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## • Administration



John Halstead. (Gagne File Photo.)

## Halstead emerges as finalist for Westfield presidency

By Jeff Tuttle  
Maine Campus staff

Vice President for Student Affairs John Halstead is a finalist for the presidency of Westfield State College, a small school in western Massachusetts. Halstead and two other candidates' names were submitted by the college's presidential search committee to the Westfield Board of Trustees for consideration.

"It would take the right opportunity for me and my family to move from Orono after 10 years here," Halstead said. "The possibility of the presidency at Westfield is an opportunity that holds such appeal."

Westfield's Board of Trustees is expected to announce a decision at its April 7 meeting.

Westfield State College was established in 1839 and has approximately 5,100 students. It is one of nine Massachusetts state colleges and is located in the Connecticut River Valley at the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains.

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## • Improvement

## Federal government buys Orono facelift

By Kathryn Ritchie  
Maine Campus staff

This fall residents of Orono and UMaine students returning to the area after summer vacation will see the results of a \$400,000 federal grant to renovate the entire downtown area.

"You won't even recognize the place come September, we hope," Orono Town Manager Gerry Kempen said.

## • The big dance

## Bears fall short against powerful LSU squad

### Maine wraps up championship season

From Staff Reports

When the draw for the Mideast region of the NCAA women's tournament was announced last Sunday, a collective sigh went through the state of Maine when the Black Bears were seeded No. 13 and were set to face the No. 9 team in the country, Louisiana State, in the first round.

While counted out by most experts, Maine did not listen and hung with the Tigers for the entire game, staying within two points with just over one minute to go. But Maine turnovers and Tiger free throws down the stretch proved to be too much, as the Black Bears were eliminated 88-79. This is the third straight season the Bears have been beaten in the first round.

Cindy Blodgett, the nation's leading scorer for the second year in a row, had 34 points on 9-for-14 shooting and 14-for-14 from the free throw line, along with a team-high 10 rebounds and three assists. Jamie Cassidy had the best performance of her young career, with 24 points, six rebounds and five blocks. Amy Vachon added nine points for the 22-8 Bears.

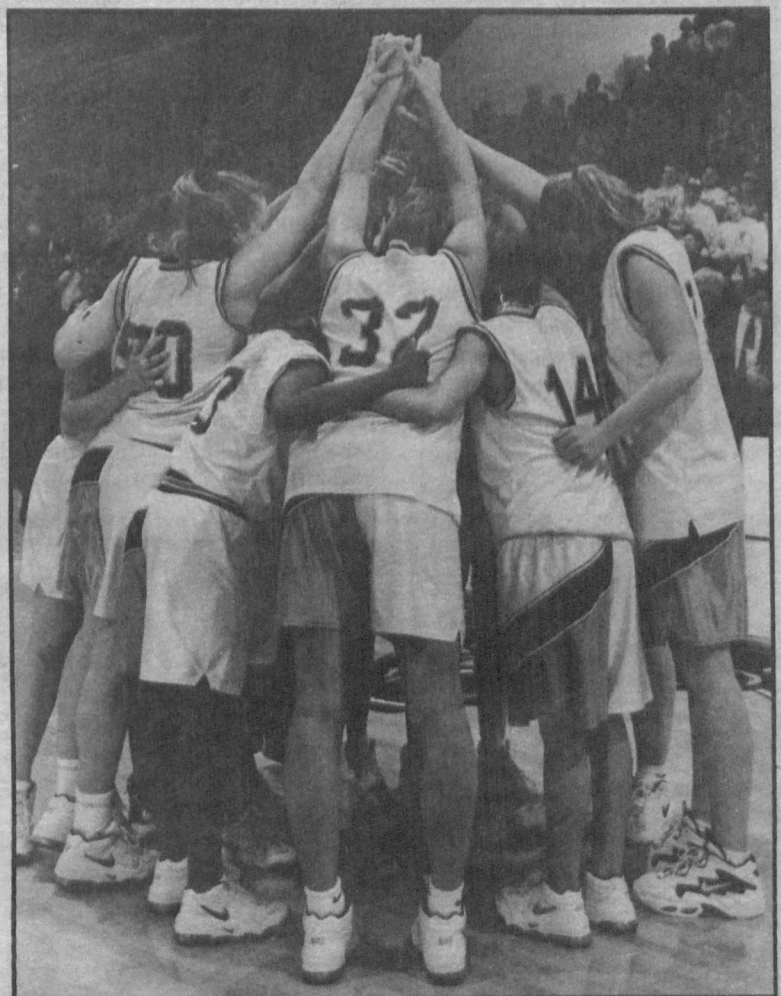
Pietra Gay had 22 points on three 3-pointers, along with 11-for-12 from the line, and a team-leading nine assists. Elaine Powell, out for most of the game with foul trouble, had 19 points, and Katrina Hibbert added 10 points for 24-4 LSU, which advanced to play No. 12 Marquette today.

The Tigers had maintained a consistent lead throughout most of the contest, and had their biggest lead of the night at 65-53 with just over 10 minutes to go in the game. But coming out of a timeout, Maine would make its run.

Blodgett scored eight straight points on four free throws and two jumpers to cut the lead to 65-61. During this time, Powell went to the bench with four fouls. But as the trend was for most of the game, LSU had a response. Keia Howell hit on a three-point play, and then sunk a layup after a Cassidy block to increase the lead to 70-61 with just over eight minutes left.

For the next four minutes, it would be an all-out war. Vachon made her presence felt with a steal and four points during this time,

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The UMaine women's basketball team celebrates the America East championship. The Black Bears lost to LSU 88-79 Saturday night. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

## • No deposit, no return

## Cutbacks endanger redemption center

By Darren L. Pare  
Maine Campus staff

An ordered disorder – that is the first thing that comes to mind when entering the depot, the University of Maine's student-operated recycling center. Tall boxes, each with signs attached that let people know where boxes go, line the floor, leaving barely enough space for a person to walk. All this clutter has a system, amazingly enough.

The reason for the cramped conditions is the depot lost half of its space, approximately 1,500 square feet, last year to the art museum next

door. With this loss of space, keeping things organized has become critical. For things to remain in some semblance of order, the depot has had to close on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

"Those two days are definitely necessary to catch up," said Shannon Lundin, one of the two co-managers of the depot.

Losing the days that are needed for maintenance has hurt. According to student managers, customers have let their opinions be known to the staff.

"I've come in to a lot of angry answering machine messages," Peter Smith, the other co-manager at the

center, said.

In addition to losing two days of business, the depot has had to use the same amount of staff to keep up with demand.

"That's part of the reason why the per unit cost has gone up," said Steve Peary, of the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, the organization that oversees the depot. "Where we would normally be taking in revenue on those two days, now we are working to keep things cleaned."

However, closing for two days each week has achieved its ultimate objective. The depot wanted to encourage less returnable business be-

cause it had no place to store the bottles and cans. The amount of returnables brought in is down 29 percent. Conversely, the amount of pa-

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# World Briefs

## • Idle money

### French banks deny any wrongdoing

**1** PARIS (AP) — French banks failed to turn over to the state the assets of French Jews who died in the Holocaust, violating a law on inactive accounts, the newspaper Le Monde reported Saturday.

The paper said the banks took no action after finding several thousand such accounts — worth a total \$175 million today — in 1951.

Bank accounts belonging to Jews were blocked in 1941 on Nazi Germany's orders. Many were reactivated after the war, but some belonging to those killed remained inactive.

No French law demands that banks seek out inheritors of inactive accounts; but a 1966 law demands that accounts inactive for 30 years be turned over to the state.

Le Monde said there was no sign of a massive transfer in the 1970s, when the 30-year period would have expired.

"French banks respected the law," Le Monde quoted the French Bank Association as saying. It said banks would investigate the existence of the accounts. The paper quoted Credit Lyonnais as saying it was carrying out such a search.

The report follows a scandal over Swiss banks, which Jewish groups claim hold as much as \$7 billion in assets belonging to Jews killed during World War II, as well as gold and other valuables that the Nazis looted from Jews.

## • Ethics?

### Priest creates uproar regarding theft

**2** LONDON (AP) — Despite what the Bible says about stealing, a Church of England priest suggested Saturday it was no sin to shoplift — as long as the victim is a big supermarket.

"Jesus said 'Love your neighbor,' he didn't say 'Love Marks and Spencers,'" the Rev. John Papworth said, referring to the big British retailer.

Papworth drew a distinction between stealing from individuals or small merchants — which he says is wrong — and stealing from giant retailing corporations. Those, he says, have run little stores out of business and harmed local communities.

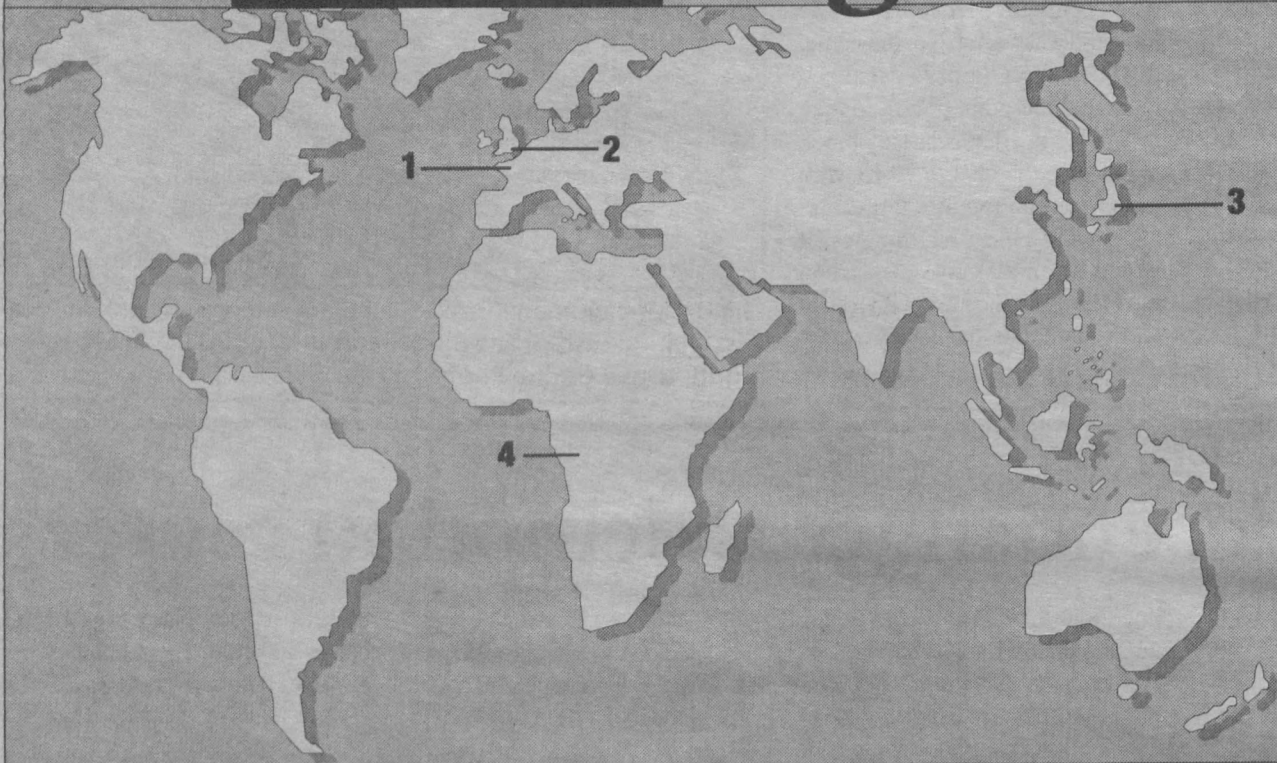
"With these institutions, all you are confronted with are these boardroom barons sitting round the boardroom plotting how to take the maximum amount of money out of people's pockets for the minimum in return," Papworth said on BBC Radio.

British newspapers were filled Saturday with similar comments from Papworth, who works part-time at St. Mark's Church in the St. John's Wood area of northwest London. The priest initially made his remarks to an audience of police officers earlier in the week.

The Church of England distanced itself from Papworth, and others piled on the criticism.

"Disgraceful," said Home Secretary Michael Howard. "How can we inculcate in our children the difference between right and wrong, how can we hope to teach them moral principles when those in positions of authority in the church make remarks of this kind?"

# World Digest



## • Safe passage

### Filipino cooperation helps ease tensions in China

**3** TOKYO (AP) — Trying to defuse a standoff over a North Korean defector holed up in China, the Philippines agreed Saturday to allow him to stop in Manila on his way to South Korea.

China and South Korea had asked Manila to help with the transfer of Hwang Jang Yop, a member of North Korea's top decision-making body who defected last month, Philippine Foreign Secretary Domingo Siazon said at Tokyo International Airport.

"We are agreeable to a possible transit, but the details still have to be worked out," he told reporters on arriving for an official visit. Siazon said South Korea and China had requested the Manila stopover.

The decision could ease a diplomatic headache for China, which is trying to end the standoff without offending longtime political ally North Korea or important trading partner South Korea.

Having Hwang stop in a third country, such as the Philippines, would be a symbolic gesture preventing him from going directly from China to South Korea, which could be seen as a snub to North Korea.

Hwang, is a former teacher of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il and member of the Central Committee of the ruling Workers' Party.

## • In limbo

### Zaire's government in a state of chaos, confusion

**4** KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — Zaire's government appeared rudderless Sunday, with President Mobutu Sese Seko in France and his top aides closeted in meetings after rebels captured the country's third-largest city and set their sights on the capital.

A source close to the government and a Western diplomat, both speaking on condition of anonymity, said army leaders were meeting to debate taking over the government and opening talks with the rebels.

The source close to the government said some army leaders were impatient with Mobutu's refusal to meet rebel leader Laurent Kabila, and believed negotiations were the only way to contain the chaos in Zaire.

"All the conditions are there for a coup d'etat, but the army doesn't have any way of doing this. The only thing they know how to do is loot," said Victor Nendaka Bika, former head of intelligence under Mobutu and now leader of a group of wealthy businessmen and politicians from eastern Zaire.

Mobutu postponed his scheduled Monday return to Zaire from France, fueling the speculation about the potential collapse of the government.

Spokesman Kabuya Lumuma Sando did not explain why Mobutu had decided to remain at his home in southern France, nor did he set a date for the president's return. But he said Zairians desperately need their leader.

# Weather

## The Local Forecast

### Today's Weather

Increasing clouds with a chance of light snow in the afternoon. Highs near 30.



