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• Mental Illness Awareness Week

Author shares personal insight into depression

By Stan Dankoski
Special to the Campus

A cartoon in The New Yorker about Prozac, an anti-depressant drug read, "If we had Prozac in the nine-



Tracy Thompson, Washington Post reporter and author of "The Beast: A Reckoning with Depression," signs a copy of her book following her address at the Bodwell Lounge Monday evening. (Kyle Parker photo.)

teenth century." In the cartoon Edgar Allan Poe is smiling at a raven in a window and saying, "Hi Birdy!"

This is one of the many misguided jokes told by cartoonists and comedians concerning Prozac specifically and more generally, all mental illnesses.

Tracy Thompson, writer for the Washington Post, and keynote speaker at Monday night's session of UMaine's Mental Illness Awareness Week observance, mentioned the joke in her address, helping to dispel tension from the delicate topic.

With an effortless sense of humor, Thompson glided through her speech at the Bodwell Lounge in the Maine Center for the Arts, to a predominantly faculty-based audience with only a handful of students.

"Probably one of the most popular myths," said Thompson, "is the Mad Poet myth, where depression only affects the artistic or others with creative ability."

After growing up in Georgia and graduating from Emory University in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in English literature, Thompson worked for a small weekly newspaper in the Atlanta suburbs. She

wrote for the Atlanta Constitution in 1981, covering federal courts and legal affairs. Thompson was awarded a fellowship at Yale Law School in 1984.

In 1989, Thompson worked for the Washington Post, covering the federal courts. Since 1992, she has worked as a special projects reporter covering urban affairs.

Throughout this impressive career, however, Thompson has battled with depression.

"I had suffered from chronic depression since adolescence, maybe even since childhood," said Thompson. "Many things in my life led to my depression, like leaving home for college, leaving Atlanta for D.C., and especially when my father died in 1981."

Thompson said she had trouble controlling stress in college.

"I had difficulty concentrating - I would go to the library and yet anything would snap me away from

what I was reading. I would stare at the page trying to read the same paragraph at least twenty times because someone would sneeze, or cough, or walk past me, or even a butterfly would appear. I would then become very angry."

Thompson said she was very frustrated most of the time, which is related to another misconception, one that suggests that when a person is

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• Coming Out Week

Bisexual activist criticizes labels

By Jodi Sokolowski
Maine Campus staff

Labels are everywhere, and they are used to describe products, people and places.

"We live in a binary culture where we divide everything between this and that," said Robyn Ochs, a writer and activist for bisexual issues. "We like to fit everything into a category."

As Ochs gradually revealed her bisexuality to the public, she realized she didn't feel a part of the gay community, and that there wasn't a word that fit her.

"When people label others, how does that help and hurt us?" Ochs asked a dozen people at a workshop Monday afternoon.

The workshop, "Choosing to Label: What's in a name?", was a discussion of feelings and thoughts concerning labels placed on gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

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Robyn Ochs leads a group discussion about various labels given to people. Ochs spoke as part of Coming Out Week. (Dave Gagne photo.)

• Sorority

Phi Mu celebrates 85th

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

Alumnae and active members of the Phi Mu sorority representing eight decades gathered together this weekend to celebrate its 85th anniversary at the university.

A representative from each decade spoke about what it was like to be a member of the fraternity at that time and how being a member has affected their life, said Debbie Roy, an alumnae of Phi Mu, Phi Mu collegiate chapter advisor, and Phi Mu area collegiate director.

Chapter President Jamie Schools said meeting the many alumnae, hearing their stories and seeing how things have changed was the best part of the weekend.

"A lot of things are the same such as: rituals, ideals and pur-

pose, but a lot of things have changed such as the social aspects," Schools said. "We learned a lot about what the university was like."

Alumnae Pauline Estes, who has been a member since 1932, said she was very impressed with the many members and alumnae from the different decades.

"They are a very collegiate group of people," Estes said. "Quite a strong group of women."

Alumnae of all ages came from across the country to attend the events, Roy said.

"We had women here from as close as Orono from as far away as Georgia and Colorado," said Roy. "Our most senior alumnae was a member in the 1920's and on up through."

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look ma, no hands



Jim Lerner, of Tower Services, Inc., works high above the ground to assemble the transmitting antennae for WMEB radio, Wednesday afternoon. The Orono Fire Department provided their ladder truck to reach the top of the Mahaney Diamond light pole. (Dave Gagne photo.)

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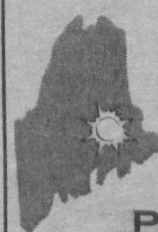
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Sunny, highs in the upper 50s.

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WORLD BRIEFS

• Decision

British Red Cross refuses donation

1 LONDON (AP) — The British Red Cross announced Tuesday it would refuse any donation to its land mine campaign from the publisher of a controversial biography of Princess Diana.

It said the decision was made after consulting with Diana's family.

Last week, other land mine charities said they would reject donations from the book's author, Andrew Morton.

The Red Cross was discussing the possibility of donations with the publisher of "Diana, Her True Story — In Her Own Words," the revised version of Morton's 1992 bestseller.

Morton outraged Diana's family and ordinary Britons by revealing last week that she was the main source for his book — but that hasn't stopped the public from snapping up almost every available copy.

One report had said Morton offered the Red Cross an estimated \$400,000 from the proceeds of the updated book.

"After much consideration, the society feels that being associated with this book would not be appropriate and has decided to withdraw from all negotiations," the British Red Cross said Tuesday.

• Negotiations

Britain says don't expect miracle

2 BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The British government warned the people of Northern Ireland not to expect miracles when full-scale negotiations on the province's future begin today.

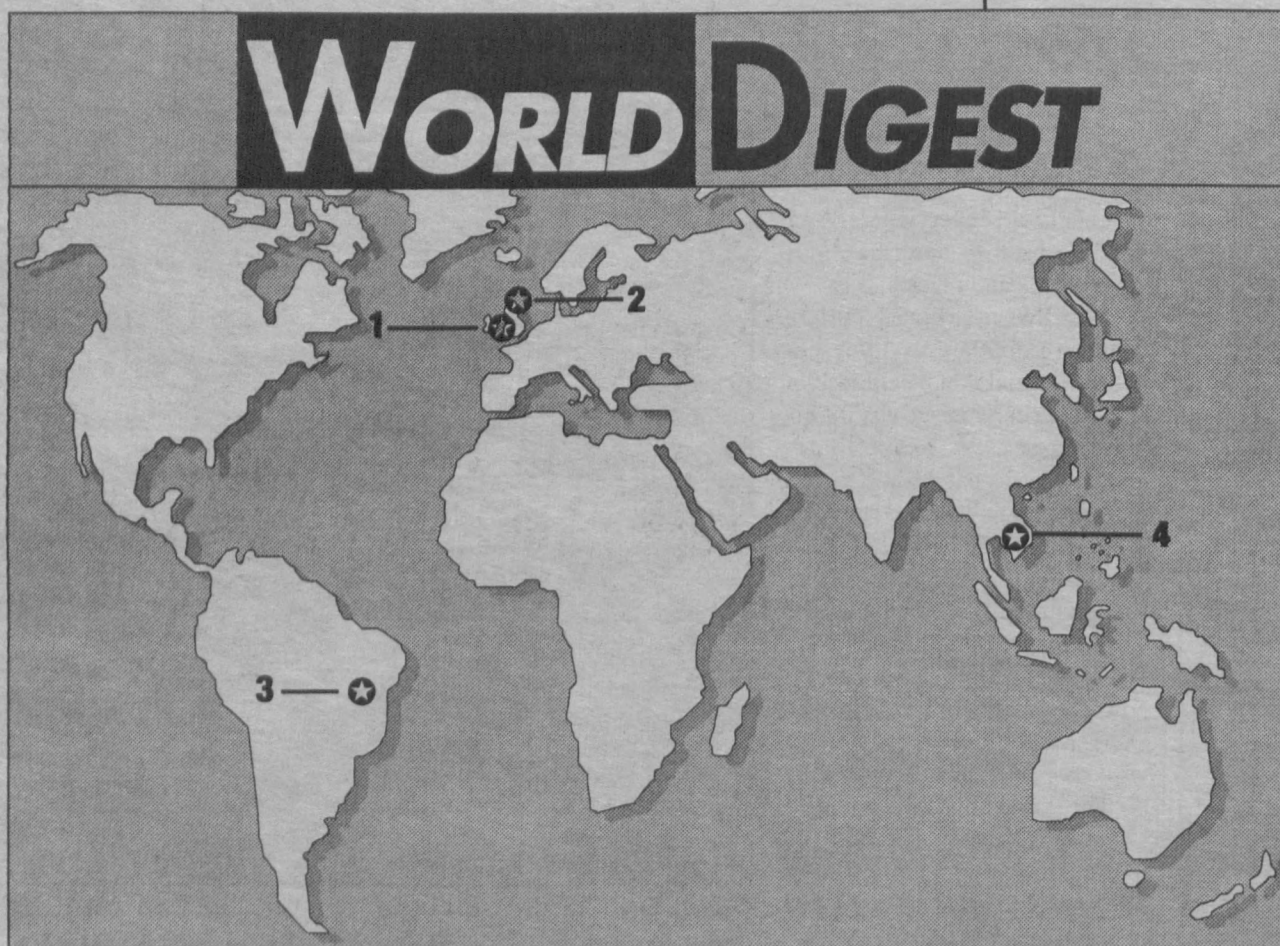
But Paul Murphy, the Labor government's political development minister, said age-old disputes could be resolved during the hard months of negotiating that lie ahead.

"I want to emphasize the importance of this opportunity which lies before us," he told a news conference Monday night. "It is a great challenge — to build a better future for Northern Ireland and start the process of healing the historic divisions."

For the first time since the creation of Northern Ireland in 1921, pro-British unionists and Catholic nationalists seeking a united Ireland will sit down with the British and Irish governments to try to reach a political settlement on the future of the province.

The British and Irish governments, the co-sponsors of the negotiations, have set a May deadline for concluding an agreement.

"We are not expecting miracles and there are going to be months of negotiations ahead, but we believe that this process has the potential to deliver an agreement," Murphy said.



• Pope

More than one million attend mass in Brazil

3 RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Some peered from high-rise balconies and others climbed trees to see Pope John Paul II Sunday, as more than a million people turned out for his final Mass in Brazil — one of his biggest crowds of the year.

Winding up a four-day visit, John Paul kept to his theme of defending the family, calling it "the fundamental community of love and life."

Globo TV estimated the crowd at bayside Flamengo Park at more than 1 million, while police put it at 2 million.

It was at least as large as the turnout this year in Paris and Krakow, Poland. But this one had a Brazilian flair — men in shorts and women in bikini tops, all swaying to hymns under the tropical sun. The temperature hit 82 degrees on the first warm Brazilian spring day since the pope arrived Thursday.

The fierce sun took its toll. Firemen sprayed the crowd with water and some 700 hundred people were treated for dehydration, according to press reports.

The frail, 77-year-old pontiff showed remarkable vigor, often insisting on walking unaided and twirling his cane for the crowd. At a rally in Maracana stadium Saturday night, he walked up and down the 23 stairs to the stage.

• Law

Cambodia legalizes some abortions

4 PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Cambodia's parliament passed a law Monday legalizing abortions by licensed health professionals during a woman's first three months of pregnancy.

The law imposes fines and prison terms of up to 10 years on those performing abortions illegally, and requires women under 18 years old to have parental consent before pregnancies are terminated.

Until now, Cambodia had no laws governing abortion. The new legislation is aimed at better regulating the procedure.

Overworked hospitals currently perform abortions, but most often they were carried out in secret by health workers with little training, sometimes resulting in serious injury or death.

The law aims to help curb Cambodia's high maternal mortality rate, estimated by the Health Ministry at about 4.7 deaths for every 1,000 births. Health care workers believe the real number may be twice that because of the difficulty of getting statistics from remote areas.

According to U.N. figures, the average maternal mortality rate for the Asia-Pacific region is 3.9 per 1,000 births.

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather

Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s.



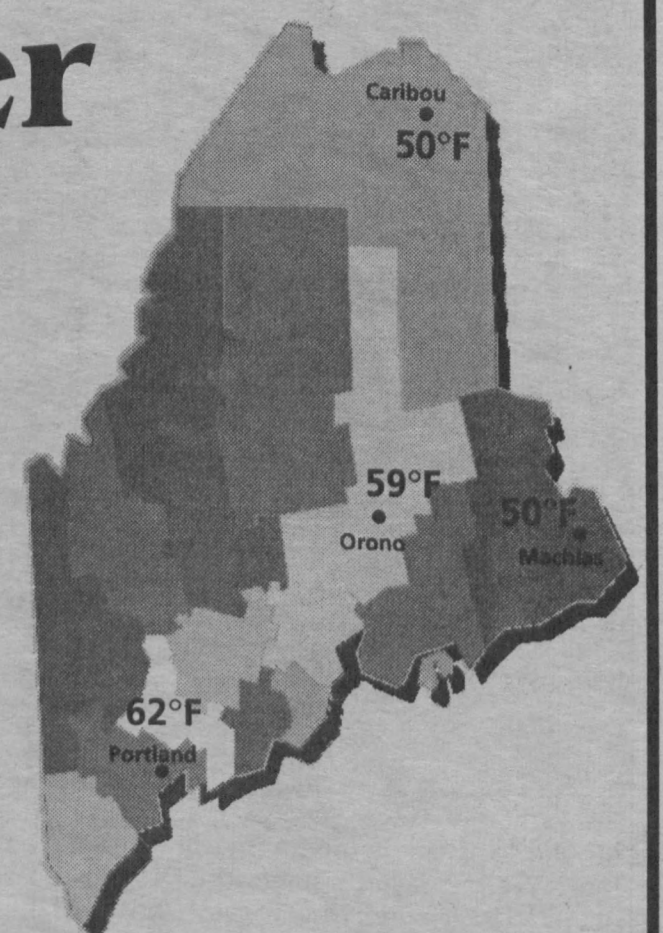
Thursday's Outlook

Some morning clouds...Then becoming partly sunny. Highs 55 to 60.



