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## • Reform

### UMS bills debated

Hearings dealt with restructuring proposals

By Ryan Robbins  
Maine Campus staff

AUGUSTA – The Legislature's Education and Cultural Affairs Committee heard testimony Wednesday and Thursday regarding a flurry of bills that would alter the structure of or change the way the University of Maine System operates.

L.D. 1168, a resolve to reorganize the University of Maine System, sponsored by Sen. James Libby, R-Gorham, would replace the board of trustees with a coordinating board while giving each campus its own boards of trustees. The coordinating board would have final budget authority over the system.

Libby told the committee his bill would promote more community involvement. He said having more boards wouldn't necessarily bog the university system down in bureaucracy. He pointed out that Bowdoin College has an advisory board of 49 members.

"We've got to bring more resources to the table, and we're not doing it," he said.

From its creation in 1968 until

about 1989 the university system worked, Libby said. But since then the system has been mired in dire financial straits, he said.

"We've got a problem here," he said. "And the question is: What's the most appropriate solution?"

Greater community involvement would help to find solutions, because the system isn't doing well with fund raising and endowments compared to the rest of the country's schools, he said. "I just don't think we've given (the system) the tools" to find other funding resources.

L.D. 1557, an Act to Create Efficient and Effective Administration of the University of Maine System, would replace the board of trustees with a board of regents, which would consist of one alumnus from each system campus.

Sponsored by Speaker of the House Libby Mitchell, D-Vassalboro, the bill would also establish boards of trustees for each of the system's campuses. The bill would also allocate \$1 million to the University of Maine at Augusta.

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## • Legislature

### Proposed reform would alter UM System funding

Re-allocations would benefit smaller schools

By Ryan Robbins  
Maine Campus staff

AUGUSTA – University of Maine at Augusta officials urged the Legislature's Education and Cultural Affairs Committee Thursday to approve a bill that would require the University of Maine System to adopt a funding formula based on enrollment.

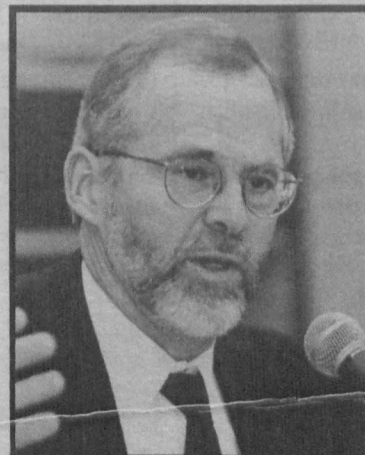
The bill, sponsored by Rep. Elizabeth Watson, D-Farmingdale, would require the Board of Trustees to allocate funds to each campus based on the number of students enrolled in undergraduate, master's and doctoral programs. A cost factor of 1 would be applied to each full-time undergraduate. Cost factors for master's and doctoral students would be 1.25 and 1.5 respectively.

A student at UMA, Watson said she drafted the bill to en-

sure that students at smaller campuses in the university system are treated fairly. Under the current funding formula, UMA students are appropriated approximately \$2,200 apiece. The average appropriation per student in the university system is \$6,500.

Bill co-sponsor Rep. Julie Ann O'Brien, R-Augusta, told the committee that a funding formula based on enrollment would help smaller campuses, such as UMA. She pointed out that women make up 70 percent of UMA's enrollment and that the average age of UMA students is 32. The current formula discriminates against UMA students because it doesn't take into account UMA's mission, which is to educate non-traditional students around the state, she said.

Rep. Kathleen Stevens, D-See FUNDING on page 4



Representative Kathleen Stevens (top) and UMS Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart (bottom). (Joel Page File Photos.)

## • BOT

### Trustee member tackles trust issue

By Yolanda Sly  
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine Board of Trustees will meet on Sunday, March 23rd and Monday, March 24th at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

A variety of issues will be discussed, ranging from the approval of tenure, the mission statement for the University of Maine at Augusta, the renovation of several university buildings and the appointment of Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies.

"All decisions (the BOT makes) affect UMaine one way or another," BOT chair Sally Vamvakis said.

Vamvakis also addressed the issue of criticism and the erosion of trust in the BOT, from several sys-

tem professors.

"I think there are some legitimate problems with UMA and University College affiliation with UMA regarding funding," Vamvakis said.

BOT member Patricia Collins said before the vote would take place there would be a discussion of several issues, one of them being who would be the community college of Maine.

"There are a lot of issues that need to be discussed before we can proceed with the mission statement," Collins said. "(The statement) could be changed or approved."

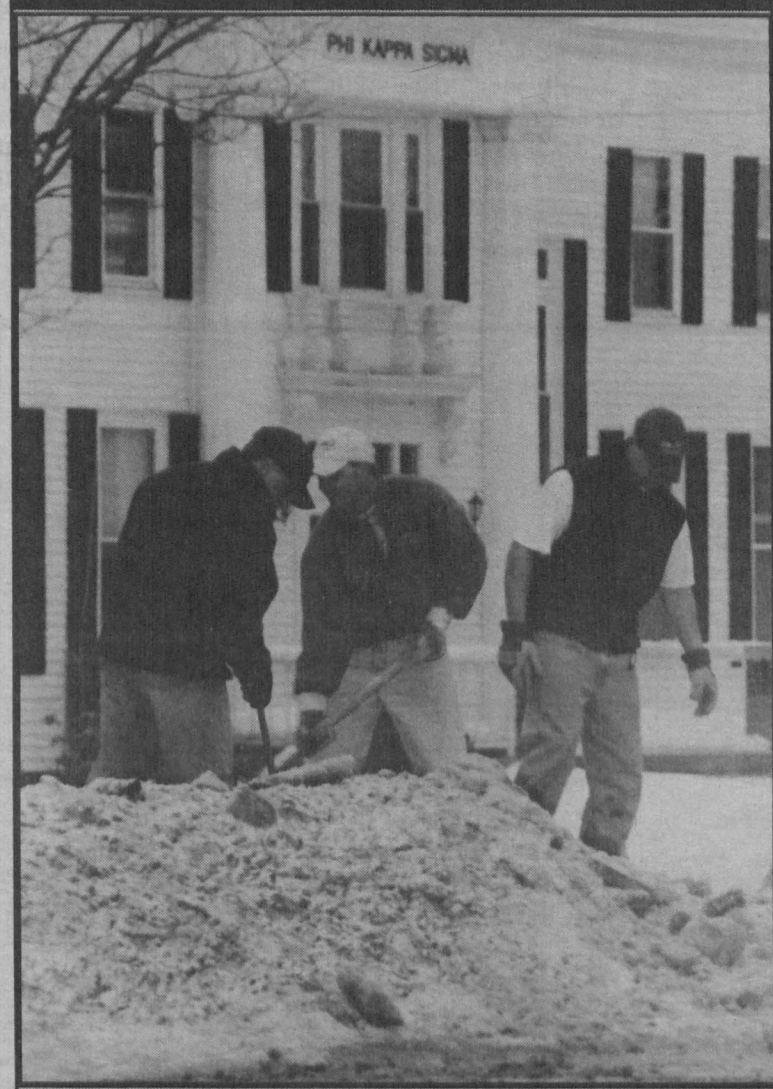
Vamvakis said she would be visiting both campuses as well as trying to get increased funding for the system.

"The board shares Augusta's concern and we're trying to find a solution," she said. "There'll always be problems and it's something (we both) can do a better job at to find a solution."

Some concern has been raised about the tentative vote on approving the mission statement for UMA and what the impact will be on UMaine.

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## Sunshine Daydream



From left to right Matt Sinclair, sophomore Sociology, Matt Palmer, junior Art Education, Adam Pease, sophomore Forest Management, chip away ice during the mild snowstorm Thursday, the first day of spring, in their driveway at Phi Kappa Sigma. The three men are brothers of the fraternity. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

## • Women's history

### American Indian expert gives lecture to students

By Kathryn Ritchie  
Maine Campus staff

An Indian woman named Freedom and an Indian warrior named Outacitty provided examples of institutional change in the tales of Rayna Green at Wells Conference Center Monday night. Green, the director of the American Indian Program at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, delivered her keynote address as part of UMaine's

Women's History Celebration.

"I truly believe that institutional change comes when we look at these legends, and go back, and ask if freedom really exists," Green, an Oklahoma Cherokee, said.

Green relayed tales of how European influences changed the Indian culture. She opened with the story of a 17th century warrior named Outacitty whose first clan-mother asked

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Clouds, then mostly sunny. Highs in the 30's.

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# World Briefs

## • Politics

### Corruption inquiry clears 15 lawmakers

**1** LONDON (AP) — An inquiry into parliamentary corruption cleared Britain's defense secretary and 14 other lawmakers Thursday but said ten legislators remain under investigation.

Results from the incomplete report were released by the parliamentary committee overseeing the inquiry, after opposition parties accused Prime Minister John Major of closing Parliament early for elections on May 1 in order to suppress the findings.

Parliament closes Friday for campaigning.

Charges of sleaze have dogged the ruling Conservatives, who trail the left-of-center Labor Party by more than 20 points with only six weeks to close the gap.

Some of the 25 legislators, mostly Conservatives, were investigated for taking payments in return for raising issues in Parliament, and others for failing to declare links with lobbyists or commercial companies.

The most serious charges were related to payments from the Egyptian-born owner of London's Harrods department store, Mohamed Al Fayed, when he was battling a British-based rival to buy the famed store in the 1980s.

Major, shouting over opposition jeers Thursday in Parliament, refused to delay the closing of Parliament and charged that Labor leader Tony Blair "traded in double standards."

## • Hostages

### Dozens of Amaru rebels infiltrate Lima

**2** LIMA, Peru (AP) — Rebels holding 72 hostages in the Japanese ambassador's residence have summoned 60 fighters from the central jungle to Lima to help in case of a government raid, a newspaper reported Thursday.

The rebels moved from the jungle to Lima in mid-January, led by a woman known as "Gladys" or "La Gringa," the opposition newspaper La Republica reported, quoting government intelligence documents.

According to the newspaper, the documents said little was known of the woman but that she was clearly a respected leader of the Tupac Amaru rebels.

Also Thursday, President Alberto Fujimori denied published reports that he was considering freeing some rebel prisoners in exchange for the release of hostages.

The government position, he said, remains the same. "There are no liberations of (Tupac Amaru) prisoners, there will not be one single freedom of prisoners. Any information to the contrary is false," he told Radio Programas.

His remarks followed published reports that he was mulling over the possibility of a screening board to release some lower-ranking rebels in an attempt to end the three-month-old hostage crisis.

## World Digest



## • Violence

### Hussein: Gunman should have been slain right away

**3** AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — The killer of seven Israeli schoolgirls should have been shot to death by his own colleagues as soon as the Jordanian soldier began firing, King Hussein said Thursday.

In unusually harsh words, the king wrote security forces a week after a Jordanian soldier shot the girls on an island in the Jordan River and said the soldiers' comrades should have tried to "kill him immediately."

The gunman, Cpl. Ahmed Daqamseh, 28, has been detained for questioning. He is expected to be tried before a military court.

Officials said Daqamseh, a driver in the army, had no record of criminal or political activity. His family, however, said he was mentally unstable.

Hussein in his letter described Daqamseh as "a coward who sought to show manhood" and urged his security men "to be vigilant, to prevent any treacherous or hateful agent from infiltrating your ranks."

Underscoring his determination to pursue peace with Israel, Hussein wrote: "We do not betray people with whom we have made peace. ... We fight in honor and we make peace in honor."

## • Dress code

### Clothing issue keeps Gaucho from attending ceremony

**4** BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — The university gave the gaucho an ultimatum: change out of your cowboy duds and into a suit or miss your graduation ceremony.

Walter Scibilia, decked in baggy trousers, boots, silver coin-studded belt and neckerchief wouldn't budge. Cuyo University wouldn't either.

The 26-year-old Scibilia received his agronomy degree at a private ceremony later that day in the dean's office, the newspaper *La Nacion* reported Thursday.

"I was born and bred on the land and so I wear clothing that is suitable for the countryside, just like a yuppie wears a jacket and tie in the big city," Scibilia said.

"Gaucho dress is part of this country's history," he added, referring to the clothes worn by Argentine cowboys. "I even took my exams dressed like this."

Other students accused school administrators of discrimination, but officials at the university, 700 miles west of Buenos Aires, said there could be no exceptions to the institution's strict dress code.

"Jacket and tie is customary in our society," said Dean Rosa Ines Arreghini.

## Weather

### The Local Forecast

#### Today's Weather

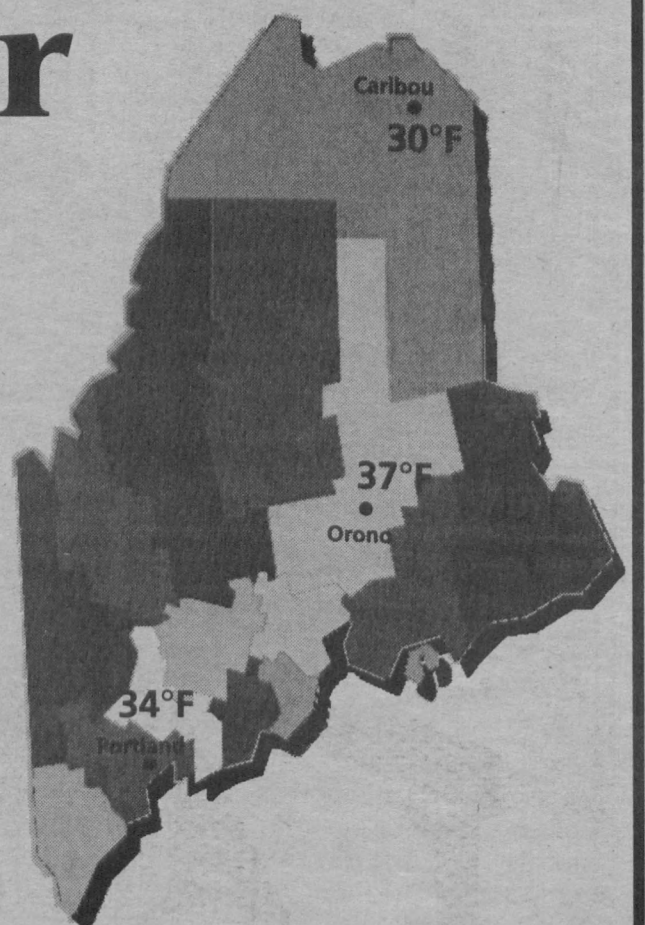
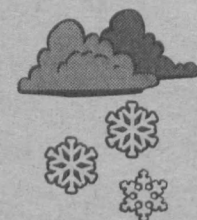
Early morning clouds... Then becoming mostly sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 30s.