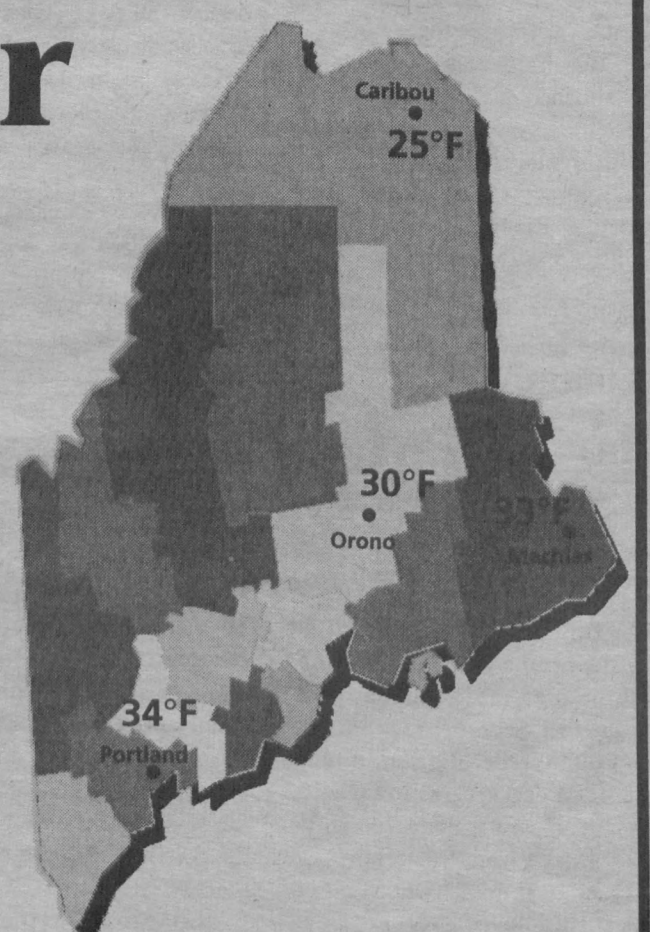
### Tuesday's Outlook

Chance of flurries early...Then partly sunny and windy. Highs in the lower to mid 30s.



### Extended Forecast

Wednesday...Increasing clouds north. Chance of snow south. Thursday...Chance of snow. Friday...Clearing.





## • Maple syrup

## Corcoran Sugar House preserves forest tradition

By Kathryn Ritchie  
Maine Campus staff

Tucked away on College Avenue extension, down a short forest road, sits a little wooden shack that comes alive one month a year with the sounds of a crackling fire and a heavenly smell. Welcome to a little publicized place, the University Forest, and its Thomas J. Corcoran Sugar House.

The sugar house made its debut last year, producing 20 gallons of syrup, which Forest Operations Manager Gor-

don Merrill called a "super year." He said it takes about 35 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup because of the low sugar content of area trees. The forest is also limited in the amount of syrup it can make because only 100 trees are big enough to tap. Trees have to be 10 inches thick to handle one bucket. Merrill, who grew up sugaring in Vermont, said he prefers to tap hard maples, but thought red maples are the traditional Maine trees to tap.

A few days before the first tour group of school children is set to arrive, Mike

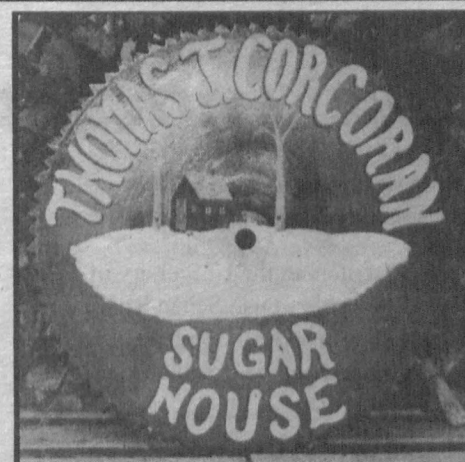
Maines and Eric Hoar prepare to tap trees. They giggle about tapping a red maple or hemlock tree "just to get (Merrill's) goat." Maines says Merrill "goes bananas" when things aren't done right, and both know his aversion to soft trees, which don't produce any sap this time of year.

On this cold, blustery day it's hard to imagine any sap will flow from the freshly tapped sugar maples.

"We won't get a drop of sap coming out today," says Hoar, a forest technician and full-time student. On a good day, each tree will produce a bucket of sap, he says.

As Maines walks through the forest, he says the ideal trees in a "sugar bush stand" are spaced apart with bushy crowns so as much sap as possible is flowing to the top. He selects a spot on the sugar maple at least 3 inches to the side and 6 inches vertically away from last year's hole, which remains tiny, dark and hollow. He uses an old fashioned "bit and brace" handheld drill to tap the trees, driving the spiral metal about one inch into the tree.

"It's kind of nice to have something old fashioned and nostalgic," says Maines, the resource manager at the forest and a part-time graduate student. He selects a site on the south side of the tree at breast height to drill. After clearing the tree dust from the freshly ground hole by blowing into it, he gently taps in a style, a small metal siphon. Maines warns not to force the style in too snugly, because one of two things will happen: either you'll never get your style out, or you'll



crack the tree.

Hoar hangs the silver two-and-a-half gallon bucket off of the style and affixes a metal top to keep out debris, although occasional leaves and spiders have wandered into the buckets before.

"But they don't drink much," he jokingly reassures. Today they'll tap 30 to 40 trees along the Lucy Thompson Road, unofficially named after a local woman who used to walk the road when it was just an old skidder trail.

"We want to get the aesthetically important ones done first," Maines said.

Merrill said he gave only two group tours last year and didn't publicize the new sugaring house. But this year he hopes to make the public more aware of the its existence.

"We really want the public to get involved out here," he said. "We're really quite proud of the work we do." This year he mailed invitational fliers to area schools and is hoping to give six to eight tours. Although large groups require advance notice, the public is welcome to watch the syrup-making process any day

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Gordon Merrill, Forest Operations Manager of UMaine's University Forest enjoys the atmosphere of Thomas J. Corcoran's Sugar House. (Dave Gagne photo.)

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## • Traffic hazard

# Weakening steam tunnels forces campus road closing

By Yolanda Sly  
Maine Campus staff

Commuters to the University of Maine will not be able to use Sebec Road, which runs past Coburn Hall, for approximately a month due to construction being performed on a steam pit.

Crews will be replacing and repairing steam lines and a steam pit in the area, said Anita Wihry, executive director of Institutional and Facilities Planning.

"It's a big tunnel, which has to support the weight of vehicles," Wihry said. "It serves the entire campus."

UMaine's news coordinator, Joe Carr, said some traffic problems may occur; however, Sebec Road is not heavily used.

"The biggest challenge will be getting to Coburn Hall," Carr said. This can be done by using the other side of the building, he said.

There is the possibility that Schoodic Road, which runs between the President's

House and Carnegie Hall, will also be closed periodically, Carr said.

Inside the tunnel is a line that carries steam into the campus and a line that carries condensate out of the campus, Wihry said.

"It could've waited; there's no good time to do this," Wihry said. "The possible collapse of the badly deteriorating top and side walls of the tunnel present a traffic hazard. If the tunnel and steam lines were out of service, approximately one half of the cam-

pus steam line capacity would be lost."

Wihry said the university's crews are more accessible to complete the repairs now because this time of year is a slow time for them.

The in-house project, which will cost \$55,000, is being paid for by the University of Maine System, Wihry said. She said the cost of the project was determined by the cost per foot for demolition and removal of the masonry tunnel and brick construction, and replacement with reinforced concrete.

## Renovate

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Area business owners are also being offered \$30,000 from the grant to redesign their storefronts to "recreate an architectural style," Kempen said. Each store will receive about \$3,000 for improvements. The town's architect, from Land Design Group in Ellsworth, has been looking at turn-of-the-century photos and post cards of the area in an attempt to recreate that look.

"We're looking at trying to keep in the traditional New England, or Maine, village look," architect Victor Rydlizky said, adding that planners will also try to stay with traditional materials: granite, brick, wood and cast iron.

Rydlizky said he's looking at several options for a monument to go into Monument Square. One possibility is bringing back the original Civil War monument that used to be there but is in need of extensive repair. Another idea is to bring in a commemorative obelisk monument.

Area business owners' reactions to the new plans are mixed.

"They want to do something to get the people in. It may work, but I don't think so," Lois Howard, the owner of Jane's Gifts & Tanning, said. Although Howard said she was happy with the idea of building improvements, she said she wasn't happy with the parking situation. Store owners have to park in the farthest lots, and "slip and slide" getting to their cars, she said.

The owner of Howard's neighboring store, DeGrasse Jewelers, said he was all right with the parking situation, but didn't think the improvements will bring more customers to the downtown area.

"Just because it's pretty doesn't mean people are going to spend money," Mike Ambrose said. He said it's the merchant's responsibility to attract customers.

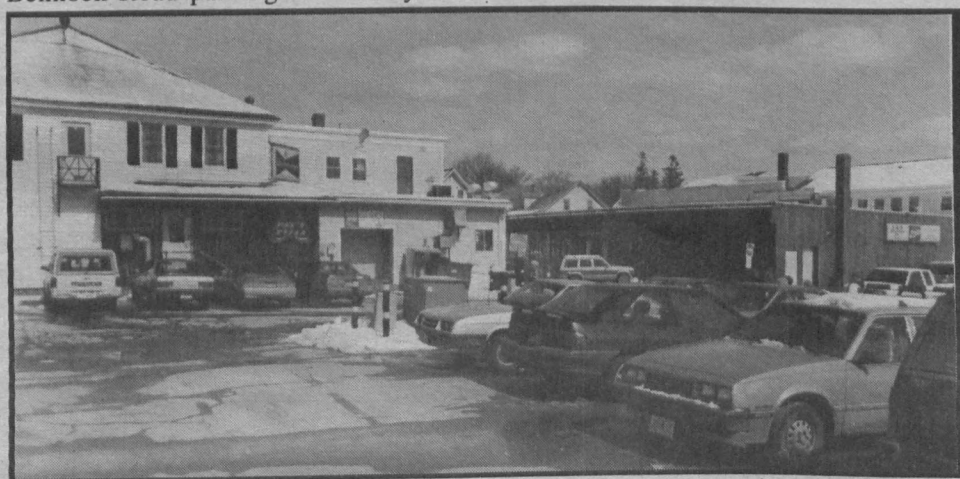
John Bradson, owner of The Store Ampersand, said the changes will im-

prove area parking and the downtown in general.

"It'll just make it much more attractive," he said. "It's the start of better things to come."

The town hopes to start repairing the Bennock Road parking lot in May and

have the entire project finished before school starts. Kempen said islands and lights will be added to both parking lots and neither lot will be completely closed during repairs. The Bennock Road lot is slated to gain nine new spaces, while the Pine Street lot will lose two.



Orono municipal parking lots will be overhauled with a \$400,000 federal grant. (Joel Page Photo.)

## 1997 Student Affairs

### Faculty Recognition Award

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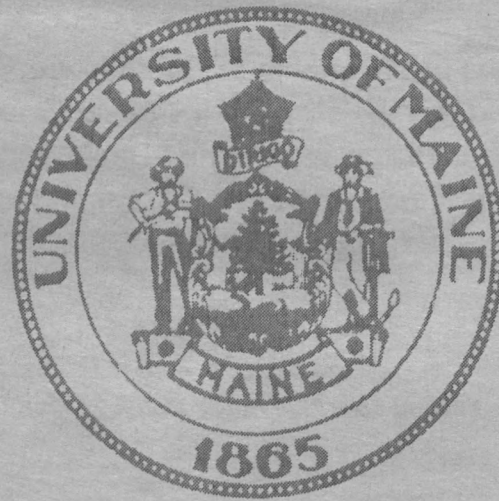
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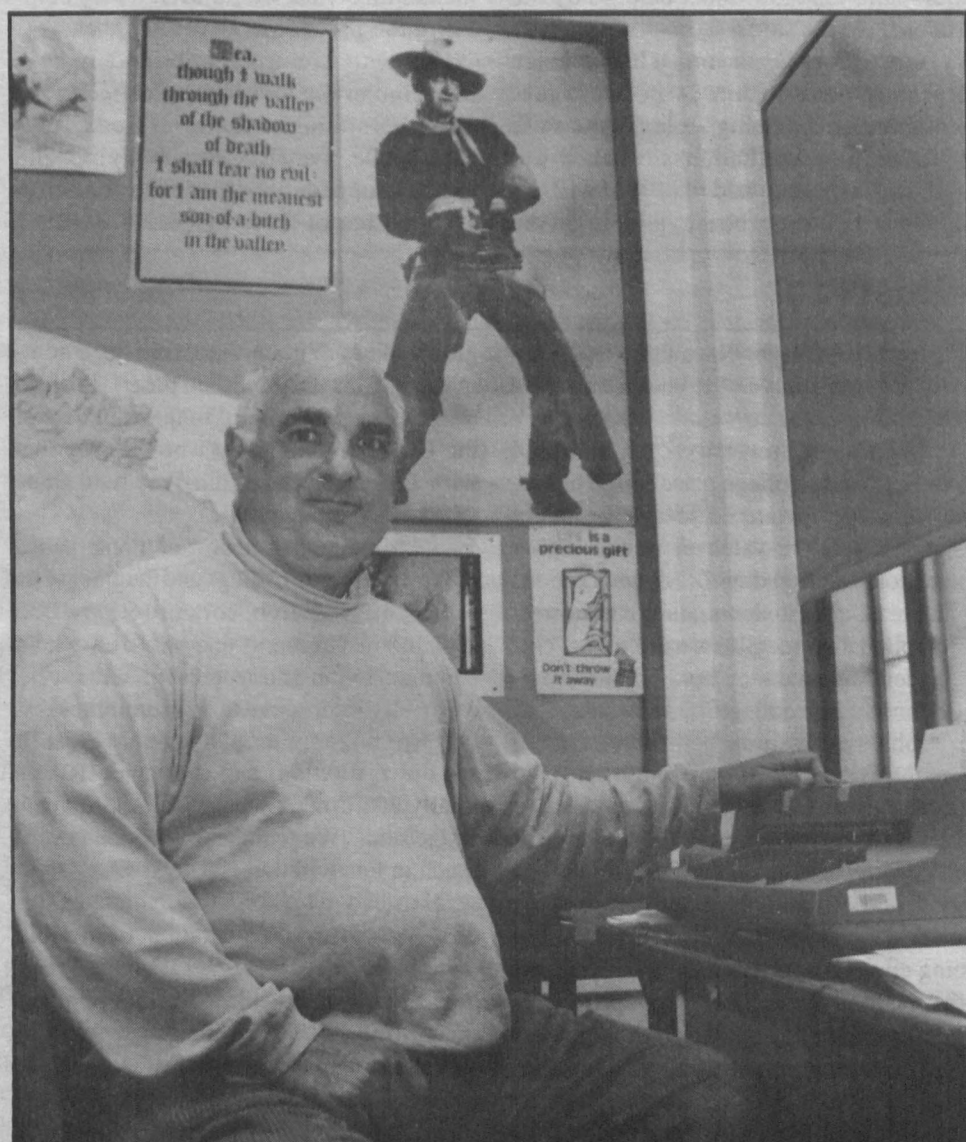
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## • Right to life

# Hughes unrelenting in battle against abortion



Professor Terence Hughes of geological and quarternary studies. (Gagne File Photo.)

