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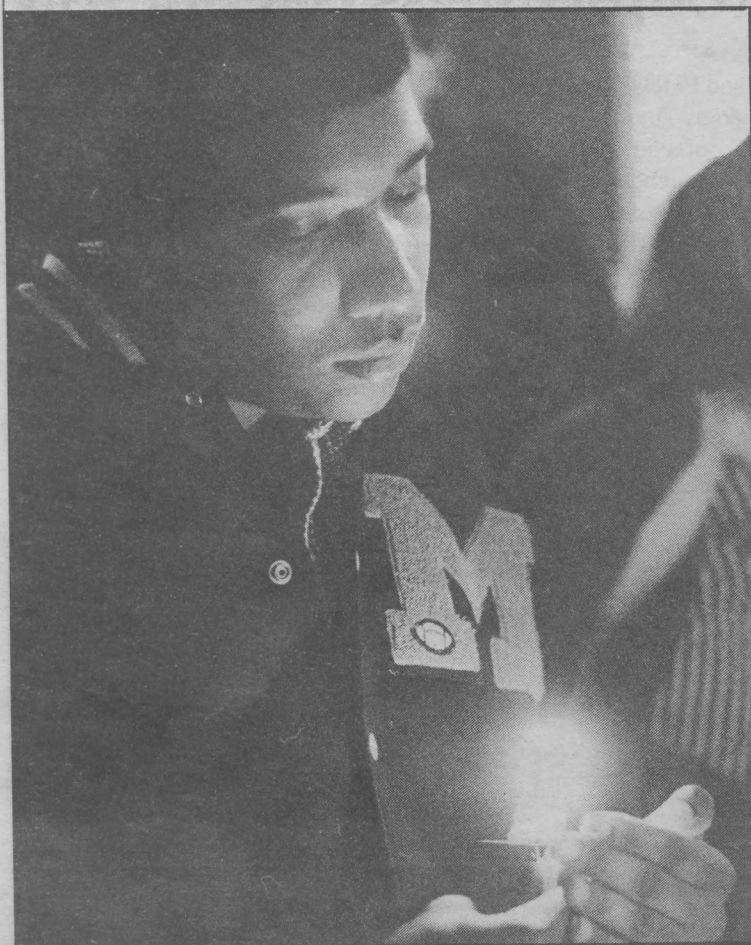
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Remembering the Dream



Vesnier Lugo, co-president of S.H.A.C., holds a candle at Monday night's vigil at Fogler Library in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King. (Caleb Ranor photo.)

• Martin Luther King, Jr.

Campus honors slain civil rights leader

By Paul Livingstone
Maine Campus staff

Braving an unrelenting winter, nearly 400 people attended Monday morning's breakfast at Wells Common celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and his accomplishments. Speeches from a variety of UMaine students and Maine dignitaries set the tone for a day of reflection and remembrance.

Strengthening yearly, the attendance at this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations were about double last year's total. A wide variety of people, from African-American Bangor residents to UMaine students, listened to Bangor Theological Seminary President Rev. Ansley Throckmorton deliver the opening prayer. She likened the pursuit of King's dream as the pursuit of "righteousness like an everflowing stream."

In his opening address, UMaine President Peter Hoff said it is common for people to say where they were and what they were doing at the time of John F. Kennedy's death, but not so much on the day of King's death. Hoff did not experience the same shock as he did with the news of JFK's assassination, mostly because of his experiences with social unrest in a tumultuous decade.



Adonis Ferreira, assistant dean of multicultural affairs (at left) and Maine Attorney General Andrew Ketterer (right). (Caleb Raynor photo.)

"By celebrating his day we celebrate by extension the struggle of everyone who believed justice could be accomplished without violence," said Hoff.

He urged the audience to do something every day to bring King's dream closer to reality, and especially focused on the university's responsibility.

"A story of prejudice at UMaine is 10 times as embarrassing as it is in the community," said Hoff. "People in the state are watching us; we lead by example."

Josephine Bright, an African-American who grew up in East Harlem and later earned a doctorate from Cornell, spoke about her struggles through hardships.

"In school [in Harlem] we were told to shut up and stop



acting like animals," said Bright. She said it is evident that equality still does not exist in the US and cited examples. Black college enrollment peaked in the 1980's, and black graduates are two times as likely not to be employed.

Assistant Dean of Multicultural Affairs Adonis Ferreira agreed.

"We seem to have regressed," said Ferreira. "More whites commit crimes, more blacks are in jail. Our society is sick and in need of healing."

Maine Attorney General Andrew Ketterer read a statement from Gov. Angus King praising the community effort of Maine people during the Ice Storm '98

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• Student Government

GSS schedules elections, Lyons resigns

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

A Feb. 10 election date for all executive board positions for Residents on Campus, Off Campus Board, and Student Government along with referendum questions was announced by Sen. Mellisa Williams Paradis at last night's General Student Senate meeting.

The GSS passed a new resolution to amend the Student Government constitution and changing the cabinet of the University of Maine. The resolution will cause the chairpersons of service boards to become non-voting ex-officio members and the cabinet's chairperson to become a voting member.

"The cabinet of the University of Maine Student Government is at times an extremely ineffective body. These changes would make the cabinet smaller and more able to accomplish more when it comes to keeping the Senate in check," Sen. Ryan Eslinger said.

Eslinger said service boards should not be a member of the cabinet because they exist only as a service to university stu-

dents and not as a representative of the students.

A vote on a contract for the student government secretary, Dail Moore, was postponed until next week.

Eslinger objected to the contract and said that Moore was a



Chris Washburn, V.P. for Financial Affairs. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

horrible secretary, the contract was bad and that the senate should look at her work before they voted on the contract.

"Every time I walked in (to the office) she was either making a personal phone call or not there," he said. "I think we should look at her work."

Vice President for Financial Affairs Chris Washburn, who introduced the contract, said it was not necessary in Maine for the Student Government secretary to have a contract, but it had been that way throughout the history of the university's student government.

"You do have another option here," he said. "It's not 'either accept the contract or fire her.'"

President of the General Student Senate Scott Morelli said OCB president Jenny Lyons resigned from her position. A new president

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• Ice Storm '98

Grounds crews battle outages, winter weather

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

While most students, faculty and staff were at home dealing with their own heating and electrical woes, the university's facilities management crews were working day and night to deal with their own and the university's.

Jim Treadwell, associate director of facilities for maintenance and service, said a variety of departments worked to clean up and repair the campus including the garage crew, grounds crew, electrical crew, plumbing crew and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) crew.

"I was very impressed and overwhelmed with the incredible attitude and response of the people that dealt with the entire storm," Treadwell said.

The attitudes of all the crew workers were extremely positive in conditions that drain on peoples' psyches, Treadwell said.

Treadwell said the crews were fortunate for the warm weather conditions after the storm. Much of the ice was able to melt and lessen the risk of any more power outages.

"The weather really helped everyone," he said.

Dave Fowler, assistant supervisor of grounds, said keeping up with the large amounts of snow and ice on campus was the most difficult thing for the grounds crew.

Fowler said the grounds crew had to do the same basic thing they always do, but over and over again.

"We couldn't keep up with it. By the time we came back it was just as

bad," he said.

Fowler said his entire crew worked the first day of the storm but split into half shifts the following days so half the crew could work and half the crew could sleep.

"We worked around the clock," he said.

The grounds crew is still working on areas from the ice storm where there is ice build-up, Fowler said. Much of the equipment was, and has

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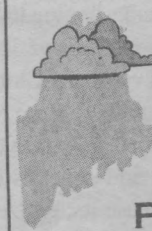
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WEATHER



Partly cloudy.
High at 30.

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WORLD BRIEFS

• Dethroned

Miss Canada International ousted

1 KENTVILLE, Nova Scotia (AP) — For the second straight year, organizers of a Canadian beauty pageant have stirred up a controversy by dethroning the reigning queen.

Last year, it was the case of the “brawling beauty” — Danielle House — who was ousted as Miss Canada International following her conviction for punching the new girlfriend of her ex-boyfriend.

This year’s dethroned queen is Emily Ryan, 23, who was told last week — halfway through her reign — that she was being ousted for failing to live up to her obligations.

Pageant officials contend Ryan failed to appear at some events, did not help fundraising efforts, did not keep in touch with organizers and dressed inappropriately.

“I did nothing wrong,” Ryan told reporters at a news conference Tuesday. “I truly believe that I served my title with grace, compassion and honesty.”

Ryan said she missed 10 public appearances due to illness, her job as a nurse and a lack of funds, but made 64 others.

“Most young women today have a career and are obligated to that career,” she said. “All I was really looking for was some compromise ... and I really did not get any compromise.”

• The Pope

Visit prompts mass celebration

2 HAVANA (AP) — While the world awaits the historic encounter between Pope John Paul II and Fidel Castro, the Cuban Catholic Church celebrated its growing religious freedoms Tuesday with a nationwide get-out-the-flock effort.

On the eve of one of the most remarkable papal visits in modern times, worshippers in Cuban churches spilled out into the streets to invite a nation that officially scorned religion for nearly three decades to rediscover its religious roots.

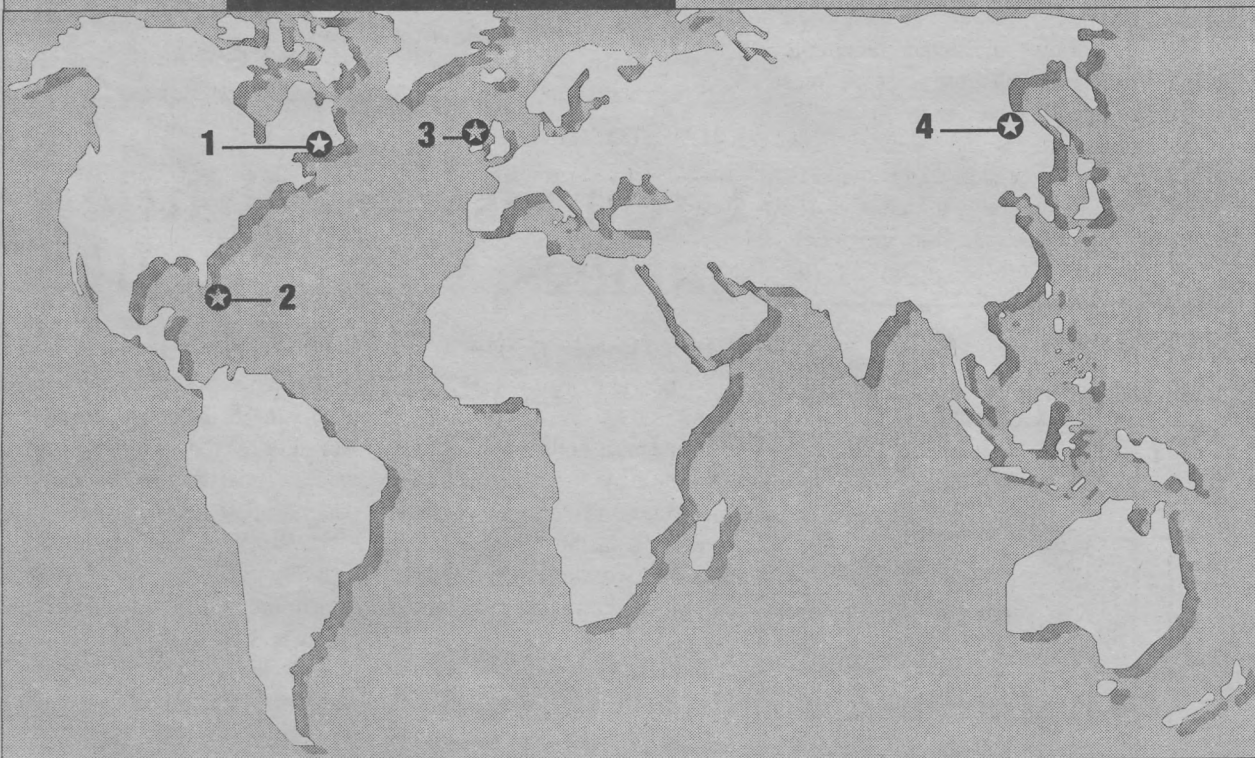
A nationwide prayer vigil was planned in churches throughout the country Tuesday evening. Outside Our Lady of Carmen Church, boys and girls joyously swung each other around as young and old worshippers sang and prayed — a festival atmosphere oblivious to the evening traffic on Infanta Avenue.

At Medalla Milagrosa Church in Santos Suarez, 10-year-old Claudia, dressed in a pink Snoopy sweatshirt, dreamed of shaking hands with the pope as she and others finished work on the last of 80,000 simple Cuban and papal flags made at the church.

“The pope is like God, a beautiful picture,” Claudia said.

Castro is hoping the papal visit will shore up his government’s image. John Paul II is hoping it will lead to a spiritual awakening in Cuba. It was unclear who has tougher task of evangelization — Castro or the pope.

WORLD DIGEST



• Interrupted

Peace talks continue despite recent actions

3 BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — First a Catholic man is shot through the head, his body dumped beside a church hours before Mass.

Next, a Protestant businessman with pro-British paramilitary affiliations is riddled with bullets behind the counter of his shop.

Hours later, the Catholic manager of a taxi firm is fatally shot through a window of his idling cab.

With eight murders in six weeks and three more since Sunday, tit-for-tat killing is returning to Northern Ireland just as Belfast’s peace talks appeared to take their first big step forward in many months.

