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• Gubernatorial visit

King speaks at pulp, paper forum

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

Gov. Angus King told members of the Pulp and Paper Foundation Thursday that community interaction is vital to the success of the country's pulp and paper industry. King spoke at the foundation's open house.

"In my view, one of the problems that the paper industry in Maine has is that it has not, as an institution, involved itself sufficiently in the life of the state," King said.

The Pulp and Paper Foundation is comprised of businesses who join for the benefit of the pulp and paper industry and to grant scholarships for students in the field.

King said the pulp and paper industry is vulnerable because it is closely tied with environmen-

tal issues.

"The reason that I say this is because of your intimate relationship with nature and the environment," he said.

King offered nine pieces of advice that he said would benefit the industry. He said the industry needs to educate the public about the industry. Doing so would end many of the questions and misconceptions people have about the industry.

"We've got to educate people on how the forests work, how the processes work, how the industry works," he said. "Education is crucial, and I mean education at all levels."

King said it is important to bring people into mills to explain to them what goes on in one. If the industry becomes more involved with the community, it will make a difference in im-

proving the pulp and paper industry, he said.

King told industry representatives not to cry wolf. The public believes the industry has cried wolf too often with regard to the effects laws and regulations would have on the industry, King said.

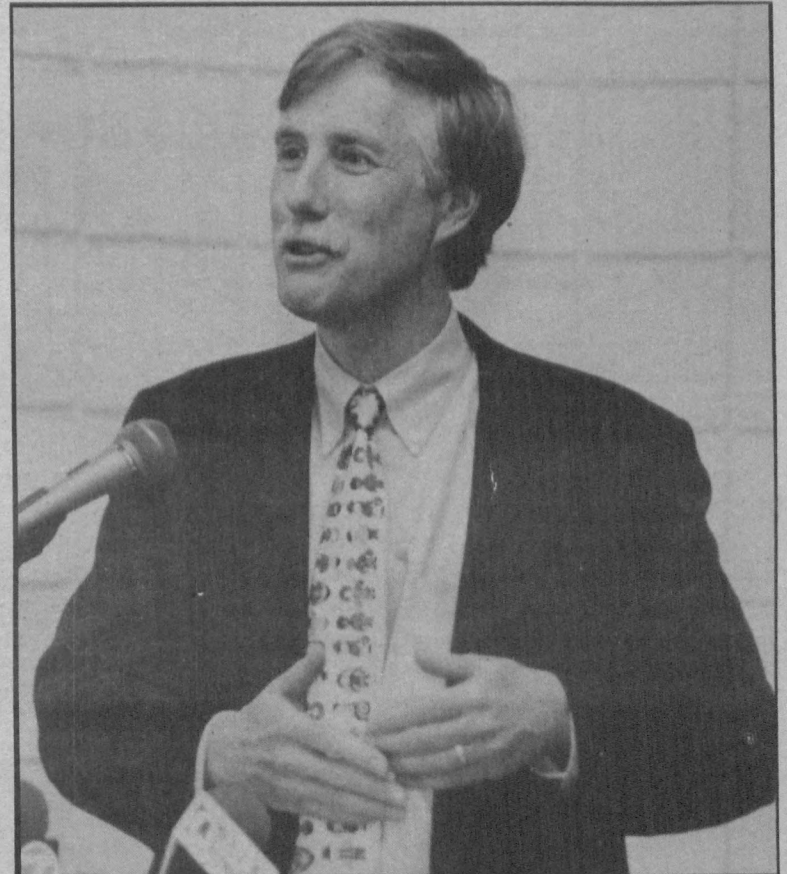
He also said the industry should be charitable as it has always been in Maine and that it has done just that in the state of Maine.

"Candor goes a long way," he said. "It will help your credibility and image down the road."

He said the industry should not rely on public relations and they should really mean what they say.

"People know when they're being conned," he said. "If

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Gov. Angus King addresses the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

And Fergus was his name-o



Fergus sits with his owner Laura Owan (l), an associate English professor, and Marilyn Emerick (r), an administrative assistant. See story on page 6. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

• Improvements

Orono school disrepair exacerbated by cuts

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

The Orono school system is facing a dilemma: With tapped-out tax payers and hundreds of thousands of dollars of school repairs needed, what's a school to do? Estimated repairs budgets have shrunk from \$2.4 million to \$1.7 million to \$764,000 and, finally, to \$204,000. The last two budgets were unveiled at Tuesday's School Board meeting.

"My greatest concern with these proposals is as we continue to pare them down and pare them down, is that we continue to have the needs that were back on the \$2.4 million

list," School Board Chair Kathleen Halstead said.

The \$204,000 budget outlines repairs needed for health, life and safety issues, which include improving or replacing exit doors and emergency lighting at the Asa Adams Elementary School and the middle and high Schools (which are in the same facility) as well as a new fire alarm system for the high school.

Superintendent of Schools Bill Ziemer said the fire department insists on the installation of new fire doors.

One school board member

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• Guest Lecture Series

Kennedy crusades for environment

By Jeff Tuttle
Maine Campus staff

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a leading environmental lawyer and activist, said the environment is imbedded in American culture and defines us as a nation.

Kennedy spoke in Hauck Auditorium last night as part of the Guest Lecture Series.

"We have a closer connection to nature in this country than other industrialized nations on earth," Kennedy said. "It's always been the source of our identity."

"We have a relationship with nature," he said. "That's going to be the source of our values and our identity and our character as a people, and our mission as a people."

Alison Germain, a junior nat-

ural resources major, said Kennedy's analysis of how the environment defines our culture is sometimes overlooked by environmentalists, but is vital to the movement.

"It's important to focus on the larger cultural issues," Germain said. "That's what gives us hope."

Kennedy is the chief prosecuting attorney for Hudson Riverkeeper, a coalition of commercial and recreational fishermen, and serves as the senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council. He also teaches at Pace University Law School, a school in White Plains, N.Y., that specializes in environmental law.

Kennedy pointed to a rich literary, artistic and philosophical tradition in nature that began with the founding of America. But he

said it has declined with the rise of big business, which, through influence in Washington, has damaged the environment for financial gain.

In 1994, Kennedy, at the urging of his peers and clients, went to Washington, D.C., as an environmental lobbyist to speak out against the bills that would have hurt the environment. Although he said he never wanted to spend much time in Washington, Kennedy said he's glad he went to the nation's capital to work against

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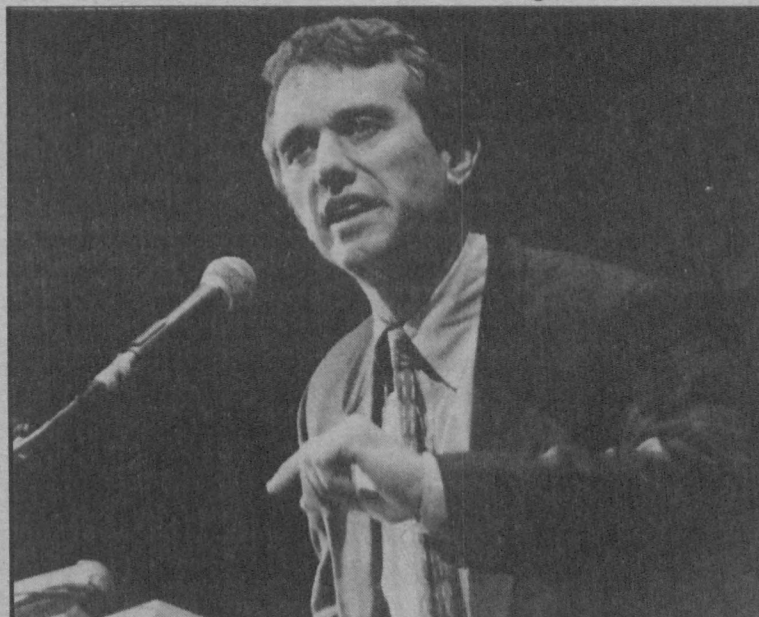
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Mostly sunny
highs in the 40s.

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Robert F. Kennedy Jr., son of slain Democratic presidential candidate, gives a lecture on environmental law at Hauck Auditorium Thursday night. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

World Briefs

• Cost-cutting

Renault forced to shut down plant

1 BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Striking Renault workers voted Thursday to resume production after occupying the Vilvoorde plant for six weeks to protest the factory's closing.

The French automaker's decision to shut down the profitable plant has outraged unions, the Belgian government and European Union officials.

Nearly 69 percent of the voting workers opted to return to their jobs Monday, but unions warned that with almost one out of three employees wanting to continue the strike, assembly work will be difficult.

Striking workers will continue to occupy the factory's parking lot, where some 5,000 cars, ready for sale, have been blocked since the announcement of the closure Feb. 27.

About 90 percent of the plant's 3,100 employees voted.

Unions and Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene have asked Renault management in Paris to reconsider the closing, scheduled for July.

A Belgian court has ruled that the company's decision was illegal because there were no consultations with employees. The Brussels Labor Court ordered Renault to hold talks with workers on the planned shutdown.

Renault estimates closing the Vilvoorde factory will save the company \$149 million a year.

• Murder

Body of missing soldier discovered

2 JERUSALEM (AP) — An Israeli soldier who disappeared last fall was found dead in a Palestinian village in the West Bank today, the Israeli army said. The army said the Islamic militant group Hamas was responsible for the soldier's death.

Sharon Edri was last seen Sept. 9 at a hitchhiking post near his army base in central Israel, between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

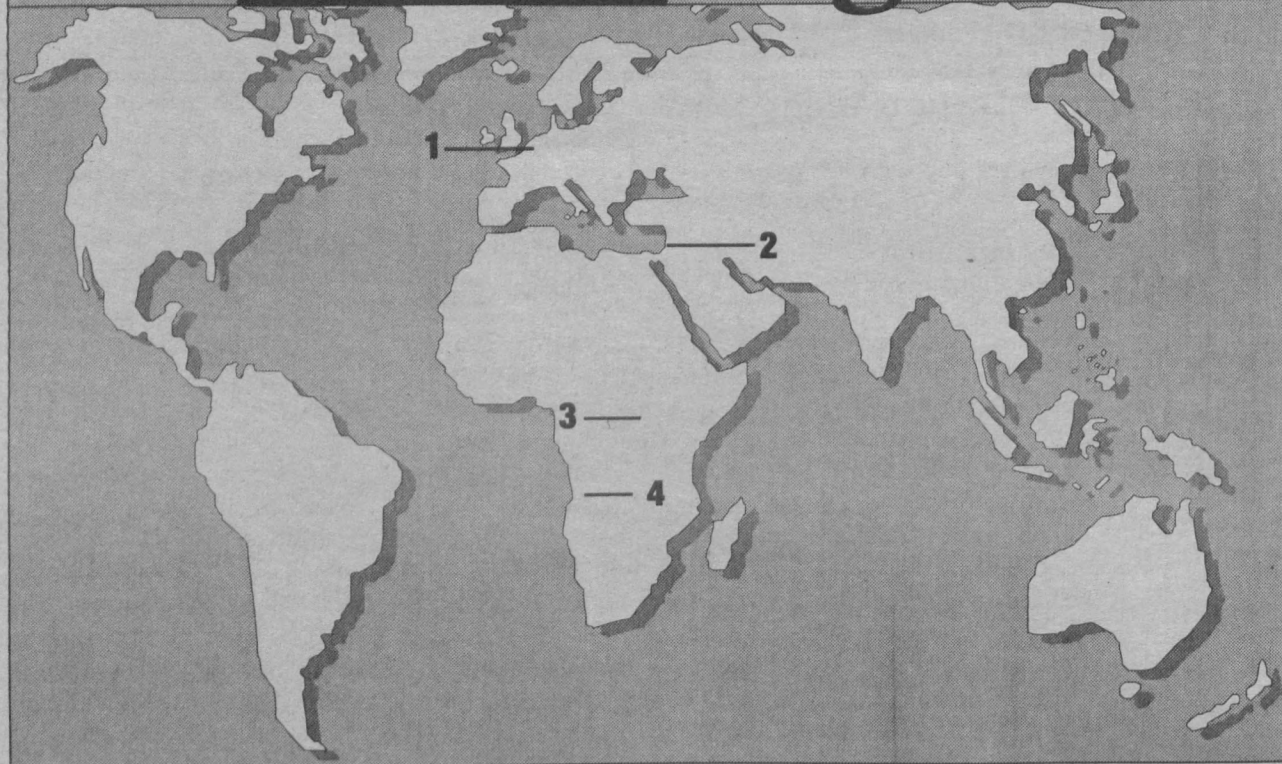
The army said Edri got into a car with Israeli license plates near the base. A few moments later, one of the people in the car shot him with a pistol.

The body was found in Zurif, a West Bank village outside Hebron. At least 20 people were arrested in the village today, local residents said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, speaking from The Hague, said Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority assisted in cracking the case. The Palestinians arrested two Hamas members, which led to the discovery of the location of Edri's body, Netanyahu said.

Israel's army radio said the arrested men were members of the same cell responsible for the March 21 suicide bombing in a Tel Aviv cafe that killed three Israeli women, and for four shooting attacks on Israelis.

World Digest



• Verdicts

Rwandan court finds accused man innocent

3 KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — A Rwandan court acquitted a man of genocide in the 1994 slaughter of 500,000 people, Rwanda radio reported today.

A court in Nyamata, central Rwanda, acquitted Joseph Karega on Wednesday "after proving beyond doubt that he was not guilty of the crimes of genocide and other crimes against humanity he was earlier charged with," the radio said.

Karega is the second person to be acquitted since Rwanda began trying genocide cases Dec. 27. Details of the charges against him were not available.

At least 13 have been sentenced to death. An appeals court last week upheld the first death sentence for genocide.

Rwanda is holding 102,446 people in crowded prisons, according to the international Red Cross, most of them awaiting trial in the 1994 government-sanctioned slaughter of at least a half-million Tutsis.

Human-rights groups have criticized the trials in Rwanda, saying judges and prosecutors are ill-trained and defense lawyers overburdened.

A U.N. court created for separate trials in Rwanda's genocide has been plagued by bureaucratic problems, and as of February had indicted only 21 people and taken only 13 into custody.

