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• Search committee



Judith Bailey. (Gagne File Photo.)

Presidential candidates announced

Bailey makes final cut

By Jeff Tuttle
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine Presidential Search Committee announced three of the four finalists for the University of Maine presidency Tuesday. The fourth name was not available at press time.

UMaine Vice President for Academic Affairs Judith Bailey is one of the finalists. The other two candidates are Peter Sloat Hoff, senior adviser to the chancellor at California State University, and Deborah Flemma Stanley, interim president of the State University of New York at Oswego. The fourth candidate will be announced today.

The committee narrowed the field from 54 candidates at the beginning of the search, which ensued shortly after President Frederick Hutchinson announced his retirement last November.

Each of the candidates will visit the university for two days. Candidates will visit with each prospective constituent group at the university, including faculty, staff, administration, community leaders, the president, the search committee and students. UMaine Public Affairs News Coordinator Joe Carr said every effort will be made to have the candidates visit campus prior to the May 10 commencement, preferably before finals week, so students will have an opportunity to meet the candidates.

"Everybody on the committee and in the university thinks that it's critically important for students to meet the next president," Carr said. "We'll do everything in our power to make it happen."

After meeting with each of the candidates, the presidential search committee will forward, in no particular order, three

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• GSS

Senator proposes referendum to dismantle Student Government, eliminate student fees

By Yolanda Sly
Maine Campus staff

A referendum to abolish Student Government and all of the university's fees was proposed at last night's General Student Senate meeting.

"(I resolve) to put forth a student referendum of whether or not to get rid of the technology fee, communication fee, comprehensive fee, recreation fee and the student activity fee, and whether or not to dissolve Student Government," said Sen. Ryan Eslinger, who proposed the referendum.

Some senators were concerned about students being educated on the effects on students if such a resolution were to pass.

"I hope the repercussions of the referendum are at least understood," Sen. Jamie LeBlond said. "You can dissolve Student Government and have the fees."

Eliminating the student activity fee would effectively eliminate Student Government.

"I'm doing this because the students complain that their voice hasn't been heard. Students should have the final vote," said Eslinger, who is also president of Residents On Campus. "If they think we're not doing a good job, we'll get out. Students should decide if the fees they're paying are worth the services they're getting."

The resolution has gone to several GSS committees and will be discussed within the next two

weeks. If put to a referendum, the vote would occur during the next senate elections, which will be next semester.

Fair Elections and Practices Commission Chair Jonathan Duke said the vote would have to be next semester because there needs to be a 90-day waiting period and there isn't enough time to put the question to a vote before next semester.

Eslinger announced during the meeting that ROC pledged financial support to both the women's hockey and volleyball teams.

However, when the GSS voted on the resolution, Eslinger, who donated a portion of his salary to the team, voted against the resolution, claiming that \$475,000 of student money goes to women's hockey scholarships. He also suggested that cheaper female teams should be granted varsity status instead of the hockey team.

Student Government President Jennifer Nelson said other sports have been looked at and the state has a greater number of women's hockey programs.

In other GSS news:

• The GSS tabled a resolution to write a letter opposing the people's veto of the state budget after senators debated whether the resolution stemmed from partisan politics.

"How will a letter from this student senate affect this?" Nelson asked, telling senators that

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• Statewide ban

Same-sex marriage finds support among students

By Misty Edgecomb
Maine Campus staff

An informal survey at the University of Maine suggests that most students are opposed to the recent banning of same-sex marriages in Maine.

"Why shouldn't homosexuals be allowed to marry if others are?" said Stefanie Bailey, a sophomore majoring in parks, recreation and tourism. "They love each other just like a male and female do."

Stefanie St. John, secretary of the General Student Senate, echoed Bailey's concerns. "Love is love, no matter what the sexual orientation is," she said. "Times are changing."

Opinion statewide runs to the more conservative side, however.

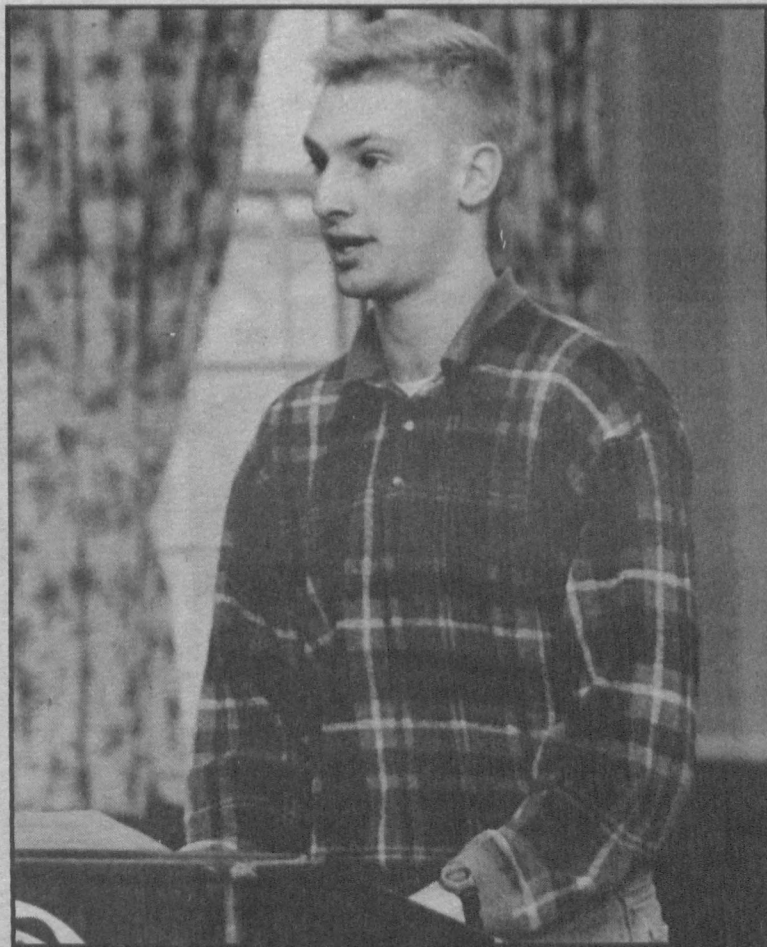
The ban was introduced into legislative debate by Carolyn Cosby's organization, Concerned Maine Families, which collected more than 60,000 petition signatures from registered voters.

In March, state legislators passed the measure to ban gay and lesbian marriages by a 2 to 1 ratio.

"It's quite clear the state of Maine has a definite opinion on what our public policy should be on marriage," said Cosby in the April 1 issue of the Bangor Daily News.

When the bill came before Gov. Angus King, he chose not to veto or to sign the bill. Instead, he allowed the legislation to become law without his signature.

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Sen. Ryan Eslinger. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

• Education

Legislators consider welfare reform bills

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

AUGUSTA – Ten welfare reform bills, including one aimed at establishing a "Parents as Scholars" program, were heard at the Health and Human Services Committee's workshop Monday afternoon at the State House.

"When we encourage education, people get better jobs easier," said Sen. Susan Longley, D-Liberty, in support of "Parents as Scholars." "That is the best way to get people off welfare."

Temporary Assistance of Needy Parents, formerly Aid to Families with Dependent Children, currently requires recipients who don't have undue circumstances to take part in its Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment program. ASPIRE offers seminars to boost self-esteem and help the temporary assistance recipient back into the job field while taking courses to further their careers.

"Parents as Scholars" would be another temporary assistance program. It would pay the living expenses of recipients while they

attend a postsecondary school, which they would have to pay for through loans or grants. While ASPIRE has a two-year

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Partly sunny with
highs in upper 50s
to low 60s.

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World Briefs

• Air travel

Russian airline stands by safety record

1 MOSCOW (AP) — The new chief of Russia's largest airline defended the company's safety standards Tuesday and outlined a development program to add more domestic flights and compete better with Western carriers overseas.

Valery Okulov, Boris Yeltsin's son-in-law, was appointed last month as acting director of Aeroflot Russian International Airlines by the president. The company is the largest successor to the Soviet-era giant Aeroflot, which broke into some 500 separate carriers after the Soviet collapse.

Many "babyflots" have neglected flight safety in the quest for profits, failing to properly maintain aircraft and allowing overloading which has resulted in fatal crashes in recent years.

Okulov acknowledged the problems faced by small carriers but insisted his airline maintains safety norms in line with international standards.

"In fact, our maintenance norms and flight safety requirements are stricter than in the West," Okulov said at a news conference. "And Russian-made aircraft are no less safe than those produced in the West."

In a recent book, Mary Schiavo, former inspector general of the U.S. Department of Transportation, advised passengers to "avoid Russian-made planes" at all costs.

• Amnesty?

China's human rights record intact

2 GENEVA (AP) — China blocked U.N. criticism of its human rights record Tuesday for the seventh straight year, rallying enough countries behind it to avoid debate at the U.N. human rights commission meeting.

The commission voted 27-16 with nine abstentions on a Chinese "no action" proposal.

The vote followed an unprecedented campaign of threats and promises by China to avoid being criticized by the 53-nation watchdog. China announced Tuesday that it would suspend state visits and talks on human rights with Denmark.

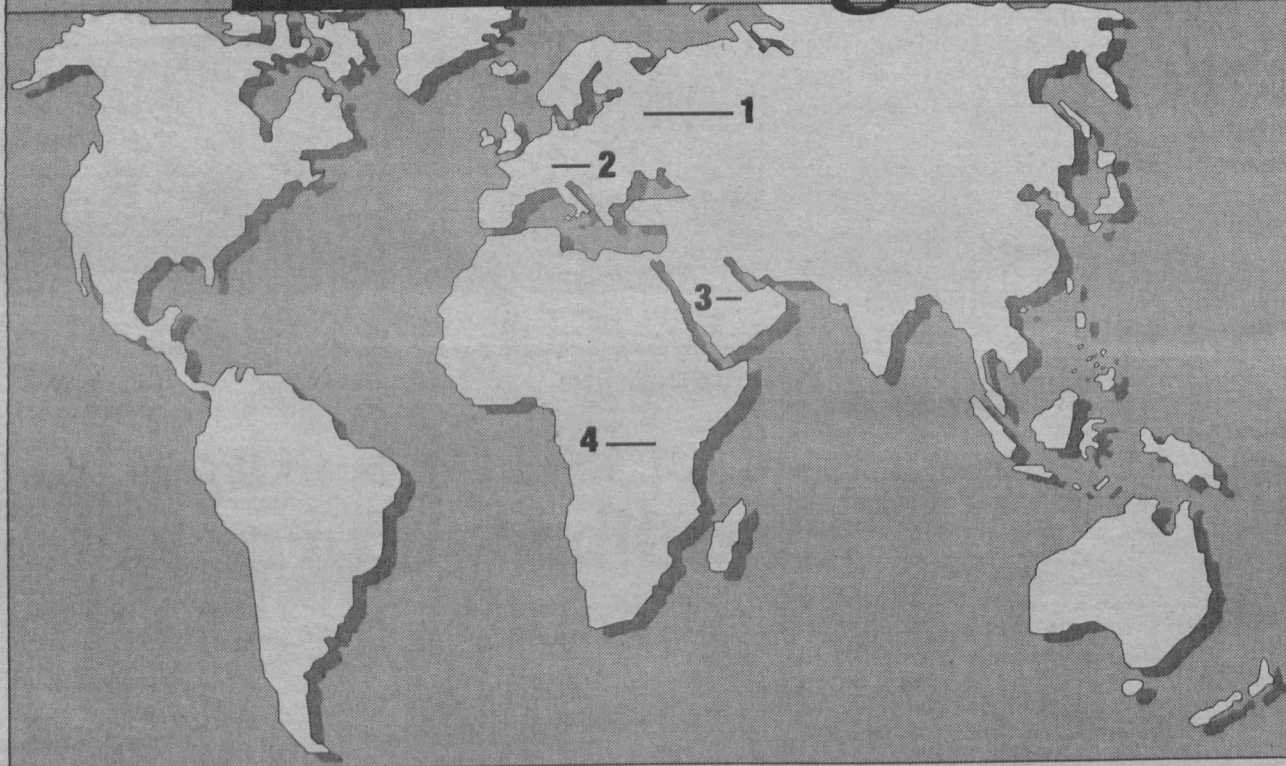
Denmark was the sponsor of the mildly worded resolution, which had the support of the United States, Britain and a dozen other European countries.

The motion expresses concern over China's persecution of those who have exercised their freedom of expression or religion, urges the release of political prisoners and calls for improvements in China's judicial system.

China made threats last week, before Denmark put the motion before commission, that such criticism would be a "rock that smashes down on the Danish government's head."

Accusing Denmark of interfering in China's internal affairs and "hurting the feelings of the Chinese people," Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang said.

World Digest



• Tragedy

Fire rips through large pilgrim camp, 300 dead

3 MINA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — A fire swept across a pilgrims' tent encampment outside Mecca today as 2 million Muslims gathered for one of Islam's most sacred rituals. Witnesses said at least 300 people died and hundreds were injured.

The dead were mostly Indians, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis, the witnesses said.

Witnesses said they saw hundreds of bodies. Reporters for a local Saudi newspaper said at least 300 people died, most of them trampled in the panic caused by the fire.

Hundreds of thousands were left stranded by the fire on the arid plains of Mina outside Mecca.

The fire broke out as Muslims gathered for the hajj, or pilgrimage, were beginning to move to Mount Arafat. There, they will stand together in prayer at dawn Wednesday. The gathering on Mount Arafat, where the Prophet Mohammed delivered his last sermon in the seventh century, is the climax of the hajj.

The hajj has been the scene of several tragedies, including the deaths of 1,400 people in a 1990 stampede.

Witnesses said helicopters were brought in to aid firefighters battle the blaze at Mina, where 104-degree heat was coupled with high winds that fanned the flames.

• Long wait

Rwandan refugees, relief workers feel the burden

4 KASESE, Zaire (AP) — Comatose with malaria, the emaciated men and women lie on the ground of a makeshift hospital. Hundreds of flies bite their limp bodies while intravenous drips of nutrition keep them alive.

In just a few days, the Rwandans in this jungle refugee camp are supposed to start being evacuated to a nearby transit center, where they'll be screened and registered for a long-awaited trip home.

