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• GSS

## Senators examine Greek ties

Nader fee approved

By Kristen Dobler  
Maine Campus staff

GSS senators debated their Greek and non-Greek affiliations and how they affect the senate, at last night's GSS meeting.

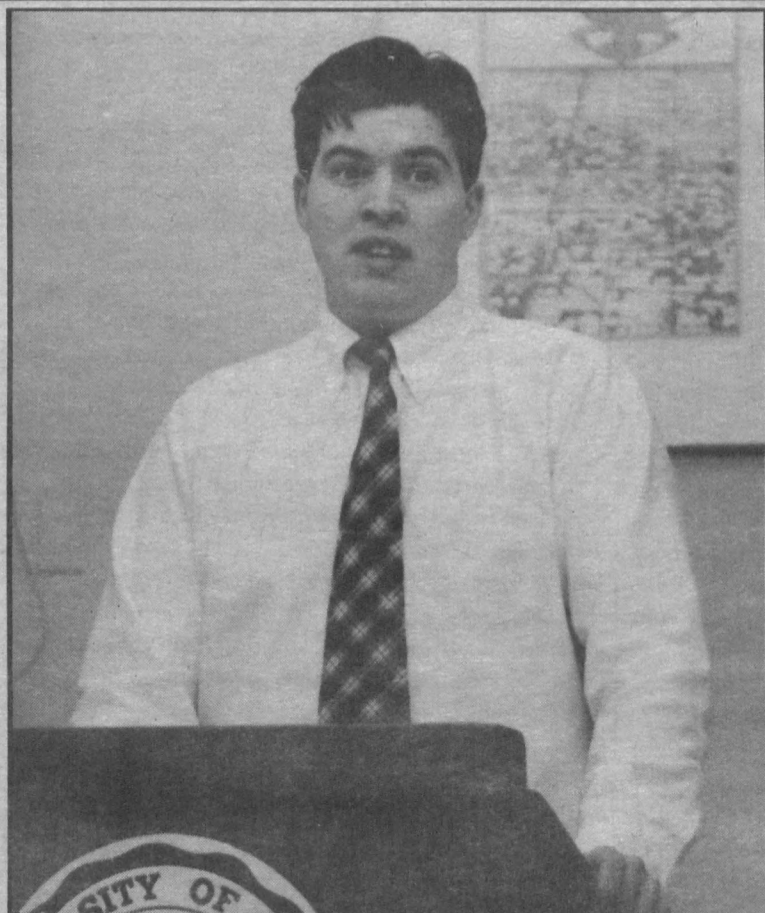
Much debate occurred over the "Greek wall" and its influences on the way the GSS is run.

Sen. Jason Libby said the Greek wall has never been intended to be anything and that it was just a joke that was never meant to be taken seriously.

"The Greek wall was an invisible game and it was totally out of context," Libby said.

Student Government President Jennifer Nelson stressed the need for senators to leave their prejudices at the door when they are at GSS meetings.

"We all belong to different groups



New Vice President Scott Morelli conducted his first GSS meeting last night. (Stef Bailey Photo.)

on campus, but that doesn't determine how we are voting," she said.

Many senators said it isn't important whether a senator is Greek or non-Greek. Instead, the GSS needs to

unite as one and work with each other, they said.

"If everybody works in the senate as individuals for the students of the campus and put aside this issue, we'd get a lot more accomplished," Sen. Kathleen Burke said. "The Greeks have done a lot for the campus, but the whole Greek issue in senate has been taken way too far."

Morelli said senators are too focused on student issues and not whether they are a Greek.

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• Town council

## Students urged to use absentee vote

By Joel Page  
Maine Campus staff

The town manager of Orono thought he had laid to rest a controversial issue regarding the timing of the municipal elections. But, as the election for town council and the school committee approaches, a select group of students question whether the scheduling of the election during the university's spring break is an attempt to deny them a voice in town politics.

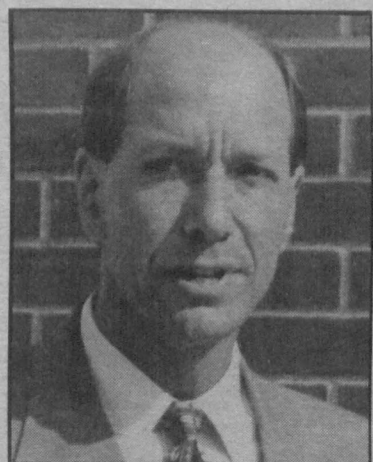
The timing of the election, dictated by the town charter that was adopted in 1969, is held on the second Tuesday in March, a tradition that dates back to the 1800s.

"At the time the charter was adopted, and the date was set, there was no conflict," said Town Manager Gerry Kempen, referring to the fact that in 1969 the university's spring break started the last week in March instead of the first week, as it does now.

Since then, the university has changed its school calendar numerous times and, as a result, spring break coincides with the Orono municipal elections. The only way to change the timing of the election would be to amend the town charter.

"The charter is the hardest thing to change," Kempen said. "State law tells us what process

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Orono Town Manager Gerry Kempen. (Dave Gagne Photo.)



Rep. Kathleen Stevens. (Page File Photo.)

• Insurance

## Low student interest might cancel Cutler health care plan

By Katie Little  
Maine Campus staff

The health insurance plan is likely to change next semester because of poor student participation.

Students were automatically billed \$492 for the basic health plan coverage in the fall. If they didn't want the insurance, students were asked to send in a rejection card by Oct. 4.

According to student health care advocate Cindy Stevens, students have been canceling their insurance well past the deadline.

"There have been numerous cancellations throughout the semester," Stevens said. "Some students canceled their insurance after using it."

At the end of October, 2,039 students were signed up for the insurance. The insurance company therefore purchased enough insurance to cover the projected

• Budget

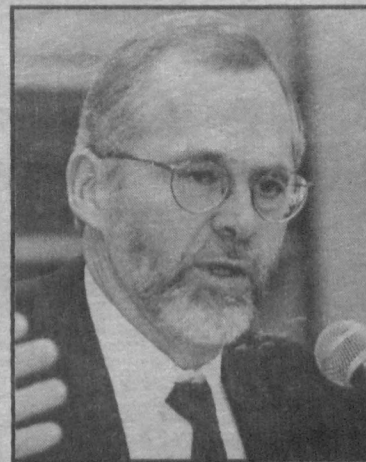
## MacTaggart delivers ultimatum to state

By Ryan Robbins  
Maine Campus staff

AUGUSTA – If Maine wants to have a competitive economy, it needs to invest more in higher education, University of Maine System Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart told the Legislature Tuesday.

"Virtually every other state in the country, save one, invests more in research focused on job creation than we do," MacTaggart said in his annual address to a joint session of the Legislature. "And very often, as a result, their economies are growing at a fast rate, and their people have access to better jobs. But we can catch up."

MacTaggart said that in the



Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart. (Page File Photo.)

year since he became chancellor he has traveled the state talking with people from all walks of life. Most of them said they wanted to get a higher education, but they didn't think they could afford it.

"They feared that education will be denied them because it costs too much," MacTaggart said. "They're leery of the debt burden that many college graduates have to undertake. And they're also afraid that good careers may not be available to them in Maine after they graduate."

"Today, as you know, Maine can boast of one of the highest high school graduation rates in the country. But we can only weep that so many of our best and brightest don't go on to college or go out of state to pursue higher education, only to never come back to the state."

Closing some of the university system's seven campuses isn't the answer to the university system's financial woes, MacTaggart said. The seven "strategically placed" campuses provide more access to higher education, he said. Instead, the system will continue to streamline its resources by eliminating redundant services and making productivity

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# World Briefs

## • Bombing

### Bus explosion kills two, injures 21

**1** BEIJING (AP) — Bombs planted on three public buses killed at least two people and injured 21 on Tuesday, the latest violence in a northwest region troubled by Muslim separatist unrest.

The explosions, on three buses on different routes, went off almost simultaneously at about 6:40 p.m. in Urumqi (pronounced ur-oom-chi), the capital of Xinjiang, said a local government official who gave only his surname, Zhang.

Zhang blamed the bombs on Muslim separatists and also linked the attack to a memorial held Tuesday for Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, who died last week.

"There are lots of lots of people engaged in splittist activity out here. Yesterday everyone was rather sorrowful, you know. This is the work of bad elements," Zhang said in a telephone interview.

Earlier this month, 10 people were killed and more than 140 injured when a march by separatist Muslims turned violent in Yining, about 320 miles west of Urumqi.

Zhang said he did not have complete information on the number of dead or injured from Tuesday's explosions.

An official at the People's Hospital in Urumqi, speaking on condition of anonymity, said two people were killed and 21 injured, including one person whose leg was blown off.

## • U.S. pressure

### Federal reforms may cut corruption

**2** MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico said Tuesday that it would overhaul its federal police force and prosecutor's office, an acknowledgement that corruption in its anti-drug forces is hurting prospects for U.S. aid.

Attorney General Jorge Madrazo promised "top-to-bottom" reforms of the attorney general's office and the federal police to address "the worst crisis in the history of the Mexican justice system."

He said the changes were not directly linked to a Saturday deadline for the United States to recertify Mexico as an ally in the war on drugs.

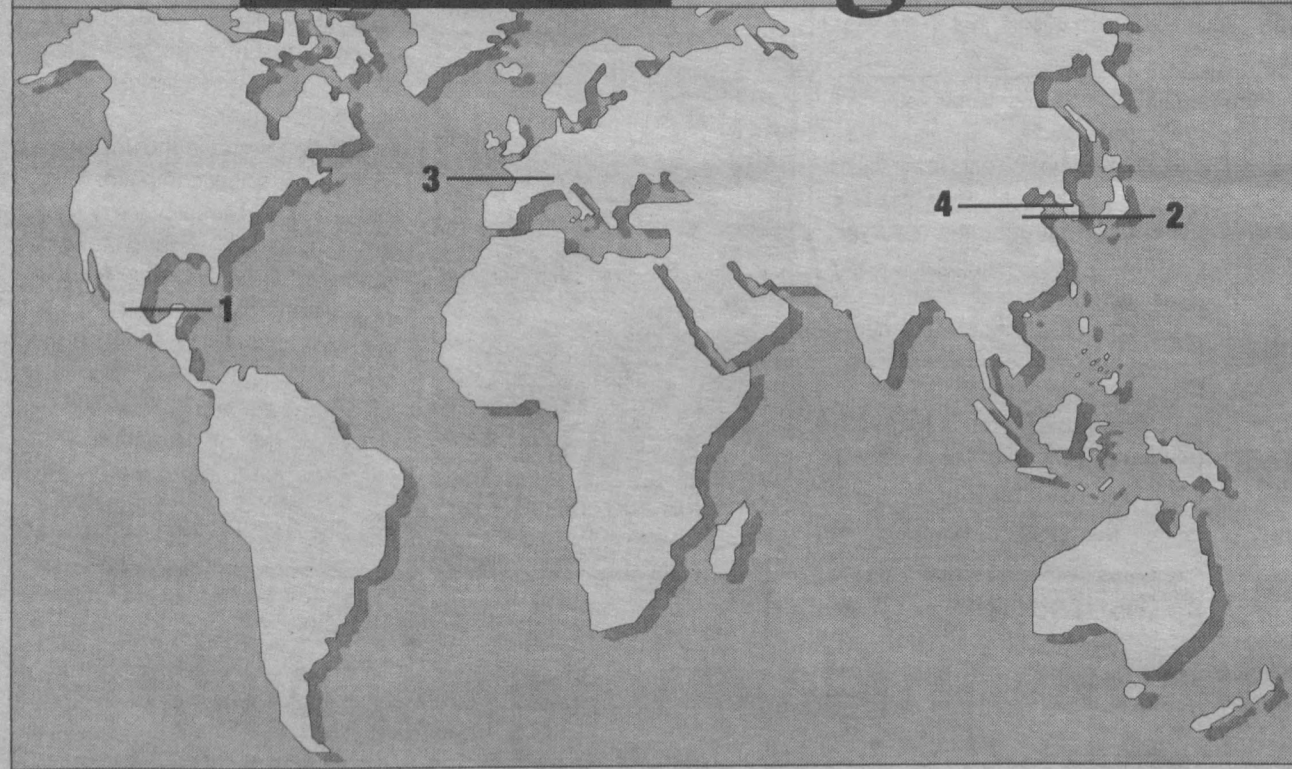
He said an overhaul was needed so the country could combat drug trafficking and organized crime. The arrest last week of Mexico's drug czar on charges of taking bribes from a drug lord threw into doubt recertification by the United States.

Madrazo said the reforms would include better training, recruitment and human rights instruction for officers, and a revision of investigation procedures. He also said Mexico would improve intelligence gathering and cooperate more closely with foreign governments.

"This is a commitment we will carry out in the shortest time possible," he said.

Before the arrest of Mexico's drug czar, Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, the Clinton administration had been ready to recertify Mexico for the State Department aid program that assists foreign governments in fighting drugs.

# World Digest



## • Missing funds

### Victims challenge Swiss; officials debate details

**3** BERN, Switzerland (AP) — Swiss and Jewish leaders thrashed out details of a humanitarian fund for Holocaust victims Tuesday while three American women whose families were killed by the Nazis pressed for the truth about the past.

Hinde Fekete said her father was turned away from Switzerland 55 years ago. "He was safely in Switzerland, but because he was a Jew he was stripped of his money, which was handed over to the Nazis," she said.

A year later, the former diamond merchant from Antwerp, Belgium, died in Auschwitz concentration camp. His daughter survived, and Mrs. Fekete joined two other New York women in a surprise appearance before Tuesday's one-day government conference to review Switzerland's role in World War II.

"I want to see what is happening to find the truth," said Mrs. Fekete, who survived the camp and lives in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Fekete, Gizella Weiss Haus and Naomi Nagel with their lawyer Edward Fagan, have filed suit claiming Swiss banks — with penalties and interest — still hold \$10 billion to \$20 billion in Holocaust victims' assets. The U.S. District Court in Brooklyn will hear that case beginning Friday, Fagan said.

## • Death

### North Korean defector shot 10 days ago dies

**4** SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A prominent North Korean defector died Tuesday, 10 days after being shot in the head in the South Korean capital by an unidentified assailant.

Police initially had said they thought North Korean agents were behind the attack on Lee Han-young, 36, who was shot by one of two assailants as he entered a friend's apartment on Feb. 15.

That theory was buttressed by police who quoted witnesses as saying Lee's last words before losing consciousness were "Spy, spy." But police later backed off and, without quite abandoning the North Korea theory, suggested the shooting may have resulted from a failed business deal or a personal dispute.

Lee reportedly had amassed large debts in various business activities.

Lee, who was the nephew of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's former wife, defected in 1982. But his arrival in South Korea had been kept secret until last year, when his mother also defected.

The shooting came after Hwang Jang Yop, a former tutor of the North Korean leader, went to Seoul's embassy in Beijing earlier this month and sought asylum in South Korea.

# Weather

## The Local Forecast

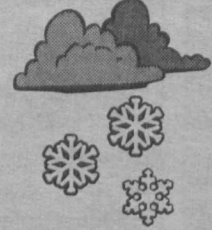
### Today's Weather

A chance of light snow early...Then partial clearing. Highs in the mid 30s.



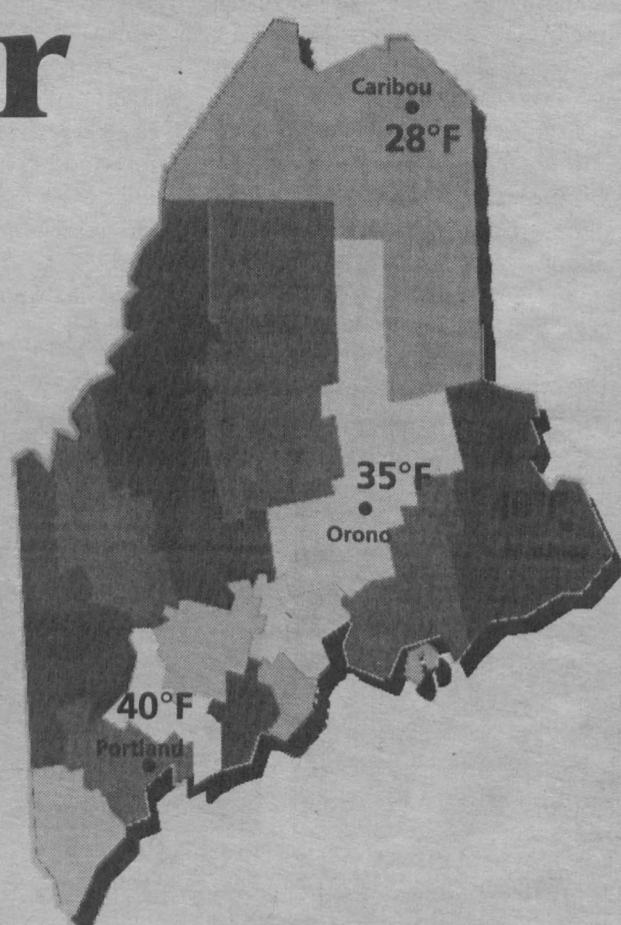
### Thursday's Outlook

Snow developing early...Then changing to rain. Highs in the lower 40s.



