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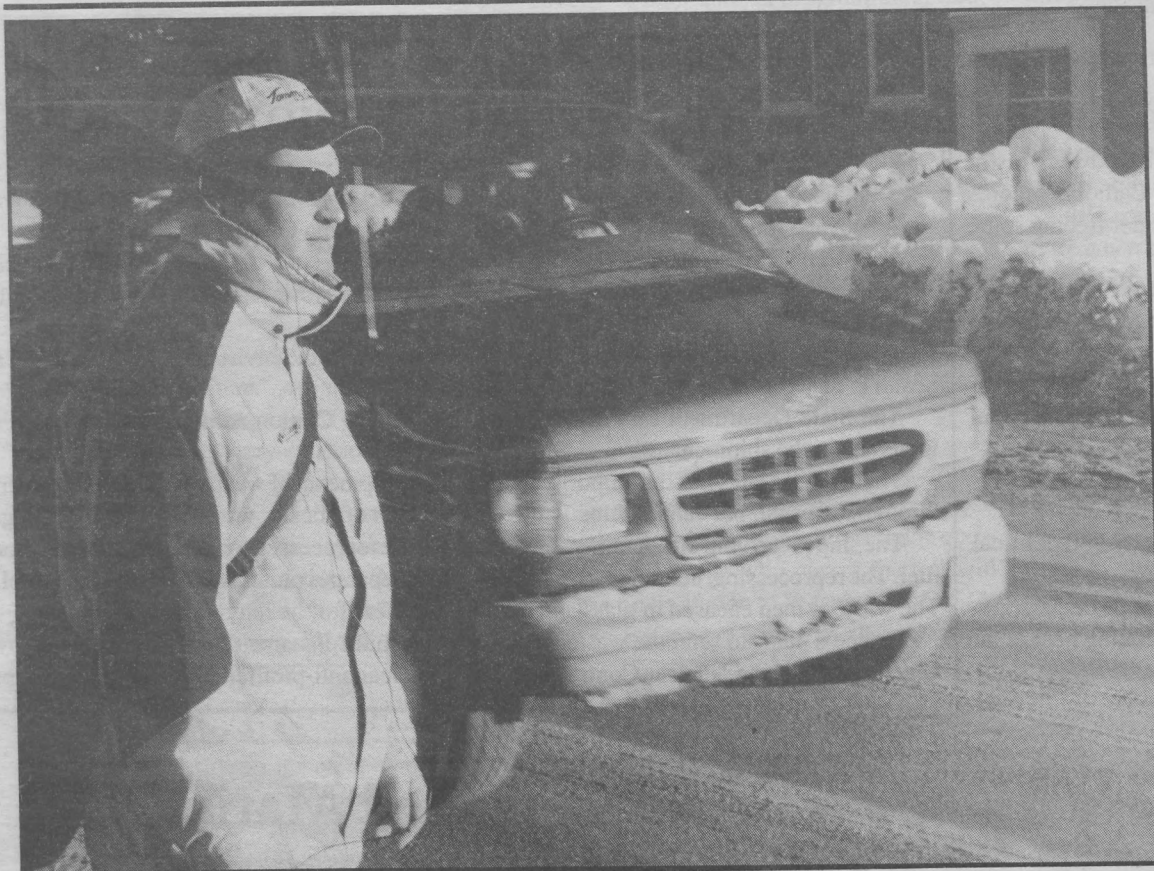
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Fourth-year student John Orland waits for an opening in traffic. (Eric Weisz photo.)

• Expansion

Frustrated vendors wait for new union

By Misty Edgecomb
Maine Campus Staff

During the 1996-97 academic year, the Memorial Union earned a profit of \$11,500 by renting space to jewelry, poster or crafts vendors, and the ever-present credit card corporation.

"The vendors give us an opportunity to buy some local wares, and they're pretty affordable," said Robin McLaughlin, a sophomore majoring in business management, marketing and theater.

Three tables in the second floor lobby, the FFA Room, the Lown Room, and space on the lawn in front of the union are available to vendors and outside groups for a fee ranging from \$50 to \$125 per day. Campus organizations can schedule space at no cost through the Center for Students and Community Life at the union information desk.

"We always reserve a space for student groups. The union is for their use," said Margaret Comeau, administrative assistant for the center. "But the vendors have been wonderful. They bring a lot of different merchandise to campus."

Variety at the union tables is limited by few criteria. The product must be legal and it must not be available at other union outlets.

"For example, a book vendor could not be approved because it would offer a service that we already provide in the union," said Comeau.

Student groups like University Singers, VOICE, MPAC, the Student Alumni Association,

ROTC, and the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Committee often reserve space to recruit new members and provide public service. Student Government has scheduled the February 10 elections, and allow candidates the opportunity to campaign.

"We'll be sitting at the Student Government table to hear concerns from constituents, and answer questions," said Jon Duke, current ROC vice president who is seeking to become president.

External political and social

groups who are willing to pay for space can reach University of Maine students in the same manner.

"Political candidates are usually sponsored by a student group, but they are treated like any other outside vendor," said Carol LeClair of the Center for Students and Community Life.

Vendors like Global Prints, the poster organization that annually inhabits the front lawn in early fall, or Frank Spiznoco of

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Margaret Comeau and Carol LeClair from the Center for Students and Community Life. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Traffic

Collisions expose Murray congestion

By Krista Marrs
Maine Campus staff

Several accidents, and too many close calls, have taken place since last semester in the parking lot by Murray Hall, according to a group of individuals who conduct activities in the building on a daily basis. It has become such a problem, they say, that a petition has been rendered to get campus support for changes to be made.

"I have never actually been hit, and neither has my vehicle," says Sue Anderson, who works in Murray Hall. "But I have had more near-misses than I care to think about."

Anderson said she has worked

in Murray Hall for 18 years, and this past year was the worst she has seen in regards to vehicle accidents.

"Most people parking in that area do not realize the area by Murray Hall and the fire station is a road," said Anderson.

"Also, people driving in this area are going way too fast."

Anderson feels something needs to be done to call attention to the through-way, so drivers will know to be on the lookout for pedestrians.

Lisa Clepper, a research assistant in Murray Hall, became so concerned with the accidents that she

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• Accessibility

Abuse raises door costs

By Andrea Page
Maine Campus staff

It's a common occurrence that usually isn't given a second thought: You want to open a building door, but your hands are full. Spying the silver paddle on the wall, you kick it. The door slowly swings open and you're on your way.

While the kick was convenient for you, it's causing a potential harm for those who really need to use the button.

Many people on campus have become disturbed recently by

the damage of the these silver buttons with handicapped symbols on them. The buttons can be found outside of doors around campus.