#### Saturday's Outlook

Snow likely early... Then mostly cloudy and becoming windy with scattered flurries. Highs in the 30s.

#### Extended Forecast

Sunday... Fair. Highs in the 20s north and 30s South. Monday... Fair. Highs 25 to 35 north and 35 to 45 south





## • International luncheon

## UMaine students discuss trends in home country of India

By Jodi Sokolowski  
Maine Campus Staff

India's movie and entertainment business is the country's biggest industry, said two international students from India during the International Luncheon Series at the Memorial Union on Wednesday.

"India makes five times as many movies as Hollywood," Anuket Bhaduri said. "The movie market is everything."

The actors are looked upon as gods and are role models, Bhaduri said. There is also a "cable invasion" in the country, he said.

India, a third-world country, has modern and western influences, to many people's surprise, Bhaduri said.

The students discussed various aspects of their homeland, some general knowledge as well as some more obscure facts.

He said that the automobile market is also growing in the country, which is flooded with various types of foreign cars.

The students noted that their country also is highly influenced by the West and other countries, with high-rise buildings and fast-food chains.

"Foreign music is big in India. We had Bon Jovi and Michael Jackson come for concerts," Seema Chhabra said.

Bhaduri said that India is becoming a more western culture with McDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and high-rise buildings and working women.

Bhaduri said his country's cities are true cities.

"The cows are off the streets," Bhaduri said.

India is full of tradition, and many cultures with twenty-five states and union territories.

"India is large - diverse with unity,"

Bhaduri said. India's area is 6,000 square kilometers.

India is the second-largest country in population in the world after China with over 900 million people. Current trends, however, dictate India will overtake China's population in 2010.

"There is a great rise in birthrates, which does not help the population," Bhaduri said.

The cities are very dense. Bombay, which serves as a west port, has 18 million people, six times the population of New York City, Bhaduri said.

India will be celebrating their fiftieth anniversary of independence from Britain rule. India became independent in 1947.

Bhaduri said the British did give India the best railroad system in the world.

"The rails go to every corner of the country," Bhaduri said. "They are comfortable and cheap. Every place can be reached by the railways."

"We should really thank them," Bhaduri said.

The railways are still controlled by the government.

The British also gave India cricket. It is a very popular sport in India with over 100,000 spectators at one match.

"India's moment of glory was when we won the 1983 World Cup," Bhaduri said.

Other popular sports are field hockey, the national sport, tennis and soccer.

There are many religions in India with the majority practicing Hinduism.

"Most people are Hindu. They worship idols," Chhabra said.

Christianity and Islam are other popular religions.

"In theory, there are over 650 languages with many different dialects," Bhaduri said. "Although there are 150

official languages."

Hindi is the official language of India but English is widely spoken.

India was known for its caste system which gave the lowest kinds of jobs to the fourth caste, the untouchables. The highest caste is the priests.

Now it is "kind of" illegal to discriminate in India, Bhaduri said.

Thirty to forty percent of jobs are reserved for the lower caste to help them, Bhaduri said.

"There are also quotas in colleges. Seats are reserved for them," Chhabra said. "It is now liberal. Now everything is changed."

The caste system may still be an influence in the villages but not so much in the cities, Bhaduri said.

The same goes for arranged marriages. It was very common for marriages to be arranged even before children were born, Bhaduri said.

Marriages may still be arranged in villages but, "it is different now in the cities," Bhaduri said.

In the cities, the parents may ask the children first if they like the person they picked for them. The children have more of a choice today, Bhaduri said.

"Marriage is a great ceremony in India," Chhabra said.

The families are still extended and reside with the paternal side, Bhaduri said.

Most people live in villages in an agriculture setting. Major crops are tea, rice, wheat, and sugarcane.

There are different kinds of agriculture in different regions of the north, east, south, and west, Bhaduri said.

Chhabra described the food of India as hot and spicy, and Bhaduri found the Taste of India in Bangor a good substitute.

The Hindu religion prohibits Hindus to eat beef since cows are sacred. Indians also do not eat much pork because it is prohibited in the Islam religion.

"We eat lots of lamb, vegetables, and rice," Bhaduri said.

India is a tourist attraction for its magnificent palaces and temples.

India is widely known for the Taj Mahal, the famous palace that is near New Delhi. The palace was ordered by an emperor to be built for his wife. It took 20 years to build. Bhaduri explains that, as rumor has it, the emperor had all the artist's fingers cut off so the palace could never be duplicated.

India has a humid climate along the coasts and either dry and hot or wet and cold in the central regions. India has only three seasons, summer, winter and the rainy season.

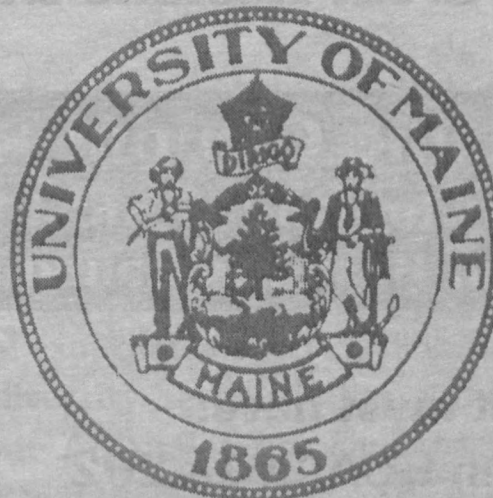
Monsoon season is May through July and hits the east and west coasts of India. June is the rainiest month with an average rainfall of 700 inches, Bhaduri said.

After a downfall, it is pleasant outside, with the sun shining and birds chirping, Chhabra said.

Hill stations are popular destinations of retreat for both tourists and Indians, Bhaduri and Chhabra said.

Since the climate can be very humid, the higher altitudes are cooler and more comfortable. Mt. Everest, the highest mountain peak in the world is on the border of India and Nepal, but is more easily accessible through Nepal, Bhaduri said.

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## Sex Matters



**Q: How do you know when you're ready for sex? Male, First-Year**

**A:** The right time varies from person to person, depending on your values and beliefs. Some people feel the only appropriate time to become sexually involved is after the couple is in a committed relationship (e.g., married) while others feel no commitment is necessary. In fact, knowing their sexual partner's name many not even be important.

If you are unsure about when to become sexually involved, you may want to spend time talking this over with your partner. If you are unsure, it is always better to err on

the side of waiting, rather than rushing into something you might regret later. Certainly, any sexual relationship should be based on mutual consent. Some other guidelines indicating you might be ready for sex include:

\*You're ready for sex if you're not trying to prove your love, increase your self-worth, prove you're mature, or rebel against parents or society.

\*You're ready for sex if it will be an expression of your current feelings rather than an attempt to improve a poor relationship or one that is growing old.

\*You're ready for sex if you can discuss and agree on an effective method of birth control and share the details, responsibilities, and costs.

\*Finally, you are ready for sex if you can discuss sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, and provide protection.

Deciding whether or not to become sexually involved is an important decision, a choice we make for ourselves. It should be a responsible one and it's yours alone. No one should force or push you into it. Don't wait until the last minute to decide; there are lots of things to consider. You decide!

**Q: Why do women have a harder time watching porn movies than men? Male, Senior**

**A:** I'm not sure this is true for all women. Women interpret pornography in different ways. Some find it sexist, some find it a form of fantasy, like dreams and the movies we run in our heads when we masturbate or have sex. However, for those women who don't enjoy watching a porn movie, I would guess it may be because these videos are typically made by men for men's enjoyment. Plus, old notions still linger, such as:

"good girls aren't supposed to enjoy sex." You may be surprised to know that half of the adult videos in the U.S. are bought or rented by women alone or women in couples. Also, Candida Royalle, a noted porn star, left the industry a few years ago and started her own production company, *Femme Productions*. Her erotic movies are made for and about women - focusing on her enjoyment. They have received favorable reviews from both men and women.

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## Funding

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Orono, said Wednesday that the bill would hurt the Orono campus at the expense of the other campuses.

"It would kill Orono," Stevens said. "It would put into effect a funding formula that wouldn't take into consideration the cost of programs, services such as cooperative extension. It wouldn't consider infrastructure."

Watson said she's aware UMaine students could get less money. However, she said her formula would require only that the BOT establish a minimum amount of funding for services that directly benefits students, such as instruction and counseling services. UMaine would still receive 50 percent of the university sys-

tem's budget. The campus's enrollment would require a certain portion of that to be spent on students.

"That amount of money cannot go to an administration or facilities," Watson said. "Campuses would have to justify requests for additional funds with the chancellor's office," she said.

"I'm not implying that campuses don't take their money and spend it wisely," she said. "It's just a way for the public to have more accountability when they look at a budget for a campus like the University of Maine at Farmington." Taxpayers would be able to tell immediately how much campuses are spending on their students, administration and fa-

cilities. Currently it isn't as clear how much money goes to administrative costs, she said.

UMA Student President Kurtis Marsh told the committee that the current funding formula unfairly discriminates against UMA's student body. He reminded the committee of the pending discrimination complaint against the university system that UMA student leaders filed with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights in December. He told the committee that the OCR recently informed UMA student leaders that their complaint has merit and will be investigated.

"We see the bill as a way to treat all University of Maine students equally,"

UMA student government President Kurtis Marsh told the committee.

Representing UMA faculty, Kenneth Elliot, an assistant professor of psychology, urged the committee to give hope to UMA.

"This bill provides hope for the long run," he said, pausing to catch his breath in emotional testimony. He said the formula would go a long way to proving to accreditors that UMA is serious.

Speaking as a neutral party before the committee, Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart said, "I think (the current formula) worked, for a period." He said his office is working on a budget that would alleviate UMA's problems.

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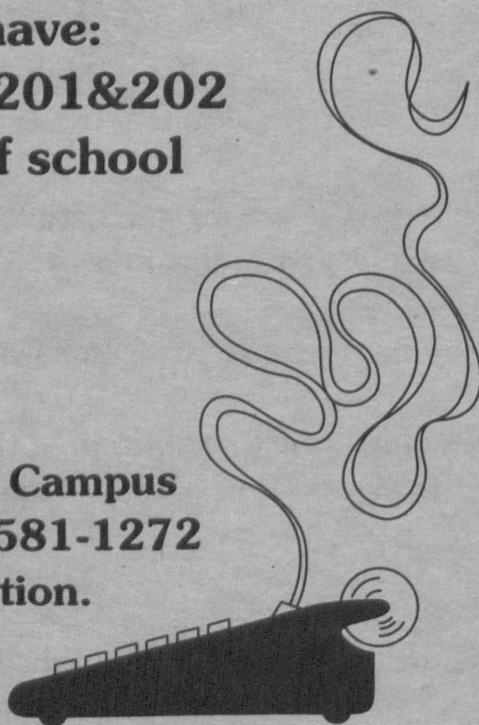
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The bill wouldn't eliminate the chancellor's office, nor is it an attack on the way the chancellor's office is operating, Mitchell said.

"The system needs to have a driver, and that's what the chancellor's office is," she told the committee.

Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart praised the bill's provision calling for a \$1 million allocation for UMA, saying it is sorely needed. But he questioned whether having two sets of governing boards would be redundant. Having the board of regents consist of an alumnus from each campus might create conflicts of interest because regents would be looking out for their own campuses, he said.

Speaking on behalf of the board of trustees, Sally Vamvakias said the trustees realize change is in order. However, change at the top of the system might ignore faculty and students, she said.

"The board of trustees realizes that they will have to incorporate change," but change must be done carefully, she said.

An Act to Restructure Public Higher Education, L.D. 1338, sponsored by Jane Amero, R-Cumberland, would replace the board of trustees with a board of review. Each campus would have its own governing board. Each governing board would set its campus's tuition fees. The bill would dissolve the university system's central office. The chancellor would be replaced by an executive director.

The hopes and dreams that were born with the university system's creation haven't materialized, Amero told the committee. "I think we need to do something dramatic," she said, adding that the campuses need more independence. "I think that's where the public support is going to be."

Testifying in favor of the bill, Owen Wells, a 1965 UMaine graduate and former trustee, said giving the university system more money

won't solve all of its problems.

"You have to ask yourself what is going to make a difference," Wells said. "We've been at this now for nearly 30 years. And I say that it's something else."

"Our solution may not be the solution... but it is an approach."

Wells suggested that the Legislature table bills to alter the university system's structure, to give the chancellor's office time to make its own changes.

An Act to Provide for the President of the University of Maine System, L.D. 67 would abolish the chancellor's office and turn campus presidents into vice presidents. The chancellor would be replaced by a president.

The bill's sponsor, Douglas Ahearn, D-Madawaska, said he drafted the bill because the university system's administration has increased in size at a rate faster than enrollment. He said that, if anything, he hopes the bill sends a message to the university system's administration. Ahearn could not say how much money his bill would save the university system because a fiscal report hadn't been completed.

Kathleen Stevens, D-Orono, submitted L.D. 1553, an emergency resolve that would establish a commission to study restructuring the university system. Submitted on behalf of UMaine's undergraduate student government, the bill would require the Legislature to create a committee that would examine the feasibility of eliminating the chancellor's office, and restructuring the system financially and structurally.

Stevens said she supports a university system of some form because without a system campuses would have to hire their own lobbyists and attorneys. She said she wouldn't be disappointed if her bill were tabled in lieu of a BOT-sanctioned study already underway that would examine possible restructuring of the system.



## • Tire chips

# UMaine students conduct environmental research

By Chris Corio  
Special to the Campus

An estimated 40 million tires that sit in Maine's dumps are being put to good use—under the ground, instead of over it—as support and insulation for the state's highways and secondary roads.

UMaine's civil and environmental engineering department has used almost 1 million tires ground up into three-to-eight inch chips in several roadbed projects since 1992. Dana Humphrey, associate professor of the department, says that the chips "are good building material. They are lightweight, cheap, and provide good thermal insulation." This last attribute has been shown to decrease frost heaves along a section of Whitter Farm Road here on campus.

They are also long-lasting. Since sunlight increases the rate of deterioration, the buried tire chips will definitely last a "wicked long time," he quips.

To be sure that this usage was not posing a threat to Maine's ground water, Humphrey has led an investigation into what, if any, effects the tire chips would have on the quality of the water.

"We're solving an environmental problem," Humphrey says of the innovation to use tires in this way, "but we didn't want to create another."