### Extended Forecast

Friday...Clearing. Highs near 40 south. Saturday...Increasing cloudiness. Highs from the lower 30s north to lower 40s south.





# • Multimedia development

## ASAP provides employment, creative outlet for students

By Hollie Gowen  
Maine Campus staff

ASAP Media Services, while providing the University of Maine with the opportunity to learn and use the latest advances in computer technology, is a place to organize information and create, said one of ASAP's managers.

"The creative process is what we teach," Seth Clayter, a senior journalism and political science major, said. "The people who work here and the people who have contact with us all end up learning."

The other manager, Alice LeBlond, a graduate student in education, said ASAP started 10 years ago and dealt mainly with desktop publishing. However, it has evolved into a place for multimedia research.

According to Clayter and LeBlond, ASAP is currently involved in graphic and web page design, software and courseware development, desktop video production and publishing, interactive kiosks and animation, among other things.

Clayter said ASAP uses the available technology for new ways of communicating. To begin a project, employees think about the technology and the audience. The goal is to make a good match between the two. According to Clayter, ASAP functions as a "creative think tank."

ASAP is a student-run business, which has around 30 employees. "It is a very real environment, like what you would find in the real world," LeBlond said. She stressed

that ASAP has little structure and employees have to be self-motivated.

Clayter said the employees are a diverse group of people from all majors, who don't necessarily have a lot of computer know-how. Their common traits are creativity, a genuine interest in learning and the ability to think for themselves.

Aaron Milligan, a junior studio art major, has been working at ASAP for nearly two years on projects ranging from brochures and posters to multimedia CD ROMs. "I'm getting to know programs and learning to design things with computers. It provides me with another medium to work with."

ASAP Director Mike Scott functions more as an adviser for the students.

"(Scott) provides us with the opportunity to exert our creative will," Clayter said. "He secures projects for us and advises us if something isn't right. He maintains standards, but he does not define them."

ASAP is available to any student group in some capacity. In the past ASAP has created fliers and posters for student entertainment activities and worked on such projects as web pages for student organizations, said Clayter.

Last year, six interns developed a program that teaches students how to read poetry, said LeBlond. Titled "Sounding-Practice in Reading Poetry," this project was based on Professor Harvey Kail's theory that poems should. This would show the poem in be read in a number of different ways to determine its correct meaning.



ASAP employee Matt Cravens experiments with the 3-D image program that will be displayed at the open house. (Stef Bailey Photo.)

The program, which is an interactive computer-based presentation, allows the user to choose the sound. For example, the user might click on whisper-soft text with a soothing picture, and the poem would be whispered to the user through the computer. LeBlond said some lines will sound wrong and some will sound

right. "In doing it wrong, you find out how it is supposed to sound."

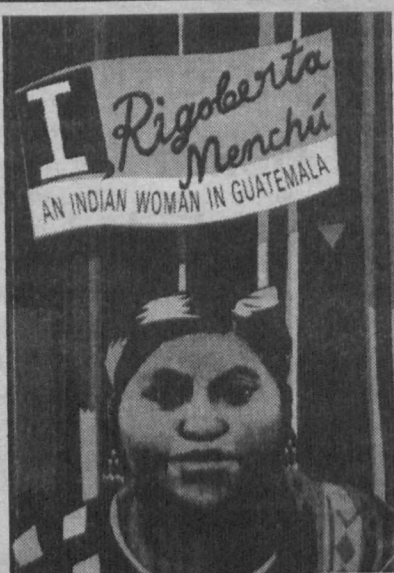
Making mistakes and learning from them applies not only to this poetry program but to ASAP itself. According to LeBlond, working on projects can involve a lot of mistakes, but that is what "makes you have ownership of your knowledge."

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*Nancy Button, Mid-Coast Guatemala Project*

*Bjorn Claeson, Bangor Clean Clothes Campaign*

*Sister Lucy Poulin, H.O.M.E.*

*Robert Mendoza, University of Maine Student*

### • 4:00 p.m. Neville Hall 101

Public Lecture by Juan Leon Alvarado, "Rigoberta Menchu in the World Today."

*Juan Leon Alvarado is known throughout Guatemala for his human rights work and his defense of indigenous Maya culture. He is the founder and principal director of the Mayan Defense Team and co-founder of the Campesino Unity Committee. He was a candidate for Vice-President of Guatemala in the 1995 elections, representing the Democratic Front for a New Guatemala.*



## • Letter campaign

# Alumni participate in UMaine funding battle

By Elizabeth Beaulieu  
Maine Campus staff

The Alumni Association is urging anyone who will listen to tell the Legislature how important increased funding is for the University of Maine, the assistant to the president of the Alumni Association said Wednesday.

"Funding for the University of Maine has been decreasing since 1990," Judy Hanscom said. "We lag behind many other states. We'd like to see the system pulled up a bit."

Hanscom and the Alumni Association began a cooperative campaign with faculty, students and staff on campus and alumni last spring to find ways to increase public funding for the University of Maine. Gov. Angus King's budget has proposed that one percent in 1998 and 2 percent in 1999 go to the General Fund appropriation for the University of Maine system. Hanscom and others are hoping for 3 percent per year and \$20 million a year more in research.

Keeping close contact with members of the Legislature and mailing lists have been two ways the Alumni Association has attempted to obtain increased funding, Hanscom said.

"Last fall we invited the candidates running for the legislative positions to support increased funding and make it a higher priority by returning a pledge card," Hanscom said. "Of all the candidates who ran, 100 returned the cards with a positive response, 40 of which were elected."

Hanscom said she has a targeted mailing

list and has identified approximately 400 people who said they'd respond to a request to write or call the Legislature.

"We hope they'll speak out," Hanscom said. "Pressure needs to come from everywhere."

Students representing the University of Maine and their hometowns are also crucial to acquiring increased funding, Hanscom said.

"It is important for students to be involved in the advocacy work because we are most important," Chris Barstow, chairman of the Legislative Liaison Committee of Student Government, said. "We get the benefits or the negative aspects of what goes on."

Students need to tell their stories and let the Legislature know how important increased funding is to the university, Barstow said.

"The Legislature knows something is an issue if they get letters and calls from as few as six people," Hanscom said.

Recently students at UMaine were encouraged by Student Government to write to their legislators in a letter-writing campaign in the Memorial Union. They were supplied with free stamps, stationery, envelopes and pizza. Student Government also organized a student rally in Augusta.

State Sen. Mary Cathcart and state Rep. Kathleen Stevens, both Democrats from Orono, are "sold" on the idea of increased funding, Hanscom said.

This is not just a battle for the University of Maine at Orono, it is a battle for the whole University of Maine system, Hanscom said.

"Orono is beating the path for the rest of the systems, but we're communicating," Hanscom said. "We're trying to not step on each other's toes. We could be squabbling but that would defeat our goal."

Advocates knew it was going to be an uphill battle because of the economy and the issue of having to increase taxes, Hanscom said.

"It is not a matter of new money, it is a matter of allocating funds different,"

Hanscom said. "More funding is needed for public institutions such as the University of Maine because increases in tuition have prevented them from remaining affordable."

"I am very optimistic that we will get both the 3 percent and the \$20 million," said George Jacobson, one of UMaine's "Faculty Five," a group lobbying the Legislature for increased funding. "However, my optimism is dependent on the participation of students, alumni, faculty and residents."

## POLICE BLOTTER

By Yolanda Sly  
Maine Campus staff

On Thursday, Feb. 20, at 12:39 p.m. a woman called Public Safety from a building on campus and told the dispatcher that a someone phoned her and said there was a bomb on campus.

"We didn't think to shut the university down, nothing was found," Lt. Alan Stormann said. "Fortunately, no bombs went off."

Stormann said the department does not know where the bomb was supposedly planted, nor does it know who supposedly planted the bomb.

In other Public Safety news:

• Samantha Jones, 18, was summoned for operating a vehicle with an excessive blood alcohol level after someone called Public Safety and told the dispatcher

someone was driving around campus drunk, Feb. 25 at 2:07 a.m.

• Ann M. Gleason was summoned to court for possession of marijuana, Feb. 19, at 11:16 p.m. at Balentine Hall.

• Christopher Johnson, 22, was summoned for furnishing alcohol to minors after an officer investigated a loud party, Feb. 21 at 1:25 a.m.

• Jonathan B. Peyton, 20, was summoned to court for possession of alcohol by a minor by Officer Scott Curtis at Kennebec Hall.

• On Saturday, Feb. 22, between 10 a.m. and noon, \$144 was stolen from the Mahaney Clubhouse locker room.

• On Saturday, Feb. 22, at 9 p.m. Officer Joe Small responded to a complaint at Gannett Hall and found a hole in a plaster wall and a fire exit sign pulled out of the ceiling.



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## • Fire hazards

# Campus Living reconsiders residence hall regulations

By Kathryn Ritchie  
Maine Campus staff

The restriction of the use of curling irons and hot rollers to the bathrooms of residence halls is under consideration by the Campus Living Advisory Committee. The committee is in the process of going through the current resident manual and deciding which recommendations to make for this fall's book.

"At this point, the one thing we're really looking at is restricting the use of those hot rollers and curling irons in the rooms," CLAC adviser Barbara Smith, associate director of Campus Living and Residential Life, said Wednesday at its weekly meeting. "Other restrictions we are going to hold off until probably later in March to look at based on the information we get."

Smith has mailed a letter to Environmental Health and Safety and to the Orono Fire Department, asking both to review the current resident manual for any suggested changes or additions they would make to the

fire safety portion. She also asked the fire department to send her the top causes of residence hall fires.

Keith Heselton, vice president of Residents On Campus and a member of CLAC, said the general consensus of people he had talked to in ROC, the General Student Senate and in classes was that heating pads and hair dryers were safe, but people had mixed views on the safety of electric blankets.

"People thought it was common sense to use (hairdryers and heating pads), and then turn (them) off, and unplug (them)," he said.

Karen Batchelder, a CLAC member who represents resident assistants, compared curling irons to open heating coils, which are already banned in dorm rooms.

"It would probably be very easy for a curling iron to start (a fire), but I don't think people in their minds really are thinking that a heating pad could start a fire," Batchelder said.

CLAC also will recommend that no candles, even decorative ones, or incense be

allowed in residence halls.

"We don't seem to be having as much success as we would like with 'no burning candles,' so maybe we move with (none) in the residence halls," Tamara Hunt, a CLAC member who represents resident directors, said.

The last topic of fire safety centered around halogen lamps, which have been featured on the news for the last few months as potential fire hazards.

"I feel like the overhead lights in the dorm room, no offense, aren't bright enough by themselves," Heselton said. "I wouldn't object to banning (halogen lights) if the lighting was a little bit better in the rooms."

The group will recommend limiting the light bulb wattage in halogen lights to 300 or less and include safety suggestions for them.

Heselton said students living in Doris Twitchell Allen Village asked him to request that their meal plan through the university be optional. Residents have microwaves and stove tops, but no ovens, in their apartment-style rooms. Smith explained that DTAV was originally built under the assumption that residents would eat at the commons and that the dining commons rely on DTAV's business.



Barbara Smith, associate director of Campus Living, listens as CLAC members give suggested fire safety tips and restrictions for dorms. (Stef Bailey Photo.)

"If, all of a sudden, we have 200 less people contributing to the dining commons then Jon (Lewis, director of Campus Living dining services) has to think seriously about whether to close a dining common," Smith said.

Most of the group members agreed the meal plan should have more options, and requested an update on the status of the commons from Lewis next week.

CLAC makes its recommendations to Director of Campus Living Scott Anchors, who then reviews them. Smith said Anchors rarely turns down the group's ideas because group members spend so much time researching and thinking them through before they propose them.

## State

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gains of about \$4 million a year. In addition, MacTaggart said, the system would like to increase overall enrollment by 2,000.

"Basic arithmetic tells us that the cost per student is going to go down as enrollment climbs, and enrollment is climbing," he said. Admission standards won't be compromised, he said. Higher high school graduation rates and more non-traditional students will make up most of the increased enrollment. The university system currently has about 30,000 students.

MacTaggart said that if the Legislature approves a 3 percent funding increase for the university system, the system will promise not to raise tuition more than the inflation rate. Since 1990, the UMS Board of Trustees has raised the undergraduate tuition rate about 80 percent.

"Our goal at the system is to keep tuition affordable and to alter our financial aid policies, so that more Maine students can take advantage of these universities."

It's never too early to inform prospective students and their parents of financial

opportunities, MacTaggart said.

In addition, MacTaggart said he would like to see the university system's admission standards coincide more closely with high school performance, so the university system "can guarantee admission to every high school graduate who has successfully completed a pre-collegiate preparatory program."

High schools should also raise the aspirations of their students to better prepare the students for college, the chancellor said. That way there will be no need for excessive remediation in college.

If the state invests more in higher education, the university system will receive more federal funds, the chancellor said, and that would enable university researchers to forge partnerships with Maine businesses, creating more jobs.

"The investments that we ask you to make today will help keep education affordable and available to Maine citizens on the one hand, and will help to create good jobs for those citizens on the other," the chancellor said. "It really is that simple."

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## • World issues

# Practical environmental game to span the globe

By Kristen Dobler  
Maine Campus staff

The Environmental Issues World Game will be the center of this year's Earth Week activities, said Steve Peary, assistant resource conservation and recovery coordinator and member of the Earth Week '97 Committee.

The World Game will be held on Tuesday, April 22 from 2-6 p.m. in the Memorial Union, he said. Up to 200 people can participate.

In order to play the world game, the 200 people will be divided into groups that represent ten different regions of the world and also an environmental team representing the hydrosphere, lithosphere, atmosphere, flora and fauna, said Marilyn Waters, a facilitator of the World Game.

The game will involve the environmental group going out to the different regions of the world and alerting them of their environmental

issues. The regions then have to come up with creative solutions to the environmental problems as well as addressing the pressing problems of their respective regions.

"The regions will have to deal with the double issue of feeding, housing, educating and dealing with many other real world issues that face their population, while also doing this in an environmentally safe way," Waters said. The environmental groups will be able to help out the regional groups with solutions if they need it.

When this is completed, the participants discuss what Waters called a "global preferred state," which involves a discussion of the future and what participants would like it to be.

"We believe that envisioning the future is how it starts," she said.

At the end of the session, Waters said time will be spent empowering the participants to envision their ideas on environmental issues and how they will take part

in improving the environment.

"The World Game is a way of building a learning experience while having a good time," she said.

Nick Houtman, Science News Writer and member of the Earth Week '97 committee, said he felt it was important to make people aware about the nature of pollution; its problems and its solutions and also how mankind effects it. He said the World Game was a very good way of doing it.

"We want people to become aware of how environmental quality is affected by how we make a living," he said.

Sydney Mackey, a student at the university who is a member of the Maine Greens and who will be a participant in the event, said the World Game will be an educational and informative event for UMaine students.

"It offers all students an amazing opportunity to learn about global environmental, eco-

nomie and cultural cooperation and survival," she said.

Peary said the World Game is meant to heighten a lot of people's awareness of global issues.

"After this is done we'll have 200 people fired up on global environmental issues and they're going to be wondering what they can do," he said.

Waters said the World Game has traveled to many other universities and colleges across the country such as Swarthmore College in Pa., Fairmont State in W.Va. and Davenport College in Mich. She said that the response to the World Game has been positive and students have felt it has been a good experience.

Peary said students and faculty were welcome to sign up. To sign up or to request more information about Earth Week, students can call Peary at 581-3055, Houtman at 581-3777 or visit the Maine Greens table in the union Thursdays from 9-4.

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## Insurance

age at the health center.

Jackson said students who had other forms of insurance were being hassled by their own insurance companies, which led to the decision to offer the value plan coverage. Seventy students purchased the plan. Some have saved up to \$500, but the plan probably won't be around next year because of a lack of interest, he said.

"Anyone attending the university can get the basic plan," Stevens said. "It also provides a safety net for graduating students who won't immediately be working in skyscrapers with employee benefits."