• Choice

Zaire's president given one last option to go

4 GOMA, Zaire (AP) — Rebel leader Laurent Kabila gave Zaire's president an ultimatum today — three days to resign and retreat to his home village — and announced that rebels have taken the country's second-largest city.

Although fighting continued early today on the outskirts of Lubumbashi, Kabila declared a three-day "pause" in his military advance to await a call from the capital indicating President Mobutu Sese Seko will resign.

"In three days, if we will not get good news from Kinshasa of his willingness to depart to the north, then we will be forced to continue the military advance," Kabila told reporters at a news conference at his Goma headquarters.

The rebel leader, who has captured one-third of Zaire since September, refused to elaborate on his ultimatum, saying only: "The loser is him if he doesn't take our advice."

U.N. staff reported gunfire and explosions in the general direction of the Lumumbashi airport, spokesman Juan-Carlos Brandt said in New York.

"It seems there are pockets of resistance but everything seems to indicate that indeed the city has fallen to the alliance," he said.

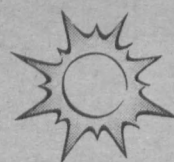
The rebels today advised all foreigners to get out of Kinshasa as soon as possible, claiming they were already in the capital.

Weather

The Local Forecast

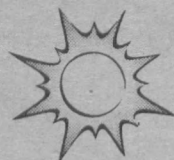
Today's Weather

Mostly sunny. Highs 40 to 45.



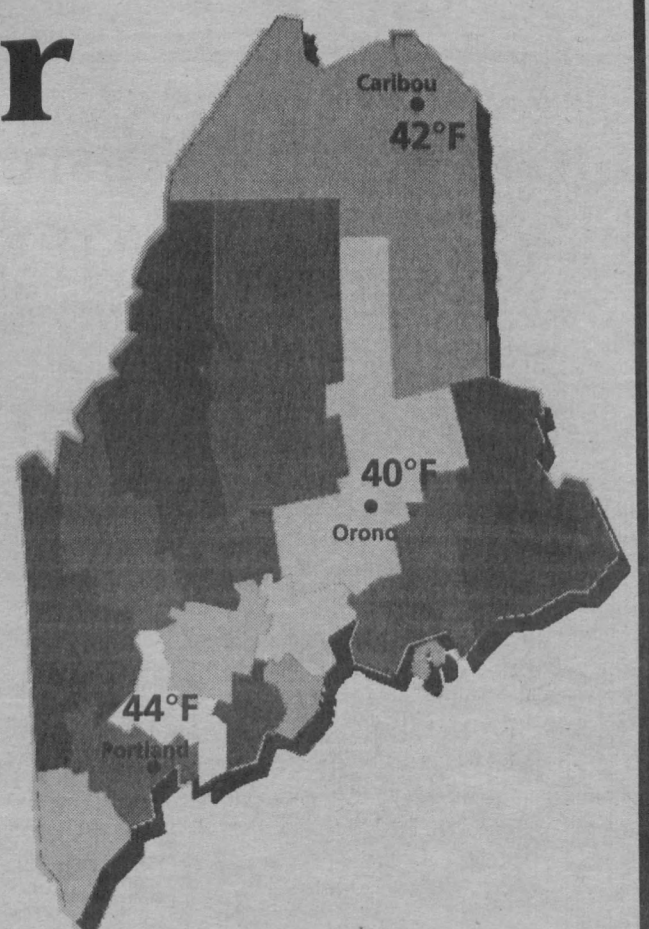
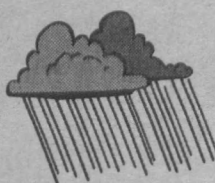
Saturday's Outlook

Mostly sunny. Increasing clouds in the afternoon. Highs in the 40s.



Extended Forecast

Sunday. Snow or mixed precipitation north. Rain or mixed precipitation ending south. Monday. Scattered flurries north. Fair south. Tuesday. Fair.



• International Luncheon

Democracy, monarchy balanced in ritual-rich Thai culture

Jodi Sokolowski
Maine Campus staff

Thailand has the longest-running monarchy in world history, according to Watinee Chaithirasakul, a Thailand native.

Chaithirasakul spoke at Wednesday's International Luncheon at the Memorial Union.

The monarchy still stands, even after a

revolutionary war for democracy. A constitution that made the king untouchable under law was created during the revolutionary war.

King Bhumibol Adulyadej is called "our father" by Thailand citizens.

"Our father, we respect him as a god," Chaithirasakul said. "Everyone absolutely loves the king for his work."

Even though the king reigns over the land,

Thailand held an election for a prime minister in December.

The prime minister is the formal general of the army, which is the most powerful and influential branch of military in Thailand, Chaithirasakul said. Thailand also has a navy and an air force.

There was a demand for democracy in Thailand not because there was social, political or economic unrest,

but because citizens desired for simply the word democracy, Chaithirasakul explained.

The king loves his people and grants his subjects the power to improve their well-being and living standards, Chaithirasakul said. "Everyone is quite free."

"We can't criticize the royal family in public, but we gossip about them with family and friends," said another Thailand citizen, Rujipa Nicrotha.

The monarchy and culture of Thailand is derived from Chinese culture along with surrounding neighbors.

Culture is also significantly borrowed from India, shown through craft, cloth and embroidery.

"India is the second most powerful (in culture) following China," Chaithirasakul said.

Thailand's culture is held in two divisions: the court and the people. Palaces are apparent in the country, with the king's palace in Bangkok, the capitol.

Wall paintings can be found in palaces and temples throughout Thailand.

"Some are more than 700 years old," Chaithirasakul said.

The second half of the culture is intermixed with the court culture, as when they celebrate two traditional cultures.

Songkran, a renewal of freshness, for the Thai's New Year's Day. The festival is held in April, which is hot in Thailand.

The younger citizens splash water on the older people as a sign of respect, Chaithirasakul said.

Loy Kratong is held in November on the night of a full moon. Offerings of incense, candle, and flowers are given to gods in thankfulness, Chaithirasakul said.

Food is also offered to the gods for protection and gratuity.

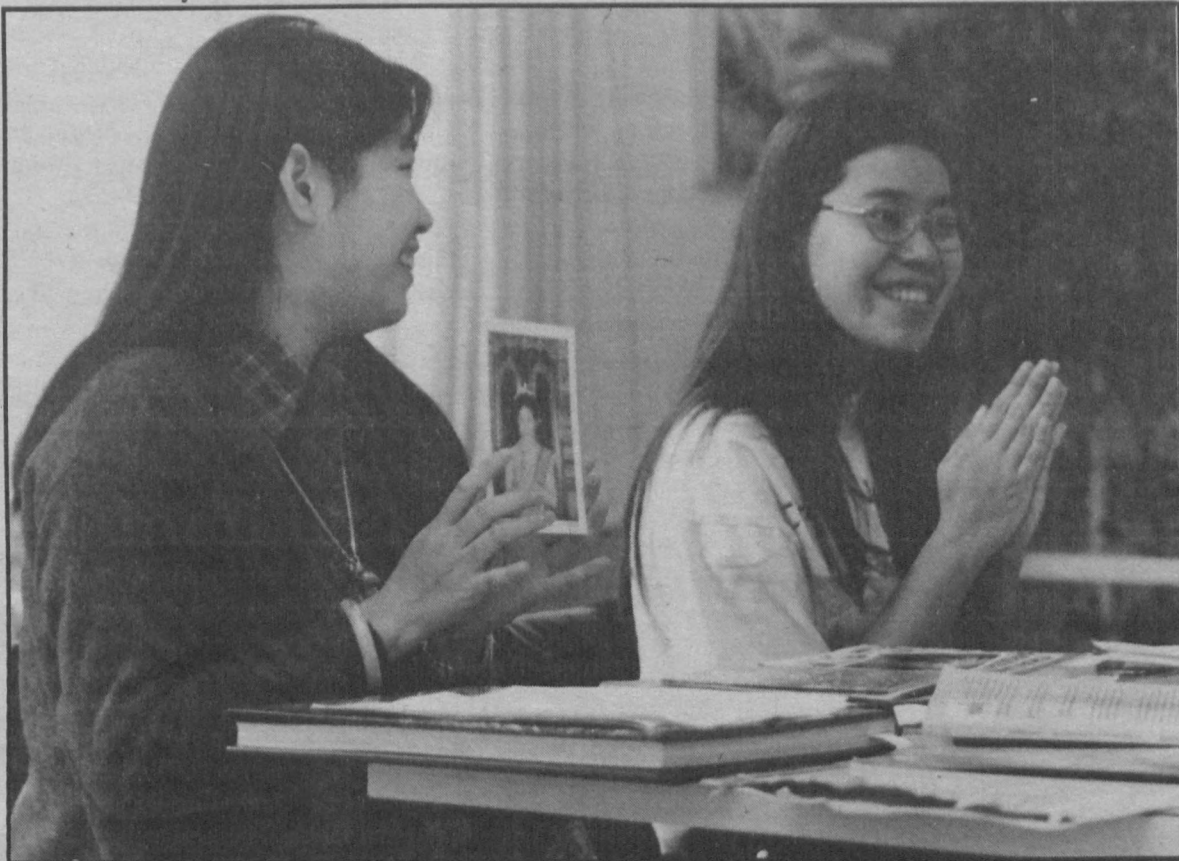
"Every house has a spirit to protect the people. (The gods give the people) happiness and take sad out of the house," Nicrotha said.

Thai food is a lot different from American food, Chaithirasakul said. Every main dish consists of rice instead of bread. Thai food is healthy with fruits and vegetables.

"Fruit is all through the year since it is a tropical area," Chaithirasakul said.

Pork, chicken and seafood is commonly eaten, although beef is not because Buddhism, the official religion, does not permit the killing of large animals, Chaithirasakul said.

Buddhism is the major religion with about 70 percent practicing and the remaining Muslim and Christian.



Rujipa Nicrotha (r) explains the various greetings used in Thailand at Wednesday's International Luncheon. Nicrotha and Watinee Chaithirasakul (l) described many of the customs and history of their homeland. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

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be Wednesday,
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Sex Matters

Sandra L. Caron, Ph.D



In honor of Gay Lesbian Bisexual Community Pride Week at the University of Maine

There are a number of programs planned for the week that will provide us with an opportunity for education as well as for reflection and discussion. In his writing "Homophobia on the College Campus," Brian McNaught,

author of the book "On Being Gay," provides us with a list of questions to prompt such a discussion. A sampling of these questions is listed below. As you read each one, please take the time to reflect on our own university. Do we really live in a "Safe Zone?"

1. Does the university recognize that there are gay, lesbian and bisexual people among administrators, faculty, staff, students and alumni? It is commonly accepted that 7 percent to 10 percent of the population is homosexual.

2. Can we agree that a significant number of people at this university have gay or lesbian family members and friends and that homophobia takes a toll on these individuals too? How do we imagine intense and pre-occupying negative feelings about homosexuality affects the well-being and productivity of heterosexual people?

3. Do we recognize that homophobic behaviors and attitudes exist on the campus? Would we, for instance, encourage a gay administrator, faculty or staff person or student to "come out"? If not, why? If the gay and lesbian members of our campus are not out, what toll do we imagine that it takes on them on a daily basis?

4. To what extent are we willing to go to guarantee that no discrimination exists?

5. Do openly gay and lesbian faculty receive tenure?

6. What would be the reaction to a gay or lesbian residence hall or to the formation of a gay and lesbian fraternity or sorority?

7. Does the student group Wilde Stein receive the same recognition and resources as other student groups?

8. Are gay and lesbian studies recognized as valid academic pursuits?

9. Is there a thorough, mandated training on the issues facing gay, lesbian and bisexual people for Public Safety, the health center and counseling staff, Campus Living personnel, Greek life, athletics and campus ministry?

10. Is there an orientation session for

all new students that outlines the university's policy on non-discrimination?

11. Is there an abundance of good current books in the library on homosexuality, written by and for gay people?

12. Do Cutler Health Center and the Counseling Center provide non-judgmental services? What would tell gay, lesbian and bisexual students they are safe and welcome?

13. Is there a thorough, mandated orientation session for all new students that discusses cultural diversity, teaches about homophobia and makes the link between racism, sexism and homophobia?

14. Are student leaders taking into consideration the needs of gay, lesbian and bisexual students when they plan student functions?

15. Do *The Maine Campus* and other campus media outlets regularly include information of interest to gay, lesbian and bisexual students?

16. Do fraternities and sororities acknowledge the presence and needs of gay and lesbian members? Are there non-discrimination guidelines in the national charter?

If you're really interested in getting involved and educating our community, contact the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Concerns Committee, at 581-1406.

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Kennedy

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what he called "the most anti-environmental Congress in our nation's history."

"If the laws that passed Congress had actually been signed into law by the president, we would have no significant federal environmental law left," Kennedy said. "That's not exaggeration. That's not hyperbole. That is a fact."

Many of the bills proposed by the Republican-controlled 104th Congress were rationalized by their sponsors in the name of economic development. Kennedy said a healthy economy and a healthy environment are not mutually exclusive.

"In 100 percent of the situation, good environmental policy is identical to good economic policy," said Kennedy, who pointed to the economic situation of other countries that didn't adopt similar environmental laws. "In those nations, environmental injury has matured into economic catastrophe."

Kennedy said his religious background

influenced his views on nature and strengthened his view of humans as caretakers of the earth.

"It taught me that man was given dominion over nature, but we were also given an obligation of stewardship," Kennedy said. "What does it say about us as a generation when half of the species on the face of the planet go extinct during our lifetime?"

It's important that people don't sacrifice their environment for short-term financial gain, Kennedy said. He said Americans could learn the importance of nature by looking to history and historic leaders, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and Franklin Roosevelt. He said these leaders were naturalists and recognized nature's prime importance in the nation's future.

"All of them were firmly rooted in nature," Kennedy said. "That rootedness gave them a special clarity of vision about the destiny of our nation."

The Storefront



The Storefront is a centrally located room (next to the post office) in the Memorial Union. It is staffed by professionals from the different Students Affairs Offices on a rotating basis. It provides information, services and a place for students to be heard.