“I’m determined not to let our will be broken by these groups, these splinter groups. ... They are just interested in breaking the peace talks,” Britain’s Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam, said Monday night. “I hope we will show our determination not to let them succeed.”

But even progress in the talks is now being blocked by the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, which is emphasizing it will stay involved in the talks — to oppose a joint British-Irish government peace plan.

“Anyone out there who thinks that an internal settlement is going to work isn’t living in the real world,” Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said.

• Agreement

China says it will cease selling arms to Iran

4 BEIJING (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen said today that President Jiang Zemin assured him China will no longer sell anti-ship cruise missiles to Iran nor help its military develop a home-grown version.

“There will be no new sales, no transfers of technology, no technical cooperation that could give Iran an ability to upgrade current systems,” Cohen told reporters after his 65-minute meeting with Jiang.

Jiang also accepted Cohen’s offer to provide a second plane-load of emergency supplies to victims of the Jan. 10 earthquake in Hebei province, Cohen said. An Air Force cargo plane delivered 45 tons of relief supplies last week.

Cohen said Jiang’s assurances on Iran went beyond those he had given President Clinton at their meeting in Washington last October when he stated that China had “no intention” of selling more cruise missiles to Iran. Cohen had entered his Beijing talks hoping to clarify the Chinese stance and extract a firmer promise.

In the American view, the Chinese missiles Iran already has — apparently numbering up to 200 — pose a threat to U.S. Navy ships and oil tankers in the Persian Gulf. Much of the industrialized world depends on oil from the gulf, and Cohen said the Chinese recognize the gulf is important to their own energy needs.

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today’s Weather

Breezy and partially cloudy. High of 30.



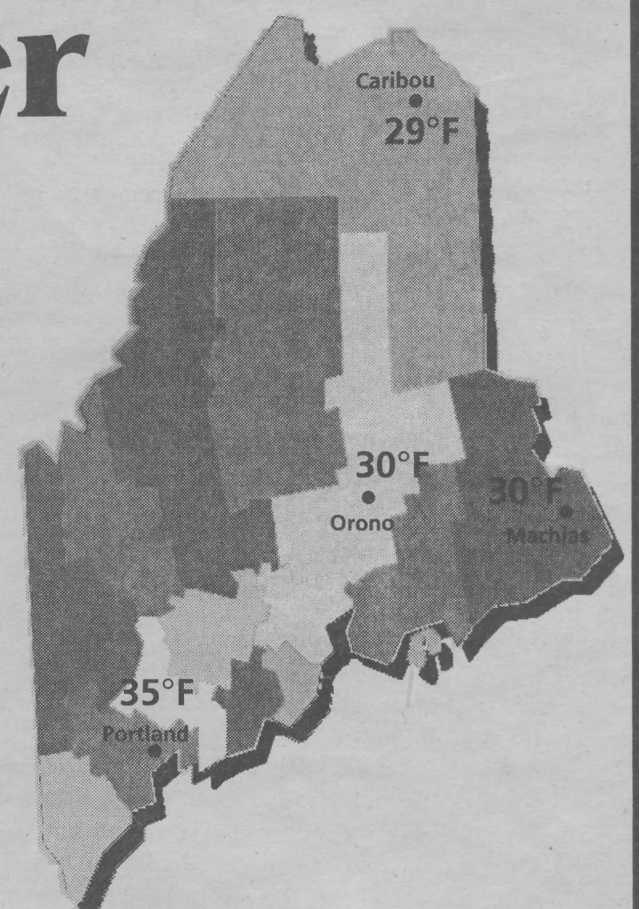
Thursday’s Outlook

Somewhat windy, partly cloudy. High peaking at 23.



Extended Forecast

Saturday... Fairly cloudy.
Sunday... Chance of flurries and fair south. Monday... Partly cloudy.



• Referendum

SPEAKOUT members discuss civil and special rights

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

Janet May has participated in a number of gay pride marches, but the ones she's been

Curriculum luncheon. "Just a wave of fear went over me that I didn't know was there."

She worried about her job, her aspirations to be a teacher. And later when she didn't receive a single comment from any-

Maine Won't Discriminate, the group is about getting people to tell their stories, not about spreading a campaign message.

Speaking to people all over Maine lets people see the human side of homosexuality. For many, it's the first time for people to hear they own pets and mow their lawns just like everyone else, according to May.

"I think it's important for people to know we do exist," May, who works on campus at the Center for Community Inclusion, said.

Amy Kulesza, a Virginia native, shared her story of moving to Maine with the small, predominantly female crowd in the Bangor Lounge. After having hung out with the gay community in her old hometown, and having mostly gay friends, she was surprised to see the intolerance in Maine. Around her now-fiance's friends and families, gay jokes flew around without a second thought.

"My biggest challenge has been understanding that the people I meet are not all like me," she said.

The family and friends now understand her feelings, though one friend did do a double-take when he spotted her in a Bangor pride parade.

One member of the audience echoed other's concerns when she said she couldn't feel the support behind this referendum that could be felt behind the one three years ago.

Judy Harrison, a writer and mother of three who has been married for almost 26 years, said the referendum is all about num-

bers. With a projected voter turnout of only 25 percent, she challenged each audience member to contact 10 friends to get the word out about the referendum and encouraged them to vote either way.

As the commercials and the fliers about the referendum gain attention in the next three weeks, several people expressed concern over the confusion of campaign slogans. The group "Vote Yes for Equal Rights" is actually against the gay rights law passed by the Legislature last year.

"It looks like they have the potential to win this thing by deception and fraud," Peg Cruikshank, who teaches the new introduction to lesbian studies course, said.

Added to that confusion is what both "yes" and "no" votes mean. A "yes" vote will continue any discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, credit and public accommodations. A "no" vote will ban that discrimination in the Maine Human Rights Act.

"I think I get most concerned about the (risk) of complacency," Sue Estler, from the College of Education and Human Development, said. "For me, it feels like a life or death thing—it's real urgent. But I'm not sensing that urgency (in others)."

A number of events are planned both on campus and in the area in the coming weeks to draw attention to the referendum. On election day, buses will be available to take campus residents to the polls to vote.



Janet May, member of Maine SPEAKOUT, thinks it's important that homosexuals have rights. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

most proud of were the ones in her home of Bangor. But with that pride comes fear. Fear of being harassed. Fear of losing the safety of anonymity.

When her face was splashed over the front page of the Bangor Daily News after the 1994 Bangor pride march, it was a fear she had to face.

"I was frightened to death," May recalled yesterday during a Women in the

one, she worried about that, too.

"I think people didn't know what to say," May said.

May was joined by two other members of Maine SPEAKOUT for a discussion on "Civil Rights, Not Special Rights" and the debate surrounding the upcoming Feb. 10 referendum. Maine SPEAKOUT is a non-profit group which grew out of the similar 1995 gay rights referendum. Not related to the larger

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Q&A of the week

Photos by Caleb Raynor

Question of the Week: What did you do on Martin Luther King Jr. Day?



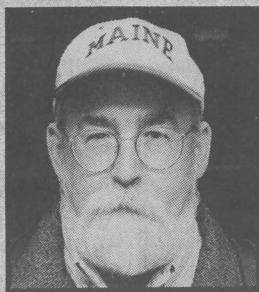
Jennifer Armell
Fourth-year student
from South Berwick,
Maine

"Nothing. I sat around and watched t.v. I wasn't very motivated."



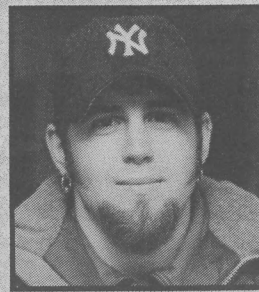
Frances Pitruzzello
Fourth-year student
from Huntsville, Ala.

"I rearranged and cleaned my apartment, did homework."



Ron Golder
Fourth-year student
from Winterport, Maine

"We have a day care and I worked."



Shawn Bilsend
First-year student from
Vassalboro, Maine

"I slept, actually."



Ed Manion
Continuing Education
Student from Camden,
Maine

"Math homework and watched a video on Martin Luther King and some of his lectures."

GSS

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will be elected during the upcoming election and the interim president is Lorian Kamin-sky. Morelli said a new ride system would be available to students called Student Life-line that would provide rides to any student or staff of the university transportation in a emergency situation.

Sen. Jonathan Duke, legislative relations vice president, said a bill will be introduced in the Maine Legislature that would give free tuition to any Maine resident who is a first-year student and who is attending a public Maine university.

Duke said this was an important issue because the extra aid would be carried over to upper-class students.

Washburn said Ian Hammond, former

treasurer of the now defunct Student Entertainment and Activities Board was charged with five counts of theft by misapplications after withdrawing \$500 from the board's bank account and was sentenced to five days in jail and had to pay back the \$500.

Washburn said the first student government payment from the spring activity board fund of \$145,000 was received and that the current unallocated budget was \$16,000.

The bills owed by the previous year-books have been paid in full, Washburn said. Last year's yearbook has been delivered to everyone who ordered one and extras will be on sale in the bookstore sometime around next Monday.

Student Government President Jennifer

Nelson said there were several one to two year student positions open on committee boards. The student conduct code committee has one space, the traffic and safety committee has two spaces, the athletic advisory board has one space, the environmental health and safety committee has one space, the facilities committee has one space, the student administrative appeal committee has one and the comprehensive fee committee has one.

Nelson stressed the importance of having students on these boards.

"It's important because it's the only student voice we have on many of these committees," she said.

Morelli said an identification card would be provided to every student and staff of the university and the program would be supported by local corporate sponsors who would have their names on the back of the cards.

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• Education

Teachers lack diversity training, bill proposes solution

By Elizabeth Beaulieu
Maine Campus staff

College students in teacher preparation programs should be required to take a course in multicultural education, according to state Rep. Linda McKee, D-Wayne.

"Teachers do not have the knowledge, training and experience needed to teach about diversity," said McKee, who has been a public school teacher in Maine for 10 years. "There are things going on but they are not addressing the issue or are not doing it quick enough. We should have started this

10 years ago. Now we are 10 years behind."

McKee is sponsoring a bill in the legislature that would require teacher preparation programs in the state of Maine to have a required course in multicultural education. She said the bill is not presently on the legislative calendar, but should be heard in late January or early February.

Currently, students are required to take a course in exceptionality or mainstreaming in order to receive certification but not multicultural education, McKee said. With only this training, teachers may not be prepared to instruct students from increasingly di-

verse backgrounds.

"As teachers we need to address growing multicultural backgrounds," McKee said. "Teachers must demonstrate that they can accommodate different learning styles, and how can you demonstrate something you have never learned?"

Two University of Maine officials have differing opinions on the bill. The university promotes multicultural awareness, but opposes the wording of the bill, according to Anne Pooler, the associate dean for academic services for the College of Education.

"We absolutely support multicultural educa-

tion," Pooler said. "But the way the bill is worded it would only require students in teacher preparation programs to take the course, which is only 14 percent of students who become teachers."

According to Adonis Ferreira, the assistant dean of multicultural student affairs, the university needs to see the bill as a priority.

"We need to prepare teachers better, especially in Maine because there is little ethnic diversity," Ferreira said. "Because there is no ethnic diversity here doesn't mean you don't teach ethnic diversity and

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Ice

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been, breaking down.

"The storm put a lot of pressure on the equipment and a lot of pressure on the garage, but they worked really hard," Fowler said.

Fowler said his crew is always prepared for a storm like the ice storm.

"Our motions are the same whether it's two inches or four inches," he said.

Tom Brooks, assistant electrician and power distribution supervisor, said the electrical crew had to keep all emergency generators going and are still replacing batteries for emergency lighting and fire alarms.

Brooks said a diesel gasoline truck had to stay at the university to run Neville Hall's diesel-powered generator the entire time the power was out. The generator had to be filled approximately every five hours. Without the generator, the CAPS system would have gone down.

"We absolutely didn't want the emergency power to go down there," he said.

Dave Ricker, supervisor of the plumbing shop, said the plumbing crew didn't have as

much trouble as the other crews.

"We didn't have any freeze up and we didn't have any real problems," he said.

The plumbing crew had to fix the sprinkler systems in DTAV and York Village because they were tripped when the electricity went out.

"The sprinkler systems tripped and filled the pipes," he said. "We had to get in quick and unfreeze them."

Ricker said there were also problems with the Alford Arena's sprinkler system before the power went out because the system tripped.

"We did really well with the plumbing, but it is kind of hard getting around without electricity. Everything was more difficult."

Fred Gifford, garage supervisor, said he and his crew's primary concern was to get trucks and equipment running so they could get the campus back in order as soon as possible.

"These guys worked around the clock," he said. "They would go home and sleep and then come back."

Much of the garage crew's work took much longer because of the lack of electrici-

ty, Gifford said.

"The hardest thing was at about 2 in the morning we had to replace an alternator," he said. "It took three men with flashlights to do a job that would normally take one."

Gifford said while there was no heat, the garage crew's morale was very good.

Almost all of the university's equipment had to be repaired because all of it is very old, Gifford said.

"It's what you would call tired iron," he said.

Jim Grindle, HVAC supervisor, said the HVAC crew had to go around and shut off heat in the buildings controlled by the steam plant when the electricity went out. Grindle said the buildings are under pneumatic control and whenever the power goes out the heat is automatically blasted and causes the buildings to overheat.

Grindle said the crews had to singly turn the heat on in each building three or four times a day so the buildings would stay warm enough so pipes wouldn't burst.

The crews ran into trouble when the univer-

sity's power kept turning on and off and they had to keep turning the heat in buildings on and off quite a few times.