So far, the chips used in the projects have been installed above the ground water table level. However, in some applications, such as in highway embankments, the chips could fall below the water level due to settling of the material. This increases the possibility of substances leaching out of the chips, because they would be immersed in water constantly. Humphrey and a corp of dedicated students began monitoring water samples both above and below the water table to test for contaminants.

One of the students who has worked on the project is Rebecca Pollis, a senior in the civil and environmental engineering department. Pollis became involved in the research as a sophomore, working with graduate student Lisa Downs. Her findings were published in a paper that won first place in the New England Water Environment Association paper competition.

The Environmental Protection Agency places substances found in drinking water into three categories: a primary standard, which would cover hazardous materials such as lead and chromium; a secondary standard, which is non-hazardous but would affect the taste, smell, and color of water—such as iron or manganese; and organics (petroleum compounds).

The testing for inorganic substances (metals) was done at the Plant and Soil Science Lab and the Sawyer Environmental Lab here on campus.

"Almost all the metals that can come out of tire chips are already present in the ground," Humphrey said, and added that as far as the primary standard goes, there was "no evidence that the tire chips increased these levels." Concerning the secondary standard, some increased levels of iron and manganese were found. Regarding this, Humphrey notes that Maine's Department of Environmental Protection is aware that the ground water contains these substances already, without the presence of the tire chips. The slight increase is not a concern for them.

Levels of petroleum compounds were so low as to non-detectable, Humphrey reported.

Monitoring these above ground water level sites has been done four times a year since January 1994. "We'll have enough money to monitor for two more years," Humphrey notes. Funding for the project in the amount of \$500,000 has been provided by the Maine Department of Transportation.

Experimental sites for monitoring below ground water installation of the chips began in December 1995 and will continue until June 1997. Two of these sites are located in the University Forest and one is located in Caribou Bog. Humphrey explains that these areas were chosen because "we needed an area that was relatively low in elevation with a high ground water table," which made digging and placement of the chips easier. These three sites also represent the "three most common soil types where we might want to use tire chips," Humphrey added. These include peat, clay, and glacial till, which is a mixture of clay, sand and gravel that melted off and was left behind by ice age glaciers.

Wells that are six feet deep, two feet wide, and ten feet long were dug and filled with tire chips by Humphrey and his students. Water quality from upstream, within and downstream of the chips was sampled by Pollis. So far, her samples have shown that levels are below the primary drinking water standard; in the secondary standard, there are increased levels of iron and manganese. These are within safe drinking water levels.

However, testing for organics done at the University of Connecticut found the presence of a volatile organic compound called dichloromethane. This substance, Humphrey said, "was detected in wells that were upstream, within and downstream of the chips in a random pattern." Because of

this randomness and the fact that it was present in samples upstream of the chips, Humphrey suspects that the samples were contaminated in the lab; dichloromethane is one of the solutes used by the UConn lab to test for other substances. He then sent the water samples to Northeast Laboratories in Winslow, which found them to be "non-detectable on everything," Humphrey states. However, at this time both he and Pollis are recommending not to bury tire chips below the ground water level. They want a long enough monitoring period to be sure that it would be safe to do so.

In retrospect, Humphrey stresses that this project would not have been possible without "the right combination of forward-looking engineers and scientists at the Maine DEP, and the DOT." He is also quick to praise the dedication of his students, who were out on New Year's Eve installing the below-ground water tire chips in sub-freezing temperatures and difficult conditions with him.

Tire chips will also be used in an upcoming project to provide the Portland jetport with a new interchange. Work is scheduled to begin this summer.

## Steiners sing to senators



Rather than explain their group's activities, the Maine Steiners gave a demonstration for members of the General Student Senate by singing a cappella. The group received preliminary approval Tuesday. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

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## • Socialist/Marxist luncheon

## Green expands on American Indian culture at luncheon

By Chris Corio  
Special to the Campus

Rayna Green, director of the American Indian Program at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, was keynote speaker Thursday at the Socialist/Marxist Luncheon Series.

Sponsored by the Socialist/Marxist Interdisciplinary Studies Program, the Maine Peace Action Committee and Women's History Celebration, "The series advocates opposition against all forms of oppression. Since this is Women's History Month, it was natural to include a feminist perspective," Professor of Philosophy Douglas Allen.

After being introduced by Amanda Joseph, a student at UMaine and president of

the American Indian Club, Green exchanged some light-hearted banter with her audience before getting to the heart of what she calls a "sad and dangerous" practice in America. This, she states, is the theft of American Indian culture.

Green, who is Cherokee, traces this appropriation back to the first days of persecution of the Indians at the hands of early European settlers. Even as they were being driven off their lands and denied their own way of life, Indians were having many of their customs, ways of dress, and knowledge of natural medicine and agriculture stolen and misinterpreted. Green uses the well-known "peace pipe" and the sweat lodge as examples of Indian culture that were appropriated and stripped of their real meaning and value by their oppressors, she

said.

Today, Green says that there is a great need in people to find spirituality and peace within themselves; they turn to Indian religious beliefs, thinking this is the answer. Green describes why this is such a deplorable practice: "People feel this need to climb onto a cultural agenda without paying the bill, and ignore the atrocities that go on in the Indian nation." Poverty—emotional, spiritual, and material—is experienced by many Native Americans, as well as continued prejudice and stereotyping. She added pointedly that, "it has always been chic to identify with Indians—as long as you actually weren't one."

Green stresses that she does not want to step on people's toes; she knows that people are sincere when they express an interest in

Indian culture. However, she does distinguish people she terms "dabblers"—those that just scrape the surface of Indian cultural beliefs, who don't "do the work" that it takes to really learn, grow, and respect the culture that teaches them. She says that this parody of Indian spiritual beliefs contributes to the "Indians themselves becoming less visible."

After the discussion, members of the audience contributed their opinions and ideas in passionate support of Green. Nina Neptune, a Penobscot/Passamaquoddy from Indian Island, warned the congregation about the selling of bogus Indian spirituality.

"If someone asks you for money or sexual favors in return for Indian spirituality, stay away," she said emphatically.

Green's discussion will be aired on Tuesday, March 25 at 5 p.m. on FM WERU.

## BOT

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The mission statement reads as follows: "The University of Maine at Augusta, one of seven institutions governed by the Trustees of the University of Maine System, is a single institution, geographically dispersed, committed to teaching and learning, which provides access to educational programs and workforce training, both through traditional and interactive electronic instruction, at multiple campuses, centers, and distance learning sites throughout the state, in selected baccalaureate and associate degree programs offered individually and cooperatively with other public and private institutions of higher learning."

Some questioned if the statement allows for masters degrees.

Vamvakias said UMA will not be able give

out masters degrees, however, "anything could happen at anytime down the line."

She said she foresees the mission statement, which was tabled at January's meeting due to lack of information to be approved.

The focus of this meeting, Vamvakias said, was the issue of tenure. UMaine has 12 nominations for tenure out of the 39 candidates being recommended.

"It's obviously an academic process," Vamvakias said. "A lot of conjecture and thought goes into the tenure process."

"The tenure process is very involved," Collins said.

Collins said the departments individually vote to approve someone for tenure, sending it to the dean of the college who, based on

approval, sends it to the vice president of academic affairs, who sends it to the university president. Based on the approval it then goes to the board, Collins said.

Vamvakias said the evaluations completed by students at the end of the semester are taken into account during the tenure process.

"We use the tabulation of different questions which were included in the evaluations, as well as written questions," Collins said.

Also on the agenda is Gov. Angus King's bond issue, which includes \$7 million for the system in support of fire safety, regulatory compliance and facility accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

"It's a very positive thing," Vamvakias said. "(If approved in November,) Orono will

get a little more than half."

BOT member Wickham Skinner said he thought the bond issue was a good idea.

"It's something that is needed," BOT member James Mullen said.

The Nutting Hall Research Laboratory Renovations is also to be voted on, which would upgrade the lab, costing the system \$384,000.

"It will bring the lab up to speed with science," said Vamvakias.

Vamvakias said room and board fees will also be discussed. However, since UMaine's Director of Campus Living Scott Anchors said there would be no increase in room and board fees, she did not foresee the board increasing the rates.

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# National News

## • House of Representatives

# Late-term abortion ban passed overwhelmingly

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a debate that blended emotion and politics, the House voted by a veto-proof majority on Thursday to ban certain late-term abortions.

The 295-136 vote crossed party lines and marked the second time in as many years that the Republican-controlled Congress moved to ban "partial birth abortions" except in cases in which the mother's life is in danger.

In the Senate, Majority Leader Trent Lott said he would schedule a springtime debate on the bill, but conceded support does not yet exist to override President Clinton's threatened veto.

In hours of debate on the House floor, abortion foes sought to capitalize on a recent confession by abortion-rights supporter Ron Fitzsimmons that he had "lied through my teeth" when he said the procedure was performed rarely and only to save the mother's life or to abort malformed fetuses.

"We need to pass this bill again and give it to the president," said Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y. "Give him another chance to do the right thing because the only reason he vetoed it was because of those lies ..."

The White House responded with a veto threat that said the measure "contains the same serious flaws" as the identical bill Clinton rejected last year.

Supporters of the measure said the abortion procedure was inhumane.

"We are not dealing with the unborn

child, we are dealing with the child that is partially delivered, that is in effect four-fifths born," argued Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., a leading sponsor of the measure.

Opponents countered that the bill threatened women with a return to the era that preceded the Supreme Court's landmark Roe vs. Wade ruling of 1973 that guaranteed the right to abortion. Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., said the measure's passage would mark "the first step on the trip to the back alley."

Clinton vetoed an identical bill last year in an emotional ceremony in which five women who had undergone such abortions spoke tearfully about the experience and the fetal disorders that led to their decisions. Instead, the president said, he wanted a measure that allowed the procedure to protect a mother's health.

The confession by Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers in Alexandria, Va., prompted Republicans to quickly repass the measure and send it to Clinton anew.

So intent were Republicans on repassing last year's bill that they decided Wednesday night to jettison a slightly different version that cleared the House Judiciary Committee, and substituted the old measure in its place.

"The circumstances have changed," said Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., chairman of the Judiciary Committee and an ardent abortion foe. "We don't want the bill to change ... we

want to say hey, Mr. President, we've been lied to, you've been lied to; come on, sign the bill."

In the end, 218 Republicans and 77 Democrats voted for the measure, including Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri, the Democratic House leader. Opposed were eight Republicans, 127 Democrats and independent Rep. Bernard Sanders of Vermont. Supporters broke into applause on the House floor when the vote tally reached 290, the two-thirds majority needed to override a veto.

In all, five lawmakers who opposed the measure last year switched their votes: Republicans Christopher Shays of Connecticut; Rodney Frelinghuysen of New Jersey and Sue Kelly of New York; and Democrats Martin Frost of Texas and Peter Visclosky of Indiana.

Lawmakers in both parties expressed their distaste for the procedure, and abortion opponents described it repeatedly in the most minute detail to underscore its gruesomeness.

More complicated than first-trimester abortions, the operation involves partially extracting a fetus, legs first, through the birth canal, cutting an incision in the barely visible skull base and then draining the skull.

"She is four-fifths born," said Hyde, referring to the fetus. "Her tiny arms and legs squirming and struggling to live; her skull is punctured, and the wound deliberately widened; her brains are sucked out; the remains of the deceased are extracted."

Added Rep. Linda Smith, R-Wash., "America is too good for infanticide. Babies have to stay protected by our Constitution. If babies go first, who's next?"

Emotion shone through on the other side of the debate, as well. Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., noted that he and his late wife had a family of three daughters. "And if the doctor had told me Judy will not be able to have further children if we do not perform an abortion, I would have said as much as I love my three daughters ... perform that abortion."

The Republican leadership labored successfully to deny moderate Republicans and Democrats a vote on an alternative measure. It would have banned all abortions in cases in which the fetus was viable — a broader category than so-called "partial birth" — but would have permitted exemptions in cases in which doctors determined it was necessary to avert serious health consequences.

That angered some moderate Republicans, as well as Democrats. "This is no longer a debate about abortion," said Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn. "It became simply a debate about politics."

And shortly after the vote on the House floor, Republican National Committee chairman Jim Nicholson issued a statement saying, "The president should have the moral courage to admit he was wrong and sign this measure into law."

## Lecture

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him to become a white man and make peace with the newcomers. In the Indian culture men and women had an equal power in decision making, so Outacitty was shocked when he approached the newcomers. "Where are your women?" he asked, amazed to find none.

Green tied this idea to a 20th century story involving Wilma Mankiller, when she ran for principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, and won. Green said when they were at election campaigns, called hog fries, some people would say, "Women should not be running for public office." She said the old people whispered among themselves, and then said, "You've forgotten what happened so long ago."

"Things do come full circle, and people remember," Green said. "There can be no decision making for all of us that is not mutually agreed upon, decided upon by all the people who are there."

The European influence continued to alter her culture when missionaries told Indian men they were supposed to plow the fields, not spend days hunting.

"It wrecked the lives of both men and women because it disrupted the balance of the community. It disrupted the balance of power. It disrupted the balance of social relations," Green said.

Next came the introduction of the fur trade. "That trade completely wrecked our own economy and devastated the ecosystem," she said. "We have a world in which, in fact, we are destroying the very place that gave us life."

Green also described the transformation of the American image through the years. She said the United States used to be personified as an Indian Queen. She had rich, full breasts which signified a maternal nature, and was partially naked, signifying innocence. She was surrounded by animals and had male warriors behind her. A statue resembling this woman, named Freedom, sits atop the capital building in Washing-

ton, D.C. today.

Over the 17th and 18th centuries, Freedom changed a great deal. She became smaller and her skin tone became lighter. The third thing they did was cover her up.

"They made her wonder woman," Green said. Her feathered crown became a tiara, she lost the animals around her, and sunk into the picture as the warriors came forward. The men became less and less native until they resembled the Sons of Liberty. Eventually they became the single image of Uncle Sam.

"She was too much of a threat," Green said, adding that stories changed around this time as well. Indian men became more savage, while Indian women were being "saved" by white men.

"If you really want to have institutional change, you have to understand where John Smith blew it," she said. "He didn't understand he had a unique opportunity to become Indian." Green said Pocohontas was not trying to "save" Smith, but to adopt him into the community. "Wouldn't America have been different if John Smith had become Indian?" she asked the audience. "I can guarantee you the history of America would have been different."

Jody Youngs, a UMaine junior, said she had read Green's "Pocohontas perplex" for a class, and said she offered a different point of view from that in the Disney story.

"She was amazing," Youngs said. "She was everything her writing reflects."

The Director of the Women in the Curriculum and the Women's Studies Program Ann Schonberger said she was pleased at the turnout, which included a group of high school students called the "United Sisters."