By Katie Little  
Maine Campus staff

Anyone who eats lunch at the union during the noon hour on Mondays is likely to see a man holding any number of posters of aborted fetuses. He stands silently while trying to get the message across that abortion under almost every circumstance is wrong.

"Nobody should have the right to take a human life," Professor of Geology Terence Hughes said. "Life is a really important gift no matter how it comes about."

Hughes has been actively opposing abortion for more than a decade. He and his wife also own a pregnancy crisis center in Bangor.

"We attempt to provide young mothers-to-be with life-saving options," Hughes said.

Through the years, Hughes and his wife have taken in two dozen pregnant women and helped them through their pregnancies.

"To know there are some kids playing in the parks that wouldn't be alive trumps everything I've done at this university together," Hughes said.

Hughes believes abortions should not be allowed, even in rape cases.

"A rapist does his violent deed and then he's out of there," Hughes said. "If a woman keeps the baby and raises it, it will still be her baby. It can end up being the most important thing in her life."

Hughes also said that getting an abortion is destroying evidence of a crime. He said abortionists are cold blooded killers and are going to hell.

"I want abortionists to stop killing and be saved," he said. "They're going to hell unless they're saved, and that is what we're trying to do."

Although Hughes has strong views, he manages to keep them out of the classroom.

One of his students was concerned that his views would carry over in the classroom, but they haven't.

"He's a brilliant scientist, but I think it shows poor judgment to show signs at his place of employment," said one of Hughes' students, who didn't want to be identified.

Other students have mixed feelings about Hughes' posters.

"He has every right to be out there," said recently graduated student Mike Cahill. "I think he has a lot of courage for doing what he does."

"I'm outraged," said senior Jason Clark.

Geology department Chairman Stephen Norton said that as long as Hughes doesn't bring his views into the classroom Hughes is within his rights and is supported by the university.

Earlier this year Hughes went to court to face charges of violating a Bangor ordinance that outlawed picketing within 300 feet of a private home. He and a friend carried signs down U.S. Rep. John Baldacci's street.

Hughes said the ordinance was unconstitutional. The judge agreed. Bangor has appealed to Superior Court.

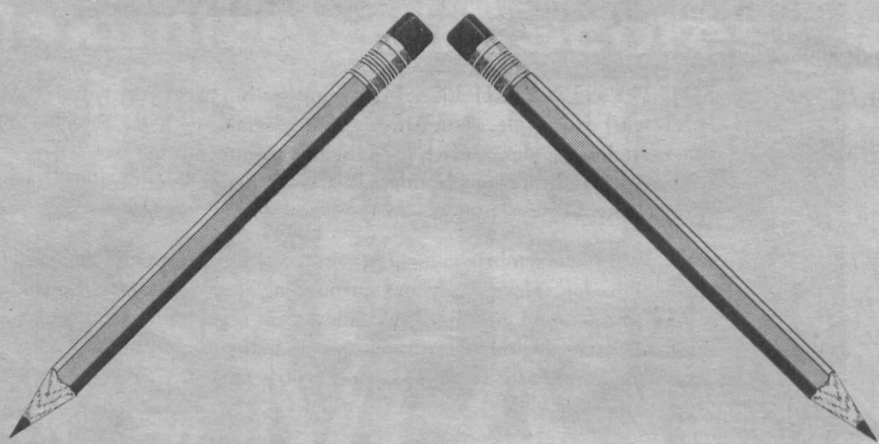
"This can't possibly stand on appeal," Hughes said.

Although a lot of people don't agree with Hughes, he feels compelled to fight as hard as he can for his cause. He can be seen in front of the union as well as in front of Eastern Maine Medical Center.

"If you do what I'm doing, you're in the loop until the end," he said. "I can't not do it. I couldn't live with myself if I didn't. Somebody has to defend the babies."

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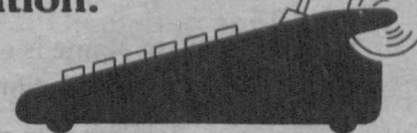
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# • Computer assistance

## New tracking system speeds lost key return process

By Krista Marrs  
Maine Campus staff

The locksmith office on campus has developed a new procedure for returning lost keys to students living in the dorms.

With the help of Public Safety and Campus Living, lost keys can now be returned to their owner more quickly than in prior years.

"In the past, Public Safety would hold any lost keys for up to six weeks. Now, any keys brought to them will be held for only one shift," Assistant Locksmith Supervisor Mark Noyes said.

Noyes, one of three locksmiths on campus, said this is a much more efficient way to identify and return lost keys.

"Public Safety delivers the keys to the locksmith office, and it is up to us to identify the exact room number to where the key belongs," Noyes said.

A computer listing of all key numbers is used at the locksmith office to identify the campus dorm room.

Once the room number has been obtained, the information is given to Campus Living. Campus Living's job is to identify the owner and make the call to let the student know their keys have been found.

"Many students have large key rings in which they keep attached many different keys, Rose Sturgeon, administrative assistant at Campus Living said. "This new procedure allows students to get all of their keys back more quickly."

Sturgeon is in charge of assigning

keys to students living on campus. She contacts people once the keys have been identified.

"Students may drop their keys in between classes and may not realize it until late," Sturgeon said. "It is scary because they cannot even move their car."

Public Safety Lt. Michael Zubik was a factor in creating the new procedure. He said it is a matter of efficiency and convenience for students.

"I look at it as an efficiency move on our end. It is a lot more proactive than reactive," Zubik said. "It will also save time for the locksmiths and money for the students."

Zubik said the new procedure of returning keys is excellent for campus keys, but not especially for other keys.

"Public Safety has McGruff The Crime Dog tags in which people can register their keys with our office. The keys are given a number on the McGruff tag which is registered in a database, which makes for easy return," Zubik said. "It is sort of like registering your car with us."

Noyes agreed with Zubik about the main reason for the development of the new procedure, which is to save labor and money.

"If a student loses his/her room key, a lock change will have to be done if the keys are not returned immediately," Noyes said. "In the old procedure, Public Safety would hold the keys for up to six weeks. By that time, the locks had already been changed so the keys were no good."

Lock changes take approximately two

hours, and the labor must be paid by the student, Noyes said.

"Once a key is missing, a lock change is usually done within 24 hours to prevent goods from being stolen," she said.

"This new method has worked out well so far," she added. "We will be having a key drop box available at the

locksmith office, which will be very helpful in the procedure as well."

Students are urged to bring any keys they find to the locksmith's office in the Service Building on Rangeley Road. Keys can also be given to Campus Living, and can be dropped in campus mail for delivery to either of these places.

## Halstead

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Halstead said the school would be a good fit for his administrative style because both are student oriented.

"Both the University of Maine and Westfield State College place a high premium on student-centered learning, quality standards and the value of public higher education," Halstead said. "My interactions with the faculty, students, staff, administration, foundation members, trustees and civic leaders indicate they hold great admiration for this fine college."

"John's reputation, both here and nationally, as someone whose philosophy and approach is student centered certainly made him an attractive candidate," University of Maine Director of Public Affairs John Diamond said. "It's obviously a credit to the university that one of its vice presidents is being considered for the presidency of another public university."

At the beginning of the search, which has continued for six months, Halstead was one of more than 100 applicants for the position. The other two finalists are Marvin B. Scott, assistant to the president and sociology professor at Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind., and Frederick W. Woodward, president of the State University of New York's Morrisville and Norwich campuses and the Educational Opportunity Center at Syracuse.

"I am honored to be among this small

group and I am grateful to have been nominated for this distinguished post," Halstead said. "I am also grateful to the members of the UMaine community who recently met with representatives from Westfield State who visited our campus."

John Judge, a professor of mathematics at Westfield State College and member of its presidential search committee, visited UMaine in February, and said Halstead's communication and leadership skills were especially impressive to the committee.

"He continues to seem a really great fit for our institution, and that analysis was totally confirmed by our visit to UMaine," Judge said. "We feel that our vision is very much in line with Dr. Halstead's."

Halstead, who holds a doctorate in student personnel administration from Ohio State University, informed UMaine President Frederick Hutchinson of his nomination in the fall, when his name was put forward by another college president. Hutchinson said he felt Halstead was prepared to lead a university.

"Dr. Halstead has advised me of his interest in Westfield, and it is expected that he would aspire to be a president," Hutchinson said. "I believe he is ready for that responsibility and I wish him only the best."

Halstead said he will continue his work at UMaine "with a strong sense of commitment."

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## • Technology

# Students ready robot for international competition

By Misty Edgecomb  
Maine Campus staff

The skeletal 6-foot vehicle emits a high buzz as it rolls across the parking lot. Two students grasping the back bumper are pulled along the asphalt by the power of the small propane engine mounted onto the frame of the contraption. The robotic vehicle, built by computer and electrical engineering students at the University of Maine, more closely resembles a go-cart than the height of robotics technology. However, it is an indication of what the future may hold for automation in industry.

A group of about a dozen UMaine students from the disciplines of electrical, mechanical, and computer engineering, computer science, and engineering physics designed and built the robotic vehicle for the fifth International Ground Robotics Competition, to be held May 31 through June 2 at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, Mich.

"The students get a lot of benefit," said Richard Eason, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering and the group's adviser. "It's a great opportunity to work as a team member to solve a real-world problem."

The competition, founded in 1992, requires student teams from various colleges and universities to design and construct a robot that can carry a 20-pound payload and navigate a marked course unmanned. The course typically includes a sand pit, minor inclines and obstacles such as hay bales.

Although teams are permitted to make

multiple attempts to complete the course, no vehicle has ever passed all of the obstacles. The robot that attains the greatest distance is the winner.

UMaine entered an electrically powered vehicle in the competition last year at Epcot Center in Orlando, Fla.

"We didn't do very well, but it was good exposure for the university," Eason said.

The design for this year's entry evolved from last year's design with contributions from many individuals, he said. Both vehicles were based on the frame of a Honda Odyssey dune buggy found in a junkyard.

The 1997 model has a great deal more power because students opted to use a propane-driven hydraulic engine, developed with the assistance of Tom Christensen of bio-resource engineering, rather than an electric motor.

According to Eason, the team has worked continually since last year's competition to perfect their design. A core group of students including Merrill Harriman, Yoshihiko Suenaga and a few others have dedicated as many as 20 hours each week to the project.

"My field is robotics, so I found this very intriguing," said Harriman, a graduate student in computers.

Harriman's computer expertise has been necessary to accomplish the requirement of an unmanned vehicle. A Pentium computer mounted onboard will drive the vehicle through the course. This is accomplished through the vision system developed by UMaine's team.

Two video cameras, mounted at the



Yoshihiko Suenaga, a grad student in electrical engineering (l), and Merrill Harriman, a grad student in computer engineering, give the robot a test run. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

front corners of the frame, point down at the course's limits, which are marked by white or yellow lines. The cameras transmit information to the computer system, allowing it to move the wheels in the right direction. In addition, two ultrasonic sensors mounted at the front of the vehicle detect obstacles in the course by using sound waves.

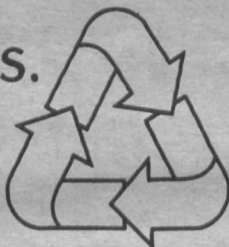
"I know our competition will be stiff; other teams have lots of funding," Harriman said. Because the UMaine team is

funded by private donations, it has been at a financial disadvantage since the project's beginning.

Donations from Fleet Investment Services, Quadric Systems, Maine Air National Guard, the UM Foundation, University Credit Union, UMaine president's office, Maine Material Handling, the Parker-Danner Co. and Stetson Landscaping have allowed the team to enter the competition, but additional donations are always needed.

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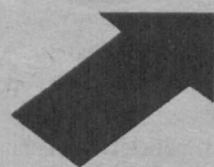
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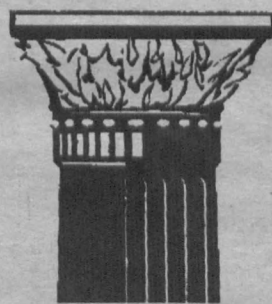
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## Maple

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the boiling sign sits on the roadside.

Visitors to University Forest are greeted by Shadow, a friendly black dog who Merrill calls the mascot of the forest. He found her in the forest three years ago, a small pup abandoned in the winter and walking around on raw feet. He nursed her back to health and adopted her. Shadow doesn't seem to dwell on her past hardships, as she prances merrily through the woods searching for what Merrill calls "woods kitties" – squirrels. She has yet to ever catch one, although she's given several a good chase.

"She just keeps them at bay," Merrill said, laughing. "It makes her feel important."

Two weeks before the first young visitors arrive, Merrill reveals his strategy for dealing with the excitable school children.

"First thing I do is tire them out," he says. When the children arrive, he hands them five-gallon buckets and sends them into the woods to collect sap. Last year, when the sap was running low, he went into the forest before the children arrived and poured already-collected sap back into the buckets hanging from the trees so they would have something to collect.

"I'm doing this to get them out of the classroom," Merrill says, adding that he remembers how bad it was as a kid to have to sit inside a classroom all day.

The sugar house burns pieces of residue wood left over from the last year's harvest, ensuring that nothing in the forest is wasted. Ten forestry students who have work-study jobs in the forest chop

and stack the miscellaneous ends of wood next to the house. The harvesting is done from September to March by students and staff. Merrill says it isn't "just a whack and go" process, but is done with aesthetics in mind.

"We try to put aesthetics first," says Merrill, who is also a part-time student. "We fund (the sugar house) from money we generate from harvesting."

Boiling the sap to make syrup is tricky business. Woodlands Manager Chuck Simpson said the syrup can turn to hard candy in a matter of seconds once it reaches 218 degrees. Before boiling, the sap is first collected in a 100-gallon Rubbermaid container and brought back to the sugar house. It's then transferred to another 100-gallon container, which sits on a shelf to the right of a black wood stove. A long copper pipe connects to the container and wraps several times around the top of the stovepipe, allowing the sap to warm up on its way to yet another holding container, where it starts the boiling process. When the sap level goes down in the final boiling container, a "float" opens to let more in.