Extended Forecast

Friday...Chance of a shower north. Fair south. Lows 40 to 50. Highs 60 to 70.



• GSS

Senate suggests Maine State College

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

What's in a name? Everything, it seems.

After almost an hour of debate, the General Student Senate voted to oppose the name change of the University of Maine at Augusta to The Maine State University, instead suggesting UMA change its name to the Maine State College.

The motion was changed twice before narrowly passing in its original form.

Student Government President Jenn Nelson supported an amendment to drop the suggested name change from the motion and just oppose the name The Maine State University name.

"I don't think it's right to say we endorse MSC," Nelson said. "I don't think we should limit ourselves to what we support."

Jon Duke, vice president of Residents On

Campus, urged people to support the original motion and to take action before the next board of trustees meeting in November.

"We don't have time to wait on our thumbs," Duke said. "We're just saying, fine, you want a name change? Here's an idea."

Sen. Kevin Stevens supported an amendment to add the phrase "or something similar" after the suggested Maine State College name.

"That doesn't lock us into MSC, but it does give them a name," Stevens said.

Several senators attacked the amendment as adding more ambiguity and watering down their opposition.

The motion, sponsored by Duke, stated, "We find the name 'Maine State University' will disrupt the harmony of the University of Maine System, leading to a fighting among campus that would eventually drag in the

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Board of trustees representative Angela Shea listens to debate on the UMA name change at Tuesday's meeting of the GSS. Shea will be responsible for voicing the position and concerns of the GSS to the board at next month's meeting. (Dave Gagne photo.)

Thompson

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depressed he or she is only sad. Depression almost always involves anger and frustration.

Life continued to drag Thompson down, and still thinking she was shameful, she continued to hide her depression from others. People usually deal with depression in at least one of two ways, through denial and then through hiding.

"Hiding," said Thompson, "is when you say, 'oh my god, I've got a mental illness, I can't let anyone know!' I went into hiding."

Through hiding, myths are created. Thompson said that hiding allows society to place a stigma on those with a mental illness because no one says otherwise. The Mad Poet myth stems from this reasoning.

Thompson also pointed out that "illness creates character," as opposed to the widely-known myth to the contrary. The illness is a brain disorder that is powerful enough to de-

stroy the confidence of the person.

This was apparent when, in 1990, Thompson attempted to commit suicide.

"I was working at the Post, and I thought I was a disgrace. I would write suicide notes on tiny scraps of paper in between articles. I cried on the way to work and repaired my face in the ladies room before entering the newsroom."

Thompson said she planned on a Wednesday to commit suicide the following Saturday, so she wouldn't worry about going to work the following morning.

"But something happened. A tiny voice that has always been in my head spoke out and said, 'Get help!' So I called my husband and told him I was in trouble."

They immediately went to a hospital where she received her very first medical treatment for the illness.

In October 1992, she wrote an article for

the health section of the Post unveiling her years in hiding and the suicide attempt.

"I was so surprised," said Thompson, "when my co-workers came by and told of similar stories about dealing with their own depression. I then realized I was not a disgrace. This was an actual illness that I had to control."

Reader response to the article was so immense that it eventually became a book called, "The Beast: A Reckoning with Depression." The book received favorable reviews from a whole list of newspapers, including The New York Times, The Boston Globe, as well as The Washington Post.

Since "The Beast," Thompson has contin-

ued to work as reporter, and speaks at academic and mental health advocacy group engagements about depression and its stigma.

Depression is a hard illness to combat because of the stigma and stereotypes attached to the illness. Even to this day, Thompson gets the recurring thought that she might be imagining her illness, or that she is making a big deal out of it.

"One thing I did to convince myself that this is truly a serious illness," Thompson said, "was reading about symptoms reported in the days of Hypocrites. I found that people have known about this for centuries, even a couple thousand years."

DOROTHY CLARKE WILSON PEACE ESSAY AWARD

Dorothy Clarke Wilson is an internationally known writer and peace-maker who lives in Orono. In 1925, while a student at Bates College, she won a prize for her essay, "Arbitration Instead of War". Dorothy Wilson says that this prize was the beginning of her lifelong commitment to research and writing on social issues and world peace. Now, to encourage today's students to share that commitment she has established a \$500 annual award for the most compelling essay written on the topic. This year's topic is:

"Envisioning Liberty and Justice for All."

The recipient will be determined by the Dorothy Clarke Wilson Peace Essay Committee. All undergraduate students currently enrolled at The University of Maine are eligible for the competition. Previous winners are not eligible.

TOPIC:

The committee invites participants to address the topic, "Envisioning Liberty and Justice for All," within any of the following contexts: personal, social, campus, national, global, or universal.

AWARD: \$500

FORMAT:

Standard format: Typed, double-spaced, one-inch margins.
Length: 700-1500 words. Essays clearly exceeding 1500 words will not be considered.
Copies: Four copies must be submitted.

Identification: Each copy must include a detachable cover sheet containing the author's name, class, local address, phone number, e-mail/first class (if applicable) and essay title. This title must also appear on the first page of the essay. The author's name should not appear there.

SUBMISSION:

Send to: The Dorothy Clarke Wilson Peace Essay Committee
The Wilson Protestant Student Center
67 College Avenue
Orono, ME 04473

Deadline: October 30, 1997, postmarked by October 29, or hand delivered by noon, October 30.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Both substance and structure are important; the committee is especially interested in insight, originality, and thoughtfulness.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Members of the Wilson Center Board of Directors, University of Maine faculty (including Peace Studies representatives), students, and the campus minister.

The winner should be able to attend the Wilson Center Annual Dinner on Friday, November 14, to receive the award.



Dining Service Options

During October Break

Stewart Commons will be open during the University of Maine October Break period. You may use Dining Funds, Campus Funds or pay with Cash for meals at Stewart.

Dining Commons "board" meals will not be available for use during the October Break period.

Meal Hours:

October 11, 12, 13 & 14

Breakfast	7:30 - 8:30 AM
Lunch	12 Noon - 1:00 PM
Dinner	6:00 - 7:00 PM

October 14

Stewart will resume regular hours for Dinner.

4:30 - 7:15 PM

Hilltop & Stodder Commons open for dinner.

4:30 - 6:45 PM

- All Dining Commons open October 15 with Breakfast -

Q&A of the week

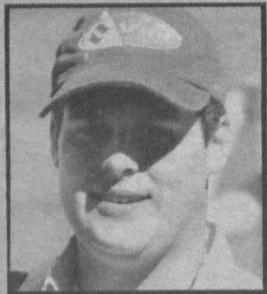
Why are you wearing blue jeans today?

Photos by Dave Gagne



Wanda Perry
Fourth-year student
from Canton, Maine

"Because I went to [the Wilde Stein] table yesterday and I wanted to support gay rights today."



Mark Scott
First-year student from
Jacksonville, Florida

"I didn't even know about it until someone told me in my last class."



Diana Welch
Fifth-year student
from Waterville, Maine

"I'd love to say that I put them on for the specific point of supporting it, but I didn't think of it at the time. I do support them."



Tessa Lawrence
Third-year student
from Bangor, Maine

"I totally didn't think of it at all. I wear them seven days a week anyway."



Beth Hardy
First-year student
from Winslow, Maine

"Because I had to get dressed in a hurry. I was running late this morning and this was the most comfortable thing I had."

Labels

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Ochs asked students to pair up and label themselves either gay, lesbian, bisexual, or questioning and discuss why.

Not everyone chose to label themselves within those constraints, such as one student who labeled herself 'sexual'. Others, however, felt comfortable with more traditional terms.

"I call myself gay because homosexual sounds too clinical and scientific. Gay is relaxed," said sophomore Mike Small.

Another student disagreed and decided gay wasn't the appropriate label because,

"gay sounds lower class."

"You can call me queer because that's what I call myself," said sophomore Mike Emerson. "By using queer, it's an in your face response."

One of the advantages to labels is that a person can label themselves before someone else does it for them, the students decided.

By labeling yourself, a person shows a preempt of strength, pride and displays confidence, said students.

Disadvantages also come with the terri-

tory of labeling.

"Labels become the foreground and immediate importance (when we meet a person)," Ochs said. "You become fixated on that aspect of a person."

"If you ask a heterosexual, 'Who are you?', what are the chances that they would say heterosexual right away?"

Bisexual students brought up the idea of looking for the right person to make a match with, regardless of gender.

"I'm looking for my soulmate. I'm not looking for a male to spend the rest of my life with or looking for a female to marry," said a student named Chris.

"Ideally I want to be with one person for the rest of my life, (I'm) not (looking specifically for) a male or female but an intellectual who I'm stimulated by. Complimentary to each other," said sophomore

Kathleen Worchester.

The workshop was one of many activities going on this week as Coming Out Week.

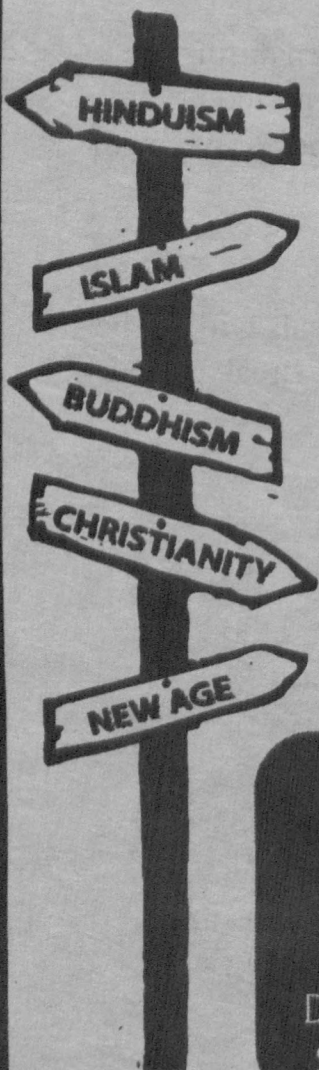
"The week is to increase awareness and show people there is a safe environment in which to find support," said Eric Chapman of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Concerns Committee. The week is sponsored in part by the committee and Wilde Stein that was lengthened to a week since National Coming Out Day is Oct. 11, which interferes with Fall Break, said Chapman.

"Coming out week is a time to celebrate you've come out of the closet," said Worchester, co-chair of Wilde Stein.

"Some people save coming out day for a special purpose like to tell friends or parents," Worchester said. "It's a time for sharing, to be like a beacon."

Many people wonder if there's an afterlife.

Everyone finds out.



The greatest question will be answered. Problem is, it could be exceedingly helpful to make some decisions about it.

Campus Crusade for Christ

The Maine Event
7:30 p.m. Thursday
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• Mental Illness Awareness Week

Activities designed to promote awareness, foster acceptance

By Stan Dankoski
Special to the Campus

Mental illness and health is a hot topic this week as the University is observing Mental Illness Awareness Week.

Christine Whittington, head of reference and assistant access services librarian at Fogler Library, is one of the coordinators of the observance.

"It is important to realize that these sessions are solely informative," Whittington said. "No one is going to take attendance. As far as everyone is concerned, you're there for a friend. The most active any of these sessions get would be the panel discussion and the screening. No one is going to force anybody to participate in anything if they don't want to."

Today there will be a depression screening at 10 a.m. at the North and South Lown room of the Memorial Union for students, employees, and the community. The screening involves a voluntary questionnaire where, once done, is evaluated. If there is any indication of a sign of possible mental illness, then a referral may be given to the person for further evaluation.

Also today at 2:30 p.m. Connie Foster, author of "Funny You Don't Look Crazy: Life with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder," will talk on the transition and the college experience with mental illness in the Memorial Union.

Foster is the founder/director of Awareness Project Inc., a non-profit organization that helps assist families and

schools with resolutions of conflicts resulting from the complexities of neurological diseases.

Next Wednesday, there will be a session by Maria Baeza, an expert of women's studies who is back for the second year in a row, which concerns specific women's issues with depression. This is also part of the Healthspeak Luncheon Series lineup for this semester.

Throughout the week, a table will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Memorial Union. It will have information about depression, stress, and other mental illness topics, as well as a raffle with prizes.

James Werrbach gave a presentation at noontime Monday discussing how frequently men are depressed, and the gender stereotyping that unfortunately goes along with the disorder. It was reported that there were more women than men attending the session.

Peggy Hanson, the Director of the Counseling Center, said society has developed male reactions and female reactions that differ from one another concerning mental illnesses.

"Because of differences in how we are raised, men and women may experience stress in different ways. If a man feels as if he will look weak by talking about his feelings, he may try to 'tough it out.' Many women have been taught to avoid conflict and so may be overly responsible in relationships, blaming themselves for problems; this can exacerbate depression. What is important, however, is not to stereotype. Each individual's

response to stress is unique to him or her," said Hanson.

Martha Eastman, assistant director for Health Promotion and Community Development, is another coordinator of the weekly observation.

"This is a calling for a need of compassion and understanding of the illness," Eastman said. "We want to tell everybody that with the proper treatment and proper support, people with the illness can live normally."

Eastman continued, saying that the common assumption is that these people are not able to function as well as people without a mental illness. This is an unfortunate and stigmatic attachment on the person and a stereotype that is most likely false.

Not all people with the illness are placed on that extreme, Eastman said. Mental illness is actually a collection of many symptoms, where moderate stress is at one symptomatic level while psychological problems are at the other.