"I enjoyed hearing her speak a lot," she said, adding that she had been trying to get Green to speak as part of UMaine's Women's History Celebration for a few years. Her group is sponsoring events on campus all next week.

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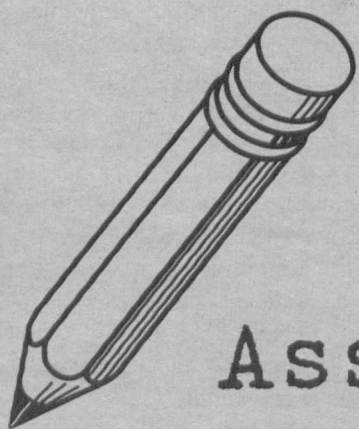
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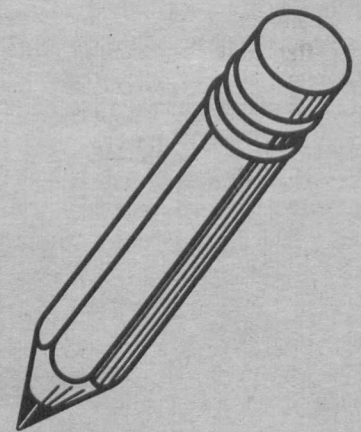
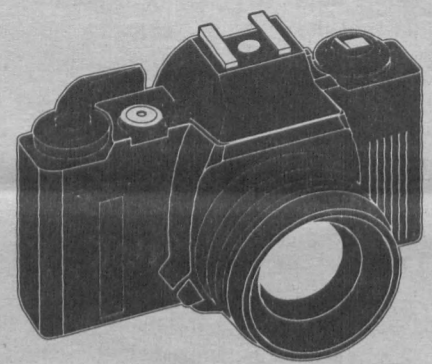
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# Opinion

Debate

## The Police and Neighborhood Notification

**Kristen E. Andresen**

The controversy has all but subsided over Portland's failure to notify Bangor police of convicted kidnapper Norman Dickinson's arrival in a local pre-release center. However, the implications are not limited to the Dickinson case, and Bangor and its surrounding communities must now tackle an issue of prior notification that has generated constitutional debate nationwide.

Dickinson, a self-described "ticking time bomb," entered the Bangor area without warning. Though he admitted his concern and lack of control over his future actions, this went unsaid in his transfer to the area. While members of the American Civil Liberties Union would argue that prior offenders should be allowed into a community without notification to local law enforcement or neighbors, on the basis of freedom of privacy and in keeping with the Constitution, the safety of children and families in the area of question should take precedence. If a convicted offender admits that he is a danger to the community in which he has been placed and is not satisfied with the degree of rehabilitation he has received, as in the Dickinson case, it is ridiculous to suggest that his neighbors and local police not be notified of his arrival – this is only asking for trouble.

One can argue that prior notification, made legal when a modification of New Jersey's "Megan's Law" was passed in the legislature in 1996, is in essence trying a kidnapper or sex offender twice for the same crime. However, history has shown that some child molesters, regardless of the time they have spent incarcerated, have committed identical crimes upon their release from prison. This is not an uncommon occurrence and while some would justify giving an offender the benefit of the doubt, it is better to err on the side of prevention rather than find out, after the fact, that a child molester or kidnapper was not fully rehabilitated.

In a perfect world, our corrections system would rehabilitate all criminals and return them to society as harmless, contributing citizens. This is not a perfect world, and those who object to prior notification should not treat it as such. If we could count on our prison system to offer adequate counseling and supervision to return convicted offenders to our communities as reformed individuals there would be no need for prior notification. However, as Norman Dickinson and countless others have shown, this is simply not the case.

Police, entrusted with the ultimate responsibility to "serve and protect" residents of their community, can only do this if they are armed with the knowledge to do so. Parents, entrusted with the responsibility to keep their children free from harm, deserve to know the possible dangers lurking in their own backyard. While some may argue that simply knowing does not guarantee safety, awareness will ultimately lead to caution on the part of parents and children, which in turn will decrease the likelihood of a potentially dangerous situation.

In any community, safety is of the utmost importance, and prevention is far more effective in fostering a secure community than working from hindsight. Until we can count on our corrections system to rehabilitate convicted child molesters and kidnappers, prior notification of their arrival in a community will continue to be a necessity.

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**Jeff Tuttle**

In our law-and-order society, it is difficult to find compassion for those who have broken its laws. Convicted criminals are deemed the scourge of society and the vast majority of law abiding citizens do not want to have one living in their neighborhood. There is no clean slate.

While police must be afforded every opportunity to uphold their important duty of protecting and serving the public, they must accept that this duty does not include acting as judge and jury to citizens who have served their time in prison and paid their penalty to society.

Chief Michael J. Chitwood of the Portland Police Department has overstepped his bounds as a police officer and taken it upon himself to give many released prisoners a life sentence, which they begin serving the moment they step away from the prison yard. This fresh sentence is leveled despite the wishes of the juries that convicted these former prisoners, the judge that handed down the original sentence and the parole officers who recommended an early release, if indeed that is the reason for the release.

Granted, police notification to city residents that a former prisoner will be living in their neighborhood is usually reserved for those who have committed especially serious crimes, but this does not outweigh the affront to the released offender's civil liberties. Instead, police officers should keep themselves aware of the person's presence in the city, and pay an appropriate amount of attention to that individual and his or her day-to-day activities.

If the Portland police truly want to adhere to their mission statement and "reduce the perception of fear and provide for a safe and caring environment," they must apply it to every resident of their city, including those who have been given a second chance by its justice system. By notifying neighbors and creating an atmosphere of fear in that community, they are only endangering the life of the former prisoner by promoting vigilante justice, an affront to any just society.

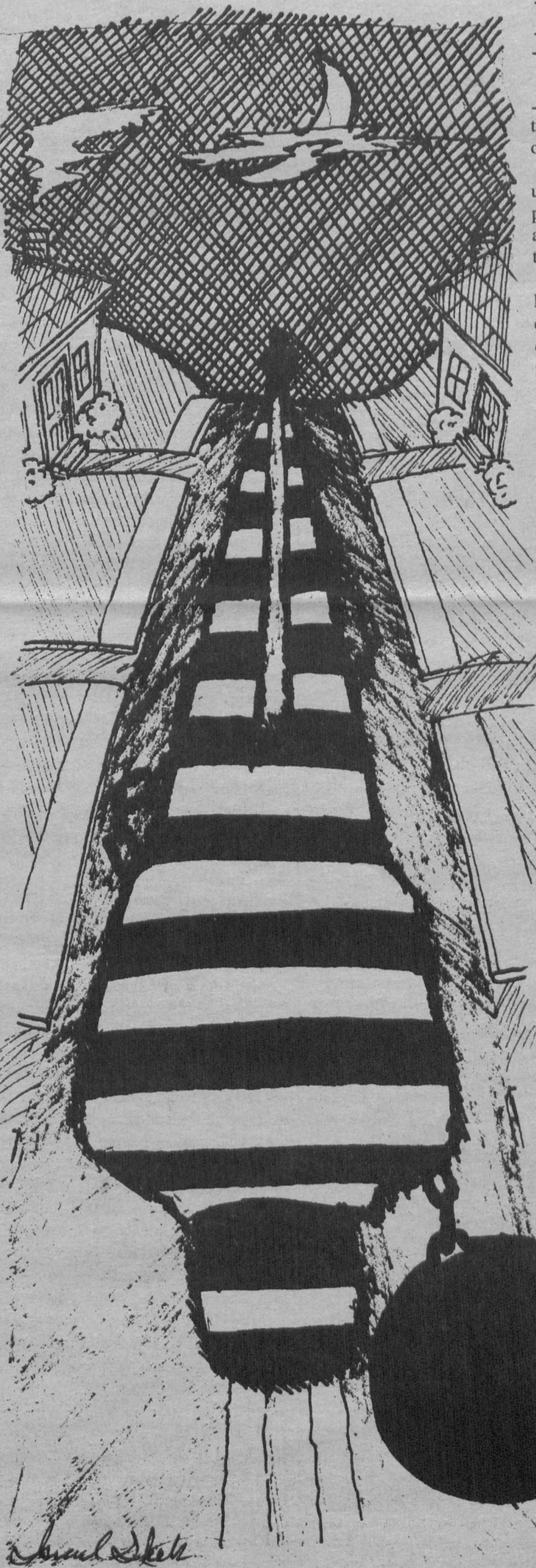
Notification makes it all but impossible for individuals to lead normal lives after their release. The released offender often flees from almost certain persecution by their fellow residents, making it impossible for them to perform their probationary obligations. This is fine for Chitwood and officers like him who will take any measure, including inciting a citizen riot, to symbolically cleanse their city streets.

People pushing for this brand of neighborhood notification are misdirected in their efforts and have failed to address the real problem, which lies in the justice system itself. Frequent plea bargains, overcrowded prisons and a complete lack of treatment programs for sex offenders in the Maine State Prison System all contribute to early release of potentially unstable prisoners.

Chitwood has essentially given himself the power to determine whether a released prisoner is a danger to a neighborhood, a task usually designated to an official with a much higher level of training in such matters. As a society, we cannot allow inadequately trained individuals to determine the mental state of its citizens, regardless of their criminal or psychological history.

Released prisoners have a right to privacy, just as any other citizen. Branding them with a scarlet letter of sorts because they have committed a crime is not within the realm of police work and should concern progressives and libertarians who believe in the sanctity of the American justice system.

Jeff Tuttle is a senior journalism major and editor-in-chief of The Maine Campus.





# Editorial

## Student Government Inc.

The General Student Senate's misguided attempt to move into executive session to discuss whether certain university clubs were in compliance with the university's non-discrimination policy was disturbing on many fronts. Perhaps most disturbing was the attitude displayed by select senators when confronted by members of *The Maine Campus* staff who justly asserted that the senate, if voting to adjourn into executive session for that reason, may be in violation of Maine's Freedom of Access Law.

Executive session allows a public body to meet in private without any oversight by the press or their constituency.

One senator in particular demonstrated the pretension of the senate by asking why the *Campus* could not just let the GSS get on with its business. In short, the senate's business is our business, save for specific exemptions outlined in state law, and the *Campus* will not allow our business to be discussed without our presence.

Commonly referred to as the Fourth Estate, the press is the most effective means of informing the population en masse on governmental proceedings. This watchdog function is one of the most important tenets of our democratic society, not "crap" as at least one callous, but later apologetic, senator publicly asserted.

Keeping the senate's proceedings open benefits not only the press, but university students, who must hold their elected representatives accountable for their actions. Only by insisting upon open meetings can true accountability be realized.

Executive session is not a toy to be used by student governments wishing to keep potentially sensitive issues out of the newspaper. The *Campus*, after being advised by legal experts in both Maine and Washington, D.C., believe Maine's Freedom of Access Law does indeed apply to this elected body because it allocates funds obtained by this public university.

This contention is contrary to the opinion of Student Government's attorney, who has advised Vice President Scott Morelli that because Student Government is technically a private corporation, it would not be subject to this open meetings law. The attorney further and wisely advised them to abide by state law, regardless of its supposed exemption, presumably because the student press has enjoyed a great deal of success when cases such as this go to court.

*The Maine Campus* will not allow Student Government Inc. to hide behind its status as a private corporation, a classification that should come under the scrutiny of the student body. Members of Student Government are elected by students, not shareholders. Furthermore, these students attend a public university that survives largely on public funds, some of which are allocated by the GSS.

Disguising itself as a private corporation in times of convenience does not change the fact that Student Government distributes a mandatory student fee at a public institution. If Student Government is indeed merely a corporation, elections appear to be inappropriate.

If it is a government for the students, as the name implies and its members claim, it should act accordingly and cease its attempts to deprive its constituents knowledge of its proceedings. Students must insist on this level of accountability, lest their elected officials overstep their bounds and abuse the specified privilege of the executive session.

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### • Letters to the Editor

#### • Pitching in

To the Editor:

I guess it's pretty easy to forget about UMO. Maybe that's why there's little support for a yearbook this year. Do you know how close we came to not having a 1997 UMaine Prism? Not even one copy in Fogler for you to come back to and reminisce over.

Maybe I'm too traditional, but I like to be able to look back at the friends I made here, and the activities that have been part of my college experience. Doesn't anybody else feel that way? Or is everyone as apathetic as it seems? Did you know out of the thousands of students we have on this campus, less than 300 signed up for a yearbook?

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The yearbook will be \$50, fall delivery, and the last chance to get senior portraits is April 14-17 in the Memorial Room, Memorial Union. Clubs call Ken Murphy at 989-5307 to set a time for pictures on April 10.

Thanks for listening,

Janet Oprendeck  
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#### • Outstanding effort

To the Editor:

All three games for the America East women's basketball tournament are history. Our Maine women did an outstanding job. The crowd, Bananas and University of Maine band were all there to support our team. Where were the cheerleaders?

Although it was over spring break, you would think that the UMaine women's basketball team's participation in this tournament would be worthy of the cheerleaders' attendance. It appears they had better things to do, places to go and people to see. I, for one, applaud the band members and Alpha Phi Omega (responsible, I understand, for Bananas), which supported its school by participating and being an important part of the game.

Thank you to each band member and to our mascot, who helped spirit-up the Al-fond and cheer on the team. Although the cheerleaders were obvious in their absence, we did not need them. The band and antics of Bananas are what really brings the atmosphere to its highest peak.

Unselfish participation during a break is what sets the example for prospective students and their parents who may be attending events to consider UMaine for their future. Obviously the women's basketball team, the band and APO really do care.

Lois-Ann Holmes  
Orrington

#### • Big test

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the March 17 sports column written by Scott Martin.

Lacking in Athleticism?

Athletic: 1. of pertaining to, or befitting athletics or athletes; 2. Physically strong, muscular; athleticism: *noun*

It could have happened!

The Maine women were down by only two, 79-77, with just over a minute to go. The difference between Maine and LSU was not evident. LSU forced several turnovers, but Maine just kept hanging in and fighting back. Everyone involved, including the coaches and players on both teams, gave it everything they could. The LSU coaching staff and fans were stunned by the athleticism, tenacity and courage the Maine team displayed in the hostile confines of the Deaf Dome. The final score, 88-79, did not reflect the closeness of the game. The 9-0 scoring margin in the final minute was primarily a result of Maine having to foul LSU because time was running out. Win or lose, the Maine team passed the big test with flying colors. Maine proved that they are a team of national caliber. The Maine team made the next step up, and no one will be anxious to play this team next year.