"When the power finally came back on we made sure we had at least two hours of reliable power because we were getting kind of tired," he said.

Treadwell said the ice storm was the worst storm he had seen since he has worked at the university.

"I've experienced severe storms since I've been here, but I don't think there was ever anything so demanding," he said.

Fowler said the crew was lucky that Bangor had electricity because it was the only place the crews could get food.

Brooks said he didn't think the university had to worry about another ice storm this year.

"I'll probably never see that in my lifetime," he said.

The university made it easy for people to take care of the university and their home, Brooks said.

Healthspeak '98

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Wednesday, January 21, 1998

"SpeakOut: A Mental Public Health Strategy"

Amid the debates about gay rights over the past couple years there has been a new willingness to move away from "us and them" polarization. In 1995, a group called the Maine SpeakOut Project formed to give Maine people an opportunity to hear about the lives of gays and lesbians. SpeakOut's mission is to promote respect and understanding among persons of differing sexual orientations.

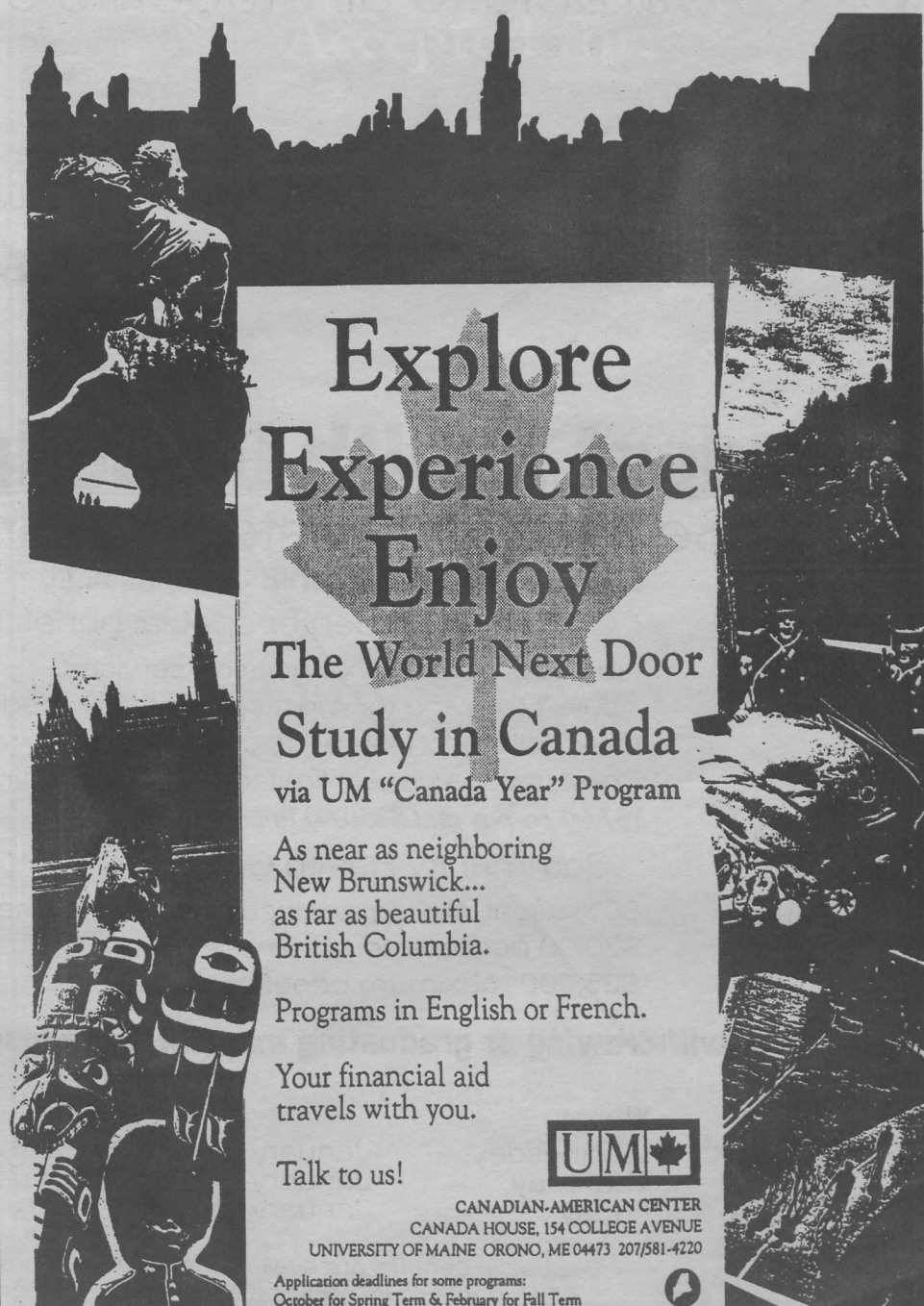
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Patrick Chasse, ASLA, earned a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from Harvard University, after undergraduate studies in biology, and graduate studies in design, botany, and environmental education. Mr. Chasse maintains an active design practice, Landscape Design Associates, on Mt. Desert Island, Maine, specializing in restoration and preservation of historic landscapes, reconstruction of natural plant communities, and design of new gardens from Maine to the Bahamas. Public landscape projects in the northeast include restoration work in Asticou Azalea Garden and Thuya Garden in Northeast Harbor, ME, The Old Westbury Gardens in Old Westbury, NY, and the New York Botanical Garden in Bronx, NY. He visits Japan regularly to study moss culture and gardens and lectures at Radcliffe College, the New York Botanical Garden, and at botanical Gardens and symposia across the country and abroad.

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MLK

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President Hoff speaks at Monday's Martin Luther King Day breakfast. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

crisis, and expressing hope that this spirit will carry over into the maintenance of civil rights.

"I am committed to the full, fair and impartial enforcement of Maine's civil rights statutes," said Ketterer. "Notwithstanding the small percentage of blacks in Maine (less than two percent), they represent the highest category of race crime."

Tim Woodcock, mayor of Bangor, and Lloyd George, a member of the North Star Lodge Number 22 Masons of Bangor, had more hopeful messages, citing the inspirations Martin Luther King, Jr. instilled in them. Michael Long, Student Heritage Alliance member and Black Student Union leader, also spoke about the hope inherent in King's legacy.

Student Sen. Chris Barstow presented a resolution by the General Student Senate pledging support for Martin Luther King Jr., among several other commemorative days within the year.

President of the Bangor area NAACP James Varner gave the last presentation. Beginning with a slave work song, Varner

held up a large photo of King and said that King would be pleased that he was being remembered, but he would be more concerned that we remembered his message.

"He would point his finger at UMaine and say 'When are you going to get it together,'" said Varner.

The attendance at the breakfast was estimated to be 385, but Varner felt there could have been more of a turnout at the day's events.

"I think the university has got to do some homework," said Varner.

Roughly 50 people showed up for the candlelight vigil held in front of the Memorial Union later the same day. Rev. Dana Reed of the Wilson Center led with a prayer, and Hoff gave a speech about the ideals of King. The famous "I Have a Dream" speech was read by third year student and co-chair of the Black Student Union Wesley Petteway.

The procession then marched from the Union to Fogler Library and gathered to speak individually about what MLK meant to them, after which a moment of silence was observed.

Bill

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the way to do this is to better train teachers."

Pooler said the course is not the only way to promote diversity.

"There is more than one way of addressing multiculturalism," Pooler said. "Another approach is to infuse the topic in a number of experiences."

Discussing diversity in classes, appointing the director of the Native American Studies Program to a position as assistant professor in the College of Education, and

meeting with the statewide group ALANA and the commissioner of education are initiatives the university has taken to promote diversity, Pooler said.

McKee is unsure of the outcome of the bill, but is happy people are finally discussing the possibility of having a course in multicultural education, she said.

"This bill is meant to be a beginning," McKee said. "What matters most is dialogue and realizing that this is an issue."

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STATE NEWS

• Politics

Snowe, McKernan promote moderation with Main St.

WASHINGTON (AP) Taking a leaf from the Democratic group whose centrist views helped launch Bill Clinton toward the presidency, two prominent Maine Republicans are promoting a new national organization that reflects the beliefs of moderates within their party.

U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe and her husband, former Gov. John McKernan, hope the Main Street Coalition will shape the GOP legislative agenda on Capitol Hill and attract more voters to the Republican Party.

Snowe said the group will strive to reinvigorate the party and win back Republicans who have become disenchanted with its positions on ideological and social issues.

"The essential idea is to create a centrist group to be a driving force in the legislative process and develop positions that can be helpful to the Republican Party," Snowe told the Portland Press Herald. "We need to

show that we have a broader party by talking about issues that bring conservatives and moderates together."

The group, which is still in its formative stages, will be headed by McKernan, Rep. Mike Castle of Delaware, and Rep. Amo Houghton of New York. So far, 46 members of the House and two governors have joined. Over the next several weeks, Snowe will work to recruit Republican senators.

U.S. Sen. Susan Collins said she will probably join. As one of the few moderates in the Senate, Collins said the Main Street Coalition could play an important role in moderating the Republican agenda.

"Since the Republicans took control of the Congress (in 1994), many of the policy ideas have come from the more conservative wing of the party. And I give the conservative wing a lot of credit for that," Collins said. "I think the moderate wing has been a

bit slow to develop its own agenda, other than on the (abortion) issue."

Unlike some other Republican groups, the Main Street Coalition will not focus on a single issue such as abortion, McKernan and Snowe said. Instead, they said, the group will try to define a legislative agenda that both moderates and conservatives can support.

Over the long run, McKernan said, the group will serve as a research arm for centrist politicians to advance "some middle of the road positions."

Snowe said the group may take positions on issues such as education, the environ-

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• Charity

Ice storm saviors need help

MONMOUTH (AP) — After spending the past week at work at a shelter for townspeople whose power was cut off by Maine's epic ice storm, Rick and Tonya Grant found themselves in need of help themselves.

The couple lost their house to a fire Monday morning.

"It just feels like a continuous bad dream," said Tonya Grant, who was a site manager at the Red Cross Emergency Shelter in Winthrop.

The fire started in the kitchen and quickly spread through the house. The cause of the fire was under investigation.

"I would consider it (the house) totaled," said Monmouth Fire Chief Paul Fox.

On Monday afternoon, Tonya Grant said she was struggling to absorb the events of the day as her husband attended an uncle's funeral.

Bonnie Bickford, executive director of the United Valley Chapter of the Red Cross, said the fire on top of the recent death of a family

member was a "one-two punch" for the family.

"I am sure they will bounce back, but they will need a lot of tender loving care," she said.

The Grants' home was insured, but Tonya Grant said the insurance will not pay for the replacement of the mobile home.

While working as site managers, Grant said she and her husband were concerned about finding frozen pipes or trees down at their home when they returned. They didn't think about fire.

"We were afraid of what we would come back to ... but we decided we would deal with that when it came. We couldn't be in two places," she said.

Fox, the Monmouth fire chief, said the blaze was one of at least five in town since the power went out in much of Central Maine during the ice storm.

"It has been a continuous run, one after another," he said.

• Courts

Learning-disabled trooper sues

AUGUSTA (AP) — A former Maine state trooper who said he was forced to quit because he is learning disabled is suing the state police, claiming it violated the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Michael Sellar, who resigned in July 1996 after tests showed he was learning disabled, is seeking up to \$300,000 in damages.

Sellar graduated from the State Police Academy in April 1996, but a pattern of paperwork problems during a field training program drew his supervisors' attention, according to court documents.

Grammatical and spelling errors showed up in police reports, and words were in misplaced order.

Sellar's lawyer, John Gause of Lewiston, said the state could have accommodated Sellar's disability by letting him use computer

programs that check spelling and grammar.

In its response to the suit, the state denies Sellar was dismissed because of a learning disability. It says he was unable to perform his duties without endangering himself or others.

A spokesman refused to comment further.

"It is inappropriate for us to talk about this because it is in the judicial process," said Stephen McCausland.

The case could go to trial in U.S. District Court in June.

Sellar had a lifelong goal to become a Maine state trooper and left his job as a security guard for Sylvester Stallone to take the job. He was a patrol officer for the Washington County Sheriff's Department before joining the Maine State Police.

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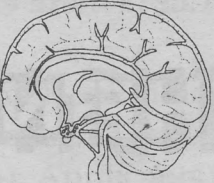
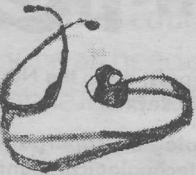

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• Civil Rights

Yolanda King urges voters to reject gay rights repeal

PORTLAND (AP) — The eldest daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. says the civil rights struggle spearheaded by her late father remains unfinished.

Speaking before a holiday breakfast sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Yolanda King said today's minorities still face discrimination in jobs and economic matters.

"Because of that (civil rights) movement, we can go just about anywhere we please, do just about anything we want — if we can afford it," King said Monday.

King, who was 12 years old when her father was assassinated in 1968, said the best way to honor his memory is to continue the fight for equality.

"While you are just one person and cannot do everything, you can do something," King said.

Evoking the memory of her father's "I Have a Dream" speech, she said, "I am a 100 percent dyed-in-the-wool, card-carrying believer in the dream — the

dream about freedom."

Elsewhere in the state, the University of Maine canceled classes for the first time ever in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

"Martin Luther King Day gives us all an opportunity to take time out and reflect on our own values and what we have done to treat others fairly and equally," UMaine President Peter Hoff said in a statement.

Yolanda King pushed for the continued support of affirmative action programs around the country.