But aid workers say the repatriation plan is being frustrated by Zairian rebels, who by Tuesday still had not given the United Nations permission to set up the transit center. That means healthy refugees must wait longer.

At the same time, rebels want all the refugees out quickly. And that means the thousands of sick may not get well enough to make the trip. Already, many have died.

"For us, the death toll is not dropping. We've got an average of 10 deaths a day," said Dutch nurse Danny Decamper, 27, already sweating in the jungle's morning heat. "It will take time before we can stabilize these people and prepare them for repatriation."

He and other aid workers are running against time, struggling to heal thousands of sick refugees while overcoming the bureaucratic tangle of sending as many as 100,000 people back to Rwanda.

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather

Sun mixing with afternoon clouds. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s.



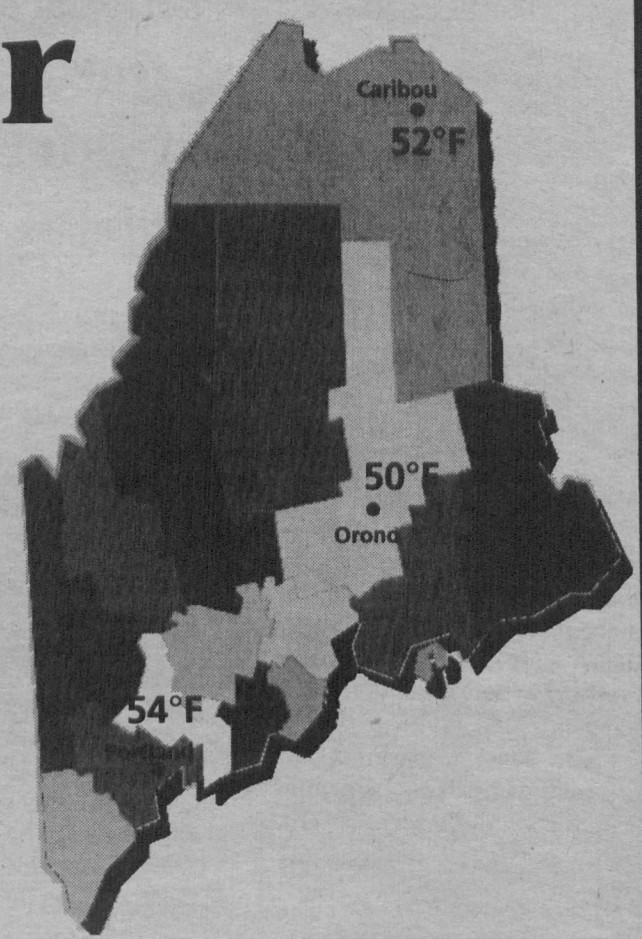
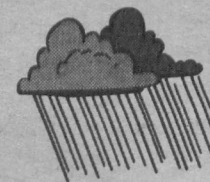
Thursday's Outlook

Cloudy with scattered showers. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s.



Extended Forecast

Friday and Saturday... Scattered rain or snow showers north. Chance of rain or snow south. Sunday... Chance of rain or snow showers north. Chance of showers south.



• Hudson Museum Friends

Renowned archaeologist talks about past, future of Egypt

By Darren L. Pare
Maine Campus staff

Egypt's Valley of the Kings is one of the most fascinating archaeological sites in the world, a world-renowned Egyptologist told a crowd at the Maine Center for the Arts Tuesday.

The valley is most famous for the discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922.

Archaeologist Donald P. Ryan, who is affiliated with Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., has made many successful discoveries in undecorated tombs in the valley. Undecorated tombs have no markings on the walls. Without

hieroglyphics, information on who is in these tombs is harder to find.

One of Ryan's biggest finds was in tomb No. 60, which Howard Carter — discoverer of King Tut's tomb — discovered in 1903 but did not search because he didn't think anything of interest would be found. The tomb was lost shortly thereafter because Carter did not give an exact location of the tomb in his notes. Ryan found tomb No. 60 when he was sweeping debris away during his first day in the valley.

Inside tomb No. 60 Ryan found a mummy, mummified food — which was supposed to serve as nourishment on the journey to the afterlife for the mummy —

and gold shavings near the tomb's entrance, which suggested the tomb had been robbed.

The female mummy hasn't been identified, but archaeologists believe she was royalty because of the way the left arm was bent and the clenched left hand. This is a symbol of royalty used in Egyptian statues.

Ryan has conducted research in six of these undecorated tombs. As a result of his work, Ryan has concerns about the condition these tombs are going to be in years from now. Ryan said the biggest threat is water from flash floods. He has since started a conservation project for the tombs.

Ryan said that all items found in the tomb remain there and have not been loaned to museums or shows.

"When we leave that tomb, it is in a more dignified state," Ryan said.

Although researchers who come to Egypt to study the tombs often employ people from poor nearby villages, the Egyptian government has cut back on the amount of research allowed. It is not a priority for the government to continue with digs because it feels it has enough artifacts already, Ryan said.

"We're dealing with a country that is not an ancient Egyptian country anymore, and we can't expect it to be," said Ryan.

• Engineering

Guest speaker anticipates milestones in computer chip design

By Lester B. Smith
Maine Campus staff

Computer programming will be more effective by 2002 because computer chips will be able to read 16 instructions per cycle and output 10 of those instructions, which is more than half of what the current computer chips can do, a professor of electrical engineering and computer science at the University of Michigan said.

"The improvement of the computer chips will be made possible by the increase of the current 15 million transistors in the computer chips to 100 million transistors," Yale N. Patt said.

Patt made his comments during a speech

at Neville Hall Monday evening, in which he explained how the improved computer chips function.

"The transistors on the computer chip will work like an assembly line or pipe line that will bring in instructions then pass them along for decoding, which will allow a constant flow of information along with reservation stations that will store information that's not ready to be processed," Patt said.

The reservation stations are an important part of the new computer chips because they help in cases of load instructions that read "cache mess," which means the programmer won't be able to go to memory to get data to place information in the register for the next 50 cycles. But with reservation

stations, it will store cache mess and allow the other instructions to run until cache is ready to be processed.

"One of the few drawbacks about the new computer chips is that programmers will have to predict how the instructions will be branched, and if the programmer's prediction is wrong, they will lose their information," Patt said.

Patt added that if programmers use correct algorithms and program language, it will aid in the success rate of getting the output of the majority of information in their programs.

Professor of computer science Jim Fastook said, "I'm convinced that the new computer chips will be effective because of the

addition of the reservation stations and that most of the products Patt endorsed in the past are now on the shelves of Sears."

Patt earned a bachelor's degree from Northeastern University and master's and doctoral degrees in electrical engineering from Stanford University. He also received the 1992 Outstanding Professor of the Year Award from the University of Michigan and the 1996 Eckert-Mauchly Award for important contributions to instruction-level parallelism and super scalar processor design.

Patt's speech was sponsored by the national ACM Technology Outreach Program Lectureship Series and the University of Maine System's Computing and Data Processing Services.

POLICE BLOTTER

- Friday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m. a VCR worth \$259 was taken from a utility cart in a hallway in Little Hall.
- Friday, April 11 at 10:13 a.m. a gray London Fog spring coat was stolen from the pit in the Memorial Gym.
- Friday, April 11 at 7:04 p.m. a GRA stereo worth approximately \$800 was stolen from a room in Somerset Hall.
- Friday, April 11 at 10:46 pm. a pair of sneakers and a text book were stolen from a vehicle in the PM parking lot.
- Saturday, April 12 a backpack containing \$300 in cash and \$800 in checks and credit cards was stolen from the multi-purpose room in Memorial Gym.
- Saturday, April 12 at 1:40 a.m. a male minor was referred to Judicial Affairs for loud noise and possession of alcohol.



Bound

Wednesday, April 16
6:30PM

Donald P. Corbett, Room 100
Free and open to the public.

Stonewall

Wednesday, April 16
9:15PM

Donald P. Corbett, Room 100
Free and open to the public



Alternative showings...

Stonewall, Wednesday, April 16, 6:30PM, 101 Neville
Bound, Wednesday, April 16, 9:15PM 101 Neville

NOT AT THE MALL

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Comprehensive Fee

Attention Club Treasurers

**Deadline for Check Requests is
Tuesday, April 29th at 3:00pm.**

All groups that have balances remaining in their 1996-1997 Student Government budgets must come in and submit receipts for expenses in approved categories. **Check requests can be completed for reimbursement through 4/29.**

The checks will be processed upon submission and they should all be picked up by **Friday May 9, 1997**. If your club requires a check on a specific date or has receipts coming in late, please make us aware of your situation.

Please call Student Government at **581-1775** if you have questions.

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the people's veto isn't an issue they should be discussing. "It won't stop hundreds of people from getting signatures."

• Panhellenic Council Public Relations Chair Laurie Dionne read a letter of resignation from former Sen. Amy Sczerba, who is also the council's treasurer.

"To the best of my ability, I have represented the off-campus students," the letter stated. "I believe my efforts to serve the community were being spent in the right place. I see now I was wrong."

"Events this past week has helped me realize Student Government is not the organization I was proud to be a part of. I do not wish to subject myself to scrutiny and judgment that goes on daily in Student Government."

Sczerba's letter referred to last week's budget meeting, when she moved to remove funds from ROC salaries to put to use for Panhel.

"I refuse to be any less than the strong Greek woman I am," Sczerba's letter continued. "I hereby resign from GSS."

Dionne, who was emotional throughout, said she was proud of Sczerba and that "nothing can break the spirit in strong Greek women."

• The Facilities Expansion Committee is looking for people interested in traveling to the University of New Hampshire and Northeastern University to see

how their facilities compare to UMaine's.

• Vice president of Financial Affairs Christopher Washburn distributed the revised final addition of Student Government's budget. The American Marketing Association hasn't met with the Executive Budgetary Committee to explain why the association wasn't represented at the budget meeting. Maine Masque had its funds for the remainder of the

year frozen because of problems with receipts.

• The GSS voted to pay the vice president of financial affairs for work completed over the summer.

• A new line was created in the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils' budgets for an awards banquet. Money for the line will come from funds already allocated to the organizations.

• Two candidates for Off Campus Board were introduced: Chris Geele is running for OCB president and Jennifer Braunfels is running for OCB vice president. The election is Tuesday.

• African American Association co-adviser James Varner announced his group's intention to get funding from Student Government.

• Senior Council will hold a pub run to Portland's Old Port Saturday. Tickets will be on sale in the union Thursday and Friday.

• Alana Ahearne, from the women's ice hockey team, thanked Student Government for its financial support.



Student Government President Jenn Nelson. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

Ban

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In doing so, he protested the measure without subjecting Maine to the "bitter and divisive" referendum campaign which could have resulted from a veto.

Discussion among university students and faculty provides a reflection of the reaction statewide, and an example of the strong emotion felt by those on all sides of the same-sex marriage issue.

"The ban is legislation spawned in hate and mean-spiritedness," said Bob Whalen, advisor for Wilde-Stein, UMaine's gay, lesbian and bisexual organization.

"I support the ban on same sex marriages because in my personal opinion, I believe the healthiest families are those with a husband and wife uniquely created to meet each other's needs," said Kristin Rupp.

"No same-sex couples asked to be married in Maine," said Heath McKay, a senior French major who is the current co-chair of Wilde-Stein. "The ban is a preemptive measure just for the sake of discrimination."

Personal background and religious convictions normally contribute to a person's opinion on such a "morality" issue, but local religious organizations are split on the issue of same-sex marriages.

"I personally believe that loving relationships are what God is after, and that Jesus had nothing to say about homosexuality," said Rev. James Young of the Orono United Methodist Church.

"However, the United Methodist Church hasn't taken a formal stance, and I suspect that we would be divided."

Many voiced concern about how society would respond to the children of homosexual parents.

"I believe that children need to be raised by a mother and a father figure," said Shannon Heffner, a second-year nursing student. Some students questioned what the

state's role should be in regulating citizens' lives.

"I don't think there is any problem with gay marriages, who's to say they can't?" said Dick Chasse, a first-year natural resources major.

"It seems like a value judgment that I'm not sure the state should be making," said Mark Guzzi, a second-year sustainable agriculture major.

"There's no reason why homosexuals shouldn't receive the same benefit under the law," he said.

Legalities complicate the issue of same-sex marriages for many.

"Recognizing same-sex marriages creates problems concerning who gets tax breaks, medical benefits, etc.," said Heffner.

"Partners should be able to have the legal and financial advantages that come with marriage," said Whalen. "It's only fair."

Lawmakers are currently discussing a second legislative measure to introduce a "domestic partnership law," which would grant gay and lesbian couples some of the legal benefits of marriage, giving homosexuals protected civil rights status in the areas of housing, public accommodations and credit.

"It would be a big step to add sexual preference as a new protected class, as it stands now," said Kerry Clark Jordan of legal services.

According to Jordan, the chance of the homosexual marriage ban being overturned on appeal is slim.

"I think the Maine courts would probably uphold the measure," she said. "Courts usually defer to the legislature unless the constitution is being violated."

The same-sex marriage ban will take effect June 27th, making Maine the 18th state to approve such a law.

The Guest Lecture Series
presents

Jeanne White-Ginder

Mother of
AIDS victim
Ryan White
will talk about
her
experiences
and
AIDS
awareness.

100 DP Corbett
Tuesday, April 22, 1997
7:00p.m.
Free to the public.



Friends of Maine Women's Basketball

Post-Season Banquet and
Awards Program

Saturday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m.
in Orono at the Alford Arena

- \$22 per person, reservations required by April 16, call 581-1107
- Program Portion only, Admission \$5 for adults, FREE for children and UMAINE STUDENTS WITH ID, Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

April 18th

John Cooper Trio

12:15 PM

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• Fundraiser

Sororities, fraternity unite to help woman with cancer

By Elizabeth Beaulieu
Maine Campus staff

Sigma Chi is sponsoring a four-day event called Derby Days that begins today. The event will raise money for a local woman who has cancer.

"We get the sororities together and have them compete against each other for several days," James McMann said. "We have fun, but we are also generating money."