Monte Miller  
Orono

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## OpEd

## A modern cautionary tale

Early morning. A small, black wolf strolls through a lonely path in the woods. Suddenly, a noise. Glancing over a shoulder, the wolf notices a rapidly approaching figure. The young woman glances up and spies the wolf. She slows her pace. She is dressed from head to toe in green. Then:

Woman: Hey! Wolf!  
Wolf: Yes, dear lady!

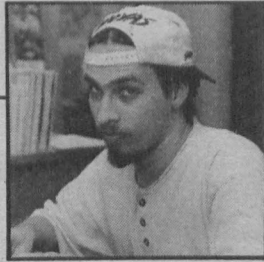
## The Other Side

By Scott Labby

LGGQ: That's OK. You must have a learning disability. Didn't they diagnose you in public school?

Wolf: No, actually. But they caught quite a few of my friends before they could escape.

LGGQ: Wonderful! I just love success stories about social services.



Woman: Don't call me "lady." It's considered a violation of The Propriety in Language Act, Section 4, Paragraph 1, Line 1.

Wolf: Oh.

Woman: You bet. Call me Little Green Gap Queen.

Wolf: Sounds vaguely familiar. Why do people call you that?

LGGQ: Long story. I like money, the mall...also puppy dogs and rainy days. I'm suprised you haven't heard of me; I'm an essential construct of American society.

Wolf: Wait. I think I met your brother. He robbed me once, and then the strangest thing happened. He started sending the money back to me, a little bit at a time.

LGGQ: Oh yes! He's like that. I have another brother who robs people like you, then sells their stuff back to them. He's a riot.

Wolf: We've met.

LGGQ: Wonderful! So, wolfie, what are you doing here? I thought we built suburbia and garrisoned your kind in the nether reaches of the forest.

Wolf: So you did. A few of us get out from time to time.

LGGQ: Of course you do! With help from people like me.

Wolf: Come again?

LGGQ: I'm a liberal.

Wolf: Oh. Congratulations.

LGGQ: We make the whole world go round. Aren't you going to thank me?

Wolf: Uh, thanks.

LGGQ: Think nothing of it. Just as long as you stay in your place. Ha ha! Just kidding, Wolfie, really. So what are you?

Wolf: I'm somewhere on the left.

LGGQ: No! What's your sign?

Wolf: I'm not sure.

Wolf: Right.

LGGQ: Did you say al-yight?

Wolf: No, I said "right."

LGGQ: Ooh, that's so ethnic. Is that ebonics?

Wolf: No. If I said "You be toilet fungus" or "I'm a smite you wit' a brick" or "I be smarter than you"...those are Ebonic phrases.

LGGQ: I'm getting chills! Don't stop! Ebonics is such a nice concept. I love finding new ways of securing the hierarchy of social class.

Wolf: No kidding.

LGGQ: Yes, of course. So you say you're on the left?

Wolf: Yes.

LGGQ: Good boy. Just don't go too far, and start pushing for true social equality, and stop trying to move in next door to me. You don't think you are as good as I am, do you?

Wolf: Actually, I-

LGGQ: Of course you don't, you poor thing. God, I hate it when poor people start trying to take more than what we give them. Ingrates! You know, I just get so mad when I think about people like you moving past me on social ladder. My daddy tells me that back in the day, it was much easier for people like us to secure placement in elite schools and employment, whether we had merit or not. Things have changed so much. Still, he says we're lucky we still have enough clout to buy some social status, at least. I love my daddy. He's a Republican.

Wolf: You mean that a system of affirmative action exists in the economic and social structure itself?

LGGQ: What?

Wolf: Never mind.

LGGQ: Well, anyway...Where are you going?

Wolf: To see an older woman who lives this way.

LGGQ: Oh! That's my grandma!

Wolf: You can't be serious.

LGGQ: Yes. She doesn't much care for me and the rest of the grandchildren, though. She says we don't really care about the underclass. She thinks we have just chosen a side to be on that suits us, and that we spend most of our time feeling superior to the poor and padding our resumés.

Wolf: Well, you do seem to be an insincere little twit.

LGGQ: Hey! You can't speak to me that way!

Wolf: Silly me.

LGGQ: Besides, you don't really believe everything you heard at the university, do you? We need nice cars, stroked egos and espresso bars just as much as Republicans do. Who has time to change society? It's a lot easier to fret about proper language and mouth-empty platitudes about equality, diversity, blah blah blah than to do honest-to-goodness work, you poor, misled wolf.

Wolf: Your granny is much nicer than you.

LGGQ: She's batty. She's all old and gnarled from working until all hours for the freedoms we enjoy today. Grassroots work is so passé. What a fool.

Wolf: I see. Well, we're here.

Grandma: (storming out) Get away from my house, you cancer.

LGGQ: Tell 'im, Grandma!

Grandma: I mean you, idiot spawn. You are an embarrassment, and I disowned you a long time ago. Now the wolf and I are going to discuss how central banking and paranoia about inflation is helping to maintain unnatural levels of unemployment.

LGGQ: Oh Grandma, you know I hate it when you start mouthing off about crap like that. Who cares? Oh, what big hypocrites we are! Oh, what big problems we have! What big inequalities remain! You never stop.

Grandma: Wolf?

Wolf: Yeah

Grandma: Eat her, will you?

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## Left out on the West Bank

Masters of mideast tension, the Israelis and the Palestinians again skirt the edges of open aggression with seemingly innocuous actions. Construction begun March 18 at Har Homa, a disputed area of East Jerusalem, effectively snubbed the international community. That Israel found it necessary to surround the project with over 1,000 troops shows that words will no longer influence

a sampling of the inconsistencies in the "American way."

Fortunately, citizens of both Israel and Jordan are sensitive to the value of the peace accord and the inevitability of their common future. But the real decision lies with the Israeli government. The competition between the Likuds and the Meretz party in the Israeli



## All Wrapped Up

By Paul Livingstone

the fate of the region. Action demands reaction.

To Westerners, the Israeli conflict appears absurd; an improvement project in a rocky piece of land wouldn't qualify for an international crisis. If I could identify myself with both the land and God/Allah, I would probably feel more sympathetic to the cause. Unfortunately, as much as I admire the Israelis for their strength in unity, the increasingly unrestrained contempt for the Palestinians, expressed by the ultra-orthodox members of the Likud party through Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, I cannot accept.

In the back of every devout Jew's mind is the hope of a unified Jerusalem, a Jewish capital where the legacy of the Hebrew kingdom can be born anew. The attitude of the Israelites in power is plainly evident, however. The ring of settlements in East Jerusalem, and all the insecurity it will engender in isolated Palestinian settlements is clearly a long-term attempt to drive Islam from the region. Because of their religion, Muslims are considered by the Israelite unfit to occupy the region and essentially unequal. This attitude works both ways; the Palestinians harbored much resentment for Jews and the West. We, after all, stood to one side as Israel proceeded to take East Jerusalem by force in 1967. During the Cold War, the move could perhaps be seen as self-defence against the concerted policies of Arab nations and the Soviet Union. Now, however, Israel's actions are nothing more than selfish.

Nevertheless, the United States pursues policies that, to a critical observer, are just as disrespectful to ideals of equality. Our treatment of Latin American immigrants, the slow suffocation of Cuba, and unabashed corporate greed abroad are only

congress hopefully will not cloud their judgement or force them to overlook the impending conflict. The Jordanian Hamas will not hesitate to continue terrorist activities against Israel. Fortunately, Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Yassar Arafat is dealing with the situation with remarkable equanimity. His ability to staunch the wound to Palestinians, however, is limited; "I have asked my people not to use violence" will only go so far. Former Prime Minister Shimon Peres agrees it's a "fatal mistake."

Chilling though it may be, pressure from the United Nations and, in particular, the U.S., could be the only effective support for the peace accord, which is still in delicate infancy. Without international pressure, Israel, embodying ideals from Biblical times, would certainly subjugate the Palestinians. Some Israelis, including peace activists, Meretz Party members, and wealthy Arab landowners have banded together to oppose the construction project, but there is only so much they can do in the face of a Likud controlled government.

The U.S. needs to strengthen its nonpartisan role regarding Israel and Palestine. Yes, Jordan is a monarchy, but world peace must rise above political preference. If Netanyahu gives in to the ultra-orthodox segment of his government and tightens the ring of settlements around East Jerusalem, the squeeze will burst the patience of the Hamas. With statements such as "I cannot imagine or agree to any idea of peace that will not allow us to build in Jerusalem," the Israeli leader himself could become a target. If we don't condemn Israel for its decision, we can only hope Har Homa won't find a listing in history as the spark that kindled the fire.

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# Entertainment

## Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Friday, March 21

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** There is no point hiding your emotions. What you feel is valid and must be allowed to flow naturally. Your problem is that you worry too much about what other people think. Believe in yourself more and you won't need others' approval.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** The more deeply you think about what you are planning to do, the more likely it is to be a success. By nature you are restless and impatient, but there is too much at stake for you to risk making mistakes. Bide your time and cover all the angles. You will soon be on the move again.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** You should be feeling more cheerful than you were yesterday. You are still a long way from your best, however, so don't push yourself too hard today. This is a time of year when you should be doing less and thinking more. Exercise your brain, not your brawn.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** You have many things on your mind. All you want is to be left alone so you can think in peace. But what you decide today will have to be changed tomorrow, so don't make too many plans. Look ahead, by all means, but stay where you are for the moment.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** The typical Cancerian is easily disheartened, and because so few things appear to be going your way at the moment you may be contemplating giving up. Monday's planetary activity, however, is sure to evoke your fighting spirit, not least because you suddenly realize that there is something worth fighting for.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** Life is full of ups and downs. Just because something you tried was a failure, that doesn't mean you are a failure. On the contrary, because you take more risks than most other signs, you inevitably make mistakes. But for each mistake there are many triumphs, so you have no reason to be depressed.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** For some time now you have suspected that a friend or relative has been hiding something from you, something you ought to know. If you ask the right questions today, you will discover what that something is. That person may not tell you directly, but will be easy enough to read between the lines.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** Although the eclipse in your sign is several days away, you can sense you are going to have problems with partners and loved ones. Use this knowledge to plan how you will handle the situation when they finally go too far. You don't have to be tough, but you do have to be diplomatic.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** Because you like to be the boss, it worries you when other have control over the details of your life. Unfortunately, that is precisely the situation in which you now find yourself. You will just have to put up with it for a day or two.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** The pace of life is heating up, but you should have no trouble keeping on top of things. Planetary activity endows you with all the energy you will need. Whether you use that energy wisely is another matter. Some Sagittarians might not care, but perhaps you should.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** The way you communicate with family and friends is extremely important today. Be nice to them, even if they don't really deserve it. If they are rude or impatient, be polite and forgiving. They will be so surprised by this you may be able to win them over to your way of thinking.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You are not the type to accept something just because a so-called "expert" says it is true, and you will no doubt jump at the chance to point out where one such "expert" has got it wrong. It may not make you popular, but it will make you happy — and that's good enough for you.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Why do you fear the worst when anyone can see you have so much to look forward to? Perhaps it is because you are too involved in details to see the wider picture. Spend an hour or two somewhere quiet today and think about your future — it is brighter than you realize.

### Cranially Constipated

By Israel Skelton

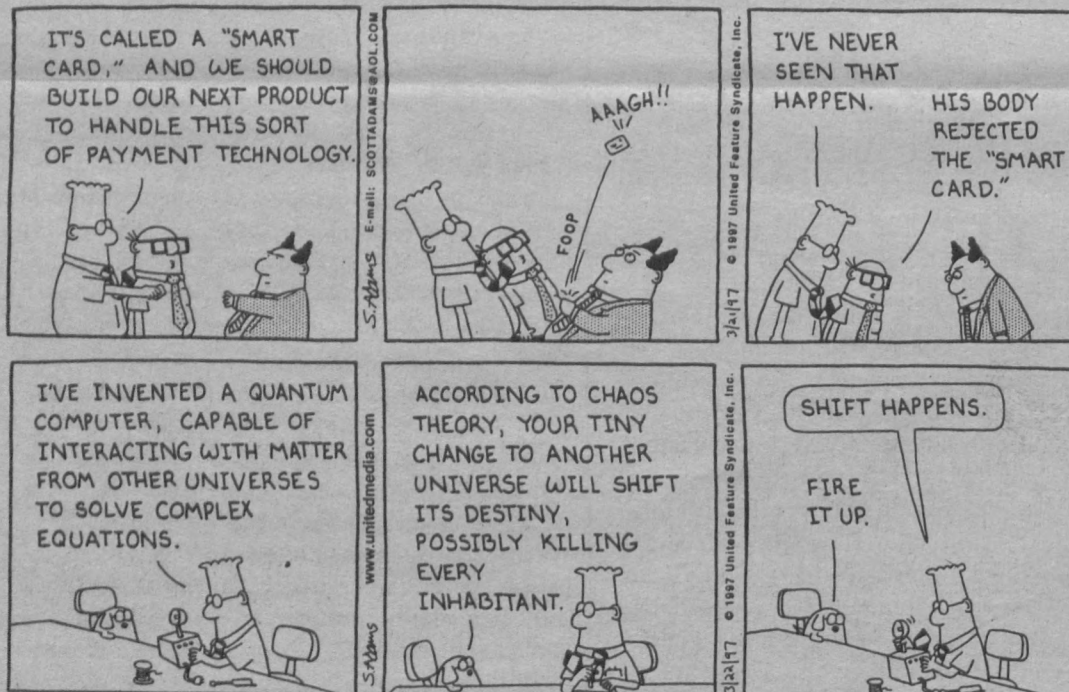


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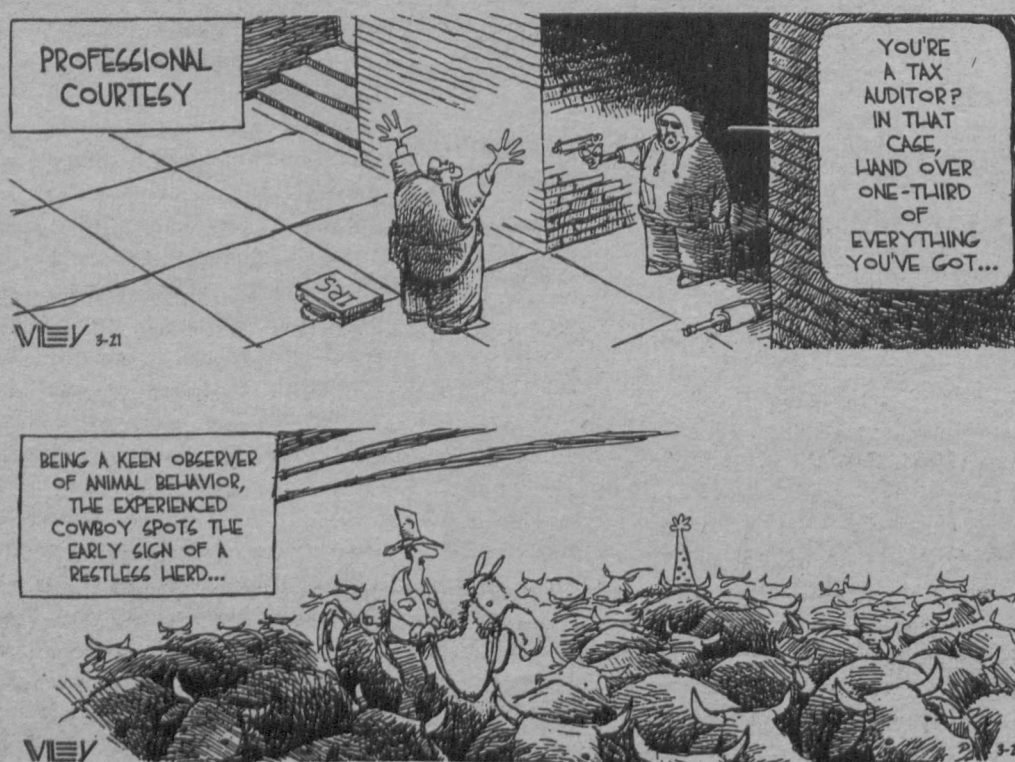


