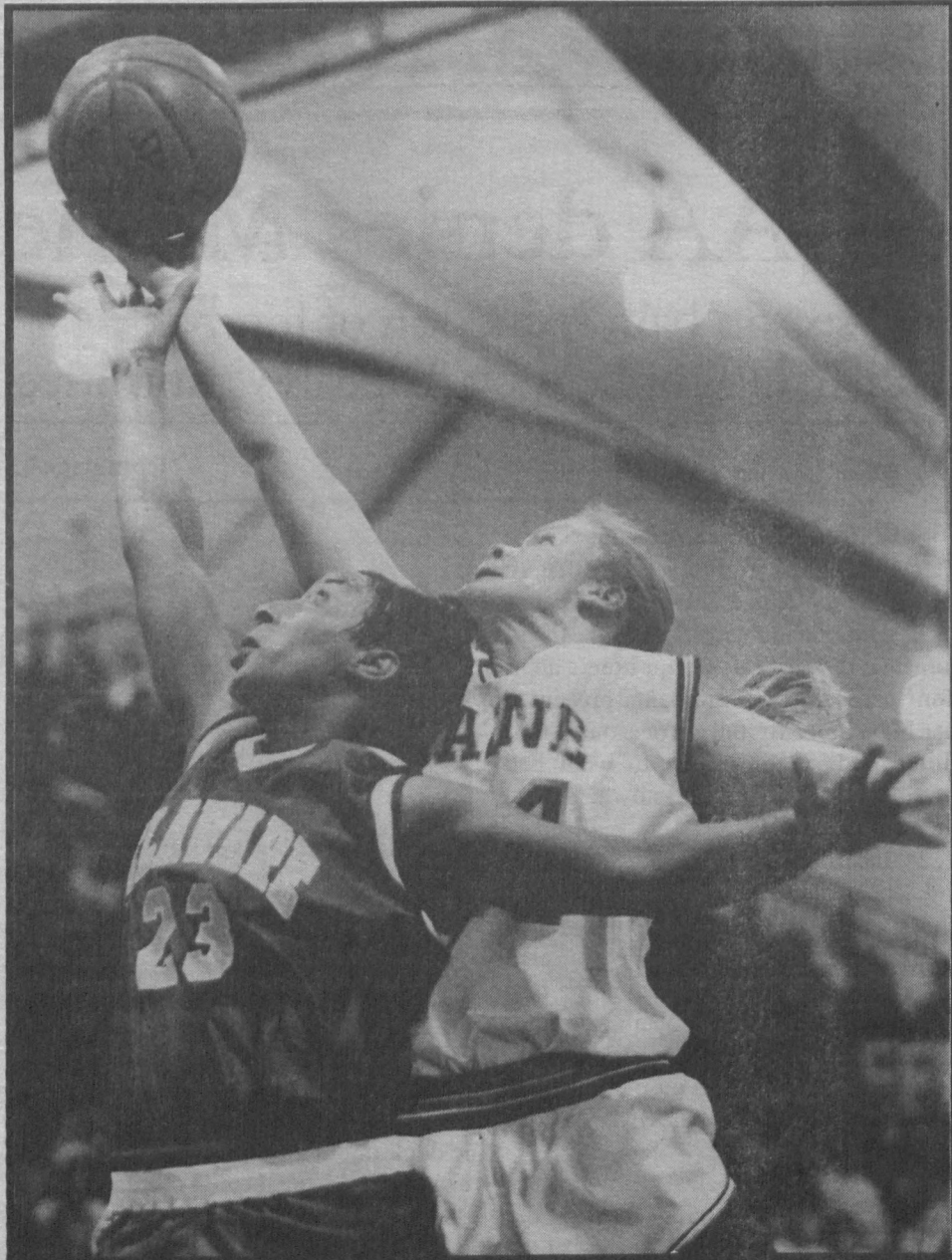
• Men's hoops

Maine picks up win over Delaware 56-52

From Staff Reports

NEWARK, Del. - John Gordon scored all 12 of his points in the second half in his return to his home state to lead the Black Bears to a 56-52 over the Delaware Blue Hens at the Bob Carpenter Center.

Gordon hit a three with under a minute to go to give Maine a 53-50 lead. He then hit one of two foul shots which was followed by a Greg Smith layup making the score 54-52. Gordon hit a pair of foulshots with 10 seconds to go to ice the win for Maine.



Jamie Cassidy grabs a rebound over Delaware's Shanda Piggot during the second half. Maine won the game 102-54. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

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• Hockey

Black Bears face AmherstBy Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

The UMaine hockey team returns to action this weekend, after a two-week break, to take on the UMass-Amherst Minutemen for a pair of league games in Amherst, Mass.

"You never know how your team will respond after 13 days off," said Black Bear head coach Shawn Walsh. "Our timing is getting better in practice, however."

Maine forward Jason Vitorino said the break was good for the team in that it gave players time to reflect on some things and think of what is ahead of them.

"The layoff was good for us," Vitorino said. "It gave us some time to think about things. UMass should be a good test for us."

The Black Bears are currently in third place in Hockey East with a 10-7-1 league record. UMass is in eighth place but only five points separate the team from fourth place.