The money raised by the fraternity will be donated to the Marie Sanborn Cancer Fund to help defray the costs of her medical bills and treatment. Sanborn is being treated at Eastern Maine Medical Center for lymphoma cancer. Sanborn is a graduate of Old Town High School, attended the University of Maine and currently lives in Greenbush.

Fund raisers such as these raise awareness and serve as realistic reminders, said Robert Dana, associate dean of Student Community Life and a Greek adviser.

"There is value in service and the value is looking past my own needs," Dana said. "It makes us realize that we are all of the same cloth."

McMann said that the tradition of Derby Days began at a chapter of Sigma Chi in California during the 1930s and that this is Sigma Chi's third year participating.

"We usually donate the money to a national cause," McMann said. "Last year we donated the money to the Children's Miracle Network but one of the brothers

had heard about this woman needing help, so we decided to give it to the cancer fund."

Ken Wood, the co-chair of Derby Days and a brother at Sigma Chi, said he had previously gone to a fund raiser for Sanborn.

"We look for fund raisers every year, and I got to know her and found out she had no insurance," Wood said. "We thought we could do something for her."

During Derby Days, the seven sororities (Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Zeta, Phi Beta Phi, Phi Mu and Chi Omega) compete and raise funds on the behalf of Sigma Chi, McMann said.

Spirit Day is the first event of Derby Days. It requires members of the seven sororities to wear clothing or other paraphernalia that display their Greek letters for the day. In return, points are given to the sororities.

"They want to be champion of Derby Days and they do this by getting the most points," McMann said. "We also crown a Derby Darling of the sorority that wins the most points."

Another event, the Derby Hunt, takes place all week and requires members of the sororities to take the derbies, or hats, from the brothers of Sigma Chi, McMann said.

Other games include a scavenger hunt, tug-of-war, a pie-throwing contest and a duck race.

"Derby Days creates a bond between the different Greek organizations, and it is a community thing," Wood said.

Selling ads for the Derby Days year-

book and selling ducks for the duck race that will take place Saturday are ways the sororities will raise funds for this worthy cause.

"It is important for every student to engage in civic service where people are helping people," Dana said. "In this case, I admire the Greeks for leading the way."

Search

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names to University of Maine System Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart, who will then make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

There was a great deal of speculation within the university community regarding Bailey's almost certain candidacy. Bailey, who has served at the university for nine years, said she is excited with being a finalist and with having an opportunity to share her ideas regarding the future of the university.

"I would be honored and proud to serve as president if that's the best choice for the university," Bailey said. "I have a vision of the University of Maine as the premier institution of the state at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. Strength within the undergraduate programs enhances the status of the research and graduate institutions."

The other candidates could not be reached at press time.

Bailey earned her bachelor's degree from Coker College in Hartsville, S.C., and both her master's and doctoral degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Hoff has worked at institutions including the Indiana University Southeast and the University of Georgia before serving at Cal State. He earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin and his master's and doctoral degrees at Stanford University in California.

Stanley, a lawyer, earned both her bachelor's and law degrees at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y.

The university plans to stick to the search's original timetable, which stipulated that the new president would take office when Hutchinson retires June 30.

TODAY'S
THE DAY

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for Windows
Fractal Painter 4.0 VTC Training CD
for Windows and Macintosh

1) Use Netscape Navigator 3.01 to go to:
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This is the internet browser that runs our page best. If you have an earlier version of Netscape, or only have Internet explorer, you can go to our Web page and follow the instructions to download Netscape 3.01. The correct version of Netscape is installed on almost all campus computer clusters, so feel free to compete in the hunt from there.

2) Follow the directions for the Computer Connection Treasure Hunt
3) We will email or call you if you win one of the prizes! THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM...Selection is limited, so hurry in and choose your prize as soon as we contact you!

Winners will be selected randomly from the entries and will be notified by phone or email if provided. All students, faculty and staff of UMaine, Orono are eligible to participate, except employees of the Computer Connection. One entry per person.

Attention Seniors!

Senior Night Out Pub Run

Round Trip Coach to Portland's
Old Port

Saturday, April 19th

Tickets \$10.00

Buses Leave MCA @ 5:15 p.m.

*Must be 21

Tickets will be on Sale: Thursday April
17th & Friday April 18th in the
Memorial Union.



Tickets also available at the
buses, but seating will be
limited.



First Come, First served

Questions?

Call Shawn @ 866-4596

Welfare

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limit and is paid for by both state and federal funds, "Parents as Scholars" would have a four-year limit and be paid for by state funds, which would also mean the program wouldn't count toward the federally-mandated five-year limit for receiving welfare.

Judy Williams, director of the Department of Human Services' Bureau of Financial Independence, said 97 percent of the people participating in ASPIRE don't return to welfare. She was concerned over the wording of L.D. 1117, which states recipients could choose a career "likely to result in employment." Williams said a person could choose to receive an education in saturated job markets — like truck driving and hairdressing — because they could argue they would "likely" find a job in that market.

"The issue is how far do you allow choice in the issue," Williams said, adding that recipients would be assessed to see what their goals are.

"I just don't think we can be making

life decisions for people," said Rep. Michael Quint, D-Portland. He said he didn't want people's goals limited or discouraged because of their income.

The University of Southern Maine's vice president for student development spoke in support of the bill.

"We see it as sort of a partnership between what we can provide and what the department of human services can provide," Judy Ryan said.

Human Services Commissioner Kevin Concannon said other states' welfare education programs didn't work in getting people off the system. Instead, the programs saw an increase in case loads.

Quint pointed out that Maine could learn from states that haven't been successful.

"Part of this wonderful process is if we recognize something's wrong we can change it," Quint said.

Members the Health and Human Services Committee expressed concerns about the "Parents as Scholars Program,"

among them whether a person on welfare would get more help toward an education than those who are not on it, whether graduates would move out of state once they got their education and whether there should be any grade-point average requirements.

"If we're going to help people get a four-year degree, that's a lot of money," said Glenys Lovett, R-Scarborough. "I think we've got to expect something in return. This is quite an outright scholarship grant that we're writing."

Lovett favors a GPA requirement and a time limit.

After further discussion, the committee decided to postpone voting on the bill until the committee's May 6 workshop.

While the bills still have to go before the House and Senate, bills receiving unanimous ought-to-pass status from the committee have a good chance of "passing under the gavel," without debate in either house or an official vote, according to Rep. Tarren Bragdon, R-Bangor.

ASPIRE proponent urges caution with welfare reform bills

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

Kim Welsh has a warning for the legislators in charge of Maine's welfare reform bills:

"Be very careful about what you do pass. You're affecting someone else's family and children."

She wishes she had been able to bring herself and her 9-year-old son, Bob, to the public hearings on the bills to let legislators put a face to the reform, and to break the stereotype of "welfare wench."

Welsh has taken part in the ASPIRE program at the University of Maine through the Onward Program. She's waiting to see if she can continue to use the program. She said getting an education has given her hope, which in turn has given her more hope for the future.

"ASPIRE definitely gets me a better chance to get off the system," said Welsh, who has been on welfare for 10 years.

Her initial experience with ASPIRE wasn't as positive. When she went on the program in South Portland, the personnel insisted she train as a secretary, even though the area had an abundance, Welsh said.

"If you train me for \$4.75 an hour, no, I'm not going to be off the state," she said, adding that only one of the people she trained with who found a niche in the secretarial field didn't go back on welfare.

ASPIRE helps Welsh, now a first-semester sophomore who wants to start a business matrix, with car insurance, mileage, car repairs, child care, books and a clothing allowance.

"Being on welfare, I didn't have clothes to go to school," Welsh said. Now she easily blends into the college crowd with her large black boots, purple flannel shirt.

She is angry that AFDC would pay for a telephone, television, and food and rent, but not for clothes for her son or a bed for her. So Welsh took out additional money from her student loan to buy a bed, clothes, a car and a computer, which she bought to allow her to be close to her son while doing her work.

She said the 20 hours of work a week required through ASPIRE was reasonable and that the transition to working built her self-esteem.

"It's not a level jump from a cliff but a gradual ascension," Welsh said.

Welsh said she can't say enough good things about the Onward Program. Federally funded, the program offers developmental classes in read-

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State News

• Partial-birth abortion ban

Abortion bill returns to House following Senate rejection

AUGUSTA (AP) — As a standing-room-only crowd looked on, state senators split with their House counterparts Tuesday and voted against a bill that would ban so-called "partial-birth abortions" except to save the life of the mother.

Rep. Douglas Ahearn's bill must now go back for another vote in the House, which approved it by a vote of 80 to 61 Monday. If the two chambers fail to agree, the bill will die.

"You don't quit until the last vote is taken," said Marc Mutty, spokesman for the Portland Roman Catholic Diocese, which supports the ban.

Senators debated the bill for about an hour before voting 18 to 15 to accept a Judiciary Committee recommendation that Ahearn's bill be killed.

Foes of the ban argued the late-term abortion procedure was rarely done in Maine and the decision to use it should be left up to a woman

and her doctor. Supporters countered the practice was inhumane and crossed the line between abortion and infanticide.

The procedure, usually performed after 20 weeks, involves partially extracting a fetus, legs first, through the birth canal, cutting an incision in the barely visible skull base and then draining the contents of the skull.

"The difference between this procedure being legal and murder is about a 3-inch span," said Sen. Leo Kieffer, R-Caribou.

Sen. Peter Mills, R-Skowhegan, said Maine already had laws prohibiting late-term abortions except to save the life or health of the mother. He told his fellow lawmakers they should be concentrating on more pressing issues, like child poverty.

"If the people of good will on both sides of this issue worked half as hard on taking care of those kids, our society would be better off," Mills said.

Although the state Bureau of Health says only two third-trimester abortions have been performed since 1984, there have been 4,268 second-trimester abortions done during the same period.

Of those, 67 were performed at or after 20 weeks of pregnancy.

The health bureau does not keep track of how many used "intact dilation and evacuation," the medical term for partial-birth abortions. But bureau director, Dr. Dora Anne Mills, said most abortions done after 20 weeks are dilation and evacuation procedures, of which partial-birth abortions are a subset.

Additionally, state officials cannot tell the age of the fetuses in three abortions performed last year because key information was left off reporting forms.

Of the 18 second-trimester abortions performed in Maine last year, one was performed in the 26th week, according to the health bureau.

The agency considers second-trimester as 13 weeks to 26 weeks of pregnancy.

The total number of abortions in Maine declined from 4,767 in 1987 to 2,615 last year, preliminarily. Second-trimester abortions fell from 726 to 18 in the same period.

After the Senate vote, groups on both sides of the issue tried to put their best spins on it.

"We're heartened by today's Senate vote affirming the central role of women and physicians in making medical decisions in painful situations," said Susan Mansfield, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England.

Ban supporters said they were encouraged they fell only three votes shy in the Senate. Win or lose, they said their fight had done a lot to bring the issue to the public's attention.

"We had been told we'd go nowhere with this, that we'd be flamed out of here," Mutty said.

• Prevention

Crime rose in 1996 for third year, but violent crime down

AUGUSTA (AP) — The number of crimes rose in Maine for the third consecutive year in 1996, but the state is still safer than it was in 1991, the officials said Tuesday as they released preliminary figures for last year.

Crime statistics show an overall increase of 2.4 percent last year, but most of the increase is due to the 3 percent increase in property crimes, said spokesman Stephen McCausland of the

state Public Safety Department.

He noted that Mainers can have an impact on the rate of property crimes like theft and burglary. "They're some of the more simple crimes to prevent, by locking your house, not putting your key under your doormat and locking your car."

The report also shows a 5 percent decline last year in violent crimes reported by municipi-

pal, county and state police.

Twenty-four murders were committed in the state last year, four more than during the previous year but fewer than the 27.3 annual 10-year average. Half of last year's murders stemmed from domestic violence.

For the third year running, the number of rapes decreased, with 0.7 percent fewer reported to police last year. Domestic violence assaults decreased in 1996 by 11 percent, breaking a pattern of increases during most of the previous eight years.

Aggravated assaults decreased by 4.8 percent, but simple assaults rose 3.3 percent. The number of robberies dropped by 11.8 percent last year.

Other figures show a 0.7 percent rise in the number of burglaries, a 2.8 percent rise in motor vehicle thefts, a 3.3 percent rise in larceny-theft cases, and a 15.1 percent rise in arson cases.

Overall, 42,327 criminal offenses were reported to Maine police last year, according to

the preliminary figures.

Expressed in terms of crimes committed against each 1,000 people, Maine's 1996 rate, 34.27, was much lower than the national rate for 1995, of 52.78 per 1,000. No newer national figures yet available. Maine's comparable 1995 rate was 33.47.

McCausland said the three consecutive years of crime rises in Maine follows a two-year period in 1992-93 when crime dropped by a total of 17 percent.

The 42,327 crimes reported last year compares to the 41,334 reported in 1995, but also to 46,865 in 1991.

"Maine's a safer state than it was five years ago," said McCausland.

The figures show the third consecutive increase in juvenile arrests or citations, which rose by 11.5 percent last year to 12,965. The number of adults arrested rose by 8.2 percent to 42,691.

The increase in juvenile arrests "is driven by drugs and alcohol," said McCausland.

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ing, writing, math and science. Participants can take up to three semesters to complete all three levels of training. About a third of the programs participants are in the ASPIRE program.

Penny Gray, a councilor at Onward, said Onward gives students who are either returning to school or have never been to school the skills to succeed academically at UMaine.

Gray said she can see some good points and drawbacks in the "Parents as Scholars" bill, but she is pleased with the bill's main goal: access to education.

"I'm very concerned about single-parent families, in part, having to work as well as going to school at the same time," she said. On the other hand, people do need a four-year degree minimum to survive, she said.

Some non-traditional students returning to school through Onward at UMaine and who are involved in ASPIRE let their voices be heard when they attended last month's public hearing on the bill.

Rep. Tarren Bragdon, R-Bangor, met with the students before they spoke. He said they talked about the importance of

education and how little things, like getting back their first test grade, restored their confidence.

"They did an excellent job (speaking), which I really think illustrates the training they received in Onward," Bragdon said.

A student at the University of Southern Maine spoke at Monday's workshop in Augusta in favor of the "Parents as Scholars" bill.