Eastman said there are a vast number of levels in between. The symptoms are related to a chemical imbalance in the brain, which defines the basic aspect of the illness.

"If a person is concerned about having a mental illness," Hanson said, "the best thing to do is to not tough it out alone but to seek help. The critical issue is how they are functioning in their lives, and if psychological problems might be interfering, there is help that is available."

If a person finds that he or she is having difficulty functioning on a daily

basis, it may be helpful to consult someone, said Hanson. For example, if a person is missing many classes, over-sleeping, or has not enough sleep, no motivation, feels "blue" most of the time and is isolating from others, these may be signs of depression. Difficulty concentrating and getting tasks done, as well as difficulty in relaxing and unwinding, may be signs of stress.

"Stress is normal while in school," Hanson explained. "Some ways to decrease stress levels include prioritizing time, confiding in somebody, utilizing relaxation techniques and exercising. Exercising helps reduce tension through physical workout; it literally gets the built up tension out of the system."

The Counseling Center is one place for students to get help. One does not need to feel as if he or she is depressed or has a mental illness in order to utilize the counseling services, though the center does treat these disorders.

"It may be hard for a person who is depressed to walk through our door to ask for help," Hanson said, "but the ones who do are courageous. Students typically find that they feel better talking with someone. All services are confidential. Help is available for students with a wide range of problems: from those students who may simply be stressed or who may be getting used to 'life on campus,' to students who are suffering from a more serious mental illness."

Hanson further stressed that the Cen-

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GSS

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University of Maine..." Several senators stressed that the importance of UMaine not be lost when UMA gets renamed.

"We're the flagship and we've got to have uniform names," Sen. Andrew Harmon said.

Sen. Jerry Graffam told the senate that the name change to The Maine State University may be a moot issue because a school must have a doctoral plan to be called a "university."

"To me it sounds like a lot of people don't even want to support the name change," Sen.

Kendra Asselin said. "Maybe that's what we should be telling them—we don't want it changed."

The motion passed, in its original form, with a 15 to 12 vote.

"I think we saw a small miracle today," Duke said, after the vote had been taken and the debate was over. "I have never gotten such heated debate. We really got a good thing done here."

GSS also voted to let the Black Student Union reallocate some of their funds for a

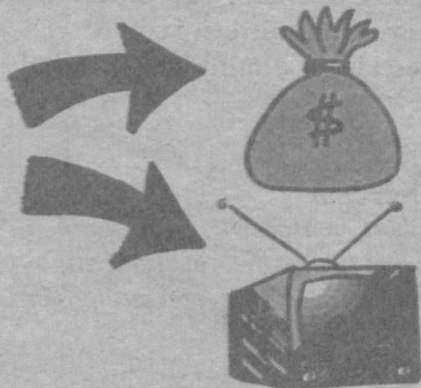
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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK



Monday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Memorial Union Lobby

Informational Table - Find out more about mental illness and participate in a quiz/raffle with prizes.

Wednesday October 8th

10:00 - 2:00 pm
N & S Lown, Memorial Union

Depression Screening for students, employees, and the community.

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
FFA Room, Memorial Union

"Transition & the College Experience With Mental Illness" Connie Foster, author of *Funny You Don't Look Crazy: Life with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder* Book signing to follow.

For more information or special accommodation, please call Martha Eastman 581-4194, TDD 581-6125.



YOUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD.

University of Maine Student Government, Inc.



PRESIDENT- Jennifer Nelson
581-1774

The President of Student Government serves as the primary representative of the General Student Body and is by virtue the Chief Executive Officer of Student Government. Elected every February, the President functions as the liaison between administrators, legislators, and UMaine students

President Nelson's Goals for the 1997-98 session: "as President of Student Government, I want to increase communication of all aspects of campus, whether it be undergraduate, graduate, non-traditional students, faculty, staff, or administration. We are all part of one university and should work together. I also want to increase student involvement in all business concerning the University of Maine. It may be on committees and making sure there is a student seat on every committee involving students and our university. I would also like to ensure that the new Memorial Union is truly a student run building and that the design of the building is student centered."



VICE PRESIDENT - Scott Morelli
581-1776

The Vice President of Student Government also serves as the President of the General Student Senate (GSS). Elected every February, the Vice President serves as a liaison between GSS and administrators and legislators. Aside from presiding over the senate, the Vice President is also a chief representative of UMaine student concerns.

Vice President Morelli's Goals for the 1997-98 session: "Once we get our own house in order, I would like to see at least three things happen. First, the time has come for UMaine students to have an alternative bookstore to go to. This is something every student can benefit from. Second, it's about time that we find out where our money is being spent. We're going to trace our fees and our tuition dollars to see exactly what they're paying for and if we're satisfied with this. Third, the safety features on this campus just aren't adequate. Whether it's more lighting, call boxes, or less shabby, we need to do what it takes to make students feel safe on their campus. The great thing about these goals is that for the first time these issues aren't just rhetoric, we're actually on our way to accomplish them."



VP FOR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS- Chris Washburn
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VPFA Washburn's Goals for the 1997-98 session: "I have three goals for this session. First, I want to educate students of the uses of the Student Activity Fee. Second, I want to see more student-friendly funding process. And third, I want to develop greater efficiency within the Student Government Financial Affairs Office."

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• Conley Speech and Hearing Center

Unique audiology clinic staffed by students

By Elizabeth Beaulieu
Maine Campus staff

President Bill Clinton could have gotten his hearing loss evaluated right on campus. The Conley Speech and Hearing Center at the University of Maine provides services for students and people in the surrounding communities with communication problems.

Audiologist Amy Engler Booth said she is excited because hearing loss and hearing aids may be more accepted now that the still-young president suffers from hearing loss.

"There are an enormous amount of hearing problems due to noise exposure," said Booth, who is the first full-time audiologist at the clinic. "It's important to have your hearing tested to see if there is damage."

Although students are the least likely to be tested, they are especially susceptible to hearing loss because they are more likely to use headphones and go to concerts, Booth said.

"Fewer than one out of four Americans with a self-described problem with hearing will do anything about it," Booth said. "We need to communicate that we have this center here."

The center gives hearing and hearing aide evaluations and distributes hearing aides, Booth said. There is no charge for students.

Susan Riley, a speech language pathologist and the clinical director for the center, said the center also treats numerous speech problems in both children and adults. For children, problems include delayed language development, stuttering, fluency problems and cleft palate. For adults, problems include regaining speech after a stroke or head injury and limited communication skills.

Riley said graduate students perform all the speech services. The students are closely supervised by certified faculty members. The center is instrumental to students who are working in the communication disorders field.

"The center is the primary training facility for graduates and undergraduates in communication disorders," Riley said. "This is where students will have their first experiences doing clinical observations and work."

Riley said the center has unique features and often goes above and beyond what is required of clinics by law.

"The services we offer are different in that we try to create a partnership with parents and caregivers," Riley said. "We collaborate with them, involve them in the process, see what their priorities are and create goals together."

Riley added that the University of Maine is the only school within the University of Maine system that offers a graduate pro-



Audiologist Amy Engler Booth (right) and speech language pathologist Susan Riley, the director of the Conley Speech and Hearing Center. (Dave Gagne photo.)

gram in communication disorders. Soon, the university will have the only undergraduate program when the University of Maine at Farmington phases out its undergraduate program, Riley said.

Riley and Booth are enthusiastic about the center's future, which includes moving the facility from the basement of North Stevens Hall to the third floor of Dunn Hall.

"We desperately need a new facility. We need a welcoming environment for all out clients, where they can be at ease," Riley said. "It is difficult to ask for help when you have a communication disorder and the place should be as comfortable as possible."

The move will not only give the center more space, it will expand its research capabilities, Riley said.

Awareness

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ter does not try to label anyone. They are there to help the student feel better and function more effectively. If anyone feels uncomfortable walking in, he or she can call the office to set up an appointment (581-1392). The Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

After hour appointments, including late nights and weekends, can be made through Public Safety, by calling 581-4020. An available counselor will then be reached.

Whittington is also the chair of the Student Conduct Code Committee. The committee evaluates cases when someone has broken a campus community rule.

"Many people in these cases may benefit from the Mental Illness Awareness Week events," Whittington said. "Some behaviors that get students into difficulty are stress-related or linked to mental or emotional disorders."

EXERCISE

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Robert J. Sternberg Ph.D.

of Yale University will be giving a colloquium on
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University of Maine.

Dr. Sternberg will speak on "Successful Intelligence". According to Dr. Sternberg, successful intelligence is a person's ability to reach his or her goals in life, given the individual's cultural context. Dr. Sternberg has been critical of traditional ways to assess intelligence which he believes to be too narrowly defined. Dr. Sternberg will present his research on successful intelligence, how to measure it, and how to develop it.

The colloquium is being sponsored by Psi Chi,
the National Honor Society in Psychology.

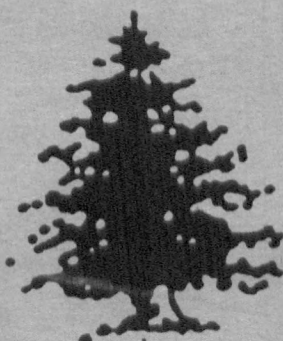


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ALL MAINE WOMEN

• Deregulation

Cost of phone calls could increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Keep your change handy — the price of a local pay phone call could be going up.

Federal Communications Commission rules permitting pay phone owners to charge whatever they want for local calls went into effect Tuesday.

The provisions, deregulating local pay phone rates, implement a 1996 law that lifted decades-old regulations on the telecommunications industry.

The FCC has argued that competition will keep a check on rates. But consumer groups predict that deregulation will cause pay phone prices to go up about 40 percent, a dime more for a call that now costs a quarter.

Historically, most state regulators have capped pay phone rates, usually at 25 cents a call.

Seven states have deregulated them, the FCC said. In five, Michigan, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota and Wyoming, the price already is 35 cents a call. In the other two, Montana and South Dakota, it is 25 cents.

The \$4-billion-a-year pay phone industry says deregulation is warranted because the industry is more competitive now than ever. Independent pay phone owners control 500,000 of the nation's 2.1 million pay phones.

Gene Kimmelman, co-director of the Consumers Union's office here, said that competition doesn't benefit consumers.

Instead, he said it gives owners of restaurants, bars, gas stations and others that have pay phones more choice in selecting a pay phone company to operate in their establishments. The owners get a slice of the revenues from the pay phones.

"It's crazy to deregulate a market where consumers have no choice of pay phone companies," Kimmelman said. "The only choice is for the property owners who decide which companies' phones to put in their stores."

A federal appeals court here in July affirmed the FCC's decision to let market forces set local pay phone rates, handing the pay phone industry a victory.

Phi Mu

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The weekend was full of activities including a morning reception for alumnae, an anniversary program, and, to wrap up the weekend, a dinner and Carnation ball.

Roy said there was a memorial service in which the fraternity presented a 50 year membership pin to its alumnae, Sharon Oliver. There were three living alumnae that could have received 75 year membership pins, but were not able to attend because there were unable to attend.

Frances Mitchelson, Phi Mu's national president, travelled from Kansas to speak at the anniversary program about what the national organization is doing for the fraternity world, said Roy.

Alumnae Alice Smith, who has been a member of the fraternity since 1938, said that it was like the frosting on the cake to have Mitchelson speak.

"They (national presidents) don't come to Maine that often—we're off the beaten path," Smith said. "She was very charming and the relationship she formed with the actives was almost instant."

Cindy Lowdin, Phi Mu's coordinator of the northeastern states, also spoke at the anniversary program about alumnae opportunity for Phi Mu members, said Roy.

Smith, along with other Phi Mu alumnae, said she has a very close relationship with the active members of Phi Mu. Since she lives right near the university, many of the events Phi Mu's active members have are held at her home.

The actives serenaded both Mitchelson and Lowdin this weekend while the two national representatives were staying at Smith's house.

"It was delightful," Smith said. "Afterwards, they came in and just sat and visited. It was a wonderful experience with everyone sharing stories. The bond was very strong."

Alumnae Carol Mower, who has been a member since 1951, said that many strong relationships between the Phi Mu sisters are formed through the alumni association.

"Many of us in this area have said that sorority has meant a lot more once we have graduated," Mower said.

Mower said that she has formed strong relationships with sisters of all different ages, some who were active in Phi Mu twenty years before her.

"We've really formed a strong bond in our alumni group," said Mower.

Many alumnae reminisced about their past experiences this weekend.

Estes recalled driving to Chicago for Phi Mu's national convention. The fraternity was going to pay for a first class plane ticket for her, but she refused to let her fraternity spend its funds solely on her account. With the extra money she was able to bring along two of her sisters.

"We drove to the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago in a Pontiac that had a rumble seat," Estes said. "You could imagine what we looked like to the valet once we arrived."

Smith said she has maintained a close relationship with her fraternity "daughter" through the years and that she was even a guest at her wedding. Since her daughter moved to California, this September was the first time they were able to see each other since her wedding.