According to Stevens, some students canceled because they thought the plan was \$500 each semester. Some also thought the plan covered them only locally. Other students canceled for finan-

cial reasons.

Stevens is glad, however, that students paid attention to the extra money posted to their bills and actually were made to think about insurance.

"It is my wish that health care is easily accessible for everyone," Stevens said.

Although nothing is certain, the university hasn't been able to honor the contract with the company because of the student cancellations. The contract may have to be renegotiated and the plan may not be as good as it is now.

"It is our goal to at least maintain the benefits offered previous to this one," Stevens said.

Stevens encourages students to purchase the insurance through her. If purchased now, a person will be covered until Aug. 31, at which time they could renew for one additional year at the student price.

"Seniors may as well enroll now in order to have a safety net," she said.

Once students are no longer covered under their parents' plan, they could be paying up to \$150 a month for health insurance.



Cindy Stevens talks about the possibility of cancelling the Cutler basic health plan coverage next year. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

## GSS

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He said there is a stereotype of Greeks controlling the GSS agenda because Greeks sit together, but there are six or seven senators who are Greek out of 32 senators.

Sen. Ryan Eslinger postponed the vote to postpone sending a letter to President Frederick E. Hutchinson supporting the union expansion and how it would be financed.

Morelli, also the vice chairman of the Facilities Expansion Committee, said how the project is funded is an issue because Association of Graduate Students President Sean Murphy raised the issue of making sure all students paid a fair price.

Murphy said those who take fewer classes should pay less than those taking a full load.

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ROC President Ryan Eslinger said the Campus Living Advisory Committee decided to recommend to the head of Campus Living that candles be banned completely, and to allow only hairdryers and curling irons in dormitory bathrooms.

Many senators objected to the committee's recommendation. Sen. Maryanne Milton said hairdryers and curling irons could be used safely if properly taken care of. She said students should have more input in the discussion.

"If it has been voted on by the Campus Living Advisory Board, I'm going to try to make a petition to overturn the vote so that students can have more input on the issue," Milton said.

Eslinger said the advisory committee's meeting had been announced so many times that all people had ample time to voice their opinion and talk to himself or ROC Vice President Keith Heselton.

"If people had come all along and shown concern for the insure, I would take their opinion a lot more legitimately," Eslinger said.

Sen. Heselton said, "I'm here for the safety of the people that are in these dorms. I made a decision based on the safety of the students."

Eslinger read the rough draft of a letter he

will send to President Hutchinson opposing the offering of scholarships to the top two students of each Maine high school.

The letter says funds should not come out of student-paid funds. The money is said to be coming from enrollment management funds, which have been reorganized in its disbursement.

Vice President Morelli said he had a meeting with University Bookstore Director, Ron Reisinger about the bookstore policies.

Also at last night's meeting, it was announced there may be another rally two weeks after spring break. The political science department may get involved.

Morelli said he hoped other campus are involved and the second rally will be a surprise.

The GSS approved the allocation of \$3,300 to the Maine Greens for bringing Ralph Nader to campus.

Senators also approved a resolution that would prevent resolutions proposed by senators who were no longer in senate because of not getting re-elected, graduation, or for any other reason, from being voted on.

"I don't necessarily agree with the fact that you say that's it," Sen. William L. Bates II said. "Business shouldn't just stop because of the change of a few senators."

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## • Raffle

# Blues busters battle seasonal depression

By Krista Marrs  
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine Counseling Center sponsored "The Blues Busters" in the Memorial Union Friday to educate students about seasonal depression and how to beat the winter blues.

"We had lots of fun with this event. We dressed up as the Blues Brothers and played blues music," Counseling Center psychologist Liz Weisen said. "Area merchants gave us door prizes and we raffled them off as well."

Informative brochures were handed out to students, which included facts about seasonal affective disorder, also known as SAD, and a self-examination for students to evaluate how depressed they are during the fall and winter.

"We want students to know that SAD is not cabin fever, it's much more serious," Weisen said.

SAD, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, af-

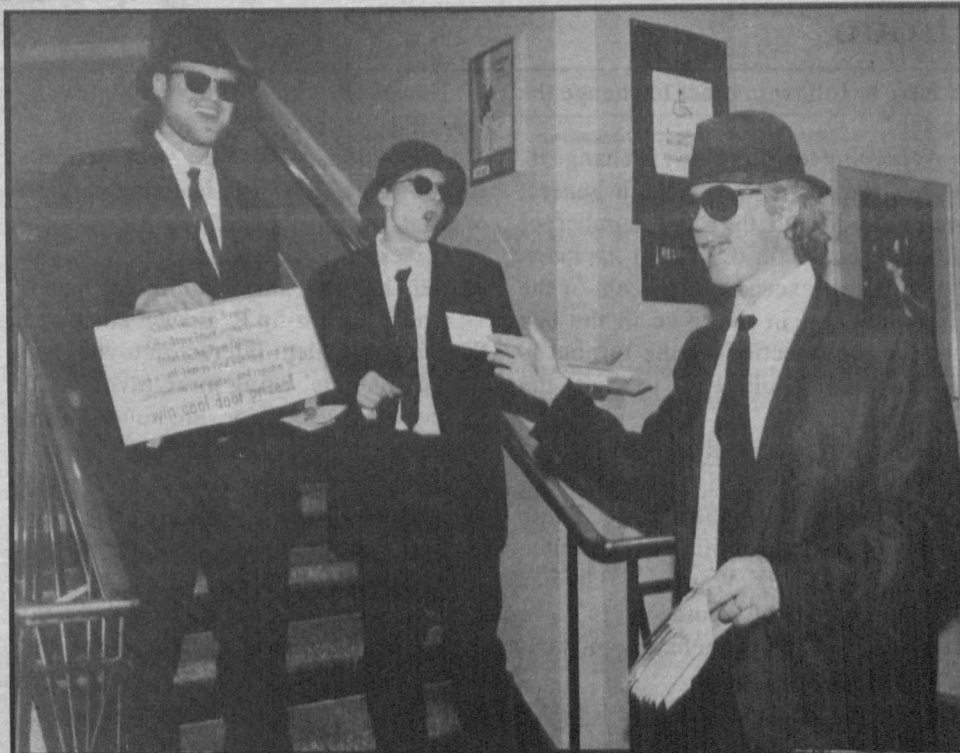
fects between 1 percent to 10 percent of people in the United States, depending on where they live. Some common symptoms of this type of depression are extreme fatigue and lack of energy. Also, an excessive craving for carbohydrates is associated with SAD.

"Seasonal depression is different from standard depression, as a person will usually experience weight gain, rather than weight loss," Weisen said.

Weisen said it's important for college students to be aware of SAD and other forms of depression, as they are considered at highest risk. For this reason the Counseling Center sponsors events like "The Blues Busters."

"This event is a way for us to get out and make the center more visible to let students know we're here for them," Weisen said.

Doug Johnson, a psychologist and coordinator of group programs at the Counseling Center, agrees that students need to be educated about such disorders.



The "Blues Busters," (from l.) Tim Marchell, Liz Weisen and Doug Johnson, draw a raffle ticket for a door prize at the Memorial Union. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

The center offers free counseling sessions to students, and several programs are conducted through Cutler Health Center as well.

"Physicians are available at the center to administer therapy and medication if necessary," Weisen said.

Weisen said a common form of therapy for SAD is light therapy. Patients are set under a broad-spectrum light to give them the effect of having a few extra hours of daylight to "re-set their internal

clock." According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, this form of therapy is beneficial to people with mild to moderate seasonal depression.

Both Weisen and Johnson were extremely pleased with the student participation at Friday's event.

"Students really got into the spirit and went along with the blues project," Weisen said. "We handed out all 500 brochures to students. This was a real good idea."

## • State news

## Priorities divide Legislature during budget proceedings

AUGUSTA (AP) — Taxation Committee majorities handed their budget-writing legislative colleagues a \$33-million problem Tuesday, making final recommendations that include substantially more funding for property tax relief programs than Gov. Angus King proposed.

The Appropriations Committee had been hoping for a revenue-neutral critique of the King package, but was hardly anticipating one. The Taxation panel, after all, was not the first to miss its target.

Earlier this month, as legislative scrutiny of King's two-year spending plan began, the Education Committee declared that Maine needs to spend about \$40 million more on schools than King proposed. So on Tuesday when the Taxation Committee came in nearly as high, no one really pressed the matter.

Budget panel Senate Chairman Michael Michaud, D-East Millinocket, put the ques-

tion perfunctorily to his Taxation counterpart, Democratic Sen. Richard Ruhlin of Brewer. Then Michaud joined with the rest of the committee members and session observers in appreciative laughter at Ruhlin's arch reply.

The Taxation Committee had "no intention," Ruhlin informed Michaud drily, "of intruding into your responsibility or authority" by suggesting ways to offset its combination of additional tax expenditures and reduced revenue estimates.

That left the Appropriations panel in a familiar position — pretty much on its own to attempt to broker a three-way deal to balance the budget among majority Democrats, minority Republicans and the independent King administration.

And in that regard, the Taxation Committee on Tuesday put its stamp on the issue that for now is proving most divisive in efforts to compromise.

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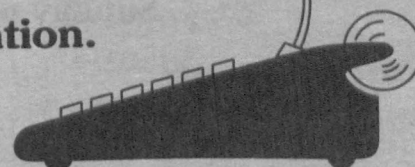
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we have to follow in order to change the charter."

According to Maine law, to change its charter, the town must hold a general election in which the total number of votes cast either for or against the question equals or exceeds 30 percent of the total votes cast in the town in the last gubernatorial election. If the turnout is less than the required 30 percent, the results are invalid.

Even with the current scheduling conflict, students registered to vote in Orono have the option to vote absentee. There are several ways to obtain an absentee ballot, Town Clerk Wanda J. Thomas said. "It is so easy for someone to do it. Every year they do something to make it easier."

Orono residents can request a ballot in person, by phone, by written request or by having someone pick up a ballot for them.

Orono Town Council Chairman George Gonyar thinks that voting absentee may be more convenient than voting on election day because it allows students to vote whenever they want, and they don't have to be in Orono on election day.

"There are a few rabble-rousers who try to make it sound like the town is trying to deny their right," Gonyar said. "I say this business of the town of Orono is trying to keep the kids or prevent the kids from voting is bull crap. It's bull crap."

Councilor M. Terri Hutchinson said "the situation is unfortunate," but the way to make the best of it is for students who are interested vote absentee.

However, students rarely take advantage of the absentee process. In the March 1996 elections, 778 votes were cast out of a possible 10,079 registered voters. In Ward 1, which includes the university, there were 48 absentee ballots cast. None of them had on-campus addresses listed.

Councilor Philip R. Brown attributes the lack of student interest in town politics to students' being more involved in their own lives. "You are much more interested, as I would have been at your age, in where I am going on spring break," Brown said.

With the consistently low student turnout and the university's history of calendar adjustments, many in the town said amending the charter is not worth the effort.

"We can't change our election day every time the school changes its schedule," Gonyar said. "It is totally rational to say that we vote on such and such a day, now anyone who is a citizen to Orono, on that day or whenever, can vote. Now, if you're not here, then you vote absentee ballot."

The university calendar is determined by a faculty senate committee. Faculty senate President Kathleen March said changing the calendar to coincide with the municipal elections has never been raised at faculty senate. She said that because students can vote absentee, it probably would not be a strong reason for changing the break.

Orono state Rep. Kathleen Stevens views the issue differently as an English graduate student at the university, who also received her undergraduate degree from UMaine.

"I believe what the town fathers say, but I also believe that there is a genuine interest in having the town council represent the town part of Orono, not the university part of Orono," she said.

"We have an excellent town council in many ways, but there are no students on that council, and without the university this town would have a very different complexion. Nobody can deny that, and I think that it is a reasonable request to have a student seat on the town council," Stevens said.

Stevens said she recognizes the difficulty in getting students involved in town politics voting, but she thinks it is worth an effort. She pointed out that in her 10 years in Orono, the town has not even discussed changing the timing of the elections.

"Even if there is just one student that cares about the town, that would be more than enough," Stevens said. "If there is just one student that wants to run for office, that's more than enough. Even if there is just one student who wants to make this their full-time home, that's

more than enough."

Former Student Government President Ben Meiklejohn said the town doesn't encourage or attempt to address student participation in town politics. He suggested that the town do more to promote absentee ballots.

"It seems like a conscious attempt on the town's part to exclude the students," Meiklejohn said. "They assume that we don't know anything about the town, or care about the town."

Stevens said some people in town view students as outsiders, but she feels students could make valuable contributions to the town.

"We're just people, we're good people, we're young people, and to be treated by disdain by the town just because we're pursuing our education to make ourselves competent and viable members of the future society is ridiculous. And that is what they do," Stevens said. "Those nasty students," they say to themselves. But we're not nasty, we're just younger than they are."

### • State news

## Federal grant benefits UMaine

The University of Maine has been awarded a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to be used for ocean research, Rep. John Baldacci announced Tuesday.

The money will be used by the Maine and New Hampshire Sea Grant Program for research and education on coastal pollution issues in the two states. The grant will also be used to conduct research on aquaculture, fisheries management and

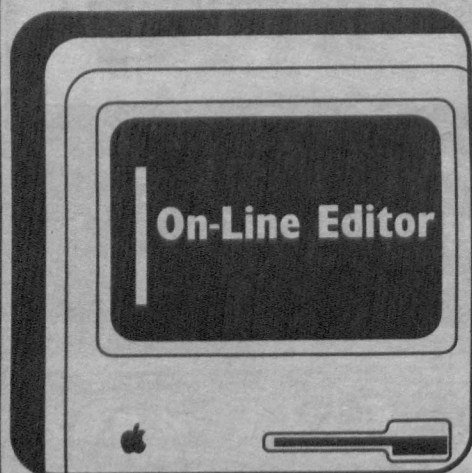
water quality, Baldacci said.

"The grant will support efforts aimed at researching and combatting pollution along our shores and in our seas," Baldacci said. "These federal resources will also serve to educate Maine students about critical issues pertaining to our coastal areas and ocean waters."

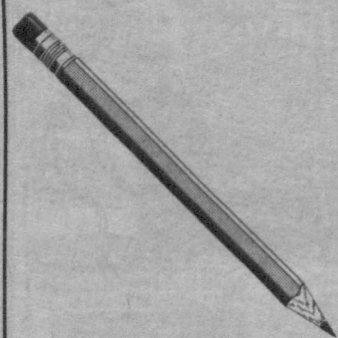
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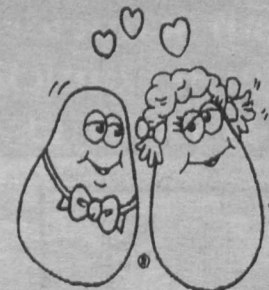
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# National News

## • Chemical weapons

### Cover-up suspicions rise with latest Pentagon information

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senior Army officers fighting the Gulf War suspected in February 1991 that an Iraqi weapons depot contained chemical weapons but failed to alert U.S. troops who blew up the site less than two weeks later, the Pentagon acknowledged Tuesday.

The information is contained in a still-classified document, according to the Pentagon's senior investigator into Gulf War matters, Bernard Rostker. He has asked the CIA to declassify the memo, but the request has been denied because it would disclose "sources and methods" on how the information was obtained, Rostker told reporters at a Pentagon briefing.

Rostker called the briefing to release his report into the March 1991 destruction of the Iraqi storage site at Kamisiyah by members of the 37th Engineering Battalion. Last June, the Pentagon announced that it had only recently learned that U.S. troops may have been exposed to chemical weapons during the destruction of the site.

The new report makes clear that information existed even before the war was concluded on Feb. 28, 1991, that the Army suspected chemical weapons were at Kamisiyah.

On Capitol Hill, senators who have been critical of the Pentagon's handling of unexplained illnesses among Gulf War

veterans said the new report adds weight to suspicions of a government cover-up.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., said "we now know positively" that the CIA informed the Army on Feb. 23, 1991, that there were chemical weapons at Kamisiyah and "totally failed to publicly come forward until late last year." The CIA, he said, "is every bit as implicated" as the Defense Department.

"It is my judgment a cover-up of major proportions, and will lead to very serious consequential actions," Rockefeller said.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee, said: "It's extremely disconcerting to find out this morning that the Department of Defense knew about this on Feb. 23, 1991, and had never told us that, which puts the destruction in March of '91 in a very different light."

Rostker said he does not believe any cover-up occurred, saying only that his report highlights "missed opportunities" to pass on information or to investigate what actually happened in the years after the war.

"There's no question that there were leads that were not followed," he said, although "people (were) trying to do their job as best they could."