"I have a better shot at making the poverty level or above with a four-year degree," the student said, adding that she wanted to give back to the program as well. Currently in ASPIRE, she said her guidance counselor has tried to steer her away from a two- or four-year degree, which she resented. She said she felt her voice needed to be heard.

"My intention is not to have ended up on welfare. I feel that perhaps (ASPIRE) has potential, but it has not aspired to be all it could be."

Welsh also remains optimistic about the passing of the "Parents as Scholars" bill.

"Hopefully a four-year option will exist because it needs to," she said.



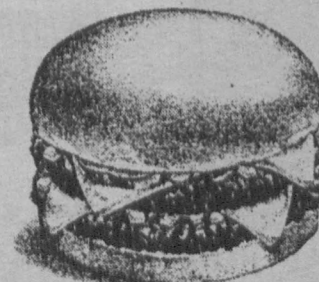
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National News

• Candidate testing

Supreme Court draws the line on mandatory drug tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — States cannot force political candidates to take drug tests merely to demonstrate the government's commitment to the war on drugs, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday in striking down a one-of-a-kind Georgia law.

The 8-1 decision said Georgia's drug-testing law violates the Constitution's ban on unreasonable searches, partly because there is no evidence of a drug-abuse problem among the state's elected officials.

"However well-meant, the candidate drug test Georgia has devised diminishes personal privacy for a symbol's sake," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote for the court. "The Fourth Amendment shields society against that state action."

"This is a small victory for liberty," said Walker Chandler, one of three Libertarian candidates who successfully challenged the law. "We're moving as a society toward drug testing of everybody, every day. At least the court finally said there are limits."

Georgia Attorney General Michael J. Bowers said, "I find it difficult to believe that drug-testing candidates for high office violates the Fourth Amendment. It's just inconceivable that people who are going to head up the government of this state ... cannot be checked at least this one time."

Since 1992, candidates for Georgia state office and many local offices were required to certify that they had taken and passed a drug test before their names could appear on the ballot.

The nation's highest court on three previous occasions had upheld mandatory or random drug testing without any individual suspicion of wrongdoing.

In two 1989 decisions, the court condoned drug tests for railroad workers whose jobs affect public safety and for U.S. Customs agents who

enforce anti-drug laws. In both instances, the court cited public health and safety as justification.

The court in 1995 upheld drug testing of student athletes in public schools because of the national concern over drug use by youngsters.

Ginsburg said those cases demonstrate that the "special need for drug testing must be substantial" for government testing to be upheld.

Georgia officials acknowledged the law was not enacted "in response to any fear or suspicion of drug use by state officials," Ginsburg said, adding that such officials generally do not perform high-risk jobs.

She also said the law would not necessarily help find lawbreakers. Because the candidate chooses the test date, all but the uncontrollably addicted could avoid detection, she said.

"The need revealed, in short, is symbolic, not special," she said.

The lone dissenter, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, said drug use "is one of the major problems of our society" and said he viewed the Georgia drug-testing requirement as a reasonable search.

Steven Shapiro of the American Civil Liberties Union said the ruling was significant in saying a "desire to set an example" is not enough to justify a government drug-testing plan. "This is from a court that's hardly sympathetic to Fourth Amendment concerns," he added.

The Georgia law was challenged in 1994 by three Libertarian candidates who passed their drug tests but lost their elections. Chandler had sought to become lieutenant governor, Sharon Harris ran for state agriculture commissioner, and James Walker was a candidate for the legislature.

Lower federal courts upheld the drug-test

requirement. When the case was argued before the court in January, Chandler represented himself and the other former candidates.

Ginsburg emphasized that Tuesday's ruling did not address medical exams to certify a candidate's general health or drug testing in private-sector jobs, where Fourth Amendment protections do not apply.

She added that suspicionless searches

can be required "where the risk to public safety is substantial and real," such as at airports and entrances to courts and other official buildings.

Ginsburg's opinion was joined by Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy, David H. Souter, Clarence Thomas and Stephen G. Breyer.



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• Roslin Institute

Scientist comments on cloning

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cloning a human would violate a human right because the clone would not be treated as an individual, the scientist who cloned a sheep said Tuesday.

Everyone has a right to be treated as an individual, said Ian Wilmut of the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, Scotland.

"If you made a copy of Einstein, and the kid failed in his homework, you'd say 'You're not supposed to fail your homework,'" he suggested, by way of example. "You just cannot imagine treating the child in a normal way."

Speaking to the National Press Club, Wilmut said the idea of cloning a loved one who died — a child, or a parent — was based on a

misunderstanding.

"It's simply not possible to do that," he explained.

Wilmut acknowledged that an attempt might be made at cloning a human in some remote place, away from publicity.

"I don't find it particularly threatening, I would just be very sad," he said.

He emphasized that such an experiment would involve the use — "the use, the use," he repeated disapprovingly — of a number of women.

On Feb. 24, President Clinton asked the National Bioethics Advisory Commission to review the possible abuse of cloning humans and report to him by the end of May.



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Editorial

Consider corporate sponsor

The University of Maine should explore every possible financial avenue when considering the expansion of the Memorial Union. To lessen the student financial burden associated with the expansion, corporate sponsorships should be among the alternatives weighed by the university.

Coca Cola recently gave \$1.1 million to the University of Connecticut for exclusive five-year rights to sell its products to the approximately 25,000 students who attend UConn's eight campuses. The soft drink company has also offered similar cash-for-consumer trade-offs to some of the nation's other large universities, which have been afforded the opportunity to use the added revenue to improve student life.

The idea of exploring the possibility of a similar corporate sponsorship at UMaine was raised at one of the well-intentioned, but poorly attended, town meetings designed to solicit student input regarding the union expansion. If the university were to pursue this financial avenue, the town meetings would have been well worth the time and effort. Coca Cola would certainly consider

the possibility of cornering the market, at least for a few short years, at a university with approximately 10,000 students at its Orono campus.

There are concerns that Coke's prospective short-term monopoly may make it appear as though the university has sold out to commercialism and traded student choice for a potential six-figure endorsement. Disgruntled students so inconvenienced with having to walk to a local market for a Pepsi must consider the overall financial benefit to the university and, hopefully, its entire student body.

Growing financial constraints at UMaine, although alleviated somewhat by a modest increase from the state's current budget, would warrant such an endeavor, whatever its perceived moral repercussions may be. Ladened with additional fees for the inevitable union expansion, students should support a Coca-Cola contract (or whatever company takes interest), especially if the university directs endorsement money toward lessening the blow of enrollment costs.

Court restores balance

The balance of power in Washington was compromised a year ago when Congress voted to give future presidents the unprecedented power of a line-item veto. For the sanctity of our legislative process, Federal District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson justly ruled that this veto power, which gave the executive branch new and profound leverage over the legislative branch, was unconstitutional.

While the ultimate decision will undoubtedly rest with the Supreme Court, Jackson's ruling protects the balance afforded the national government in Article I of the Constitution, which stipulates that the president must approve or disapprove in their entirety the bills passed by Congress. Jackson's finding also ensures that Congress live up to its responsibility to weigh the merit of the individual projects included in the bills it sends to the president.

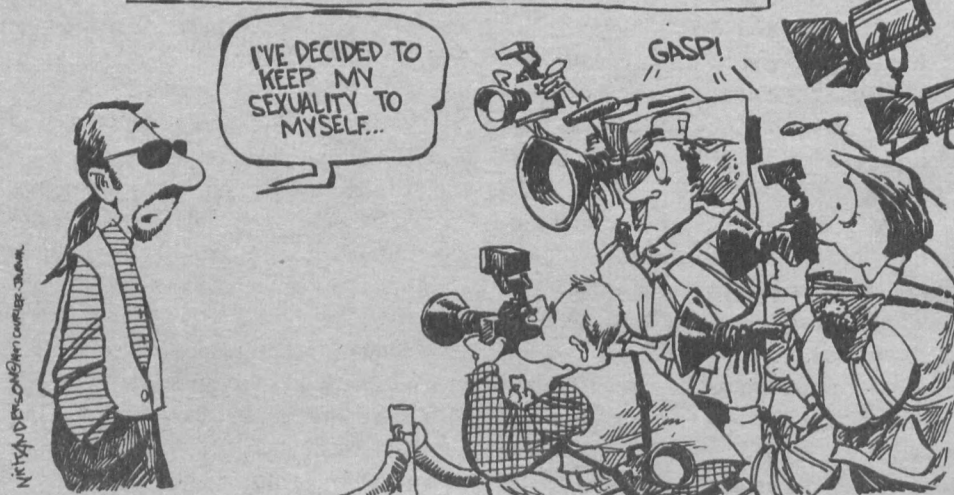
The judge, a Reagan appointee, was understandably perplexed by Congress's willingness to relinquish its legislative power to the president. The line-item veto would allow the president to cancel spe-

cific projects by notifying the Congress five days before signing the entire bill. Congress could then send back the canceled item to the president in a separate bill. Considering that bill would surely be vetoed, Congress would then have to override with the traditional two-thirds vote in each chamber.

Proponents of the line-item veto insist it is a viable means of weeding out wasteful spending, a way of making government more efficient. However, the sanctity of the Constitution cannot be traded for this false sense of efficiency that puts too much power in the executive branch.

Jackson's decision marks the judiciary's responsibility to interpret the laws passed by Congress, and interpreting a line-item veto as unconstitutional is just. As a result of the decision, Congress must live up to its responsibility to curb pork-barrel spending, as its attempt to shirk this duty has been at least temporarily defeated by a judge mindful of the damage such a shift of power can inflict upon the Constitution.

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Letters to the Editor

No malice intended

To The Editor,
The editorial that appeared in *The Maine Campus* (April 11) chastised the treasurer of the Panhellenic Council for her actions as senator during the Student Government budget meeting on April 8. Former Sen. Amy Sczerba asked for more funding from a severely cut budget of a board that represents one of the largest women's groups on this campus.

The reason for asking for \$250 from the three executive officers of ROC was to help the Panhellenic programming budget, which was cut by more than \$2,000. This budget provides entertainment on campus open to everyone, not just our constituents, such as our Annual Blood Drive, Greek Sing, Greek Talent, and Greek Night Out, which are all events we have sponsored in the past week. Other events this semester include our first GreekFest and a Recruitment Workshop with Marge Converse. Next semester we will be sponsoring more events, such as another GreekFest and a leadership conference. These events are open to the entire campus community.

What former Sen. Sczerba was trying to do was find monies from areas that were funded above the average. The average salary of an executive officer member of Student Government is approximately \$748. Panhellenic executive officers make approximately \$248 for the year. ROC executive officers, excluding Ryan Eslinger, will make \$900. They will make approximately 16 percent more than the average Student Government executive officer. The amendment to the budget intended to benefit the students on this campus as a whole. Nothing malicious was meant by the amendment, and Sczerba should not be chastised by anyone for it.

There is an issue that Panhellenic did not take advantage of the monies in its salaries before proposing an amendment that would affect the salaries of another board. Panhellenic

is made up of seven sororities on this campus. We were not comfortable making a decision, financial or otherwise, without discussing it with the sororities first. When Marge Converse came it was the first we heard about being the only Panhellenic in the nation to get paid, and we have been discussing our options since then.

Our budget was cut by more than \$2,000 from what we had last year. This cut will effect the quality programming we have provided this community and our constituents. Chastising an officer trying to do her job by providing for her community and constituents is a sad profile of what Student Government has come to stand for in the eyes of the Greeks.

It is unfortunate that the editorial stated students have a lack of respect for Greeks. The poor image of Greeks on this campus is not the fault of the Greek community. It is in part the fault of the media. The bond that Greeks share on this campus will not be broken by budget cuts or bad press. It has remained strong through joy and despair; adversity will not break that bond.

Greek unity always.

Laurie M. Dionne
Public Relations Chair
Panhellenic Council

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Heavy burden

To the Editor:
Last week I took steps to counter proposed federal regulations which could have a devastating impact on Maine's lobstering industry. The regulations, which are intended to prevent large right whales from becoming caught in lobster gear and gillnets, would require boat operators to make expensive changes to their equipment.

Like potatoes or blueberries, lobsters are important to Maine's economy and to our heritage as a state. Given the significance of lobstering, I felt it was necessary to voice my concerns about the regulatory proposals.

I spoke last week with Dr. Nancy Foster, deputy assistant administrator for Fisheries at the National Marine Fisheries Service within the United States Department of Commerce. I expressed my opposition to the nature and extent of the proposed regulations, and outlined my belief that the resulting equipment modifications could force many lobstermen out of business. It has been suggested that each lobster boat would require \$12,000 in gear and equipment changes.

I am troubled by the ideas being considered by the National Marine Fisheries Service. They would impose too heavy a burden for Maine's lobstering industry, and provide little if any benefit to the right whale population. These new regulations are excessive and leave few options for our state's 7,000 lobstermen.

I will continue to follow this issue closely and push for the meeting between the Congressional delegation and NMFS officials to take place within the next week. I will do my best to modify the proposed regulations and will keep Maine people informed of future developments. My staff and I would be pleased to provide additional information to anyone interested in learning more about this issue.

Rep. John Baldacci
Washington, D.C.