"There must be a real commitment to recruit, to promote, to hire people of color," the Los Angeles-based actress and activist said.

King also stressed the importance of education to the future of America and its minorities.

"We have to make education as much of a national security issue for American survival as we have made military preparedness."

Gov. Angus King told the breakfast that Mainers responded to this month's crippling ice storm in a manner consistent with the teachings of Martin Luther King.

"I haven't heard anyone ask ... the

color, gender, or the sexual orientation of a line man," the governor said.

King urged voters in the Feb. 10 state referendum to reject an attempt to repeal the gay rights law enacted last year.

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ment, worker training initiatives and child care reform. The group is expected to unveil a specific agenda this month, she said.

McKernan and Snowe said the group is modeled after the Democratic Leadership Council, which was the launching pad for Clinton's campaign for president in 1992. But they said the Main Street Coalition is not designed to advance any one person's

political career.

"What the DLC was successful in doing was re-positioning the Democratic Party toward the middle," Snowe said. She said she wants the Main Street Coalition to do the same for Republicans: "I think you can be both a centrist and a Republican, and right now I'm not so sure that many Americans see it that way."

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INTERATIONAL NEWS

• Religion

Cubans await first papal visit in 40 years

HAVANA (AP) — The faithful sang and prayed Tuesday in the streets of Havana, and Cubans of every persuasion — Catholic, communist and curious — awaited a papal visit that many said could be a turning point for their nation.

On the eve of John Paul II's first visit ever to Cuba, the communist government was still working to patch and tidy up sections of the crumbling capital, which has been ravaged by a collapsed economy.

Crews poured and steamrolled fresh asphalt over the cracked and potholed roads, traveled by rusted and creaking old cars and trucks. Workers sprayed yellow paint on one school's faded facade.

While most Cubans agree the pope's five-day visit will leave their country changed, expectations on what will change depends on their political and religious perspective.

Foes of Fidel Castro hope it will weaken his communist regime, which took power in 1959. Castro hopes to gain stature for his revolution and support for an end to the more than three-decade-old U.S. economic embargo. And the Cuban church hopes to expand its influence.

A nationwide prayer vigil was planned in churches throughout the country Tuesday evening. Outside downtown Havana's Our Lady of Carmine Church, boys and

girls joyously swung each other around as young and old worshippers sang and prayed as excitement continued to build for the pope, who is scheduled to arrive at 4 p.m. EST Wednesday.

At Medalla Milagrosa Church, in the Havana neighborhood of Santos Suarez, 10-year-old Claudia, dressed in a pink Snoopy sweatshirt, dreamed of shaking hands with the pontiff as she and others finished work on the last of 80,000 simple Cuban and papal flags made at the church.

"The pope is like God, a beautiful picture," imagines Claudia.

While Castro sought to burnish his government's image and the pope hoped for a spiritual awakening in Cuba, it was unclear which of the two men has tougher task of evangelization. "Missions are more difficult here than in Africa or India. We have to start from scratch. We have to explain everything," said the Rev. Jesus Luzaretta, a Spanish priest who spends two months a year at Medalla Milagrosa Church. "You can't easily wipe out 40 years of restrictions."

In his first visit on Cuban soil, John Paul is to be greeted in Havana by Castro, then meet privately with the Cuban leader the following day.

Castro has encouraged Cubans to attend worship services to be led by the pope

in Santa Clara, Camaguey and Santiago, and he says he will attend the final Mass at the government's most sacred site, the Plaza of the Revolution in central Havana. State-run television is scheduled to broadcast the Mass live and provide extensive coverage of the rest of the trip.

The visit is at least a minor boon to the Cuban economy — with estimates the thousands of journalists and visitors will pour some \$20 million into the foreign currency-starved nation — and the government hopes the pontiff's opposition to the U.S. economic blockade will further weaken U.S. efforts to isolate Cuba.

However, if the anti-communist pope is taking a risk his visit will strengthen the Cuban government, Castro, an altar boy turned revolutionary leader, is gambling that the papal visit will not bolster opposition voices in Cuban society, as his presence in his native Poland did in 1983.

This is not a Cuban pope returning to a homeland steeped in the practice of the Catholic faith. This is a pontiff visiting a country where only 40 percent of the 11 million population are baptized Catholics, and few practice their faith on a regular basis.

"I believe the visit will have an impact in our country, a great impact," said Elizardo Sanchez, a prominent Cuban

human rights monitor who spent 11 years in prison. "Although regretfully, I'm not expecting a miracle, nor do I believe that the Holy Father thinks that there will be a miracle. Because our country needs more than a miracle to solve its many problems."

For the church, those problems include overcoming an atmosphere of fear created by almost four decades of hostile church-state relations.

Even with recent concessions such as allowing a few outdoor Masses and door-to-door distribution of religious literature, Cuban Catholics say the church faces a daunting task in explaining the rudiments of their faith.

But among the faithful, there is hope the papal visit will change their lives.

As she talked on the balcony outside Our Lady of Carmen Church, 25-year-old Madeleine Alonzo, could barely contain her excitement.

"The pope means to us hope, joy and faith. He's coming not for the church, not for the government, not to Fidel. He's coming for the people," said Alonzo, clasping and unclasping her hands and waving her arms as she spoke.

"We Cubans, we have so many problems. ... He's trying to be near the people who are suffering," she said.

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EDITORIAL

Campus no place for intolerance

Not the first incident within recent memory, the UMaine hockey team has got to be feeling the sting.

Apparently not satisfied with the NCAA penalties and miseries of the autumn football troubles, players Bryan Masotta, Matt Oliver and Shawn Mansoff have put ammunition in the hands of those who would further demote the role of athletics here at the University of Maine.

The phone message on football player Dwayne Wilmot's voice mail containing racial threats was the second hate crime of the academic year; the first involved slurs and threats on First-Class against homosexuals. Now a black student has been threatened with violence over the phone.

Both occurrences were undeniably cowardly acts, but one wonders when a student will threaten another face to face. Rape has made its presence felt on campus — violent racial hate could be next.

The Maine Campus applauds the criminal fine on Masotta, and hopes the state will pursue civil action. Perhaps the shame of the incident will teach the appropriate lesson. And for

those on campus who are still inclined to hate, perhaps Martin Luther King Jr. Day will educate the unenlightened.

For certain, Masotta's crime reinforces the need for the day's observance. However, the university could well learn from the dangers of ignoring the lives of athletes outside the arena, court or playing field. That is not to say such behavior can be predicted, but it indicates a severe want of some basic social education. A university is not a place for those without a tolerance for diversity.

The frustration of alumni and students who really want to root for the Black Bears is palpable, but it can't match the frustration of blacks — athletes and non-athletes — who, even in Maine, can't escape a hurtful legacy.

None of us will probably ever hear the voice mail recording and witness what was said first hand, but the sheer stigma of the incident will pull on the conscience of every hockey player for the rest of the season. And with a \$1,000 fine tugging on his wallet, we hope Masotta will feel the pull for the rest of his life.

Safety on snowmobile trails

With at least two snowmobiling deaths this season, and countless more accidents, it warrants repeating that Maine's outdoor women and men should take every precaution possible to make their sport safe and enjoyable.

Although neither accident involved alcohol, the dangers of speed, ice and inebriation cannot be stressed enough. Aside from possible injury to yourself or others, Maine laws carry a \$300 fine and a minimum of 48 hours in jail if convicted of OUI on a snowmobile.

Another warning echoed throughout snowmobiling safety circles is to avoid crossing bodies of water unless the weather has been consistently freezing. It's a warning one man ignored in Woolwich this week, and it cost him his snowmobile. It could have easily

cost him, his wife and son their lives.

The fact that speed limits are left up to each snowmobile driver puts added weight on the importance of safety. Speed was a factor in both Matthew Harvey's and Shon Lewis' deaths, in separate accidents in the last month.

More care should be taken on Maine's trails, if only for economic reasons. Those who may not take heed to normal safety procedures for their own well-being may be lured into doing so for their pocket's sake. Aroostook County, long ignored and little visited by non-residents, is now heavily marketing its natural beauty and outdoor activities, which include snowmobiling. Horrific accidents and deaths will frighten people away from a region which seems to have just come into its own.



• Column

Human cloning needs more study

It seems cloning has been a popular trend these days. Not long ago scientists cloned lab rats for the first time and it was just last year the famous sheep "Dolly" was cloned. These were huge steps for humanity, but I don't think anyone expected human cloning to occur as soon as a Chicago doctor says he will do it.

Dr. Richard Seed says he is capable of cloning a female egg and producing the first cloned baby by the new millennium. He also hopes to clone himself and his wife.

Although Seed's ambitions are noteworthy, they're severely distorted. Seed treats cloning as if it's something that happens every day. If cloning can be done by a man like Seed, what will happen in the future? Cloning isn't something we should put in the hands of just anyone. If it's so easy for Seed to clone himself and his wife, who else will he attempt to clone?

I don't fully object to cloning, but I think it should be deeply considered, investigated and held off for several years. Although we're not having any problems with Dolly and other clones right now, we won't know what will happen to them. More studies need to be conducted. We also have to consider the immense change in the definition of humanity if human cloning occurs, because cloning goes beyond any of the barriers humanity has crossed with science.

Cloning a human will possibly help humanity improve itself in many ways, such as producing more organs for organ transplants. This may help, but I don't think we're prepared to deal with the outcome if it's negative. We're not playing with lab rats and sheep anymore, we're talking about human lives.

Once a human clone exists we will have to face strong issues, such as whether this clone is considered an actual human being or if it is something of a different nature.

Before Seed announced his plans, President Bill Clinton asked Congress to pass a bill that would postpone human cloning for five years. Congress rejected his proposal. While cloning may have seemed a reality, I don't think Congress was ready for it to happen so soon and to have some-

one as odd as Seed wanting to do it. Some intervention has to take place between Seed, others like him and the government to control the outcome of this type of work before it goes out of control.

Seed's ideas are beyond belief, especially when he says cloning a human will make us one with God. If we can't under-



By Kristen Dobler

stand the creation of our planet or our universe, it's unlikely we're ever going to stand on the same level as God.

Seed's plan for his first clone to be born on the new millennium can be compared to the groups planning the end of the world at the millennium or others who have prophecies for the millennium. By doing this, Seed is making his ambitions sound even more false and ignorant than they are.

Seed's ideas are out of range for an issue that impacts humanity to such an extent. If human cloning is to be taken seriously, Seed's plans need to be abolished. We have to work toward a safer and more knowledgeable way of it. Although we never will be sure of what will happen, we should be confident in how we are going to handle every aspect and outcome of cloning.

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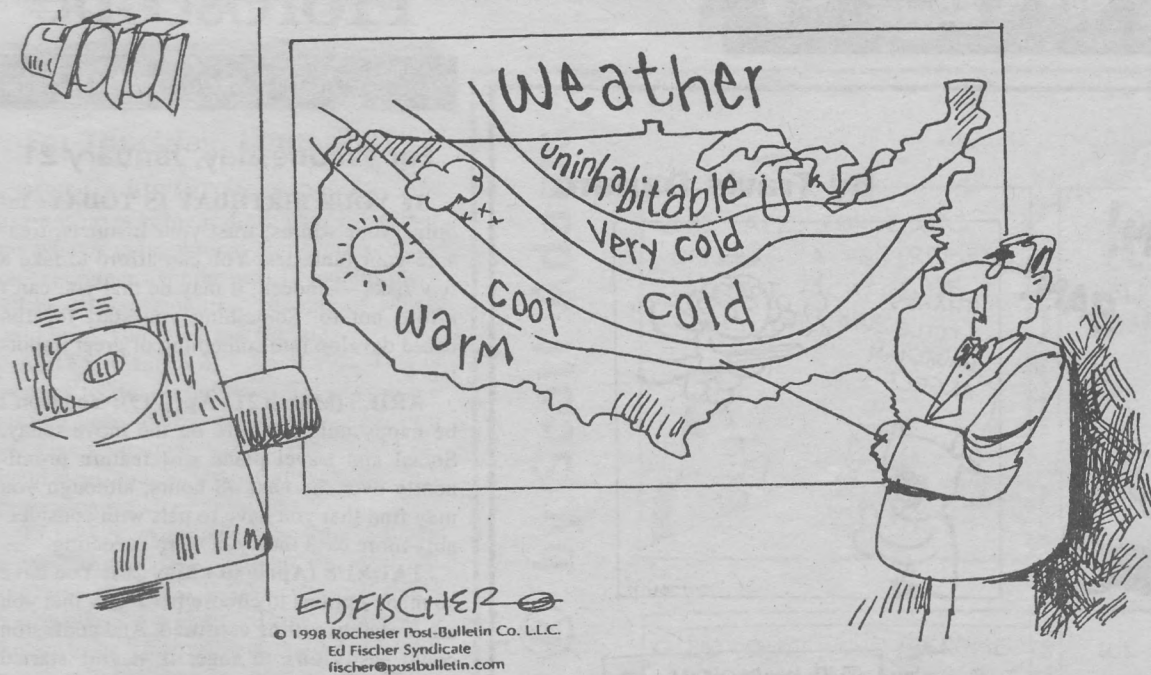
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• Column

Remove abortion from politics

On Jan. 22, 1973, Norma McCorvey faced the American justice system and won the legal right to determine her fate and that of her fetus. The single young woman from Texas, known as Jane Roe, sued not as an advocate for abortion rights, per se, but "on behalf of all women" for the right to make her own decision.