Some people, such as Shelly Ouellette, a campus locksmith, believe those who are not handicapped should not use these special buttons.

"Individuals that don't need to use them are taking advantage," Ouellette said. "I think it's a big problem."

The problem comes when people kick the buttons, which causes them to pull off the build-

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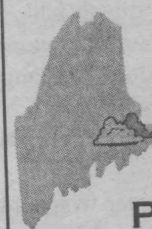
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WORLD BRIEFS

• Religion

Pope hits home on abortion, schools

1 HAVANA (AP) — On a day when Pope John Paul II criticized the Castro government for allowing easy access to abortion and keeping Catholic schools closed, the pope won a promise Thursday from authorities to consider freeing some Cuban prisoners.

The Vatican announced the possible concession after the pope met privately for 50 minutes with President Fidel Castro, an opportunity long-awaited by John Paul to set down his vision for his church in Cuba.

Requests from Cuban prisoners to John Paul, asking him to press for an "act of clemency," were put forward by the Vatican's secretary of state in separate talks, said papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls.

The Cuban government "received them with great attention" because of their humanitarian character, Navarro-Valls said.

He did not say how many prisoners or whether they are among the nearly 500 political prisoners that Cuban dissidents say are being held in the country's prisons.

When it comes to schools, "parents ... should be able to choose," the pope declared, to applause from tens of thousands assembled for Mass in the dust and sweltering heat of an athletic field in the provincial city of Santa Clara, 160 miles east of Havana.

• Ecology

Ship leaves port with radioactive load

2 PARIS (AP) — Despite protests from Greenpeace, a ship loaded with highly radioactive nuclear waste left a French port for Japan on Wednesday, the first such voyage routed through the Caribbean and the Panama Canal.

The British-flagged Pacific Swan left the port of Cherbourg, said Yannick Rousselot, spokesman for Greenpeace. The environmental group argues the waste could spill into the sea or be seized by terrorists.

"The threat posed by this shipment of high-level waste to the environment and to people's health is unacceptable," Rousselot said.

The State Department said earlier this week that the Clinton administration wouldn't intervene in the shipment.

The United States has the authority to block any shipments of weapons-grade plutonium through the canal, but cannot directly block shipments of nuclear waste from reprocessing.

The ship is carrying 60 containers of waste from the reprocessing of used Japanese reactor fuel. The reprocessing, at France's COGEMA plant, separates plutonium from the spent fuel. The waste is then encased in glass and put into canisters for the return trip to Japan.

France's plans to send the waste shipment through the Panama Canal were revealed by Greenpeace and the Nuclear Control Institute, a nuclear anti-proliferation advocacy group.

• Art

Damaged Matisse paintings repairable

3 ROME (AP) — Three Matisse paintings — including one on loan from Washington's National Gallery and another from Russia's Hermitage Museum — were found damaged Thursday at a Rome exhibit.

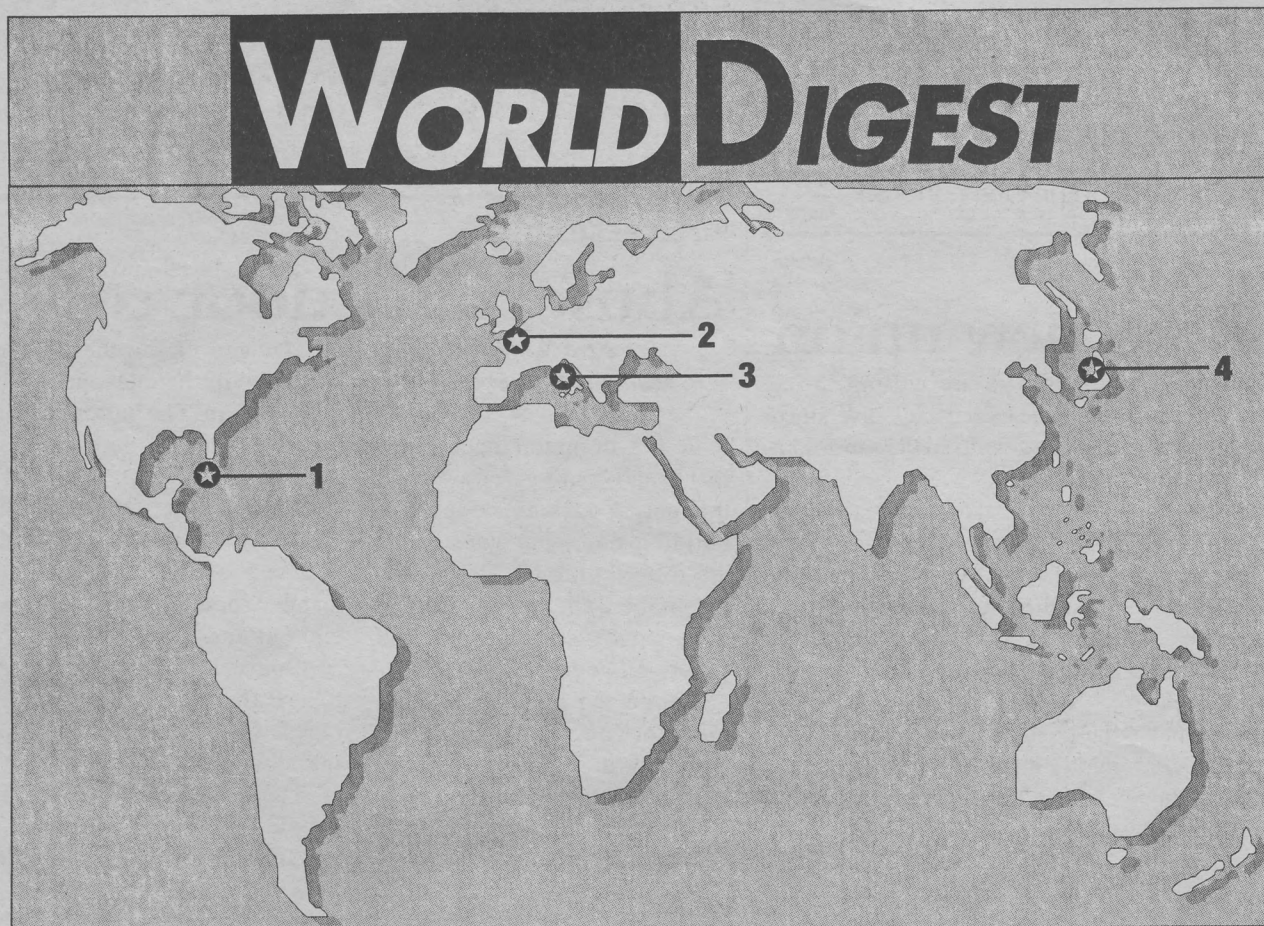
The three damaged paintings were identified as the National Gallery's "Pianist and Checker Players," "The Japanese Woman," from a private collection and "Zorah Standing," from the Hermitage.