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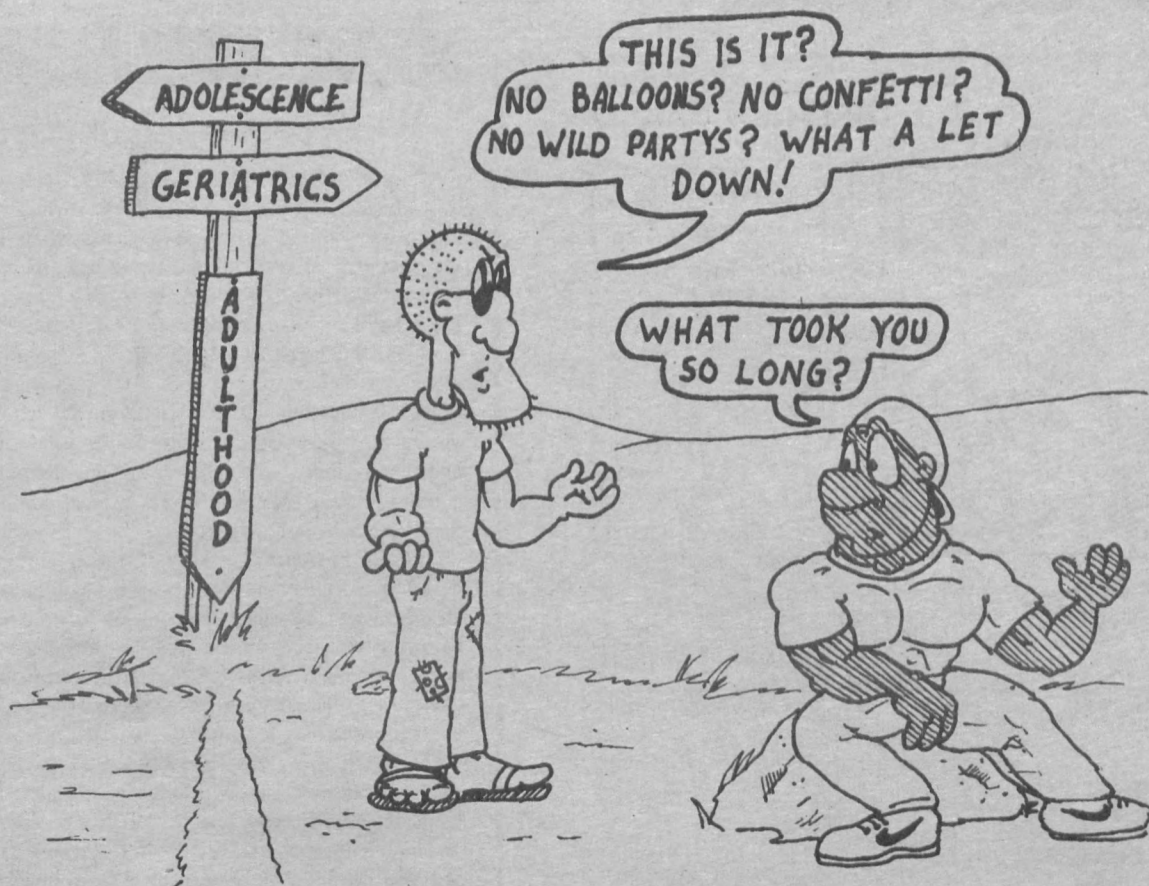
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Correction

It was erroneously reported in the story "GSS passes budget after long debate," which appeared in the Wednesday, April 9 edition of *The Maine Campus*, that the General Student Senate removed funding from the University of Maine Geological Society after being confronted by the club's president, Riley Brown. The decision to remove funding was made prior to the meeting.

OpEd



Waiting for adulthood

I've been waiting my entire life for one defining moment that lets me know I've finally reached adulthood. A sort of epiphany, if you will, with horns, streamers and ticker tape. Just one giant moment of enlightenment that says, "Way to go! You're an adult now! You made it!"

The waiting game started at about age 13 when I went to my first-ever rock concert, minus both parents. (So what if my math teacher went with my friends and me

treated as an adult any time soon, I spent the second half waiting for college, convinced that independence would bring instant adulthood. But by the time I moved into my tiny dorm room, I realized a horrifying thought, I wasn't ready yet for adulthood and independence; it was too lonely. So the last year or so I've given up waiting,

Instead, the real stuff happened. Our cars broke down, our dishes piled up and we felt like relaxing on the weekends. But we still gossiped about classmates, complained about our significant others and talked about how we couldn't wait to grow up.

Last weekend I just found out — I think it happened. It hit me all at once: one couple, who are getting married this June, just broke ground on their new house and will move in by May 1. Another is having a baby next month. Months ago when we talked about this stuff, it seemed like we were giggling about it, not really thinking it would happen. And it's here. Next month their first major life changes will happen. And they'll be all grown up, which might imply that I've grown up too.

Instead of ticker tape for my rite of passage, I have grocery bills and stacks of dirty laundry every weekend. And instead of throwing wild parties, I balance the check book and scrub the tub. Not to sound all dreary: I like my life now, and I still have fun, but it's nothing like any of us imagined it would be. Somehow, when we weren't looking, I think we grew up. (But just try convincing my parents of that. I think that's Step Two of the process.)

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As I See It

By Kathryn Ritchie

instead, he was pretty cool.) Driving home we stopped at Burger King at 1 a.m., and with the loud metal music still ringing in my ears, I thought I'd made the jump.

I waited all through high school, convinced at certain times that I was almost grown up, but knowing that I wasn't quite there. (When you can still be grounded and forced to rake the lawn, you know you're still a kid.) When I got my license, I was convinced I'd become an adult. The idea of having a license is so intoxicating when you don't have one: just you and the open road, all your friends and no rules. But along came the realities of buying gas and sharing the car with your parents.

After spending the first half of high school waiting to be

convinced the I'll pass the official marker of adulthood sometime soon.

Watching my friends "grow up" has been a great way to measure my own progress. You know how you look at pictures of yourself through the years and can't see any major changes, but for other people they are much easier to see? The same theory applies.

Well I've been monitoring my best friends for years. All we ever talked about in high school about was living on our own, throwing our own wild bashes and doing everything under the sun that our parents would just hate. But, weirdly enough, when we made our way into the world, that never happened.

Coca-Cola could mean big cashola

With the plans for the expanded union underway, and cries of wanting a new recreation center to be built, UMaine will have to create the means to fund these projects. Inevitably, students will foot the bill for a portion of the costs.

An idea that was raised at one of the town meetings was

their existence in large part to external support. I spent six months at the University of Minnesota and for a portion of the time, Pepsi had the exclusive rights to sell its products on campus. For the remainder of the time, and



On the Sly

By Yolanda Sly

the possibility of corporate sponsorships or exclusive contracts with a corporation to sell their products to gain funding for such endeavors. This is a valid idea that should be explored. If a corporation were to agree to foot part of the bill, students would have to pay less money for recreation projects.

The debate currently on FirstClass, about whether or not corporate sponsorships should be looked into for funding, has many sides, yet people should realize the benefits of such deals outweigh the negatives.

Recently, Coca-Cola paid \$1.1 million to have exclusive beverage selling rights at the University of Connecticut. Some may say it leaves no choice to the Pepsi drinkers, but this a small sacrifice for such a considerable sum of money. As long as competitors have the opportunity to bid, interested competition can exist.

Just last year, Coke outbid Pepsi for exclusive rights to sell their products at the University of Minnesota. This deal brought millions to the university, enabling construction of state-of-the-art facilities.

For example, their recreational center has a gym on each of the three floors, numerous racquetball and tennis courts, and students don't have to pay a membership fee as they do at UMaine. While this money might not have come exclusively from Coke, these were facilities that owe

currently, Coke has exclusive selling rights to the university. I noticed a difference in products sold for a day or two, but it did not affect my life greatly or hamper my educational experience.

In addition, their union has Taco Bell, so students are able to patron those eateries and other non-commercial facilities as well.

Agreements between corporations and schools also do not encroach upon academic curriculum. Free thought would continue to occur at the university.

Some may say UMaine has already been commercialized by Taco Bell and Pizza Hut in the Union. However, if additional funds could be gained and used for items that would benefit the students, what is the harm? Considering rocketing tuition rates, if students cuts could be cut by such deals, the university should look into it.

And just because a franchise such as a Taco Bell is located in the union, it doesn't mean students wouldn't have the option of eating healthier food or patron an establishment such as the Bear's Den.

If the university wants to compete with other schools for students and feels to do this it needs recreational facilities, they should explore the possibility of exclusive contracts with corporations.

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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Wednesday, April 16

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Aries is an action sign, but you are also intuitive. If you are smart, you will find ways to combine the two over the next year. Don't be afraid to bet against the experts: The more they say you have got it wrong, the more likely it is that you have got it right.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Why are you always in such a rush? If you would only slow down for a few minutes, you would see that what you think is so urgent can safely be put aside for another day. Financially, too, you will benefit from a more relaxed approach. Calm inspires confidence; hurry inspires worry.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You will be very relaxed today and confident that you have all the answers to whatever problems have been worrying you recently. Be cautious; any major decisions you make today may trigger off an unexpected chain of events which could give you another problem.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Read between the lines, but make sure what you see is real and not an invention of your imagination. Just because one individual let you down, doesn't mean everyone will do the same. Suspicion always breeds suspicion; only trust can breed trust.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Listen to your instincts today: They understand something that your rational mind would reject, wrongly, as too farfetched. All the experts in the world may tell you one thing, but if your inner voice tells you another you can be sure of one thing only: The experts have got it wrong.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Be nice to employers and senior colleagues for the rest of the week. You may resent the fact that they are timorous or talentless, but you are here and they are there and that's just the way it is. Your time will come, but it will come quicker if you aren't too pushy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): New ideas suddenly look more attractive, which to a Virgo is just another way of saying they look less threatening. They look less threatening because you are beginning to understand what they are all about. There is still a lot to learn, so keep the momentum going.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): There's no point in getting angry about something if anger makes the situation worse. Today's aspects invite you to deal with an annoying situation without allowing yourself to get annoyed. It may not change things for the better, but at least you won't have changed them for the worse.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): It would appear that you can do no wrong today, but that isn't an invitation to try. Planetary activity in the relationship sector of your chart means others will see the best in you, even when your behavior is at its worst. Now that you know that, don't abuse it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): All work and no play is a philosophy the average Sagittarian doesn't understand. And with Venus, planet of leisure, crossing the work angle of your chart today, routine tasks will bore you even more than usual. Forget your duties, for once — and enjoy yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Your needs must come first today. That doesn't mean you should be selfish, but if there is only one of what you want make sure you are first in line. A more dynamic approach to relationships is also a good idea. Deep inside the typical Capricorn beats a passionate heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): If someone you haven't been getting along with says something nice to you today, it isn't necessarily that person's way of softening you up before he/she makes a less friendly move. It could be a genuine attempt to kiss and make up. Be benevolent and assume that to be the case.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): There are many kinds of communication, and not all involve the use of words. A look, a smile, a touch — all these and more are part of the language of the body. Someone you are unable to talk with directly will find another way to express his/her love today.

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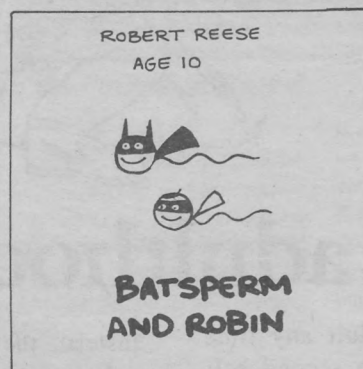
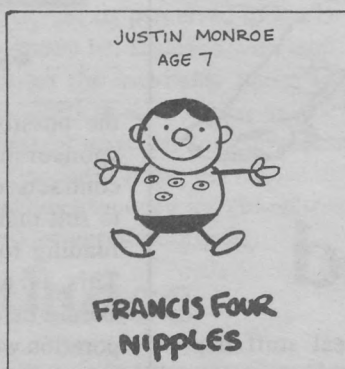
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, April 17

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You don't need a new idea—you just need to apply an old one better than you have done in the past. Why waste all those days and months you spent developing your strategy for success? It can still be made to work, if you make the effort to do it right.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Try not to be too serious today. You can focus all you want on financial and business issues during the weekend. Between now and then, however, you are in the mood to party—at least you will be if you give yourself half a chance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stick to what you know today, no matter how seductive an alternative view might appear. Fads are all very well, but you know from long experience they rarely live up to their early promise. If someone says you are old-fashioned today, take it as a compliment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Although you are a chatty person, there are some things you never reveal about yourself. You suspect, rightly, that not everyone would approve. Whatever secrets are playing on your conscience today, resist the urge to make them public; you will regret it the moment you do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There is a magnetic quality about you today: You attract the things you really want but also the things you really don't. Unfortunately, it isn't possible to have one without the other. If you want to enjoy the company of special people, you will have to put up with some less entertaining ones as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You were born for life at the top and won't rest until you get there. Someone you meet today can give you a helpful shove up the ladder of success, but it might be wise to disguise your ambition—you don't want to scare that person off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): What can you do to improve your lifestyle? More to the point, what would improve your lifestyle if you stopped doing it? You may have tried and failed a dozen times before, but if you really want to cut something out of your life, try again today—it may be easier than you imagined.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The best way to deal with an awkward situation today is to pretend it doesn't exist. This may sound negative, but as this is one of those situations that seem to get worse the harder you try to solve it, there is no alternative. It won't be so awkward tomorrow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you feel trapped by a relationship, don't hesitate to suggest you need a little more time and space to yourself. If you say it the right way, the chances are you will get what you want. On the other hand, if you are foolish enough to demand more freedom you will probably end up with less.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you have a clear idea of what you want today, do it. If not, let others lead the way and make suggestions. But don't let them use you as a guinea pig: If there is something risky they want to try, it's up to them to try it first. Flexible you may be, stupid you are not.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): One of the best times of the year is about to begin for you. In fact, it may have begun already. You should by now be feeling both more relaxed and more affectionate. If not, don't worry, the good times will begin in earnest not long after the weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Yesterday you were right to be suspicious; today you should give anyone and everyone the benefit of the doubt. If someone was going to make life difficult for you, they would have done so by now. Relax and stop looking over your shoulder; the view ahead is much more pleasant.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't take orders from anyone today. Do your own thing, in your own way, in your own time. The more pressure friends and colleagues put you under, the more relaxed you must be: Not only will it save you from burning yourself out, but they might slow down a bit as well.