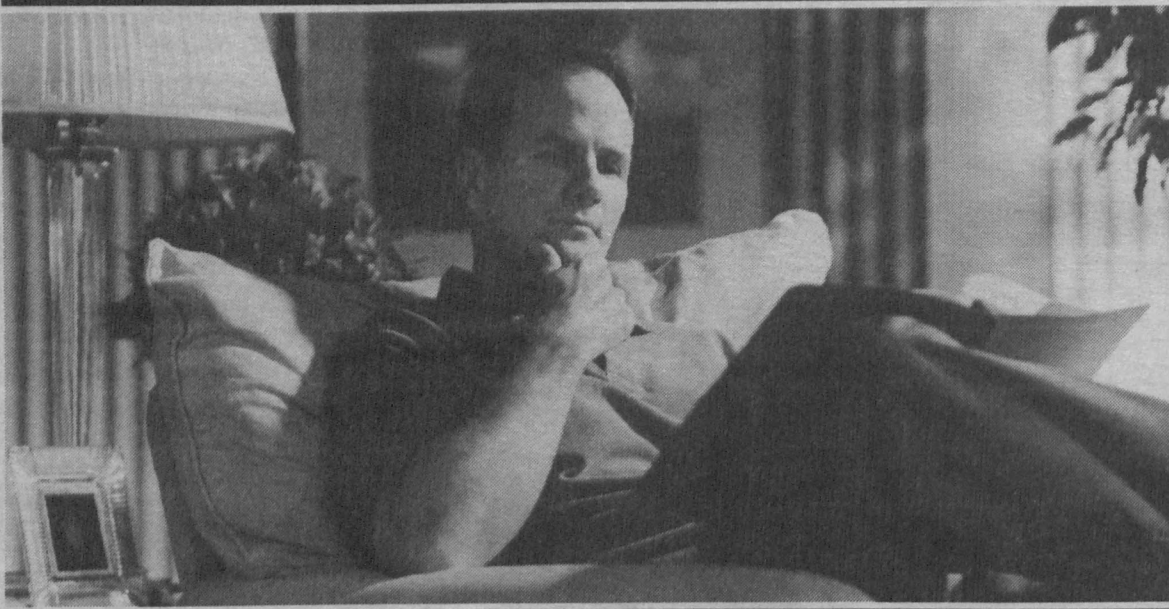
"We met for lunch at the Governor's restaurant and just talked ourselves to death," Smith said.

Phi Mu was founded in 1852 and is the second women's fraternity on campus. It is called a fraternity because when it started the label sorority wasn't in existence, said Roy.

While Phi Mu was very happy to have five fraternities attend the events, Smith said it was a disappointment that no other sororities shared in the celebration.

"We felt disappointed that an event as really significant in the Greek world as this was not supported by the sororities."

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NATIONAL NEWS

• Technology

Cyber attack could cripple nation

BALTIMORE (AP) — Neither government nor industry has the means to protect the nation against computer attacks that could shut down communications and power grids, the chairman of a presidential commission studying the problem said Tuesday.

"While a catastrophic cyber attack has not occurred, we have enough isolated incidents to know that the potential for disaster is real and the time to act is now," said Robert T. Marsh, chairman of the Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection.

In a speech to the National Information Systems Security Conference, Marsh said that several government and academic sites that prided themselves on tight security were targets of a recent e-mail attack.

"A flood of e-mail messages originating in Australia and Estonia — and routed through the White House computer system — virtually shut down Langley air base's e-mail for hours," he said.

In another case, someone in England routing messages through Latvia, Colombia and Chile and commercial Internet service providers gained access to computers at Rome Laboratory at Griffis Air Force Base in Rome, N.Y., and "launched attacks against a wide array of defense and government computer systems," said Marsh.

In an interview before his speech, the retired Air Force general said that "the tools are available, the knowledge is available to do serious harm."

Marsh's commission is scheduled to give its report to President Clinton next week.

He said it would recommend far greater

cooperation and sharing of information between government and private industry, accelerated research and a nationwide program to educate people on the scope of the problem.

In the interview, Marsh conceded that there will be a need to break down reluctance within industry and government to share sensitive information.

He said there is a need to "devise the means by which the private sector can in fact be willing to share its information and not fear that it will leak."

The government "is going to have to recognize that in this new era, it's the private sector that needs some of this threat information and this warning information."

Marsh said the threat comes from a broad spectrum of what he called "bad actors," including recreational hackers, organized criminals and terrorists.

"We have found no smoking keyboard," he said, "no evidence of anybody wanting to try a debilitating attack on our critical infrastructure."

He said the tools to do serious harm to the nation's infrastructure "are readily available. They can be effectively utilized by people with only rudimentary skills and basic understanding of computers."

He said there is evidence of "unauthorized penetrations into all manner of automated information technology systems every day of the week."

Marsh told the conference that the cyber threat represents a "cultural change" that requires a concentrated educational effort at all levels from graduate programs to grammar school.

• Legal

Unabomber pre-trial begins

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The judge in the Unabomber case promised anonymity to the prospective jurors nearly a month before he even heard arguments on the issue in court.

U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. ruled on Friday that the jurors' names in the case against Theodore Kaczynski will be kept secret to guard against outside attempts to influence them. The ruling came after hearings during which the prosecution and the defense alike argued in favor of anonymity.

However, Burrell sent a letter Sept. 8 to prospective jurors in which he assured them that "the names of the people receiving this notice will not be made public." The letter was disclosed in Monday's Sacramento Bee.

"It seems to me that we can't really have had a meaningful opportunity to oppose an anonymous jury if the court already promised the jurors they would be anonymous, as it now appears," said Charity Kenyon, an attorney for The Associated Press and other news organizations that had argued against an anonymous jury.

Burrell was not in his office Tuesday,

and his clerk did not immediately return a call.

Kaczynski, 55, a former math professor and backwoods Montana hermit, is accused of being the anti-technology terrorist blamed for 16 bombings between 1978 and 1995 that killed three people and injured 23.

Kaczynski is charged in California in four of the bombings, two of them fatal. He could get the death penalty.

Burrell had issued an order Sept. 5 saying he was contemplating use of an anonymous jury, but he didn't hold hearings until late September.

He ruled that the names, ages, addresses and employers of jurors would not be disclosed, at least until the trial was over.

The judge cited "the combination of the extensive publicity the trial has received, the media's efforts to interrogate any and all individuals connected to the trial, and the efforts by the public to contact and threaten witnesses."

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EDITORIAL

Field hockey not for boys

The Maine Principals' Association's decision to ban male athletes from playing with women on field hockey teams is sure to set off a debate that could work to the detriment of female athletes.

The Maine Human Rights Commission has sought a preliminary injunction in Cumberland County Superior Court that would force the MPA to lift its ban on boys playing varsity field hockey.

If the physical attributes of girls and boys were equal, there would be no problem allowing boys to play field hockey. If there were greater parity between boys and girls athletics, there would be no problem with boys seeking positions on girls' athletic teams. There also would be no problem allowing boys to play field hockey if there were a demand for boys' field hockey teams. But there isn't a demand.

Without physical equality and without parity in athletics, allowing boys to compete for positions that would

ordinarily go to girls would reverse recent advancements of girls' athletics.

At issue is Title IX, the 1972 federal law that states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance..."

The law is intended to provide equal opportunity for boys and girls in programs, such as athletics overall, not in individual sports.

The MPA adopted its affirmative action plan in 1989 to reserve field hockey exclusively to girls. If the Cumberland County Superior Court rules in favor of the Human Rights Commission, boys may be allowed to compete not only in field hockey but on other girls' athletic teams as well. The MPA is trying to preserve the integrity of girls' athletics. Allowing boys to play on girls' varsity teams will not fulfill this goal.

Promise for a better family

The Promise Keepers converged on Washington, D.C., last week end, pledging to stay true to God, work toward strong family relations and see beyond racial barriers. While these promises seem to be made with good intentions, people need to read the fine print of this organization.

According to the Promise Keepers' Web site, the group welcomes homosexuals into its arms – but only to seek forgiveness. The group quotes Bible passages to support its stance on homosexuality. It seems the Promise Keepers are only willing to take their promise of brotherly love to a certain extent.

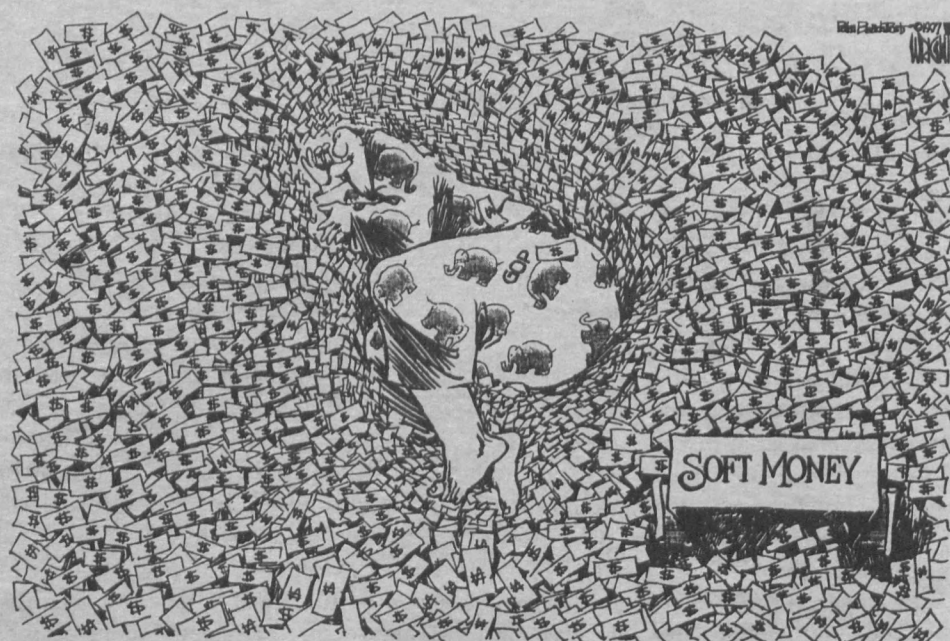
The group's feelings toward women run in the same vein. The men claim they want loving relationships with women. But "loving" does not translate into "equal." Bill McCarthy, the founder of Promise Keepers, has said that when household mat-

ters are at hand "somebody should break the tie," and that somebody should be a man. Apparently the one with the most testosterone wins.

McCarthy also urges men to "tenderly and gently" take control.

This was the same rhetoric used to keep women in the kitchen and out of the work force prior to the 1950s. Wives of these promise-keeping men should be appalled at that attitude and scared of what that will translate into in their own lives. These men will "tenderly and gently" raise submissive daughters and overbearing sons to believe that the man in any given situation is always right.

If gathering in prayer makes these men feel like a united and supporting group, so be it. But they should remember that the feeling of support needs to be extended to the opposite sex.



• Guest column

Evolution to a vegetarian diet

By Christopher Charles

"Nothing will benefit human health and increase the chances for survival of life on Earth as much as the evolution to a vegetarian diet."

– Albert Einstein

It was a Sunday when Oleg and I went into McDonald's. I prayed for a veggie burger, but they didn't have one, so I ordered a Quarter Pounder with cheese. I took my fries as a consolation, and munched on the sickly burger, thinking of the havoc it would wreak on my colon.

I thought of the karmic debt I was racking up. Oleg stared at me contentedly. Ignorance is bliss, I thought. I picked at my fries while he finished his burger.

"It does the job," he said, in his thick Slavic tone while munching away on cooked cow flesh. His face had pimples, and his snaggle-toothed grin with bits of hamburger falling out the side of his mouth, transformed him into Conan in all his glory of bestial barbarism. Oleg's complexion was spotty and pale from the little Maine sunlight it received. In the clinical light of the eating lounge, I could see a glaze of grease forming on his forehead and I shuddered.

I looked around and the patrons appeared to be wolves at a kill; everyone was eating meat and I had to get out of there. Then I looked at my cup. To further my despair, I'd lost the McDonald's Jaguar competition. On the miniature Monopoly Board, the man in jail stared at me menacingly, framed by Nazi red. This confirmed my suspicions in regard to the evil nature of this worldwide institution. For so many years I had gleefully ingested strawberry milkshakes while unaware of the plastic and fatty lipids that had been added to them. For so many years I had eaten burgers without even giving a thought to the steps involved in manufacturing them.

I thought of the millions of acres of precious rain forest that were being burned and bulldozed daily for cheap beef. I resigned myself to the fact that I was eating processed cow mince, of God

only knows what.

Images from Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle" plagued me as I attempted to eat the burger. I imagined the slaughterhouse with its pools of blood that drowned rats had choked on. Soon the rodents' dead, bloated corpses would travel down the river Styx into a mini-Hades of meat grinders, where they would be devoured, only to have Borax and glycerin added.

My stomach did a flip-flop, and I put the burger down on the tray. I stared at the sick, white overworked high school girls under the fluorescent lights, and their manager, a chubby woman with bottle-cap glasses, pacing like a slave master. Her wireless mic was her whip as she called out orders mindlessly, while piped-in music played softly in the background. Two old, withered men griped about retired life and pined for the good old days.

I was rudely awakened when Oleg belched and a waft of hamburger, onion and Coke traveled my way. I loved Oleg and admired him for his shamelessly disgusting ways. We talked idly about music. Finally, I discarded my uneaten burger and felt happy to be rid of it. I felt like a man who'd been swimming underwater for too long and I scurried to the door. I held my breath, not wanting to further contaminate myself in the defiled environment.

I struggled to open the door and I gasped for air outside. It was clear and cold and I gazed at the powdery white snow in wonder. We hopped into Oleg's Chrysler van. Just then, I looked up at one of the snowy pine boughs that hung over the parking lot. On it was a brown furry chipmunk, whose tender brown eyes stared back at me while it munched on a pine cone. I voiced a subliminal message to him: "Run, run. Get away from here if you can."

But the little bugger looked fat, and he probably raided the trash bins in the parking lot, which were full of burgers, which would surely bring him an early death.

Oleg panted due to the large amount of food and we were on our merry way....