"Pianist," painted in 1924, shows a woman dressed in yellow playing a piano and checker players at a table. RAI TV showed the painting with a hole in the area of a dotted tablecloth on a table where the game is being played.

Nancy Starr, a spokeswoman for the National Gallery, called it "very minor damage" and said a gallery official was flying to Rome to better assess the damage.

"The Japanese," painted in 1901, with Matisse's wife draped in a kimono serving as model, had been punctured, apparently with a pencil, on the area of the costume and the foreground, while the full-length figure in "Zorah," from 1912, had a streak, apparently from a pencil.

"In a few days we'll be able to do repairs," said Eugenio La Rocca, Rome superintendent of antiquities and fine arts.



• Economics

Asian markets close lower, rupiah hits low

4 TOKYO (AP) — The Indonesian rupiah sank to another record low against the U.S. dollar today, leading the Asian stock and currency markets generally southward.

But the region's biggest exchange, Tokyo, bucked the trend, posting its sixth straight gain.

Indonesia's battered rupiah sank today amid speculation that President Suharto would ask Minister of Research and Technology B.J. Habibie, a long-time ally, to be his running mate in the March presidential elections.

The choice would be taken as a sign that Indonesia's system of insider-politics will continue, traders said. The rupiah fell to an all-time low of 11,950 to the dollar, down from 9,750 on Tuesday.

The dramatic fall of the rupiah helped boost Indonesia's key stock index. Foreign investors, whose buying power increases as the rupiah falls, were snapping up shares of telecommunication and mining companies, dealers said.

The Jakarta Stock Exchange's Composite Index closed up 4 percent.

The Indonesian currency's decline hurt several other markets in Asia.

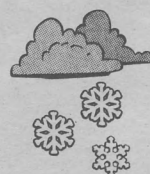
The South Korean won fell sharply on worries the rupiah could worsen economic problems in Indonesia and the region, traders said.

Weather

The Local Forecast

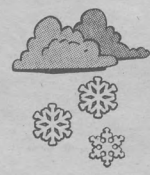
Today's Weather

Increasing clouds with a chance of snow late. Highs in the upper teens to low 20s.



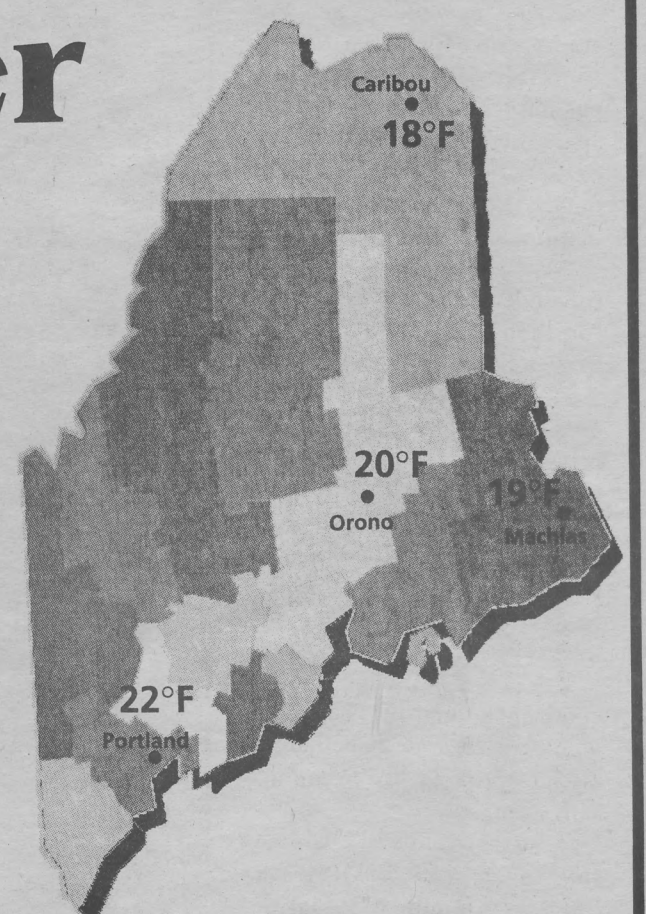
Saturday's Outlook

Sleet and freezing rain possibly changing to rain. High in the lower to mid 30s.



Extended Forecast

Sunday... Snow. Monday... Scattered snow north and mountains... And fair south. Tuesday... Fair.



• Employment

Student pursues diplomatic career as Foreign Service Officer

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

Senior Jamie Leavitt will be one of thousands of people all over the globe taking the first big step toward becoming a Foreign Service Officer next month. Going into the Feb. 28 officer's exam, Leavitt already knows the odds are slim; the service only needs about 160 new people.

But the international affairs/anthropology major sounds like she's up for the challenge.

"I guess if you don't take chances you don't get anywhere," she said. "Basically, you never know unless you try. I think you get something from every experience."

Foreign Service Officers work in American embassies all over the world, aiding dignitaries and ambassadors, and doing any number of other official duties. Most people start out stamping passports at customs before moving on to bigger jobs.

"It's certainly a way to see the world, but it's much more than that," Karen Boucias, director of international programming, said.

She said the only drawback mentioned by Foreign Service Officers that she's met is the uncertainty of where they'll be living in a few years, or how long they'll stay there.

Anyone can become a Foreign Service Officer, though people must be between the ages of 21 and 60 to serve. There are no educational requirements, though most people have a bachelors or advanced degree. Exams are available on campus at both the Career Center and the Office of International Programs. Applications must be mailed in before Jan. 30 to be eligible for next month's test in Bangor.

The Foreign Service Exam contains four parts: a written essay, English expression, job knowledge and biographic information questionnaire. Anyone who passes the test will receive an invitation to Washington, D.C. to face an FSO panel where an all-day assess-

ment is given. Once accepted into the program, potential officers may be tapped anytime in the next two years to start their service career.

People shouldn't let the lack of a second language stop them from taking the exam, according to Boucias. If a person is tapped for a position, they spend seven months in Virginia learning foreign language and policy.

"It's something I wish I'd known about more when I was younger," Boucias said.

Leavitt said she heard about the exam through the Career Center and knew instantly that being an officer was for her. After pouring through the registration booklet, she sent

away for the study guide.

"I'm definitely looking forward to the opportunity," Leavitt said.