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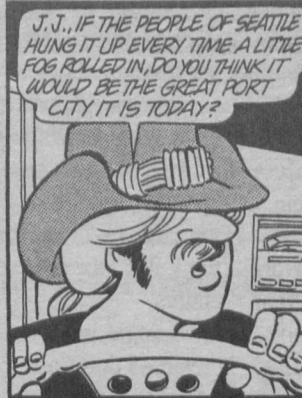
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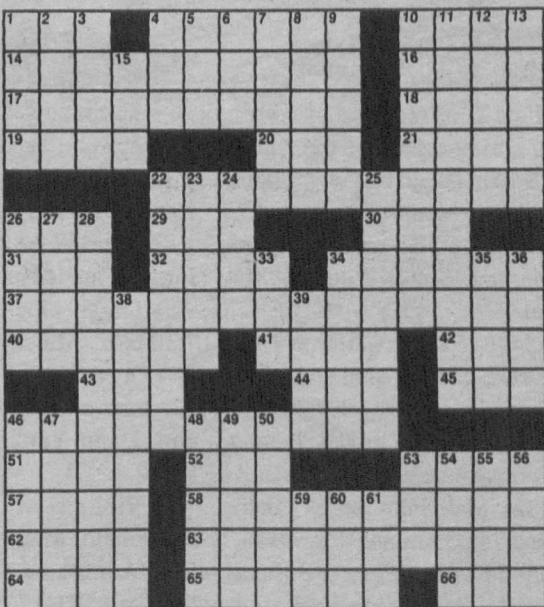


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 - 29 Alphabet trio
 - 30 — Tin Tin
 - 31 Narrow inlet
 - 32 Mathematician Turing
 - 34 Gaping grin
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 - 40 Hyperactive ones
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Style & the Arts

• Coffee House

Spingla shares songs, herself with intimate audience

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

University of Maine graduate and singer-songwriter Jen Spingla played an intimate set of personal songs Tuesday night in the Peabody Lounge at the Memorial Union.

The Coffee House performance, part of UMaine Pride Week, was sponsored by Wilde-Stein, the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Concerns Committee, Multicultural Affairs and the comprehensive fee.

Spingla said she was happy to be a part of Pride Week and praised the week for its importance to her life.

"When (Wilde-Stein President) Heath (McKay) contacted me about playing this week, it was a big honor for me," she said. "Pride Week was a big part of my coming-out process a while ago. If it hadn't been for Wilde-Stein, I don't know what I would have done."

The performance, the "Epitomizing Normality" show, which Spingla called her "first official gay and unplugged gay" gig, started about 15 minutes late, and was informal, as Spingla used no amplifiers or other sound equipment. It was a girl and her guitar playing for a group of friends.

At various times, Spingla conversed with the audience and encouraged others to read poetry, as the show was billed as a performance and poetry reading.

"What About Laura," the only audience request of the night, is a moving song about a personal friend. In its broader sense, it is about the people we tend to forget when we hear about people being killed and those who are left behind.

"For all these major catastrophies where someone is hurt or murdered or sent to prison, there is a person out there who has lost loved ones," Spingla said.

The song's lyrics, "This is not the kind of thing you can get over," speak to anyone who has lost someone close.

Some local poets took Spingla's place briefly to read their compositions, which ranged from serious to amusing to an outright rant about the ignorance of those who use the Bible to combat homosexuality without stopping to think about the passages that don't support their claims.

Spingla, who has a college degree but works "retail 43 hours a week," said the real world is a lot different from her college experience and that she misses UMaine.

"I can't just skip classes on a day like today,"



Jen Spingla sings for Gay Pride Week in the Peabody Lounge Tuesday. (Tuttle Photo.)

she said.

A lot of her songs are about traveling, and she said she dates her songs by where she was living when she wrote them. She mentioned a Pine Street song, a Bennoch Road song and an Ogunquit song.

One of the final songs she played, "Shenandoah," was dedicated to two friends of friends who were murdered on the Appalachian Trail last summer. She told the audience to help "Take Back the Trail" during Memorial Day weekend next month.

"Just be out there on the trail," she said. "Don't let something like this change your life."

Spingla will play Bumstock with Two Good Joes Friday, April 25 at 6 p.m.

what's happening

Wednesday, April 16

- Poetry Free Zone readings by editors and poets in spring issues of the Maine Review and Stolen Island Review, Thomson Honors Center, noon.
- Acoustic jam, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday, Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union.
- Benefit concert for Acadia Hospital, featuring the UMaine concert band and school bands from Hampden and Bangor, 7:30 p.m., Chateau Ballroom, Norumbega Hall, Bangor. Admission \$4 or \$2 for seniors and students.
- Not at the Mall Film Series double feature, "Bound," 6:30 p.m. and "Stonewall," 9:15 p.m., 100 Donald P. Corbett Business Building, part of UMaine Pride Week.

Thursday, April 17

- "My Father's Garden," part of the Peace and Justice Film Series, 100 DPC, 7 p.m.
- "Honest Vision, a Portrait of Todd Webb," film and discussion with Maine filmmaker Huey, 7 p.m., 206 Rogers Hall. Sponsored by UMaine Art Department Guest Lecture Series.
- Speaker, Michelangelo Signorile, "Queer in America," part of UMaine Pride Week, 100 Neville, 8 p.m.

Friday, April 18

- Jazz TGIF with John Cooper Trio, 12:15, Bangor Lounge.
- "It Came From Outer Space" (3-D), 6:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., Hauck Auditorium. Admission fee.

Friday, April 18

- Animation club films "Detonator Or-gun" episode 3 and "Blue Seed" episode 3, 6:30 p.m., and "Super Atragon" episodes 1 and 2, 9 p.m., 100 DPC.
- "Our Place in Space," Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium, 7 p.m.
- Organ pipe-making demonstration, 7:30 p.m., Minsky Recital Hall.
- Queerfest 1997 with comedienne Julie Goldman and Miss Queer Campus 1997, 8 p.m., Damn Yankee. Part of UMaine Pride Week.
- Violinist Midori and pianist Robert McDonald, Maine Center for the Arts, 8 p.m. Admission fee. For ticket information, call 581-1755 or 800-MCA-TIXX.
- "The Baltimore Waltz," a Maine Masque production, 8 p.m., Cyrus Pavilion Theatre.

- Fatbag and Agents of Good Roots, 9 p.m., Oronoka. All ages. Admission \$3. Bar and beer with ID. Sponsored by Student Activities and Entertainment.

Saturday, April 19

- "The Beautiful Project," an all-day event celebrating women artists, dancers and music, including a photography exhibit, support group, keynote speaker, original films, poetry reading and live music. For more information, call 581-1508.
- "Partnership Earth," 1:30 p.m., and "Our Place in Space," 3 p.m., planetarium.
- "The Baltimore Waltz," 8 p.m., Cyrus Pavilion Theatre.

Sunday, April 20

- "Partnership Earth," 1:30 p.m., and "Our Place in Space," 3 p.m., planetarium.
- "The Baltimore Waltz," 2 p.m., Cyrus Pavilion Theatre.
- UMaine Percussion Ensemble spring concert, 8 p.m., Minsky Recital Hall. Admission \$3 or UMaine ID.

Monday, April 21

- "The Paper Colony," video and discussion, part of Earth Week, 4 p.m., Walker Lounge.
- Bumstock meeting, 4 p.m., Ham Room. Interested volunteers call Andy at 827-1348 or e-mail to ANIGHT@juno.com
- UMaine EcoFair, all day Memorial Union, part of Earth Week.

Tuesday, April 22

- "Environmental Health and Recreation at Jackson Beach," 12:15, Bangor Lounge.
- Environmental Issues World Games, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Memorial Gym.
- Video and discussion by Women's Resource Center, 4 p.m., Walker Lounge.
- Guest Lecture Series, Jeannie White on AIDS, 7 p.m., 100 DPC.
- Coffee House series, Erica Wheeler, 8 p.m., Peabody Lounge.

For more information about what's happening, call Derek Rice, Style Editor for The Maine Campus at 581-3061

• Lost and found

Opera singer grateful for benevolence

NEW YORK (AP) — Placido Domingo is singing a happy tune after a cabby turned over a leather satchel the Spanish vocalist forgot in a taxi.

"I'm looking for this very amazing man" Domingo said. "I'd want to either compensate him monetarily or with opera tickets or with a meal or two at my restaurant."

The cabby, 32-year-old Kobina Wood, found Domingo's satchel in the back of his car Saturday and turned it over to police Sunday morning.

Domingo said the satchel contained "three precious things."

"There were pictures of my family," he said. "There were copies of the prayers I've said before every one of my 2,700 performances. And there was the score of 'Die Walkure,' which I had been performing that night."

Domingo said he took the cab after Saturday's performance at the Metropolitan Opera House to a recording studio, where he apparently exited without his bag.

He said he didn't realize it was missing until he went to meet the King and Queen of Spain at his restaurant, Placido Domingo.

Domingo's satchel was returned by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, an opera fan.

Wood said he's happy Domingo got his property back.

"If he gave me a ticket, I'd rent a tuxedo and go enjoy his music," Wood said.

• Bumstock

Boogieman to bring funky flavor to festival

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

Every year about this time, papers, tests and the looming specter of finals team up to depress members of the University of Maine community. That's why there's a thing called Bumstock that comes toward the end of April (not coincidentally, near the end of the academic year) to help us get through these toughest of times.

Boston-based funk band Boogieman will be just one of the acts taking the stage this year to help mark the 25th anniversary celebration of the yearly festival.

This wind-driven septet, which has played Bumstock on two other occasions, was formed in 1994 by former band connections, word of mouth and a chance meeting on the streets of Boston. Boogieman has been refining its sound and eclectic mix of styles ever since.

The band seems to take its inspiration from varied sources, including jazz, disco, rock-'n'-roll and funk.

The band's latest release, "turtlehead," out earlier this year, is indicative of the main philosophy behind the music: Move people with music and the message will be received.

The band has been touring smaller locales in the Northeast since the beginning of the year. This particular road trip will culminate in Orono on day two of Bumstock, Saturday, April 26. The band's slot will be

from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on stage one, sandwiched between Strange Pleasure and Somethin' Simple.

If "turtlehead" is any indication, the field should be one groovy place to be for that hour and 15 minutes. From beginning to end, the music is the kind that will keep a crowd bouncing. It will be a challenge to remain perfectly still during Boogieman's set.

Word of mouth has it that percussionist Ruskin Vaughn and keyboard player Paul Schultheis are amazing musicians, and should not disappoint a week from Saturday. Lead singer-guitarist Tadhg Morgan is as adept with his instrument as he is with his voice.

In fact, Boogieman as a whole relies on its musical prowess above all to carry the songs, most of which segue from lyrics into diversive musical sidebars, or better yet, are completely instrumental.

For the most part, their music is just plain fun and oh-so danceable, but that doesn't mean they don't take themselves seriously. This is a group of musicians first and foremost, and anyone who is a musician will appreciate Boogieman's sound.

If nothing else, the band will probably still be pumped from its show the night before (Friday, April 25) at Rupununi's in Bar Harbor. If Friday weren't also a Bumstock night, a contingent from UMaine might be traveling to the coast to check these guys out.



Boston-based funk masters Boogieman will perform at Bumstock Saturday, April 26 from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. (Courtesy Photo.)



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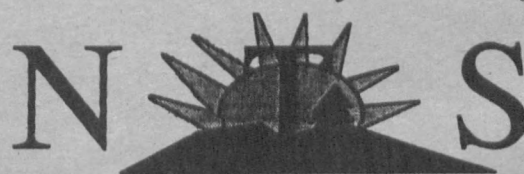
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• Suicide

Minneapolis police give insight to author's death

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Award-winning author Michael Dorris was facing a criminal investigation in Minneapolis when he committed suicide in a New Hampshire motel last week, a spokeswoman said.

The investigation concerned allegations of criminal sexual conduct involving children, the Star Tribune reported today, citing unidentified sources.

Jennifer Fling, spokeswoman for the Hennepin County attorney's office, said today that Dorris had been referred to prosecutors by police. She would not specify what the investigation concerned.

She said the police file would become public after the case is closed, probably within a week. Closing a case and releasing the file is routine when a suspect dies, she said.

Dorris, on longterm leave from the faculty of Dartmouth College, was the author of several acclaimed novels and won a 1989 National Book Critics Circle Award for his nonfiction account of his adopted son's struggle with

fetal alcohol syndrome.

He was found dead Friday in a motel room, where he had checked in under an assumed name. He had ingested over-the-counter sleeping pills, drank vodka and suffocated himself with a plastic bag, leaving a suicide note indicating he would be "peaceful at last," police Lt. Paul Murphy said. He was 52.

His estranged wife, novelist and poet Louise Erdrich, would not discuss the potential charges that may have led him to take his own life.

"Michael did a huge amount of good in the world. He also suffered from severe depression," Erdrich told the Star Tribune.

"Even the wisest and most self-aware people can be caught off guard. I hope in his way he helps people understand that it's important to get help and have hope," she said.

She frequently collaborated with him on writing projects, including their best-selling novel "The Crown of Columbus." They had been separated for about a year.

Dorris, who was part American Indian, founded Dartmouth's Native American Studies department in 1972 and headed it until 1985. Many of his books dealt with Indian themes.

In 1971, Dorris became one of the first single men allowed to adopt a child. He went on to adopt two more, and later had three children with Erdrich.

His 1989 book "The Broken Cord" was an account of his son Abel's struggles to perform the most basic tasks, due to the brain damage caused by his Sioux birth mother's drinking. Admirers said he did more than anyone to expose the lasting damage to children when their mothers drink during pregnancy.

State police said Monday that Dorris had made a suicide attempt last month at his home in Cornish.

Dorris was taken to a hospital, where his stomach was pumped and he was kept under observation. Several days later, he was admitted

to the Brattleboro Retreat, a Vermont mental health center.

Thursday, he left the center, rented a car and drove to Concord, and checked into the motel where he committed suicide.

He had been on leave from Dartmouth for about 10 years, concentrating on his writing.

He is survived by Erdrich and five children.

• People

Thornton's marriage finished

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Billy Bob Thornton is asking for privacy now that his marriage to his fourth wife has collapsed.

Pietra Dawn Thornton filed for divorce on Friday in Superior Court, less than three weeks after the 41-year-old actor won an Academy Award for best adapted screenplay for his film "Sling Blade." They were married in 1993.

She cited irreconcilable differences and sought sole custody of the couple's sons, William, 3, and Harry James, 2.

"It is a painful and personal time right now," Thornton said Monday. "Both Pietra and I would appreciate that our privacy be respected during this time."

NEW YORK (AP) — Babyface, Rosalie O'Donnell and, of course, Tiger Woods — all on Time's latest list of America's 25 most influential people.

The magazine says of the 21-year-old Woods, who on Sunday became the youngest golfer to win the Masters Tournament and the first black to win a major title: "He has been likened by overheated journalists to Jesus, Mozart and Gandhi ... He is 'The Man.'"