Throughout a quarter-century, McCorvey has remained in the eye

plied only to the first 20-22 weeks of pregnancy, after which viability of the fetus can scientifically be established. Morality aside, third-trimester abortions now meet the legal definition of infanticide.

Despite relative success within the system, the years following Roe v. Wade have brought hysterical activists to the streets waving photographs of maimed fetuses and tear-

strictly upon science. The decision involves a personal process of soul-searching, looking to individual morality for guidance. The psychological and societal repercussions of either decision are incalculable.

A woman should not possess an unlimited constitutional right to abortion. Before Roe v. Wade, abortion was a medical procedure. It was legally used when 45 percent of Americans (including myself) believe it should be: when pregnancy endangers the health of the mother. By my definition, endangered health can range from physical maladies to the emotional strain of a pregnant child or rape victim.

Instead of a straightforward medical decision, abortion has been used as a wedge issue by politicians and activists seeking to further their own agendas. Abortion as birth control is a selfish decision, and its acceptance is nothing but the result of an overwhelmingly irresponsible culture that is seeking recognition; the Christian Coalition has abused its power in churches to use the moral implications of abortion to build the Republican Party.

And the expectant mother still waits in the middle of the hurricane, facing immense pressure as she makes her irrevocable decision. The government should not hold the power to weigh her life against that of her child.

The only solution is to completely remove abortion from the political realm and leave decisions regarding its use in specific cases of medical need to physicians and long-ignored expectant mothers. In the next quarter-century, we must give women the power of choice when there is a valid choice to be made and expel political maneuvering from the delivery room once and for all.

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By Misty Edgecomb

of the storm. The liberal women's movement embraced Roe as the perfect symbol of abused femininity, while conservative pro-life activists judged her as moral decay personified. Though debate raged, the woman at the center of the controversy was lost, excluded by the powerful Christian Coalition and the National Organization for Women.

But in 1995, McCorvey emerged from the stillness of her anonymity to join the pro-life movement in its aggressive crusade to repeal the 1973 decision. Her ideological shift reflects a changing nation. Pro-life groups have created the largest and most powerful political lobby in Washington, with a wide base of grass-roots supporters tied to long-standing conservative political and religious organizations.

Despite the fashionable nature of a pro-choice stance, thousands of Americans now doubt the merit of Roe v. Wade. In a recent survey, only 32 percent of respondents cited the absolute right of a woman to abortions without restrictions.

Political pressure has not gone unheeded. In the 1992 case Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the Supreme Court held that Roe v. Wade ap-

ful mothers with their young children to lie across the entrances of abortion clinics in sentimental protest. Protests have escalated to the point that laws have been passed to protect abortion providers from pro-life activists. Five murders, 38 bombings and more than 100 attacks of arson have been committed by extremists acting in the name of life.

Yet these frightening statistics pale in comparison to the number of lives legally terminated through successful abortions each year. Lives. Not fetuses or embryos or globs of cells. Lives. Unlimited potential for joy and sorrow and success and failure and all the best and worst of humanity. Lives.

The definition of life is scientifically obscure at best. The moment of viability is legally preferred to the instant of conception, but distance between the two camps is steadily decreasing. Technological advances complicate the issue, as an unborn child can be viable at fewer and fewer weeks; pregnancies can be verified as early as eight days. It's reasonable to assume that, with proper care, a fetus may soon be viable within a lab at conception. Court precedent would then point to a repeal of Roe v. Wade.

Abortion debates never rely

Safeguarding students' privacy

University of Maine officials routinely deflect queries from the media into whether students have been disciplined under the university system's conduct code, citing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, better known as the Buckley Amendment. They even go so far as blacking out names of complainants and defendants involved in crimes investigated by Public Safety and prosecuted by the District Attorney's office, despite a clearly defined state law.

The privacy of students must be protected, the university insists.

However, although the university defends students' privacy with regard to disciplinary

Some people may wonder what the big deal is. The big deal is the Social Security number is a universal identifier, a master key into almost everybody's life. The university's library, business, financial aid and academic records are linked to students' Social Security numbers. Employees in these offices — including students — have access to them.

Now that grades are available via the World Wide Web and over the telephone, anybody savvy enough to know your Social Security number could find out just about anything about you. All it



By Ryan Robbins

records, it practically gives away students' grades and Social Security numbers.

If you walk through the first floor of Little Hall you'll see grades posted for nearly every class taught in the large lecture halls. Citing convenience for themselves and students, professors whimsically post grades by Social Security number. But under FERPA, the law university officials adamantly defend, posting grades is a definite no-no.

When Student Records Director Alison Cox came to UMaine in spring 1995, she sent a memo to faculty and support staff, reminding them that posting grades by Social Security number is not permitted under FERPA. The faculty cried foul and Cox backed down.

"We prefer not to have any posting of grades ever, but the faculty senate would just not accept that," Cox said last fall.

The faculty senate should accept the law and stop this practice, and university officials whose job it is to ensure that the university complies with FERPA should stop looking the other way.

Cox said it isn't clear whether posting grades by numbers is a violation of FERPA because the numbers by themselves are useless. But FERPA is clear: schools cannot release personally identifiable information.

"Social Security numbers are considered to be personally identifiable data as part of student records," said Jim Bradshaw, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Education. "We've held that the practice of posting grades by Social Security number is improper under FERPA."

takes is a quick peek at your MaineCard and a little guesswork.

In 1993, the Legislature passed a law prohibiting the display of Social Security numbers on customer service cards, credit cards and debit cards issued or distributed by businesses operating in the state.

Clearly the MaineCard is a customer service card and a debit card. What's not clear is whether the law applies to the University of Maine System. Regardless, the university should honor the spirit of the law.

Even if the law doesn't apply to the university system, the system's solicitation of Social Security numbers from prospective students and current students violates the federal Privacy Act of 1974. The law requires government agencies that solicit Social Security numbers to provide a disclosure notice, stating whether disclosure is required by law, what the penalty is for not disclosing it if required by law and what uses the agency will make of the number. The university is considered a government agency.

UMaine provides no such disclosure notice, leading students and applicants to believe they must give their Social Security number every time the university asks for it.

There is no reason for the university's ignoring FERPA and the Privacy Act. The university should be held accountable and show that it really does care for students' privacy.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Wednesday, January 21

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Indulge your whims; trust your instincts; treasure your fantasies. You can afford to take a few risks — indeed, it may be that you can't afford not to. Something you start for fun could develop into something of great importance.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You won't be happy unless you're on the move today. Social and travel plans will feature prominently over the next 48 hours, although you may find that you have to part with considerably more cash than you were expecting.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You have so many options to choose from now that you are probably getting confused. And confusion could easily turn to anger if, having started one thing, you realize you should have started something else. Monday's Full Moon will reduce your options considerably.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Some brave decisions are called for this weekend — brave in that you don't really want to make them but know that you must. There is also the subconscious realization that if you don't make them now they will be made for you.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Time is a great healer, but work helps too, especially if it makes the time pass quicker. Planetary influences increase your work load, and this weekend's aspects will add more on top of that. Get stuck into your tasks and you'll soon forget why you were so depressed.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): An open mind is a marvelous thing, but it is possible to be too open to outside influences. This weekend you must be careful what you choose to believe in. Some people will believe in anything — you, of course, are too sensible for that.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Speak up or forever hold your peace. If you have something to say this weekend, say it and have done with it, even if it annoys someone you don't really want to offend. If you keep quiet to spare someone's feelings you will both regret it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): You may be in something of a dilemma today, simply because you have several options to choose from and don't know which to choose. A gathering of old friends may be tempting but if they are that old and that friendly they won't mind, just this once, if you go somewhere else.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Venus, planet of love, enters your birth sign today, lifting your spirits and helping you see the good in yourself and others. Family and financial problems will never be far from your thoughts, but at least you'll begin to see them in their true perspective.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You may be friendly and fun to be with 99 percent of the time, but once in a while you reveal a tough streak completely at odds with your easygoing nature. Tomorrow could be one of those times. If you decide to pick on someone, be sure you're in the right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): This promises to be a dramatic weekend. But, in this case at least, disruptive does not necessarily mean destructive. On the contrary, something new and exciting is about to come into your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Aquarians are reputed to stick by their views and opinions, as are Leos, Scorpios, or Taurans. Which is why, if you're involved with anyone born under any of these signs this weekend, you must be sure not to discuss issues on which you differ.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Those who think they can take advantage of you today are guilty of a serious error of judgment. You may talk gently, but you're nobody's fool. If others try to capitalize on your kindness, generosity or goodwill, let them know that you don't need them.

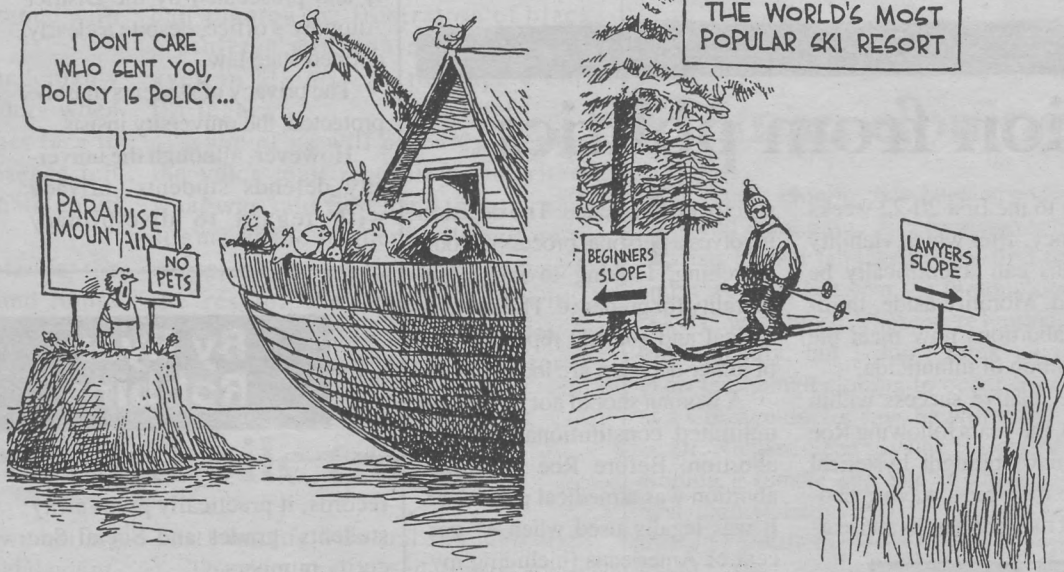
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, January 22

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Focus on what is going right in your life rather than what is going wrong. For every setback you experience over the next 12 months there will be 10 opportunities, any one of which could bring you fame and fortune.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): This is the week to aim for the stars. The planets are forming beneficial aspects today, and, in a few days time, important people will be eager to help you — but, as always, the first approach must come from you.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Adopt a positive attitude from the start this week. If you think of life as a wonderful gift that's exactly what it will be. Think of life as a burden to be endured, and that burden will grow heavier as the week goes on. The power of the mind is a remarkable thing — use it.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You'll be focusing more on financial matters over the next few days. Tell yourself now that you'll let nothing worry you. Keep things in perspective right from the start — it's only money after all.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You have the chance to prove yourself. You have the chance to show you have the discipline and enthusiasm to get things done without being asked by those who have some kind of authority over you. Be assertive and productive. You will make a lasting impression.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Some people work hard to no real purpose. Others have great ideas but lack the power to make them work. You have vision and vitality in abundance. If you combine them in just the right way, you can start something that changes your life for the better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You can turn dreams into reality. But you must be pragmatic: It's better to aim low and hit your target than aim high and miss by mile. There's much you can do this week to make the world a better place, provided you're sensible about it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Rarely has a week begun with such positive influences for the way you interact with the people who mean most to you. Be honest about the way you feel — hold nothing back. The more you give of yourself the more you'll get in return.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): You have a lot of work to do today, but you're also in the mood to play. How do you accommodate both? Easy, do the right thing at the right time. Refuse to let your work time intrude on your play time or your play time intrude on your work time. It's all about planning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Don't cut back on essentials today just because you're finding it hard to make ends meet. You're not as bad off as you think you are. Planetary activity on Friday will help you see an easy way to cut costs.

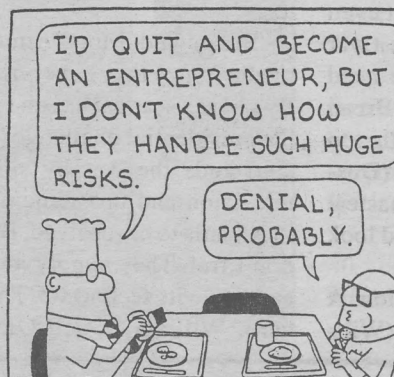
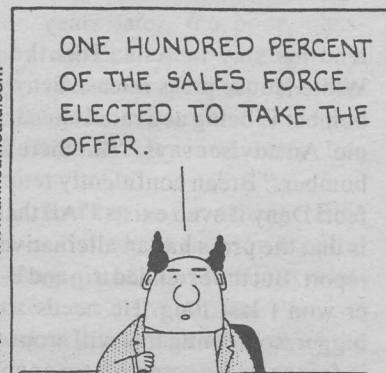
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Someone you live or work with will do you a good turn today, and it's essential that you show your gratitude. You don't have to do anything special, just say something appreciative. It pays to be nice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You've bottled up your feelings for such a long time you're like a volcano ready to explode. But if you're smart, you'll find ways to relieve the pressure a bit at a time over the next few days. Before the week is over, the danger will have passed.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your financial situation is nowhere near as dreadful as you seem to think it is. By tomorrow you'll have a clearer idea of how much you owe. It may be more than you want to pay, but it will be less than you expected.