She said she's interested in working to protect Americans who travel and live in foreign countries.

If she fails the test on her first try, she will more than likely try again.

"You definitely need a back-up plan for something like this," Leavitt said. "I don't get out (of college) until August, so I'm not panicking yet."

More information about the Foreign Service is available at <http://www.state.gov/www/careers/newindex1.html>.

Murray

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organized a petition for campus official to look at. The petition offers suggestions to officials in order to remedy the problem area.

"Most everyone I have talked to in the building has claimed to have near-misses on one or several occasions," said Clepper, "and this does not count the people who have had accidents in the lot."

Clepper said after two or three accidents occurred within a couple of weeks, the people in Murray thought action needed to be taken.

"I organized a petition and sent it to President Hoff, Public Safety, and to the engineer division of facilities management," said Clepper.

"We feel as though pedestrians in this area are in danger and it is an issue that needs to be addressed."

"The worst accident times seem to be on nice weather days either just before or just after classes," said Clepper.

According to Clepper, some 65 signatures of people associated with Murray Hall have been gathered.

Public Safety Lt. Alan Storman says the parking lot is just as susceptible to accidents as any other place on campus. He also stated changes are in the process of being made this spring.

"We have accidents on campus that occur just like everywhere else," said Storman. "And at Public Safety, we try to enforce safety practices on campus at all times."

Storman says drivers always need to use basic knowledge while driving on campus, even in parking lots.

"At the end of a roadway or intersection, drivers are supposed to stop and yield to traffic whether there is a stop sign or not," said Storman. "But even still, accidents will happen."

Dave Trefethen, associate director of engineering at facilities management, says the area is already being addressed in hopes of remedying the problem.

"We have looked at this area and it has been recommended by the Maine Department of Transportation that we fix this area by Murray Hall," said Trefethen. "This area is one of the highest accident areas on campus, so we will be fixing it this spring."

To improve the situation, islands are going to be constructed at the ends of the long rows of parking.

"These islands will take up the two end parking spaces," said Trefethen, "and will keep vehicles back, and the lanes will be wider for more visibility."

Additional lighting fixtures will also be added to the lot, which will aid in visibility.

Trefethen says design work is already being done and construction work will begin in the coming months.

"Most of the construction will be done over the summer when the traffic is down," said Trefethen. "But we are already under-way with the designs."

• Police

Officers investigate drug reports

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

Police received a high number of reports this week from people who thought they smelled marijuana in several dorms and one parking lot. In six of the cases, the smell was gone and the people had left by the time the officers arrived to check it out. An officer investigating a seventh complaint found people in Kennebec Hall smoking clove cigarettes.

In other police business:

•On Saturday, Jan. 17 at 1:18 a.m., Officer Michael Burgess stopped a driver on Androscoggin Road for ignoring a stop sign. He summoned Eric Letourneau, 20, for possession of marijuana and gave him a warning for having drug paraphernalia.

•On Monday, Jan. 19 at 3 a.m., Burgess and Officer Chris Hashey stopped a vehicle on campus they saw driving sus-


piciously. Ryan Morrill, 21, was summoned for OUI.

•On Monday at 10:22 p.m., Hashey found someone driving their car down the sidewalk in front of Wells Commons. Jon Guay, 19, was summoned for driving to endanger.

•On Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 6:20 p.m., a woman reported to Public Safety that she had been non-sexually assaulted by someone she knew. Kory Whitfield, 20, was summoned for assault after an investigation.

Public Safety Tip of the Week:

Students, staff and faculty should contact Public Safety if they need to leave their cars parked in university lots overnight. Campus police have towed dozens of cars lately due to snow removal. If a person contacts them ahead of time with the reason the car needs to remain in a non-resident lot overnight, they may not tow it.



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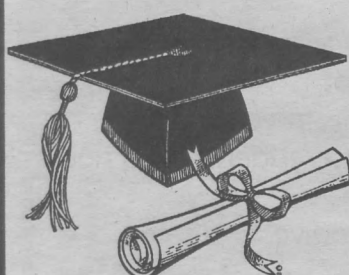
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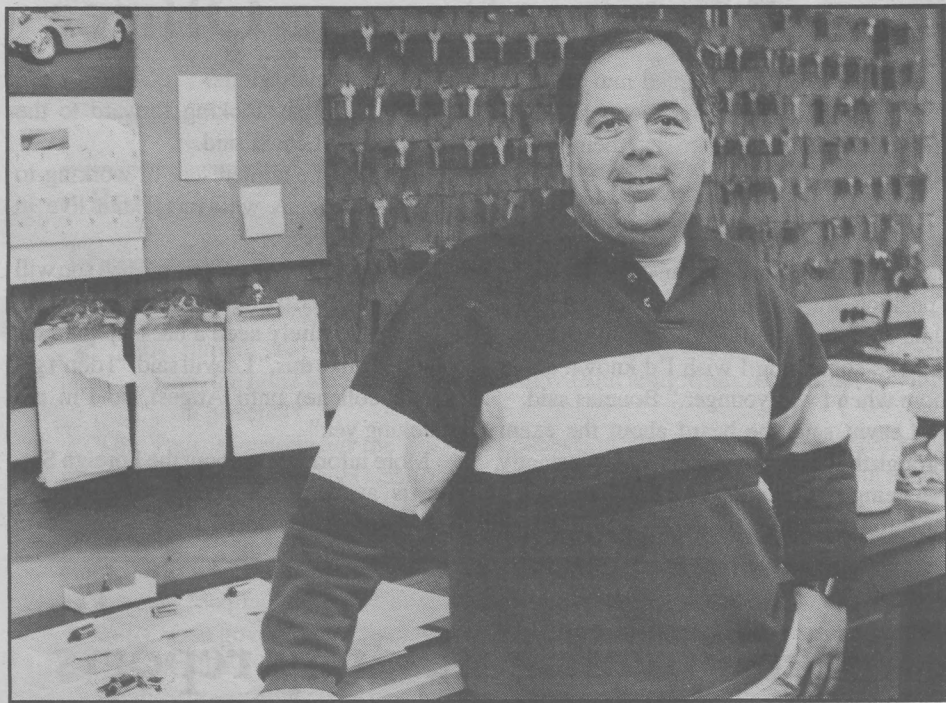
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Mark Noyes, campus locksmith. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

ings. There are approximately 87 entrances on 39 buildings around campus with these buttons, or paddles as they are sometimes called. Mark Noyes, campus locksmith supervisor, said there are either two or four paddles at each entrance.

"We have had to replace four paddles recently. Usually 10 or 12 a year," Noyes said.