And of Grammy-winning producer Babyface: "Think everything that today's often raucous pop music usually isn't, and you'll have Babyface. He is yin to gangsta rap's yang."

Also on Time's second such list, in the April 21 issue, are "X-Files" creator Chris Carter, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and working-class cartoon "hero" Dilbert.

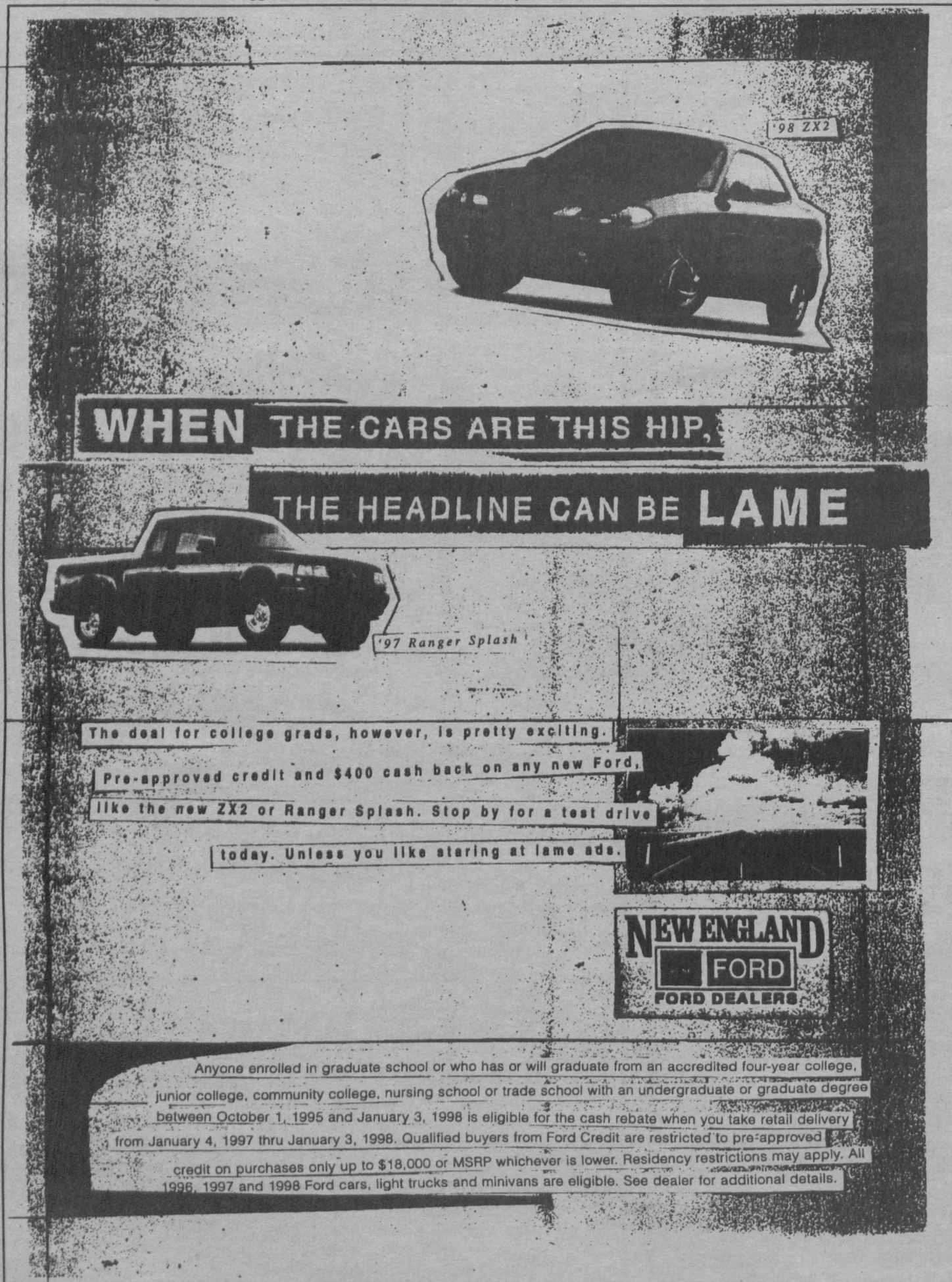
LOS ANGELES (AP) — An avid fan of Richard Crenna was ordered to stay at least 100 yards away from the actor and his family for the next three years.

Superior Court Judge Anthony Jones on Monday extended a temporary restraining order that Crenna had filed against Veronika Kuncova, who claims she came from the Czech Republic to meet the actor.

Ms. Kuncova showed up at the actor's home in October and took a few photos with him, and then returned twice in March, Crenna said in court papers.

The 70-year-old actor called police after the March visits. Ms. Kuncova was carrying a phone book listing her as "Veronika Crenna" and giving her address as the actor's home, police Detective Paul Wright said in court papers.

Crenna has appeared in the "Rambo" movies, and also in the 1950s sitcoms "Our Miss Brooks" and "The Real McCoys."



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Sports Page

• Basketball

Bedard Maine bound, Gordon transfers to Delaware

BC guard turns away
Big East for home

By Scott Martin
Maine Campus staff

In need of a guard and a crowd attraction, the University of Maine men's basketball team had its prayers answered Monday.

Monday, Maine native Andy Bedard, a 6-foot-1, 175-pound guard, announced he will transfer to Maine from Boston College for his final two seasons of eligibility.

"I want to come back and play in front of my home state," said Bedard from the Boston College campus. "It's not that far of a drive for my family and friends to come up and catch the games."

Bedard, a sophomore at Boston College, announced his intention to transfer three weeks ago, just days after the Eagles lost to St. Joseph's of Philadelphia in the second round of the NCAA tournament. He will have to sit out the 1997-98 season because of NCAA transfer rules.

He said he made his decision Sunday night. "I talked to Coach G. (Maine coach John Giannini) for a while and we decided to go ahead."

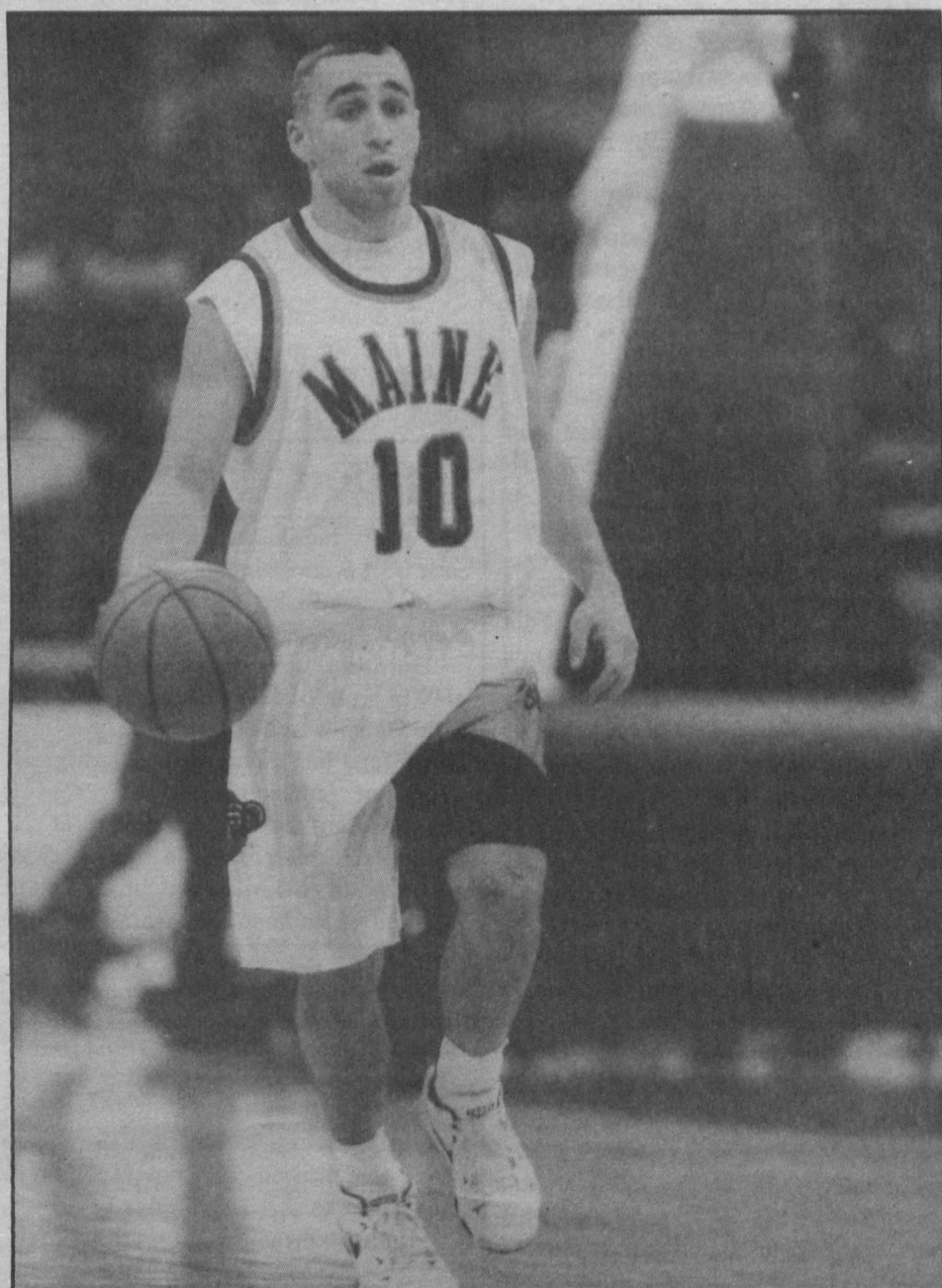
At Boston College Bedard played on an Eagle team that won the Big East tournament championship this past season and appeared in the NCAA tournament his two years.

"I have no regrets as far as coming down here," Bedard said.

In his sophomore season at Boston College, Bedard averaged 4.2 points and 1.9 assists per game. In five starts at the beginning of the season, he averaged 10 points, three assists and 3.4 rebounds a game. Bedard started in place of fellow sophomore James "Scoonie" Penn who was academically ineligible.

"As far as experience wise I played against some great competition," Bedard said. "I was a great experience for me. I just want to bring that experience back home and build on it."

Bedard now must have his transcripts sent from Boston College to UMaine and



John Gordon is returning to his homestate of Delaware. (Courtesy Photo.)

see which of his credits will transfer. Then, upon his acceptance to UMaine, he will send a letter of acceptance and begin attending classes in the fall.

Because of NCAA rules, UMaine officials and Giannini cannot comment on Bedard until his written letter of acceptance is received by the university.

Bedard said he first spoke with Giannini upon receiving his release from Boston College to transfer and the two developed a strong relationship.

"The main thing was Coach Giannini. He's committed to Maine and to the program and building it up," Bedard said. "I talked to him almost every other night."

The University of Rhode Island and Northwestern also were possibilities for Bedard. Northwestern, which plays in the

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Carpenter Center
guard's new home

By Scott Martin
Maine Campus staff

John Gordon always had a thing for playing at the Bob Carpenter Center in Delaware.

This is the place, after all, where he led his high school team to state championships. It is also the building in which he averaged 12.6 points a game in six games during his two-year college career with the University of Maine.

With the announcement Tuesday that Gordon is transferring to the University of Delaware, he just has that much more reason to love the building. After all, Delaware plays all its home games in the Carpenter Center.

"I really had to back track and decide why I was leaving the school and that was to be closer to my mom," said Gordon, a native of Wilmington, Del. "My sister is going to South Carolina, and really there is not a better place for me than Delaware."

Gordon was named to the first team All-America East team after scoring 14.7 points a game for the 11-20 Black Bears. He holds several Maine records, including three-point shots made and three-point shots attempted in a season.

Maine coach John Giannini would not comment on Gordon's situation.

Gordon was also interested in Miami, Northwestern, St. Louis, Fordham and St. Joseph's.

"I went through the process at St. Joe's, but they didn't have any scholarships left. So that was out," Gordon said. "So it was either go right back home or go far away from home. When I thought about leaving here I decided that Delaware was my best choice."

Gordon said from the beginning he was interested in Fordham because "they are very much in a rebuilding stage." The pros-

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• Golf

Woods' win means so much

(AP) - Imagine if Jackie Robinson had not only broken the color barrier but Babe Ruth's home run record as well.

That's sort of what Tiger Woods accomplished at the Masters.

He not only broke the color barrier in winning a major professional golf championship, but he broke a slew of records along the way.

At 21, he was the youngest Masters winner ever.

His 12-stroke victory margin was surpassed in a major championship only by Tom Morris Sr. in the 1862 British Open.

And in the 360 tournaments played in the four Grand Slam events, only Nick Faldo in the 1990 British Open at St. Andrews matched the 18 under par total Woods achieved.

The feeling hanging over the rolling hills of Augusta National after Woods took his green jacket and wandered off to look for new worlds to conquer was that this Masters was only a glimpse of things to come.

Woods is a pioneer in more than a racial sense. He seems determined to lead golf into uncharted territory, breaking records once thought to be unbreakable and setting standards certain to last a generation or longer.

His performance at Augusta National Golf Club shouted out this message: Anything is possible.

Is it too early to speculate on a Grand Slam? Nope.

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• Softball

Finally, Maine plays in Orono

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

For 31 straight games, Maine has played on the road in places like Florida, South Carolina and all over New England, but the team will play in Orono for the first time this season this weekend against Boston University.

The doubleheader at Lengyel Field Sunday will be the first time the Bears have played at home since April 28 of last year. They had a 7-1 record at home last season en route to a 17-23 overall record.

BU will enter the series as the top team in the conference at 7-0, one game up on division rival Hofstra. The Terriers have a four-game lead on Maine, which is 3-3 in the conference.

Overall, BU is one of the top clubs in the country, ranking 20th in the country in winning percentage. At 21-8, the Terriers are certainly a team for the Black

Bears to gauge themselves against.

As if Maine doesn't have enough to worry about, BU will be hungry for a win after having its 13-game winning streak, the longest in the nation, ended last weekend to Fairfield, 5-3.