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BY VIEV





# Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Saturday, March 22

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** As far as birthdays go, this one may have more than its share of ups and downs, but don't let that give you the wrong idea about the year ahead. It isn't what others do that makes you feel good or bad, but how you react to what they do. Your destiny is in your hands.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Don't expect other people to be reasonable today — planetary activity means they are incapable of figuring out what it is they expect from you. This is frustrating, but there is no need to get angry. Don't take it too seriously, and it won't do you much damage.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** It all seems to be happening at once, and it all seems to be happening to you. What have you done to deserve this? Nothing, if your solar chart is anything to go by. You are simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. Forty-eight hours from now you will be back where you belong.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** So many options, so little time. You would like to try them all, but you know that is out of the question. Play to your strengths and focus on the things you know you can do. They may not be the most interesting, but they will be the most profitable — and that's what counts.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** You enjoy a challenge, but there is no point in taking on someone who is clearly out of your league. Leave the heroic failures to others. You want to be a success, and for that you need to get a few wins under your belt. As your confidence grows you can take on bigger challenges.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** You are moving in the right direction, but are you moving too fast or too slow? That isn't so obvious. As a general rule of thumb today, if you feel like speeding up, slow down, and if you feel like slowing down, speed up. Do the opposite and you can't go wrong.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** Virgo is the sign of the worrier, and today you are worrying too much about money. Your cash flow problems may be disturbing, but they are not desperate, so don't make any rash decisions — there is simply no need for it.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** It may not seem like it right now, but this could turn out to be one of the most important days of the year for you. Planetary activity will heighten your emotions, but it will also heighten your perceptions, enabling you to take advantage of an opportunity someone else has missed.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** It will be difficult to stay neutral today. You feel the need to protect someone you care for from what appears to be an unwarranted attack on his/her integrity and reputation. But appearances can be deceptive, so don't get too involved in a dispute that is none of your business.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** You can't decide between two quite different strategies today. One minute you want to do one thing, the next minute you want to do the opposite. The best advice today is to do nothing at all. By midweek you will see there is a third option — and that's the one you need.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** You may not realize it, but you are focusing on the worst possible outcome to a situation that may never happen. Give it a day or two and you will see how easily you allowed yourself to be confused.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You feel the urge to explore, to go places you have never been before. Perhaps it is just as well you feel this way on a Monday morning when your responsibilities keep you tied in one place. What you want is far away, but what you need is close at hand. Reach out and grab it today.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** You like a bit of drama, but you like it better when you know the outcome in advance. Consequently, you won't be happy with today's events — everything is so unpredictable. It could well be that what you fear the most, you will enjoy the most by the end of the week.

# Entertainment

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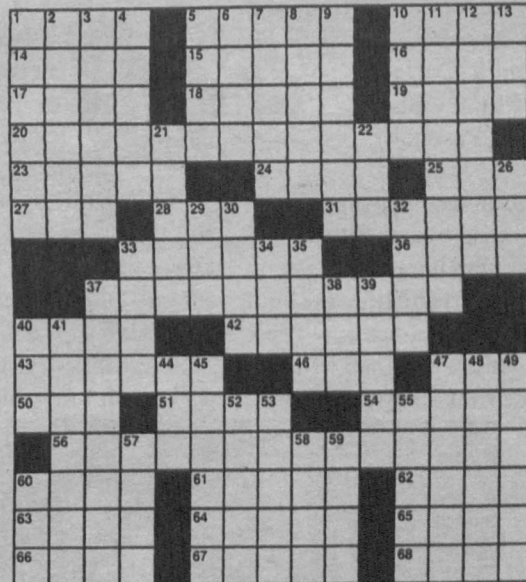
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# Style & the Arts

## • Performance

### Chesnutt talks about meanings in his song

By Mike Reynolds  
Maine Campus staff

Last Saturday, while most of the city of Boston was celebrating in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day, a small and ardent group of people crammed into The Paradise Rock Club in Boston to hear singer-songwriter Vic Chesnutt.

Chesnutt is a legend in many independent music circles and has released five albums, and has had his songs covered by artists as diverse as Madonna, REM and Smashing Pumpkins on the recently released "Sweet Relief 2" compilation. His latest album, "About to Choke," was released in November.

His stop in Boston provided not only a chance to see him perform, but also to sit down for an interview. He looked very tired, and I would learn later that he drove all night from his last show in Washington, DC.

Vic's lyrics are often referred to by many as focusing on the ornate details in life but with often beautiful metaphors that only Vic can conjure up.

"It's like doing magic, you know the guy always has a rubber band in his sleeve," Chesnutt said. "I like looking for rubber bands in the way I live."

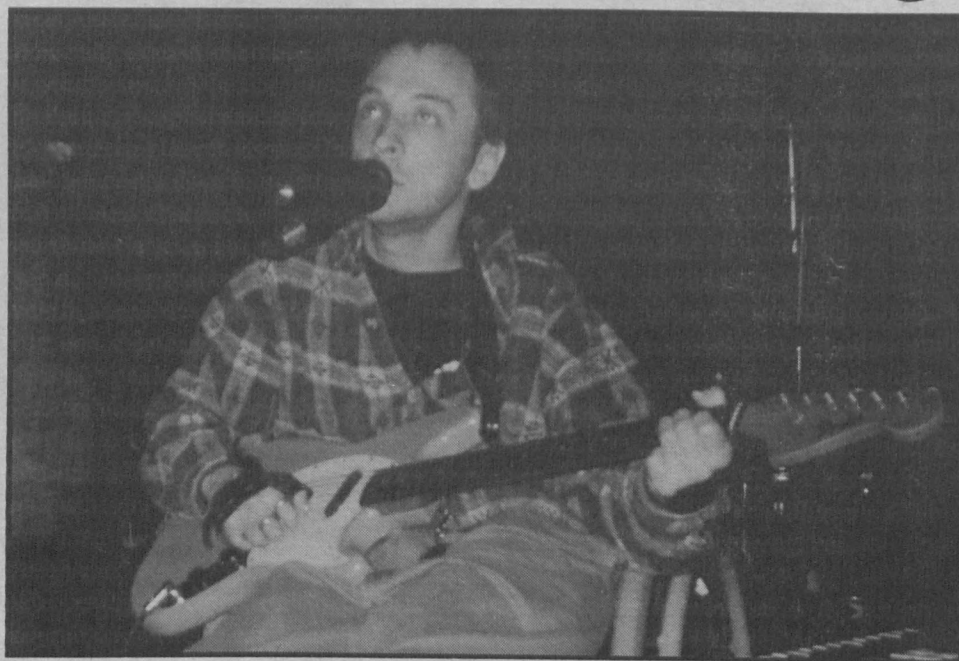
Chesnutt is familiar with questions it seems every interviewer asks. He sits in a wheelchair due to a car accident which left his legs paralyzed and limited motor control in his arm. He was drunk while he had the accident.

He started performing his songs at various bars in Athens, Georgia to pay bills. Chesnutt recorded his first album in one day when REM's Michael Stipe just about forced him into a recording studio. The results of the day became the album "Little."

Vic would save one of his oldest songs, and one of my favorite songs, "See you Around" for his latest album.

"I hate that song" is his first reaction when asked about it. "No, it is just an old song."

He mentions later it is about three people, and somewhere there is an eight-track demo of the song in its original form recorded 12 years ago.



Vic Chesnutt performs at the small Paradise Rock Club in Boston. (Mike Reynolds Photo.)

Another song brings a different reaction. In the liner notes for a song titled "Panic Pure," there is a mention about it being written in a workshop of some sort.

The story Vic told probably went on for about 10 minutes. He went to this workshop that worked with folk arts and artist and his friends nominated him to go to this workshop to focus on his songwriting.

One night, after drinking a few beers, he got out his wheelchair and rolled down a hill. He had the basic song idea as he was crawling up the hill and he ended up

writing the song the next day, after spending the night sleeping on his hydraulic lift and waking up as people were lining up for breakfast right across from where he was parked.

While talking to Vic was an incredible pleasure, I was truly psyched to see him perform live. I had a chance to see him in Brooklyn last November, and decided not to go because I had too much work to do and I was not aware some of my friends had gone through extravagant

See VIC on page 15

## Artist of the Week

Eva O'Reilly, a senior studio art major, has recently had the opportunity to display her most recent monoprints and oil paintings in the Union Coffee Shop, presented by the Student Art League. Passersby have not only been captured by their ability to invade personal space, but also by their sensitive qualities.

O'Reilly describes her philosophy on art making: "I think art and life are about risk taking. My best art comes out of risk taking. When I get too precious with my artwork, it's time to destroy it."

Through both mediums, O'Reilly expresses ideas of color interaction, repetitive manipulation of materials, and illumination. O'Reilly pulls these ideas together to create images that are not only evocative, but also aesthetically pleasing. With a focus on color interaction, these pieces pull in the viewer by their sharp contrast and expressive technique.

O'Reilly has not only been influenced by her personal reactions to others' experiences, but also by her desire to represent abstract concepts visually.



This group of oil paintings has been created through beginning wash techniques in abstract forms with house brushes and rollers, to later development of forms with smaller "traditional oil paint brushes."

O'Reilly hopes to go on to receive her M.A. in arts and education, and strive to make the visual arts interdisciplinary and essential to public school education.

The Student Art League will continue to present art exhibitions and openings throughout the semester, featuring the works of senior art students.

Upcoming exhibitions in the Coffee Shop: Catherine Atkinson Greenwood, Mar. 23 - April 6; Jeffrey Jacques, April 6 - 20; and Tim Morin, April 20 - May 3.

Artist of the Week, a weekly feature encompassing all art disciplines, will work to improve arts awareness and recognition on campus. Questions, suggestions, comments? Call Helene at 581 - 1270.



Eva O'Reilly. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

## From the home office at Beta Theta Pi

### Top Ten signs that spring is here

- 10) The smokers in front of the union no longer have to wear mittens.
- 9) The sun is shining, the birds are chirping and Shibbles is still the ugliest building in the lower 48 states.
- 8) The Schickle-Fest buzz has already started.
- 7) Instead of ignoring the icy sidewalks the university now can ignore those piles of sand.
- 6) The computer cluster is filled with people e-mailing their friends about how nice the weather is.
- 5) In an attempt to liquidate the back stock the bookstore slashes the price of Chapstick to a mere 500 percent profit.
- 4) University employees can be heard saying "...Never mind that. They'll get it on Maine Day."
- 3) The guy who drives the drunk bus becomes very religious and thanks God that he can finally crack a window.
- 2) Mr. Gnu still isn't funny.
- 1) The lawns in front of the dorms start to resemble K-Mart... All clothes are half-off.

By Eric Simonds

## • Social art

### Carnegie exhibits to close

By Donovan Frenze  
Special to the Campus

For the month of March, in honor of Women's Rights Awareness Month, the Museum of Art in Carnegie Hall has been showing two exhibitions that deal with women's reproductive rights: "Wake Up Little Susie - Pregnancy and Power Before Roe v. Wade" and "Warnings."

"Wake Up Little Susie - Pregnancy and Power Before Roe v. Wade" is a combination of sculpture, collage, and

historical narrative by artists Kathy Hutton, Cathleen Meadows, and Kay Obering. It is made up of a three-dimensional, life-sized chessboard depicting the games of politics that have governed over women's reproductive rights.

Strategically placed on the board are 19 free-standing pieces accompanied by their own wall placards, functioning as historical commentary in the words of the person from the past they represent.

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## • In theaters

## 'Sling Blade' Oscar-worthy

By Derek Rice  
Maine Campus staff

Twenty-five years after killing his mother and her son-of-a-bitch lover, Karl Childers (writer-director Billy Bob Thornton) is set to be released from the state mental hospital.

The first 20 or so minutes of "Sling Blade" mirror the 1993 video version in which Karl tells his story to a young reporter from her college newspaper. The rest of the film follows Karl as he attempts to re-adjust to society. The trouble is, he was never adjusted in the first place.

Karl is a kind of idiot savant: he lacks the mental capacity to lie, among other things, but he can fix a small engine like nobody's business. Dr. Woolridge from the hospital is able to get him a job working for a small-engine repair shop, where Karl more than earns his keep.

During his first day back in the Arkansas town where his "history" took place, Karl befriends a boy named Frank Wheatley (Lucas Black) who has to carry several large bags of laundry for half a mile. Eventually, Karl is given a place to live in the Wheatley's garage.

Frank and Karl become good friends and tell each other about their pasts. Frank tells Karl about how his father died and Karl tells Frank about what he did as a boy, but Frank thinks nothing of it. In fact, no one seems to. They all see that Karl is a gentle man who wouldn't hurt Frank or his mother.

The antagonist of the film is Doyle Hargraves (Dwight Yoakam), Linda

Wheatley's boyfriend, who has few, if any, redeeming qualities. He's a closed-minded redneck who abuses Frank and his mother physically and emotionally. He drinks too much and threatens to kill Linda if she ever leaves him. If he has a good side, it isn't shown in the film. Even when he comes to make nice and apologize to the Wheatleys and Karl, you can see right through his act.