The report does not clarify whether

troops actually were exposed to sarin nerve gas, Rostker said, nor does it answer all questions about what happened, let alone why so many veterans are sick.

"It still remains in many ways an enigma," Rostker said. "There are parts of the story that still don't make sense."

Rostker's report notes that at the opening of the Gulf War, the Army's Central Command did not classify Kamisiyah as a chemical weapons storage site. "However, by late February 1991, the XVIII (ABN) G-3 indicated that Kamisiyah was suspected of being a chemical weapons storage site," the report states.

The report goes on to note that the first troops to reach the site, members of the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division received information on Feb. 26 that there were "possible chemicals on Objective GOLD," another reference to Kamisiyah. The 24th moved on to cut off Republican Guard troops retreating to Basra, and members of the 82nd Airborne moved in.

"There is no evidence to date that the 82nd Div. (ABN) received the warning from the XVIII Corps (ABN) of possible chemicals on Objective GOLD," the report stated. The 37th Engineers were members of the 82nd, and they participated in the destruction of the weapons cache.

The report further notes that in No-

vember 1991 the CIA told the Army that U.S. soldiers may have been exposed to nerve gas when they blew up the weapons dump, but the Army failed to follow up.

A mistake in identifying the Gulf War unit involved caused the matter to be forgotten for four years, the report said.

The Pentagon study contains portions of two CIA documents that have been placed on the Defense Department's World Wide Web site. Those documents show how clear the CIA's November 1991 warning was.

In recent months, the Pentagon has maintained that the intelligence warnings it received were not at all clear, and that they were faced with confusing and contradictory information.

The Pentagon study says the Iraqis "were selective in their willingness to cooperate" in providing information about whether chemical weapons were at the site. This "led to the belief that the Iraqis were not telling the truth about chemical weapons being at the site when the demolition occurred."

Only last year did Pentagon officials acknowledge that more than 20,000 troops may have been exposed to nerve gas. And that came after a U.N. team revisited the site in 1996 and "conclusively identified debris ... that was characteristic of chemical munitions," the report said.

## • IRS

### Tax complexity top drawback

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS is trying to feel your pain.

That's the gist of a new report from the Internal Revenue Service taxpayer advocate, a position created by Congress last year to cull through taxpayers' beefs and recommend ways to improve the system.

Lee Monks, IRS taxpayer advocate, presented a report to a House Ways and Means subcommittee that provides a 20-item laundry list of complaints that Americans have with their tax collector. Number one on the list was a no-brainer: "Complexity of the tax law."

Monks called this item "the single most burdensome aspect of compliance for tax-

payers (and) it also serves, to a great degree, as a contributing factor for many of the other issues in this report."

Other problem areas include an often busy toll-free IRS telephone help line, unclear IRS letters and an "inappropriate tone" staff sometimes uses when talking to taxpayers, erroneous IRS notices to taxpayers and problems with the federal tax deposit requirements.

Other issues include the burden small business face complying with tax laws, problems with administrative penalties levied on taxpayers and delays up to two years confronting taxpayers with problems or errors on their returns.

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# Editorial

## Starr muddies Whitewater

Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr's indecision has damaged his already questionable credibility and subverted his legal team's attempts to prosecute those currently under investigation, including the president and the first lady.

On the heels of last Monday's announcement, in which he expressed his intentions of abandoning the case on Aug. 1 and heading Pepperdine University's School of Law, Starr, under intense pressure, decided to stay on until the Whitewater probe was "substantially completed." This reversal should make the American public question the independent counsel's resolve.

Starr attributed his change of heart mostly to conversations with his colleagues, but also mentioned outside pressures when making his Friday announcement, apparently referring to a letter from Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., in which the senator urged him to stay on for the integrity of the investigation. Newspaper editorials also derided Starr for abandoning his government-paid position for a lucrative job in private academia. Bowing to outside pres-

sure, especially if it comes from the political arena, should not be viewed as an admirable trait for one who seeks justice and has a responsibility to remain independent.

Much like fellow Texan Ross Perot's withdrawal from, and subsequent return to, the 1992 presidential campaign, Starr's recent flip-flop sends a mixed message to interested parties and taints any future political or public endeavors he may pursue. The three-year, \$30 million investigation certainly had enough problems — certainly the duration and the price tag can be counted among them — to have Starr muddy the Whitewater probe any further.

Pundits and journalists have jumped on Starr's return and speculated as to its connection to the case's legal merit. In an already confused case, additional, but warranted, media attention because of Starr's inconsistency can only compromise the independent counsel's pursuit of justice and taint any findings he and his team present to the public.

Starr's departure was bad enough. His return only confirms his lack of dedication.

## Half-hearted homelessness

To all appearances, and to the Bangor TV news affiliates, the Beta Theta Pi fourth annual sleep out was noble humanitarian effort. To think and act in support of the homeless at a time of year when their plight is at its most miserable is commendable and should also serve to pull the Greeks together for an important event. The events as they unfolded at the sleep out showed that, despite the tradition, unity and commitment were not entirely fulfilled.

Around 175 Greeks showed up to participate in the fundraiser, along with an unexpected band, a lot of food, two TV stations, several sponsors, and *The Maine Campus*. Media exposure was exceptional considering the final results of the sleep out. Regardless of the exact number of Greeks who were present at the outset, 28 people had the willpower to endure the night. Kudos to these people who were able to experience a little of life on the street. The remainder apparently took the party inside.

Philanthropy of this kind is not a fair weather endeavor. A rainy winter night is undeniably unpleasant, but the homeless are not out in winter to exercise their stamina. The inability of many Greeks to follow through with the event hurts not only the credibility of the event, but detracts from the efforts of event organizer Seth Prentice and Greater Bangor Area Shelter program manager Mike Andrick. The 28 Greeks who stood by their word and spent the 12 hours outside were probably not pleased either. With a little extra effort the Greeks could have procured the warm clothing necessary to endure the cold and wet; it is, after all, a Maine winter.

Fortunately, the sponsors didn't renege, and a substantial amount of money went to the needy through the Bangor shelter, an institution that relies entirely on donations. Perhaps Kurt Schickle will succeed next year in getting the Greek community to follow through in greater numbers.

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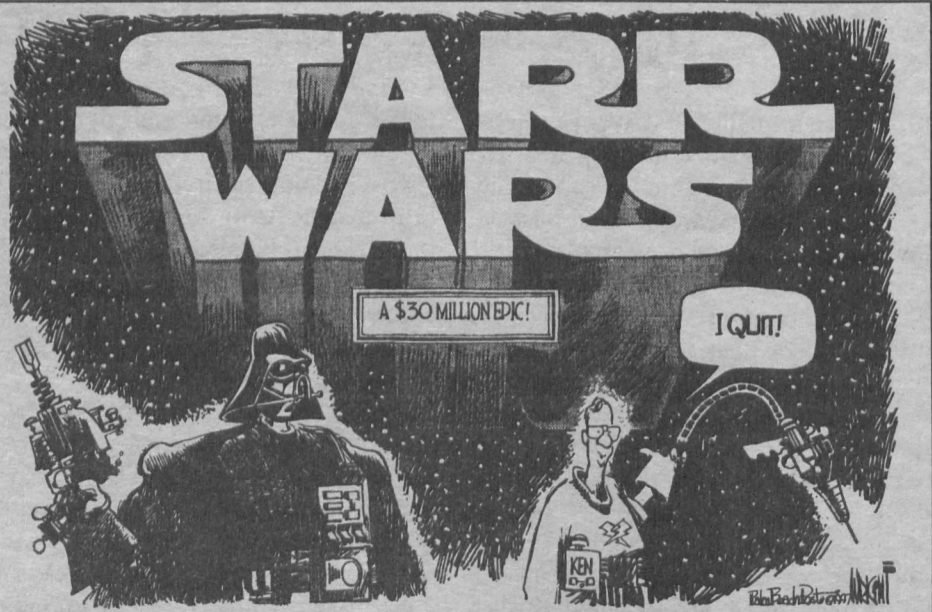
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### • Letters to the Editor

#### • Offended

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards to the editorial in the Monday, Feb. 24, issue titled "Presenting student leadership." Jenn Nelson being slammed to the entire public for wearing her sorority letters was unnecessary. She is very proud of being in the Greek community. She is in no way saying that the Greek community is the only group that she represents. She should be able to wear her letters and be proud, while showing off that she is involved in many things on campus. If I wore a sweatshirt that said University Singers, would that mean that I am only speaking for the singers? No. It would just simply show that I am involved on campus. I am sure that the people in Augusta did

not look at her sweatshirt and wonder, "Is she speaking for the entire student body, or just for the Greek community?" She loves what she does and puts her all into it, and should not have been put down or questioned for wearing her sorority letter under any circumstances. She is a Greek as am I and we are a part of the undergraduate student body that she represents. I am very proud to have Nelson and Morelli, two Greeks, representing our student body and I think that Jennifer Nelson is doing and will do a great job as president. The article not only bothered me because it slammed Jenn, but also because I am a member of the Greek community and found that article offensive.

Kristi Curtis  
Orono

#### • From a fan

To the Editor:

In reference to Scott Martin's column on Feb. 19, "NASCAR's in left field." Since he is admittedly not a NASCAR fan, it is understandable that he missed the point about some aspects of stock car racing, and got his facts wrong on others. Maybe I can't make him a fan, but I can clear up some misconceptions.

Restrictor plates have been in use since the late '60s. Initially, it was an attempt to equalize the field. After Bobby Allison's fence-ripping wreck at Talladega in '87, the plate as used today was introduced at Daytona in '88.

Daytona is the biggest race because it's the first, as well as its historical significance. It comes after three months of research, of building engines and chassis, of testing...of winter. For fans and drivers alike, it's our big celebration because the season is getting under way.

There are no 1,000 mile races. The longest is the May race in Charlotte of 600 miles. The number (i.e., Daytona 500) can denote miles, laps, or kilometers.

Just going around in circles? The 40 or so drivers that manage to climb through the ranks of ASA, ARCA, Busch North, Busch Grand National, Sprints and all the other divisions that have sent their best to NASCAR, would tell you it's so much more than that. The image of the out-of-shape, talentless redneck driving a stock car is a thing of the past. It's a sport that demands physical conditioning and mental sharpness.

Diane Genthner  
Orono

#### Correction

In the Monday, Feb. 24 edition of *The Maine Campus*, the Sigma Nu fraternity was mistakenly omitted from the list of participants in Friday's Beta Theta Pi sleep out. The omission occurred in a front-page story titled "Beta sleep out raises money for homeless." Sigma Nu did send representatives to the event.

#### • Left out

To the Editor:

I would just like to inform you that in the article detailing the specifics about the sleep out for the homeless conducted this weekend, there was no mention of my fraternity.

Sigma Nu played a large role in the preparation for the sleep out, soliciting donations and contributions from various Hogan Road businesses.

At the sleep out we were one of the largest groups in attendance, with at least twelve people there for most of the night.

I would also like to express my regret for not being included in this article. Good exposure for fraternities and sororities is hard to come by. When a particular group does put a good deal of effort into something, they expect to get recognized along with the other groups who also participated, not in the corrections days later.

We are not mad that we were mistakenly excluded, but we are disappointed.

Thank you for listening.

Anthony Capozzi  
Orono

#### • Congratulations

To the Editor:

We would like to congratulate the 28 people that slept out in support of the homeless on Friday, Feb. 21, as well as all of the community members and other supporters who participated in some way. We appreciate your acknowledgment of the reality that some of us live privileged lives while others don't.

This is what people should learn from these events. Congratulations on the money raised — it will surely help people who do not have the choice to "go inside."

Was it the actual event or the reporters' interpretation of the evening that made it seem like this was more of a social gathering than a fund and awareness raiser? In the future it would be more beneficial, for participants and reporters, to treat these events as actual philanthropies instead of image builders.

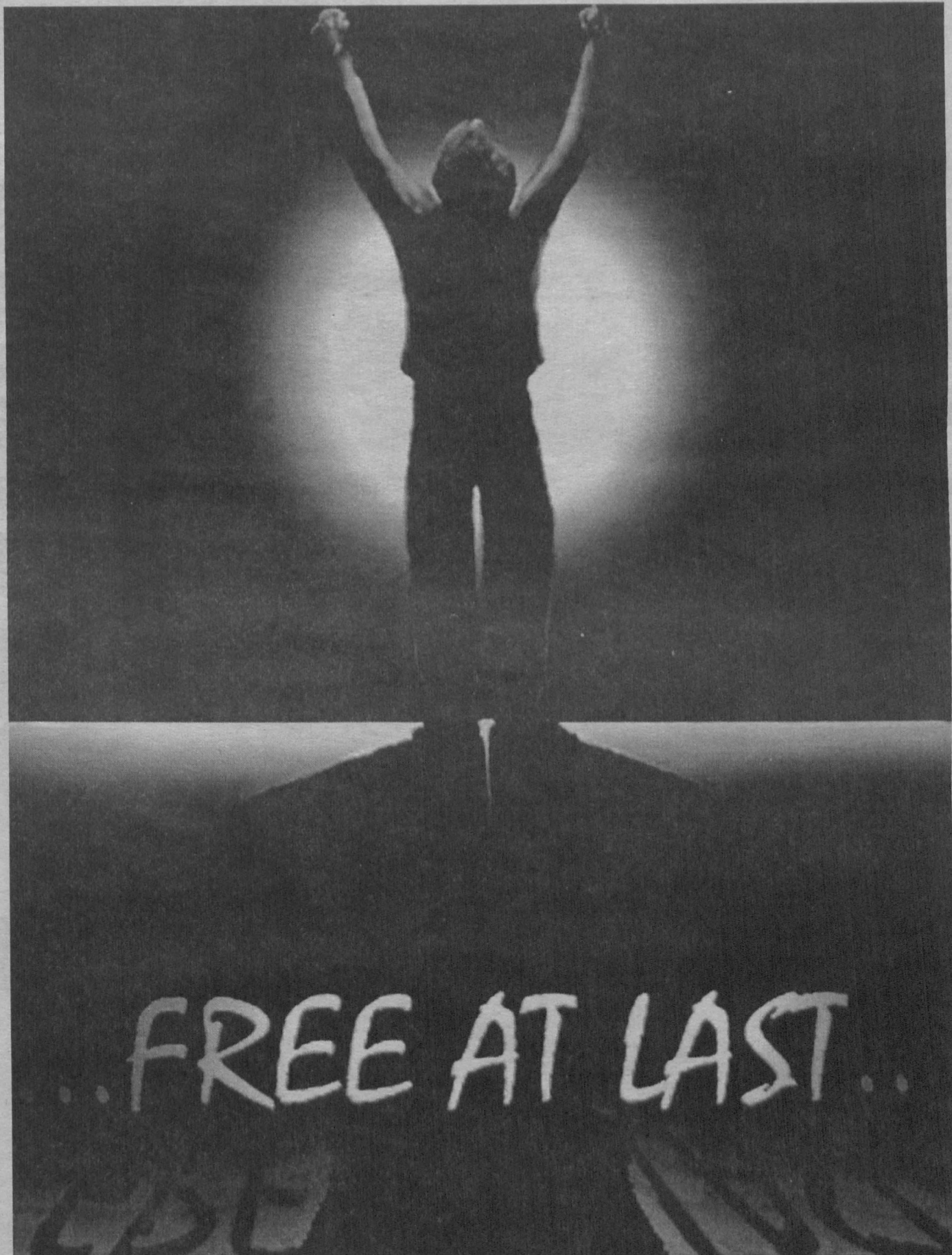
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# CAMPUS CRIER

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February 26 to March 18, 1997



...HAVE A GREAT SPRING BREAK!



### Wednesday, 26

This lunch series will be about Guyana and featuring Balkaran Samaroo, a UM student. Samaroo will be presenting materials from Guyana and answering questions about his country. Bring your lunch! It will be in Totman Lounge, Memorial Union, at 12:10 p.m.