"The hard part is knowing when to stop," Hoar says as he shows a coal-black remnant of last year's burnt syrup. The addition of a new tool to measure the specific gravity of the syrup should ease the process this year. "The hydrometer takes the guesswork out of boiling," he says.

Merrill says he's tried to fill the sugar house with the newest equipment "without cracking the budget."

"We're real small scale, but we try to stay progressive," he added. "It took us a whole year, all last season, to get everything set up." To avoid scorching the syrup in the last boiling stage, Merrill says they brought the sap into a real house to finish the job on the stove. They only had a candy thermometer to take the temperature, but it was too short and occasionally fell into the syrup.

The small operation was able to produce about three-fourths of a gallon of syrup a day last year. Unlike traditional sugar houses, which boil their sap continuously, University Forest workers can't get over-time, so their boiling routine sticks to a 9 a.m.-to-4 p.m. schedule, which sometimes forces the sap to sit overnight.

"We end up making dark syrup, that's the downfall," Merrill says.

The sugar house is unofficially named in honor of Thomas J. Corcoran, a professor of forestry and engineering who passed away just before the house opened. The sign is painted on a large sawmill blade that Merrill says was abandoned when it was sent away to be sharpened years ago. The house was built by high school students at the Students United Technical Center, a vocational school in Bangor, and hauled it to the snugly wooded site.

"It really shows the process of making maple syrup, which is pretty neat to me," says Simpson, who may take over the sugar house's operations next year. "It's another example of a product that comes from the forest."

Simpson said that no goal has been set this year for the number of gallons of syrup to make.

"Anything we make is a bonus," he said. The maple syrup produced at the forest isn't sold but is instead given as gifts and thank-yous throughout the year to people involved with the forest.

"We call on an awful lot of favors during the year," Merrill says. "It's a little fringe benefit to get a quart of syrup on your desk." Visitors also get a small sample of syrup when they come to the house.

The maple syrup season lasts only about a month, roughly from March 10 to April 10. Trees start to bud in April, and if tapping continues the tree emits a milky, sour sap.

"You can taste it in a second," Merrill says, making a face.

This Sunday marks Maine Maple Sunday, an event celebrated throughout the state by maple sugar houses large and small. Simpson says he hopes to plan something for the day.

University Forest is open daily. To ask questions and ask for directions, call 827-7804.

## Recycle

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Ryan Wallace sorts a recent drop off of recyclables Saturday at The Depot. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

per has increased by 31 percent.

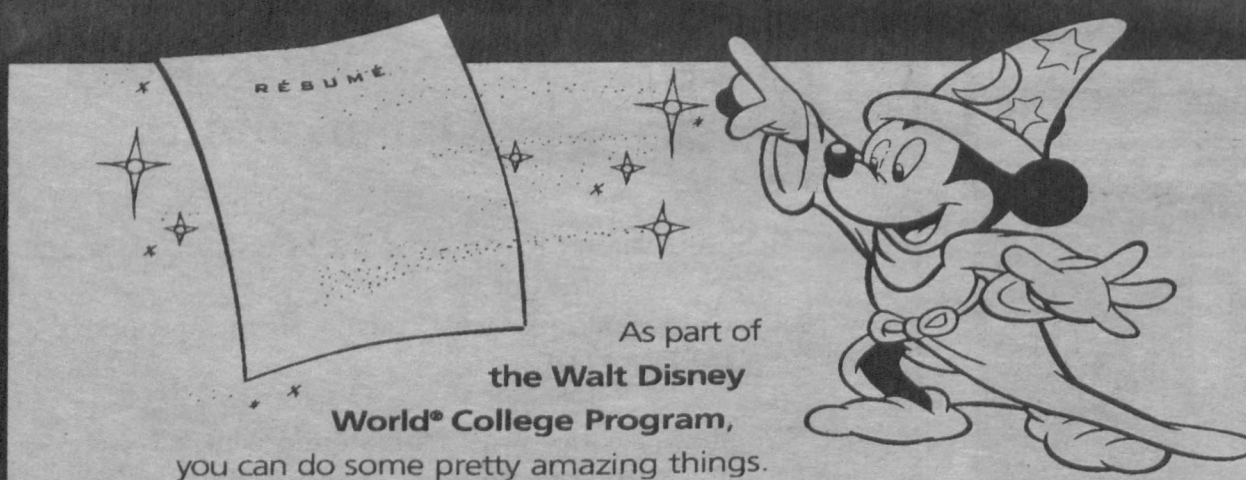
"What that's telling me is that the people who would just bring their bottles here, it's deterring them," Peary said. "The people who are hard-core recyclers bringing their cans, bottles, paper, glass, aluminum, plastic, everything. Those people are coming more than ever. We have our die-hard customers but are losing our peripheral ones."

The result of the returnables' being cut back is that the depot makes less money, because bottles and cans are where the money is made. The loss in revenue is more than \$750 a month.

The biggest problem is just beginning for the depot. At the end of this fiscal cycle in June, the art museum will be taking over the rest of the recycling center's space. That will mean the depot will either have to find a new home or be eliminated. The town of Orono has offered to lend its voice to fight to save the depot, for if the depot is closed the town will have to find another place to bring recyclables, or it will have to establish its own program. A decision on whether to move or close the depot is expected sometime this month.

"We are beneficial to students, the community and campus organizations," Lundin said. "Business is increasing in profit. Where we would take in \$20 to \$50 a day a couple of years ago, we can go through \$200 - \$250 now, on some days."

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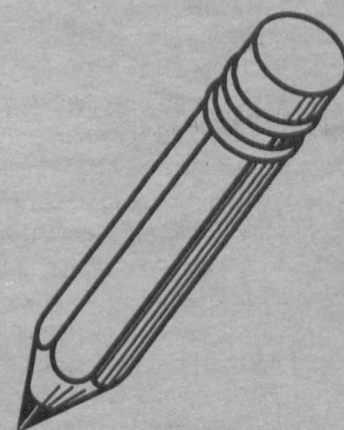
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# Editorial

## Selling access or influence

Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., effectively rescued the credibility of the Congress last week by standing up to Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and insisting that the Governmental Affairs Committee, which Thompson chairs, investigate improper as well as illegal fund raising activities in government.

Lott's initial and purely partisan insistence that the investigation's scope be limited to illegal activity demonstrates not only a lack of leadership, but an overt willingness to forego the exploration of meaningful campaign finance reform for the opportunity of a political attack. The majority leader's recent about-face on allowing the committee to focus on improper activities didn't come from a moral epiphany, but from a reluctant realization that limiting the investigation to the White House might cause voters to conclude that members of Congress were unwilling to put themselves and their fund-raising tactics under the microscope.

While many Senate inquiries, most notably the Whitewater hearings led by GOP image assassin Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., have proven a waste of time and money, investigating a system so riddled with loopholes may prove worthwhile.

Thompson has taken a significant step in proving his independence by breaking ranks with Lott, and has demonstrated a willingness to take an objective view of campaign finance reform, as it applies to both sides of the aisle.

Lott's early stand suggests that most Republicans don't want to talk about campaign finance reform. This broader investigation forces those in power, regardless of their political affiliation, to be subject to the same level of scrutiny. This equity becomes all the more important when allegations arise that access to politicians on both sides of the aisle may have been available to the highest bidder.

What is illegal and what is improper in political fund raising endeavors will surely be the subject of a long debate. The difference between selling access and selling influence will lengthen the inquiry, and rightly so. The complexities of political financing warrant such a broad investigation.

We commend Thompson's resolve and hope his future leadership of the Governmental Affairs Committee will reflect this early acknowledgment of the need for fairness in congressional inquiries.

## Vision out of focus

Maine Yankee has been maintaining media presence admirably, but its safety record and reputation continue to dwindle faster than even its power output. Facing an ever stronger referendum to shut down the nuclear plant, Maine may soon have to do some power generation brainstorming. Maine Yankee's 2008 demise is inevitable; if the plant is showing aging now that compromises its safety, another decade — when its license expires — it will be rendered unusable. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will only exacerbate the problem when it wallops the plant with fines, money that could be better used to repair the facility. The NRC itself has recently shown that, far from being a watchdog, it is pro-nuclear power at its core.

The main problem is the NRC is dealing with a system that is starting to break down nationwide; for lack of government support, NRC standards are likely to continue to fall. And then there's the nuclear waste piling up at "temporary" storage sites to contend with. The dream of nuclear power has faded considerably in the years since WWII, but the appreciable amount of energy still produced

by nuclear power is undeniable.

In an era when electronic devices are used by everyone every day, demand for power will continue to grow. It will have to be supplied somehow. Already, Central Maine Power has been quietly forced by certain summer demand to reopen three old wood-burning plants around the state, consuming more of Maine's precious forests. Hydro power throughout the state has been tapped nearly fully, and the drawbacks of coal, trash and nuclear waste-burning facilities have stunted their growth. Solar energy is the most attractive source of energy for all concerned, but the limitations are even greater. If the trend continues, more and more power will have to be purchased out of state or out of country.

The focus of the Maine Yankee dilemma has consistently been on procedure and legality, with an occasional aside to safety. Instead of debating the short-term fate of a doomed facility, long-range plans must be completed and done right the first time, whether they be tax incentives for people who install solar panels on their property or secure access to the new natural gas pipeline.



### • Letters to the Editor

#### • Acceptance for all

To the Editor:

As a Unitarian Universalist, I believe in the sanctity of marriage between two consenting adults who are in love, regardless of sexual orientation. People have been interpreting the Bible in whatever manner so fits their closed minds, ever since it was written by patriarchal homophobes nearly two millennia ago. Why are the religious, right and Concerned Maine Families so scared of homosexuals? Is it because their minds have been molded to believe that homosexuality is inherently evil and that by forbidding one group of individuals from enjoying the same rights as them, that they will seek the favor of God? I believe in a loving, nurturing God that accepts all (even those holier-than-thou in CMF who preach hate, fear and paranoia).

I have many friends who are gay, as well as one family member, and I am sure that most readers out there do as well (they just don't know it or can't accept it). I am very fortunate to be a member of the majority sexuality and enjoy many of its social, legal and, yes, financial benefits. To see the injustice in denying the latter two of these benefits to homosexuals, all one has to do is reverse the scenario and

place yourself in their shoes. But then I suppose, you wouldn't have the morality of an angry God on your side. How much greater a country this would be if we could see, accept and look past our differences to truly prevent the tyranny of the majority and work towards a more peaceful and egalitarian democracy.

Chris Irish  
Bangor

#### • Clarification of services

To the Editor:

On behalf of the University of Maine Counseling Center, I thank *The Maine Campus* staff for its interest in our recent Storefront outreach program, "The Blues Busters," which resulted in a thoughtful, well-written article about the event. Not only did the article cover "The Blues Busters" as a news item, but in keeping with the purpose of the "not-so-conventional" program, it further disseminated information about mental health issues and services.

A clarification of the article may be helpful to students, however. I was quoted as saying that "physicians are available at the center to administer therapy and medication if necessary." The UMaine Counseling Center has available a physician who provides psychiatric

(i.e., medication) consultation when necessary. Counseling and psychotherapy services, however, are provided by doctoral level therapists, not physicians. Individual and group psychotherapy, as well as consultation and outreach programs, are available through the counseling center.

Thanks again for your interest and coverage.

Liz Wiesen, Psy.D.  
UMaine Counseling Center

#### • Fraternally yours

To the Editor:

Great way to point out a few things to the narrow minded individuals who don't believe that Greeks do a lot more on campus than the average Joe Blow. Maybe it's because of a mixture between we actually have high expectations for ourselves and other fellow Greeks and others have low or no expectations of themselves. When was the last time a dorm did philanthropy besides clearing their hallway from empties the night before?

By the way, send your article to Jeff Tuttle, but then again maybe not. He will just have something else he can twist into lies.

Kurt Schickle  
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## OpEd



## Bigotry in the face of love

They're at it again. Carolyn Cosby and friends just can't let people live their lives the way they want. They have to exercise their freedom to petition the government, instilling fear in and inflicting unspeakable hatred on those who don't choose to live their lives the way Concerned Maine Families thinks they should.

What this group fails to realize is that not everyone fits into the narrow mold the

and lesbians who want to make their union legal and state-recognized would have no options open if they chose to live in Maine.

The main argument for this legislation is homosexual marriages are considered "unnatural" by those who choose to live their lives in a God-fearing manner.

The truth of the matter is homosexuals

## Quiet Time

By Derek Rice



group has forged for itself. In this "free" country, one is free to choose his or her own path along the journey that is life. The last thing people want is to be told that an option they have chosen for themselves is unavailable to them.

Yet that is exactly what Cosby and her group of witch-hunters are seeking to do. Despite their defeat in the Question One debacle a couple of years ago, they have taken up the fight against same-sex marriages this time around.

The proposed citizen-initiated bill the group worked hard to acquire signatures in support of has started on the road to tacit approval or disapproval, most likely in this legislative session. If last week's hearing held at the Augusta Civic Center by the Legislature's Judiciary Committee is any indication, the fight will not be easy for either side. It won't be pretty either.

What we have here is a typical case of religious fanatics trying to prevent something they consider to be anti-Christian from gaining acceptance. They don't see their targets as human beings, but as sexual deviants who would serve society best by committing themselves to mental health institutions.

The enemy, to them, is a nameless, faceless mob that wants to do nothing but poison the minds of America's youths and undermine the lives of good Christians everywhere.

The proposed legislation has all its bases covered so as to eliminate any loopholes. The proponents want the Legislature not only to ban same-sex marriages in the state, but to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states. So gays

are entitled to enjoy the same privileges as everyone else in this state, not to mention this country. By denying them the option to make their unions official, the state would be engaging in nothing less than official bigotry, which is unpardonable.

Imagine if it were a ban on African-American or Jewish marriages being bandied about. Imagine the uproar that would ensue over either of these. Just insert the name of any other minority to see what kind of reaction there would be. What if it were heterosexuality that was considered "deviant" by a vocal, bigoted and misinformed minority?

Marriage is more than a piece of paper that says a union between two consenting adults is recognized by the state. It is a pledge made by two people who love each other to remain faithful to each other though good and bad until death do they part. It also helps entitle people to share in health insurance benefits and collect life insurance payments upon the death of their spouse.

In this battle we are likely to see every stereotype played up to its highest form. Cosby et al will try to put fear in the hearts of Mainers and their representatives to get their message of non-acceptance across.

Remember this, however: The divorce rate is about 50 percent among heterosexuals. Something is definitely destroying the integrity of the family unit, but it sure as hell isn't homosexual marriages. In theory, they don't officially exist. Yet.

Derek Rice is an English graduate student and the style and arts editor of The Maine Campus.