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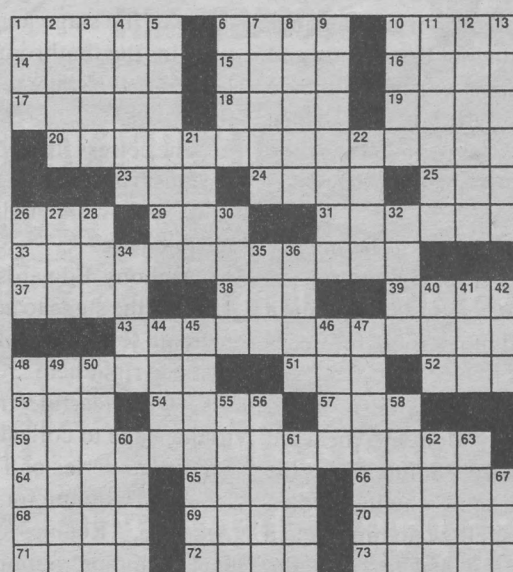
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- 6 Small farm spread
- 10 Explorer Vasco da —
- 14 Necklace fastener
- 15 Linseed oil source
- 16 Caboose
- 17 Alaska's first capital
- 18 Freeway exit
- 19 — the Red
- 20 Start of a quote by Lily Tomlin
- 23 Twosome
- 24 Chimney accumulation

DOWN

- 25 "What — the odds?"
- 26 Graze
- 29 Moo
- 31 Engaged in swordplay
- 33 Part 2 of the quote
- 37 Overfill
- 38 Swift bird
- 39 Verdi heroine
- 43 Part 3 of the quote
- 48 Slug but good
- 51 Dandy
- 52 Select, with "for"
- 53 Coach Parseghian
- 54 Tabularize
- 57 Dorothy Parker quality

DOWN

- 1 Compaq products
- 2 Came down to earth
- 3 Way
- 4 Popped a question
- 5 Flipper?
- 6 60's haircut
- 7 North Pole name
- 8 Stallone title role
- 9 Detonate
- 10 Matured
- 11 Kind of photo
- 12 — d'hôtel
- 13 Like a gateway, often
- 21 2, to 4 or 8
- 22 Needle case
- 26 U.F.O. crew
- 27 "Yes, I see!"
- 28 — offensive
- 30 Birdhouse resident



Puzzle by Alan Olschwang

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- 32 Jacob's twin
- 34 Lively old dance
- 35 Paris associate
- 36 Sleeve's end
- 40 — Jima
- 41 Immerse
- 42 Tiny worker
- 44 Mouselike animal
- 45 Letter
- 46 Cry of pain
- 47 Tranquilizers
- 48 Attack en route
- 49 Impassion
- 50 Victor's prize
- 55 Ending with farm or home
- 56 Library info
- 58 Kind of account
- 60 Harvest
- 61 Revolutionary Trotsky
- 62 Countertenor
- 63 Stadium section
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Style and the Arts

• In theaters

Film blurs line between Hollywood, D.C.

By Hunter Tzovarras
Maine Campus staff

It is days before the presidential election and the heavily favored incumbent has just been accused of soliciting sex from a teenage "Firefly Girl." In hours, the story will be all over the news and on the front page of the Washington Post. Spin doctor Conrad Brean (Robert De Niro), along with top White House aide Winifred Ames (Anne Heche), and other presidential advisers are gathering for an emergency session in the White House basement. Someone asks if the scandal is in fact true. Brean says it doesn't matter, because once it's on television it's already perceived as true. But he has a shrewdly ingenious plan that will distract the press from the story long enough to allow the president to get re-elected. His motto: "To change the story, change the lead."

First, he advises the president to ex-

tend his stay in Asia. Then he issues a White House press release denying a B-3 bomber is being activated ahead of schedule. An adviser says, "But there is no B-3 bomber." Brean confidently retorts, "Perfect! Deny it even exists." All that matters is that the press has an alternative story to report. But the extended trip and B-3 bomber won't last long. He needs something bigger, something that will arouse patriotic fervor, so he cooks up a war with Albania. Why Albania? Because no one knows or cares about it — most people don't even know where it is. But you can't have a war just by issuing press releases; you need pictures, victims and heroes. So Brean flies to Los Angeles to meet with top Hollywood producer Stanley Motss (Dustin Hoffman). Together these two masters of manipulation produce the feel and look of the war.

The plan goes over with perfection. A media frenzy ensues. Johnny Green (Will-

ie Nelson) is hired to write a patriotic anthem, something to further stimulate public support. Brean releases reports that Albanian terrorists are in Canada attempting to smuggle a deadly suitcase bomb into the U.S. Motss produces spurious news footage of an Albanian girl holding her kitten while fleeing from a rapist. The footage, which quickly appears on the national news, was shot on a sound stage in Los Angeles. Before special effects, the kitten had been nothing but a bag of Tostitos.

Brean and Motss smugly enjoy the media frenzy they have wrought. The firefly girl sex scandal has disappeared. When the presidential challenger (Craig T. Nelson) ends the war by simply going on television and pronouncing the situation in Albania to be resolved, Brean and Motss don't fret. They simply move their "pageant" into its second act. They create a war hero, William "Good Old Shoe" Schu-

mann (Woody Harrelson), who is trapped behind enemy lines. Harrelson again shows his adept ability for comedic acting. Patriotic fervor rises to an all-time high. Schumann's plight inspires people to dangle their old shoes from power lines. During a basketball game fans, in a moment of patriotic unity, throw their shoes onto the court.

At one point in the film, Brean sarcastically remarks, "It has to be true. I just saw it on TV." Those two sentences sum up one of the film's main satirical themes. Today, when the lines between real and staged events become increasingly blurred, it has become almost impossible to distinguish between the two.

"Wag the Dog," directed by Barry Levinson, is a satire that uses exaggerated situations to make us laugh while exposing social ills and follies. We laugh be-

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• Awards

Surprise winners, bathroom jokes rule Globes

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—With "Titanic," bigger has certainly been better.

The \$200 million gamble from James Cameron won major industry kudos and vindication Sunday night as it grabbed four Golden Globes, including best drama and best director. The most expensive movie ever made has owned the box office since its release five weeks ago, and now is the favorite for the top Academy Awards in March.

"Directors are supposed to be in control all the time. I can barely control my bladder right now," Cameron said during a three-hour show full of restroom references.

The irreverent ceremony also saw a freshman show, "Ally McBeal," beat out lame-duck powerhouse "Seinfeld" as the best TV comedy, an actor who insisted on giving his statue to a fellow nominee and a winner who, well, just had to go at the wrong time.

For all of that, it was a "Titanic" night.

While its victory doesn't guarantee a lock on the Academy Awards, the same film that has won best drama at the Golden Globes has won the best picture Oscar in 11 of the last 15 years.

While "Titanic" also won best original score and song, the film did lose significant acting trophies to performers in two films that cost a fraction to make.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association selected Peter Fonda as best dramatic actor for his role as a beekeeper with a troubled past in "Ulee's Gold." After years of little activity in films, Fonda told the audience: "God, it's good to be back."

The acclaimed British actress Judi Dench was honored as best dramatic actress for "Mrs. Brown," in which she played a widowed Queen Victoria enamored with a robust palace aide.

Dench was in a play and couldn't be at the ceremony, unlike another actress who

was at the Beverly Hilton but couldn't be in the audience.

When Christine Lahti was announced as best actress in a TV drama series for her role in "Chicago Hope," a tablemate came to the stage and reported that Lahti was in the bathroom. Robin Williams leaped to the stage to entertain with some jokes.

The actress finally appeared, saying, "I was just flushing the toilet when someone said 'You won' and I thought, 'What a terrible joke.'"

Anthony Edwards of "ER" followed Lahti to the stage to accept his best actor in a drama series and joked: "I guess I could just pee right here."

It was a tearful Ving Rhames who came to the stage to collect his best actor award for a mini-series or TV movie.

After winning for "Don King: Only in America," Rhames summoned a reluctant Jack Lemmon, nominated for "12 Angry Men," and then handed him his Golden Globe.

"This is one of the nicest, sweetest moments of my life," Lemmon said as Jack Nicholson gestured "me next" in the audience. The Foreign Press Association reportedly will mint another Golden Globe for Rhames.

Nicholson got his turn when "As Good As It Gets" swept the awards in the musical or comedy category. He won best actor, co-star Helen Hunt best actress and the film from James Brooks best picture.

Just moments after Hunt accepted her award and called Nicholson her "hero as an actor," Nicholson was on stage mimicking Jim Carrey's "butt-talking" routine in an off-color acceptance speech.

"This will give me another decade of not behaving myself," he said.

Neither Cameron nor Brooks were recognized for their screenplays. That award was given to a pair of twentysomething actors, Matt Damon and Ben Affleck,



Helen Hunt and Jack Nicholson took home awards for their roles in "As Good as It Gets" at Sunday's Golden Globes. (Courtesy photo).

who wrote and starred in "Good Will Hunting."

"This is overwhelming for two guys who never won a raffle," Affleck said.

Like Fonda, Burt Reynolds signaled a comeback bid with his Golden Globe as

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What's happening

Wednesday, Jan. 21

• Healthspeak Luncheon Series SpeakOut: A Mental Health Public Strategy, 12:15 p.m., Bangor Lounge.

• Acoustic jam, 6 p.m., Lown Room.

• "Elements of Music," part of the Introductory Music Workshop Series for children in kindergarten through sixth grade, 6 p.m., 100 Class of 1944 Hall. To register, call 581-1248.

• Moon Puppies, a rhythm and blues male-female duo, 6:30 p.m., Left Bank Cafe, Blue Hill. For information, call 374-2201.

Thursday, Jan. 22

• Socialist and Marxist Studies Luncheon Series, "Hunger in the United States: What the Media Ignores," 12:30 p.m., Bangor Lounge.

• "Coming Back: Landscape, Environment and Regional Character. What Makes it Special and How to Preserve it," by Patrick Chasse, Mt. Desert landscape architect, designer and teacher. Part of the Department of Art Guest Lecture Series, 7 p.m., 202 Carnegie Hall.

• Thursday Night at the Bear's Den with Bobby Lee Rodgers, 9 p.m., Bear's Den.

• Peter Mulvey, guitarist and singer, 8 p.m., Left Bank Cafe.

If it hurts, then good



Rustic Overtones will play at the Maine Center for the Arts Saturday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. Tickets for this MCA-sponsored show went on sale Monday and are \$6 for students and \$8 for all others. For more information or to order tickets, call the MCA box office at 581-1755 or 1-800-MCA-TIXX. (Courtesy Photo.)

Wag

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cause it is absurdly plausible, such as the inane re-election campaign ads that say, "Don't change horses during mid-stream." Is tying yellow ribbons around trees (as Americans did during the dubiously motivated Grenada invasion) any different than hanging old shoes from power lines?

The script by David Mamet and Hilary Henkin does a wonderful job satirizing Hollywood, Washington and the press. The way the press superficially packages the Albanian crisis and invariably and

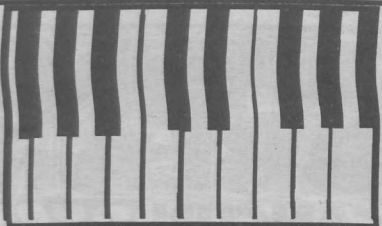
unquestioningly supports it despite its shady motives is reminiscent of media coverage during the Panama invasion. But besides being critical, the film is actually very funny throughout. Some of the later scenes featuring Harrelson are hilarious.

"Why does a dog wag its tail? Because the dog is smarter than the tail. If the tail was smarter it would wag the dog." In this film the tail is smarter than the dog; and maybe it is in real life too.

Rating: ★★★★★

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• Obituary

Early rocker dead at 65

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — One of the roots of rock 'n' roll can be traced to the day 7-year-old Carl Perkins picked up a makeshift guitar made by his father from a cigar box, broomstick and baling wire.

Sixteen years later, the poor, unassuming boy had become one of the genre's founding fathers as part of the Sun Records stable of artists in the 1950s that included Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis.

Perkins, best known for writing "Blue Suede Shoes," died at a Jackson hospital Monday at age 65 of complications related to a recent series of strokes.

"We have lost absolutely one of the people I say is as responsible as anybody for rock 'n' roll," said Sam Phillips, owner of the Memphis record label.

Perkins' guitar licks and songwriting melded country and rhythm-and-blues, influencing Presley, Lewis, the Beatles, the Stray Cats and dozens of other rockers over several decades. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987.

"Carl was a very close friend for over 40 years, and his musical legacy is certain to prevail forever," said Johnny Cash, who also worked with Perkins at Sun.

Perkins was born April 9, 1932, outside Tiptonville, near the Missouri bor-

der in rural West Tennessee. He grew up picking cotton and soaking in the music sung by black field hands.

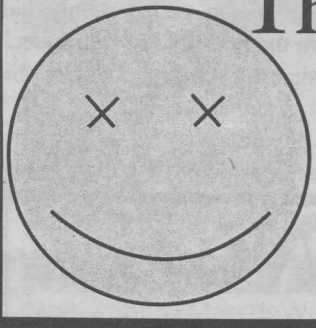
In his spare time, he would retreat behind his family's chicken house in west Tennessee and imagine himself singing on Nashville's Grand Ole Opry radio show.