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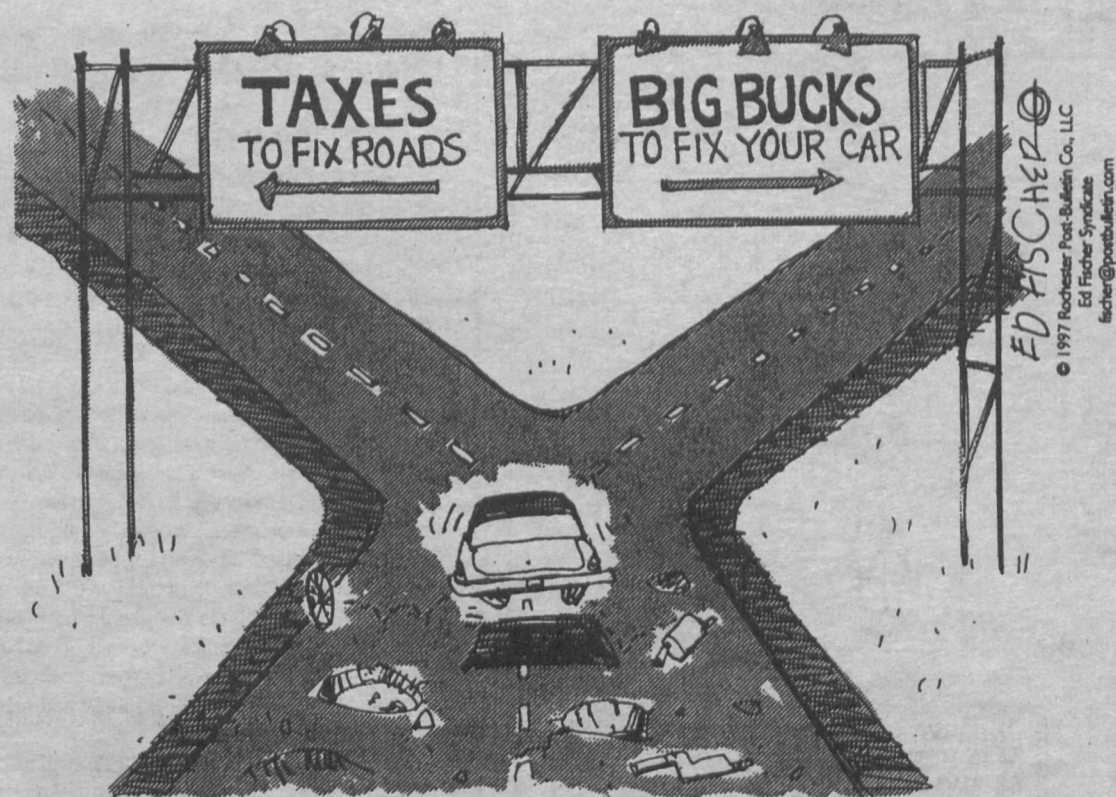
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Morality not an issue under the law

The final attempt at saving Paul Hill's life has failed. Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court, without comment or dissent, declined to review the Florida Supreme Court's ruling that upheld Hill's conviction. His next stop will be the electric chair.

For those of you who don't remember Paul Hill, let me refresh your memory: On the morning of June 29, 1994, Hill shot and killed Dr. John Britton and his escort, James Barrett. Barrett's wife, June, was hurt in the attack, but survived. Hill later claimed the killings were "justifiable homicide."

What made these deaths so note-

worthy for his appeal, which may or may not have been executed against his wishes. In June, he wrote to the U.S. Supreme Court and disavowed the appeal, saying he did not authorize it. Hill is not afraid to be executed. Martyrdom suits him just fine.

You have to wonder how extreme conservatives would feel if someone gunned down Bill Cohen as he made his way into the Pentagon one morning. After all, there are people out there who have the same moral conviction

against doctors in the name of religion. The tenets may be different, but the results are the same.

Abortion is a divisive issue, with either side seeing it in only black and white. In the end, it comes down to one thing: No one has the right to tell any woman what she can and can't do with her body. The decision is emotionally damaging enough without having to face a screaming mob. Until men can carry a child to term and give birth to it, they should keep themselves out of the argument. Those who lack the ability to experience something and still argue against it are fools.

People like Paul Hill and John Salvi have become poster children for the anti-abortion movement. If you want to stand in a heavy-traffic area and hold a sign, that's fine. But the line must be drawn at killing a person. John Britton performed a service to women who made that choice. No one forced them to make that choice. Paul Hill felt differently about the issue than Britton. Soon, three lives will have ended because of Hill's act. The debate will continue and abortion clinics will continue to operate, if only because abortion is not a crime.

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By Derek Rice



worthy was Hill's motivation. The two men were gunned down outside a Pensacola, Fla., abortion clinic. Britton was an abortionist and had hired Barrett as a bodyguard. Both were wearing bulletproof vests. Hill was a religious fanatic who dropped his poster long enough to take the law into his own hands and execute two men.

When people choose not to subscribe to the laws of the land, they are punished, and Paul Hill will be punished. Because Britton performed abortions, which are perfectly legal, Hill killed him, which is illegal. Morality, upon which Hill claimed he was acting, is not an issue in the eyes of the law; either something is legal or it isn't. Hill's personal crusade to kill a "killer of unborn children" will end when they strap him into Old Sparky and watch him dance. The pro-life cause, however will live on, thanks in large part to his death.

In his trial, Hill chose to defend himself. This was one basis

against war that Paul Hill and his friends have against abortion. In my eyes, there is no difference. Both acts are just as wrong.

Taking an extreme stance on issues is no way to further a cause, unless you hope only to recruit other extremists. The same people who hold up the Bible as evidence against abortion denounce religious groups like Hamas in the Middle East for acting similarly. Terrorists set off bombs in marketplaces and fanatics take up arms

Irate rig pilots unnerving

Several days ago, a U.S. Postal Service truck driver flagged me down at an Orono stoplight, motioning for me to roll down my window. After running up to my car, all he said was, "The driver told me to tell you the next time you cut in front of him again he will run you down."

Without another word, the mysterious carrier of the inexplicable message ran back to his cargo truck, which was sitting in the middle of the other lane near the intersection. Shrugging my incomprehension, I attempted to figure out what he meant. I realized he must have meant the 18-wheeler I had pulled in front of to take the Orono I-95 exit. I passed the truck easily at a constant 70 mph before hitting the

self? Besides, the circles under his eyes were revealing enough. More than one other trucker I talked with that summer admitted to "doctoring" the log book.

The Portland Press Herald ran a seven-part series in 1995 advocating extensive reforms to the law enforcement end of trucking regulation. The paper recommended a substantial jump in spot checks of truckers' logs and bolstered investigations of trucking accidents. Such boosts in law enforcement have undoubtedly curbed some of the abuse. In some states, such as Oregon, trucking accident rates have plum-



By Paul Livingstone

exit ramp. What was the problem?

Once I realized it was a threat, I got a little pissed. Truckers never threatened me verbally before, though I had been through my share of run-ins with irate rig pilots. The most notable of which was the 18-wheeler that passed me on a corner, I was forced onto the shoulder when the trucker saw an RV coming in the opposite direction. Maybe there's something about Route 9 that makes drivers in general go a little nuts.

Big trucks and cars on the roads of Maine is an uneasy union at best. Cars weighing in at 2,500 pounds are poor matches against the 70,000-pound behemoths. That's why truckers get special training. However, trucking companies exploit the drivers in an attempt to get cargo distributed as fast as humanly possible. This leads to highway risks for everyone else. After a series of fatal accidents in the early 1990s, Maine was forced to address the problem.

In the midst of State House debate over tired-trucker laws, I stumbled across a case of the real thing. While working in the stock room of Sears one summer, I was helping a trucker unload sporting goods from the trailer. He started talking about his week and mentioned he had just driven from Kentucky non-stop. The previous two days he had driven from Florida. To meet his requirements for the week, he said he was supposed to head west to Cleveland.

I was stunned. At the time, I laughed and shook my head. But when I later discovered through a series of news reports and revelations by lawmakers that the problem was rampant, I became concerned. I suppose he could have been leading me on, but why would he implicate him-

meted by more than 40 percent.

However, state police are spread thin even over regular patrolling duties. Asking them to devote extra man-hours to monitoring big rigs will detract from chasing speeders and catching drunken drivers before they wreak serious harm.

In the Auburn Mall two weeks ago, I saw a Parents Against Tired Truckers display. The data the group had collected was disheartening; there's obviously still a problem getting truckers the rest they need. PATT last year proposed a 12-hour work-rest schedule, but there's no way to know if companies would comply.

If the police are spread thin, PATT has little influence with large corporations, and penalties imposed by lawmakers are having little effect; perhaps a general industry regulation should be in order. If necessary, the federal government should step in to prevent abuses. Safety advances in automobiles are useless against large trucks; trucks should be made as safe as possible.

If truckers' schedules are making them cranky and generally irascible, well, that's tough for the rest of us. But using truckers until they tire out completely or get caught falsifying log books is something that should end. Drivers shouldn't be nervous and wary every time they pass a large truck. If trailer trucks can't interact with passenger cars on the highways, then perhaps freight trains should be brought back and large trucks taken off the roads.

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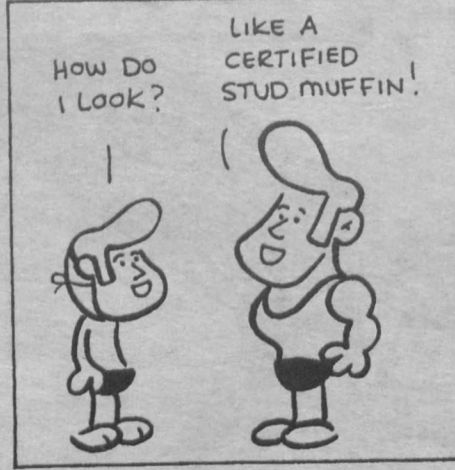
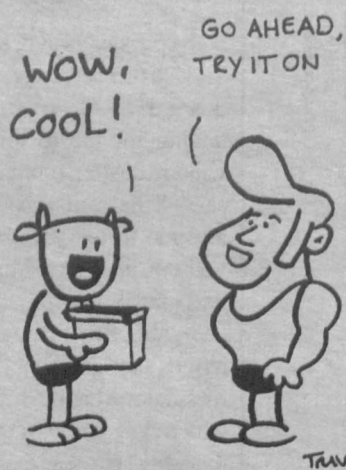
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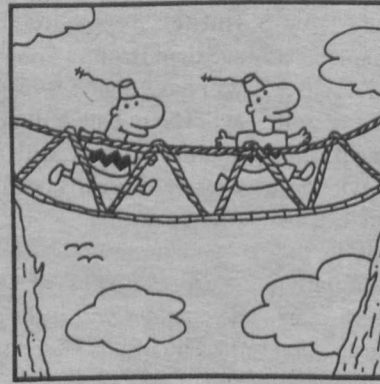
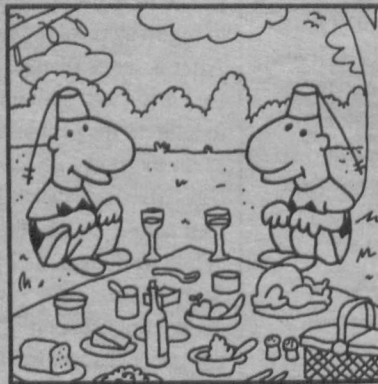
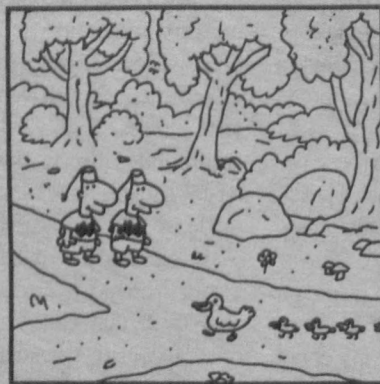
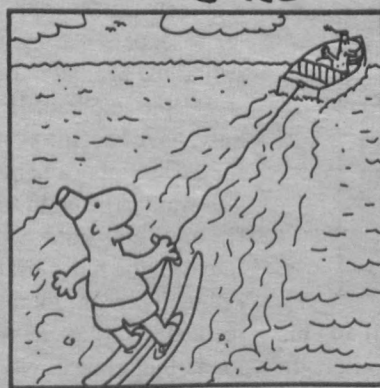
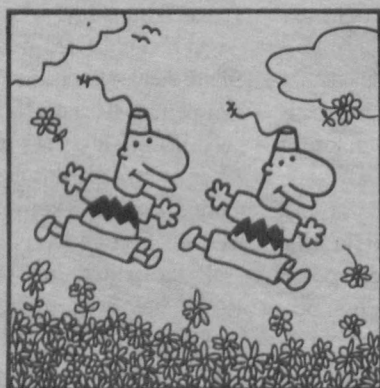
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Wednesday, October 8

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Even if you do not consider yourself a creative person you will make something wonderful this year, something others will enjoy for years to come. It would help, of course, if you were not so shy and self-effacing. If you've got talent, shout about it - the world wants to know.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): If one good idea does not work today another will, so don't waste time trying to decide what went wrong - it simply doesn't matter. With Venus, planet of love, joining Mars, your ruler, in Sagittarius today you don't have to force your ideas on others. Gentle persuasion will do the trick.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Confront your fears. Stand up to bullies. Trust that fate will see you through. So many of the things you have been worrying about bear no relation to reality - you have simply got in the habit of expecting certain things to go wrong. It's time you changed those bad habits for good habits.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): A relationship problem is not as serious as you imagine. And now that Venus, planet of love, is transiting the partnership angle of your chart you will quite easily find ways to win a loved one round. Unless, of course, you take it for granted they will forgive you. An apology may be in order.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Now that Venus is moving into that area of your chart which governs your health and your working routine it is essential that you take a more balanced view of your life. Sudden spurts of activity followed by periods of exhaustion are out: you must bring some order to your lifestyle.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): A positive attitude will help you overcome almost any obstacle today. Planetary activity in one of the most dynamic areas of your chart urges you to forget the things that have gone wrong and focus on the things that are going right - there are plenty of them to be found if you look a little harder.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): If you have made a mistake and ended up in a loved one's bad books then now is the time to apologize. If it's a serious mistake then you may have to do penance for the rest of the week. If it's not so serious, a kiss and a cuddle should be enough to get you off the hook.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Venus, your ruling planet, joins Mars and Pluto in that area of your chart which governs travel and communications today. So if you have been having problems in these areas then now is the time to resolve your differences and get on the move again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): This is a critical time for financial and business matters but not so critical that you should allow yourself to worry about it. Whatever your problems and whatever your commitments you will find a way to deal with them. But don't cut corners - or you will have to go back and take them again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Wise Sagittarians will see the futility of trying too hard today. A more relaxed attitude to both personal and professional matters will pay dividends in the long run, even though you won't see much progress immediately. "What do we want? Patience! When do we want it? Now!"