## Meddling in medicine

Emotion, not compassion, is the driving force behind recent efforts to pass a bill in the Maine Legislature that would ban so-called partial-birth abortions in the state. Rep. Douglas Ahearne, D-Madawaska, in a misguided attempt to capitalize on selective conservative claims regarding the procedure, proposed the bill, which was tabled last week by the Legislature's indecisive Judiciary Committee.

third-trimester abortions if the mother's health or life is not in danger. Doctors and women, not legislators, must make this decision.

Those against the procedure unfairly attempt to depict the women whose doctors reluctantly recommend the procedure as heartless murderers who whim-

## Tuttlevision

By Jeff Tuttle



While the bill does allow for the controversial procedure if the mother's life is in danger, it does not take into account her, or the child's, health should the baby be delivered. Attorney General Andrew Ketterer has justly asserted that the bill conflicts with the constitutionally protected right of women to have an abortion because it does not allow for these health concerns.

President Clinton's veto of a similar bill last year made him a target for short-sighted but powerful religious groups such as the Christian Coalition, whose members will not rest until Roe v. Wade is overturned. Clinton must stand up to these factions and veto any bill that does not allow doctors to decide what is in the best interest of their patients.

Controversy surrounding this brand of late-term abortion, called "partial-birth abortion" by its opponents and "intact dilation and extraction" by the medical community, has swelled in light of a problematic "confession" by Ron Fitzsimmons, an individual often referred to as a prominent abortion rights leader. Fitzsimmons, the executive director of the Coalition of Abortion Providers, added fuel to the national conservative fire by saying he lied during a 1995 interview with Ted Koppel for ABC's "Nightline," in which he claims to have purposely understated the number of abortions performed in this manner. Because the interview, although filmed, never aired, the reasons for his sudden turnabout are suspect and contribute nothing to this ongoing debate.

Whether it be 500 or 5,000 "partial-birth abortions" performed in America each year, women whose health or lives are in jeopardy have the right to terminate their pregnancy under Roe v. Wade. Anti-abortion activists and those who believe life begins at conception can call almost all abortions "infanticide," and misleading terminology such as this can only distract public attention from the fact that states retain the right to ban

sically decide to opt for termination for the sake of convenience. The doctors and women involved, however, have voiced a much different interpretation, one involving concern only for the welfare of the mother or the viability of the fetus. Human nature would make it safe to say that the vast majority of "partial-birth abortions" are done as a last, painful resort and have little to do with convenience.

The medical community must retain the flexibility to perform the procedure if necessary, and Maine legislators have no business whatsoever in restricting doctors from recommending or undertaking the medical procedure that is in the best interest of the mother. Ahearne, by proposing such a bill, is only contributing to fundamentalist posturing regarding this sensitive issue. The fate of the bill remains in question. But after Fitzsimmons' revelation, it could make it to the governor's desk. Gov. Angus King must follow the president's lead and veto the bill, should the House and Senate members take leave of their senses and submit it for his consideration. Fortunately for the women of Maine, the Legislature does not appear to have the two-thirds majority to overturn such a veto.

What is at stake is not only the constitutional right for a woman to terminate her pregnancy, but the advances of the women's liberation movement, which has done an admirable job in protecting the rights of women from a meddling male-dominated government. Progressives are understandably worried about the prospects of a law banning "partial-birth abortions." It would most certainly be the first step in a systematic fundamentalist campaign to gut Roe v. Wade and leave the fate of women in the hands of government, not with themselves and their physicians, which is where it belongs.

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# Entertainment

## Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Monday, March 17

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** This is sure to be a passionate year, and it could be a year of unforeseen setbacks if you act entirely on impulse. You have the chance to finish something important, so make sure you use your time and energy wisely.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** The world is not your enemy, although there may be times today when it appears as if everyone is against you. If it seems that someone is trying to annoy you it is only because current celestial influences are making you feel uncharacteristically insecure. It will soon pass.

**TAURUS (April 20 - June 20):** Differences of opinion are a fact of life; it is how you handle them that matters. Just because you disagree with someone about the best way to handle your joint affairs doesn't mean you have to fight. A bit of tension can be creative today — if you listen as well as talk.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** If your feelings for someone close alternate between love and hate today it might not be wise not to make any important decisions about the future of your relationship. What you say and what you mean one minute you will want to take back the next — by which time it could be far too late.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Be extra careful if you are on the move today. You may well find that trains and planes fail to run according to schedule and that the roads are jammed. You don't have to stay indoors, but ask yourself if your journey is really necessary.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** That "sure thing" which looks so attractive isn't as foolproof as you would like to believe. You should know by now that there are no shortcuts to making a fortune. Today's challenging aspect has a simple message for you: You can't afford to take chances with money.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** Because you are in an aggressive mood today you could easily say something that hurts someone more than is necessary. Even if you feel you are justified in your criticism, tomorrow you may feel you overreacted and wish you had kept your feelings to yourself.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** The reason you feel so hostile toward certain people is because you feel insecure. The reason you feel insecure is because your sixth sense tells you someone is working against you. Even if someone is, it is not necessarily the person you suspect. Make sure you don't alienate your friends.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** Your critics may have a point, but do they have to be so open about it? Yes, they do, otherwise you would probably ignore them. Certain issues must be acknowledged and discussed or you may never be able to resolve them. A bit of plain speaking is needed.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** You may find yourself forced into areas into which you would rather not venture alone today, not because they cause you anxiety but because you suspect they will lead to duties you don't enjoy. You may be right, but is that really such a burden? More to the point, can you afford to keep saying no?

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** You don't take kindly to criticism. Even the mildest rebuke could send you into a tailspin today. Why should that be when everything is going so well? Could it be that because it is going so well you fear something is sure to go wrong? Don't worry, it's all in your mind.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Whatever decisions you take today, make sure you take them for purely logical reasons. Planetary activity indicates you are inclined to be somewhat rash, which could prove costly on both personal and a financial level. Remember there is a fool born every minute: Make sure it's not you.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** You may not like some of the things that are said today. Since they do not directly involve you, however, the best course of action is to pretend you did not hear. Your opinion of someone you had previously liked may take a nose-dive, but for now you should keep that knowledge to yourself.

### Cranially Constipated

By Israel Skelton

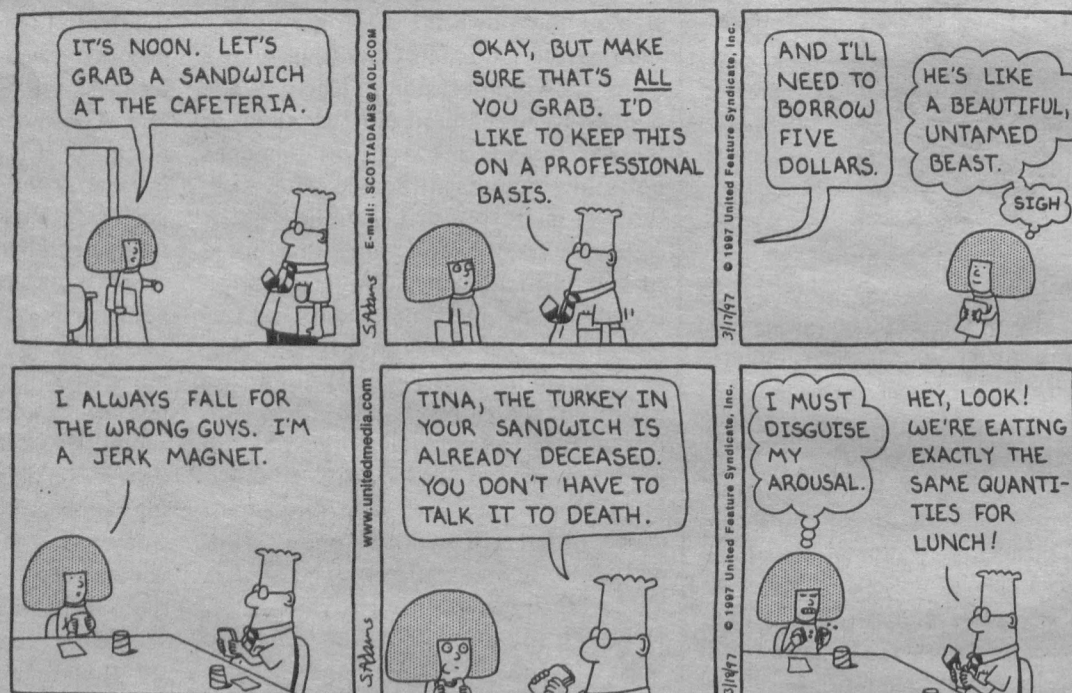


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By Travis Dandro

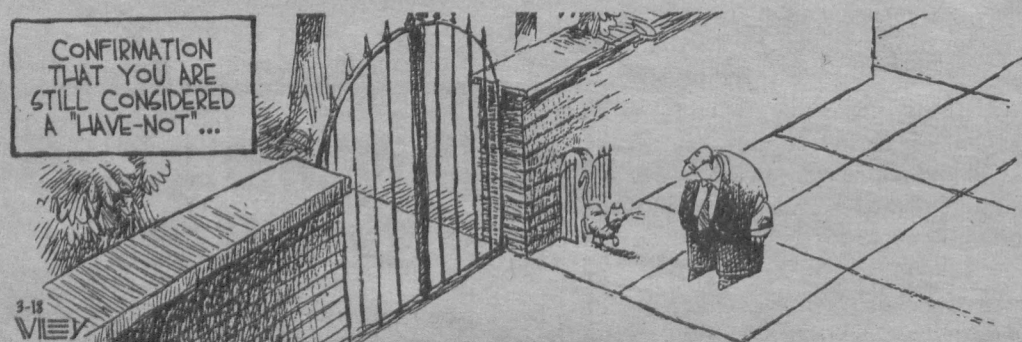
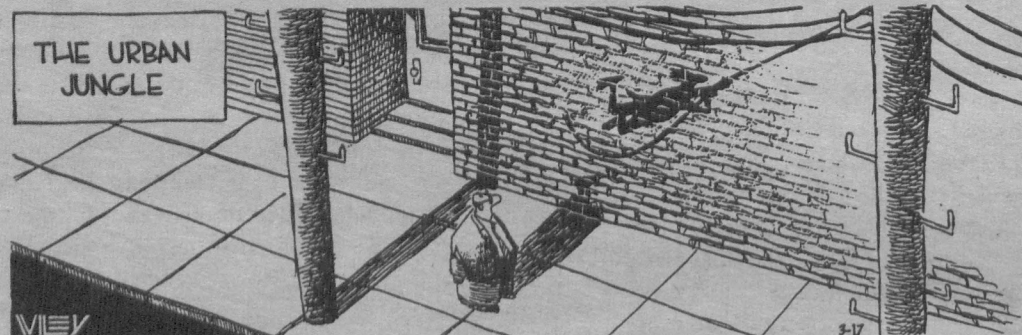


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BY WIEV





# Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Tuesday, March 18

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** Look for unusual solutions to practical problems this year. They will work better than you expected. If you can imagine something, you can do it. Those who say you can't are only jealous because they fear you will accomplish something they can't.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** It's out with the old and in with the new this weekend. If there are changes you would like to make in your life, make them now. There is a cosmic guarantee that they will turn out better than you expected.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Nothing is forever - everything is subject to change. If you can come to terms with that statement over the next 48 hours, you will find that what you are now being offered is far more valuable than what you are being asked to give up.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Subtle changes in the way you think and feel are beginning to have an effect. Ideas you would have laughed at a few months ago have seeped into your subconscious, and you are not so sure what you believe any more. Don't fight it. You are about to make an amazing discovery.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Get your priorities right today. Focus on the one or two things you really do well and don't waste time on anything else. A helpful aspect indicates that you can change your life for the better - if you are calm, confident and, above all, self-disciplined.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** A whole new way of life awaits you. All you have to do is decide to discard those negative emotions of anger and envy. People are who they are, you can't change them. You can change yourself. When you do, you will find that your relationships improve dramatically.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** Changes in your working routine can't be postponed much longer. You are doing too much and, inevitably, doing it badly. Something will have to give, and it's better sooner than later. Make the changes you know are necessary while the planets are encouraging you to do so.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** Don't tie yourself down today - you aren't in the mood to be serious about anything, least of all relationships. Put yourself in situations where you can meet new people and experience new activities. You might just find the someone of something you have been looking for all your life.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** Memories are wonderful things, but there is no point in trying to live them over again. People and places change. To expect otherwise is to invite disappointment. The past will be much on your mind this weekend. Come Monday morning, however, it is the future you will be thinking of.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** What once inspired you now bores you. What once got you out of bed in the morning now sends you straight back to sleep. Does that mean you're getting older or wiser? Perhaps it just means that your tastes are changing. If so, you must expect them to change a little bit more this weekend.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Think of something you would like to do but you know is impossible. Now do it. It's not as silly as it sounds. Planetary influences suggest that the impossible thing you are thinking of is not impossible at all.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** The world around you is changing fast, but planetary activity indicates you are changing faster. It might be a good idea to slow down today, take note of your surroundings and make sure you are still heading in the right direction. If you are, you can speed up again.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** The more you worry about something this weekend, the worse it will get - or, to be accurate, the worse it will appear to get. You have a marvelous imagination, but how you use it is up to you. Imagine that everything in your life is wonderful - you will be amazed to find it is.