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For weekly updates to the schedule, or for more information, call 581-1406

Coming Attractions for April & May

- **Campus Living**
Tuesday, April 8 & 22, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
✓ General Campus Living information and concerns
✓ Dining service questions
✓ Room sign-up information for next year
- **Campus Ministry**
Every Thursday, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
✓ Meet with campus clergy from the Newman Center
- **Career Center**
Wednesday, April 9 and 23 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 2, 16, and 30 (Union Lobby)
✓ General career services information including resume writing tips, co-op and internship information, job listings, on-campus recruiting information, etc.
- **Commuter/Non-Traditional Student Services**
Tuesday, April 14, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
✓ Student Nutrition Club offering information on nutritional needs.
✓ Complete a nutrition survey and discuss results with club members.
✓ Receive information on commuter and non-traditional student services
- **Counseling Center**
Friday, April 25, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
✓ Helpful information on how to prepare for final exams.
✓ General information on counseling services
- **Dean of Students**
Tuesday, April 8, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Friday, April 18, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
✓ Examine student life issues
✓ Critique programs and services offered by C.S.C.L.
✓ "Let the Dean advocate for you!"
- **Health Promotion/Community Development**
Every Monday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 3 & 17 - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
✓ Information about sleep and sleep disorders
✓ Upcoming health education events
✓ Information on UMaine's LET'S Volunteer - an alternative Spring Break Program
✓ Learn more about VOICE (Student Volunteer Program)
- **Vice President for Student Affairs**
Thursday, April 10, 24, and May 1, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
✓ The "Doctor" is in! Meet with Dr. John Halstead and his staff on a broad variety of student-related issues

Mark your calendars!

Meet with Student Affairs Staff

Key Student Services offered

Meet us at the Union!!

Orono

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voiced concern at the meeting about paying even the bare minimum for repairs.

"Am I pessimistic?" Ted Curtis said. "I don't see where \$204,000 is going to come from."

Halstead said the board is not planning to put the repair costs into the schools' operating budget for next year.

A letter from Northeast Building Consultants Inc. attached to both budgets states that \$764,000 is the "absolute minimum amount of work that should be executed this year."

"Your facilities will continue to slide downhill until you get caught up," writes the company's president, Melvin S. Cole.

The schools are also facing a federal mandate to separate their storm water and sewage, the cost of which is not included in the \$204,000 budget. Ziemer said sewage and storm water currently go to the sewage plant, but the school department would like to cut down on the amount of waste flowing into the plant. Separating the lines would require ripping the concrete floor out of a classroom that currently houses computers.

The \$764,000 budget also contains money for repairs to the floor, windows and bathrooms at the middle and high schools, which Ziemer said is a priority. The three sections of asbestos tile, which are tan and mismatched, are in the middle school and library, and were originally laid in 1938, 1953 and 1963.

Further inspection of two girls' bathrooms revealed tile falling off the walls, cracked concrete, holes in the walls and a paint-chipped radiator.

The windows in one classroom appear to be pulling away from their rotting wooden panes.

"This is not a healthy environment for

kids," Ziemer said, examining the windows.

Repairs were done to Orono schools in the last two years. Considered "phase one" of the improvements, the largest projects in these repairs included replacing boilers at the middle and Asa Adams Elementary School, as well as replacing 35,000 vinyl asbestos tiles in Asa Adams with tile and carpet.

Ziemer said he couldn't speculate on which budget the school board will shoot for.

"Everything's up for consideration," he said, adding that the board plans to look hard at the \$204,000 and hopefully get some consideration for the \$764,000 budget.

Town Manager Gerry Kempen said he hasn't seen the newest budgets, but the School Board has been keeping the Town Council genially updated on its plans. Whichever budget the School Board chooses, he said it won't be final until presented to the Town Council on May 14.

"The school committee is going to have to compromise between the operational programs they identify and the capital (improvements) they identify," Kempen said, adding that a lot of the repairs are on deferred maintenance. "I think everything on the list is a legitimate need."

Town Council Chair Philip Brown said the council will help strike a balance between what the town can afford and what the schools need.

"We can always negotiate something," Brown said.

Ziemer hopes to organize a public meeting soon that would be held at the middle school so the public can see the state of the buildings for itself.

"I think it's difficult to try to talk about a capital needs budget when we're not in that facility," he said at Tuesday's meeting.

• GSS assistance

Coalition of students make strong showing at Earthstock

Hollie Gowen
Maine Campus staff

Earthstock '97 had a powerful influence on the 15 University of Maine students who attended the conference last weekend, said the New England Regional coordinator for Free the Planet.

"I had expectations of the students to show a little interest," Jonathan Layburn said. "I was surprised by how much motivation they got out of it."

Layburn, who is a junior natural resources major, was the driving force behind the group's attending the conference. He knew of Earthstock '97 from his connection to Free the Planet, a national alliance of student environmental activists and groups as well as one of the event's main organizers.

By talking to a number of groups, friends and people in the hallways, Layburn found students who were interested in making the 10-11 hour drive down to Rutgers University to attend.

Earthstock consisted of events and workshops that focused mainly on environmental concerns and how students could be better activists.

"It educated me on many issues from clear-cutting to dioxins, but the most important thing I took with me from Earthstock is that if a few committed individuals want something, and work hard enough at it, anything is possible," said Steve Cohen, a second year student.

There were also a number of influential speakers. Layburn said he especially enjoyed listening to Helen Caldicott, a specialist on nuclear issues and is a 1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner. Adam Werbach, the Sierra Club president who is only 24 years old, was also impressive, Layburn said.

Individuals and some campus groups donated housing and money. The General Student Senate provided some funding for the group. Keith Heselton, a senator from the Hilltop district, helped Layburn write the resolution.

"I think that the GSS realized the importance of Earthstock '97 after talking to John (Layburn)," Heselton said. "I think that Earthstock's rewards are countless. Judging from the response I have seen from the delegates that we sent, the university is going to benefit immensely from their experiences. They seem charged up and ready to campaign to make this university more aware of our effect on the environment."

According to Layburn, the students who went came up with and are currently considering a variety of campaigns that could be implemented at UMaine. These ideas include a food co-op, helping the northern forests and getting the campus to use chlorine-free paper.

There is also talk of organizing car pools to attend a rally at the Seabrook

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INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED???

Elections

for

President & Vice President

of

OFF CAMPUS BOARD

April 11- Nominations Close

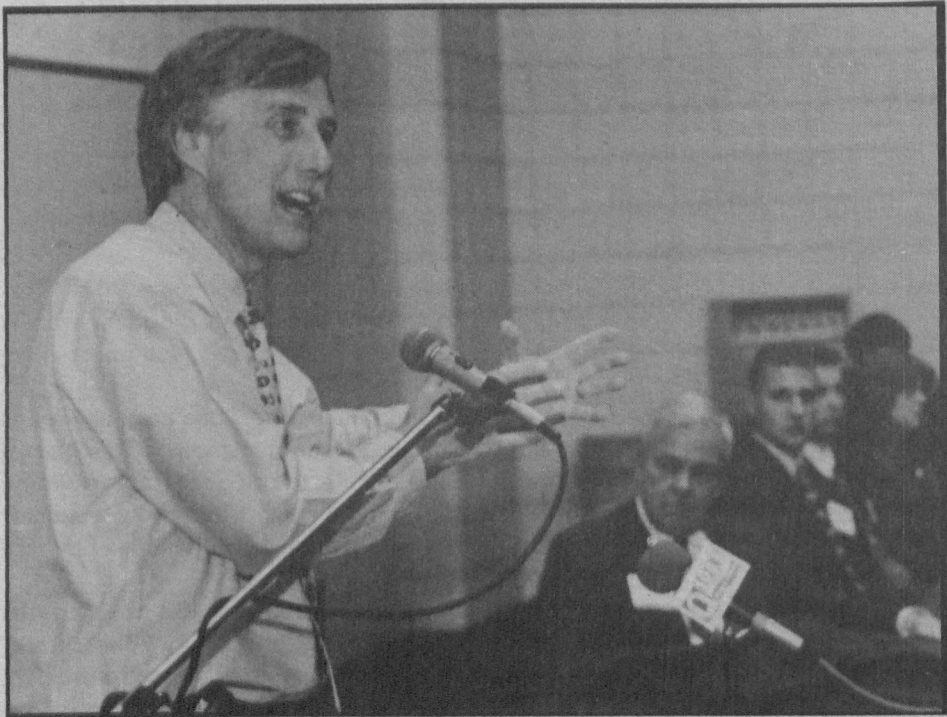
April 21- Absentee Voting

April 22- Election Day

Pick up your nomination forms in the Student Government Office on the third floor of the Memorial Union.

King

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Gov. Angus King addresses the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation Thursday afternoon. To his right sits Thomas Paine of Penford Products, the moderator and the student panel which posed questions to the governor. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

being conned," he said. "If you're doing it for public relations reasons don't do it, mean it. When I say involve yourself in the community I mean involve yourself in the community because it's the right thing

to do. It will also help you down the line.

"You have to have the people think of it as their mill," he said. "You would be well served by giving your people a chance to put down some roots."



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UMaine's thrice weekly newspaper

• Case-by-case

Dog owners believe banning pets on campus unnecessary

Darren L. Pare
Maine Campus staff

A proposal in the Faculty Senate that would ban pets from campus buildings has met some strong opposition. The opposition has led to a decision to send the proposal back to committee for some reworking. Faculty members who bring their pets to campus say they haven't heard the last on the proposed policy.

"I think it was pretty clear from the response on the floor of the senate and the vote that an outright ban is not appropriate," Assistant Art Professor Owen Smith said.

Concerns have been expressed about people possibly being bitten, janitors having to clean messes left behind and allergies that students and staff might have. Equal Opportunity Director Suzanne Estler stressed that it isn't just one group with concerns.

"Concerns have been coming through many channels over a number of years," Estler said.

Estler said the objective was just to get a policy on paper. Smith said situations should be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Smith sometimes brings his Labrador retriever to campus on weekends. A more regular visitor to campus is Fergus, a chocolate Lab who regularly hangs out in the English department. Fergus is kind of like the mascot of the department and has been coming to campus for four years, ever since he was a puppy.

"Having a dog like Fergus around helps make the place more personable," said Laura Cowan, assistant English professor and Fergus's owner.

Cowan noted that some students come to see Fergus after a bad grade on a test and that Fergus helps relieve the tension that surrounds times like add-drop week. During Family and Friends Weekend many students brought their parents to the English department to see the dog.

"He really is in many ways a therapy dog," Cowan said, comparing Fergus to dogs that are taken to hospitals to help lift patients' spirits.

Smith and Cowan don't think an all-out ban of pets on campus is necessary.

"The majority of people who have pets on campus are responsible," Smith said. "The few that aren't should be dealt with rather than allow those few and their behavior to negatively impact everyone."

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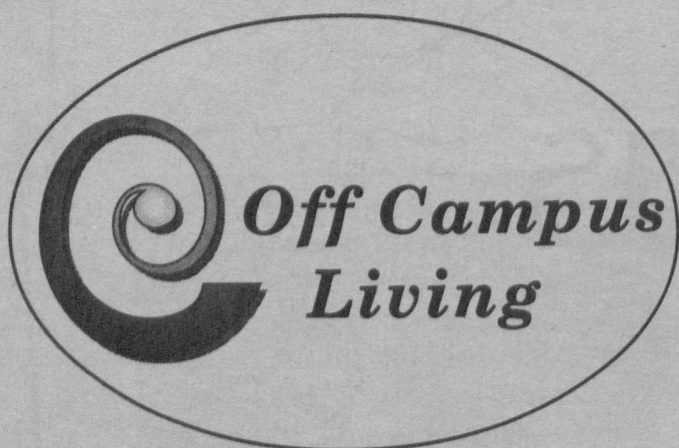
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• Containment

Road salt contamination affects well water, plant life

By Chris Corio
Maine Campus staff

One of the most common and necessary compounds used for a variety of purposes, salt has the potential to pollute Maine's ground water as well as affect tree growth and fish life in small streams.

Salt entering wells can come from four

different sources, according to Stephen A. Norton, chair of the University of Maine's department of geological sciences.

Spray blown in from the ocean is one, but this "would never create water quality that would be unacceptable," he said.

It also exists in bedrock aquifers, deposited as glaciers receded and the sea flooded the land and became trapped in the rocks after the last

ice-age.

Along the coast, fresh water exists above saltwater aquifers, and may be subject to "sea water intrusion," when there is an over-extraction of freshwater.

The fourth source of ground water pollution is road salt. Norton said 70,000 tons of it are spread on Maine's byways every year, mostly concentrated along the coast, the state's most densely populated area. This salt, as well as table salt, is more than 99 percent pure sodium chloride. Sea salt is more of a mixture and is about 70 percent sodium chloride. Both table salt and road salt are derived from deposits of sea water.

"All drilled wells are impacted by this source of salt, but this is not terribly serious," Norton said. A greater reason for concern is the stockpiles of salt that dissolve into the ground before they are used. Citing the worry over high sodium amounts, he said this could cause health problems for few people.

Towns are now required to cover their salt piles to prevent this from happening. Once salt gets into a well, there is nothing to do but wait for the situation to resolve itself, which could take as much as 10 years. If salt piles are left uncovered and subsequently contaminate a well, a town is legally liable for finding another water supply and drilling another well, as was the case in Winterport, Norton said.

Josh Katz, of the Office of Environmental Services in Augusta, distinguished between two kinds of salt supplies: pure salt, which is always kept inside a structure, and salt-sand combinations. Of the more than 100 salt piles the Maine Department of Transportation maintains, about 20 are kept in buildings and 80 are

covered, but some aren't covered.

Katz said the Department of Environmental Protection places salt into the secondary drinking water standard, indicating that it is not dangerous to health but will affect the taste of water and corrode plumbing at a level of 250 parts per million.

Norton said another effect salt has on well water occurs when sodium moves through the soil, becoming attracted to it and causing calcium and magnesium to be released into ground water, making the water "hard." To prevent this, people must install water softeners.