Despite the fact that Maine has been off for two weeks, it is also the first meeting of the season with the Minutemen, which UMass head coach Joe Mallen said concerned him.

"I'd rather have played Maine earlier in the year," Mallen said. "We have a long stretch of games and it seems most teams in Hockey East have one team they haven't played yet. For us it is Maine."

The Minutemen are 8-6 at home and have won seven of their last 10 home games.

"UMass is great at home," Walsh said. "They have an Olympic-sized rink, so we'll have to convert on our short passing game in order to achieve some success."

Mallen said his team is looking forward to a challenge from a Maine team that has won 11 of

its last 14 games.

"In our stage of the program, Maine is still an uphill challenge for us," Mallen said. "However, we're not afraid of anybody."

Walsh said the keys for Maine this weekend will be to execute the short passing game and utilize the team's speed.

"UMass is a very physical team," Walsh said. "We're going to have to work to get free and get open. We're also going to have to generate some speed."

Maine is led this year by sophomore forward Steve Kariya, who leads the team with 39 points. Junior Shawn Wansborough has registered 13 goals for the offense this year, and Black Bear rookie forward Corey Larose has opened some eyes this year also with 28 points for the year.

In goal this weekend, Maine will be anchored by Javier Gorriti and Alfie Michaud. Michaud has gone 11-8-1 this year, while Gorriti has posted a 7-2 record this year.

What: Maine vs. UMass-Amherst

When and Where: Friday Feb. 14, and Saturday Feb. 15 at the Mullins Center in Amherst, Mass.

Key Players—Maine: Senior Reg Cardinal, 12 goals, 15 assists, 27 points; F Corey Larose, 8-20-28, F Shawn Wansborough, 13-18-31; G Javier Gorriti 7 wins, 2 losses; G Alfie Michaud, 11-8-1. **UMass-Amherst:** F Rob Bonneau, 15 goals, 29 assists, 44 points; C Warren Norris, 16-22-38; F Steve MacKinnon 14-10-24; G Brian Regan, 10-14.

Outlook: This is the first meeting of the two schools this year. Maine is 6-1 all time vs. the Minutemen. Their one loss came in 1994-5 in Amherst when the Bears were ranked #1 in the country. If Maine wins both games this weekend, Shawn Walsh will register his 300th career victory.

Reaction

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Maine's football program had doors closed on Thursday, when the NCAA upheld its decision to a one-year reduction of football scholarships. Thursday, UMaine President Frederick E. Hutchinson expressed his displeasure with the ruling.

"One of my concerns deals with the handling of the reduction of football scholarships," Hutchinson said in a statement released by the university. "One of our reasons for appealing that particular penalty was because of the degree of severity of that penalty when compared to penalties imposed on our other sports teams for identical infractions. While we

have no other choice but to accept the judgment, we had hoped for a clear response on this matter. I regret the impact of today's announcement on coach Cosgrove's team."

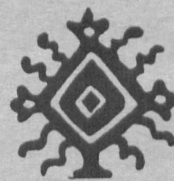
As they boarded the bus, UMaine hockey players prepared for their six-game regular season playoffs with the knowledge that they could finally settle their plans.

"It's nice to know this is over. At the beginning of the year we knew we had 34 games," Shermerhorn said. "A lot of people made spring plans and will have a good time like other kids do at that time."

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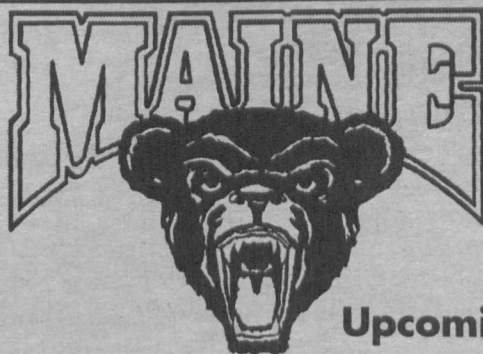
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• Football

Salary cap will slow NFL free agent market

NEW YORK (AP) — Yes, there will be a free-agent season this year.

The old Michigan passing combination of Elvis Grbac and Desmond Howard will be available. So will Jerome Bettis, Rod Woodson, Gilbert Brown, Chad Brown, Daryl Johnston, Neil Smith and Larry Centers, all standing to cash in now.

But with the salary cap up just \$700,000 from last season to about \$41.45 million,

1997 looks like a stop-gap year. The real fun starts next year, when billions of dollars from a new television will start giving even the most cap-strapped teams room to maneuver.

"The good players will still get a lot of money this year," says Bill Kuharich, general manager of the New Orleans Saints.

"There will just be a lot fewer of them getting it."

All this is subject to late developments.

Teams continued to negotiate with their own players until the midnight deadline and others were prepared to slap "franchise" and "transition" labels on players they want to keep.

Oddly, the highest-paid free agent may be one who's been a free agent since early last season — Jeff George, the talented but troublesome quarterback who was cut by Atlanta last season after a spat with June

Jones, then the Falcons' coach. He's set to sign a contract with the Raiders for an estimated \$25 million over four years.

George is one of four intriguing quarterbacks available along with Grbac, Heath Shuler and Rick Mirer.

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