For most of the film, the main plot revolves around Doyle and the Wheatleys, with Karl merely a periphery character. The point at which these two plotlines converge is definitely not a surprise, but it doesn't matter. By that time, the viewer has come to hate Doyle and love Karl, so whatever happens seems like the right thing.

What works about this film is that the characters are so deep; there are many facets to each of them. The only exception is Doyle, who seems to be pure evil incarnate, yet it works because there are people out there just like him. They abuse their wives, girlfriends and children, and are just plain mean to everyone they meet.

The most difficult character to get a read on is Karl. It is hard to understand where the violence he displayed so many years ago came from. His parents were cruel to him, forcing him to live in a shed behind the house. The kids at school were cruel to him, and Doyle is cruel to him.

For most of the film, people are nice to him, and his gentleness is allowed to take center stage. He even displays some

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## Vic

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means to surprise me and have me meet Vic. Since I never went, it was even that more special to see him this night.

I had already heard the first show of this leg of the tour, as it was a radio broadcast. The tape was good, but hearing him at such a small venue, half-filled at most, with every person listening attentively to the show was a very welcome atmosphere. Chesnutt was joined by his wife, Tina, on bass, guitarist Jimmy Davidson and drummer Alex McManus.

The band tore through "Strange Language," and continued through a couple of songs from a collaboration with members of Widespread Panic called "Brute."

After he asked the crowd for requests, which were mostly obscure titles by an obscure musician. Vic launched in "Grav-

ity of the Situation," the subtitle for the Sweet Relief compilation.

As the show continued, Vic turned many of the songs from his recent release into feedback-laden tunes, giving such tracks as "Ladle," "Swelters," "Hot Seat," "Terragon," and "Threads," lively reworkings that went far beyond what I had imagined they would sound like live.

Vic finished the show with a few more songs, ending with an unreleased tune called "Second Floor" that was brilliant.

Vic is a busy man, he is scheduled to tour the country though March and April, with another broadcast of a concert in Seattle set to hit the Internet on Easter. He then will return to Europe, where he usually attracts crowds double the size of his stateside crowds. He is also planning to return to the Northeast in late May or June.

## • CD Review

## Helmet's latest leaves 'Aftertaste'

By Yolanda Sly  
Maine Campus staff

Helmet's fourth recording, "Aftertaste," is a step up for the band, and previous long-term fans will notice a remarkable growth within the band's music. However, those who are not fans of the typical hard-core genre may not like the disc, which is on Interscope Records.

As compared to their other albums, "Aftertaste" is a coming of age for the band, which is finally coming into its own. The band is jumping off "Betty," its last recording, which also served as a stepping stone for the band.

"We're not funk, jazz or blues," Hamilton said, about the album "Betty." "Those things were my indulgences. I tried to force the music in different directions. I know fans were disappointed, but I think it's important to try to grow. Sometimes that attempt leads you back to where you started, but if you don't try to reach, you end up doing watered-down versions of stuff you originally excelled at."

Helmet's members do not reflect the look of the stereotypical heavy metalists, however. They look as if they should be members of the ROTC, using another type

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## • People

## Youngman no young man

NEW YORK (AP) — Henny Youngman celebrated his 91st birthday Wednesday. His material's not getting any younger, either.

The King of the One-Liners sat down with his family, friends and a few reporters for lunch and a few laughs to mark the milestone. It took only the slightest prodding for the fragile Youngman to slip back into his tried and true routines.

Henny, to what can you attribute your longevity?

"Breathing."

Any advice for people who want to get

into show biz?

"Stay out."

How has New York changed?

"More pickpockets."

Youngman's hands are a little shaky and he sports two hearing aids, but he remembers all the jokes from all the nights in all the clubs. He even unveiled some new material, distributing copies of his "Last Last Will & Testament."

"I am now leaving my body to Julia Roberts — if she can't wait she can have it now," it read. "And to Dennis Rodman, I leave \$100 for a first visit to a psychiatrist."

## Helmet

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of metal.

Lead singer Page Hamilton sings more on this album. His voice has more melody and is more vocalized opposed to the grunts and monotone voice that is found on the band's prior recordings.

Drummer John Stanier has maintained constancy throughout the band's recordings, providing heavy-driving beats throughout the band's songs.

Guitar players Hamilton and Henry Bogdan provide additional muscular-riffing sounds throughout the disc.

The ninth song on the CD, "Diet Aftertaste," is a throwback to the band's album "Meantime," which is rife of angst filled power riffing.

"Aftertaste" also demonstrates the band's growth in producing albums: it is not as cluttered as their past recordings.

"I need to see more than a bunch of kids jumping around breaking each other's noses. I need to communicate emotion to an audience who'll listen," Hamilton said.

Helmet is currently touring with Core



Helmet is: (l. to r.) drummer John Stanier, lead singer and guitarist Page Hamilton, guitarist Henry Bogdan and bass player Chris Traynor. (Courtesy Photo.)

and Prong and will be performing at the Central Maine Civic Center in Lewiston on Thursday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call the Civic Center at 783-2009. Cost of tickets is \$18.50 in cash before the show if bought at the ticket window, or \$21.75 by using a credit card to reserve tickets at the box office.

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For example, the king is the All-American white male, the queen is the judge, and the two castles represent a white maternity home and a white courthouse. Fittingly, the pawns represent unwed mothers, aborted females, and abortionists caught in the middle of a power struggle of which they have no control.

"Wake Up Little Susie" is a social as well as a political commentary. It also deals with how black women were treated differently than white women in their struggles to control the right to make choices involving their bodies during the postwar decades that predate the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

"Warnings" consists of technical experimentation with computer photomontage and video editing techniques and brings to us a different aesthetic regarding the issues surrounding women's reproductive rights.

The artist, Lisa Link, was motivated by anti-abortionist supporters of recent years equating pro-choice activists with the Nazis of the 1930s; however, two years of her own in-depth historical research has proved quite the opposite.

Link draws together parallels between the threats to women's rights in the U.S. today at the hands of pro-life supporters and their erosion 60 years ago in Nazi Germany. For example, a photomontage depicting a background of fries, a fore-

ground of cheeseburgers and a middle ground of Nazi soldiers compares two quotes: "Abortion is to blame for the shortage of help in fast food restaurants and grocery stores. The babies aborted in the '70s would now be serving cheeseburgers," said Mike Wiley, Oregon Citizens Alliance, summer 1990, and "If these abortions could be prevented, in 20 years we would have an additional 200 regiments," said a Nazi SS officer in 1936. These parallels drawn between the past and the present sometimes have a humorous spin, but are by no means a distraction from the gravity of their subject matter.

These exhibits invite neither pro-abortion nor pro-life interpretations. Instead, they challenge us to think actively about how women's reproductive rights have been dealt with in the past and are intended to enlighten us with what is and should be happening with women's rights today. Both exhibits are historically oriented, drawing from events of the past so that we may learn from history and not be condemned to repeat it.

The exhibitions opened February 28 and will continue until March 26, with a closing reception Friday March 21, 5-7 p.m. The Museum of Art is open Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information call (207) 581-3255. All shows are free and open to the public.

## Blade

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interest in a girl from the dollar store Linda tries to fix him up with.

Thornton's screenplay and direction skirt the edge of sentimentality, but never cross over. The pacing follows Karl's own speed as he meanders through his new life on the outside. At times the camera lingers on Karl's face, void of expression, even though he isn't speaking.

Many of the actions of the film revolve around biblical notions of family, brotherhood and retribution. This works well with the film's Arkansas setting, smack in the middle of the Bible Belt.

The cast is powerful: Yoakam, a singer by trade, is excellent and Black, who starred on the short-lived CBS series "American Gothic," is an incredible ac-

tor, regardless of his youth.

John Ritter is great as Linda's boss and friend Vaughn Cunningham. One of the funniest scenes in the film involves a conversation between Vaughn and Karl in a diner, in which Vaughn tries to explain his sexual preference to Karl, who thinks he'd like to take some of the "french-fried potatoes" home.

Thornton was nominated for Academy Awards for his portrayal of Karl and for his adapted screenplay. If there is any justice in the world, he'll win at least one of them. It's a shame the film wasn't nominated for best picture, because this was easily one of the five best films of the year, if not the best.

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# Sports Page

## •Baseball

# The New Kid in Town

Coach Kostacopoulos replaces UMaine baseball legend John Winkin, brings new attitude, new game plan to Black Bears

By Larry Rogers  
Maine Campus staff

There's a new team on the University of Maine campus this spring. This new team will play 16 home games on Mahaney Diamond in April when the snow melts and has already competed in 16 games in Florida over spring break.

Sound familiar? Easy, right? It's the University of Maine baseball team. On the surface, yes. But a closer look at this group of young men reveals something new. It's the new Maine baseball team.

With the help of first-year coach Paul Kostacopoulos, the Black Bear baseball team has ushered in a new era. The uniforms and hats are the same and most of the guys wearing them are the same, but there's just a new felling around the Mahaney Diamond Clubhouse and the UM field house where the team practices in the winter. Call it optimism, call it excitement, call it whatever you want, but whatever it is, it's for real and it's been missing the past three years.

The Black Bears returned Sunday from the team's most successful spring trip since 1992. Maine went 5-11, hardly a win-loss record that would cause you to grab the nearest telephone now to book plane tickets for June's College World Series in Omaha, Neb., but if you consider Maine's combined record in its last three spring trips of 2-56, it's a giant leap of progress.

Kostacopoulos, known as "Kosty" to everyone associated with him (it even says Coach Paul Kosty on his office door in the Mahaney Clubhouse), arrived in

Orono last August when athletic administration decided the baseball team needed to go in a new direction and didn't renew the contract of 22-year coaching legend Dr. John Winkin, who led Maine to nine NCAA Tournament appearances from 1976-1993. Kosty was selected from a small group of finalists. At 31, he became just Maine's third head coach in 41 years.

Kosty came to Maine after a successful tenure as head coach of Providence College, where he also played baseball or four years and was captain his senior year in 1987. He served as an assistant coach for the next two seasons and then at age 25 he became the youngest head coach in the country in 1990.

Kosty posted an impressive 220-137 record (.616 winning percentage) in seven seasons at Providence, including NCAA Tournament appearances in 1992 and 1995. His teams won 108 games in his last three years there. Despite his young age, Kosty insists the Maine job won't just be a brief stepping stone.

"This is where I want to be," said Kosty, whose youthful looks may cause some people to confuse him for a player. "I wouldn't have left a successful program like Providence if this wasn't where I wanted to be. This is a great job."

Kosty said he was a little surprised by the amount of community support the baseball team receives here, such as people coming up to him at local shopping centers and asking him about the team and about specific players.

"When people take an interest in the program it's flattering," he said. "It's

just a good feeling. I'm real happy about how the program is perceived here around Bangor, Old Town and Orono and I think in the whole state.

"I enjoy the people here immensely, they're really into baseball. I like the campus and the style of kids here, they're down-to-earth. I feel comfortable here and I think that means a lot to how happy

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Paul Kostacopoulos was named Maine's new baseball coach on Aug. 16, 1996, after the university decided not to renew the contract of 22-year coach John Winkin. (Courtesy Photo)

## The Kosty File

1990: 27-21

1991: 35-16

1992: 29-23, Big East

Tournament Champions,  
NCAA tournament  
appearance

1993: 21-24

1994: 32-21

1995: 44-15, NCAA

Tournament appearance

1996: 32-17

Career: 220-137

## • Field hockey

# Spring break in Ireland

By Josh Nason  
Maine Campus Staff

While a lot of students head to Mexico or Florida for spring break, the Maine field hockey team headed to Ireland where it hoped to hone its skills for competition this fall.

The trip, supported by fundraising, had the ladies on the road eight days. The ECAC champions went 2-2-1 during this time, playing top university teams as well as some of the better Irish club teams. Eighteen players, including two seniors, went on the trip.

Head coach Terry Kix explained that field hockey is popular in most European countries, and is a part of their athletic culture. She said that along with the benefits of playing five games on artificial turf, there were a lot of other positives that the team got out of the experience.

"We got to prove our playing abilities, and also enjoy the Irish culture. I think we really learned to appreciate what we have in the states," Kix said. "A lot of other foreign countries have things on a smaller scale."

"When you are away from your home country, you really miss things, and learn to appreciate them more. We also learned

the Irish people are really caring, hard working and very hospitable."

Kix said that the Irish players are very smart, and possess other skills that are developed from age three or four.

"They are more experienced and see the plays quicker and faster. Their passing and receiving skills are a step ahead of ours at this point," Kix said.

The trip, in a sense, can be seen as part of the team's offseason conditioning program. The team plays three times a week, most of the time in the early morning, as well as lifting weights three times a week. Soon, they will start the conditioning aspect of their regimen, running for four hours a week.

In offseason news, Kix has received letters of intent from three incoming freshman, and one transfer. Most notably is Norika Kariya, the younger sister of NHL star and UMaine alum Paul and current Black Bear standout Steve. Kix says that the forward/midfielder has incredible speed and explosiveness, and hopes she can add to the scoring capabilities of the team.

Also, there is midfielder Stephanie Chakamakian, Katherine Henrick, the

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## • Column

# Pitino shows he cares



By Scott Martin  
Maine Campus Staff

Notes from my blurry tournament-filled head.

•Rick Pitino wins the award for most genuine coach for his actions over the past two months

involving the futures of two of his stars. Wednesday Pitino announced, despite medical clearance for Derek Anderson to play, that Anderson was in fact going to sit out the remainder of the tournament.

Anderson tore his right anterior cruciate ligament Jan. 18 and has made an almost unbelievable recovery. He has been practicing with the Wildcats this week and Pitino said he has been Kentucky's best player during that time.

Pitino says he doesn't want Anderson risking his NBA career. Bravo! Someone finally is taking into the consideration the future of the kids. Pitino already advised Ron Mercer to

leave school and make himself available in the NBA draft. Pitino could have been selfish and told these two players to do otherwise because of wanted wins and his own limelight, but let's be honest, he has enough of both and is thinking about what is best for these two players.

It's about time.

•Stanford senior guard Brevin Knight Wednesday eluded to the fact that the Cardinal women's team is more pretigious and recognized than the men's team. Sound familiar?

The Maine men's basketball team has lived in the shadows of the very successful women's program. The difference between the Stanford programs is not as great as the difference between the Maine programs, as both are on a totally different level than that at Maine, but the situation is very similar.

While the Stanford women have All-American Kate Stabird, are 30-1 and have one of the best coaches in the nation (Gold Medal-winning Tara VanDerveer), and have been picked by everyone to make the Final Four, the men's team is a surprise to still be alive in the Sweet 16.