Salt's effect on trees is much more noticeable said Associate Professor of Botany and Plant Biology Bill Livingston. He said salt-spray from cars causes white-pine trees along the highway to have red needles. The salt kills the needles, which drop off, but the buds are not affected. The trees, while not killed, will have only one year's growth of needles.

"Effects on roots are normally not important unless water flow is poor," Livingston said. "Sugar maple is most sensitive to this."

If salt is present when trees begin to grow, diebacks will occur in maples that are present along roadsides, he said.

Describing salt's effects on fish, Norton cited research on sea-spray done in Acadia National Park by DEP.

"When sodium interacts with soil, it also releases hydrogen, or acid; this causes aluminum to dissolve in streams, which can kill fish. This is a natural process," Norton said. "Road salt could add to this problem."

Norton will present a series of talks on salt in the environment at the Maine Water Conference on April 18 at the Augusta Civic Center.

Earthstock

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Nuclear Power Plant in New Hampshire April 26. The rally is being organized by a University of New Hampshire student Layburn met at Earthstock.

Cohen said some people are looking into the possibility of having a festival similar to Earthstock at UMaine next year. However, it would focus more on Maine issues and feature Maine bands. Campus groups would be able to set up tables, too, so students could see what was available to get involved in and begin "working for something positive."

Tim Coyle, a first year engineering major, said, "There are so many more things that will be worked on as well.

Without Earthstock, I believe none of these campaigns would have been thought possible."

Bethany Lesure, a first-year biology major, said Earthstock was very informative and prompted her to think more about getting involved with one of the environmental groups on campus.

There were 120 people at the conference in all. The 15 from UMaine was the largest group. Layburn said that the organizers of the event claimed they got "an adrenaline rush" from the UMaine group because of their number, the distance they had traveled to be there, and because they were so motivated.

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National News

• Reversal

Judge rules line-item veto unconstitutional

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a decision affecting federal spending and the balance of governmental power, a judge on Thursday struck down as unconstitutional a law that lets the president veto specific items out of bills passed by Congress.

The 37-page ruling by U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson overturns the Line-Item Veto Act. The law was passed by Congress a year ago and became effective Jan. 1, but President Clinton had never exercised it.

The law allowed the president, for the first time, to veto particular items in spending bills and certain limited tax provisions passed by Congress. Previously, the president could only veto entire bills.

Jackson said the law flatly contradicts basic tenets of the Constitution.

"Where the president signs a bill but then purports to cancel parts of it, he exceeds his constitutional authority and prevents both Houses of Congress from participating in the exercise of lawmaking authority," Jackson wrote.

"Never before has Congress attempted to give away the power to shape the content of a statute of the United States, as the act purports to do The formalities of the constitutional framework must be respected."

The Clinton administration has asked the court to throw out the challenge by six members of Congress. The lawmakers, led by the senior Senate Democrat Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., argued the law was an unconstitutional encroachment of Congress' legislative power.

"I am very pleased with the court's decision, which I believe to be a great victory for the American people and our Constitution," Byrd said in a statement.

The administration had contended that the lawmakers lacked standing to sue "because they have not alleged personal injury in fact, which has been or necessarily will be inflicted on them ... and which is redressable by judicial decree."

"We're disappointed of course, but we won't have any further comment until the Justice Department has an opportunity to read the decision," said White House spokesman Barry Toiv.

But supporters of the law were quick to urge Clinton to appeal Jackson's ruling, predicting the issue will eventually be decided by the Supreme Court. Jackson, himself, agreed it "undoubtedly" will.

"...While no other branch of government can usurp Congress' authority, the Congress itself can delegate that authority," Republican Sen. John McCain of

Arizona and Dan Coats of Indiana said in a joint statement. "There are clear precedents in tax and tariff law."

Clinton wanted the law to block excessive spending and special-interest tax breaks that lawmakers sometimes include in bills.

The law allowed the president to sign a bill and within five days still reject a specific spending item in it. Congress could then pass a separate bill to reinstitute the specific item and the president has the power to veto that bill. At that point, Congress would have to muster a two-thirds majority to override the president's action.

"...The court agrees with plaintiffs

that, even if Congress may sometimes delegate authority to impound funds, it may not confer the power permanently to rescind an appropriation or tax benefit that has become the law of the United States," Jackson wrote.

"That power is possessed by Congress alone, and, according to the framers' careful design, may not be delegated at all."

The Republican-controlled Congress passed the law last year as part of its "Contract With America" to put the brakes on federal spending and balance the budget. The measure provided authority that Clinton and nearly every president in the past century has sought.

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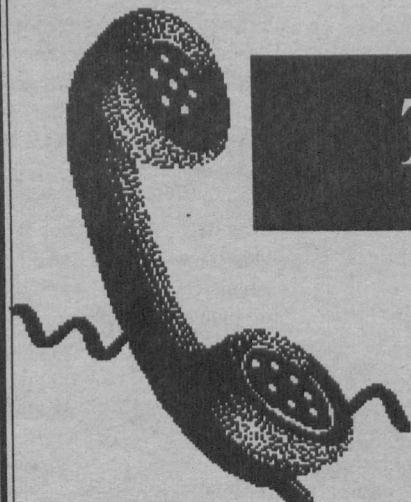
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Editorial

Govern Maine responsibly

Taking nobody by surprise, Republicans reacted vehemently to a successful early passage of a Maine state budget. Pursuing a repeal of the new budget by way of the people, they have organized a referendum effort. Perhaps they were disconcerted by the impossibility of another government shutdown, or perhaps they were upset at the loss of Gov. King to the opposition. The real reasons, ranging from income tax caps to distaste of the process, are not enough justify such an enormous counter-effort.

With spending up \$265 million over two years, the normal reaction by the people (and the reaction Republicans are banking on) should be concern. This is a lot of extra money to be spending. However, state funded organizations throughout Maine have been clamoring for funding increases. In particular, the focus has been on more money for education. The benefits to the state from the Republican-backed income tax cap may have done work to stimulate big business, but any benefits to education have been illusory. Worry over spending is valid; concern over the tax cap is undeniably self-serving. Trickle-down theories have done little to alleviate the constraints of

those Maine people not fortunate enough to live in Cumberland County.

The effort to repeal the state's new budget is nothing more than a last ditch effort by the Republicans to "win" a budget battle they've already lost. The majority of people voted for a Democratic majority to balance a budget that would benefit a majority of Maine people. In their attempt to deny their minority in the Legislature, and to get back at Gov. King for siding with the aggressive Democrats, the Republicans have lost sight of the true purpose of the process. By ignoring defeat, however distasteful it may be, they have begun an abuse of power that attempts to rival a government shutdown.

And if the Republicans did succeed with a people's vote, will the new budget vote in the Legislature be any different? Most likely, more deadlock will result as Republicans and Democrats, bitter over the reprisals, let the July 1 deadline pass, resulting in another shutdown. If the new budget is indeed as "evil" as prominent Republicans and Reformists say, the next four years will bear out their fears. In the meantime, they should devote their efforts to governing Maine responsibly.

Student money for students

Tuesday night's Student Government budget meeting revealed many things about those who distribute and spend the student activity fee money.

By giving up his salary to clubs less fortunate in receiving money they requested, Residents On Campus President Ryan Eslinger, demonstrated that not everyone who is a part of Student Government is in it for the financial gain, how little it may be.

Eslinger asserted by his actions that funds from the student activity fee should be used for students by students.

The co-chairs of the Student Activities and Entertainment Board should also be commended for agreeing to give up a portion of their salary to Panhellenic Council, an organization that already has seven paid board members.

Unfortunately, this willingness to refuse compensation for the better good of an organization is not demonstrated by others.

When Panhel Treasurer and Sen. Amy Sczerba requested that SEA and ROC board members receive pay cuts and allocate those

funds to the board, which represents sororities, it not only revealed a measure of greediness, it also showed the lack of sincerity of the board members who represent sorority women on campus.

While many students already have a lack of respect for Greeks, this action only further damaged conceptions of sorority women. As the only panhellenic council on the collegiate level to have paid board members, a pay cut to obtain funding would have been well advised.

If Panhel needed the funds as desperately as it claimed, those seven paid board members should have taken a pay cut before requesting anyone else to do the same. Panhel also had the option of increasing the \$5 sisters pay and the \$4 new member fee to obtain those funds.

This is especially true because there were clubs with non-paid executives who were representing their organization in vying for an increased budget, who already received less money than Panhel, some receiving no money at all.



• Letters to the Editor

• Selfless senator

To The Editor,
I would like to call to the attention of the student body that at (Tuesday night's) budget meeting, Ryan Eslinger, the president of ROC, moved three times to allocate monies from his salary to student clubs that were in need. What does this mean? It means that you have elected a president of ROC who values the opportunities for students on this campus more than he values his own pay. Nine hundred dollars, and President Eslinger gave it away without blinking.

It is a demanding job, and now it is one that President Eslinger will do for free. As far as I know, such a thing is unprecedented at the University Of Maine. We would never expect to see such an action from our administration, faculty or staff, let alone a fellow student. Be it a thank-you while passing in the hall, or an e-mail to let him know you appreciate it, just do it! This is a large sacrifice for one to make, and I ask my fellow students to show their appreciation of this, in whatever way you can.

Keith Heselson
Orono

• Support appreciated

To the Editor:
We are writing this letter to sincerely thank everyone in the campus community for their wonderful support of Disability Awareness Days last week. The responses we continue to receive are very positive and we are very glad that so many people benefited from our events.

We also want to publicly thank the organizations and sponsors that made John Hockenberry's speech possible. It is this type of collaboration with a wide range of interests that created an exter-

• Rec center needed

To The Editor:
In response to Wednesday's editorial about waiting to build a new student recreation facility, I would like to question many of the points that you brought up. I will try to stick to factual information instead of relying on opinion comments made from misinformation.

First, let's look at what U-Maine's competition is doing. Many have or are in the process of building new student recreation facilities. There are a number of studies that support that recruitment of potential students and retention of these students depends on the quality of the recreation facilities. Any admission director across the country will support this statement.

Second, it was stated "So it is apparent that doing the projects separately is cost-efficient." In simple layman's terms when you build a new house you build the garage at the same time. It is more expensive than just the house alone, but if you have it as part of the package contract in the end it is less expensive than building it later and

separately. This same principle would apply here. Most any contractor (probably 99.9 percent) will tell you additions to an existing facility or future construction will cost twice as much versus being part of an original package. Postponing this facility which is desperately needed for the university will only cost somebody that much more a few years later, and in the end will get less in return. So I pose the question to you how is it cost efficient when you spend more in the end?

The third point I would like to bring up is why is an entirely new union really necessary? If the main arguments are to add new food services and study and lounge areas, again let's look at what other schools have done or are doing. Across the country, (I know we are behind times) food services and study lounges are being built in new recreation facilities, because that is where student trends are heading. If you take away the food crowd of the student union, and look at it in the morning and weekends when much of the food services are closed, the student union is relatively quiet. The recreational building is busy close to 364 days of the year. Much of the surrounding communities utilize this facility.

Last, it makes a lot of sense to bring up this issue. Building a new facility because of fire code infractions is wrong. Fear that a new town meeting, which might have students there, and the studies of what a new recreation facility could do for this university might slow down the construction of a new student union. I would rather have a slower decision that is based on all the facts be made versus a hasty decision made that future students, administration and trustees of the university question. We do not want to make a big mistake that we will regret down the road. Get the facts out, and these facts support, along with other competition the contributor of the new student recreation facility.

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• Blue jeans Monday

To the Editor:
Attention students, faculty, staff, etc. Monday, April 14 is Blue Jeans Day at the University of Maine. As part of UMaine Pride week, sponsored by GLBCC and Wilde Stein, Blue Jeans Day is an opportunity for us all to show our support and respect for gays, les-

bians and bisexuals by wearing blue jeans.

This is an easy way to create a supportive and accepting atmosphere for the gay, lesbian and bisexual people at UMaine. Spread the words: blue jeans on Monday!

OpEd

• Guest column

Legalization a rational choice

The criminalization of marijuana has nothing to do with the deleterious effects it has on people. It has nothing to do with protecting our children. It is not about stopping crime. If anything, the drug war has increased crime. According to a Cato Institute study, "most, if not all, 'drug-related murders' are the result of drug prohibition."

The prohibition of marijuana has everything to do with economics, widespread belief in government propaganda, and limiting the free choice and privacy of

social gain exceeding \$50 billion. This gain would be accomplished through reduction in police forces, in the number of inmates in prisons and in the gargantuan amount of tax dollars spent on typically unsuccessful drug interdiction tactics.

The government would also control the production and sale of drugs, benefiting society substantially. There would be less crime, for there would be no black market. Former Drug Czar William Bennett wrote in his article "Should Drugs Be Legalized?" for Reader's Digest that "criminals could undercut the official price and still make huge profits."

Dennis' research indicates that the official price would undercut the street price at one-eighth the street cost. So if an ounce of marijuana costs \$200 on the street, the government will be selling it for \$25. Where is the profit? Just because one smokes marijuana does not mean one is stupid.

Bennett said legalizing drugs would result in an increase of drug users. If he looked toward the Netherlands, however, he would see a realistic picture. In the Netherlands, drug use briefly increased after legalization, but has declined progressively since then. An example within the United States is California. When the state reduced the possession of marijuana charge to a finable offense, it saved more than \$900 million over nine years. There was a simultaneous zero percent increase in marijuana use.

It is time that the government, the courts and the police start answering the question: Why is marijuana illegal? The police complain that they do not have the time or officers to catch all the rapists and murderers out there, but they have plenty of time to bust private citizens in their own homes for smoking a joint; for hurting no one. The child molester walks free while the deadhead carrying one hit of LSD spends five years in maximum security for conspiracy to overthrow the U.S. government. Does this

make sense? Can we acquiesce in these ideals? The police are supposed to protect, not hunt, citizens.

Bruce Lavoie of Hudson, N.H. had a family, a job and a casual marijuana habit. After police kicked in his door at 5 a.m. and murdered him, their search proved a success, for they found a few joints. The courts validated the small amount of marijuana found as reasonable justification to take an innocent man's life. Who did Lavoie hurt? Kill? Maim? No one. He hurt no one, yet he was murdered in the name of justice. It is a travesty, and it happens every day.