Ouellette said their office hasn't pushed the issue. It does become expensive for the replacement of these buttons, as each is about \$250 apiece to replace. She said this can get very expensive for something that doesn't need to happen.

"If they're used appropriately and correctly, that's not a problem. It seems more often than not they're going to kick it, or back right into it," she said.

Many people often don't think of the greater damage it causes when they simply kick it to open the door. Ouellette said that she believes people don't do it

intentionally, but they should start paying attention.

Bill Picard, a student on campus who needs to use these paddles, said that he has never seen anyone kick these buttons, but has been places and found there was no paddle to help him open the door.

"I think there should be more buttons on campus," Picard said.

Picard also said that only about half the buildings on campus that he has been to have these paddles for people to use. He said he wishes there could be more.

The locksmiths are very adamant about stopping this problem with the paddles and want to stop this vandalism on campus. Anyone who would like to report someone kicking off the paddles, or is upset when the paddle may not work because of vandalism, may call the locksmith shop at 581-2659.

"If you don't need them, don't use them," said Ouellette.

Vendors

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Army Navy Surplus, travel from throughout New England to sell to University of Maine students. But, most vendors tend to be local business people like Heather Kirk of Flowers: Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose, of Main Street, Orono.

"I've lived in the area and went to school at UMaine, and I think that a table at the union is a great way of advertising to students," said Kirk, who plans to offer flowers in the union February 13th.

"I hope this will take the congestion off the shop and make it easier for people on campus," said Kirk. "We're a new

business, and we need to get the word out to students."

The range of products is extensive. Maurice Vique offers sunglasses, Denis Derpentiguy, hand-crafted jewelry; Anne Clayton of Background Clothworks, quilts, pillows and other fabric crafts; and Wendy Pace of Grassroots Women Aromatherapy, scented oils and candles.

Sales at the union tend to be higher during warm weather months, when vendors can utilize the unlimited outdoor space, says Comeau. However, the tables

inside the building have always been booked months ahead since the practice was instituted more than 15 years ago.

But recent policy changes have limited the amount of space available, discouraging some potential vendors and frustrating others.

"Inspections were done last spring and we didn't meet fire codes," said LeClair. New regulations reduced the number of indoor spaces from six to three, and the cost per table was raised.

"We certainly don't have the numbers we used to have," said LeClair. "Without the vendors, we don't have students milling around as much."

A reduction of student activity in the union is a fact known all too well by Clayton.

"There just isn't the volume of traffic there used to be," she said. "We're given

less space for more money. Compared to crafts fairs, \$75 is high for a table."

Said Clayton, "It seems as though regulations keep vendors from being present at all."

According to LeClair, a member of the Memorial Union Building Committee, the scheduled union renovations should provide better conditions for vendors.

"There will be a big atrium in the new union, an open, glassed-in multipurpose area in which we'll have numerous booths for vendors," she said. We're also planning a mini-mall where vendors can rent space for an extended length of time."

The new plan should provide relief to vendors such as Clayton, turned away from UMaine by restrictions and regulations.

"A student center should be just that — and it isn't happening at UMaine," she said.

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Sex Matters

By Sandra L. Caron, Ph.d.

Q: How do I tell my partner (without hurting his feelings) that he needs to spend a little more time with me before we make love. Also, how do I convince my boyfriend that touching and cuddling doesn't equal sex? Female, Junior.

A: My suggestion for you is to write your partner a letter. Why not write him a note saying how much you like sex with him, but that something would make it even better. It's important to build your concern from the positive. My reasons for suggesting a letter include: 1) As the one who is writing the letter, you get to say it in the best possible way. You can draft the letter, think about it, then re-write it. 2) As the receiver/listener, your partner gets to read the letter while you're not around. He doesn't have to respond immediately. I would also suggest that you and your partner read *The New Male Sexuality* by Bernie Zilbergeld. This book offers a number of useful suggestions for

improving a relationship.

Q: Is it true that it is harder for women to orgasm than men? Male, Senior

A: I'm assuming you are referring to sexual intercourse versus masturbation. Although it may take a woman longer to become aroused, she tends to stay aroused longer than a man. Awareness and consideration of individual differences enhances lovemaking. Most women need stimulation of the clitoris. Intercourse is usually not the most effective way to get it. The vagina is too far from the clitoris for intercourse alone to provide sufficient stimulation for orgasm.

Q: Why do some people make so much noise during sex? If someone doesn't make a lot of noise, are they missing anything? Female, Sophomore

A: First of all, it's important to have a bed that doesn't squeak. In terms of noise, well, some people are more open in their enthusiasm than others. For example, not

everyone responds the same way to a surprise birthday party either.

Q: I have been seeing a woman for 3-1/2 years. This was the first sexual relationship for both of us. We are both very much in love, but here's the problem: I think about relationships with other women, specifically these two other women I am friends with. I think of these other women every day and every day I feel guilty. It's driving me crazy. I often fantasize about having sex with these other women, and sometimes even when I am making love to my girlfriend. I feel very badly about this. I can't stand the idea of hurting my girlfriend. My feelings of guilt and confusion are affecting my concentration and I often become depressed. Help! Male, Senior

A: It's not unusual for both men and women to have sexual fantasies about others when engaged in sex. That's not something to feel guilty about. Of greater con-

cern is the sense of conflict which emerges from your letter. Because your girlfriend is your first love and such a significant relationship, it may be difficult for you to understand that other relationships may be even better. I would suggest that you take advantage of the nearest counseling center to talk over this problem to gain insight on yourself. I understand that you are confused and distressed by your sense of disloyalty and I believe you can profit by talking these matters over with an experienced person. The Counseling Center on campus is located in Cutler; call 581-1392 for an appointment.

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• State news

Workers pound into cold, hard ground to repair damaged poles

PORTLAND (AP)- It's bitter cold, the ground is still rock-hard and the work is far from over for New England utility workers.

Workers have been pulling 15-hour shifts and braving below-freezing temperatures to repair telephone poles and power lines shattered from an ice storm two weeks ago that crippled much of New England.

By Thursday night, about 18,000 people in northern New York and 3,200 in Maine were still without power. A total of 3,000 in both states were still without telephone service.

Service had been restored to much of New Hampshire and Vermont, officials said.

"Our guys have been working between 12 to 15 hours a day and working every day for the last two weeks," said Bell Atlantic construction supervisor Terry

Landry, 50, working in the Falmouth, Maine, area. "The guys are coping, they're dressing warm, but each job really differs."

One of the most time consuming jobs has been repairing utility poles, officials said.

To get the damaged poles out, a power auger or drill is used to break into the frozen ground.

"The ground is frozen and that does have some impact on the repair," said Dave Magnant, director of operations for Bell Atlantic in Maine.