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You are a lot more sensitive than most people realize, although if your solar chart is anything to go by the softer side of your nature will shine through today. It seems amazing to have to tell you, a Capricorn, this but you must take care you don't let others take advantage of you today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): This is a day to sit back, close your eyes and think of the big picture. Forget about all the little, petty details that need to be taken care of - they can safely be left for another day. What matters now is that you give yourself permission to dream, for in dreams lay inspiration.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your hunger for success is growing by the day but if you are wise you will hold off for a day or two until Venus is well over the midheaven angle of your chart. You don't have to scratch and bite your way to the top. Charisma is what you need to succeed and you've got plenty of that.

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, October 9

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: No matter how timid or tongue-tied a Libran you happen to be, you have something to say and you are determined to say it. If you are involved in something of a creative or artistic nature, your opinions will be sought by the great and the good.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Someone or something you have depended upon may not be there for you today and your first reaction may be to panic. However, if you calm down, count to 10 and look at the situation rationally you will see there is precious little to get excited about, at least not in a negative way.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Something will occur today that helps you understand some of the apparently senseless things that have been taking place in your life. Everything that happens, from the most mundane to the most important, is part of the grand design. Look closely and you will see the pattern.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): There is no way round it: you will have to admit that some kind of dream is not going to come true. Perhaps you were aiming too high or perhaps it is not your fate to move in that particular direction. Whatever the reason don't feel bad about it: In a matter of days a new dream will be born.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Now that Neptune, planet of illusion, changes direction in your opposite sign of Capricorn you will see partners and loved ones in a new light. In fact, so many of the things you argued about in recent months no longer seem to matter. The sad fact is they did not matter in the first place.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You must learn to be a bit more adaptable today. I know that is difficult as you expect others to adapt to you but, to be honest, you are expecting too much. There are certain things you cannot do alone - you must have assistance. You won't get it if you expect others to do all the work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Relax. Slow down. Take it easy. Does it really matter who wins? Success is great, success is fine, but other things are important too, like love and laughter, fun and fantasy. The message of your solar chart today is that you are taking the wrong things seriously. Enjoy life, don't dread it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Simplify your routine and cut back on non-essentials today. You could muddle through as always but life will be a lot more fun if you manage your affairs in a more organized way. Not only will you feel in control of events but you will have more time to enjoy yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): As a Scorpio you know that the truth is rarely straightforward. What people say and what they mean are often two completely different things. However, you must take what you are told today at face value; and look as though you believe it - even if you don't.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Don't be too generous with your time and money today. This doesn't mean you should be miserable and miserly but be aware that you only have so much to give. Easy come, easy go may be one of the mottoes you live by but you are under no obligation just to give it away.

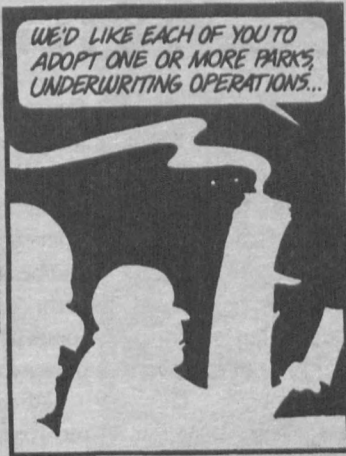
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You appear to be going through a great deal of upheaval at the moment but deep down you know it is for the best. Neptune, planet of illusion, is having a particularly big impact on your life right now, so keep things simple and you will have less to worry about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You like to think that you are logical and perceptive but, like everyone, you get confused and lose your way. You know this is true - though you may not care to admit it - and you know you must learn to trust your intuition more. You're not being wishy-washy, you're just being sensible.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Not everything in life is as enjoyable as we would like it to be but few things are as bad as we fear. With Mercury and Jupiter working in your favor today you should find it easy to come to terms with a painful situation, especially if you focus resolutely on the wider picture.

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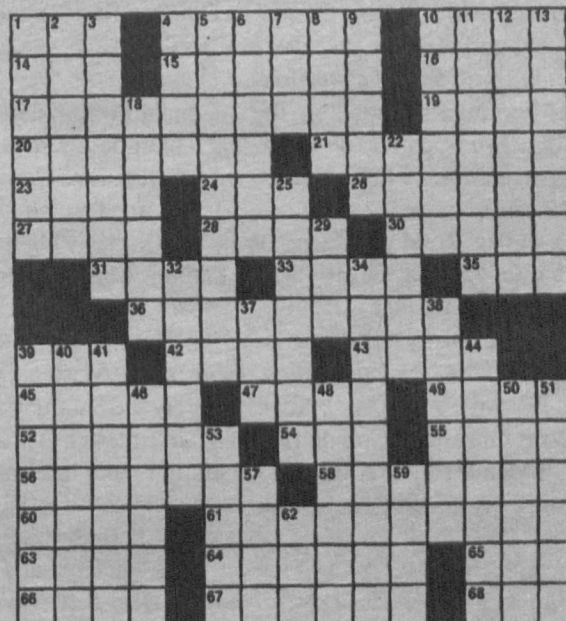


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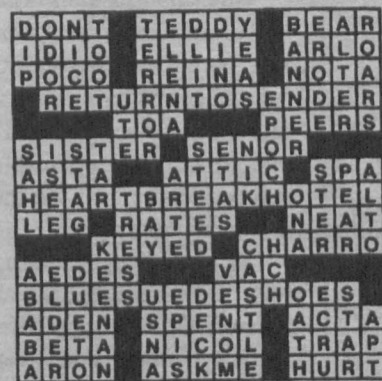
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Puzzle by David J. Kahn

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Style and the Arts

• In theaters

Latest period piece should become classic

By Hunter Tzovarras
Maine Campus staff

"L.A. Confidential" is, in short, a great film. Director Curtis Hanson has created a modern classic. It's the best film of the year so far, and it is so good I'd bet that by the end of December there still won't be a better film. Rich with '50s film lore, Hanson's film tells the story of bribery, corruption, extortion and other devious acts that found their way into the Los Angeles police department during the early 1950s.

"L.A. Confidential" is a complicated and well-written story. It is one of those films you almost have to see twice to pick up on everything. If you're heedful the first time, you should be able to make sense out of everything. Hanson introduces a lot of characters and incidents in the first act. So much was introduced, I thought it would be impossible to pull everything together into a logical conclusion, but surprisingly and pleasingly Hanson does.

I'm not sure where to begin a synopsis for this film. The plot is so intricate and

there are so many characters, it will be hard to fit everything into a few succinct paragraphs. The other problem I have is I don't want to reveal too much of the plot in fear of ruining any of the films numerous twists and turns. One of the great pleasures of watching "L.A. Confidential" is you're never sure what's coming next. And when something does happen it makes sense and seems logical.

I guess the best place to start is with the words of Sid Hudgens (Danny DeVito), the wily editor who publishes the lurid magazine Hush, Hush; Life is good in Los Angeles. That's what they tell you, anyway." The L.A. police department is there to maintain L.A.'s image as the safe city of the future. We're introduced to many cops, the three most important being Jack Vincennes, Bud White and Ed Exley (Kevin Spacey, Russell Crowe and Guy Pearce).

All three of these actors are effective in their respective roles. I forgot I was watching Kevin Spacey play Jack Vincennes, and just saw him as L.A. cop Jack Vincennes. That is quite an accomplishment

for a well-known actor. When I watch "Jerry Maguire," I'm watching Tom Cruise play Jerry Maguire, and I don't see Jerry the character as separate from Tom Cruise. But Spacey is able to transcend his star persona and be Jack Vincennes. And since the other actors are basically unknowns it's not hard for us to just see them as the characters they portray on screen.

Without giving away too much of the plot, what happens is this: There are a series of murders just after Christmas. The most important of the murders happens at the Nite Owl diner, where five people are killed, including Bud White's ex-partner. Ed Exley, who uses his shrewdness and intellect to solve cases, is assigned to the case. He works alongside police captain Dudley Smith (James Cromwell). Bud White, a brutal cop, known to take matters into his own hands, does some of his own investigating.

Films like "L.A. Confidential" and "Chinatown" show us that corruption and police brutality were prevalent within the Los Angeles police department long before Rod-

ney King and the 1990s.

A few other characters worth mentioning who play key roles in the film, are: Pierce Patchett (David Strathairn), a millionaire who, among other things, runs a prostitution ring with hookers who look like famous actresses; Lynn Bracken (Kim Basinger) is one of Pierce's high priced hookers; and District Attorney Ellis Loew (Ron Rifkin).

Probably the greatest aspect of "L.A. Confidential" is its plausibility. Every situation and character comes across as real. We do not feel as if we're watching actors performing scenes from a contrived script in front of cameras but, rather, that we are there, like some secret observer, peeking into the real lives of these characters.

Watching this film is more of an experience than a passive act.

It has become a cliché to tout a great film as "a must-see movie," so I won't bother applying that statement to "L.A. Confidential." Although it would be hard to find a less trite film on which to use such a trite statement.

What's happening

Wednesday, Oct. 8

- Depression screening, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lown Room, Memorial Union.
- "The Women's Movement in Germany: Current Issues and Debates," by Carol Hagemann-White, professor of educational sciences and women's studies at the University of Osnabruck, part of the Women in the Curriculum Luncheon Series, 12:15 p.m., Bangor Lounge.
- "Coming out in Rural America," a panel discussion for Coming Out Week, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Totman Lounge.
- "Transition and the College Experience with Mental Illness," by Connie Foster, author of "Funny, You Don't Look Crazy: Life With Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, part of Mental Illness Awareness Week, 2:30 p.m., FFA Room. Followed by a book signing.
- "M," starring Peter Lorre, part of the Wednesday night at the (Left Bank) Movies, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50. Pizza and popcorn served 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- "As It Is: An Anatomy of Art, Synaesthesia and Synchronic Action," slide lecture, 7 p.m., 206 Rogers Hall.
- "Ulee's Gold," starring Peter Fonda, part of the Art and Foreign Film Series, 7:20 p.m. and 9:20 p.m., Spotlight Cinemas.
- Film: "Shall We Dance?" 7:30 p.m., Grand Auditorium, Ellsworth. Call 667-5911. Shows Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday.
- Film, "Beautiful Thing," part of Coming Out Week, 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., 100 Donald P. Corbett Business Building.

Thursday, Oct. 9

- "Problems of Democracy Under Yeltsin," by James Warhola, part of the Socialist and Marxist Luncheon Series, 12:30 p.m., Lown Room.
- "Successful Intelligence," by Robert Sternberg, Yale University, a psychology

colloquium offered by Psi Chi, 3:15 p.m., Minsky Recital Hall

- "The Jews of China, India and Japan: Comparative Perspectives," by Jonathan Goldstein, professor of History at State University of West Georgia, 7 p.m., 100 Donald P. Corbett Business Building.
- Wilde-Stein: Alliance for Sexual Diversity, part of Coming Out Week, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Totman Lounge.
- Thursday night at the Bear's Den with Skinny Mulligan, offered by The Union Board, 9 p.m., Bear's Den.
- "Death of a Salesman," presented by the Belfast Maskers, 8 p.m. The play will run Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m., through Oct. 26. Tickets are \$10 and \$6. For more information, call 338-9539.
- "Ulee's Gold," 7:20 p.m. and 9:20 p.m., Spotlight Cinemas.
- Frank Gotwalls at the Left Bank Cafe, Blue Hill, 8 p.m. For more information, call 374-2201.

Friday, Oct. 10

- Erica Wheeler, acoustic musician, 8 p.m., Left Bank Cafe. Tickets are \$10.50.
- Saturday, Oct. 11
- Bangor Symphony Orchestra Family Casual Concert, 7 p.m., Maine Center for the Arts.
- The Patsy Cline Tribute Show with Sandy Martin and a five-piece band, 8 p.m., Grand Auditorium, Ellsworth. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more information, call 667-5911.
- Folk singer Jim Infantino, 8 p.m., Left Bank Cafe.

Sunday, Oct. 12

- Bangor Symphony Orchestra in concert, featuring the works of Brahms, 3 p.m., Maine Center for the Arts.
- Folk group The Kennedys at the Left Bank Cafe, 8 p.m.

• The Big Show

Olberman moves on

NEW YORK (AP) — As the credits rolled at the end of his third day hosting MSNBC's "The Big Show," an obviously relieved Keith Olbermann aimed a wad of paper at an overhead camera.

It struck only a glancing blow — sort of like the show itself at this stage.

The pitch enabled Olbermann to vent some steam after a pressure-filled debut. The former ESPN "Sportscenter" anchor is making the switch from sports to news without a net, live and on prime time weeknights.

Naming it "The Big Show with Keith Olbermann" doesn't do much to lessen expectations, either.

"We're starting small," Olbermann said on his first night. "We want the show to be about the whole world. In an hour. Every night."

Olbermann's fans know he brings a certain attitude to the table. "Sportscenter" was more than just a highlight reel of home runs and touchdown passes with Olbermann and former partner Dan Patrick. The two are largely responsible for the rash of sports anchors who see themselves as entertainers rather than reporters.