Journalist Rufus King wrote in "A Worthless Crusade" for Newsweek, "The latest assault on personal freedom is compulsory testing for nearly everyone, so we can all be kept 'drug free.'"

Testing for drugs is about as constitutional as public lynching. The people who are making laws concerning marijuana and other substances are spewing a message that began with "reefer madness" and has just surfaced from the mouth of Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, who said "all available research has concluded that marijuana is dangerous to our health."

All this concludes is that either Shalala has not done any research or that she has chosen to ignore it all. Even researchers commissioned by the government itself have proved the exact opposite. In 1988, the Drug Enforcement Agency's Francis Young said marijuana "in its natural form is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known to man."

Realistically, the only rational end to the crime wave and the war on drug (users) is to end the menace of prohibition. Our forebearers figured out that prohibition only causes violence and degeneracy after slightly over 10 years. It has taken almost 50. Logically, legalization is the only solution.

Jennifer Hersey is a senior journalism major.

By Jennifer Hersey

an ever-growing counterculture.

The legalization of marijuana in the United States would result in dramatic economic change. The hemp plant, in all of its various forms, could result in the eventual redistribution of wealth in the country. Because it can grow virtually anywhere, the public would have access to it, possibly more so than corporate America. Why should corporate America care?

The problem is that its fine seed oil could replace all petroleum products. The durable, yet soft, fabric made from its fibers could potentially replace similar fabrics. The paper made from hemp is durable and has a special historic significance to Americans, as our Constitution and Declaration of Independence are written on hemp. (George Washington himself had fields of hemp.) Medically, nutritionally and physically, the hemp plant offers more benefits to humans than any other plant. So why are people afraid of it?

Legalization would result in great economic gain for the country as a whole that would far exceed any economic damage. In 1990, Richard Dennis completed extensive research for his article "The Economics of Legalizing Drugs" for the Atlantic Monthly. Dennis concluded that keeping drugs illegal costs \$10 billion per year, and that legalization would result in a

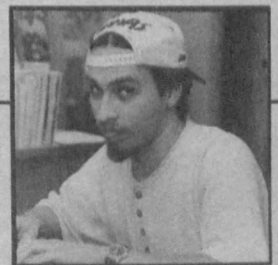
Defining America

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You can thank my aunt for that one; she traumatized me for years with that little ditty. Once, when I was 8 or 9, after being told one time too many to look something up in the dictionary, I replied: "Jesus Christ!" The dear woman proceeded, in a very dignified

soon be promoted widely by the Republican party, because they inhibit growth and make you feel safe while being screwed. Come in many different flavors (so to speak); years of effort have failed to unearth a single person who finds latex fruit to be erotic.

Democrats: Ironically enough, may soon be placed on the endangered species list. Less popu-



Other Side

By Scott Labby

way, to belt me with a shoe. Suffice to say, I was careful not to offend her Baptist sensibilities in such a manner again. The damage, however, was already done. Searching for *definition* dictates much of our lives, I would (much) later realize. With this in mind, I have no choice but to torture you (ah, Aunt Barbara, who knew?) with this, the first of three, er, essays ... and should you not find the format particularly interesting or original, well, suck it up. I make \$9.31 a week (after taxes!) for this column, and this ain't the Washington Post. Well, then:

America: Neat place. Two hundred sixty million little chickens (or, the reverse) boiling in a big pot of freedom gumbo. Hot little number, with a 1776 cc Philadelphia engine, housed in a Japanese frame, burning fuel from the Middle East. Former industrial power now moving toward the "Large Pepperoni" economic ideal, where everyone sells each other pizzas for a living. Mozzarella (among other types of cheese) is very popular here. Is sometimes called "The Melting Pot" because everyone lives together in peace in a society unmarked by class. Science-fiction is, of course, a very hip medium. Fertile garden of progress; should be gazed upon with glassy, worshipful eyes.

Big Mac: A truly multinational sandwich; the bane of cows from Wyoming to Brazil. Though hard to believe, a sudden upward or downward surge in the price of these can cause apoplexy in your average economist. More children are familiar with this food item than with the name of the current president of the United States, unless one subscribes to the "you are what you eat" theory of nutrition and/or politics. Like most else, is often evacuated from the bowels of national leaders in the form of pork.

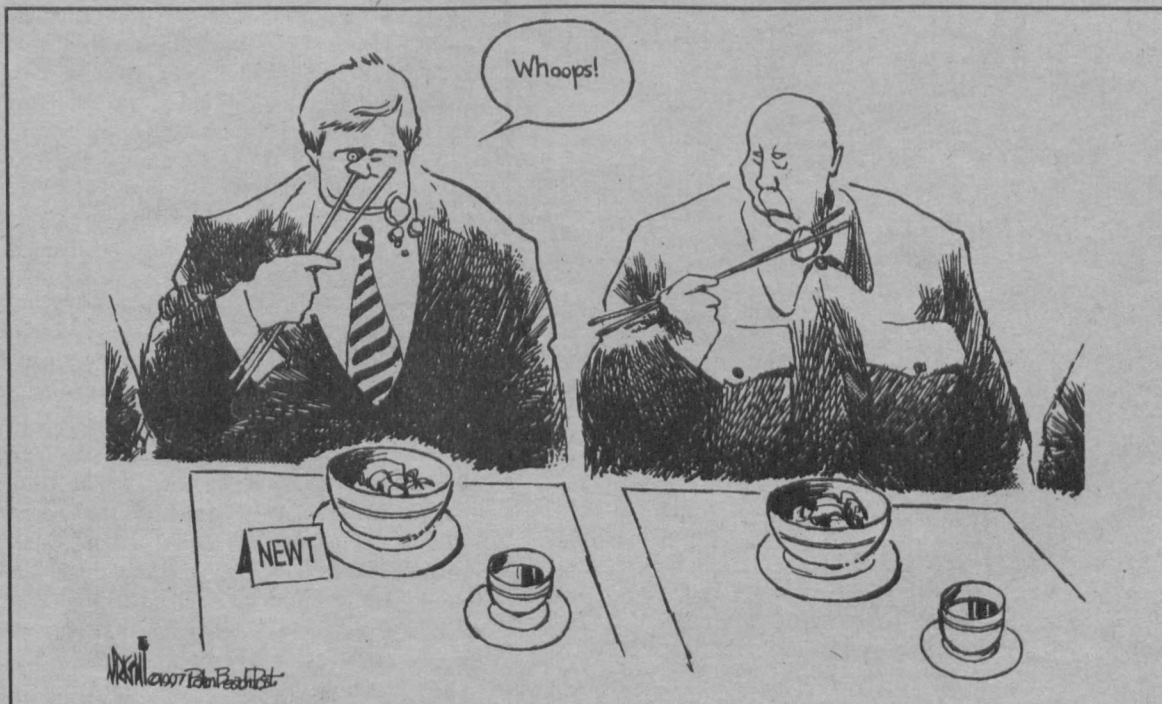
Condoms: Synthetic birth control devices, used to torment fundamentalist Christians who use public school bathrooms. Will

lar than snail darters and spotted owls, less savvy as well. Used to be good at creating jobs, but Generalissimo Greenspan removed that option quite some time ago. Are now stuck with keeping New Deal liberalism on life support; the Republicans will attempt a Kevorkian in 2000. A once proud party torn apart by greed, not to mention class and racial divisions. Will make a major comeback whenever Americans realize they are in the middle of what amounts to an economic dry hump.

English: The Wheaties of Language; true champs don't just eat it for breakfast. The music of the free world; often defended by those who can't really speak it. Should be the official language of all sentient life forms, not to mention New Jersey, New Hampshire and Texas. The milky white bosom upon which global communication should rest its weary head. Bilingualism just takes up room in your head that might be better used to keep track of what's on TV.

Family: Very trendy institution. Any real one must incorporate the new TV ratings system and have a lifetime subscription to Readers Digest. Don't get fooled by imitations, which may come in inappropriate colors and combinations. Should include a dog in best-case scenario. Founded upon the American dream of returning from a long day of work to fight with your spouse, emotionally scar your children and mow the lawn. The conventional family offers much to society and provides many newly minted lawyers with employment: Just like belly buttons, everybody has one. Home is where, when you go there, they have to take you in and make you feel bad for not having returned sooner to visit, you ungrateful whelp. Would not be possible without sexual intercourse, which never gets enough credit for anything.

Scott Labby is a senior history major and regular columnist for The Maine Campus.



Entertainment

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Friday, April 11

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You may or may not be a typical Arien, but you will enjoy some typically Arien experiences this year. Your life will look a lot like an adventure movie — with you in the starring role, of course. All you have to decide now is who you want most to act as your co-star.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You are tired of pussyfooting around — you intend to let someone know exactly how you feel. This will cause some alarm in other areas of your life, but what if it does? Love is too precious to be denied, and you seem to have been denying it for too long.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You are tired of waiting for a certain situation to work itself out; now is the perfect time to issue an ultimatum. It doesn't matter what others think of you: What matters is that you are true to your innermost feelings.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Fantasies are fun, but they never come true. Not necessarily so: The fantasy you are currently enjoying is not as unlikely as you appear to believe. You will, of course, have to sacrifice something you have grown used to over the years, but that's no problem. It all depends on how much you want it.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): The best way to be popular is not to try too hard. Employers and work colleagues aren't as unsubtle as you seem to think. If they get the idea you are looking for favors, they won't want to do you any. Feign indifference today and important people will try to be popular with you.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You may be tempted to meddle with something that doesn't need meddling with. You have a desire to take it apart and see why it's working so well. Be warned: If you do, there's a chance you will destroy it. Find something else which really would benefit from your attention.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Put emotions before money today and you will have a wonderful time. Worry yourself sick about finances and not only will you not have a wonderful day, but you won't be any better off at the end of it either. Ask yourself what is important in your life — then go out and enjoy it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Planetary activity will bring passion to those Librans who are looking for it. Even if you aren't looking for it, there will be a feeling of warmth and love wherever you go. Don't ask why, just make the most of it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): The ideal relationship doesn't exist, but all relationships go through phases when they seem ideal — brief though these may be. You are realistic enough to know that your feelings of rapture are unlikely to last; enjoy them while you can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You aren't the most serious person at the best of times, and today's aspects indicate you won't be in the mood for earnest conversation. An why should you be? Life isn't as bad as some people say it is. If you look hard enough today, you will find plenty of things to be happy about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You shouldn't worry so much; it only makes things worse. You may not be happy with your current situation, but it really isn't as bad as you think it is. Imagine where you will be a week or two from now. That twitch you just felt on your face is called a smile.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): If you have an important change to make and aren't sure how those you live with will react, don't wait until tomorrow; say what you have to say today. You must act immediately if you want a fair hearing.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): If someone offers you something free of charge today, don't instantly assume there is some kind of catch. It is still possible to do a fellow human being a favor without expecting something in return. It may not happen often, but if it happens to you today, accept gratefully.

Cranially Constipated



By Israel Skelton

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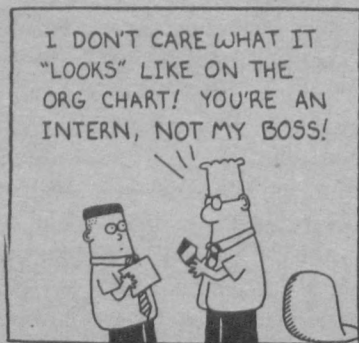
HA, HA, THAT FRANK! WHAT A CLOWN!

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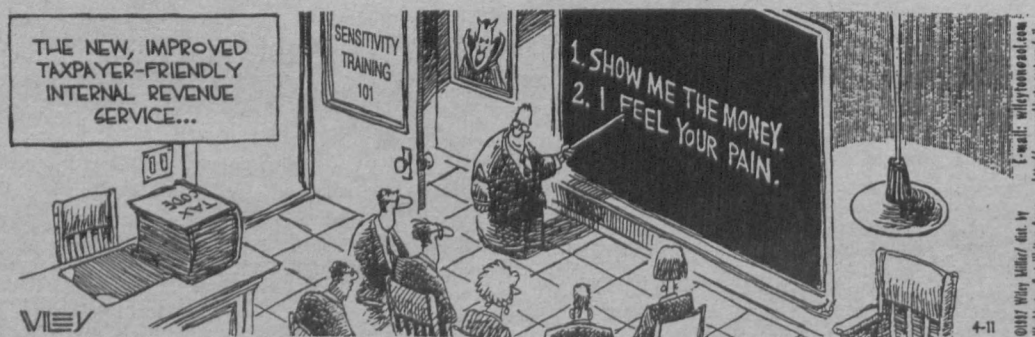
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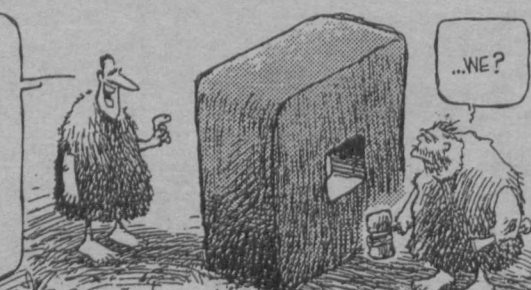
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BY VILEY



SO WHAT IF IT'S UTTERLY USELESS? JUST DRAPE A BUSTY YOUNG WOMAN OVER IT, PEOPLE WILL THINK IT'LL MAKE THEM SEXY IF THEY OWN ONE, AND, VOILA... WE'RE MILLIONAIRES



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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Saturday, April 12

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You want stability in your life, but you also want more freedom. Quite simply, you have had your fill of taking orders from fools. But no one can help you break away; only you can take that first big step. Do you have the confidence to be your own boss?

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You may not trust a certain person, but you have no option but to go through with what has been planned. Either you will discover that you were right to be suspicious or you will find you were wrong to jump to conclusions. Either way, you will have gained an important insight.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Because you aren't sure what you want, it might be best not to make any important decisions today. Others will urge you to get your act together. You may, as they suggest, miss out on a golden opportunity. Ask yourself this: If it is so golden, why is it still up for grabs?