Just as he was making it big with his version of "Blue Suede Shoes" in early 1956, Perkins suffered one of his greatest disappointments. On his way to perform on "The Perry Como Show," he broke his neck and fractured his skull in a traffic accident in Delaware. Perkins was sidelined for a year, unable to capitalize on the popularity of "Blue Suede Shoes."

Meanwhile, Presley recorded the song and went on to become one of the most successful stars in music history.

"I've never been an envious person," Perkins told The Associated Press in 1992. "I was raised poor. I felt fortunate to even be on Sun Records, to be a small part of what was happening there."

Cash took a Perkins song, "Daddy Sang Bass," to the top of the country charts in 1968. Dolly Parton, The Judds, George Strait and other country stars recorded his songs. "Blue Suede Shoes" was recorded by the Beatles, John Lennon, Jimi Hendrix and many others.



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• Festival

Sundance offers filmmakers shot at big time

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Three days into the Sundance Film Festival, Miramax Films made the first blockbuster deal Sunday, paying \$6 million for a Boston romantic comedy called "Next Stop, Wonderland."

The bid includes worldwide rights to director Brad Anderson's film and a deal for Anderson to make two more movies for Miramax.

Other independent companies attending the festival were surprised by the size of the deal, but Miramax said it believed "Next Stop, Wonderland" could appeal to both art-house moviegoers and the mainstream audience.

The movie tracks a young nurse (Hope Davis) as she looks for love and meaning in all of the wrong places. Her futile search is mirrored by a plumber and aspiring marine biologist (Alan Gelfant).

The expensive deal — and the popularity of the Sundance Festival itself — underscores the increasing importance of independent films, which are made without studio money. In terms of return on investment, 1997's most profitable movie was "The Full Monty," which debuted at Sundance a year ago. The comedy, which cost around \$2 million, has grossed more than \$150 million worldwide and still is playing in theaters.

In hopes of finding the next "Full Monty," this mountain resort town has been invaded by more than 13,000 movie executives, filmmakers, media and the occasional film lover. Among the films attracting attention from buyers are "Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss," a look at a gay man smitten

with a model who might not be gay; "The Misadventures of Margaret," an offbeat modern romance filled with historical flashbacks and "Gods and Monsters," a drama about the director of the "Frankenstein" movies.

The festival's opening has been marred by controversy. Singer Courtney Love threatened legal action if it showed the unflattering documentary "Kurt and Courtney," about Love and the late rocker Kurt Cobain.

The singer, Cobain's widow, claimed the movie contained unlicensed music but filmmaker Nick Broomfield said he had proper permissions. Sundance quickly withdrew the film and Broomfield accused festival organizers of cowardice.

Love's powerful talent agent, International Creative Management, has strongly urged at least one major independent distributor not to buy the film. ICM said it would refuse to do business with the company if it purchased "Kurt and Courtney."

ICM Chairman Jeff Berg did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

Robert Redford, the Sundance Festival's founder, spoke up for Broomfield ("Heidi Fleiss: Hollywood Madam") and his new film.

"What I find ironic is that someone that's benefited so much from (being) such an on-the-edge person and certainly has benefited from the principle of free speech would be conducting a campaign to prevent another artist from expressing himself," Redford said of Love.

The festival, considered the nation's most

important, opened Thursday night with "Sliding Doors," yet another romantic comedy about a communications executive (Gwyneth Paltrow) whose future with her boyfriend rests on whether or not she catches a London subway.

Like many of the films here, it is a well-produced and beautifully designed film, even

though its writer-director, Peter Howitt, has never made a movie before.

"There is kind of an odd attitude developing in filmmaking that in describing independent film, 'polish' is a bad thing," said director Sydney Pollack, who co-produced "Sliding Doors." "Making a polished-looking film is the goal of every filmmaker."

• Remembrance

Poe tradition continues

BALTIMORE (AP) — With a gentle tap, tap, tapping, a mysterious stranger walked alone before dawn today to the grave of Edgar Allan Poe and placed three roses and a half-empty bottle of cognac.

For reasons known only to themselves, anonymous men have carried out the ritual at the Westminster Hall sepulcher on Poe's birthday each year since 1949, said Jeff Jerome, curator of the Edgar Allan Poe House and Museum. Poe was born 189 years ago today.

"It was a different guy this year, which surprised us," Jerome said of the 3:05 a.m. appearance, observed by 20 people from a former Presbyterian church. "He looked rather youngish, maybe in his 30s."

The visitor wore a black leather jacket and soft brim hat and was gone in a matter of seconds.

"The guy last year was big and walked with an attitude," Jerome said. "This guy seemed like a regular Joe."

The ardent crowd in the hall was hand-picked by Jerome from those who wrote to request a place.

"He's less wordy than a lot of American writers," said Britta Williams, one of the

witnesses. "He writes a really cool, gripping story, kind of morbid sometimes."

Williams, a high school senior, said the man drank from the bottle of cognac before putting it on the grave. She did not see his face.

Poe lived in Baltimore from 1829 to 1836 and died here in 1849 at age 40. He penned classic horror stories such as "The Fall of the House of Usher," "The Pit and the Pendulum," "The Telltale Heart" and "The Masque of the Red Death." His famous poems include "The Raven" and "Annabel Lee."

Soon after the visitor exited, Jerome gathered up the Martell cognac. He left the roses, which are thought to represent the poet, his wife, and her mother, who are all buried in the graveyard, along with Poe's grandparents and brother.

Jerome said he does not know the men who carry out the visits and no attempts have been made to confront them.

But he knows they are not copycats. "If anyone ever tried to imitate him, I would know immediately," Jerome said. "He does something that no one else notices."

That, too, will remain a mystery.

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best supporting actor for his role as the fatherly porno film producer in "Boogie Nights."

He advised the audience: "Don't forget an old Stradivarius plays better than a new one." Best actress in the category went to Kim Basinger for "L.A. Confidential."

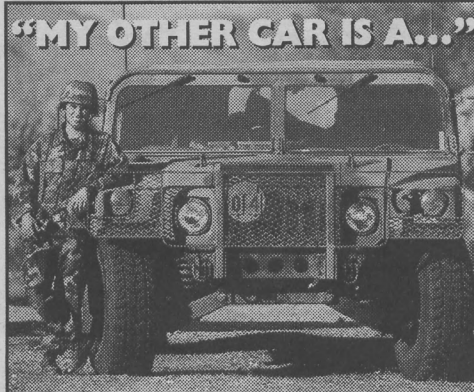
The biggest upset came in TV, when the Fox comedy "Ally McBeal" beat out such

heavy hitters as "Seinfeld," "Frasier," "Friends" and "3rd Rock From the Sun." Its star, Calista Flockhart, also won best actress in the category.

In the "ER" vs. "X-Files" battle for best drama, Fox won again as the quirky science-fiction show edged the top-rated show in television.

The evening's most sentimental moment came when Goldie Hawn presented the Cecil B. DeMille award to Shirley MacLaine. Film clips showed the wide range and depth of MacLaine's 45-year film career.

In accepting the award, MacLaine recalled arriving at Paramount in the 1950s and watching DeMille direct "The Ten Commandments." She concluded her remarks with a reference to her reputation for devotion to the occult: "Of course, I will be speaking to Mr. DeMille later."



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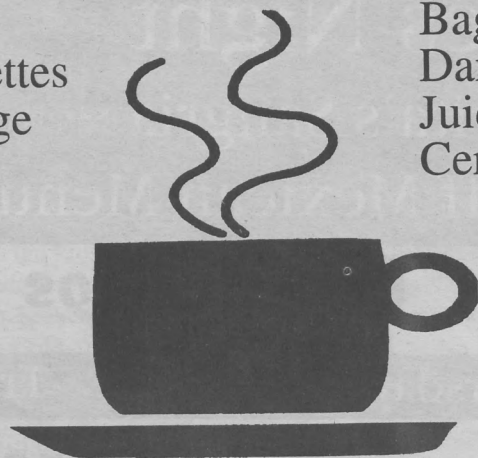
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• Men's basketball

Wills paces Maine in win

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine men's basketball team will look to tame the Drexel Dragons in an America East matchup Thursday night at Alfond Arena.

"We're 4-1 at home so far so each game is very important to us," Black Bear forward Allen Ledbetter said.

Maine (5-10, 2-5 America East) put an end to its season long five-game losing streak with a 68-65 conference win over the University of New Hampshire on Sunday.

The Black Bears were led by the sharp shooting of Marcus Wills (30 points), Fred Meeks (16 points), and 13 rebounds by Ledbetter.

While Thursday's game is important for

the America East standings, Ledbetter says he believes it is crucial for the team to gain some momentum.

"It doesn't really matter who we play," he said. "We need a win against anybody right now."

Drexel (6-8, 4-4), has hit a rough patch of its own lately. After starting the season 5-3, the Dragons have dropped four out of their last five contests, including 69-62 defeat to the Terriers of Boston University Sunday.

Drexel is a young squad led by back-to-back America East Rookies of the Year Mike DeRocckis and Joe Linderman.

At 6-feet-8-inches, Linderman, a sophomore, has become a dominant player in the conference averaging 17.4 points per game

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• Women's basketball

Blodgett set to return

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus Staff

She's back.

After missing the first four games of her competitive basketball career due to a foot injury, Cindy Blodgett will return Thursday on the road against Drexel University.

"It's been frustrating. I've just sort of had to take the time. I couldn't have done anything else but take the time out, so I really didn't have a choice," Blodgett said. "I will be at 100% or I won't play."

The senior guard went out on Jan. 2 against Boston University with just over eight minutes left in the second half. She is afflicted with plantar fasciitis, which is an inflamed sheet of tissue under the foot aggravated by overuse.

Blodgett said she has been dealing with the injury since the end of last season, but never wanted to have surgery.

"I was hoping I could just buy time, get through the end of the season and get it taken care of," Blodgett said.

For the past four games without

Blodgett, Maine has compiled a 4-0 record but their 12 point winning margin in those games has been less than Maine fans have been used to.

Senior co-captain Sandi Carver says it will be a stronger team when Blodgett comes back, because the club got to work on playing without her and came together as a group.

"I haven't played without Cindy in four years, and it was a whole new thing. A lot of people had to step up, and everyone who stepped on the court had to be ready to go," Carver said.

With the Clinton, Maine, native on the bench, Jamie Cassidy and Amy Vachon have both increased their offensive output, with Cassidy climbing to No. 2 in the America East scoring race and Vachon registering 34 assists in her last four games.

But Blodgett believes Carver has made a major contribution to the team, but is often overlooked due to her quiet, unassuming demeanor.

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• Men's hockey

Matile stops Black Bears

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

It was a homecoming weekend for University of New Hampshire goaltender Sean Matile. Well, a could-have-been homecoming.

Matile, who stonewalled the Black Bears 2-1 and 5-0 on successive nights, was a lock to attend Maine before some communication mix-ups occurred with the university a couple of years ago.

The sophomore goaltender went on to attend UNH and was obviously exasperated when his Wildcats brought the broom sticks out in Alfond this weekend.

"To sweep Maine is great," Matile said. "To get a shut out is icing on the cake. I was an early signee and was planning to come

here until about two weeks before school started. The admissions here (Maine) said I didn't have the course requirement which was a mistake.

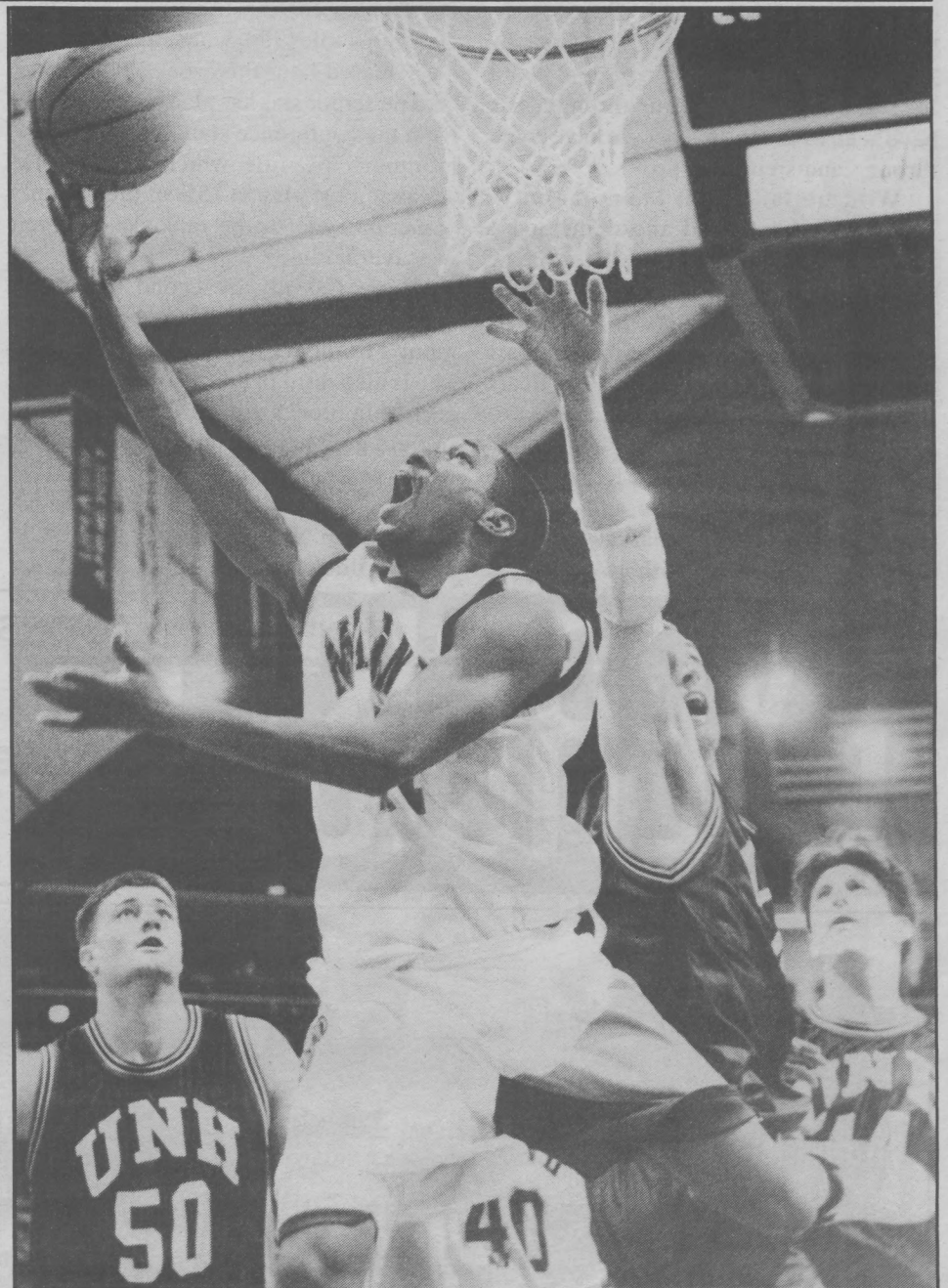
"After I signed with UNH, admissions called me back and said they made a mistake."