"In some cases the power is down and it could be too dangerous to remove the pole, so workers may have to wait for the power company. In other cases workers can pull the pole out. In other cases, they need to bore another hole and that could take anywhere from a couple hours to five hours."

More than 300 Bell Atlantic workers

from Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware have been brought in to deal with downed lines, splintered poles and damaged fiber optics.

Extra workers have also been called in to help repair splintered power lines.

"They're starting to see light at the end of tunnel but they've been working 16 hours a day and they don't get days off," said Gail Rice, spokeswoman for Central

Maine Power. "We feed them in the morning and send them off with bag lunches. I think they're doing OK."

Getting power restored to people in Maine has been particularly difficult because so much of the state is rural.

"In some areas people were stringing miles and miles of distribution to get back a couple customers," she said. "It's been a really long haul."

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WRITERS MEETING

Monday, Jan. 26 at 5 p.m. on the Fourth floor of Chadbourne Hall, for all those people interested in writing for *The Maine Campus* this semester. It's time to regroup, reflect on the last semester and plan an even better paper this semester! Any questions, call Kathryn at 1-1270

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Don't forget January

Catch Monday's edition of the Maine Campus to see upcoming events on the Grand Opening of M. C. Fernald's.

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STATE NEWS

• Ethics

District judge's referendum contribution brings criticism

AUGUSTA (AP) — The statewide referendum group seeking to fend off repeal of Maine's gay rights measure has reported receiving a campaign contribution from one of the state's newest judges on the day after the judge was sworn in.

District Court Judge Vendean Vafiades of Augusta offered a different account Wednesday, saying her donation was made prior to her going on the bench.

"That was before I was a judge," Vafiades said in a telephone interview from Augusta District Court.

According to the Maine Code of Judicial Conduct, judges are to refrain from inappropriate political activity.

A legal expert who serves on a court-established advisory panel on judicial ethics

said he did not believe such a donation was improper, regardless of when it was made.

But the expert said Maine's code of conduct for judges appears to apply not only to sitting judges but also to successful candidates for the bench who, if not yet sworn in, have been confirmed by the Legislature.

From that perspective, the timing of the donation may not matter.

A campaign finance report by the anti-repeal group known as Maine Won't Discriminate says \$300 from Vafiades was received on Nov. 4. Vafiades was sworn in on Nov. 3, according to the office of Gov. Angus King. Vafiades said her check was dated Sept. 22.

The treasurer of Maine Won't Discriminate, Pat Peard, said she had personally

solicited Vafiades's contribution and deliberately did so before Vafiades took her place on the bench.

Peard said she could not recall when she got a check from Vafiades that she put into the referendum campaign treasury, but that she had wanted to make sure there was no appearance of impropriety.

"It was done before she was a judge," Peard said in a telephone interview from her Portland law office. "That date of receipt was when I turned it in to the campaign ... I could have held the check for three or four weeks before it got turned in."

Peard said she had tried to avoid raising any question of conflict of interest in soliciting the contribution.

"I was acutely aware of that as a poten-

tial issue. I wouldn't have done anything to compromise her position," she said.

As for the campaign group reporting receipt of Vafiades's donation one day after Vafiades's swearing-in, Peard said: "If that is the case, that is entirely my responsibility and not hers."

In Wednesday's telephone interview, Vafiades said she couldn't remember if she had made her referendum donation before or after King had contacted her about joining the court.

Records kept by the governor's office and the secretary of the Maine Senate show that Vafiades was nominated and formally posted on Sept. 5 and that she was confirmed by the Senate on Oct. 6, nearly a full month before she was sworn in and the donation was recorded by Maine Won't Discriminate.

Vafiades said Wednesday that as a judge she would not contribute to political candidates or causes other than, for example, projects of the bar foundation or a local hospital.

Maine voters go to the polls Feb. 10 to take up a proposed people's veto of the gay rights bill enacted by the Legislature and signed by the governor last year.

King signed the bill into law May 16, 1997, but opponents effectively stayed its implementation by mounting a petition drive to repeal it. Secretary of State Dan Gwadosky cleared the people's veto proposal for the ballot on Oct. 20, 1997. King set the Feb. 10 election date on Nov. 26, 1997.

Among specific prohibitions in the Maine Code of Judicial Conduct, a judge shall not either "publicly endorse or publicly oppose a candidate for public office," or "solicit funds for, pay an assessment to, or make a contribution to a political organization or candidate."

The code defines "political organization" as "a political party or other group, the principal purpose of which is to further the election or appointment of candidates to

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• UMF

Hope declared theme of vigil for missing student

FARMINGTON (AP) — Despite a shortage of leads in the disappearance of a college student who vanished during a New Year's Eve celebration, friends and family plan a vigil next week to keep the search for Kevin Zebrowski alive.

"The theme of the vigil will be hope," said Zebrowski's father, Kenneth, of Rahway, N.J. "We sit here everyday and hope, hope for information and hope that there'll be a knock on the door and it will be him. The hardest thing is not knowing anything."

At the Monday evening vigil at the University of Maine at Farmington, friends and family will distribute small

blue ribbons and candles to bolster hope that the 21-year-old student be found.

The vigil is being organized by Professor Douglas Dunlap and some of Zebrowski's classmates.

"It is important for our students and the community to have an event to attend to recognize how close Kevin was to all of us and to show support for his family," said Dunlap, who was Zebrowski's academic adviser for the past three years.

Despite a \$10,000 reward, there have been no leads in the investigation, Zebrowski said. Carrabassett Valley police and Maine State Police have continued to call across the region and the country,

trying to track down people who may have seen Zebrowski at the New Year's Eve party at Judson's Sugarloaf Motel and Gondola Lounge.

The Carrabassett Valley nightspot was the last place Zebrowski was seen. Then he "just vanished," said police.

The Zebrowskis say they will stay at

their son's Farmington apartment until he is found. Kenneth Zebrowski said he has used up his two weeks vacation he gets from the bank where he works in Newark. His wife, Maureen, a customer-service manager with a cosmetics firm, was told her job would wait until she returns, he said.

• Saddleback

Snowe defends ski resort

RANGELEY (AP) — For 10 years the National Park Service has been sparring with the Saddleback Ski Area over an expansion plan it fears would infringe on the Appalachian Trail.

U.S. Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, met Thursday with representatives of the resort and the park service in an effort to settle the dispute.

Both Snowe and Saddleback are urging the park service to consider the resort's offer to donate a 330-acre corridor along the trail. But the park service would prefer an 893-acre purchase that would protect more of the mountain.