# Entertainment

## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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### ACROSS

- 1 Proof of pedigree
- 7 One left holding the bag?
- 14 Kind of service
- 15 Through
- 16 Cobblers' forms
- 17 Pirates
- 18 J.F.K.'s service
- 19 Kennel club rejects
- 21 Annoyed with
- 22 Zippo
- 24 Gathering storm
- 26 Part of a pedigree
- 27 Used a prie-dieu
- 29 Giverny artist

- 31 Actor Ruman of "Ninotchka"
- 32 Concert hall
- 34 "My Heart"
- 35 Old bat
- 36 Bankruptcy listing
- 39 It's hard to get out of
- 42 Traffic cop?
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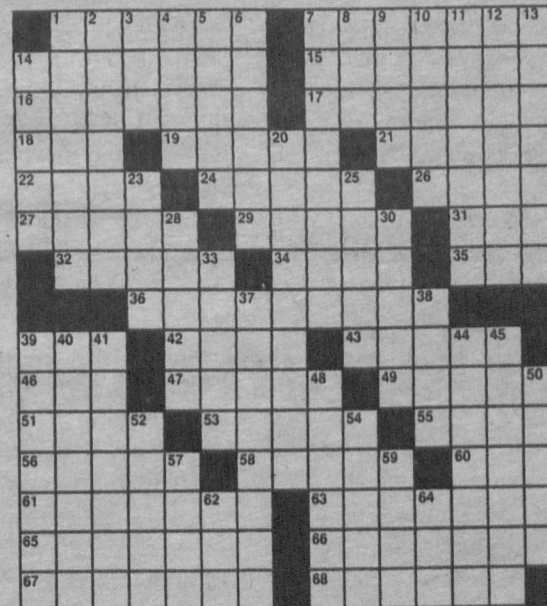
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- 58 Powerful ray
- 60 Hydromassage facility
- 61 Follower
- 63 Sanjo banjo
- 65 Not as clear
- 66 Dodgers
- 67 Locks
- 68 Puts another way

### DOWN

- 1 Compatriot
- 2 Changed a bill
- 3 Life
- 4 Netherlands town
- 5 Incurred
- 6 Gambler's strategy
- 7 Nursery item
- 8 Schooner's contents, maybe
- 9 Knock
- 10 Old Norse collections
- 11 Inclined to sulk
- 12 Forcible seizure of a ship, in maritime law
- 13 Reserve
- 14 Moxie
- 20 Ricky's nightclub
- 23 Songwriter Wilder
- 25 Erector's set

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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SKREET	TIPSHEETS
LOGO	SHORTS
MATE	ANTOINE
EVENTS	ANNE TEA
DINAH	HMS SKIPS
ESS	IHOP STEREO
GRENAD	PEEP
TURTLE	EAST
ERNIE	EPYLE
EARLE	
RIDGE	DEPORTEES
STERN	EVENTIDES
TERIS	WINESTORE



Puzzle by Gerald R. Ferguson

- 28 Players take them
- 30 Olympics symbol
- 33 "my big mouth!"
- 37 They wish
- 38 Land
- 39 Computer command
- 40 Adequate
- 41 1979 film with a Best Actress nomination
- 44 Peregrination
- 45 Hardens, or softens!
- 48 Not as bright
- 50 Astin and Lennon
- 52 Thin strands
- 54 Forestall, with "off"
- 57 Medical suffix
- 59 You love, to Livy
- 62 Miss Peggy
- 64 Mrs. William McKinley

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# Style & the Arts

## • Reviews

## Film, soundtrack provide powerful one-two punch Lynch's vision dark, disturbing Eclectic mix perfect fit for film

By Derek Rice  
Maine Campus staff

"Lost Highway," David Lynch's latest film offering, is surreal, dark, spooky and brilliant. It's also terribly confusing, so if you're looking for a movie with an easy-to-follow plot, forget this one.

On the other hand, if you're looking to have your mind blown and leave the theater feeling more than a little creeped out at the same time, this is the movie you want to see.

Lynch himself described the film as a "mesmerizing meditation on the mysterious nature of identity," and that seems to be the best description to date.

The plot unfolds in almost dreamlike fashion, beginning with a pair of headlights racing down a rural highway in the dark. The audience is behind the wheel of the mysterious car and the headlights bounce around, giving the effect of discomfort.

From there it only gets worse. Saxophone player Fred Madison (Bill Pullman) answers the intercom at his house to be told "Dick Laurent is dead." He rushes to the window to see who it was at the door, but to no one's surprise there is no one to be seen.

For successive mornings, Fred and his wife, Renee (dark-haired Patricia Arquette), receive packages on their doorstep that contain videos taken inside their home while they slept. The police are of little help and the couple feels uneasy in their own home.

At a party, Fred meets a creepy little



Director David Lynch. (Courtesy Photo.)

man (Robert Blake), who is apparently capable of being in two places at once, as Fred talks to him on the phone and in person at the same time.

The first half of the film concludes later that night when Renee is murdered. Fred is sentenced to death. After all, the police have a video of Fred killing her, even though Fred has no recollection of it himself.

It is at this point the film takes a bizarre turn. One night, while watching the wall of his cell, Fred is transformed into a young mechanic named Pete Day-

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By Derek Rice  
Maine Campus staff

If David Lynch, the mastermind who gave us "Twin Peaks" and "Blue Velvet," were to team up with someone to produce a soundtrack to one of his films, who would be the natural fit?

The question has already been answered with the release of the "Lost Highway" soundtrack, for which Lynch teamed up with Nine Inch Nails frontman Trent Reznor, who produced the CD. The result is a 23-track product that lends itself perfectly to the film.

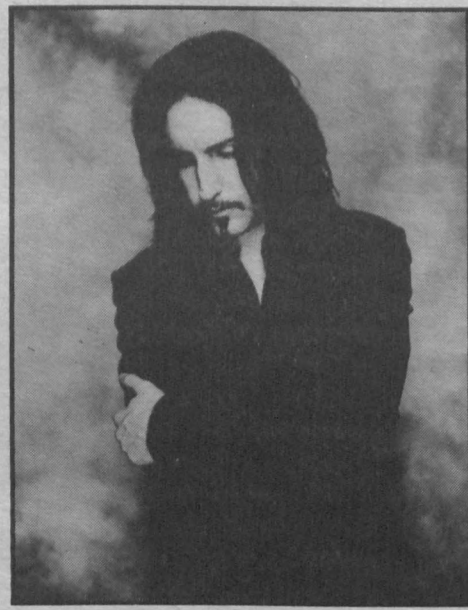
The first and last tracks on the disc are David Bowie's "I'm Deranged" and harken to the first and last scenes of the film, which are also the same and feature the song.

Mixed in with the songs are short pieces by Reznor that serve as bridges from cut to cut and are heard at key points in the film.

Lynch-favorite saxophone player Angelo Badalamenti is not forgotten on this compilation, as Bill Pullman's character in the film is a hip saxophonist. Unlike Geoffrey Rush in "Shine," Pullman doesn't serve as his own instrumentalist. Enter Badalamenti, who has no fewer than seven tracks on the disc.

The eclectic mix of modern rock and industrial music is broken up by two more classical Rammstein tracks, which are sandwiched between instrumental tracks by Badalamenti and Barry Adamson.

Lou Reed's unmistakable style and



Soundtrack producer Trent Reznor. (Courtesy Photo.)

voice are apparent on "This Magic Moment." The track is a little on the soft side, but works well within the whole of the soundtrack.

That's the remarkable thing about this CD. No matter what the style of the different tracks, they all complement each other beautifully. There are no jarring segues from an over-the-top hard song to a classical piece. The songs seem to flow into one another and one can listen to the entire CD without noticing the movement from David Bowie to Nine Inch Nails to Rammstein to David Bowie.

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## • Oppression

## Entertainment world turns its eyes to Tibet

NEW YORK (AP) — Divine inspiration on the Lollapalooza tour?

That's where Smashing Pumpkins frontman Billy Corgan says he had an epiphany to lend his whiny pipes to the cause of a free Tibet.

"I met a lot of monks on Lollapalooza in '94 from Tibet and got to know some of them," Corgan explains.

The man who penned the lyric "the killer in me is the killer in you" isn't alone: Everywhere you turn in the entertainment world these days, celebrities are imploring the Chinese to stop oppressing Tibet — from Michael Stipe to Sharon Stone to Steven Seagal.

It was bound to happen after Richard Gere got up at the Academy Awards before an estimated 1 billion television viewers worldwide to tell of the social injustices against Tibet. Ever since Gere wondered in his unscripted moment in 1993 if something "miraculous and movie-like could happen here," people have been jumping on the Buddhism bandwagon.

To wit: Two feature films about Tibet are near completion — Martin Scorsese's "Kundun," about the Dalai La-

ma's life until age 24, when he was forced to flee Tibet, and "Seven Years in Tibet," in which Brad Pitt plays an Austrian prisoner of war in India during the 1940s who manages to escape to Tibet, where he lives for seven years before the Chinese invasion.

And thousands of people gathered in San Francisco last year for the Tibetan Freedom Concert, featuring musicians such as Bjork, Yoko Ono and her son, Sean Lennon, in an event organized by the Beastie Boys' Adam Yauch.

Does all the attention from celebrities, some not particularly known for Buddhist-like self-denial, bother those who spend their lives earnestly devoted to Tibetan freedom?

"The Tibet situation day by day is worse," says Thubten Norbu, director of the Tibetan Cultural Center in Bloomington, Ind., and the older brother of the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism.

"The world should say something about that," Norbu says. "I don't think it's self-serving on the part of entertainers. Many people are because it gets the word out about Tibet."

The cause has captured the imagination of celebrities because of the 1980s tradition of helping underdogs, says Robert Thurman, father of Uma, a religion professor and Asia expert at Columbia University.

"There's been this thing 'We are the world, we are the children,'" says Thurman, who also is a Tibet activist.

Corgan and a group of performers that included R.E.M.'s Stipe, Patti Smith, Natalie Merchant and poet Allen Ginsberg all performed recently at Carnegie Hall to raise money for Tibet House, which is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Tibetan language and culture — something China has been eradicating ever since it annexed the neighboring country in 1959.

The evening's reverent, dirgeful tone was set early on by the haunting, guttural sounds of the Drepung Loseling Monks who lined up onstage for some Tibetan mountain-throat singing.

Corgan contributed an acoustic song called "Death," and Merchant sang in Latin about Jesus and the Virgin Mary. Stipe offered a cover of Eddie Vedder's "Long Road," from the soundtrack of

"Dead Man Walking."

Stipe, who also works on behalf of East Timor in its struggle against Indonesian oppression, notes that, "For me, Tibet provides an example of a people under great duress who have never resorted to violence. I think that's a lesson every nation in the world could learn from."

Smith says she's been praying for Tibet since she was a New Jersey 12-year-old doing a school report on the subject.

"It's not just about Tibet," she says. "Whether it's AIDS or Bosnia or Somalia or Tibet, people need to lend their support and get involved. Human rights is very universal. It shouldn't be called a fad."

Members of the film industry, more than musicians, love causes such as Tibetan freedom because it's distant from our shores and therefore safe, says Steven Alford, a professor at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Alford wonders, for instance, if we'll ever see Hollywood stars do a benefit for East Los Angeles.

He doubts it.



## • In this corner

# Rather, Brokaw exchange barbs in verbal war

NEW YORK (AP) — Are two of television's golden voices at each other's throats? There's an unusual feud brewing between two titans of TV news.

CBS News anchorman Dan Rather criticized NBC's new top-rated nightly news program for "going softer" on the news. That angered NBC's Tom Brokaw, who mocked Rather as "Mr. Hard News."

Brokaw has been riding high the past two months as "NBC Nightly News" overtook long-time leader ABC in the ratings. Yet NBC's decision to run fewer and longer stories, with more on lifestyle issues, has drawn fire.

Rather, whose broadcast is stuck in third place, says the "CBS Evening News" wants to set itself apart from its two rivals as "anti-news lite."

"Like a rock, we are hard news," Rather told the Philadelphia Inquirer. "I like it that the other two are going softer. We have to distinguish ourselves from them. ... 'CBS Evening News' is a brand name. We want that name to constantly be a beacon of real hard news. 'News lite' is not our game."

Brokaw defends his broadcast, saying it contains substantive reporting even if it doesn't meet Rather's definition of hard news.

He said it was "inappropriate" for competitors to judge NBC, particularly when they have gone through their own incarnations. He cited former Rather partner Connie Chung anchoring a broadcast from Tonya Harding's ice skating rink.

"Whenever there is the first hint of a counterclockwise symbol on the weather map in the fall, 'Mr. Hard News' is down there wrapped around a lamppost somewhere," Brokaw told the Inquirer this week.

Both anchors sent word through their spokeswomen that they didn't want to talk further about it on Thursday.

The anchors had a minor scrape last year when Brokaw was overheard, at a rehearsal at the Republican convention in San Diego, saying Rather had reported false stories fed to him by the Nixon White House.

Brokaw later said he "regretted" the reckless comments.

## Lynch

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ton (Balthazar Getty). Incapable of explaining the situation, the warden is forced to release the innocent man.

Pete repairs cars for a mobster, Mr. Eddy (Robert Loggia), who pays Pete well to keep his expensive fleet in top condition.

Mr. Eddy also has a young girlfriend, Alice Wakefield (Patricia Arquette again, this time as a blonde). Alice and Pete

start meeting at cheap motels, hoping Mr. Eddy doesn't find out. But he does, with a little help from a creepy little man he calls his friend.

The film's pace accelerates, working elements of classic film noir, desperate men, faithless women, expensive cars and cheap motels, into the plot, building to the climax, which further confuses the viewer. There are a couple of more murders, even more deception, and another transformation to keep your attention.

The film could have assembled as it was or in reverse order and made the same amount of sense. The opening and closing scenes are the same. The second scene is echoed in the film's penultimate scene. There is a turning point toward the middle, and the elements at either side of it reflect each other as if in a mirror, which is suggested in an early scene inside Fred and Renee's house.

The hinge of the film is the Mystery Man (his name in the credits) played by Blake. From his first appearance on screen, he is an unsettling presence. He seems to be in the middle of every plot point, whether confusing or not. Even his appearance, vampire-like with dark lipstick, is disconcerting. While his character ties the different story line threads together, he is neither hero or villain; he remains ambiguous.

Loggia has the film's funniest scene. After waving a tailgater by on a winding road, he rams his Mercedes into the man's car, forcing him off the road. He then gets out of his car and beats the man senseless, all the while screaming traffic safety rules at the man.

Getty is excellent as the dazed and confused Dayton, who doesn't even know how he got into the death-row cell. He wanders through the scenes with an aloofness that suggests he doesn't really know who he is.

Other members of the cast, including Gary Busey as Pete's father and Richard Pryor as Pete's boss, have minor roles, but play them terrifically, leaving enough of the character a mystery while exposing enough to make the viewer empathize. Look for Marilyn Manson as Porno Star No. 1.

Lynch's big-screen vision, inspired by two words found in a novel by co-screenwriter Barry Gifford, is not a happy one. We never know if the two women Arquette played are one and the same. We also never know what becomes of Pete Dayton at the film's end. He vanishes as mysteriously as he arrived.

In all, this is an excellent movie that investigates the inner workings of human psyche. Just keep in mind it doesn't have a neatly-tied-up Hollywood ending.

Grade: A

## Soundtrack

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Everyone has heard the excessive airplay Nine Inch Nails' "The Perfect Drug" has been receiving since the album's release. It's a good song, but overkill has ruined more than one good song. In this case, it has made that song the one that stands out among the others as recognizable. Once there have been more releases from the disc, the minor annoyance should disappear.

Shock-rocker Marilyn Manson, who has a small cameo as a porn star in the film, contributes two songs to the soundtrack. The first, "Apple of Sodom," is a slow song with the signature Manson feel, including the whispered lyrics.