After six years, his exit from ESPN wasn't pleasant. Olbermann badmouthed Bristol, Conn., home of the sports network's offices, and wrestled with ESPN's management over his right to do outside work. He was suspended briefly for not seeking permission to record a series of anti-chewing tobacco public service announcements.

Olbermann, who's been a sports reporter since graduating from Cornell in 1979, said he was looking for the chance to do something different when the MSNBC offer came along.

"What got to me was, how many times can you write a lead-in to a Brewers-

White Sox game?" he said.

Olbermann, who's also expected to do some work for NBC Sports, said the move to news doesn't intimidate him. "Thirty to 35 percent of what I did on 'Sportscenter' was news that happened to be about athletes," he said.

"The Big Show," which airs at 8 p.m. ET, is topical and designed to work seamlessly on nights of breaking news with Brian Williams' hour-long newscast that follows. Olbermann's program is more interview-driven than Williams'.

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• Lovejoy award

Author to be recipient

WATERVILLE, Maine (AP) — David Halberstam will receive the Elijah Parish Lovejoy award, which Colby College presents each year to an outstanding journalist.

The author, who will accept the award at a ceremony Nov. 13, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1964 for his reporting on the Vietnam War for The New York Times.

His books include "The Powers That Be," a critical analysis of the American news media, and "The Making of A Quagmire," "Ho" and "The Best and the Brightest," which probe America's involvement in Vietnam.

The award is named for a Colby graduate who was murdered in 1837 while defending his abolitionist newspaper in Alton, Ill.

• At Spotlight

Aliens no match for team of Jones, Smith

By Greg Dowling
Maine Campus staff

"Men In Black" is a slick and wittysci-fi comedy from the makers of "Get Shorty." The plot, for all two of you who have not already seen it, centers on a mysterious government organization that monitors extraterrestrial activity on Earth. The lead operative, code-named "K" (Tommy Lee Jones), recruits a Los Angeles cop (Will Smith), whose code-name is "J," to join him and try to stop an alien conspiracy, which involves the theft of an entire galaxy (you have to see this to believe it) by a roach-like alien who is inhabiting the body of farmer (Vincent D'Onofrio of "The Whole Wide World") in the tradition of "Invasion of the Body Snatchers."

"Men In Black," a richly satirical thriller ride, has all the elements of mindless summer fun. The script however, is exceedingly more clever and witty than usual. It uses all the sci-fi genre cliches, from the saucer-shaped ships to the rubbery lizard beasts brought to life by the excellent special effects of Industrial Light & Magic.

What I found most inventive about "Men In Black" is the patchwork of references and satirical nods to other sci-fi genre pieces as well as the full volume take-off on the kind of "X-Files" paranoia that other films are beginning use. It's also interesting that director Barry Sonnenfeld ("Get Shorty") portrays the now mythical idea of the "men in black" as heroic desperadoes as opposed to films like "Conspiracy Theory," where they are cold, brutal and insinuating. The movie also has a fun imagination. I really loved the little gadget Jones used on people who had some kind of contact with the aliens that would erase their memory. Imagine the marketing possibilities of a device like that.

I also loved the scenes in the headquarters of this organization. It has many different species of creatures wandering around (designed by creator Rick Baker), various technologies that have been lifted from alien ingenuity (including a tiny sphere that we are told caused the famous New York blackout) and a screen that monitors all aliens disguised as humans, including celebrities. The list of celebrity aliens includes Sylvester Stallone and Newt Ging-



Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith take on intergalactic voyagers in "Men In Black." (Courtesy photo.)

rich (that would explain a lot). We are also told by Jones that "Elvis isn't dead, he just went home."

The film benefits from the comedic talents of the two leads. Will Smith's character is pretty much the same one he played in "Independence Day," with the usual set of smug wisecracks and prerequisite attitude, but it works here. This film has confirmed him as a box-office draw, as the film has made well over \$200 million. Tommy Lee Jones is excellent. He plays his character with a serious, businesslike demeanor that's a blast to watch. This is certainly a better showcase of his talent than the god-awful "Volcano."

The supporting cast includes Linda Fiorentino ("The Last Seduction," "Jade"), who is sweet and charming as the county medical examiner. Rip Torn is also good as the director of the secret INS agency.

"Men In Black" is not deep. It's just plain, old-fashioned Hollywood entertainment. The film's only big flaw is that the ending is too short and doesn't seem as big and exciting as it should have been. The finale involves a face-off between the Jones and Smith duo and the roach beast alien. I expected a more kinetic dazzle and not just stepping on bugs. Still, it's a fun and clever film.

Grade: B

• Personality

Scandal hasn't hurt Allen

NEW YORK (AP) — Woody Allen is still bitter about the scandal that cost him his children, but loves his life with ex-girlfriend Mia Farrow's adopted daughter and making movies just like he has for decades, the reclusive director said in a rare interview.

Allen lost contact with adopted daughter Dylan and his biological son with Farrow, Satchel, in a fierce custody dispute aggravated by claims of child molestation and the director's sexual affair with Soon-Yi Previn. Allen was never charged with molestation, but Farrow won custody. Another adopted son, Moses, is now an adult and has chosen not to remain in touch with Allen.

"It's a terrible, terrible thing. You know, I don't see them," Allen says in Sunday's Daily News. "I haven't seen Dylan in about seven years. I haven't seen Satchel in about 2 1/2 years. ...

"I don't want to dwell on this because it's so painful, but between the court and some of the press and a portion of the public who have behaved so dishonestly

and unconscionably, I don't think I'll ever find it in my heart to forgive them."

Regarding his romance with Previn, now 27, the 61-year-old director couldn't be happier.

"My relationship with Soon-Yi is the best relationship of my life," Allen said. "We have a wonderful time together. Interestingly, it wasn't hard for us to keep focused during the difficult times because of all the media attention and criticism. If

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• Presidential dirt

Book: Prostitutes in White House

NEW YORK (AP) — John F. Kennedy had sex with call girls in the White House, and an aide bought their silence by threatening to have them thrown into an insane asylum, says a new book by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Seymour Hersh.

The book, "The Dark Side of Camelot," also says Kennedy suspected his wife, Jackie, of having an affair with Aristotle Onassis to get back at him for his own infidelities.

Details of the book were disclosed in the November issue of Vanity Fair. The book, published by Little Brown and Co., is due out next month.

It claims a top White House aide frequently procured prostitutes for the president, who had sex with them in the White House and on out-of-town trips.

"If you ever talk about this, you're going to be in St. Francis' for 30 years," the aide would allegedly tell the women.

Hersh had to revise the book to delete a chapter about the president and Marilyn Monroe when it was discovered by ABC last month that documents Hersh was using were forged. The documents said that Kennedy was paying Monroe to keep silent about their alleged affair.

Woody

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anything, it brought us closer together."

Allen was eager to quash a couple of rumors. First, Soon-Yi is not pregnant and the couple was "just browsing" in Tiffany's, not shopping for wedding rings, although he wouldn't rule out a possible marriage someday, saying he'd like to have another child.

He hasn't read Farrow's book on their troubles and doesn't plan to, but says he has no more ill will toward her.

"Although we've had our many conflicts, I have no further or lingering feelings

about it," Allen said. "I wish her well."

His career wasn't hurt by the scandal, Allen said.

"It hasn't had any effect whatsoever. I still have the same small audience I've always had," Allen said. "It was never very big to begin with. No bigger or smaller now. And if you know me, you'd know it hasn't changed my life, either."

Allen's next film, "Deconstructing Harry," is a comedy that opens in December. He is currently working on "Celebrity," which is being filmed in black and white.

Big Show

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Although executives stress the format is evolving, most of the show's first half hour is devoted to an in-depth look on an issue prominent in the news. On his debut, Olbermann featured the Stanford University newspaper columnist fired for writing about Chelsea Clinton, and brought on some older journalists to gently scold the boy.

Anchoring the second half is "The Big Deal," which tries to anticipate developments that may make future history books even if they don't make present-day headlines. A story about the latest scientific findings on photons will make it; the latest development in the JonBenet Ramsey case won't.

"We want a program that is continuing the day's discussion and reporting of the news. That means you've got to be eclectic," said Mark Harrington, MSNBC's vice president and general manager.

Olbermann also contributes essays and oddball stories under the umbrella, "The News Without Brian Williams." Williams makes an appearance on "The Big Show" to preview features on his newscast.

"What is supposed to be a three-minute news cut-in will probably evolve into 30 seconds of what's coming up at 9 o'clock and 2 1/2 minutes of us blistering the hell

out of each other," Olbermann said.

Such sarcastic humor is central to Olbermann's shtick. The show will succeed or fail depending upon whether people like him, and if the audience that warmed to his irreverent approach to sports wants the same thing in news.

Done right, he's funny. Done wrong, he's a smug suit out of his depth.

"The marbling of humor into an entire show will not always happen," Olbermann said in an interview. "You just can't go on the air about Princess Diana and make jokes in the middle."

Unfortunately, that's what he tried last Friday. Interviewing lawyer Paul Bishop in Paris about the ongoing investigation into the car crash that cost the princess her life, he made a joking comparison of Paris police to Boulder, Colo. authorities involved in the slow-moving Ramsey case.

Bishop, if he even picked up on the reference, wisely let it pass without comment.

"All the humorous remarks aren't going to work all the time," Harrington said. "I think Keith understands that this is different. This is a news program and there are a lot of topics that you don't handle that way."



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SPORTS PAGE

• Football

Lack of execution contributes to Maine's losing streak

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

After falling to Richmond 17-14 last weekend, the UMaine football team has now lost three in a row which is something they haven't done in two years.

"We didn't get it done," said Maine head coach Jack Cosgrove. "We spent more than half the game in our end. They (Richmond) did some nice things on defense, and they played a special teams game."

"It was very tough," said wide receiver Drew O'Connor. "We've had some minor let downs which hopefully we'll get ironed out."

The Bears have now lost consecutive games in the final minutes of play and Cosgrove acknowledged the role special teams have played, especially against the Spiders.

"Field position and special teams have played a big role," said Cosgrove. "Richmond played a very good special team game."

Offensive let downs

Sophomore tailback Trey Johnson, who missed last Saturday's game with a sprained ankle, said that mental mistakes have hurt the Bears in recent weeks.

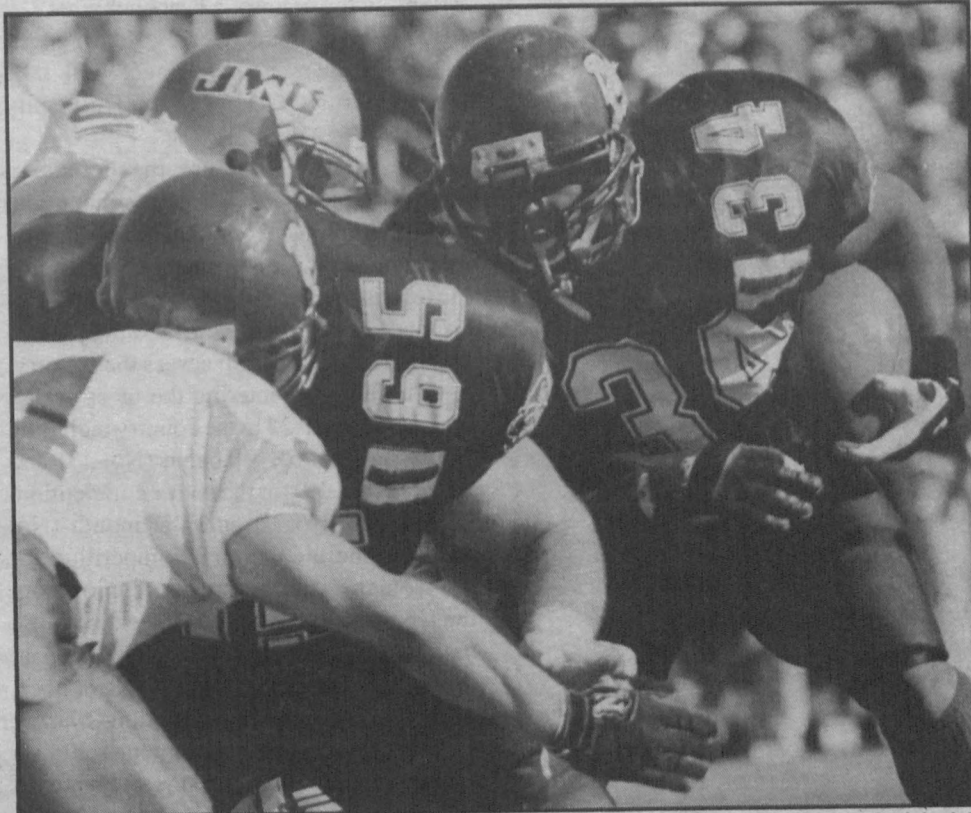
"The way I figure is that we should be 4-1," said Johnson. "We played our hearts out, but we relaxed when we shouldn't have."

"Our team has the play makers, but we need to play a full 60 minutes."

Late in the game against Richmond, with the Bears holding possession of the ball and nursing a 14-10 lead, the clock became an instant factor.

With under a minute to play, the Bears failed to convert a final first down attempt which would have iced the game said Johnson.

"Great teams have to be able to run the



Black Bear tailback Trey Johnson will look to return to the back field this weekend. (Gagne file photo.)

clock out," said Johnson. "Sometimes, we get relaxed, and I'll accept some of the blame, but we can never relax. When you take a little break, that's when you lose it."

"On offense, it came down to under a minute left, and we relaxed instead of making sure we got the first down," added Johnson. "When the time comes to put teams away, we have to do it. We had a chance too, but we didn't."

The Black Bears are now 2-3 in league play and have dropped to third place in the New England Division behind UConn (4-0, 1-0) and UNH (2-3, 2-2).