Congress has given the federal and state governments authority to buy land to protect the trail. In Maine, all but three of the trail's 260 miles have been protected. The three unprotected miles are on Saddleback.

The ski area's proposed donation would give the park service a 500-foot corridor on

each side of the trail and still allow the expansion.

However, the park service and the Appalachian Trail Conference, a private group that maintains the trail, feel Saddleback's offer of a donation is insufficient.

"From what we know, this doesn't sound like it meets the standards of protection that we like to maintain for the trail," said Pamela Underhill, who manages the trail for the park service.

Saddleback contends that if the government buys the proposed 893 acres, the resort's potential for expansion will be cut in half.

"If our long-range plan is going to be taken away from us, we have to go back to square one," said Saddleback vice president and general manager Tom McAllister.

Saddleback can currently accommodate 1,200 skiers at time. It would like to be able to handle 12 times as many.

• Kimberly-Clark

Ousted mill workers hopeful

WINSLOW (AP) — As the Kimberly-Clark Corp. prepares to close its mill here, one third-generation mill worker predicts a new buyer will be found for the plant.

"Where there's a buck to be made, Kimberly-Clark will jump on it," said 25-year veteran employee Maureen LeClair. "I believe the mill will be sold. I would go back. I actually enjoyed shift work."

Mill manager Marc Keefer is currently working with a skeleton crew of 20 people.

"It's incredibly quiet—it's very eerie," Keefer said Wednesday. "We're buttoning up and turning off lights. It's very depressing to see a place that was alive and active go cold and dark."

In November, Kimberly-Clark officials announced the Winslow plant would close by the end of the year. The mill terminated 120 workers last summer, 138 last month and 138 this month.

Keefer and his crew will remain at the mill until the end of February, and another 51 will remain in the boiler house and environmental department, according to Wendi Strong, a spokeswoman at Kimberly-Clark's Dallas headquarters.

Strong said Wednesday that the company had no word on its search for a buyer. "There's no news to share on that front," she said. "I haven't heard anything."

LeClair, 46, of Albion was one of the last workers to leave the mill on Jan. 14. The third generation of her family to work at the plant, she had served as president and vice president of United Paperworkers International Union's Local 431, and had done just about every job at the mill.

"I've had aunts, uncles, grandparents, great-grandparents that worked there," she said. "I'm just a typical mill worker from the area."

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public office."

The code also suggests that its provisions apply "between the time of confirmation of appointment ... and swearing in."

State Solicitor Thomas Warren of the Maine Attorney General Office told The Associated Press he could speak only as one of the seven members of the court-appointed Judicial Ethics Committee, but that he believed "the only contributions that are prohibited are those to candidates or other organizations whose primary purpose is to elect candidates."

Warren, citing the code of judicial con-

duct, also said the code's provisions appeared to be triggered by a judicial candidate's confirmation, rather than by the subsequent swearing in.

Vafiades served as the University of Maine System's chief legal counsel prior to joining the court.

Previously, she served as chief deputy of the state Attorney General's Office.

The suspended gay rights measure would extend protections provided by the Maine Human Rights Act by prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals in employment, housing, public accommodations and credit.

• Surplus

Lawmakers propose purchase

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Maine lawmakers, who must decide what to do with more than \$200 million in surplus revenue, have deadlocked over fast-track legislation to give the Maine State Museum \$162,000 for an upcoming auction of historic artifacts.

Museum representatives asked legislative leaders this week to back the appropriation for next Wednesday's auction of the Berdan Collection at Cyr Auction Galleries in Gray. Among the items for sale is a watercolor of 1820s Congress Street in Portland depicting the original Maine State House.

In bipartisan accord, House and Senate leaders authorized expedited consideration of the emergency funding plan by the full Legislature.

The measure won preliminary approval in the House, without public hearing or committee review. But it bogged down in the Senate amid expressions of concern within the minority Republican bloc.

Two-thirds majorities in both chambers, requiring some GOP support, would be needed to free up the money immediately.

Critics of the pending bill have complained that spending on art or artifacts is not a high priority — or at least not high enough to justify short cuts in the Legislature's normal deliberative process.

Small said some lawmakers worried that if the Legislature in one of its first acts of the year approves a spending proposal without full review, "then what's the rest of the session going to be like?"

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NATIONAL NEWS

• White House

Clinton staff subpoenaed over Lewinsky sex scandal

WASHINGTON (AP)—Facing the public for the first time since beginning an investigation of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up, Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr pledged today to move as swiftly as possible and said he was not motivated by politics.

"Our job is to gather facts and to evaluate those facts and to get at the truth," Starr said, pointedly dismissing the suggestion he was a Republican out to hurt President Clinton.

Starr said he could not comment on the specifics of the investigation, adding, "we are moving as promptly as we can."

Clinton huddled with his legal advisers today to discuss Starr's subpoena demanding documents about the alleged affair.

During a subsequent photo session with reporters, he emphatically denied that he had an affair with 24-year-old White House intern Monica Lewinsky and later asked her to lie about it. He also promised a fuller accounting of his relationship with the young woman.

"There are a lot of other questions that are, I think, very legitimate," Clinton said during an Oval Office appearance with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. "You have a right to ask them and you and the American people have a right to get answers."

"We will give you as many answers as we can, as soon as we can, at the appropriate time, consistent with our obligation to also cooperate with the investigation."

Sources said that in a subpoena delivered to the White House on Wednesday, Starr sought documents showing when Ms. Lewinsky entered and departed the White House.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said aides were methodically searching through documents in an effort to comply with the subpoena, a process that would take some time.

"There's not a room in the White House that's called 'the Truth Room' where you can go unlock the door and it's all sitting there," McCurry said. "Everybody is working hard to answer these questions."

Officials told The Associated Press that there were records of several visits by Ms. Lewinsky to the Oval Office after she had left her White House job for a position at the Pentagon last year. Most times she checked in to see Clinton's personal secretary, Betty Currie, who was a friend, they said.

Individuals also said that in his sworn deposition on the Jones case last weekend, Clinton denied a sexual relationship with the woman but acknowledged providing her some gifts. Published reports said the gifts included a dress.

Officials also said longtime presidential confidant Vernon Jordan arranged a job offer for the intern and U.N. Ambassador Bill Richardson, at the request of the White House, offered Ms. Lewinsky a job around the time she was being asked to testify in the Jones case.

Cosmetic company Revlon disclosed that Jordan, who is a member of the company's board, referred Ms. Lewinsky for a public affairs job at a Revlon affiliate. She was

interviewed over the past two months and offered a job. That offer was rescinded Wednesday.