### International Awareness Brown Bag Lunch Series

### Forum on Class Book, "I, Rigoberta Menchu"

### Men's Hockey vs. UMass/Amherst

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7:00 P.M. Admission Fee. At the Alfond Sports Arena

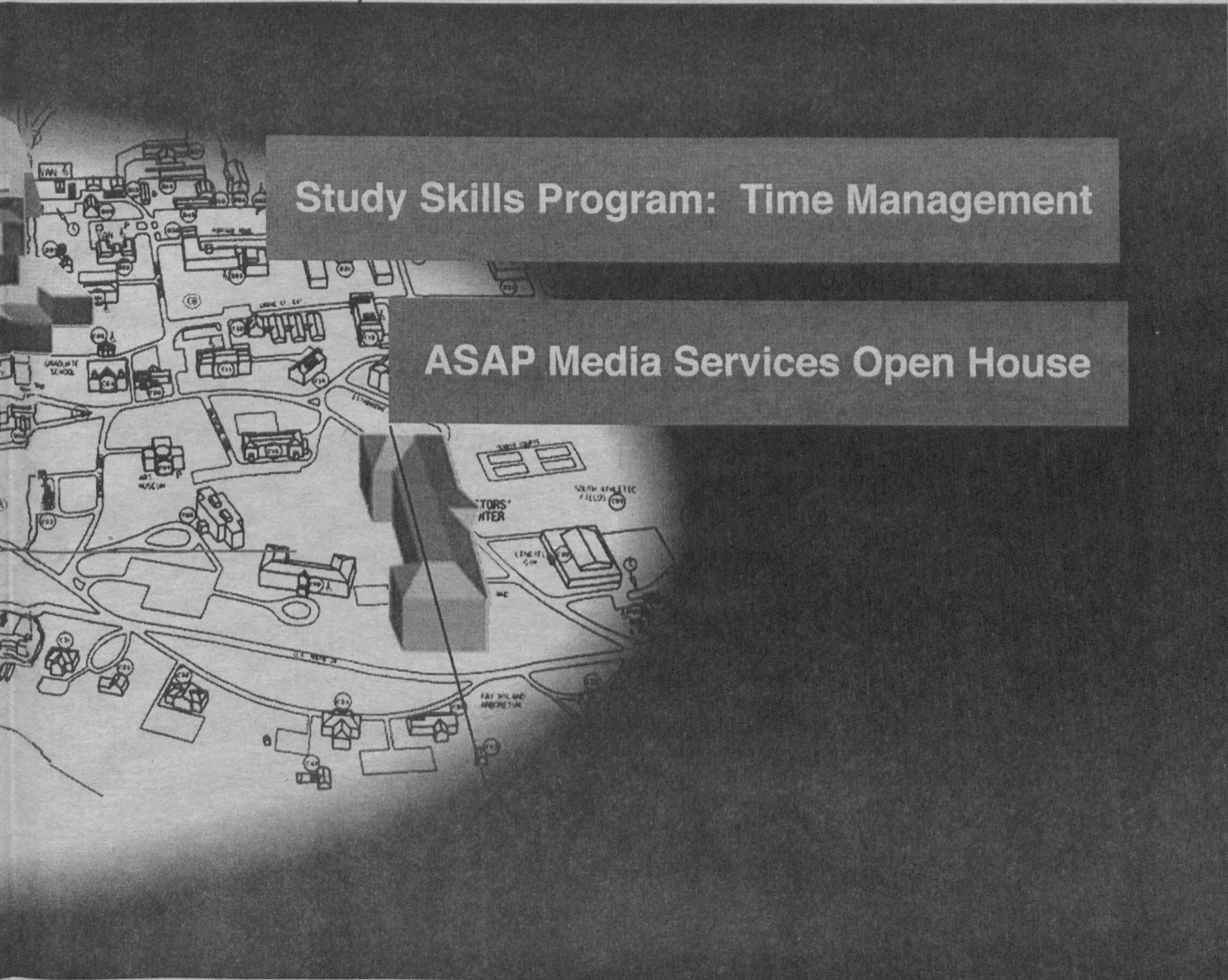
### Thursday, 27

There is a roundtable discussion on "Rigoberta Menchu in Maine", featuring Juan Leon Alvarado: Mayan Defense Team, Cesar Britos: Pine Tree Legal, Nancy Button: Mid-Coast Guatemal Project, Bjorn Claeson: Bangor Clean Clothes Campaign, Sister Lucy Poulin: H.O.M.E., Robert Mendoza: UMaine Student. At 12:30 p.m., FFA Room in the Memorial Union. Also, later this same day, there will a public lecture on the book at 101 Neville Hall.



### Wednesday, 26

A program presented by Dwight Rideout to help students manage their time. This will be presented at 3:15 p.m. in the Totman Lounge in the Memorial Union. Come and learn about ways to help manage time this semester.



Study Skills Program: Time Management

ASAP Media Services Open House

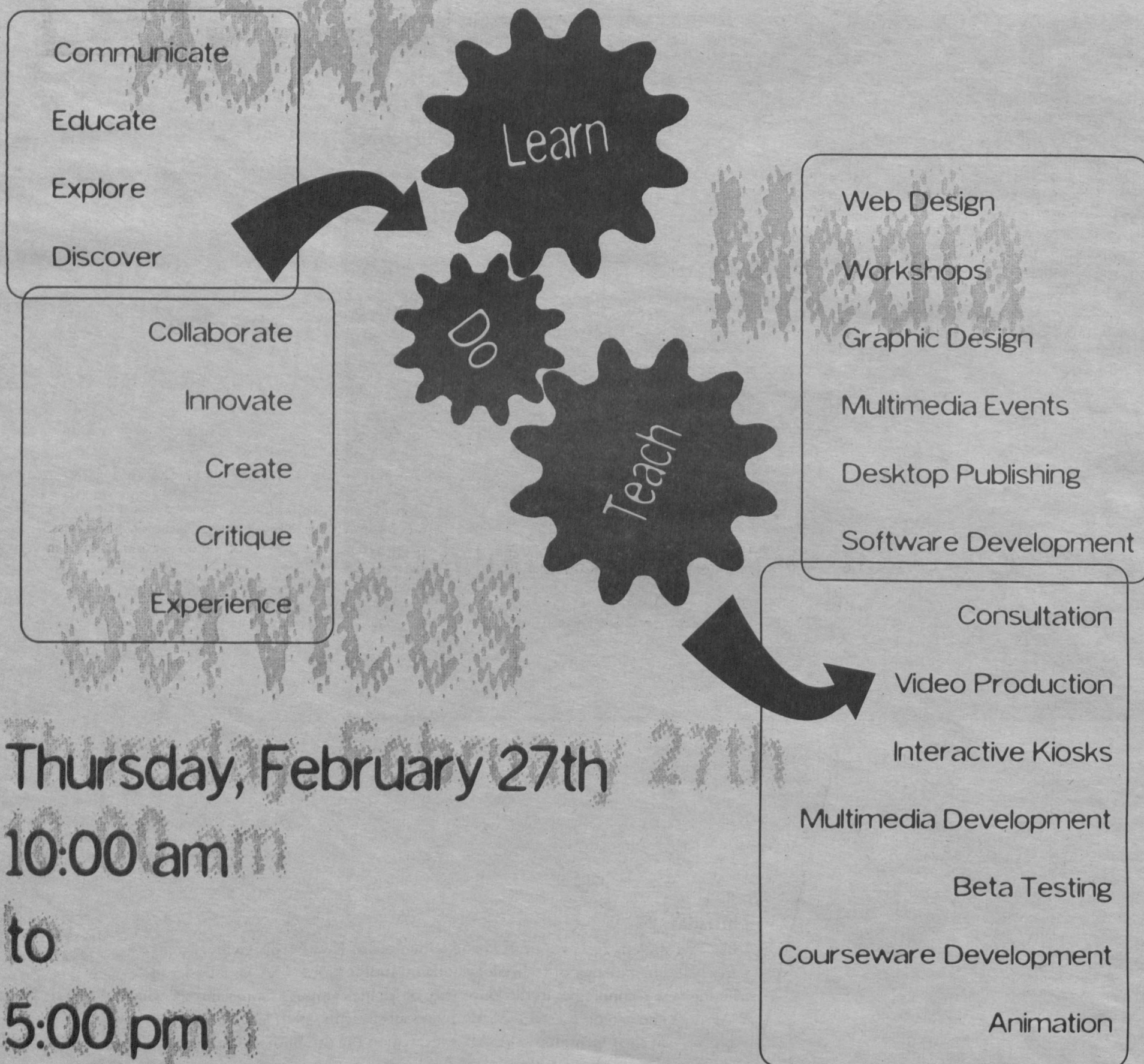
### Thursday, 27

ASAP, as a student-run organization and a member of New Media Centers, actively participates in a merger of technology and communication. ASAP is a leader in bringing new technologies to the University of Maine campus. Come and see what ASAP does and can do for you. ASAP invites all students, staff, faculty, and the public to visit the Open House. ASAP is located on the 4th floor of Chadbourne Hall. The Open House is from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.





# Open House



Thursday, February 27th

10:00 am

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## OpEd

## Diversity on tube overdue

Ever since I saw a clip from Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," I've been viewing television commercials with a critical eye. The show highlighted a Three Musketeers chocolate bar commercial, which features two white men and a black man as the aforementioned swashbucklers. Surprised by the new diversity of the traditionally white group, Craig Kilborn, the show's host, called

making such a bold move. (So what if the show itself actually sucks? At least they were trying.) While we always hear of the giant "melting pot" called America, we rarely see this represented in our media.

After getting the Three Musketeers tip-off, I started scanning commercials for people of color. I no-

was not aimed for people of color when it came out in the '50s. Original black cameo appearances were usually maids, butlers or cooks. The Jefferson's is the first all-black family show that I can remember (but I am young, so there may have been others.) This show also had a white doorman, to completely shift the traditional conventions. This was, of course, due to the racism of television executives and the fact that blacks did not earn as much money (proportionally) as whites and for the same reason. So I suppose as African Americans gained respect and equality, there was a time and place to start introducing them onto the commercial front. It just seems like this should have happened a long time ago. Is it paying a compliment to the community by featuring them in new Cadillac ads? Has the equality finally happened? I was under the impression it happened years ago.

In conducting my own research by watching a two-hour prime-time movie, and its commercials, I found only two aimed at an ethnic community (which happened to be the black community: one for Dr Pepper and one for Jenny Craig). And in the whole four hours of Must-See-TV Thursday, there are only four ethnic actors (one Asian, two blacks and one Hispanic). We all live here, we all buy name-brand products and watch prime-time television. We should all be catered to. Anything less strongly suggests the remnants of racism have not left our media.



## As I See It

By Kathryn Ritchie

Mars chocolate company to find if the new casting of the black man was done to reach the African American audience. Of course, the company said it was just a coincidence. Yeah, right.

Advertising and TV executives have been making more racially conscious casting decisions of late, which isn't an altogether bad thing. Case in point: the show *Masked Rider*, which airs Saturday mornings on Fox. (OK, so sometimes I watch Saturday morning cartoons, so what?) Anyway, this show features what could arguably be the perfect family of the 90s: a white dad, an Asian mom, a black adopted son, one white daughter and a teen-ager who is really an alien, hence the show's title. While it seems so obvious that race was the major factor in casting this show, the show is to be applauded for

ticed another trend: If it comes to advice giving, or common sense, an African American seems to get the role (at least more often than they have in the past). As I said before, this really does not bother me. What does, is that including people of color seems to be a new eye-opening trend. Like some executive was sitting in his office a year ago and said, "You know what would really attract our selling audience? Let's aim a few commercials to the black community! By George, why didn't we think of that years ago?!" And that's my point - why didn't they think of this years ago? People of color are not a new fad, some have been here longer than us "traditional" Americans. But it's like it's this new big, bright idea to actually try to sell minorities products.

One could argue that television

## The fight for our university

Chris Barstow

As many of you are aware, the University of Maine has been financially restricted over the last couple of years by the state of Maine. Many individuals and groups of the university have worked toward fighting for needed funding and support for the university.

The General Alumni Association has made a campaign to organize University of Maine alumni in writing letters to local legislators and to legislative leadership, such as the speaker of the house, the Senate president and the governor. They have also, overall, organized the alumni of this university in fighting for more funding to this institution.

The classified employees of this university, headed by Suzanne Moulton, have organized their members in helping the advocacy effort. They have lobbied in Augusta, had members speak at important committee hearings and have organized a letter writing campaign open to the university community.

The administration of this university has done a large amount of

work to get funding for this institution. They have held meetings on campus with legislators, given presentations to legislators as to why this university should receive more funding and also with other meaningful endeavors, have helped the advocacy cause.

Faculty have helped out in gaining support for the university in organizing lobbying efforts and in making both legislators and citizens of the state aware of this university. Members of the faculty organized together, such as the "Faculty Five," have gone above and beyond in creating awareness and support for this university.

Both Student Government and the Association of Graduate Students have organized lobbying efforts and letter writing campaigns to help in bringing in more funding and awareness.

The Department of Public Affairs and its director, John Diamond, have lobbied in Augusta for the University of Maine. Diamond and his department have also worked to unite all groups and individuals involved in this effort under one distinct message, formed through an advocacy

plan, to make our fight stronger and more cohesive.

We, as students, are the consumers of education. Students are the ones who pay for this product, through tuition. Therefore, students have the strongest voice and greatest influence, since we are the ones who primarily benefit from this institution.

We have the power and ability to make changes for our university. We can get done what needs to be changed and what we want changed for our institution. We need to utilize our student body, and not let it go to waste.

Together, along with these other groups and individuals that have helped out the advocacy effort, we can help out our university. Let us work together as students and members of this university community, and work towards increasing funding and support for the University of Maine. Together, we can maintain the quality and integrity of this institution.

Chris Barstow is a senator in Student Government and chair of the Legislative Liaison Committee.

## Twelve hours not enough

Friday night was Beta Theta Pi's sleep out for the Greater Bangor Area Shelter, which serves the area's homeless. The sleep out generated more than \$4,500 in donations, which will help the shelter attempt to meet the needs of those it serves.

While some of the estimated 175 people who attended the sleep out were in charge of rais-

without a home, or they are drunks and deserve to be homeless, or if they are homeless they will have a shelter to go to, or a bus or train station to take cover in from the wet and cold.

While some may be able to go to a shelter, not everyone



## On the Sly

By Yolanda Sly

ing money, many of those people were to spend the night outside. However, when the rain came, 28 people, myself included, lasted through the night.

Some may say we were making fun of the homeless by holding the sleep out; personally, I stayed outside all night in the rain to help raise money for a good cause. However, it doesn't make any one of us great and wonderful, because the problem still exists and more needs to be done, by all of us.

While we were cold and damp, we had it easy compared to the many who truly do not have a place to live with heat, running water and a place to sleep. We had the comfort of knowing that by 7:30 a.m. we could be nestled in our warm beds, or at least have a chance to dry off and put warm clothing on.

Homelessness is a problem that millions of people living in the United States have to face. It does not discriminate against gender, race or ethnicity, political affiliation or region in the country. Homelessness includes those with children as well. No one decides when they are young, "When I grow up I want to be homeless."

When faced with the harsh reality of not having a place to live, the homeless must lose their pride and self respect, especially if they are responsible for someone other than themselves.

No one decides to be homeless when it's 80 degrees and sunny. They are homeless when it's sunny, rainy and 20 degrees below zero without the wind chill. They, unfortunately, are forced to suck up and deal with their situation the best way they know how.

Some think those who are homeless have chosen to be

can or will. In certain cities, law enforcement officials are forced to keep those who are homeless out of train and bus stations, and if it becomes so cold that one can literally freeze to death, they may be allowed in the station. However, officials usually see if there is any room left in a shelter prior to that. Homeless people are forced to sleep in alleys, stairwells, park benches or if lucky, they might ride the bus for as long as they can to keep out of the cold.

Bangor is not a true metropolitan area, and Maine is a rural state, which may or may not be able to deal with the problem of homelessness. If big cities have this problem with various agencies helping people, Maine obviously has this problem as well, with people spread out and fewer resources than other states.

It even affects this campus. We see people looking in the trash cans for bottles, maybe food. They're not bothering anyone; they just want food or the five or six cents from a bottle like the rest of us. It's a reality, which even the cozy comfort the university can't protect us from.

We, Greeks and non-Greeks must remember that homelessness is a problem that affects all of us. We never know when it may be one of us who may be out on the street, without knowing when our next meal is coming or when we will have a warm bed to sleep in.

Homelessness is a year-round problem that has no easy solution, because if there was an easy solution there would be no homelessness.

Yolanda Sly is a senior journalism major and the city editor of The Maine Campus.