Last season Maine dropped both games to BU, 3-0 and 2-1, both on the road. Playing in close games is something both clubs are used to. This season Maine has competed in 17 games decided by two runs or less, going 9-8. BU has fared better, going 10 for 14.

The teams have squared off once already this season, with the Black Bears winning 3-2 at the Rebel Games in Ocoee, FL. Jen Burton tossed a five-hitter to win her fifth game of the year.

Burton is ranked fourth in America East in pitching, with a 1.52 ERA and a 9-4 record. She has also proved to be the workhorse of the

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• NBA

Basketball great donates Kidney

CINCINNATI (AP) — Basketball great Oscar Robertson, in tears when asked about his decision to donate a kidney to his daughter, was released from the hospital Tuesday.

Tia Robertson, 32, is stricken with lupus and received her father's kidney on Thursday. She was reported in good condition and could be released from the hospital this week.

Oscar Robertson, 58, appeared at a news conference before leaving University Hospital and cried when he recalled the family discussions about who would give up a kidney.

"He's been through a lot; she's been through a lot," said Robertson's wife of 37 years, Yvonne.

The Robertsons have two other daughters, Shana, 35, and Mari, 27. Doctors determined Shana could also have been the donor. Oscar Robertson said he insisted on being the donor because his daughters are of child-bearing age.

"I'm the strongest person," he said. "We just went through a process of elimination, and it was me."

Added Yvonne Robertson: "I hope people don't overdramatize it. It's something any parent would do."

"We've gotten a lot of letters and cards from people around the country that we don't even know," the basketball Hall of Famer said. "It's overwhelming."

Tia Robertson developed lupus when

she was 25. Since November, she had been using a dialysis machine to cleanse her blood.

Lupus is a chronic disease that can affect the skin and internal organs. Her form of lupus afflicts an estimated 750,000 to 1 million Americans.

Her father, a Cincinnati businessman, plans to begin a gradual exercise program in about a week. He could return to full activities, including golf and shooting baskets, within three months, said Dr. Roy First, medical director of the hospital's transplant program.

Robertson, asked if the experience would prompt him to serve as a spokesman for organ donation, said: "If I could be a spokesman for any cause that would be helpful, I'd consider it."

Robertson played 14 years in the NBA, the first 10 with the Cincinnati Royals and the last four with the Milwaukee Bucks. He was a 12-time All-Star and the MVP in 1964. He played on the champion Bucks in 1970-71 with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

At the University of Cincinnati, he played on two teams that reached the Final Four (1959-60) and led the nation in scoring all three years he played at the school.

Robertson remained college basketball's all-time leading scorer until Pete Maravich broke his record 10 years later at LSU. Robertson still is Cincinnati's career leader in scoring and rebounding. He played on the U.S. Olympic team that won the 1960 gold medal.

• NFL Draft

A sleeper at Columbia

NEW YORK (AP) — The scouting report on defensive end Marcellus Wiley is full of big-time numbers — 4.85 seconds in the 40-yard dash, a 10-foot-2 broad jump, a 35.5-inch vertical leap.

The official NFL profile describes him in glowing terms: "Tall, athletic pass rusher, a high intensity, penetration player with great initial quickness ... possesses a very potent combination of power and speed ... generates fierce inside pressure."

He sounds like the stud every team dreams of drafting.

Then comes the surprise. After school,

the listing says Columbia. Not Florida State or Ohio State or Penn State.

Columbia.

This is a place where the most important statistics have always been SATs and GPAs. This is not a place where you would expect to find an NFL prospect. This, however, is Marcellus Wiley's place.

"The aura of New York for a California kid," Wiley said as he walked across the campus. "That and an Ivy League education. That's why I came to Columbia."

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Big 10 and URI in the Atlantic 10 both were enticing, but Bedard decided he really wanted to come back home.

"I visited Rhode Island and I liked it, but decided it really wasn't me. Northwestern, I loved it. They have new coaches, are in the Big 10 and it is great academically," Bedard said. "But it really was too far from home for me personally."

Bedard will join three other recruits already signed to play with the Black Bears. Jamar 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 with the Black Bears during the early signing period.

Giannini said, "Croom is a tremendous, exciting player. He is going to be a very good post player." Croom, a tremendously strong player (he already

benches 300 pounds in high school) tore his anterior cruciate ligament in January, but is expected to recover fully.

"Haynes is an extremely tough individual. He is a very good shooter and passer for a big man and can play anywhere on the floor," Giannini said.

Johnson played with Villanova freshman and potential NBA draft pick Tim Thomas at Patterson Catholic in New Jersey.

"I think our freshman are strong America East recruits," said Giannini. "However, very few freshmen ever change the balance of power in a conference themselves. I hope our freshmen will make strong contributions, but also that we recruit some older more proven players."

Those older and more proven players Giannini speaks of will probably come via junior college level or college transfers.

Gordon

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pect of playing in the Big East or Conference USA were enticing to Gordon, but he said he wanted to leave Maine to be closer to home. St. Louis and Miami didn't offer that.

Gordon returns to his home state to play in front of family and friends. The Blue Hens, which average a league-best 1,887 fans per game, had their highest attendance mark (3,694) this season when Maine and Gordon played at the Carpenter Center. In high school, Gordon's led his St. Mark's team to a state title and was named Delaware Player of

the Year in 1995. He averaged 18.5 points a game.

"Attendance will definitely go up since I'll be there, being an in-stater," Gordon said. "Back at home it's a big deal just like it is here with in-state players."

Delaware went 15-16 this season and 8-10 in America East play.

Gordon is forced to sit out the 1997-98 season because of NCAA transfer rules, but will have two years of eligibility remaining. He will face the Black Bears a total of four times in those regular seasons.

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staff, going the distance in 10 out of 11 games.

BU will most likely face Burton and Mary Persson, who is coming off a forgettable performance versus Vermont where she allowed eight runs, seven hits and six walks in 4 1/3 innings.

Maine, sixth ranked staff in the conference, will have to deal with two excellent hitters in Nil Schnairson and Beth Iwamoto. Schnairson, a freshman, was named Rookie of the Week for her 12-for-21 hitting performance last week. In six games, she hit safely in all of them with two doubles, a triple, a home run and a slugging percentage of .905.

Iwamoto is third in America East in hitting with a .415 mark. Along with striking out only once in 94 at bats this

season, she recently broke the school record for career hits and doubles.

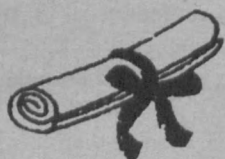
Black Bear Notes: Michelle Puls is nationally-ranked in two categories, according to the last release of NCAA statistics. As of April 7, Puls was 45th in the nation in batting with a .416 average and 19th in triples with five in 29 games.

The doubleheader Maine was supposed to play last Sunday versus Hartford was rained out and will be made up if the league deems it necessary. America East policy requires team to play at least 10 conference games in order to be eligible for tournament seeding. Maine will most likely not have to make the games up, as it has already competed in six conference games with six remaining.

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Golf

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Is it too ridiculous to think he could shoot a 59 in a major championship?

Hardly.

Is it folly to say Jack Nicklaus' mark of 20 major championship victories will fall.

Not in the least.

Tiger Woods is a rock-solid combination of the three things that make a champion.

The Game: Woods hits the ball farther than anyone ever and put it in the fairway 26 of 28 times in the middle two rounds when he won the Masters.

Control of his irons has improved as coach Butch Harmon corrected a swing glitch. He has delicate touch around the greens and his putter gets better when it means the most.

The Mind: Nick Faldo said it took six or seven Masters to learn the intricacies of Augusta National. Woods figured it out midway through his seventh competitive round there.

He soaks up information like a sponge and is willing to try new things under the pressure of competition.

The Heart: Take every cliché — ice in his veins, eyes of an assassin, killer instinct — and they all apply. Not only does Woods have enormous courage but he seems to thrive on pressure.

With the tournament no longer in doubt, Woods was chasing only history, the 17-under-par Masters record. He broke it by one stroke making three par-saving putts in the 4-foot to 8-foot range in the final four holes.

"I know my goal is to obviously be the best," Woods said after winning. "I know that's a very lofty goal. But I think that if I try to accomplish that goal, if I do — great. If I don't, I tried. I expect nothing but the best

for myself. And I think as time goes along, hopefully that will happen."

Woods will take a month off from competition, returning at the Byron Nelson Classic in Texas on May 15-18 and, according to those close to him, "probably not touch a golf club for the next two weeks."

A likely scenario for Woods would be playing three tournaments in a row starting at the Nelson, take a week off and then play the U.S. Open at Congressional near Washington June 12-15.

At Congressional, Woods will try to be the first person since Jack Nicklaus in 1972 to win the Masters and the U.S. Open back-to-back, something that has only been done five times since the Masters started in 1934.

Craig Wood did it in 1941, Ben Hogan in 1951 and again in '53, Arnold Palmer in 1960 and Nicklaus in '72.

Wood did not have a chance at the Grand Slam because there was no British Open in 1941 because of World War II. Hogan chose not to play in the '51 British Open but played and won in '53, becoming the only man to win three pro majors in one year.

Palmer and Nicklaus both had heart-breaking experiences in the British Open, each finishing second. Palmer went on to finish seventh in the 1960 PGA Championship and Nicklaus was 13th in the PGA '72.

If Tigermania is big now, imagine what it would be like if he wins the U.S. Open and goes to the British Open at Royal Troon in July trying to match Hogan's mark of three majors in one year.

• Anniversary

Baseball honors Robinson

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball paused Tuesday to honor an American hero, marking Jackie Robinson's major league debut with tributes far more lavish than those noting his landmark breakthrough 50 years ago.

President Clinton and acting baseball commissioner Bud Selig were set to join Robinson's widow, Rachel, for ceremonies at second base during the fifth inning of the game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Mets.

Jesse Simms, Robinson's 18-year-old grandson who is headed for UCLA to play football as his grandfather once did, was scheduled to throw out the first ball.

When Robinson broke into the majors on April 15, 1947, there was no civil rights movement in America. It was a year before President Truman desegregated the armed services. The Brown vs. Board of Education decision by the Supreme Court was still seven years away. Martin Luther King Jr. was a sophomore at Morehouse College.

It was in that environment that Robinson embarked on his lonely odyssey, one made all the more difficult by his pledge to Dodgers boss Branch Rickey not to answer the fusillade of abuse triggered by his arrival.

"He was the right one to do it," said Buck O'Neil, who played with and managed the Negro League Kansas City Monarchs. "I don't know if others could have done it."

Joe Black, a genial pitcher who roomed with Robinson, remembered seething on the mound at the insults that still poured down

when he was a rookie, five years after Robinson's debut.

"Jackie came in from second base and said 'Forget it. Just pitch,'" Black said.

Don Newcombe, another old Dodgers pitcher, said teams were careful about what they said to him.

"I had the baseball and I could throw it doggone hard," he said.

Tommy Lasorda, who has spent all of his baseball life in the Dodgers' organization, called the anniversary a fitting tribute.

"But it shouldn't stop with baseball," he said. "Remember the man. Remember his philosophy. Remember how much he meant to this country."

Black echoed that sentiment.

"Young people should take time to ask who Jackie Robinson was, what he did and what he stood for," Black said. "It's more than being the first guy that played. That alone doesn't mean anything."

"He tried to improve life for everybody. He was always doing things for other people."

Black bristles when he hears people blame Robinson for the death of the Negro Leagues, at that time the third-largest industry for blacks in this country. The blame, he said, belonged to the Negro Leagues, which did not approach organized baseball to try to be part of baseball's changing landscape.

"They should have said, 'Let us be the farm system for black players,'" he said. "They didn't do it. Don't put that burden on Jackie."

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This would be a pretty good hideout for anybody thinking about playing in the NFL. The Ivy League produces more teachers and lawyers than it does tackles and linebackers. Wiley was determined to change that perception.

"I was thinking NFL from the start," said Wiley, who came to Columbia from Los Angeles as a 6-foot-2, 195-pound running back and grew into a 6-foot-5, 272-pound defensive end. "I kept saying, 'I'm going to do it.'"

"Guys laughed at me. They said, 'This isn't the gateway to the NFL.' I had confidence. My confidence, my faith rubbed off on guys. Columbia couldn't have an NFL draft choice and Columbia couldn't be 8-2 and compete for the Ivy championship. Well, we were 8-2 and competed for the championship."

And Wiley will be drafted, perhaps as high as midway through the first round, the payoff for a standout senior season, punctuated by huge performances in the East-West Shrine All-Star game and the NFL's Draft Combine. And if that happens, he would be the first Ivy League first-rounder since 1969 when San Diego drafted Columbia quarterback Marty Domres and Dallas picked Yale running back Calvin Hill.

"He's the most intriguing prospect in the draft," NFL draft consultant Gil Brandt said of Wiley.

This all began innocently enough when Arizona Cardinals scout Jerry Hardaway showed up at an early season scrimmage between Columbia and Dartmouth to look at an offensive-line prospect. "I kept beating the guy off the ball," Wiley said. "He never touched me."

Hardaway's focus turned from the Dartmouth offensive lineman to the Columbia defensive lineman. "He said, 'I'll be the first, not the last, scout you see,'" Wiley said. And he was right.

"It started snowballing after that. Scouts began showing up. It makes you nervous," he said.

It did not exactly interfere with his performance. He made 63 tackles, 38 of them solos, with 6 1/2 sacks and led Columbia with 17 stops behind the line of scrimmage. He also rushed for 118 yards and five touchdowns, just to show he could still do that, too.

This was a banner comeback season for Wiley, a sociology major who took a year off and returned to California to work in a center for homeless and troubled youth.

"These are kids who should be thinking

about proms and dates," he said. "Instead, they were thinking about what alley they were going to be sleeping in that night and where they would be getting their next meal. ... It gave me a new perspective on life and career goals."

People questioned his choice of Columbia, especially since he had offers from UCLA and California. "I knew I had more to me than that," Wiley said. "I wanted an Ivy League degree and I knew I could succeed at this."

And he never believed playing at a perennial tail-end team would hurt his NFL ambitions.

"My feeling was, if you're a player, they're going to find you. They found Walter Payton at Jackson State and they found Jerry Rice at Mississippi Valley State," Wiley said. "I made sure they'd look here."

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