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## Column

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The Maine women are led by honorable mention All-American Cindy Blodgett and is picked every year to win the conference. The men's team has struggled, its best finish in the last three years was third place.

•While everyone's No. 1 draft pick Tim Duncan is no longer playing in the tournament, some of the best NBA prospects are still in the tournament.

Utah senior Keith Van Horn will more than likely be the draft's second pick, but now that Mercer is coming out, he could steal that spot. Van Horn has better numbers (22.2 points per game, 9.4 rebounds per game) but Mercer (18.1 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 2.3 assists per game) is much more

athletic and a better outside shooter.

Antawn Jamison of North Carolina could be drafted in the fourth spot if he decides to leave UNC. Jamison is one of the more athletic big men in the college game today and has the numbers to prove it—19.2 points and 9.5 boards per game. He is ready for the NBA but has stated he enjoys college and may not leave Carolina.

Jacque Vaughn of Kansas and Stanford's Knight could go high in the draft. They will definitely be the best pure point guards available. Vaughn would have been an All-American had he not missed most of the season with a broken wrist and Knight has almost single-handedly led the Cardinal to the Sweet 16.

## • Boxing

## Morrison arrested

FORT SCOTT, Kan. (AP)—Boxer Tommy Morrison was arrested Thursday on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol, violating the terms of a suspended sentence for carrying a loaded handgun.

Morrison, of Jay, Okla., was pulled over about 3 a.m. for driving 52 mph in a 30 mph zone, said Police Chief Larry Dixon. Morrison was the only person in the pickup truck near downtown, Dixon said.

"The officer originally observed the vehicle, with radar, speeding," Dixon said. "It weaved across the center line a couple of times and weaved back."

Dixon said the alcohol level in Morrison's blood was 0.16. The legal limit in Kansas is 0.08.

Morrison was booked into Bourbon County

Jail and released a few hours later. His arraignment in municipal court is April 17.

The 28-year-old fighter pleaded guilty Oct. 28 in Delaware County, Okla., to transporting a loaded firearm. Morrison, who is HIV-positive, received a six-month suspended sentence and a \$100 fine in that case. He also was ordered to spend 30 hours talking to schoolchildren about AIDS.

That sentence was to run concurrently with a plea bargain in March, when he pleaded no contest to two counts of assault and battery against a Delaware County woman.

Thursday's arrest is a violation of Morrison's suspended sentence, said Loretta Kirby, a secretary for the Delaware County District Attorney's office. Kirby said prosecuting attorneys would file a motion to revoke the suspension.

## • MLB

## Interleague games excite players

(AP)—Tom Glavine circled the date as soon as he saw the schedule.

A National Leaguer his whole career, Glavine finally gets to test the Green Monster in late August. That's when his Atlanta Braves visit Boston, and the one-time schoolboy star from Massachusetts can't wait.

"I've seen an awful lot of games at Fenway Park and never got a chance to play there," the pitcher said. "I'm really excited."

If he's pumped, just imagine how Mark McGwire must feel. That same weekend, he can try to crush a ball 800 feet when his Oakland Athletics play Colorado at Coors Field.

What about it, Mark? Are you juiced, or what?

"Why are they trying to change the game of baseball?" he snapped. "For what? Revenue? Money?"

"It's going to take away from the World Series," he said. "That's what makes baseball so unique. You've got two leagues and nobody plays each other and then you get together for the World Series."

And there you have it, fans. Even the game's best players cannot agree on what surely will be the game's most resisted move ever.

Interleague play.

Let the great debate rage right up to that historic first NL-AL regular-season game on June 12, when the San Francisco Giants play at the Texas Rangers. Four days later, the real rivalries begin when the New York Mets travel across town to Yankee Stadium, the Chicago Cubs take on the Chicago White Sox and the Cincinnati Reds (with Deion Sanders back from the NFL) face the Cleveland Indians for

bragging rights in Ohio.

In the meantime, there's plenty else worth watching.

A season dedicated to the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier will feature a new ballpark—Turner Field in Atlanta—and a new team, sort of—the Anaheim Angels.

Lots of players are in new places, and umpires are bringing a new, get-tough attitude in the aftermath of the Roberto Alomar spitting incident. And this is really new—there's labor peace, at last, between owners and players, meaning no more strikes or lockouts at least until 2001.

For those who didn't read the transactions wire on a daily basis, Albert Belle got \$55 million to sign with the White Sox, Roger Clemens moved to Toronto, Matt Williams was traded to Cleveland and Jose Canseco was reunited with McGwire as the Bash Brothers in Oakland.

The Florida Marlins spent nearly \$90 million to sign several top free agents, hoping they can stop the Braves' run of five straight division titles. They also hired Jim Leyland, one of six managers with new jobs.

The New York Yankees, meanwhile, found out how hard it is to stay on top. Shortly after Joe Torre's team rallied for the World Series championship, key contributors John Wetteland, Jimmy Key and Jim Leyritz bolted.

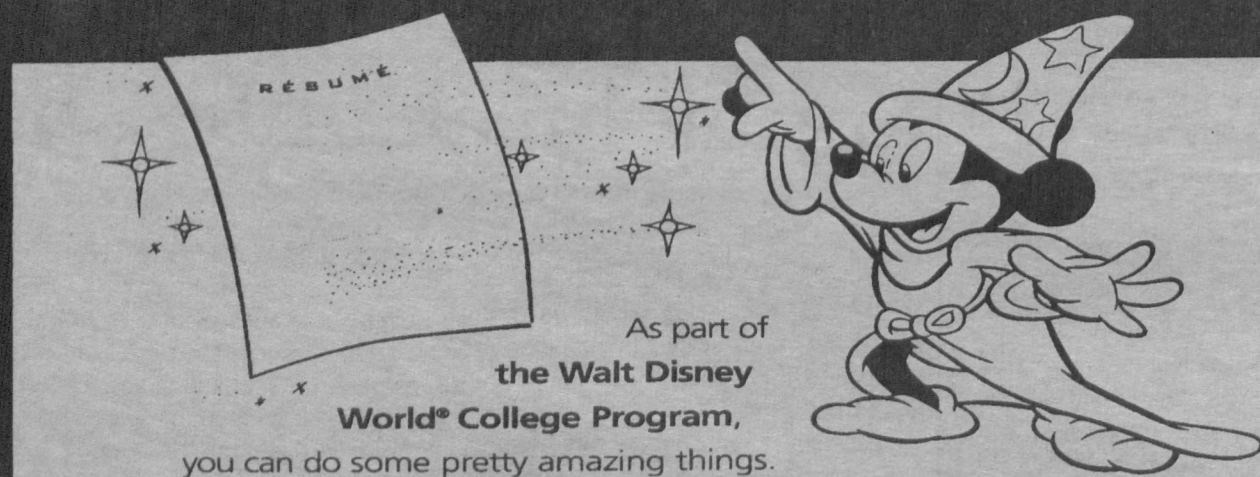
"I really didn't get much chance to enjoy it," Torre said this spring. "That's baseball in the '90s, I guess."

Cal Ripken changed places, too. Baltimore's shortstop since 1982, he shifted to become the Orioles' full-time third baseman, with his consecutive games streak intact at 2,316 (for those counting, the second-longest active string belongs to Craig Biggio at 219).

At 36, maybe it was time for Ripken to move over. There's a new breed of young shortstops who are redefining the job, with the likes of Alex Rodriguez and Derek Jeter putting some pop into the position.

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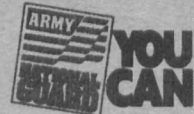
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## Kosty

I am with my job and I think that goes a long way."

## A new philosophy

With a new coach also means a new style of baseball, and eventually, different kinds of players. Kosty brought with him a hard-nosed, Charlie Hustle style of baseball. Practices are a lot louder now than they used to be.

"I think probably the Maine difference is that Coach Kosty gets a little bit more vocal than Coach Winkin did," says senior captain and ace pitcher Garret Quinn who emerged from the spring trip with a 3-0 record and a 2.39 ERA. "He's very intense and he demands a lot more intensity out of his players in practice and in game situations."

Volunteer assistant coach Ted Novio, who played for Winkin from 1988-1991 and then coached with him for four years, has noticed a new enthusiasm throughout the team since the Kosty regime began.

"At practice there's a lot more energy," said Novio. "There's an attitude that losing isn't going to be accepted. The kids are going to learn the right way and they're going to be there until it's done right."

Kosty's goal is to turn the Maine program around and reclaim the status as the best program in the Northeast. He wants Maine to be the top choice of all the best prospects in New England and even further down the East coast. It's no secret that Maine hasn't been able to attract the same caliber of players it once could and Kosty wants to change that.

He's also looking at players cut out of a different mold than what Winkin recruited.

"We're trying to recruit the guys that are a little more active on the bases," said Kosty. "The one thing about getting a little more speed is that speed doesn't go into a slump. You can run on Tuesday, you can run on Thursday and you can run on Saturday. It never goes into a slump. I think every good hitting team goes into a slump."

Getting faster players to come into Orono fits into Kosty's baseball philosophy, which is also quite different from his predecessor's.

"His style is move runners base to base and not rely on the power hitters and

the three-run homer to score runs," says Novio. "His game is a much more modern game than opposed to the old Yankees system of getting runners on base and just hitting home runs."

## Changing the spring trip

Another part of Kosty's plan is toning down the spring schedule. Winkin was known for putting together the most demanding schedule he could for his team against the best competition in the land. Throughout the 1970s and 80s and even in the early 90s, this was fine. Maine had a program that could compete on a national scale. The team made four straight appearances in the College World Series from 1981 to 1984. Scheduling games with national powers like Miami, Florida, Florida State and Texas was not unrealistic. But over the last four years Maine has struggled almost to the point of embarrassment during its annual spring trip. The team sunk to an all-time low with an 0-22 start last spring, 18 of those losses coming at the hands of top-25 teams.

"I think a lot of the kids would look at the (spring) schedule and they would say to themselves 'is there a game we can win?'" said Novio. "They knew that going down there that, yeah, maybe we can compete with these guys, but when you play for 17 straight days against top-20 teams, after a while you do wonder whether you can win or not."

This year's spring trip did feature 16 games in 16 days, but, with the exception of juggernaut Florida, ranked No. 8 in the nation, most of the games were against teams similar to Maine. The Bears responded by hitting .261 as a team, the team's highest spring trip average since 1993. Four players hit over .300, which was a first since 1992. Junior third baseman/outfielder T.J. Sheedy batted .417 on the trip, which was the highest individual average since 1990. But most importantly, with five wins under their belts, the team came back north with some new-found confidence.

Although this year's spring schedule was somewhat "scaled down" from past spring trips, it was still not all of Kosty's doing. Schedules are sometimes completed up to a year in advance.

"I may schedule differently in the fu-

ture," said Kosty. "I certainly will, I won't even hide that. I'll schedule what I call 'teams like us', good baseball schools that happen to have poor weather. They're going to have the same limitations we have and we're going to play them. Is that backing down? Absolutely not. My job is to make sure a demanding difficult schedule doesn't shatter the confidence of the players."

His scheduling formula will be similar to the way it was done at Providence. His team only had one week for the spring trip and would play nine games. The schedule would include three games against team he knew they could beat, three against team equal to his and three against team he knew were a little better. Maine of course gets two weeks, but the breakdown of games could be the same.

Kosty is also looking into extending the baseball season to get more home games later in the spring when the weather is much nicer.

"I'm on an NCAA committee that is looking into extending the college season by 10 days to two weeks," he said. "it will be ruled on next year. If we could grab 10 days or so when it is so critical up here because when the weather turns, it turns. There is no gradual process."

"I think it would get fan interest and get kids interested in coming here." He added that ticket sales could cover the cost and it would not be a financial burden to the University.

When the Black Bears play their first home game on April 18 against Husson College, fans will get to glimpse "Kosty ball" and see for themselves the pride that has been restored in the Maine baseball program.

## Ireland

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younger sister of assistant coach Margaret Henrick, and sophomore-to-be Heather Nelson, a transfer from Virginia Commonwealth who is "versatile, highly skilled, and adds depth anywhere on the field," according to Kix.

The Black Bears will lose some of their scoring and defensive punch to graduation with both Annie Elkanich and Dawn Porter moving on. Elkanich was one of the offensive leaders in America East, while Porter anchored one of the best defenses in the conference for four years.

Along with outstanding goalie Cindy Botett, Dedra Delilli and Jeni Turner will return to lead a club made up of mostly sophomores and juniors. Kix expects the club to have more depth, and she plans to use a lot of players during games.

"(We want to) really play an aggressive, upbeat style of play," Kix said. "Our new strategy will be to have more players playing, and going full speed ahead, trying to wear opposing teams out."

## Rec Sports

The Rec Sports Fun Night is scheduled to take place tonight.

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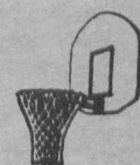
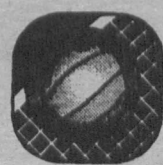
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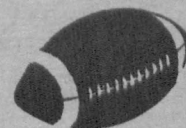
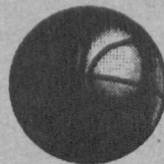
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## MLB

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Of course, anyone who walked up to the plate last year seemed to be in scoring position.

Leadoff man Brady Anderson hit 50 home runs and three teams, including his Orioles, broke the record of 240 homers set by the 1961 Yankees with Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle. McGwire led with 52 and the Rockies had three guys with at least 40.

There were 4,962 home runs, shattering the record of 4,458 in 1987. How crazy did the homer binge become? In the annual Hall of

Fame exhibition game, Angels bullpen catcher Mick Billmeyer stepped into a batter's box for the first time in three years and promptly cleared the bleachers in right field.

It got so out of whack that baseball's rulers — remember, there's been no commissioner since September 1992 — thought about raising the mound, just to give the poor pitchers a chance. Hard to say what will happen in 1998 when the expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Arizona Diamondbacks

join the majors and further dilute the pitching pool.

Also hard to say how umpires and players will get along once the season opens on April 1.

Upset that Alomar did not draw more than a five-game suspension for spitting in John Hirschbeck's face last September, umpires vowed to get tougher this season. They said they wouldn't take any lip, and showed what they meant with several rare spring training ejections.

Alomar and Hirschbeck will meet up for the first time since the incident on April 22 when the Orioles are home against Chicago. Hirschbeck does not plan to shake Alomar's hand or make any special goodwill gesture.

"I'll just treat it like another game," Hirschbeck said.

The AL-NL meetings, however, will not be like any other games. Like the DH debate but much more so, the idea of interleague play will divide purists from futurists.

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