# Entertainment

## Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Wednesday, February 26

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** It is essential that you maintain a confident outlook over the next 12 months. If others sense that you are uncertain of your position they may lose faith in you. A bit of self-hypnosis might help. Keep telling yourself you are the best.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** You can't change the world, but you can change yourself. If you are lucky enough to find yourself in the right place at the right time today, your efforts will have a positive effect on the lives of many people.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** What seems like a setback now will appear in a much more positive light toward the end of the week. Don't lose your temper and don't pick an argument with someone you suspect has been plotting against you. Even if that is true, there is not a lot you can do about it — yet.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Although your thoughts may be far away you still have responsibilities close to home, responsibilities that will take on an extra dimension on Friday. Enjoy your dreams, but don't lose touch with reality.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** You have the power to change many things, but the things you really want to change are out of your control. You don't really need to change that much. It could be that it is only your perspective that is wrong. If it is, then it will change for the better very soon.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** If you want something badly enough today you will find a way to get it. Once you get it, however, you may decide it isn't as wonderful as you thought it would be. The excitement is in the chase, so keep the chase going for as long as you can.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** Because you have been working so hard in recent weeks, partners and loved ones feel neglected. Soon you will be able to reassure them that they mean more to you than anything else in the world. Today, however, you must continue to work hard.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** This is a fortunate time for you. Almost anything you choose to do will be a success if you put your mind to it and refuse to go off at a tangent every time something new and exciting catches your eye.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** Communication is important. Keep your long-term aims to yourself, by all means, but on a day-to-day level you must let those you are working with know what you expect. Misunderstandings could be expensive.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Even if you are totally exhausted you must push yourself a little bit harder today. One final effort could be all it takes to open a door that has remained closed for too long.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** The odds are heavily in your favor now. You don't have to take unnecessary risks, but you do have to realize that the opportunity you are about to be offered won't be around for long. Take advantage of it today.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Give partners and colleagues the benefit of the doubt today, even if you suspect they are taking advantage of your easygoing nature. If they help themselves to something that is technically yours, pretend not to notice. It is nothing to get angry about so you may as well let them have it.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** There is an air of anticipation in your life, as if you know something important is about to happen but you don't have the first idea what it might be. You are in for a surprise. Don't try to anticipate it or it won't be much of a surprise.

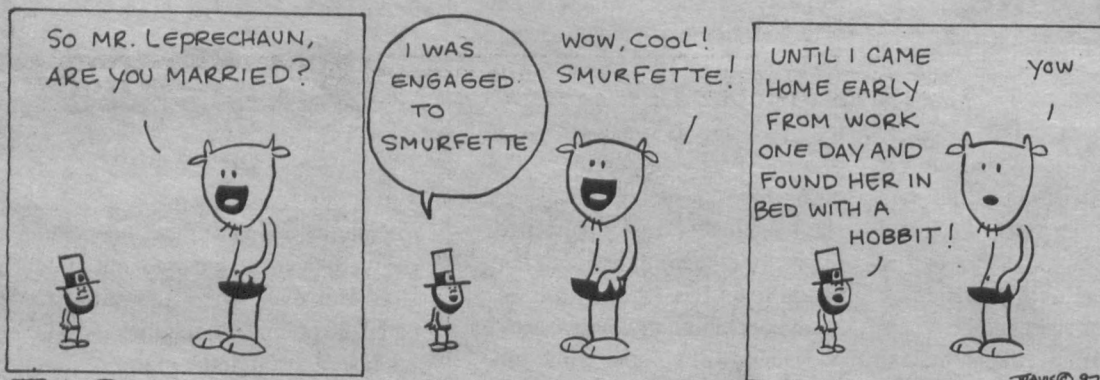
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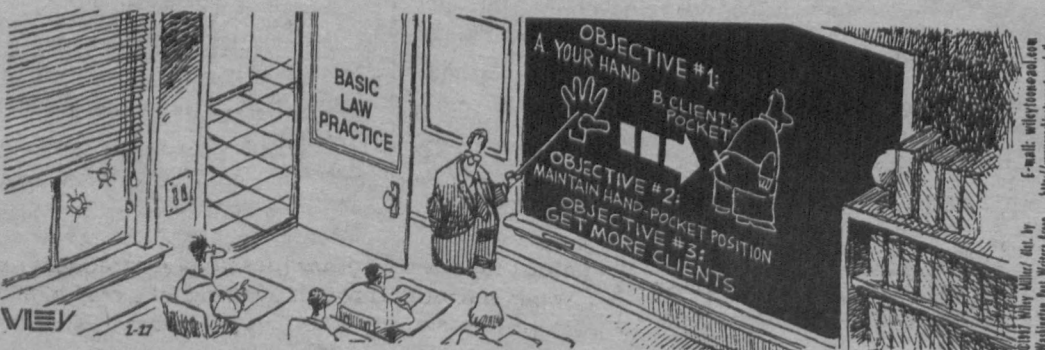
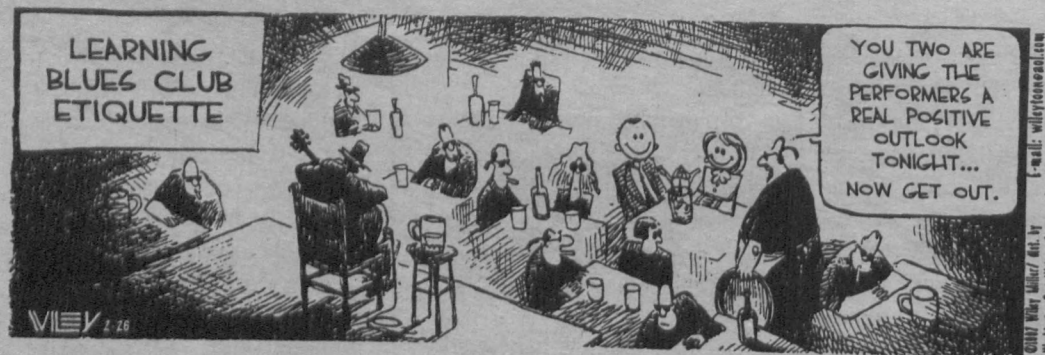
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# Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, February 27

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** You have been threatening to make changes for so long that, sadly, not everyone believes you any longer. You will soon get one more opportunity to transform your life for the better. After that, you must make the best of what you have got.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** A little bit of what you fancy will do you the world of good today — loved ones will feel the benefits too. There is no point in hiding your feelings, because others are not as easily fooled as you think they are. Let your partner know what it is you really want.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** If a loved one wants some privacy today, let him/her have it. If the relationship is strong — and it is — you will benefit from a brief spell apart. Remember the adage about absence making the heart grow fonder.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Dealings with employers and people in authority should become a little less stressful today. There may still be disagreements, but the personal antagonism will begin to fade, then disappear altogether.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Try to be more adventurous today. Do something that makes others take notice. Your reputation can only benefit from a more daring approach. You will face criticism whatever you choose to do, so you might as well make it worth your while.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** You may feel you have no choice about what you have to do today, but that isn't altogether true. You have the choice as to whether to do it well or badly. Do it well, and you may not have to do it again. Do it badly and you will be stuck with it for several weeks to come.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** Love will come back into your life today. It never really went away, but over the past few weeks there may have been times when it felt as if it had. Someone whom you feel deeply for is about to demonstrate his/her love for you. Let that person know that you feel the same way.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** Take a practical approach to work and health matters today. If you feel tired and emotional, accept it as a message from your body that you need to slow down. The past few weeks have been hectic to say the least. You can't expect to carry on at the same pace forever.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** Now at last you can let your hair down and not worry to much about family and finances. Planetary influences will help you see the bright side of every situation, and where there isn't a bright side you will make one up. It's known as positive thinking.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Make the effort to see things from a loved one's point of view today. It isn't as hard as you might imagine and will certainly have a beneficial effect on the relationship. The things that drew you together still exist even though some of the magic may have gone.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Don't get angry if all the careful planning you have done has to be abandoned. Last-minute changes are inevitable today, whatever you choose to do, so adopt a philosophical frame of mind and be ready to adapt when the need arises.

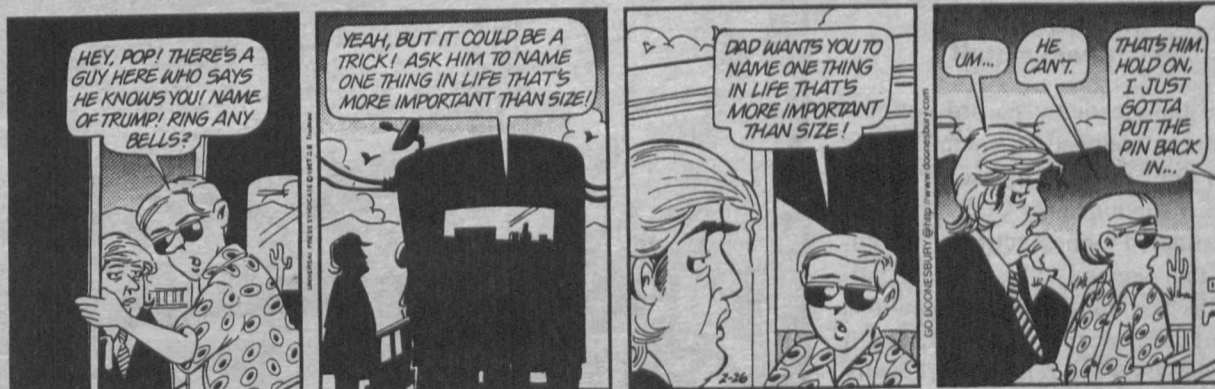
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Although Venus leaves your sign today and Mercury follows suit tomorrow, your ability to think for yourself and feel for others remains. You may not understand why certain things are happening, but you are no doubt glad they are.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Planetary activity is a sure sign that you are on the road to recovery. Aim for your highest ideal today — you will be surprised at how quickly and easily you attain it. Then aim higher still: You don't know what you can do until you try.

# Entertainment

## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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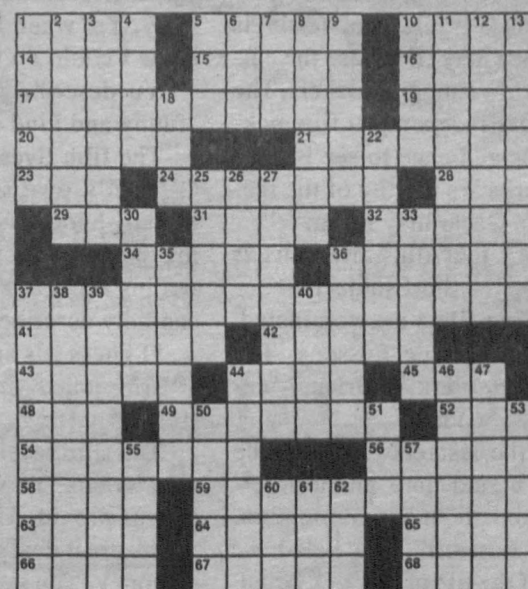


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# Style & the Arts

## • Film

### 'Breathing Lessons' offers insights into independence

By Mike Reynolds  
Maine Campus staff

When the Academy Award nominations were announced at 4 a.m. Pacific Time on Feb. 11, the biggest story was that neither Madonna nor Courtney Love were nominated for best actress. The other story that seemed to be covered endlessly was the amount of nominations "The English Patient" received, yet it only began showing relatively recently in Bangor, probably as a result of the numerous nominations. There were many stories that seemed unworthy of mention because their category was not "popular."

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has more than 20 separate categories to recognize everything from cinematography to makeup. Many of the movies nominated are films popular culture hasn't even heard of.

The Academy Awards ceremony is the biggest event in Hollywood. People worry about who will show up in what dress by what designer and whether or not it cost several thousand dollars. The members of the academy all are respected in the motion picture field; their peers are the people nominated.

The Academy Awards are also, to a lesser extent, a showcase for independent flickers, foreign films and other non-mainstream films. While film festivals such as Sundance may showcase the cutting-edge ideas of young filmmakers, The Oscars give these independent filmmakers a worldwide audience to see if their low-budget works are worthy of the recognition that an Oscar may bring.

One category that illustrates this is best documentary — short subject.

This year, five films are nominated; one of them, "Breathing Lessons: The life and times of Mark O'Brien," was directed by Jessica Yu.

"It is one of the best recognitions to be nominated," Yu said, in a phone interview, when asked about her nomination.

"Breathing Lessons" is a half-hour documentary of the life of Mark O'Brien, a journalist for Pacific News Service and poet who now lives in Berkeley, Calif.

O'Brien's writings are works that are worthy of attention by themselves. But the source of O'Brien's work takes on a story of its own.

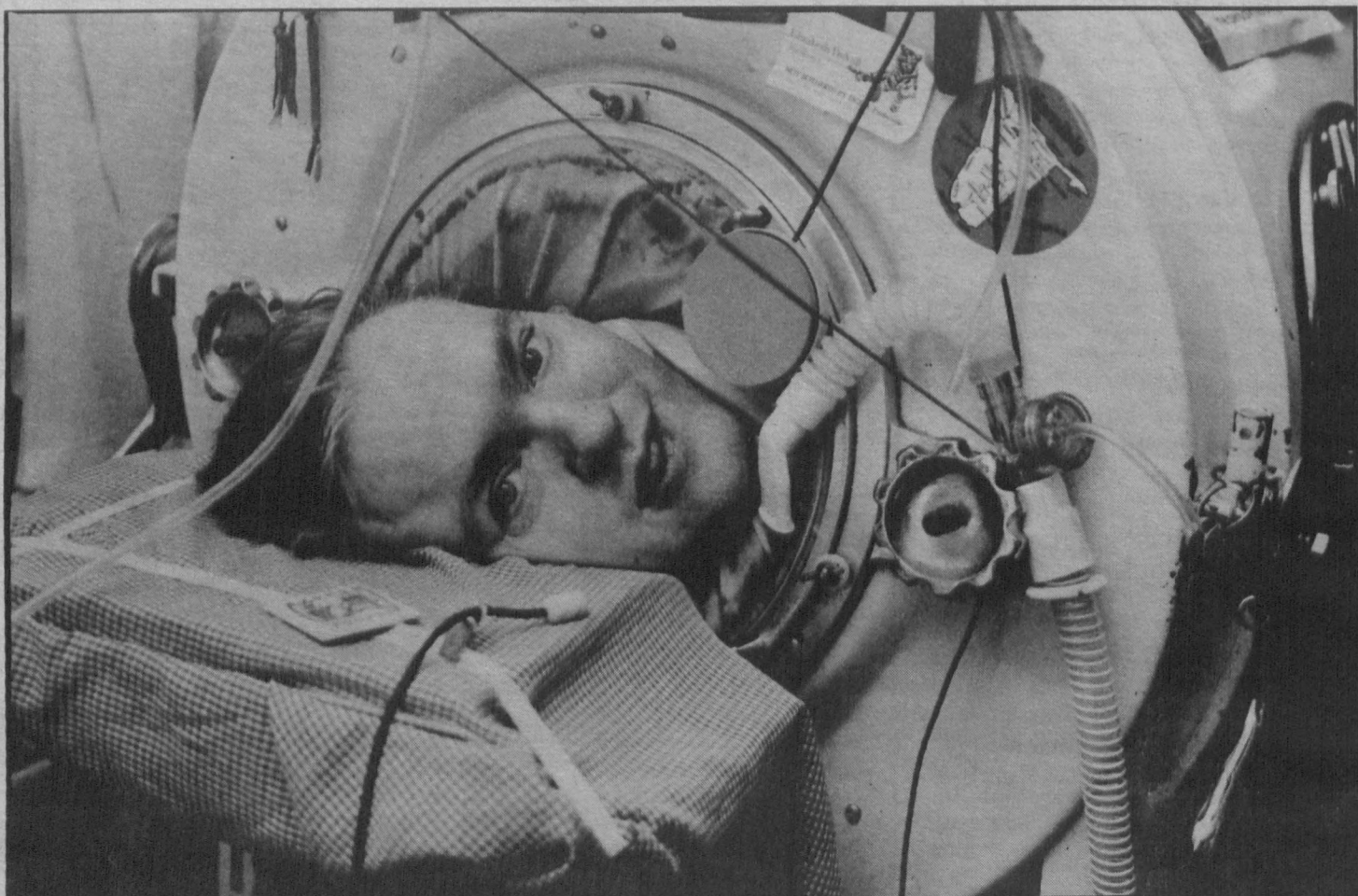
O'Brien is a 47-year-old writer who, since the age of six, has used an iron lung to breathe as a result of childhood polio. He is one of an estimated 120 people in the world who is dependent on such a device.

O'Brien's life, experiences and poetry are at the heart of "Breathing Lessons."

When answering the phone, O'Brien's own voice sounds like an answering machine. One can hear the breathing over his voice, which is over a speakerphone.

When asked about his reaction to the Oscar nomination, O'Brien said, "I did not think we were even eligible. I was very surprised."

The idea of a film came to light after Yu covered a film festival for Pacific News.



Berkeley poet/journalist and disabled rights advocate Mark O'Brien. (Courtesy Photo.)

"The editor told me I had to meet this reporter," Yu said. "I was hesitant because it seemed like a heavy, serious story. Yet when I first talked to Mark, I knew I could do this."