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You could easily change your life today, simply by saying something that makes it impossible for others to forgive you. You feel you must do something to get your life moving again, but this isn't the right way of going about it. Wait a day or two, and you won't feel so desperate.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): It doesn't matter which road you take; in the end you will go down the road you were destined to travel. Don't waste time worrying whether or not you are doing the right thing — everything is the right thing for those who know how to learn from life.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Avoid extremes today, no matter how inviting they look. If you go too far in one direction, you will find that something pulls you back and it may not be pleasant. The middle way may look boring to someone of your enterprising nature, but the middle way is the sensible way today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Look on the bright side this weekend, and bright things will happen to you. Look on the dark side, and you will attract situations you could do without. Your thoughts are powerful things and should be treated with respect. There is no such thing as luck: You thoughts create your world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): For some reason you appear to think you deserve to have a bad weekend. Is there something on your conscience? Even if there is, there is no reason to suppose you are about to be punished. What you have done isn't that shocking — others have done it and lived to tell the tale.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Planetary activity has a tendency to make discourse difficult. You know what you want to say, but putting it into words isn't so easy. But who says you have a duty to be chatty? Who says you need words to get your message across? If words fail you today, try body language.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): If you are tense today, it might be because you are worried about a financial or business matter. The problem may only be of a minor nature, but if it intrudes upon your every waking moment then you must deal with it immediately. However much it costs, you will feel better for it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Do you go with the flow, or do you try to impose your will on a situation that may not want to have your will imposed on it? The answer is in the question, and the answer, of course, is to go with the flow. At some stage this weekend you may have to crack the whip, but not yet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): If you don't want to be sociable this weekend, find some place where you can be alone with your thoughts. If you reluctantly go along to a social event, the chances are you will hate it and you will hate yourself for not backing out when you had the chance.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Pisceans are seldom money mad. Even those who appear to be aren't after money as such but the things they know it can buy them. If someone says you should be more worldly wise this weekend, smile and point out what a state the world is in.

Entertainment

Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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New York Times Daily Crossword

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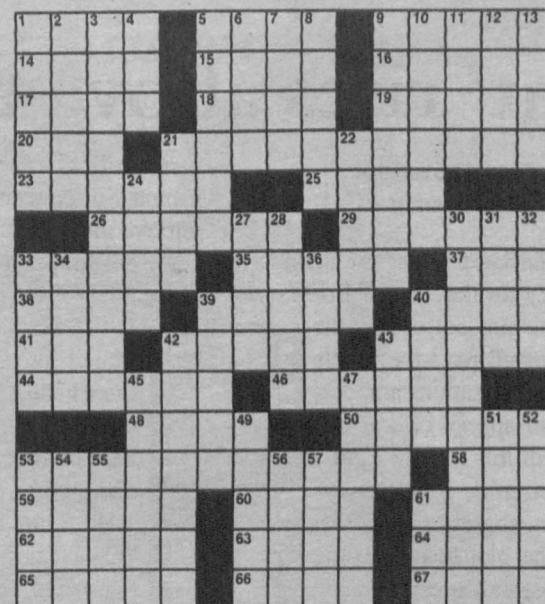
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Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

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Style & the Arts

• Performance

Dylan makes triumphant return to Bangor

By Adam White
Maine Campus staff

Bob Dylan hasn't played at the Bangor Auditorium in more than 21 years. Wednesday night the music legend and his touring band made a welcome return.

Dylan has been criss-crossing the globe almost non-stop since 1988, playing both arenas and smaller-sized halls, and there were those who have expressed concern that his constant touring would cause his shows to suffer. On the contrary; the last several years have seen a resurgence in Dylan's playing, mood and intensity. Backed by an ensemble of solid, workmanlike musicians, Dylan has managed to remain relevant by staying on the road, performing both his classic hits and overlooked gems, consistently reworking and reshaping them into almost new songs.

Those who attended the Wednesday show expecting to see a folk music extravaganza were most likely disappointed. Dylan hasn't toured solo in 30 years, which is when a certain faction of those present probably quit listening to his records. The show did feature a lovely acoustic section, but the majority of the evening was a mixture of mid-tempo songs performed in a style not far removed from the country and western of

decades back (read: pre 1980s and '90s Nashville) to blistering, barnstorming rock'n'roll.

Dylan and his band took the stage a few minutes after 8 p.m. and opened with "Crash on the Levee (Down in the Flood)," a bluesy groove from his "Greatest Hits Vol. II." The song, which has opened many shows in the last year, often serves as a warmup for Dylan and his band, and this time was no exception.

They continued with an understated "Tonight I'll Be Staying Here With You" and then proceeded directly into "All Along the Watchtower," which has now been performed more than 1,000 times live by the man who wrote the anthem. The audience began to kick up, with a throng of Orono's liveliest dancers holding court at the right of the auditorium, spinning ecstatically. This typical reaction to good music was met with dismay by some of the folks sitting directly behind me in the first few rows, who didn't seem to be used to shows that are - what's the word? Oh yeah, fun. Unfortunately, this yelling and moaning diminished my enjoyment of the show for a few minutes, but everything quieted down when Dylan performed "Every Grain of Sand," a transcendent version of the song from his 1981 album "Shot of Love." Dylan's vocals were

beautiful and haunting and he seemed into every word.

After a rollicking "Silvio," which Dylan wrote with Robert Hunter, the lyricist for the Grateful Dead, Dylan and his crew put down the electric guitars and played a lovely "Friend of the Devil," the Grateful Dead chestnut. Sung as a moving tribute to the late Jerry Garcia, the song was played slowly and wistfully, with tasteful bass work from Tony Garnier, who has played more shows with Dylan than anyone else. With the recent departures of guitarist J.J. Jackson and drummer Winston Watson, Garnier is now the de facto band leader (except for Dylan, of course). New guitarist Larry Campbell, very professional but still overcoming nerves in only his seventh show with Dylan, relied on the bassman throughout the show for cues and changes.

In fact, Campbell played rhythm guitar almost exclusively, leaving Dylan to take the solos on both electric rockers and acoustic ballads like "Love Minus Zero/No Limit" and the crowd-pleasing "Masters of War." Dylan's solos will never be confused with those of Wes Montgomery, but his playing was tasteful and melodic, particularly on the

acoustic numbers.

The last part of the show was full-on rock'n'roll, with two songs from the overlooked 1985 album "Empire Burlesque": "Seeing the Real You at Last," a bitter kiss-off to an ex-friend, and "I'll Remember You," a poignant pledge to a dear friend. Playing these songs back to back was an interesting choice, and it worked. At this point, security allowed the crowd to move to the front of the stage. Seeing Dylan's expressions up close was a treat not to be missed. He was into everything he was doing and conscious of the crowd at his feet, looking up and giving what could almost be taken as a smile.

After a scorching "Maggie's Farm," the band left the stage, but returned for three encores - a ragged "Like a Rolling Stone," the biggest crowd-pleaser of the evening, a stately "One Too Many Mornings" and the perennial closer, "Rainy Day Women # 12 & 35," which had most on their feet yelling "Everybody Must Get Stoned!" while Dylan and Campbell traded fiery blues riffs.

The band left to much applause; the audience was sent into the cold night satisfied. Here's hoping it won't be another 20 years.

• In theaters

'Saint' rises above thrillers

By Greg Dowling
Maine Campus staff

I went to "The Saint" expecting a standard issue, gimmicky thriller. James Bond-style thrillers like this are put out by the dozens, and they all have the same plot, lame characterizations and pervasive torrent of special effects and stunts. Instead of this rehash, I got a riveting, suspenseful, intelligently-written and even charming story that never allows the plot to degenerate into sheer preposterousness.

Directed by Phillip Noyce, "The Saint" is about a slick industrial thief, Simon Templar (Val Kilmer), who specializes in selling state-of-the-art technology to the highest bidder. His latest job involves the theft of a formula for cold fusion that will revolutionize the energy industry overnight. The Russian mob wants the formula to push a sinister candidate to the front lines of the politically shattered republic, which is essentially freezing to death from a lack of fuel, by making him look like the country's savior.

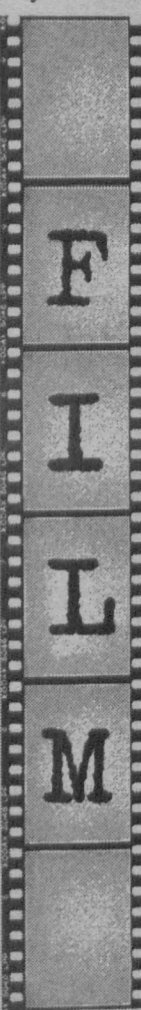
The cold fusion formula was developed by physicist Emma Russell (Elizabeth Shue). Simon's plan is to romance the data from under her, but he finds that loving her and leaving her is not quite so easy. He feels genuinely for her, but because of his job he cannot logically confess his affection. Simon is a master of disguise, and after wearing as many faces as he has, he has forgotten who he is. He has lost himself in his

own artifice. When the mob comes after Emma, Simon teams up with her not only to retrieve the cold fusion formula, but to save her life from the mob that wants the secrets behind the formula to die with her.

"The Saint" may very well have turned into a conventional thriller if there hadn't been such top-drawer talent involved. Phillip Noyce has proven he can successfully integrate action and a compelling human story in his Jack Ryan films ("Patriot Games," "Clear and Present Danger"). He doesn't let flash overwhelm substance; action doesn't outweigh characters. Kudos also go to screenwriter Wesley Strick ("Cape Fear"), who has a natural gift for dialogue and character nuance. He gives the film wit and intelligence, which is tough to find these days in a Hollywood action picture.

However, the film belongs to Kilmer and Shue. Kilmer delivers one of his best performances to date. He has the challenge of not only playing the emotionally complex Simon, but all his disguises as well. The fake identities require him to speak in various accents and dialects, which Kilmer has mastered to the last trill. It's no wonder Kilmer is one of today's hottest stars. He has a rugged charisma that's naturally likable, without being flashy or melodramatic.

Elizabeth Shue (1995 Academy Award nominee for "Leaving Las Vegas") finds the perfect balance of nervous



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• Art show

Salon to show refused to work

By Hélène Farrar
Maine Campus staff

Over the last few weeks, University of Maine art students have been busy preparing their artworks for the juried annual Student Art Show. Many of them have been selected for the exhibition, whereas those who have been refused have had the opportunity to display their artworks in the Salon Des Refuse.

The Salon Des Refuse began in 1748 when French Academy members were expected to accept or reject artworks submitted for exhibitions. The conservative approach used led to the rejection of many innovative, exciting works. In 1863, Napoleon III authorized a special Salon Des Refuses, where the rejected works of many well-respected artists, such as Manet, Cezanne and Pissarro, could be shown.

The UMaine Student Art League holds a

Salon Des Refuses for students who would otherwise not have the opportunity to exhibit their artworks.

"I think the idea is fabulous, 'it's great to see students take charge in doing this,'" professor of art, James Linehan, said.

Creating the Salon Des Refuse required league members to design and build pegboard stands, invite artists to display their works and to hang the show. For the amount of work involved, it is unfortunate that it only lasts for three days.

"You can't go to the Student Art Show opening without seeing the Salon Des Refuses," said Bernice Cross, a studio art major.

The Salon Des Refuses is open for viewing through Sunday, in 101 Carnegie Hall. There will be an opening reception for the Student Art Show today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., with awards to be given at 6 p.m.

From the home office at Beta Theta Pi

Top Ten things that will get you disqualified from Greek week.

- 10) Donating all the necessary equipment for the keg toss.
- 9) Having too many spirits before the spirit contest.
- 8) Shaking one of the blood drive volunteers and repeatedly asking "Why are you always taking?"
- 7) Your participation in the food drive is nothing but an elaborate ploy to restock your fridge.
- 6) For Greek Sing, you chose to perform your rendition of the "Maine Steine Song."
- 5) You get the Dizzy Izzy at Greek Games confused with the '70s rock group Thin Lizzy.
- 4) Any Greek talent involving a cap gun, a chimpanzee on a tricycle and a fat guy named Lou.
- 3) You take off your pants during the Greek Night Out in hopes to show the IFC executive board what you like to call "The Point System."
- 2) Every time you see Laurie Dionne, you say, "Hey one last time: how long does Greek week last?"
- 1) You are disappointed that the sign says "Greek Week Blood Dive" contained a typo.

By Eric Simonds.

• National Poetry month

Local middle-schoolers honored at reading

By Jodi Sokolowski
Maine Campus staff

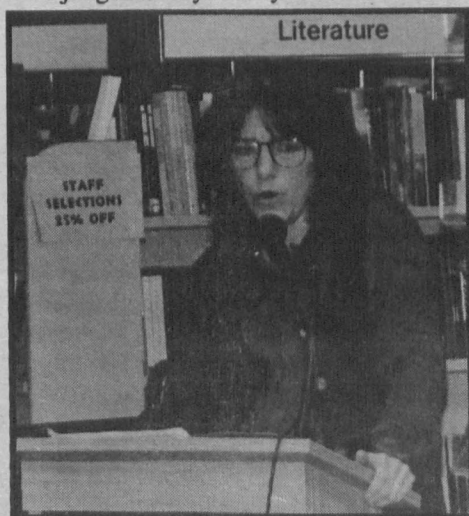
A poetry reading was held at University Bookstore Tuesday night in celebration of National Poetry Month, including readings from area middle school students and adults.

Twelve students from Orono, Old Town and Veazie in grades six through eight won prizes for a poetry contest the bookstore sponsored in conjunction with Random House, which donated books for prizes.

The second annual poetry reading called for something different, said Krista Molnar-Smith, event coordinator of the bookstore.

Molnar-Smith said the bookstore held the contest to encourage young writers.

More than 70 poems were submitted and were judged anonymously.



Kathleen Lignell-Ellis speaks of her admiration for Allen Ginsberg, the beat poet who died Saturday. (Jeff Tuttle Photo.)

Teachers participated by encouraging their students to write. Some students did not even know their work had been entered.

Sarah Scott, a sixth-grader at Orono Middle School, wrote, "Five Ways to Look at a Blue Striped Dress," which was about different ways to look at something for

her English class.

"We are proud and surprised," Scott's parents said. "We told her to enjoy it."

Kimberleigh Martul-March, a sixth grader, wrote "Corners."