The second of the two is perhaps the more interesting of the two. In covering Jay Hawkins' 1956 blues standard "I Put a Spell on You" (most notably recorded by Creedence Clearwater Revival), Manson has made it his own, much as he did with the Eurythmics' "Sweet Dreams (Are

Made of This)." If you listen closely, however, you can discern that it's a familiar song, but the casual listener could easily mistake it for a Manson original.

Also interspersed throughout the soundtrack are bits of dialogue from the movie, much like the style found on the "Pulp Fiction" soundtrack, but much less straightforward. Without seeing the film, they may make absolutely no sense, but if you have seen it, you won't be able to stop yourself from picturing the scene.

In all, the soundtrack is a treat to listen to, especially after seeing the film. Without the benefit of having seen the movie, it is a collection of songs that work well together. With that benefit, it is an incredible companion piece to one of the few original films to come out in recent years. Both the film and the soundtrack bear the unmistakable fingerprints of their respective masterminds.

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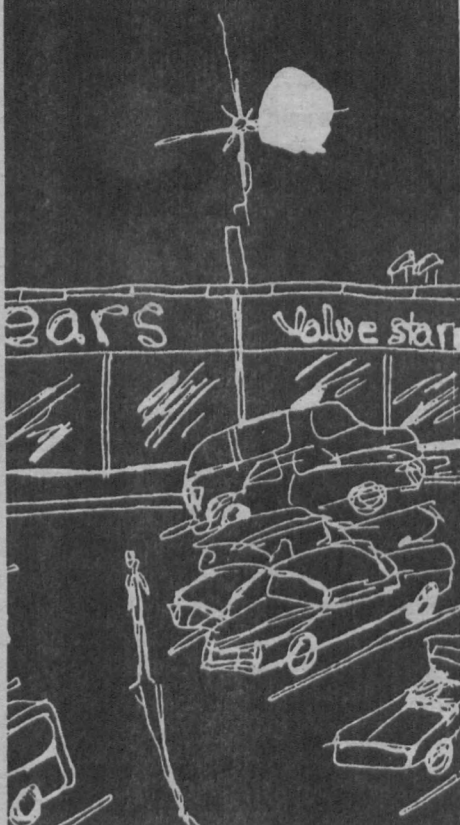
*Hey I'm only 15, but I'll bet if Jesus knew the atrocities done in the name of Christianity, he'd go off by himself to the local park and have a good cry.*

*No, no, no, you know what he'd do?*


*.... He'd go shopping..... grab himself some credit cards and go to the mall.*

*He'd buy so much stuff he'd start foaming at the mouth and start telling a bunch of jokes.*

*Moses, Mohammed and Ron Kurtz were already there.*



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## • People

# Fisher works despite snub; Fuhrman sells out

NEW YORK (AP) — Brad Pitt took playing an Irish terrorist in "The Devil's Own" very seriously.

"I'm playing a Catholic kid from Ireland," Pitt says in the latest Rolling Stone magazine. "I'm speaking for this situation that has gone on for years. I felt a huge responsibility for that. So I'm not just going to sit there and say, 'Oh, I'm Irish! Give me a Guinness.' I'm not going to make leprechaun jokes."

Pitt denied there was any bad blood between him and Harrison Ford, who co-starred in the movie, despite numerous stories about alleged behind-the-scenes squabbling.

"He's absolutely cool," Pitt said of Ford. "Look, it was tough. It was the hardest film I've ever been on. But as for reports about out-of-control egos and people hiding out in trailers, that just wasn't the case. It was everyone trying to make the best movie they could under

the circumstances."

"The Devil's Own" is the story of an Irish Republican Army terrorist befriended by a New York City policeman.

NEW YORK (AP) — Carrie Fisher agreed to work on this year's Academy Awards show even though she was upset that her mom, Debbie Reynolds, was overlooked for her starring role in "Mother."

"I have some bitterness about that — especially after I saw some of the other nominated performances," Fisher says in the March 22 TV Guide. "I'm a loyal child."

It took three telephone messages from Oscars producer Gil Cates before Fisher called him back.

"My fear was that he wanted me to do something with Mark Hamill, some sort of horrible 'Star Wars' thing," Fisher says.

Luckily for her, Cates really wanted her

on the writing team for the March 24 show to help prepare remarks for presenters.

"They're not having couples present this year, so there won't be any of that pretend repartee stuff — for which I'm sure America will be grateful," Fisher says.

SEATTLE (AP) — Stars of today like Will Smith and Gillian Anderson helped open the video arcade of the future, where a Starbucks worker walked from room to room filling coffee cups from a large bucket strapped to his back.

Anderson ditched her serious "The X-Files" persona Saturday for a thrilling turn on a virtual water scooter at the grand opening of GameWorks, where rapper Coolio and alternative rocker Beck performed for a live MTV broadcast.

GameWorks, the first of dozens planned across the United States by DreamWorks SKG, Sega Enterprises and Universal Studios, features 250 advanced vid-

eo games and a slew of theme restaurants to keep players fat and happy.

The idea is to update the traditional arcade for young adults who don't mind dropping up to \$5 for each whack at virtual reality.

While Anderson flew solo on the water scooter, Smith went head-to-head with Microsoft mogul Bill Gates in an Indy-style racing showdown.

"This is my spot now. This is where I'm spending my weekends," said Smith, who starred in "Independence Day." "This is definitely the nightclub of the future."

Other celebrities on hand included Arsenio Hall, MTV's Carmen Electra, actor Frederick Forest, Soundgarden's Chris Cornell and "Weird Al" Yankovich.

AVONDALE, La. (AP) — When Bob Hope heard that the Navy ship named after him was as long as three football fields, the avid golfer commissioned it for a driving range.

That's how his wife Dolores tells it anyway.

As the ship's sponsor, Mrs. Hope on Saturday christened the 950-foot-long, 33,000-ton support vessel at Avondale Shipyards.

She cut a cord that released a bottle of champagne to smash into the side of the USNS Bob Hope. Balloons were released, a horn sounded and about 1,500 people cheered.

"It's such a privilege to be christening this spectacular vessel," she said. "I want to thank you all for this very special memory."

The \$250 million ship is designed for rapid deployment of tanks, helicopters and other equipment to distant battlefields. There's no word yet on its possible use as a driving range.

The 93-year-old Hope — who was much more than a comic to military personnel from World War II through the Gulf War, doing frequent morale-boosting shows — spoke little during the ceremony. But he was ready with a quip when asked if he would sail on the ship, saying it might not be a great idea. "I'm liable to start my own war," he said.

SANDPOINT, Idaho (AP) — Mark Fuhrman, the ex-detective branded a racist at O.J. Simpson's murder trial, was a hit in his new hometown, where hundreds lined up for a signed copy of his book.

"I think he's just super," one woman said. "He could be my neighbor anytime."

Organizers said they sold about 1,000 copies of the book "Murder in Brentwood" on Saturday.

"This is what America's all about," Fuhrman said, praising those gathered. "It's not politicians and attorneys and celebrity athletes who murder people."

"These are the people who make the world go around and we ignore them."

Fuhrman moved to the Sandpoint area after leaving the Los Angeles Police Department in disgrace. At Simpson's criminal trial, the defense introduced evidence showing that Fuhrman had lied on the witness stand about his use of racial epithets.

Critics have attacked his book, which blames police colleagues and prosecutors for Simpson's October 1995 acquittal on murder charges. Recently, a civil trial jury found Simpson liable for the June 1994 killings of his ex-wife and her friend, and ordered Simpson to pay \$33.5 in damages.

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# Black Bears win America East, fall to LSU in NCAAAs

## Maine's Blodgett has record-setting performance in conference tournament

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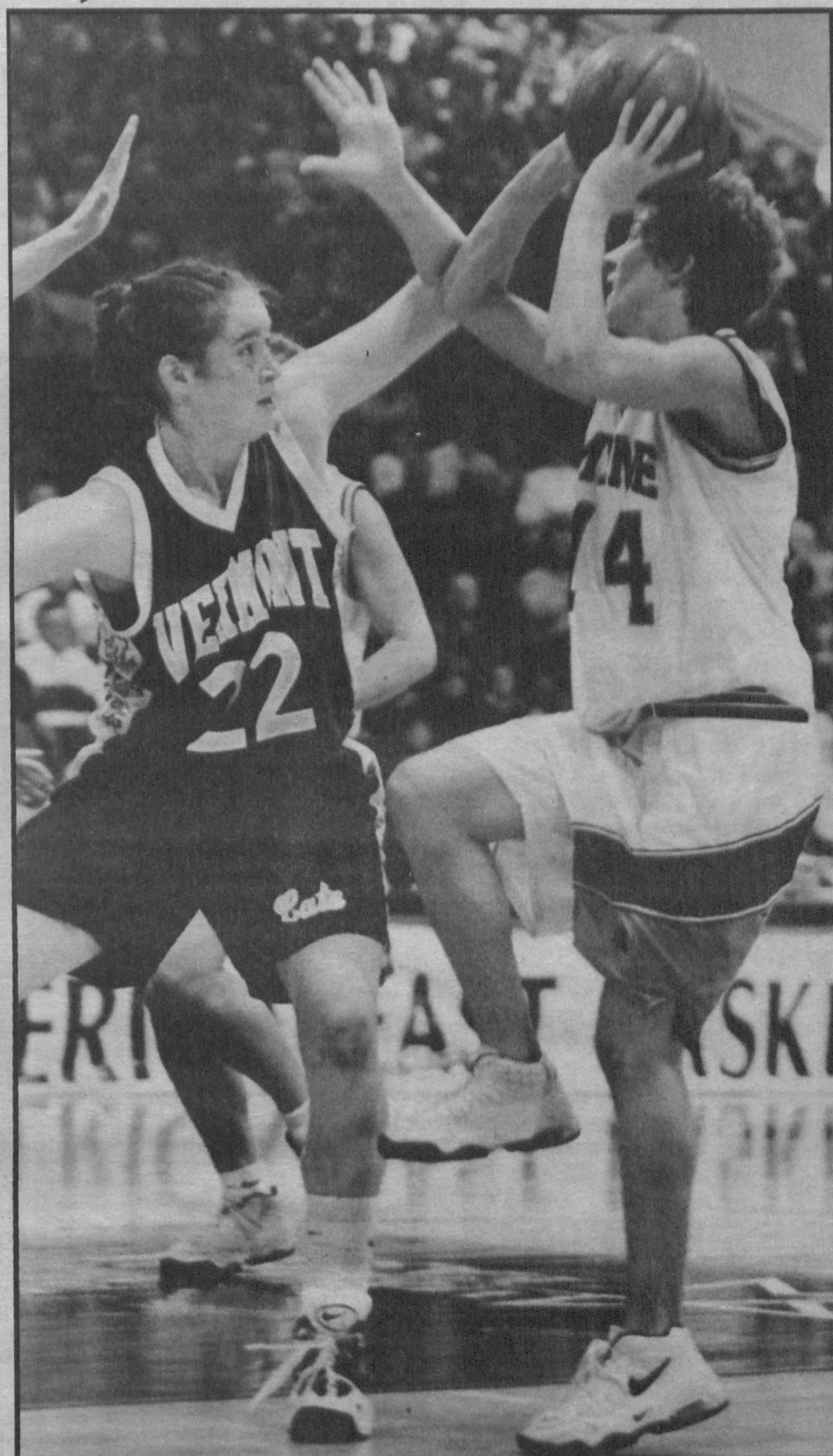
Alfond Arena was her stage a week ago, and Cindy Blodgett didn't disappoint, with a record breaking performance in Maine's third consecutive America East tournament championship run.

Blodgett, an honorable mention on the Associated Press All-American team and a first team District I Kodak All American, shattered the school record for points in a game with 52 in Maine's first-round win over Towson State University. Blodgett hit 23 of her 32 field goal attempts and grabbed seven rebounds as the Black Bears thumped the Tigers 99-57.

Game 2 of the tournament was no different for Blodgett, as she scored 21 points in a five-minute span early in the first half and finished with a game-high 39, leading Maine to a 110-68 victory over Drexel in the quarterfinals.

The championship may have been Blodgett and the Black Bears' most impressive performance. After leaving the game with three fouls in the first half, Blodgett watched Sandi Carver take over. The junior from Jonesport Beals scored 11 points while Blodgett was out of the game. Blodgett came back in the second half to score 37 points and lead Maine to a come-from-behind 92-70 win and a trip to the NCAA tournament. Maine trailed by as many as six in the second half before Blodgett caught fire and rallied Maine to the win.

Blodgett won the Most Outstanding Player award for the tournament for the third straight year, while Jamie Cassidy and Carver were also named to the all-tournament team. Blodgett finished the tournament with a three-game record of 128 points.



Maine's Cindy Blodgett was named Most Outstanding Player in the America East Tournament last week after a record-setting performance. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

## ★ ★ ★ Cindy Blodgett ★ ★ ★ ★ America East Records ★

POINTS IN A GAME: 52, March 2, 1997, vs. Towson State

POINTS IN A 3-GAME TOURNAMENT: 128, in the 1997 tournament

POINTS IN A CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: 37, March 8, 1997, vs. Vermont

FIELD GOALS IN A GAME: 23, March 2, 1997, vs. Towson State

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS IN A GAME: 32, March 2, 1997, vs. Towson State

3-POINTERS IN A GAME: 6, March 8, 1997, vs. Vermont

## • Column

# Black Bears growth will continue Maine will learn from Saturday's loss

By Scott Martin  
Maine Campus staff



It looked like it could have happened this time. Maine was down by just two, 79-77 to LSU, after Cindy Blodgett hit

Sandi Carver for a layup with just over a minute to go.

But the Black Bears' fate in this season's NCAA tournament was the same as it had been for their previous two trips, as LSU handed Maine its third straight first round tournament loss, 88-79.

As much as this year was different from the previous two years, Maine still lost. As much as I, and many others like me, sat in front of the TV in disbelief, we all came away seeing the same result. The Black Bears were within striking distance but were outscored 9-0 in the final minute to fall once again.

The difference between Maine and LSU was fairly evident: athleticism. The Tigers' defense forced 27 Black Bear turnovers. Basically, if the Black Bears didn't get a

shot the ball was stolen or they were fouled. Every shot was highly contested. Blodgett was as advertised, scoring 34 points, but it wasn't easy. She hit 14 from the foul line.

In other words, Maine has improved over the last two years. Where two seasons ago the Black Bears lost to eventual champion Connecticut 105-75 and last season they lost to George Washington 83-67, this season Maine was competitive. This is a game it very easily could have won, had it not been for 27 turnovers.

Remember as well that this is a young Maine team. Blodgett and Carver are the lone juniors on the team, and Stacey Porini and Kelly Stubbs are the lone players Maine will lose to graduation. Cassidy, who scored 24 points in her tournament debut, is just a freshman, as is starting point guard Amy Vachon. This doesn't mean the Black Bears will win a game in the Big Dance next year, but it won't hurt either.