Yu described her previous films as "funny and kind of off beat."

The film lives up to those adjectives. O'Brien's own writing is described as brutally honest, funny and from a refreshing point of view, as exhibited in his writing about a sexual surrogate, which is candidly described in one of his stories.

"I guess it's an occupational hazard," O'Brien joked when asked about his frank style of writing.

The film received much of its budget from grants, Yu wrote. Additional money was provided by Pacific News.

"A great deal of the money was pocket money," Yu said. The film took almost a year to complete and premiered in December 1995.

When asked what the most anticipated moment was, Yu immediately responded, "The two days after I sent it to Mark to see it. I was walking on eggshells hoping he liked it."

The film is a honest portrayal of O'Brien's life. It opens with his poem "Breathing."

Grasping for straws is easier  
You can see the straws  
This most excellent canopy, the air,  
look you,  
Presses down upon me  
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The film continues with memories of his childhood before the onset of his polio, and how his parents decided to bring him home rather than place him in a nursing home, where the average life expectancy was only 18 months.

The loss of a younger sister to pneumonia gives way to another one of his poems with the line "I was the one who was supposed to die," making it one of the most memorable lines of the film.

O'Brien spent two years in a nursing home, years he frequently refers to as horrific and terrifying. He was tutored at home as a child, excluded from the public school system. As it would turn out, his way out of the life he deplored was by attending college in Berkeley, Calif.

The film tells a funny and emotionally moving tale. This is not a story about a hopeless person with a disability. Rather, it serves as a document of one person's life as he has chosen to lead it, despite various factors that have made it like it is.

The film has received numerous awards already, with awards and selections from such acclaimed film festivals and associations as the International Documentary Association, the South by Southwest film festival and the Sundance

film festival.

Because of problems associated with his disability, O'Brien is only able to get in his wheelchair twice a month. Yu went to the numerous screenings all over the continent and brought a book in which viewers could write messages to him. She gave the completed book to O'Brien last Christmas.

O'Brien will watch the awards show at home. He probably will have a party with his friends. Yu will be at the awards, having a good time at the ceremonies.

O'Brien is currently working on an autobiography to be published in the fall. The film is also slated to be shown on the cable network Cinemax, tentatively scheduled for May 22, as part of the "Reel Life" series.

"I don't care if it is sandwiched between Police Academy 1 and 2, as long as it is on," Yu said.

Preliminary plans are also under way to show the film on campus in early April.

## • On TV

### 'Schindler's List' scores big

NEW YORK (AP) — Viewers overwhelmingly endorsed NBC's airing of "Schindler's List" Sunday, making it the night's overwhelming favorite.

With ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox claiming a combined 75 percent share of all viewers watching television, "Schindler's List" attracted 34 percent, according to NBC's analysis of preliminary Nielsen figures.

The film aired from 7:30 to 11 p.m. EST. Its closest head-to-head competition was CBS' "Touched By an Angel," from 8 to 9 p.m. EST, which drew an 18 share.

An estimated 65 million people

watched all or part of the film, NBC estimated — more than double the 25 million people in the United States who have seen it in theaters.

Winner of seven Academy Awards in 1994, "Schindler's List," directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Liam Neeson, made for an unusual night of programming for a broadcast network.

The somber, sometimes shocking film about the Holocaust, shot in black-and-white, aired virtually uncut and made no apology for its TV-M rating (mature audiences only). Uninterrupted by commercials, the film was sponsored solely by the Ford Motor Company.



## • CD review

## Parsons' artistic vision falters

By Yolanda Sly  
Maine Campus staff

"On Air" is the new CD and CD-ROM set by Alan Parsons. Unfortunately, it lacks the creativity of his earlier works.

All the songs on this disc sound alike, with no variation in the style of music. It sounds like the generic synthesized pop music of the early '80s, lacking in originality.

Unfortunately, some of his music sounds a lot like Pink Floyd, who helped Parsons earn his first Grammy nomination. He engineered the band's "Dark Side of the Moon," which highlights his lack of creativity – the new album sounds too much like the well-liked band. This sound-alike quality also shows Parsons' lack of growth as an artist.

Some of the disc also sounds like music you would hear in an elevator or if you were on hold.

Although Parsons has worked behind the scenes with great artists such as the Beatles, Pink Floyd, Joe Cocker and Art Garfunkel, his own music lacks something the others have – charisma and staying power.

One of Parsons' most famous works is the song used to introduced the Bulls at Chicago's United Center. His highest-charting hit was the Alan Parsons Project's "Eye in the Sky."

Parsons said the concept for "On Air" was to "trace the history of mankind's great ability to fly, from the Montgolfier Brothers' balloons right up to modern day aviation and, as we enter the next millennium, the exploration of space, the stars and the galaxies."

Appropriately, all of the song titles have to do with either the sky or with some other aspect of flying. These range from the first track "Blue Sky," a 46-second snippet of the disc's final track, which serves as an intro, to "Brother up in Heaven," to "One Day to Fly." Unfortunately,



Cover graphic of Alan Parsons' new album On Air. (Courtesy Photo.)

Unfortunately, none of these lives up to its lofty ambitions.

Working with Parsons in the song writing and orchestral arrangements are guitarist Ian Bairnson, drummer Stuart Elliot, Andrew Powell, bassist John Giblin and keyboardist Gary Sanctuary. Guest vocalists on the album are Eric Stewart, Steve Overland, Neil Lockwood and Christopher Cross.

Parsons is expecting to tour this year to promote his new album.

The "On Air" CD-ROM provides the viewer with views of colorful flying balloons and sketches of airplanes ranging from the beginning of aviation to the later stage with commercial airplanes.

The CD-ROM also provides historical information about the airplanes, and as well as showing people board for their journey.

Instrumental music accompanies the flight of balloons and airplanes moving from graphic to graphic.

The CD-ROM is no extra cost with Parsons' CD, and was designed by multimedia producer Ken Rose.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Wednesday, Feb. 26

Poetry Free Zone "Surf's Up: Cabin Fever Reading," noon, Honors Center.

"Secrets and Lies," Spotlight Cinema, TIME, also Thursday night.

## Thursday, Feb. 27

Lecture in conjunction with class book, "I, Rigoberta Menchu," titled "Rigoberta Menchu in the World Today," by Juan Leon Alvarado, former Guatemalan exile and vice presidential candidate, 4 p.m., Maine Center for the Arts.

Thursday night at the Bear's Den, 8 p.m., Bear's Den.

Wind-percussion day at the University of Maine, clinic for high school students, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Guest Lecture Series: "Sculpture as an Expression of Franco-American Cultural Heritage," by Celeste Roberge, UMaine graduate teaching art at the University of Florida, 7 p.m., 206 Rogers Hall.

## Friday, Feb. 28

The Outback, a new chem-free dance club in Bangor, features Shawn Smith's mix of hip and dance music, 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Cover charge for 16- to 21-year-olds is \$5.

## Saturday, March 1

"Wake Up Little Susie: Pregnancy and Power Before Roe v. Wade," art exhibit, Museum of Art, Carnegie Hall. Related exhibit, "Warnings." Both run through March 26.

Punk bands Dugen and Sizzlin' Joe's Pit Band, 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., the Outback. \$5 cover for 16- to 21-year-olds.

## During Break

## March 8

Second-year anniversary, Sea Dog Brewing Co., Bangor. Call 947-8009 for more details.

## March 9

Bangor Symphony Orchestra performance, 3 p.m., MCA. Admission fee. Call 942-5555.

## March 15

"Discovery Day: Unmasking the Animals," parent-child workshop, 10 a.m., Hudson Museum. Pre-registration, admission fee. Call 581-1901.

## March 16

Performance by RTE Irish National Radio Orchestra, 3 p.m., MCA. Admission fee. Call 581-1755.

Performance by The Boneheads, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sea Dog Brewing Co., Bangor. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

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## • People

**'Hawaii Five-O' returning; Lee criticizes WB, UPN**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tammy Wynette says reports of her ill health have been greatly exaggerated.

The country music star is suing American Media Inc., which owns the National Enquirer and the Star, accusing the papers of libel, defamation and invasion of privacy.

Wynette's lawyers told a federal judge Monday that fans could decide not to buy concert tickets if they believe stories that said the singer was critically ill.

When she was hospitalized last year, the Enquirer claimed Wynette's life was in danger and she needed a liver transplant, while the Star said she had surgery on clogged veins.

Wynette lawyer Gary Blackburn said the tabloids bought stolen medical records and exaggerated the severity of her condition.

"We're not saying they're merely vulgar, we're saying they're thieves," Blackburn said.

The National Enquirer's attorneys said they may have been wrong about the liver transplant, but accounts of her health problems were truthful. They asked U.S. District Court Judge John Nixon to dismiss the suit.

Nixon said he would rule soon.

HONOLULU (AP) — Book 'em, Dano!

Production is to start next month on an hourlong pilot for a new version of "Hawaii

Five-O," TV's longest-running crime show.

CBS spokesman Teri Corigliano said the cast will be a mix of Hollywood and local actors. Hawaii Film Office manager George Deemer said producers are considering using some of the main actors from the original show if they are interested.

The actor who will play Steve McGarrett, head of a fictitious state crime busting agency, has not been disclosed. Jack Lord, the star of the 1968-80 series, still lives in Hawaii, but is retired.

Corigliano said the pilot, being produced by Stephen J. Cannell Productions and CBS Television, could lead to a 13- or 22-episode series.

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Spike Lee says audiences and filmmakers have to work together to ensure variety and quality in roles for black actors.

In a speech Monday at the University of St. Thomas, Lee criticized the Warner Brothers and United Paramount television networks for airing shows that feed stereotypes about black people, such as "Homeboys in Outer Space."

"I would rather see Amos 'n Andy," he said. "At least they were just straight up Uncle Tommin'. We've gone backwards."

The director said films like his "Malcolm X" and "Get On The Bus," which got

financial support from black leaders, entertainers and athletes, show what blacks can do when they pool their resources.

Unfortunately, Lee said, that doesn't happen very often because blacks "don't trust each other when it comes to monetary matters. This is the mentality we have to fight against."

Lee urged an audience of about 3,000 to contact studios and cable providers and encourage them to support films made by black directors.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Patty Loveless has gotten a restraining order against a man who she says harassed her and threatened to "make her real sorry."

In the court filing Monday, Loveless says John Lucio, Jr. of Markham, Texas, has

phoned her management company more than 100 times since January trying to get in touch with her.

Lucio told Loveless' lawyer Robert Asbury on Friday that if his unspecified demands were not met, he'd "find her either in Texas or come to Nashville and make her real sorry," according to the lawsuit.

Chancellor Carol McCoy barred Lucio from calling, writing or attempting to contact Loveless or her management company, and ordered him to stay at least 500 feet from the singer.

Lucio's mother, Adelfa Lucio, told The Tennessean newspaper that her son "is not all there."

Neither Asbury nor Loveless would comment.

## • Disney

**Protesters target executives' salary, sweatshop conditions**

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Pickets outside Walt Disney Co.'s yearly shareholders meeting waved signs today contrasting executives' multimillion compensation with low wages of foreign workers who make Disney-licensed merchandise.

Disney Chairman Michael Eisner's new contract could easily be worth \$300 million over the next decade.

"It would take a Haitian 16.8 years to earn Eisner's hourly income of \$9,783," said a sign carried by Diane Rice, a retired school librarian.

The dozens of protesters gathered to support two dissident shareholder resolutions.

One asks Disney to monitor more closely the foreign plants that make products bearing its name. Disney management opposes it, saying current safeguards are enough.

The company also opposes a resolution requiring it to re-evaluate its compensation policies following disclosures of the contracts given to Eisner and Michael Ovitz, who received a \$100 million-plus severance package after 14 months as Disney president.

Conrad MacKerron, director of social research for Progressive Asset Management, an investment fund that sponsored the dissident resolutions, said his goal was to get 3 percent of the votes, enough to put the resolutions on the shareholders' ballot again next year.

Another issue for the protesters is the City Council's approval last year of \$546 million in bond issues to pay for streets,

parking and other improvements so that Disney can build a second theme park next to Disneyland.

The protests came as Disney ensured its dominance in animated feature films by locking up an exclusive long-term deal with "Toy Story" partner Pixar Animation Studios.

Challengers such as the new DreamWorks SKG studio are hoping to break Disney's near monopoly in animated features. The 10-year, five-movie deal announced Monday will keep Disney on the leading edge.

For Pixar, which will get more profits per movie through the deal, there was no better partner than Disney.

"The collaboration we had on 'Toy Story' was magical," said Steve Jobs, the Apple Computer founder who bought Pixar a decade ago from LucasFilm. "And the thought of working with someone else — we just couldn't imagine it would be as good."

Disney will meld its storytelling know-how with Pixar's low cost computer savvy. The studio's full-length films are made by 150 people instead of the 500 to 600 needed on conventional animated features.

Pixar did the computer-generated work on "Toy Story," which has generated about \$360 million in worldwide box office receipts.

The new plan calls for Disney to pay most of the marketing, distribution and merchandising costs for five new films. Pixar will put up half the production financing and will get half the profits.



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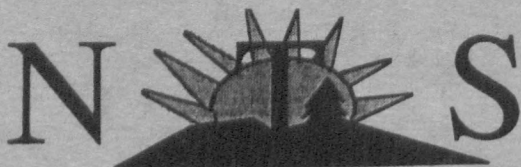
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# Sports Page

## • Fans

## Women's basketball is Maine's big fan attraction

### Men's team looking for level of fan support women's team enjoys

By Joel Page  
Maine Campus staff

As Terry Hunt scored the basket that made him the 19th player in the history of the University of Maine men's basketball program to hit the 1,000-point mark, the 1,582 fans present rose from their seats to applaud. Although the larger-than-average crowd was high in enthusiasm, it was low in number compared to crowds drawn by other teams at the University of Maine, in particular, women's basketball.

With a record of 19-7, the women draw on average home crowd of 4,726 — three times that of the men's team, which began selling tickets at a discounted rate of \$3 with hopes of attracting fans. At the Maine women's 81-70 win over New Hampshire, the crowd set an arena record of 5,688. The men's team recently broke its record for the largest turnout at Alford, with 3,553 during a 57-50 loss to Boston University. Of the five Division I women's teams that draw more fans than their male counterparts — Maine, Louisiana Tech, Stephen F. Austin, Oregon State, and Texas Tech — Maine has the largest difference.

"Since I've been here, we really haven't had the big crowds, except the year that we went to the conference championship," Hunt said of the '93-'94 season. During that season, the men's team finished second in the conference, with a record of 20-9. Its average home attendance was 1,658. "It more or less makes some of the teammates think that they're just fair-weather fans. They'll show up to whatever team is doing good, and if your not doing so good, they'd rather not see you play."

While the women have won four straight regular-season conference titles and two

straight conference tournaments, which led to two straight NCAA tournament appearances, the men's best record has been that 20-9 season. Women's basketball player Cindy Blodgett was the nation's leading scorer last season, and again leads the nation this season.

John Gordon, who recently set the university's all-time three point record, said the fans who attend men's basketball games are the true fans.

"Bandwagon people aren't going to be there because there's no reason for them to be there," Gordon said. "If they want to see people blow out people by 30 or 40 and have a great record, they want to go to the women's teams."

Carl Stearns, of Bangor, a long-time basketball fan, said more people would attend men's games if they had a better record because fans don't want to come to Orono to see the team lose.

"It's an embarrassment for people to come and see their team get beat time and time again," said Stearns, a season-ticket holder, adding that the team's record affects his attendance.

Gordon said he has great respect for the women's team and gives coach Joanne Palombo-McCallie credit for her hard work and dedication to the program. He said the women's team has a great work ethic that other teams, including the men's, could learn from. Gordon added that the men are trying to spread the message learned that hard work pays off by watching the women's team.

Men's coach John Giannini said he sees the success of the women's team as a "great positive," and sees the women's fans as

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Fans are sparse at Maine men's basketball games, unlike at women's games, which draw, at times, 5,000-plus people. (Joel Page Photo.)

## • Men's basketball

## Two teams could be dancing

By Scott Martin  
Maine Campus staff

The America East Conference has had an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament for the last 17 years and the only way any team from the conference has made it to the big dance is to win the conference tournament.

That could all change this season.

America East is currently the 13th-ranked team in the Rating Percentage Index among the 30 Division I teams in America. This is the highest ranking in the history of the conference, and many feel this could lead to a team winning an at large bid.

That team would be either Boston University or Drexel University. The Terriers are currently ranked 40th in the country, according to the RPI, and Drexel is currently ranked 71st.