"Naturally the guys are down," said

Cosgrove. "However, we can't stay down for too long because its another week."

Production

After scoring 79 points in their first two games, the Bears have put just 50 on the scoreboard in their last three. Although they have played nationally ranked teams in all three of those games, senior captain Rameek Wright expressed the offensive concerns.

"We are not helping out our offense in terms of points," said Wright. "Our defense can't hold teams all the time, and we need to start scoring more."

The Bears are averaging almost 26 points per game this year, but that num-

ber is 10 points less in their last three games.

"We've lost three in a row and two of those we should have won," said Wright. "However, we know we should have, but we didn't. We need to do whatever it takes to win."

Three is company in back field?

With Johnson out of last weekend's game with a sprained ankle, Cosgrove went with freshman Ben Christopher to anchor the back field with Bert Rich. The result? Instant success. Christopher rushed for 82 yards including his first career touchdown.

"Scoring the first touchdown of my college career is one of the best feelings I have ever felt," said Christopher. "It is a memory I will have for a long time."

Christopher has been used this year primarily on special teams play and said his backfield debut in a Black Bear uniform exceeded his expectations this season.

"I expected to make a contribution but not this big," said Christopher. "I thought I would be on special teams but they gave me a chance in the back field."

"It was nice to see him get going," said Cosgrove. "When we recruited him he asked not to be treated like a freshman, and he has stepped it up for us."

With Christopher coming off a big weekend where he accounted for all of Maine's scoring, he brought himself into the back field picture with Rich and Johnson.

"We have a three man fight for two spots," said Christopher. "I guess this week is a tryout to see who makes it."

"It's not a dog fight," said Johnson.

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• Men's soccer

Black Bears open conference play; America East in full gear

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

America East men's soccer has kicked into full motion as teams clashed with conference opponents this past weekend.

UMaine hit the road for matchups at Delaware and Towson State and returned to Orono with mixed results.

On Friday, the Black Bears (2-4-1, 1-1 America East) scored an impressive 1-0 shutout over the Blue Hens (2-6-1, 1-2 America East).

"I thought the weekend was very successful in a sense that we were on the road and we faced a team (Delaware) that went to the conference playoffs last year," said Atherley. "I thought we put together a solid effort and really did well to get the result on the day."

Sophomore forward Ricky Brown came up big for Maine as he netted the game's only goal just minutes into the first half. Senior goalkeeper Nathan Benoit stopped four of Delaware's 13 shots en route to his first shutout of the season.

On Sunday, the Black Bears faced the Tigers (8-3-0, 2-1 America East) and lost a tough 3-2 battle. In that contest, the Black

Bears were overwhelmed by one of the nation's most dominant scoring machines, Richie Moller.

Moller, a junior forward, netted two goals just before the end of the first half to give Towson a 2-1 lead they would not relinquish.

Despite the loss on Sunday, Maine head coach Scott Atherley was satisfied with the Black Bear's ability to play on the road against tough competition.

"Towson I expect to be one of the top two teams to finish in the conference this year," Atherley replied. "They dominated the game but we never quit. We were all over them the last ten minutes of the game."

Atherley said his team could use the momentum from Friday's win in the showdown with Towson State. However, the fifth-year coach knew it wasn't going to be easy.

Conference Round up

In other America East action, No. 10 Boston University rolled over Drexel 4-1. Senior Nick Bone added two goals for the Terriers. Bone has scored in 40 of 73 career games, including nine multiple-goal performances.

The University of Hartford suffered

two overtime losses last week. Yale edged the Hawks 3-2 despite two second-half goals by sophomore Dominick Willock. The University of Vermont took care of Hartford 1-0 as senior Sean Nealis knocked in the game winner in the first overtime period.

The Catamounts strung together three victories last week, all over teams ranked in the NSCAA New England Region Top 10.

America East handed out its weekly individual awards earlier this week. Player of the Week honors went to Hofstra University forward Stuart Duffin. The junior helped his team to an unblemished 3-0 record this week with an assist on the

game-winning goal in a 3-0 win over Northeastern on Friday.

Duffin also recorded another game-winning assist and scored one of Hofstra's goals in the Flying Dutchmen's upset at Boston University. Earlier in the week, Duffin netted a school record four goals in his team's 6-0 defeat of Siena.

The Rookie of the Week award went to Joahannes Ruth. The freshman midfielder had two assists including the game-winner against Maine.

Conference stat fact: Drexel has the closest ratio of goals scored to goals allowed in America East with 15-14. The Black Bears are a close second at 11-13.

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• Cross country

Champions at Invitational

By Eden Hindley
Maine Campus Staff

The cross country spotlight will shine in Orono this weekend for a tournament which will bring the country's best back East.

The sixth annual Murray Keatinge Invitational cross country meet will take place Saturday, Oct. 11 at the University of Maine.

The race will feature the defending NCAA women's cross country champion, both champions from the 1996 Murray Keatinge Invitational meet, and some of the top-rated teams in the country. Twenty-six men's and women's cross country teams will participate from all across the country.

The favorites entering the races are all ranked in the top 25 in the country including Michigan (No. 5), Alabama (No. 13) and Arizona (No. 19) for the men's competition.

Arizona (No. 7) and Dartmouth (No. 12) headline the national competition for the women. Amy Skiersz, a junior from the University of Arizona, is the defending national champion, finishing in 17:04 at the NCAA Championships last November.

Skiersz is also the defending Murray Keatinge Invitational champion, setting a course record of 16:33.1 last year. She could become the first women to repeat as the MKI champion in the history of the event.

UMaine's top runner, Danielle Donovan, will be running in her first MKI.

"Our women will strive to beat the University of Connecticut and Holy Cross,

because that is within a realistic goal," women's cross country coach Ann Maxim said. "I want the women to run in a tight pack and have good performances."

The Michigan men, who won the event in 1995, will try to reclaim the title they lost to Stanford last year. Michigan's John Mortimer set the course record in 1996, and is back to defend his title but will have to contend with teammate Kevin Sullivan.

Sullivan was the MKI winner in 1995 but an injury kept him from defending his title last year.

UMaine's Derek Treadwell (Milford, Maine) has enjoyed a strong fall. The 1,500-meter All-American, and lone collegian in the 1996 U.S. Olympic trial final, is UMaine's top challenger on the men's side. He finished 25th a year ago in 25:03.9 for the five-mile race.

"I think it should be a great meet with all these top caliber teams coming to Orono," men's cross country coach Jim Ballinger said.

The teams will warm-up on the five kilometer and five-mile courses on Friday October 10th from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. After the race on Saturday, the competitors will attend an awards ceremony in the fieldhouse and will have a lobster and steak meal.

"With the intense competition in Minnesota two weeks ago the women should do well because they ran against better competition there," Maxim said.

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Football

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"Bert and I have been playing and we'll probably rotate. Bert and I also have one style and Ben has another."

With Rich and Johnson providing a physical presence, Christopher adds another element which can be utilized in certain game situations.

"Ben stepped it up, and he adds speed to the back field," said Johnson. "Our running game is solid and we have a good core."

"I can't run up the middle 30 or 40 yards and I have to stay away from the big hits which Bert and Trey can absorb," said Christopher. "However, they need me back there to get some speed."

Rich has also improved as he continues to progress week to week.

"He (Rich) has stepped it up, and he can handle any situation," said Johnson.

Rich has rushed for 243 yards this season and is averaging over four yards per carry.

As for this weekend, Johnson expects to be ready to go, despite his ankle not at 100%.

"I'll be dressed and ready to go," said Johnson. "I'm trying to get to 100%. My ankle is tender, but if I need to go, I'll play with the pain."

Statistical numbers for the Week

The stat of the week goes to the number of fourth quarter touchdowns the Black Bears have allowed all season. Although they have given up just two, for coach Jack Cosgrove and the Bears, that comes to 14 points too many.

James Madison burned Maine on a 59 yard touchdown pass with a minute and 34 seconds left in regulation to pull out a 24-22 victory. Last weekend Richmond got the game winning touchdown with just 33 seconds left in the game's final chapter.

The Bears have also outscored their opponents 129 to 95. The team is averaging more first downs, rushing yards, pass-

ing yards, kickoff return yards than their opponents despite the 2-3 record.

If that isn't enough, Maine also has a higher third and fourth down conversion percentage and have turned the ball over nine times, compared to the opposition's 21.

Atlantic 10 Dasher

The upset of the weekend in the Atlantic 10 was pulled off by the Northeastern Huskies as they upended William and Mary 33-12. William and Mary entered the contest ranked number seven in the nation in the ESPN/USA Today Poll.

In the schools previous two meetings, William and Mary outscored Northeastern 85-6.

Offensive player of the week honors went to Villanova wide receiver Brian Finneran who became his schools all time leading receiver for receptions and receiving yards.

The senior from Mission Viejo, California had eight receptions for 144 yards in the Wildcat's 49-17 trouncing of James Madison last weekend.

The University of Delaware continues to dominate in Boston. The Blue Hens have not lost a game in Beantown since 1989. The streak covers seven games including two this year when they won at Northeastern and Boston University.

Delaware senior place kicker Sean Leach became the Atlantic 10's career record holder in extra points. Leach hit on all seven attempts in Delaware's 49-17 thrashing of BU last weekend.

There are only two undefeated teams in the Atlantic 10 Football Conference as UConn and Villanova are both 4-0. UConn had the amazing scoring strike of the weekend as well. In their 55-0 whitewashing of Buffalo, the Huskies scored 27 points in the third quarter despite having the ball for just 51 seconds.

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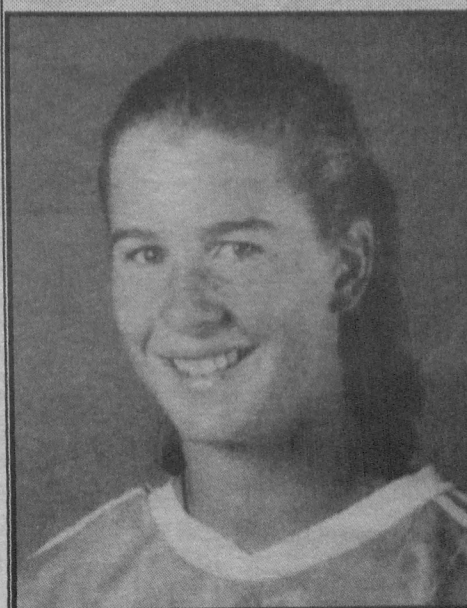
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Family: mom Jean, dad Kevin, brothers Dan, John, Mike, and Jeff

Major: mass communications



Mary Wells (File photo.)

Senior midfielder Mary Wells is a three-time Conference Academic Honor Roll member and has received the UMaine scholar-athlete award twice. On the field she lets it fly for the women's soccer team and the softball team. This past August she sang the national anthem for a Boston Red Sox game in Fenway Park. Although she is accustomed to performing her talents on the field, this week, we put the microphone back in her hand.....

What is your most memorable moment in sports?

Beating Dartmouth this season

What are your major accomplishments?

Two year Second Team All-Conference softballall, NAC player of the week (softball), Three year America East Academic Honor Roll (soccer and softball)

What is your favorite facility to play in?

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What is your favorite class you have taken at UMO? Peer Leadership (EDW 462)

Your Favorite team to beat? Dartmouth

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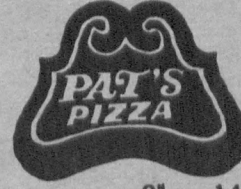
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• Fall ball

Black Bears turn up heat, blaze through tourney

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine softball and baseball teams recently wrapped up their FallBall schedules, giving each of their respective head coaches optimism for the 1998 season.

The softball team charged out of the gate like a bull after a red flag, running up an impressive 8-1 record. The highlight of Maine's fall season occurred when the Bears emerged victorious at a 16-team tournament in Cambridge, Mass.

In the final, Maine dumped Wheaton College by a score of 4-1.

Only once in the lady Bears' 10 games did they allow more than two runs.

Maine head coach Janet Anderson was pleased by the performance of the Lady Bears, considering the team was short-handed throughout the season.

"We didn't have three of our starters, which says quite a bit about the depth of this team," said Anderson.

The formula for Maine's success was embellished in its offense, as the bats pounded out a .407 team average. Freshman pitcher/outfielder Carrie Green made opponents wish they were somewhere else, leading the team with an .824 average.

Also sparking the Bear offense was outfielder Kathryn Murphy (.556), shortstop Michelle Puls (.471) and second baseman Melissa Creegan (.471).

"We saw many good things, so we're quite excited about our prospects for 1998," said Anderson.

Baseball Mentality

Yogi Berra once said that "80 percent of baseball is half mental." For Maine head coach Paul Kostacopoulos, this is more than just another tired cliché when

reflecting on his team's fall season.

"I think our biggest improvement was probably mental," said Kostacopoulos. "As we went along, we became a smarter team. When you have 11 freshmen and six transfers, you're going to learn something every day."

Kostacopoulos noted the progress made by several of his players, including outfielder Jay Phillips, who swung a mean bat after a slow start.

"[Phillips] really struggled as a freshman last year, but he really started to emerge [this fall]," Kostacopoulos said.

Other standouts for the Black Bears included shortstop Julian Brocali, who hit over .300 while making several nice plays in the field, and pitchers Jason Hall and Jim Bailin.

"They were pretty consistent all fall," Kostacopoulos said.

Kosty is still concerned about Maine's

hitting, however, as the Bears spent much of the season under the Mendoza line. Not until the next-to-last game of the season did the bats show any signs of ending their summer vacation.

"We just gotta go to work in the cages," Kostacopoulos said. "Our biggest concern would be how much offense we're going to be able to produce. We just got to do it the old-fashioned way and work at it."



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