"I just thought it up sitting in my room," she said.

"Words don't mean anything," Martul-March said when asked why she likes to write poetry. "It's hard to understand them. I would like people to interpret poetry in their own way." Martul-March was a first-place winner.

Prizes were given for first, second and third places in each of the three grades. Also, three honorable mentions were given for three outstanding poems. All students received certificates for their work.

Journals were given for the honorable mentions, and the book "Bird by Bird," by Anne Lamott, was given to third-place winners.

Second prize was the book "Poem Crazy," by Susan G. Wooldridge, with first-place winners receiving a 10-book set of "Every Man's Pocket Poet," a collection of classic poets.

The students' poems will be published in News and Views, a publication of the Maine Council for English Language Arts, courtesy of Virginia Nees-Hatlen, a UMaine English professor.

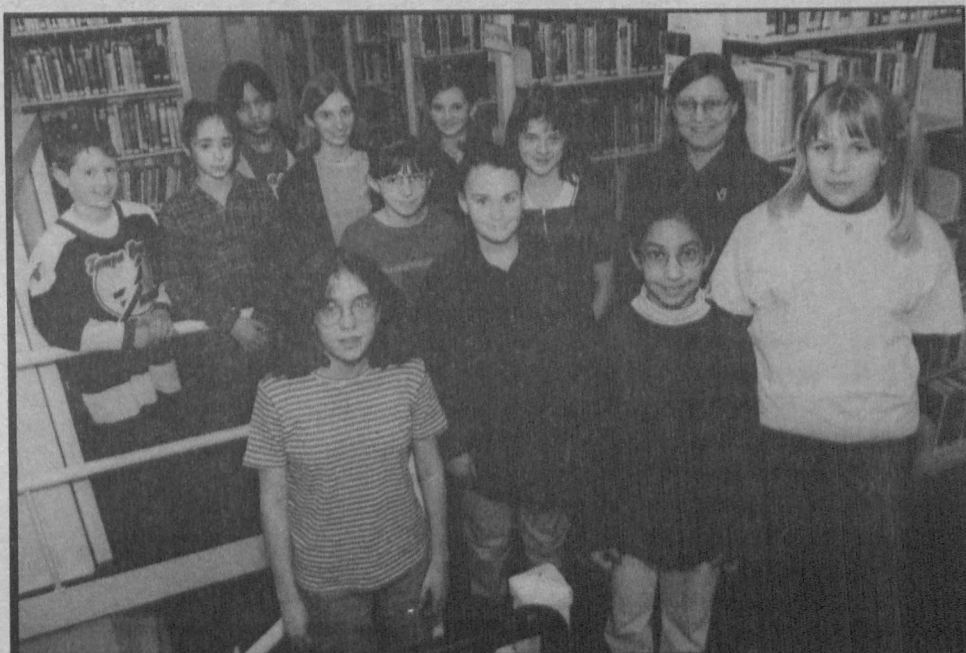
After the students read their pieces it was the adults' turn.

The second half of the reading was introduced by Kathleen Lignell-Ellis, who dedicated it to Allen Ginsberg, who died last week.

Ginsberg, known for his poems "Howl" and "Kaddish," used chants and poetry for many issues, including privacy, personal freedom, sexual preference and freedom of expression.

"We lost one of the greatest minds," Ellis said, "No words could express how I felt when I heard the news of his death."

"Everything stopped for me. Poetry



Winners of the middle school poetry contest were (front row, left to right) Renee Tibbitts, Amanda Bragg, Deepa Panchang and Mindy Hill; (second row, left to right) Eva Murdock, Sarah Scott and Krista Molnar-Smith of the bookstore; (third row, left to right) Tim Lavigne, Kimberleigh Martul-March, Ian Ferguson, Selena Humphries and Maia Pinsky. Not pictured is Naomi Kirk-Lawler. (Courtesy Photo.)

comes from where there are no words. We muster to find those words." Ellis Jerry Garcia in the same arena as Ginsberg.

Ellis read "Supermarket in California," which she said reminded her of Ginsberg and shopping for images. She also read "To Give a Dog a Bone," which remained on the supermarket theme.

Burton Hatlen, another area poet and an English professor, read from Ginsberg's "I Wanted to Tell You."

The poem highlighted the farewell to Ginsberg's father at his death.

"I feel like one of our fathers has passed on, too," Hatlen said.

Another poet, Beth Thomas, a free-lancer and family woman, expressed her sentiments of Ginsberg.

"When I was in graduate school, the TAs would read Ginsberg. We would feel brave

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Poetry

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behind his words, then go teach the freshmen," Thomas said.

The closing of the evening reiterated the tribute to Ginsberg.

"He is one of the best of our generations," Candace Stover said, "He is all of ours. He is a part of us still. Poets are a group of people, a tribe that Ginsberg created. Other poets are part of us."

WASTED YOUTH.



Saint

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insecurity and heady strength for Emma Russell. Shue is almost too beautiful for the role, but she keeps her character anchored by playing her realistically. Look at the scene where she is delivering a speech on cold fusion to a room full of students and professors. A lesser actor would have delivered it in a showy, Shakespeare-style monologue, whereas Shue delivers it with her voice shaking and her hands fidgeting from anxiety. What she says sounds natural and spontaneous, not scripted. I believed in Emma Russell. It only proves that Shue is one of Hollywood's most underrated actresses.

Kilmer and Shue have a chemistry that sets the screen ablaze. The whole plot surrounding cold fusion takes a back seat to the love story between Simon and Emma. The payoff on the cold fusion plot is mediocre, but the payoff on the love story is charming and touching. The scene where

Simon (in character) and Emma go on their first date is hypnotic. He tries to seem almost omnipotent because he had sneaked into her apartment and looked around so he knows details about her. Emma, despite Simon's pretending to be someone else, still sees who he is through his phony persona. She can see more in him than he believes he is revealing. This is the film's best scene.

While "The Saint" has plenty of action and chases, it is more interested in building suspense (the escape into the American Embassy is pulse-pounding) and making us care about the characters. Although the film isn't entirely believable, it convinces by giving us two characters we can understand and sympathize with. That's more than any James Bond movie has ever done.

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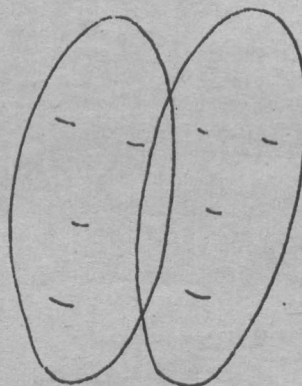
When he got closer to the check out I quickly lined up behind him to get a better look. It was astonishing. I had found myself.

He looked up at me. It seemed I was looking in a mirror.

I was terrified. It was incredible!

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Sports Page

• Ice hockey

Women's team vies for varsity status

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

After competing all season with the inconveniences attributed to club sports, the University of Maine women's ice hockey team is seeking approval for varsity status.

Senior and third-year player Alana Ahearn said that worrying about ice time and equipment are two major concerns.

"Through the recreational sports department the school pays for some of our ice time," Ahearn said. "High schools and figure skating have priority over us."

The women have also gone without their own locker room and have to purchase their own jerseys and hockey sticks.

"We have to buy pucks and tape, which is funny because if you went out and asked anybody in the community if they thought the Women's ice hockey team had to pay for their own stuff, they would probably say, 'No, the school supports them,'" Ahearn said.

The Athletic Advisory Board met in late March and approved the team's proposal. The Athletic Advisory Board's recommendation is now in the hands of President Frederick Hutchinson's administration where, if

approved, it will then be delivered to the Board of Trustees for a final decision.

"I think it's going to go through," said John Mc Donough, chairman of the Athletic Advisory Board.

Team members believe that if they achieve varsity status it will not only help aid in the recruiting process, but will bring the interest in women's hockey to another level.

"Once the girls see that the University of Maine has a varsity program, then they will start coming to this school," Ahearn said.

The team has support from local sponsors that donate money that is used toward expenses. Residents On Campus President Ryan Eslinger recently said he will donate \$400 of his salary to the program. If the program's proposal to become a varsity team passes, the money will be reallocated elsewhere.

Although the team just completed a successful season in its league, Ahearn said that the taste of victory wasn't the only factor in seeking varsity recognition.

"Our success this season has played a major factor, definitely," Ahearn said. "We see more talent coming in each year and it's coming to that point where, re-



The University of Maine women's ice hockey team is taking steps to become a varsity team. (Bailey Photo.)

• Softball

Pitching key for Bears

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

The creed has always been that in order to win softball games, a team needs pitching and defense. While Maine's defense has been slowly improving, its pitching has been solid all year, mostly in part to the youth of Jen Burton and the leadership of Mary Persson.

Currently, the 16-13 Black Bears rank fifth in the eight-team America East conference with an ERA of 2.80. They sport a solid three-woman rotation of Burton, Persson and Vicki Brenner. Burton is the staff ace with an 8-4 record, a 1.59 ERA, and 28 strikeouts in 79 1/3 innings pitched.

Persson, a senior, is the veteran of the staff. While her win-loss record is only 3-6, she does have a 2.53 ERA in 52 2/3 innings with 20 strikeouts. Maine has scored two runs or less in four of her losses.

Brenner has seen her innings go down as a result of the others' success, but still sports a 4-1 mark with a 3.42 ERA.

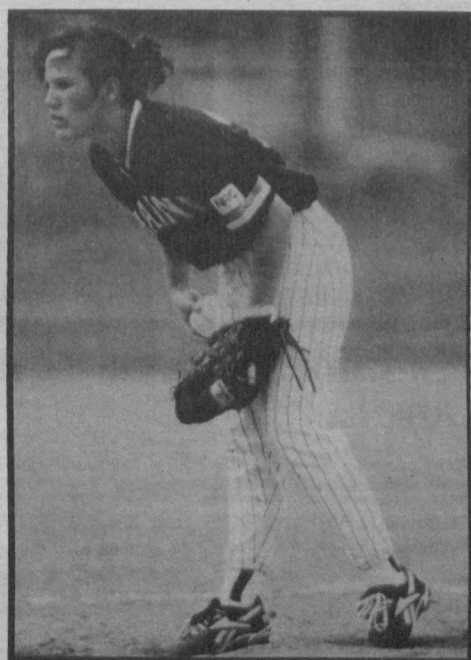
Freshman Nicole Sawyer has struggled thus far in the year, allowing 20 runs in only 16 2/3 innings.

"It's hard for teams, I think, to look as far as 'I'm going to get used to Burton, when I've got Mary coming right behind with a totally different look.' In that way, they work well for us," Maine pitching coach Deb Smith said.

Statistically, the pitching has improved from last season. Through 29 games, Maine is two wins away from matching its total of 21 wins a season ago.

But one attribute Smith would like to get rid of is the amount of walks her staff allows. While they will probably have less than last season's 95, Burton already has surpassed her total for last season in less innings, and Persson currently has more walks than strikeouts. However, she does believe the staff is improving when it comes to this area.

"I think things are starting to be ironed out a



Black Bear Mary Persson gives the Maine pitching staff experience. (File Photo.)

bit. Jen had more of a problem in the early part of the season, particularly down in Florida, as did Vicki," Smith said. "Those walks are really starting to drop off, and if that continues, we'll be OK."

Black Bear Notes: Maine will play for the first time in two weeks when it hits the road for two doubleheaders with America East foes Vermont and Hartford, respectively. Both clubs have struggled this season, with the Catamounts at No. 6 in the conference at 2-4, and the Hawks right behind them at 1-5.

But while their records are not spectacular, they do boast players that are nationally ranked. Kristen Briggs of Vermont is at No. 18 in stolen bases, nabbing 10 out of 11 in 14 games.

Hartford's Danielle Simoneau is No. 24 in the country in home runs with three in just 14 games, as well as being ranked No. 5 on the mound in strikeouts per seven innings, fanning

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gardless of what we did this season, there needs to be equality."

While the major sports at UMaine enjoy the luxury of the resources that have enabled them to be competitive and recognized throughout the state, the women's

ice hockey team is just waiting for its chance to gain notoriety.

"Our program is only going to get better," Ahearn said. "If the school wants us to be the best we can be, we're going to need the support from them."

• Column

Robinson's dream lives on

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

When Jackie Robinson put on his Brooklyn Dodger uniform in 1947, he accomplished a feat that no other black athlete had ever thought possible: compete with white Americans in a white, American game.

Not only would he have the opportunity to play in front of thousands of die-hard Dodger fans, Robinson had the chance to display his tremendous skills before fans all over the country. This once untouchable dream for African-Americans, and all other minorities, was now available for eyes of all color to treasure on the baseball field.

Those who embrace the idea that professional sports creates hope and achievement for young black athletes understand the importance of Robinson's struggle for equality

and the sacrifices he made so that future generations would have a chance to experience greatness.

Wherever there is progress, though, there lingers critics who ponder the negative sides of coveting the pot of gold. Some critics believe that African-Americans are exerting too much energy in becoming professional athletes rather than focusing on becoming doctors, lawyers or teachers.

A recent report by ESPN said that a survey conducted by Northeastern University in 1996 found that 66 percent of African-American males ages 13-18 believe they have a shot at playing pro sports, which was twice the number of white athletes. And 28 percent of the athletes who weren't even involved in organized sports thought they had a good chance.

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• Notebook

Second signing period begins

By Scott Martin
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine has begun to receive letters of intent from student athletes a day after the first day of the late signing period began.

The Black Bear baseball team has received letters from a pair of left-handed pitchers, according to the Portland Press Herald. Tom Koutruba, from the Community College of Rhode Island, and Tom Morelli, of Overland Park, Kan., have signed letters to pitch for the Black Bears next season, pending their acceptance to the university.

James Bailin, of Leavittown, N.Y., Bob Talbot, of Berwyn, Pa., and Brendon Brewer of Cumberland, all signed with

the baseball team during the early period.

The men's basketball team has already signed three highly regarded players during the early signing period and is expected to land a couple more recruits. Jason Croom, 6-foot-9 from Pennsylvania; Colin Haynes, 6-foot-7 of Moorestown, N.J.; and Jay C. Johnson, 6-foot-5 of Patterson, N.J. all signed during the early signing period.