Sixty-four teams earn invitations to the NCAA tournament, 27 earn a trip by winning their conference tournament. The other 27 are selected by the NCAA Selection Committee, which takes into consideration the RPI.

Boston University is currently the No. 1 team in the conference and the front-runner to win the automatic bid. Terrier coach Dennis Wolff said that if BU wins the conference tournament, Drexel should earn an at large bid, and vice versa.

"I've been in this league three years and Drexel has a hell of a program," Wolff said. "I believe our power rating is good enough to have two teams in the tournament this year. We have the 13th-rated league in the country, but who knows

what will happen? Right now it is just the conference champion who goes."

BU is the more likely of the two to win an at large bid. The Selection Committee takes the RPI highly into consideration and the Terriers are in a position to earn a bid. At 71st, Drexel would have a tougher time breaking in with an at large bid. Dragon head coach Bill Herrion said at least an NIT bid is in his team's future if Drexel doesn't win the conference tournament, but not much more.

"I think the only way we would get two in is if we got the automatic bid or somebody else got the automatic bid and BU got an at large," Herrion said. "If BU does their job and wins the tournament and, say, beats us in the championship game because we are the next power rated team, we are not banking on getting an at large bid."

"I hope we have a shot at the NIT right now," Herrion added. "If you look at the ranking of the league and where we are nationally, I'd like to hope the success we've had in the past, winning an NCAA game last year, has certainly opened a lot of eyes."

Drexel has history on its side. The Dragons have won three straight America East titles and made three straight NCAA appearances, including a win over Memphis in last season's NCAA tournament.

### International flavor

America East has taken a distinct international flavor in recent history. This year the conference has nine players from foreign countries, including Player of the

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## • Women's ice hockey

## Black Bears prepare for tourney

By Scott Martin  
Maine Campus staff

A little more than a week after the University of Maine women's ice hockey club made its pitch to become a varsity team, it will make an appearance in the ECAC Alliance playoffs.

The members of the women's ice hockey team learned Monday they're seeded fourth in the tournament and will play No. 1 seed Middlebury Saturday, March 1. The winner will play the winner of the Bowdoin-Hamilton game on Sunday.

"We are really exciting, we were jumping for joy," club President Alana Ahearn said. "After last year we just tried to win one more game than we did last year."

As a member of the ECAC Alliance, the women's ice hockey club follows the same guidelines as a Division III program, according to Maine Associate Director of Athletics and Recreational Sports David Ames. The team is not allowed to do any real type of recruiting, which, according to Ames, isn't a factor

because the club doesn't have the resources.

Maine finished 8-4-2 in the Alliance, good for fourth place. Its overall record was 11-4-2. The Alliance is made up of a combination of varsity and club teams and consists of 11 teams: four club teams and seven varsity teams. Included in the conference are Division I schools such as Vermont.

The conference has a West and East division, with the top team in each division getting a bid to the tournament. Bowdoin won the East division and Middlebury won the West. Hamilton and Maine finished third and fourth respectively.

Middlebury is the powerhouse of the Alliance and didn't lose this season. It won the tournament last year.

"Middlebury is a very strong. A lot of us wonder why they are still in our alliance," Ahearn said. "They are definitely at a different caliber than we are."

The women's ice hockey club had its

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## Fans

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potential support in the future. "We don't worry about who draws more people," he said. "We worry about getting better."

Although the difference in the two programs is evident in their records, Gordon said the quality of the men's games isn't fully appreciated by the home fans.

"We have such exciting games," Gordon said. "Every time I think of the Alford, I don't ever remember a blow-out either way. All the time it seems like a good game in there. That's what really bothers me; I just don't understand why they wouldn't want to come watch a good game."

Sonya LaCoute, a junior at the university who regularly attends men's games, said people are missing out on watching a good team play.

"It's just a matter of time before they get the appreciation that they have been long deserving," she said. "Just because they haven't done as well doesn't make the games less exciting. It's more exciting. If you go to a women's basketball game, you pretty much know they're going to win."

The consistently low attendance at men's games has forced the team to find support and enthusiasm from within the team instead of relying on the fans to provide it.

"I think that it helped us get closer together as a team," Gordon said. "Ever since (former coach Rudy) Keeling (former Maine coach Rudy Keeling) was here my freshman year, he made sure that we knew that we were playing for ourselves and we were our own family. We didn't have everybody supporting us like the women's team. We had to look to each other for support. We had to create our own enthusiasm."

The men's team has performed better on the road than at home this season, beating such national powers as Marquette and St. Louis, both games drawing around 12,000 fans. Hunt attributes Maine's success against nationally-ranked Marquette to the larger crowd.

"I think the guys like to get up for games like that," he said. "When you know that you have about 12,000 people there to watch you play and display your skills, it usually does help. Especially to know that 12,000 people are there to root against you gives you a little more motivation and a little more fire power to go out there and try to shut them up."

Hunt said the team's success on the road sends a message about the strength and potential of the program.

"Beating Marquette and St. Louis, I think, really showed that we can play the type of basketball that needs to be played in order to win games, big games," Hunt said. "Unfortunately, we have struggled inside the conference, but we've gone out to play top-notch programs and we've shown that we can play with anybody."

Palombo said the men's team was strapped this year by not having enough players to accomplish what it wanted to do. She saw it as just a phase in a larger cycle, a cycle that the women began earlier than the men.

"It's been a great climb for us, and our climb just gets steeper and steeper, and I think the men are on their own climb, and I think their attendance numbers are going to turn around," Palombo said. "I know, for John Giannini, he's generating a great deal of excitement now. Just people getting to know him as a coach, beating Marquette, they've done some amazing things this year. I think that it's just a matter of time before both programs will really be on all cylinders and have some support."

Even with the small success of the men's team, the team is still playing in the shadow of the women, who regularly draw a large crowd from all over the state. The main attraction to women's games for many of the fans is the number of in-state players on the team whom fans had followed while the players were still in high school. The most notable in-state player is Blodgett, an all-star from Clinton who has scored more than 2,000 points in her first three years at Maine,

and is Maine's all-time leading high school scorer. The average attendance for women's games increased 2,200 in Blodgett's first season, following a 20-7 record for the team the prior year.

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This sense of having a personal connection with the women's team is common among fans. Charlie Dickinson, of Norridgewock, whose daughter played against Blodgett in high school, described Blodgett as a major reason for people coming to games. "It's her attitude," he said. "Down-to-earth, small-town attitude."

Dickinson said that although Blodgett drew a lot of people to start, once the fans got to the games they began to follow other players as well.

Palombo attributes the large crowds to a combination of things, including communities' enjoying watching their former student-athletes succeed.

"I think they like the style of play, because I think our team generally plays very hard," she said. "They may come to the game to perhaps watch Katie Clark, who is from Bangor. But then they see someone like Gabrielle, who is not from Maine but just energizes the team when she hits the court. And the fans love that kind of thing. So I think that's how it starts to spread, so that the general community takes interest in



Sonya LaCoute, a junior at UMaine, feels the men's basketball team is underappreciated. (Joel Page Photo.)

the entire team."

University of Maine Athletics Director Suzanne Tyler said the connection that the fans have with the team is a major factor in the turnout. Although the attraction to the team's in-state players helps, she noted the large turnout for the hockey team, which is mainly from out of state. "It's connection with players, feeling like they know them," Tyler said. "I know the ice hockey team has that same relationship with groups of fans."

"They're every athletic director's dream in terms of the total package. It's not just a successful team on the court; they're successful in the classroom. They do community service. They're just fine young women. They're focused, they love their sport, they're having a great college career. They're exemplary, no other way to explain it."

Tyler said there has not been as much of a connection between the men's team and the fans, which she attributed to their lack of community involvement. During the last four years, Palombo has worked hard trying to promote the team. She travels the state to meet with different groups and organizations and speaks about the team. She invites groups to Orono to watch a game. The team also does public appearances and makes an effort to be available to sign autographs after games. Palombo said making the effort is important because it develops a relationship with the public.

The Athletics Department has begun

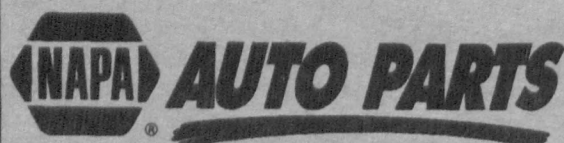
working on promotions such as \$3 tickets to attract more fans to men's games. A marketing position created in the department two years ago designed to focus on the women's program has increased its scope to include other sports, such as men's basketball. With these efforts, and the actions of Giannini, the Athletics Department looks to increase attendance.

Although Palombo has been successful recruiting the best players from Maine, such as Blodgett, Amy Vachon and Katie Clark, the men's program has missed out on players like Andy Bedard, who now plays for Boston College, and T.J. Caouette, who plays for Villanova.

"Coach Giannini, our new coach, has been working very hard to get the best in the state to just at least give us a look," Tyler said, suggesting an increase of Maine players could result in an attendance increase at men's games.

For now, the men are satisfied with breaking their attendance record during the BU game last weekend.

"It's the first time we've had a crowd that size, and you know that the people came here to support you. It makes you want to go out and do every little thing you have to do," Hunt said. "I'm just happy that, for my last game here, that I had a chance to play in front of the largest crowd in the history of Maine basketball."



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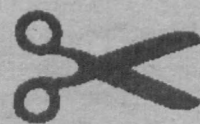
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## Men's hoops

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Boston University's Dennis Wolff. (Courtesy Photo.)

feels it is important for the conference to recruit internationally because of it "Mid-

Year candidate Tunji Awojobi of Lagos, Nigeria.

Delaware has two foreign players, the most of any team in the conference. Peca Arsic is from Belgrade, Yugoslavia and Kestutis Marcuilionis is from Kaunas, Lithuania. Head coach Mike Brey

major" status.

"It's hard for us to steal a kid, because there aren't too many sleepers anymore," Brey said. "It's hard to steal a kid who maybe should be a Big East or an ACC kid. It's very difficult at this level. We look more at the foreign recruiting pool for a kid who if he was in Philadelphia he would be in Villanova. You really need to expand your resources."

Former UMaine coach Rudy Keeling, whose staff at Maine recruited two players from Senegal, agreed. "For a conference like ours to move up and to make a splash we need to go to any area where there are a number of players and if that is Timbuktu than that is where we need to go."

## • Boxing

## Marines may have booted Bowe

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Did he march or didn't he? Did he polish his boots and run the obstacle course, or simply throw in the towel?

The ballyhooed bout featuring Riddick Bowe and the U.S. Marine Corps appears to have ended with a split decision.

The former heavyweight champion left Marine Corps boot camp last week after telling his drill instructor and battalion commander the regimen was too strict, that he missed his family and that he wished he'd enlisted when he was younger.

At the time, the Marines said they tried to talk the 29-year-old multimillionaire into staying and continuing his quest to join the Marine Corps Reserves.

In Tuesday's Washington Post, base spokesman Maj. Rick Long said the Marines booted Bowe because he refused to train.

"There were a lot of occasions when he was told to do something and he just said, 'No, I'm not going to do it,'" Long told the newspaper. "It's just obstinacy, that's all."

Long told The Associated Press on Tuesday: "I did not say it was just obstinacy. I wouldn't classify it as obstinacy. He had difficulty with the day-to-day regimen."

And he said he knew of no instances where Bowe outright refused to follow orders.

"I didn't say he was a problem," Long said. "I said he had problems with the day-to-day being told what to do, when to do it and how fast to do it."

Rock Newman, Bowe's manager, said

from Las Vegas that Long called him this morning to "apologize for the fact that he was misrepresented, misquoted and mischaracterized."

Said George Solomon, sports editor of The Washington Post: "We have our notes and we stand by our story completely."

Long said Bowe's decision to leave was a "two-way process" made by Bowe and the Corps.

He said he was concerned about reports that Bowe had requested to leave and the Marines tried to talk him into staying. He said Marine officials spoke with Bowe and agreed it would be best he leave.

"He didn't want to be a Marine and he was having trouble adapting," Long said. "The bottom line is if you don't want to be a Marine, you won't be one."

Long told the newspaper it became obvious Bowe was a "problem" recruit during his initial five days after processing and that his behavior became worse Feb. 18 when he refused to train.

He said normally a small percentage of recruits refuse to train and eventually are allowed to leave. Usually they are assigned to what is called the "casual platoon" and wait a week to 10 days for paperwork to be processed before they are sent home.

Bowe's lawyer and financial adviser, Jeffrey Fried, said Bowe quit the corps because of his family.

"I truly believe that he underestimated how much he would miss his wife and children when he made the decision to join the Marines," Fried said.

## • Baseball

## Joy of baseball is back

By Jim Davis  
Maine Campus Staff

A snapping noise is heard when they meet. The white sphere, the size of an orange and held together by stitches of red thread, performs its consistent defiance of gravity as it zones in on its rawhide-leather partner. Together, they form a bond between fathers and sons, bickering neighbors, politicians and peasants and the young and the old.

A simple game of catch reveals that for the next nine months baseball will again make its mark on people's lives. It's late February and spring-training has begun.

A freshly cut field of spring grass provides the sweet smell of nostalgia. This powerful sense brings an individual back to a childhood spent chasing fly balls and bumbling around little league diamonds while listening to the rhythmic chant of, "Hey batter, batter, hey batter," from a dugout filled with little boys who have no purpose in life but to disturb the knobby-kneed hitter who can't wait to smack the ball into the next zip code.

A simple time. A time when all that a kid needed was a trusty glove, a worn ball and bat and his favorite major league baseball hat. As time marched on there were fewer grass stains, fewer bruises and fewer tales of glory told by neighborhood stars.

Trips to ballfields such as Fenway Park offer priceless memories. The roar of the crowd following a home run suggests that America has just won a war. It is electrify-

ing. Images of excellence caught in the blink of an eye influence the young to aspire down a path of achievement.

So it seems, these sights, sounds and memories are thrown into a wooden box and forgotten. Frustrated with the instability of player loyalty due to economics and greed, America has consistently lost faith in a game that was once a national priority.

Perhaps this disappointment stems from the attitude of '90s players. Baby Boomers, and the generation that directly followed, enjoyed a league that provided working-class players like Hank Aaron and Harmon Killebrew, who did their jobs every day and didn't cry about money and traveling by bus or train. This simplicity and innocence has been lost as prima donnas edge their way up the financial ladder with the help of a sneaky agent.

Fortunately for baseball, these issues don't relate to the children of today because they have yet to realize the meaning of a bargaining agreement or unrestricted free agency.

And while it is true major-league baseball has changed significantly over the last 15 years, some things will never change.

Every February around this country a white round sphere, the size of an orange, will snap into a rawhide-leather glove. The sound of cracking bats will fill the grassy hills of America's suburbs. And men will bumble around freshly-cut fields of spring grass like children holding onto their dreams. People of all creeds and colors will witness this and more memories will be made.

## • NFL

## Replay may be reinstated

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The NFL is again trying to find a way to make instant replay part of its games.

The league's competition committee, meeting in Tampa in preparation for the general meetings in two weeks, is studying the results of an experiment during the exhibition season last year. It would apply only to out of bounds and scoring plays.

It's also studying a broader proposal submitted by the Washington Redskins that would apply to all possession plays. But the Redskins have submitted a replay proposal since the system was voted out after the 1991 season and it has yet to be approved.

Replay was in effect for six seasons (1986-91). It was dropped largely because teams felt it lengthened games and left officials tentative as a result of the extra scrutiny.

Last year, there was no vote on replay either by the owners or the seven-member competition committee. But with the agreement of the committee, commissioner Paul Tagliabue instituted an experiment with a lim-

ited replay system, that was tried in 10 nationally televised exhibitions.

It was limited to scoring plays and allowed coaches two challenges per half with the referee making the decision based on his view of the play from a monitor on the sidelines. If the referee rejected the challenge, the team loses a timeout.

The system now being reviewed by the competition committee could be broader than that. It needs approval by 23 of 30 teams to go back in, meaning only eight teams have to oppose it.

"We look at everything that's being proposed and try to find the best combination," said George Young, general manager of the New York Giants and the committee's co-chairman along with Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren.

Young has been the most consistent opponent of replay since it was first proposed two decades ago.

"I'm just one vote," he said. "If the owners want to put in a system, they'll put one in."

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## Women's hockey

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case to become a varsity team heard by the Athletic Advisory Board Feb. 20. The program has been around in its current state since 1988. Ahearn said the team's recent success and playing in this year's

tournament can only help its cause.

"(The meeting) was really positive," Ahearn said. "We are trying to go varsity and trying to show everyone that we deserve the recognition."

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