Maine may have opened some eyes Saturday, but the big test comes next year. Connecticut and Stanford are on the Black Bears' schedule and both are No. 1 seeds in this year's tournament. These are the two best opponents the Black Bears have had on their schedule probably ever and will be a

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## • Men's basketball

# Maine star to transfer

By Scott Martin  
Maine Campus staff

A week after the University of Maine men's basketball team lost to eventual America East champion Boston University in the America East tournament, the Black Bears' leading scorer, guard John Gordon, announced his intention to transfer from the university.

"At this time I'm not quite sure where I'm transferring to," Gordon said in a press release, "but I'm weighing the possibilities of a higher rated conference versus being close to my mom."

Gordon, who averaged 14.7 points a game for the Black Bears, was given a conditional release from the university. He will not be able to transfer to another Amer-

ica East school without first going to that school for a year and during that time paying for classes out of his pocket. Gordon will be forced to sit out a year because of NCAA rules that force transfers to lose a year of eligibility.

"It's a setback. I would describe it as a big bump," Maine coach John Giannini said. "Like all bumps, it makes you slow down, but it won't keep us from getting to where we want to be."

Last summer Gordon expressed an interest in transferring but decided to return to the university.

"The reason I was going to go was I was going to artificially get my own fans and get my own respect by going to a bigger conference," Gordon said last November. "I de-

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## NCAA

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and Kelly Stubbs, in her final game, came through with a putback to cut the score to 74-69. Blodgett then scored six straight points to make it a 77-75 LSU lead with 3:34 remaining. Gay then hit a pair of foul shots to put the Tigers back up by two. Blodgett then hit Sandi Carver for a layup, making the score 79-77 with just over a minute left.

From that point on Maine managed only a Vachon layup, while LSU scored nine points to take the win.

Perhaps what was most surprising was the fearless play of Cassidy. When most of the team went cold offensively, she stepped her game up. The first part of the second half was all hers, as she drew key fouls on LSU players, hitting on eight free throws. On the night, she was 12-for-15 from the line. Cassidy had a three-point play as well, scoring 11 points in the first 10 minutes of the half. On the defensive end, she had three blocks on LSU in one offensive sequence.

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great deal more help than beating America East teams by 30 points.

What the future holds for Maine is unknown, but Saturday should have taught the Black Bears what they need to do to

make the next step up: athleticism. Although the Black Bears play fundamentally sound basketball, they were beaten last night because the Tigers were much more athletic than they were.

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Maine players (from left to right) Stacey Porrini, Cindy Blodgett, Kelly Stubbs and Jamie Cassidy celebrate their America East tournament championship. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

## • Men's tournament

## Duke, Wake Forest upset

(AP) — Two rounds are complete in the NCAA tournament and so far the Pac-10 conference and the selection committee are perfect.

Four of the tournament's final 16 teams are Pac-10 partners with one in each of the tournament's regions.

Stanford made it a clean sweep for the conference, eliminating Wake Forest 72-66 in the West Regional on Sunday and joining Arizona, UCLA and California who all had

advanced earlier.

"For a long time, a lot of people have been down on the Pac-10 and said we couldn't win big games," Stanford's Brevin Knight said. "And we're showing we deserve the number of teams we got in."

As for the tournament committee, it came through the first weekend with its four top seeds intact. Minnesota completed that sweep Sunday, ripping Temple 76-57 in the Midwest Regional and joining North Carolina, Kansas and Kentucky in the next round.

In Sunday's other games, it was Louisville 64, New Mexico 63 and Texas 82, Coppin State 81 in the East; Providence 98, Duke 87 and Tennessee-Chattanooga 75, Illinois 63 in the Southeast; Clemson 65, Tulsa 59 in the Midwest; and Utah 77, North Carolina Charlotte 58 in the West.

**Southeast**

Providence 98, Duke 87

Derek Brown scored a career-high 33 points, making 12 of 16 field-goal attempts and Austin Croshere added 21 points for the 10th-seeded Friars (23-11), who outrebounded No. 2 seed Duke 43-24.

Croshere played in foul trouble most of the day. But it was his 14-footer with just over five minutes to play that broke a 74-74 tie and triggered an 11-1 Providence run.

Jeff Capel closed his career with 26 points, including 19 in the second half for Duke (24-9).

Tennessee-Chattanooga 75, Illinois 63

The 14th-seeded Mocs knocked off another higher seed, ousting No. 6 Illinois after stunning No. 3 Georgia in the first round.

UTC (24-10) held Illinois to one basket in the final 10:09 and advanced to the round of 16 for the first time.

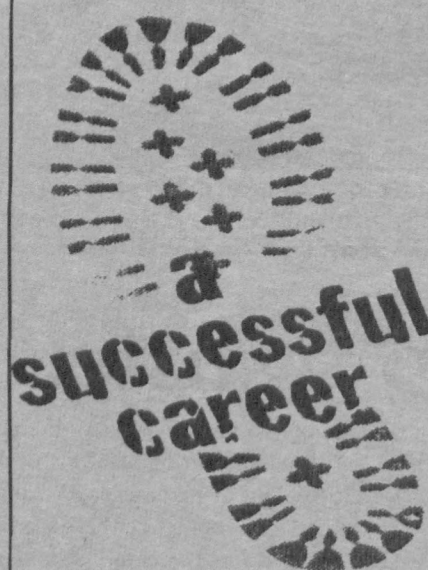
Against the Fighting Illini (22-10), UTC finished with a 20-4 spurt to put the game away. The Mocs became only the second No. 14 seed to reach the final 16, joining Cleveland State in 1986.

Willie Young led UTC with 15 points and the Mocs held a commanding 39-21

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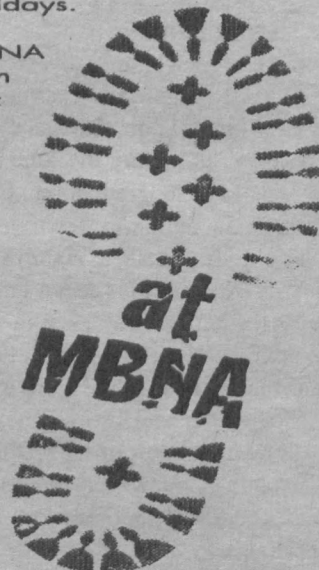
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## Tourney

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advantage on the boards.

### West

Utah 77, North Carolina Charlotte 58

All-American Keith Van Horn had 27 points and eight rebounds, and Michael Doleac scored 18 as Utah's quick big men wore down North Carolina Charlotte.

Ben Caton added 12 points for the Utes (28-3), who won their 13th straight and reached the final 16 for the second straight year.

Tremaine Gardiner led the 49ers (22-9) with 14 points, Dimingus Bundy had 11 and Shanderic Downs 10. Alexander Kuehl had nine points and 11 rebounds.

Stanford 72, Wake Forest 66

Knight got the best of Tim Duncan, and Stanford ended the Wake Forest All-American's quest for a national championship.

Duncan scored 18 points and had 20 rebounds but managed just four points and five rebounds in the second half. Knight scored 19 points for Stanford (22-7).

It was the first time in six games at Tucson that a lower seed won. Stanford, which had not advanced beyond the second round since winning the NCAA title in 1942, was seeded sixth and Wake Forest (24-7) third.

### East

Louisville 64, New Mexico 63

DeJuan Wheat, playing with a shoulder injury that required a second cortisone shot in five days, led the Cardinals (25-8) with 22 points.

New Mexico (25-8) had a last chance to win but David Gibson badly missed a driving, over-the-head layup with 2.3 seconds left.

It will be the fourth trip to the round of 16 in five seasons for Louisville. The Cardinals got a big break when New Mexico's Kenny Thomas fouled out by elbowing Damion Dantzler on the first of two Nate Johnson free throws with 3:53 left. Johnson and Dantzler made all four free throws, opening the lead to six points.

Texas 82, Coppin State 81

Reggie Freeman scored 22 points and Texas stole an inbounds pass with four seconds left as the Longhorns withstood Coppin State's scrambling guards for the narrow victory.

The Longhorns are in the final 16 for the first time in seven years, while the Eagles were bidding to become the first No. 15 seed to go that far.

With the Longhorns holding a one-point lead, DeJuan Vazquez stole an inbound pass from Fred Warrick with four seconds left to preserve the win. Warrick had just replaced Coppin State star Terquin Mott, who fouled out.

### Midwest

Clemson 65, Tulsa 59

Clemson shot just 32 percent but held Shea Seals, Tulsa's career scoring leader, to five points in advancing.

Terrell McIntyre and Merl Code combined for 31 second-half points while Seals spent much of the game on the bench after drawing his fourth foul early in the second half.

Seals, who became the school's leading scorer during Tulsa's first-round 81-52 victory over Boston University, shot 2-for-11.

Clemson (23-9) shot just 18-for-57 from the field, but Tulsa (24-10) kept the Tigers in the game by making only 13-of-28 free throws.

Minnesota 76, Temple 57

Sam Jacobson hit four of Minnesota's 10 zone-busting 3-pointers and the top-seeded Gophers cruised past No. 9 seed Temple.

The Gophers (29-3) did exactly what they promised against the feared matchup zone of Temple, which held Mississippi to a Midwest Regional-record low of 40 points in the first round.

Jackson was 4-for-8 from behind the 3-point arc and Charles Thomas was 3-for-6. Altogether, the Gophers hit 10-of-23 3-pointers while holding the Owls (20-11) to 31 percent shooting.

### • NBA

## Nets down Knicks

NEW YORK (AP)—The New Jersey Nets pulled off another upset Sunday, dominating the boards, running out to an early double-digit lead and never letting the Knicks back into the game, beating New York 89-74.

The victory came less than 48 hours after the Nets had one of the most surprising wins of the NBA season, a one-point victory over the Chicago Bulls.

This one was similarly shocking, mostly because it was so lopsided. The Nets used a 15-1 run bridging the first and second quarters to take a 30-17 lead and never let the Knicks come back with a run of their own.

Sam Cassell led New Jersey with 23 points and a season-high 10 rebounds, Kendall Gill added 17 points and Xavier McDaniel had 14 points and 13 rebounds off the bench.

Larry Johnson scored 21 points and Allan Houston had 13 for New York, which was coming off a four-day break—its longest of the season.

The Nets outrebounded the Knicks 61-35, including 26 on the offensive end, and New Jersey's bench outscored New York's 34-18.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The Boston Celtics' season of struggle reached milestone proportions Sunday as they clinched the franchise's worst winning percentage since 1950 with a 119-101 loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves.

With a record of 12-54, the best the Celtics can finish this season is 28-54 for a .341 victory

percentage.

In the 1949-50 season, the Celtics finished 22-46 (.324). And in 1978-79, the year before Larry Bird arrived, the Celtics were 29-53 (.353).

Wolves coach Flip Saunders reached a milestone of his own with his 52nd victory, becoming the winningest coach in team history. He has one more victory than Bill Musselman, who coached the Wolves in their first two seasons.

Kevin Garnett led Minnesota with 26 points, while James Robinson tied a season-high with 25.

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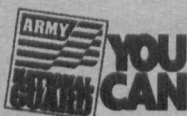
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### • Spring trip

## Florida was kind to Maine

Spring break proved to be friendlier to the Maine baseball and softball teams. After going 0-22 last year, the baseball team returns with a record of 5-11, while the softball team is now 12-9.

Paul Kostacoplous' baseball team finished its spring schedule Saturday with a pair of losses to Central Florida, 5-0 and 5-4, after an 11-inning 7-6 win over the Knights Friday night.

In Saturday's first game, Central Florida left-hander Todd Bellhorn threw a one-hit shutout. Bellhorn faced the minimum number of batters, allowing just a fourth-inning single to Marc Halsted and a walk to Ron Coombs in the seventh. Twice UCF converted ground ball double-plays off the bat of T.J. Sheedy to erase the base runners.

Central Florida grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first when Will Croud and Eric Riggs started the game with singles. After a pop out, Erik Johnson lifted a sacrifice fly to right field off Maine starter Jared Cochran. The freshman Cochran pitched a complete game for the Black Bears, giving up eight hits and four earned runs, while striking out two and walking three.

In the second game, Rex Turner knocked in a pair of runs for Maine, but Matt Lubezynski was able to hold off the Black Bears, allowing just nine hits and four earned runs

as the Knights pick up the 5-4 win.

For Maine, Brian Glover picked up his second loss of the season, pitching four innings, allowing 10 hits and five earned runs. Dave Foran pitched two innings of two-hit ball.

Friday night, Garrett Quinn pitched 10 innings and Foran got the third save of his career as the Black Bears picked up the win.

### Softball

Saturday Maine played three games and picked up a pair of wins, beating Long Island University 3-2 and Yale 6-5 in the first two, but dropping the third game to Rider 6-4.

In the first game, Maine scored two unearned runs and Jen Burton gave up just two unearned runs as the Black Bears beat Long Island. Melissa Creegan had Maine's only RBI and Mary Wells had a pair of hits.

Nicole Gamblin had a pair of RBIs to pace the Maine offense in its win over Yale. Sara Jewett added two hits, scored two runs and had an RBI. Vicki Brenner pitched four innings for the win.

Maine committed seven errors in the third game, allowing five unearned runs as Rider pulled out a 6-4 win. Mary Perrson allowed 10 hits and just one earned run taking the loss for the Black Bears.

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Three Wolves recorded double-doubles as center Dean Garrett had 20 points and 10 rebounds, Tom Gugliotta had 18 points and 12 rebounds and Stephon Marbury added 14 points and 10 assists.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Glenn Robinson scored 11 of his 30 points in the final period and Armon Gilliam and Vin Baker added 18 apiece Sunday as the Milwaukee Bucks defeated the

Indiana Pacers 102-98.

The Bucks, who had lost two straight, won for only the second time in their last 12 games and for the first time at home since a Feb. 15 victory over Denver.

Indiana, which has lost two straight and five of its last six to fall further behind in its bid for the East's eighth playoff berth, was led by Rik Smits with 24 points.

## Gordon

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cided that I would come back here and try to create excitement for Maine basketball. I want to turn this program around. I could have run away from it and said, 'Oh, they're never going anywhere.'"

Gordon will be the third player in less than a year to leave the Maine program. After signing letters of intent to play at Maine, Mamadou and Ndongo

N'diaye expressed their displeasure with the university and were denied admission. Mamadou went on to play for Providence College and Ndongo at Auburn.

Maine lost to the Terriers 67-49 in the second round of the tournament. BU went on to win the America East tournament and lose to Tulsa 81-52 in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

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