The Wildcats also turned a 12-year losing streak into a two-game winning streak as well. UNH had not won in the Alfond since Feb. 3, 1985.

"I give UNH a lot of credit," Maine coach Shawn Walsh said. "They were outstanding in every facet of the game."

Wildcat center Jason Krog had four points in the weekend including a hat trick Saturday night to carry his team offensively.

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Maine guard Marcus Wills puts up a reverse lay up during the Bears' 68-65 win over UNH. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Civil rights

Masotta receives fine

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

Former University of Maine men's hockey goalie Bryan Masotta was fined \$1,000 by Judge Jesse Gunther in Bangor District Court for leaving racial slurs and death threats on the answering machine service of a black student-athlete.

Masotta did not appear in court, but his lawyer, Fred Costlow, entered a no contest plea on his behalf.

Gunther called the threats some of the worst she had ever heard and said the other two participants, who police allege to be Matt Oliver and Shawn Mansoff, should pay a voluntary fine as well.

Masotta, Mansoff and Oliver were alleged to have made life-threatening remarks to Dwayne Wilmot, a member of the UMaine

football team.

UMaine Intern Director of Equal Opportunity Evelyn Silver said she was pleased with the amount of the fine but would have liked to see Masotta take part in some educational programs as well.

"I felt it was a fairly severe penalty given the range of what the judge could offer," Silver said. "It would have been a good idea to include some educational programs as well or some other way he (Masotta) could get some consciousness raising in race relations."

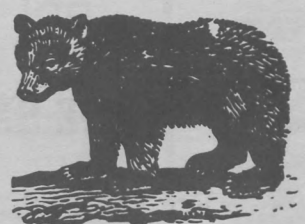
Silver said she was appalled when she heard the tape of the messages left on Wilmot's machine.

"I find it depressing that anyone who has spent any time on our campus would have

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FROM THE DEN

The University of Maine men's basketball team won the Maine State Series Championships six times from 1960 through 1970



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"If I had to point to one, I would say Sandi was the one who picked it up leadership-wise," Blodgett said. "Teams knew that without myself playing, that basically they wanted to pack it in on Jamie and force other people to come through. We have been fortunate that people have come through and stepped it up."

Wildcats fall again: Maine ran out to a 42-25 first half lead and withstood a late Wildcat comeback to earn a 75-61 win on Saturday.

Maine's record stands at 11-2 overall and a perfect 7-0 in the America East conference, good for first. The Black Bears have now won seven games in a row.

Cassidy tallied a game-high 29 points to go with two blocks, and Kristen McCormick added 16 points and five rebounds for Maine. Orsi Farkas led 4-10, 2-5 conference, UNH with 16 points.

Black Bear Notes: Cindy Blodgett's name will not appear in the NCAA scoring leaders for the first time since December of 1994 when the standings are released later this week.

The senior star has also been removed from the conference standings due to the minimum 75% rule, which simply states a player must play in 75% of their team's games in order to be ranked. Blodgett was averaging 27.9 ppg.

Jamie Cassidy is second in conference scoring with 20.9 ppg behind Vermont's Karalyn Church and her 24.3 ppg. She is also third in rebounding at 8.8 rpg, second in blocks with 1.46 a game, third in field goal percentage and fifth in free throw percentage.

Amy Vachon leads the league in assists with 6.69 a game, and is fifth in steals with 2.69 a game.

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and 7.9 rebounds this season.

DeRocckis, a 6-2 junior, was a second-team all-conference pick in 1996-97 and has played solid this year averaging 15 ppg.

Both teams have something in common — size. While the Black Bears have had to cope with mismatches in the post because of a lack of height, Thursday should give the team a gauge concerning its status against an evenly statured opponent.

Ledbetter, the Black Bears' captain, says he wants to dominate. "I'm looking to have a very strong game defensively, rebounding, and on offense," he said.

With America East leading scorer Meeks (22.5 ppg) playing with an injured wrist, Wills (20.9 ppg), the third leading points scorer in the league, must pick up some of the slack.

Drexel has controlled the Black Bears in

recent years, owning a 14-6 season series edge, including a series sweep last year, 71-57 at Alford and 74-51 in Philadelphia.

Bear Notes: Head coach John Giannini recently announced that junior guard/forward Mickey Fein has left the basketball team.

Fein plans to devote more time to his off-season regiment with the football team in preparation for next season. Fein saw action in ten games for the Black Bears, averaging 3.0 points and 2.3 rebounds per game.

The Towson State game, originally scheduled for January 8 but canceled due to a power outage, has been rescheduled for February 1 at 1 p.m. The game will take place at Lundholm Gym at UNH.

Black Bear stat fact: Freshman forward Colin Haynes is fourth in America East with 8.7 rebounds per game.

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• Women's hockey

Lorenz puts on a show

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

If the University of Maine women's hockey team was supposed to be sluggish after its six-week layoff, someone forgot to remind Alison Lorenz.

Maine's sophomore left wing scored seven of her team's eight goals last weekend as the Black Bears swept their pair of games, propelling them into second place in the ECAC Alliance's East division.

Maine upped its winning streak to three with the victories.

Sunday — Maine 6, Connecticut College 1

BREWER-Playing in familiar surroundings, former Brewer High standout Lorenz notched five goals, leading Maine to a 6-1 romp over Connecticut College Sunday at the Bouchard Sports Complex in Brewer.

While Lorenz was pleased with her effort, she said she felt that others will have to step up and contribute if the Bears are to rise to the next level.

"It's definitely a good feeling, but everybody needs to contribute, and I can't be the one to go all the time," said Lorenz, who was named ECAC Alliance player of the week for her exploits. "They're going to catch on eventually. Everyone should get their fair share, and I think it'll come."

"It just so happened that I got a few good breaks today."

Maine (4-3-1, 3-3-1 Alliance) controlled the tempo from the drop of the puck and wouldn't let up, taking advantage of a slow and sluggish CC squad.

Maine opened the scoring late in the first period on a Lorenz goal off a rebound. Her initial shot missed the net but she took the rebound and slammed it into the net to give the Bears a 1-0 lead.

"It was kind of a good break for us, we really needed it," Lorenz said. "[CC goaltender Claudia Goodrich] made the wrong decision and tried to play the puck and she missed it, and it just so happened it bounced right, and came out right in front of the net to me."

Lorenz struck again in the waning seconds of the period to put Maine up by two goals.

Midway through the second, Maine center Alicia Gilmore beat Goodrich to her right to make the score 3-0.

The goal was the first scored on home ice this season by a Maine player other than Lorenz.

The Camels then cut the deficit back to two after a shorthanded goal by Lisa Sundberg.

It was the Alison Lorenz show after that, however, as she tallied the next three goals for the Bears, saving the best for last.

Racing up the middle of the ice, Lorenz blew by three CC defenders in

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Forward Alison Lorenz heads up ice during Maine's 2-1 win over Wesleyan College. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

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Masotta

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those views," Silver said. "I do believe the university acted promptly, though."

Mansoff and Oliver had their charges dropped by the District Attorney's office as their comments were alleged to be non-threatening.

All three student-athletes have been dismissed from the hockey team.

Mansoff appealed his suspension from the university and was scheduled for a hearing in front of the university's Judicial Affairs Conduct Committee on Monday.

Although the university can't comment on the outcome of the hearing, head coach Shawn Walsh confirmed that Mansoff informed him he was set to transfer to another school.

"The whole thing is over," Walsh said. "The university sent a strong message to the community with its firm stand on this incident."

Walsh said he is looking into "different schools," which could include other Hockey East institutions.

"It's a big loss," senior forward Scott Parmentier said. "He was a big part of our team and we really needed him."

Oliver has also reportedly left the university as well.

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Men's hockey

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"We knew we had a good opportunity to get a 'W' if we played a solid 60 minutes," Krog said.

Krog scored his first goal of the evening Saturday night just inside the right face-off circle where he beat Maine goalie Alfie Michaud.

Krog, who scored a goal in each of the three periods, credited to being at the right place at the right time for his scoring touch he unleashed.

"It's all it was," Krog said. "The puck was bouncing on my stick all night."

For the Black Bears' offense, the puck was bouncing into Matile. Matile made 63 saves on the weekend and frustrated shooters consistently.

"Anytime you get swept it's tough," Maine defenseman David Cullen said. "We have to try to forget about this."

The Wildcats got goals by Mark Mowers and Tom Nolan, who scored the game winner Friday night.

Maine goalie Alfie Michaud stopped 15 shots in the loss. Although the Wildcats boast a much improved defense from last year, the Bears' offense has looked more like something you'd see on a David Copperfield show.

Maine's power play pulled a vanishing act going a doughnut hole for 10.

"It felt like one of those nights where nothing went right," Cullen said. "Every time we had a good shot or a good chance Matile

made the big save."

The Black Bears have scored just one goal in their last three games and have sunk to 6-7-2 in league play.

On Friday night UNH left winger Tom Nolan broke a 1-1 tie with 41 seconds remaining in the game when he took a quick feed from Derek Bekar in the slot and knocked it past Michaud for the game winner.

The goal came on the power play as Maine's Scott Parmentier was called for a hooking penalty with a little more than two and a half minutes left in the third period.

"It went in," said Michaud on the game winning goal. "They scored, that's it."

"It's part of the game," Maine coach Shawn Walsh said. "Our best period was the third period. Our crowd was terrific tonight, they were really animated. We just didn't get the W."

The Bears drew first blood at the end of the first period when freshman Matthias Tratt-nig poked a shot past Matile in front of the net.

"There was a shot from the point and it deflected a little bit and I tried to get the puck on net," Tratt-nig said.

The Wildcats snagged the equalizer with under a minute remaining in the first period when Derek Bekar scored to the right side of Michaud just inside the face-off circle.

Maine will be at No. 5 Boston University this weekend for a pair of games with the Terriers.

Lorenz

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their own zone and wristed the puck into the net for an unassisted goal.

"[Lorenz] has played this game so long that she's had experience probably in situations like that," Maine coach Rick Filighera said.

Saturday — Maine 2, Wesleyan 1

For a while, it looked as if No-Doz pills were going to be sold at the concession stand alongside the popcorn and pretzels.

That's because Saturday's tilt between Maine and Wesleyan was certainly a pass-the-Prozac affair until Lorenz scored late in the second period as the Black Bears went on to a 2-1 triumph over the Cardinals before 146 fans at Alford Arena.

While Wesleyan (5-5-0 overall, 3-2-0 Alliance) controlled the puck for much of the game, Maine's defensive unit of Stephanie Gabriele, Allison Haley, and Michelle Wheaton continually forced Wesleyan into making long shots.

"There's only three of us, so we have to make sure that everything's done perfectly," Gabriele said. "We work really well together as a team and we try to find the open man across the ice, and try to break the play the other way. We just try and get [the puck] stickside and do the best we can."

The game was a fairly quiet affair for the first two periods, as neither team

mounted a serious offensive threat.

The game looked like it would be scoreless into the next millenium until the 18:27 mark of the second period, when Lorenz beat two Wesleyan defenders to the puck, rocketed up the left side of the rink, and faked out Cards goaltender Emma DeSimone, poking the puck to her left.

"I really didn't see where I shot," Lorenz said. "I was just trying to throw it on net, and when I looked up, it went in."

"We needed a break, and that helped us out a lot."

Lorenz then gave the Bears some breathing room at 8:44 of the third, one-timing a perfect Christina Hedges pass just in front of the net into a wide-open gap to the left of a faked-out DeSimone.

"I can't compliment Hedges enough," Lorenz said. "She set me up perfect. It was a very unselfish play and that really made the game for us."

The goal turned out to be a crucial one, as the Cards fought back at 12:17 of the third, when Katie Whitman banked the puck off the post and into the net, eluding Maine goaltender Amy Oliver.

But Wesleyan was offensively silent for the rest of the game as Maine held on for the victory.

Oliver made 30 saves for Maine, while DeSimone had 12 for Wesleyan.

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