Maine played with just 10 scholarship players this past season and will lose three of them. Ramone Jones and Terry Hunt are both seniors and John Gordon is planning to transfer. Josh Nash is on scholarship but won't be playing next year because of a knee problem. He will still be on

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scholarship and is expected to remain with the Black Bears as a student coach.

The women's basketball team, which is losing players Stacey Porini and Kelly Stubbs to graduation and Gabrielle DeShong to transfer are expected to get letters of intent from 6-foot-1 Jessica Lawson, from John Abbott College prep school in Quebec; and 6-foot-3 Martina Tinklova of the Czech Republic.

According to Sports Information Director Matt Bourque, Maine doesn't expect to hear from many of its recruits because of the time it takes to mail the letters out and wait for them to return.

"Between sending them and getting them sent back, it will be a while before we hear anything," Bourque said.

According to NCAA rules, high school basketball players can sign during two periods for all sports, except football, women's volleyball, field hockey, soccer and men's water polo.

Basketball recruits can sign letters of

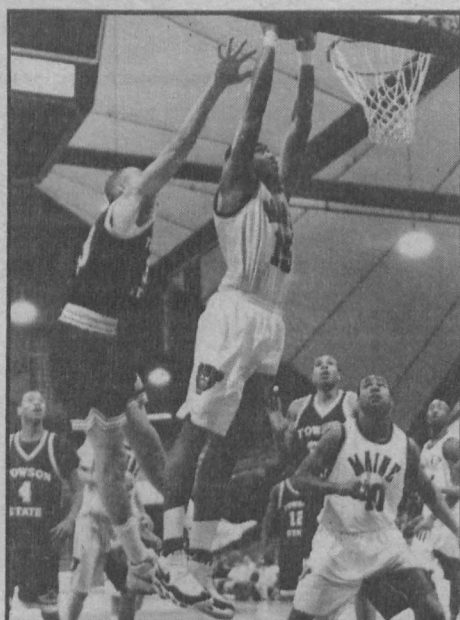
intent with a college during the early signing period, which runs from Nov. 13, 1996, to Nov. 20, 1996. The late signing period for basketball runs from April 9, 1997, to May 15, 1997.

All other sports—baseball and softball—can sign during the early period which runs from Nov. 13, 1996, to Nov. 20, 1996. The late period runs from April 9, 1997, to Aug. 1, 1997.

Jones and Hunt played yesterday in the New England Basketball Coaches Association Division I vs. Division II all-star game at Holy Cross.

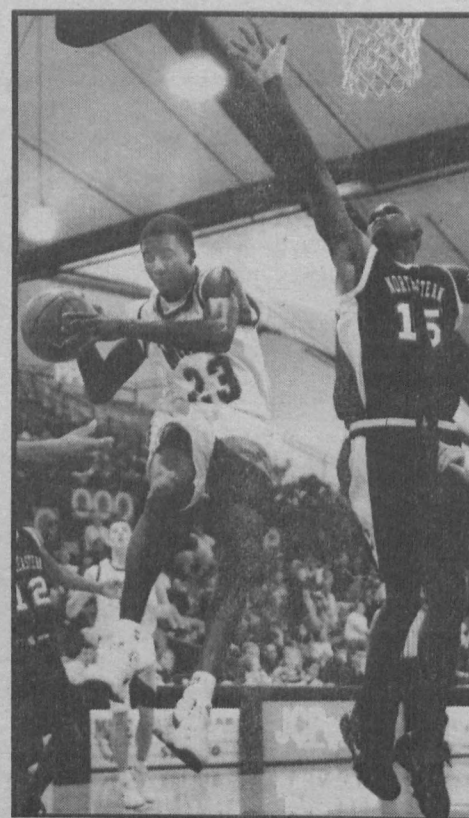
Hunt, who missed the majority of two years due to injuries during his career, was the Black Bears' leading scorer, with 15.4 points a game. Playing against former coach Rudy Keeling and the Northeastern Huskies, Hunt became just the 19th player in Maine history to score 1,000 points. The 6-foot-5 senior grabbed 7.5 rebounds a game this season as well.

Jones, a staple defensively for Maine,



Terry Hunt. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

finished his career with 186 steals, good for third on the Black Bear all-time list. Jones finished the season averaging 10 points and 4.2 rebounds a game. He did not miss a game his entire career, playing in 115 games.



Ramone Jones. (File Photo.)

• Boston Red Sox

Fenway turns into brand box

BOSTON (AP)—Lauded by John Updike as a "lyric little bandbox," Fenway Park is fast becoming a lyric little brand-box now that three 20-foot high Coke bottles have been hung conspicuously above its famous Green Monster.

The advertisement covers three sides of a light standard, just above the net that keeps home runs from pelting Landsdowne Street below. The Red Sox have said the bottle-boards will bring in more than \$1 million (some of it for charity)—money necessary to compete with big-market teams with their layers of luxury boxes and megabucks marketing deals.

"Anything that brings in that kind of reve-

nue, I'm for," general manager Dan Duquette said Thursday as his team prepared for Friday's home opener against Seattle. "It's a Classic Coke for a classic ballpark."

But others wonder if the presence of the bottles is defacing the beloved ballpark.

"If this is the way they're going to treat Fenway, they might as well tear it down," said John Carroll, head of the Carroll Creative Inc. advertising firm in nearby Brookline. "There's no question the Red Sox are getting squeezed. But you would hope that some things would be off-limits."

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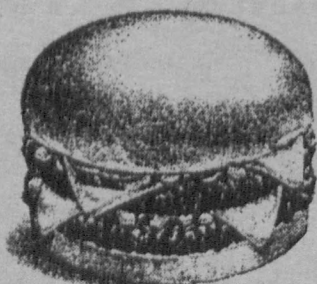
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The reality is there are only 361 roster positions in the NBA. The NFL has 1,815 and Major League Baseball has 1,100. It is evident that the odds are against these athletes as they work out in their Air Jordans and work on their killer cross-over or a nasty curveball.

Another argument is that these athletes are a product of a poor educational system that leaves them with no other options except to gaze upon the ultimate prize—stardom.

While these arguments may hold water, they miss the point of what professional sports symbolize. Icons such as Jackie Robinson have made an important impact on people's lives. This generation of athletes knows that so many of today's stars started out in the ghetto and through hard work and dedication made it out of that atmosphere for a better life elsewhere

not only for themselves but for their families as well.

The sports world has played a key role in delivering the meaning of commitment and camaraderie. It teaches people of all ages and colors to come together as a team to accomplish goals.

While progress in race relations remains a bumpy road, there is no evidence against the fact that since 1947 things have improved in this country.

So, for now, these youngsters hold onto their dreams. This dream leads them to college where they can receive invaluable knowledge and the pampering and guidance that could possibly lead them to greatness. These athletes strive to follow the legacy of a man who once had to sip from a segregated water fountain and now rests among history's most influential people.

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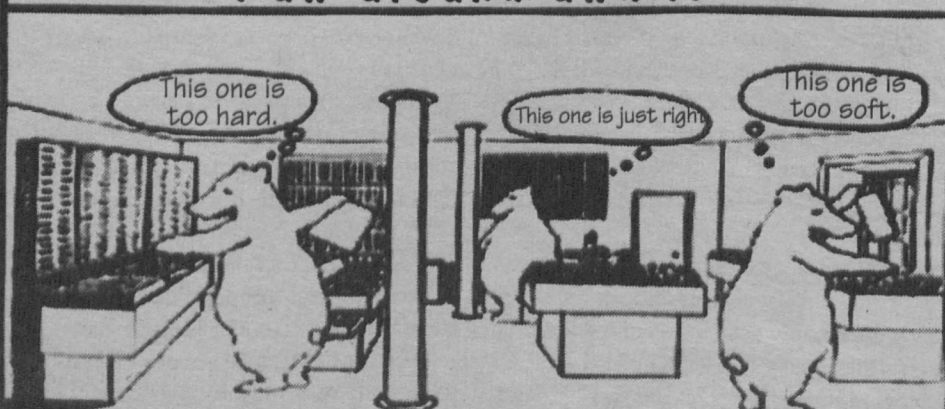
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Red Sox marketing vice president Larry Cancro did not return a call seeking comment. But CEO John Harrington said during spring training that the team decided the ads are less intrusive than the rotating signs behind home plate that other ballparks are using to maximize TV exposure.

Harrington also noted that the New York Yankees had signed a deal with Adidas for \$95 million over 10 years to put its name and logo all over Yankee Stadium.

Other arenas — including the FleetCenter, which replaced the beloved Boston Garden — have sold their names outright. And nothing is more recognizable than Kenmore Square's landmark Citgo sign, visible over the Wall even though it is several blocks away.

"The Citgo sign is arguably there for some historical value. It's not as blatant a marketing tool," even though it once was, Carroll said. "There's only one reason for this: money."

He also noted that the Citgo sign is not on the ballpark premises, which makes it different in his mind than advertising on the back of a turnpike toll ticket or in a subway car.

"Why is it different?" he asked. "Because Fenway has a different position in people's experience and there's an attachment to it more than a toll ticket."

Carroll's objections notwithstanding, advertising is as much a part of the ballpark

experience as trampled peanut shells. Old parks, as well as many minor-league and spring training sites, have their entire outfield walls covered with ads, including Fenway's 37-foot-high Monster before it was painted green in 1947.

"Those look almost charming at this point," Carroll said. "It's one thing to sell every inch of space inside the ballpark, but I think this is worse. There's something about the high-tech relentlessness of the advertising now that I think strikes the wrong cord."

Harrington stressed that some of the money — at least \$100,000 — will go to the Jimmy Fund, a cancer charity long favored by the Red Sox. Additional donations will be made for each time a player hits one of the bottles with a home run.

First baseman Mo Vaughn is already taking aim — with his mouth. After seeing the bottles for the first time on his drive to the workout, he said: "I haven't seen them officially yet, but they already look stupid."

Taking the field, he upgraded his assessment to "disgusting."

"What's next? The players wearing Coke bottle caps on their heads?" Carroll asked.

"Here's a good promotion: A fan gets to come out in the seventh-inning stretch and pop the cap off the Red Sox player, and if he picks the right one, he wins something. And of course we'll give something to the Jimmy Fund, too."

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an average of 9.2 a game. Maine will have to beware, as Simoneau recently struck out 15 Dartmouth batters in a complete game victory.

Head coach Janet Anderson said that in the time off that the team had, they worked on "gray areas" in terms of defense and offense with emphasis on both infield and outfield work. Maine is ranked No. 4 in America East with a .941 field percentage. This is helped in large

part to having six players over the .900 mark, with at least 20 games played each.

Junior Melissa Creegan is a perfect 12 for 12 in stolen bases, and is six away from tying the school record of 18, set by Tina Ouelette in 1987. Maine is off to its best start since 1994 when it started 16-10. That season featured the Bears earning their first bid to the NCAA tournament with a 32-17 record.

Golf

Cold weather affects Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — In what was shaping up to be the highest first-round scoring in 15 years at Augusta National, former U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen shared the early lead today at the Masters with an even-par 72.

"This is the toughest I've ever seen it play in the first round, maybe any round," Janzen said.

The culprit was the greens, so lightning

quick that even uphill putts from 10 feet kept players on the defensive.

"I don't see how they can get them any faster," Janzen said.

The scoring was reminiscent of 1982, when a 69 by Jack Nicklaus was the only score under par in the first round.

Stuart Appleby, the promising Austra-

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lian who won the Honda Classic last month, and David Berganio Jr. also finished at 72. Appleby had a chance to break par until a bogey at No. 18.

"If 72 is leading, there is some pretty good shots to be made," Appleby said. "The main thing is not to make mistakes. Catching yourself making one or two out here is pretty easy. I hit some great two-putts."

Berganio, who passed up an invitation to Augusta in 1994 as an amateur because he wanted to turn pro, eagled the par-5 15th hole to get to even par and then hung on.

Berganio's caddy had Jose Maria Olazabal's bag when the Spaniard won in 1994.

"He said he doesn't remember them

being quite this hard and fast on a Thursday," Berganio said.

Most of the favorites had late starts and already were running into problems.

Defending champion Nick Faldo three-putted four of the first six holes and was at 4 over. Tiger Woods, playing with Faldo in his first Masters as a professional, was 2 over.

Greg Norman and Phil Mickelson each made a double bogey on the par-5 second hole. Norman made the turn at 3-over 39, while Mickelson shot a 40.

Janzen had few complaints about his round of three bogeys and three birdies. Two of his bogeys came on three-putts that showed why no putt was safe today.

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For Sale 27" color floor model RCA Television. Paid \$850.00 2 yrs. old \$400.00 takes it. Gary L. Martin 827-0279 between 10:00am + 11:15pm.

Car for sale runs great/good shape clean/reliable transportation. Call 581-8920 **best offer/must sell**

GREENBUSH 20 MINUTES FROM UMO. Finished cottage-style home with two bedroom loft area. Live in this unit while you complete second unit consisting now of a foundation and shell on its own adjacent lot. Sell or rent completed unit. Both for \$24,900. **REPEAT: Both for ONLY \$24,900.** Contact Bob Fogarty. ERA DAWSON-BRADFORD (Orono) 866-5571

FOR SALE navy blue 1988 VW Jetta 92K miles, new transmission, battery, and front tires. \$3000 or best offer. Call Erin at 866-5705

For Sale groovy 70's couch \$25 cheezy recliner \$5 free microwave and dorm size refridgerator for \$25. Interested call 581-7671

Orono, prime professional, up to 13,000sq. feet space. Available July 1. Call 866-4425 between 8am-5pm

lost &
found

Hood scarf in parking lot across from the MCA. The color is black/tan. If found call 1-3931

Lost black hood scarf in MCA parking lot PLEASE CALL 1-3931

Important! Lost PC Disc with great deal of work on it. Please Please call 866-5929 or 581-1866. Lost in Library cluster 3/30.

Found: gold lady's watch outside of Neville. Call Sarah 581-3503

Reward if found!! Was lost, but now I'm found. Was blind, but now I see. Thank You God!

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Chadbourne Hall
to place
your classified ad

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