Officials confirmed that Richardson interviewed Ms. Lewinsky at his office at the Watergate complex in Washington, where she also has an apartment, and offered her a junior job in public affairs at the U.S. mission at the United Nations in New York.

"The decision to hire Ms. Lewinsky was based on her qualifications, initiative and reputation as a hard worker," Richardson spokesman Calvin Mitchell said. "There was no pressure by any individual to hire her."

Officials told The Associated Press that White House deputy chief of staff John Podesta, acting on a request from Currie, asked Richardson to consider hiring Ms. Lewinsky. The officials said Podesta forgot the intern's name during the conversation, but Currie then forwarded resume informa-

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• Unabomber

Kaczynski chooses life sentence over insanity plea

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Theodore Kaczynski admitted Thursday he is the anti-technology terrorist known as the Unabomber, pleading guilty in a deal with the government that will send him to prison for life.

The 55-year-old mathematics professor turned woodland hermit entered the plea in a mid-afternoon hearing, on the day a jury was to be sworn in and opening statements were to begin.

The agreement avoids the possibility of his execution. Had the jury convicted Kaczynski, he could have faced death by injection.

His motivations and that of the government were oddly aligned. Judged by a prison psychiatrist to be paranoid schizophrenic, Kaczynski did not want to be portrayed in court as a madman. Prosecutors, meanwhile, clearly did not want to be perceived as trying to execute a mentally ill man.

A senior federal official in Washington said that a report submitted only days ago by a federal Bureau of Prisons psychiatrist was the decisive factor.

Dr. Sally Johnson concluded that Kaczynski was competent to stand trial but suffered from paranoid schizophrenia, an illness marked by delusions and a potential for violence.

The agreement resolves all federal charges against Kaczynski growing out of the 17-year string of bombings that killed three people — two in the Sacramento area and one in New Jersey — and injured 29.

A plea bargain had been discussed for months, but was repeatedly turned down by the government because Kaczynski insisted on certain conditions. At the last minute, his lawyers dropped all demands. As Kaczynski entered his plea, details of his crimes were revealed for the first time. In a journal entry discussing the first fatal attack — that of Sacramento computer store owner Hugh Scrutton in 1985 — Kaczynski wrote: "Excellent. A humane way of eliminating somebody. He probably didn't feel a thing."

Noting that a \$25,000 reward had been placed on his head after that attack, Kaczynski called it "flattering."

After admitting to all of the charged offenses, Kaczynski then admitted his role in Unabomber attacks in which he had not been charged.

The agreement came shortly after U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. ruled that Kaczynski could not fire his court-appointed lawyers and represent himself.

Kaczynski, in entering his plea, assured the judge that he was satisfied with his legal representation. "I am willing to proceed with sentencing with the present counsel," he said.

Burrell said that to abandon the mental illness defense that Kaczynski's lawyers had advocated would turn the courts into "a suicide forum for a criminal defendant."

David Kaczynski — who first alerted federal officials that his brother might be the Unabomber — sat in a front row of the courtroom with their 80-year-old mother, Wanda.

The defendant, who has been estranged from them for 12 years, never acknowledged their presence.

Also in court were the families of two

men killed in Unabomber attacks. Gilbert Murray and Hugh Scrutton died in separate incidents after opening explosives-filled packages.

The Kaczynski family has long argued that Ted was a paranoid schizophrenic. But he had adamantly resisted examination by government psychiatrists until last week.

He reversed course in a bid to prove he was competent to defend himself and dump his lawyers.

Kaczynski was arrested in April 1996 outside Lincoln, Mont., where he lived in a 13-by-13-foot cabin crammed with journals, diaries and a completed bomb ready to be sent out.

At one point, the Unabomber was able to force newspapers to print his 35,000-word manifesto, a creed denouncing the rise of technology and destruction of the environment.

But it was the manifesto, and its similarities to letters Kaczynski had sent his family, that caught the attention of David Kaczynski and triggered the painful decision to turn his brother in to authorities.

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tion about Ms. Lewinsky to the ambassador.

In conversations secretly recorded by a friend of Ms. Lewinsky that are now in Whitewater prosecutors' hands, the former intern is quoted as saying she had an affair with Clinton and that later both the president and Jordan asked her to lie about it.

Ms. Lewinsky has sworn in an affidavit that she did not have such an affair.

She was scheduled to be questioned Friday in Washington by lawyers in the Jones case, and was said to be considering telling the judge in the case that she planned to invoke her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and not testify.

Meanwhile, an individual familiar with the Jones case said that Shelia Lawrence, wife of the late Ambassador M. Larry Lawrence, had also been subpoenaed a while back by Jones' attorneys. The individual said Ms. Lawrence, a friend of the president, has already offered an affidavit saying she has nothing relevant to offer in the sex harassment case.

Her husband's body was removed from Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia last month amid reports he lied about his war record.

At this morning's senior staff meeting, Clinton's top deputies did not discuss the

simmering crisis, powerless to contribute to its resolution. The discussion was unusually subdued, according to one official. Chief of staff Erskine Bowles, who presided, left early without explanation.

Officials said Clinton met with his legal team, including personal attorney David Kendall, to discuss how to comply with the subpoena.

Newsweek reported that it had listened to some of the tapes now in prosecutors' hands and that they show Ms. Lewinsky soured on the president and refers to him as "the big he" and "the creep."

But she also said on the tapes, "I have lied my entire life," the magazine said.

Even the president's most ardent supporters were on edge.

"If he's not telling the truth, I think the consequences will be astronomical," former White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said on NBC's "Today" show.

Attorney General Janet Reno, who approved expanding Starr's investigation of the Clintons' Whitewater dealings to include whether there was an effort to cover up the alleged affair, declined today to explain her decision. She said she had had no contact with the White House about the matter.

"I won't comment," she said repeated-

ly. "The whole purpose of the law is to have somebody independent handling it, and thus the Justice Department and the attorney general should not comment."

The investigation was prompted when one of Ms. Lewinsky's coworkers, former White House staffer Linda Tripp, provided Starr with dozens of taped conversations, some in which Ms. Lewinsky alleged an affair with Clinton and recounted conversations she allegedly had with Clinton and Jordan about denying the relationship, lawyers said.

Newsweek reported Starr's office arranged a sting operation with Tripp and tried unsuccessfully to get Ms. Lewinsky to participate in a sting against Jordan. Newsweek, NBC and The Washington Post reported Tripp was wired by the FBI for the secret taping of a meeting in recent days with Ms. Lewinsky.

"There is not a sexual relationship," Clinton said firmly in a White House interview with PBS' Jim Lehrer. "I did not ask anyone to tell anything other than the truth."

His wife, Hillary, said she did not believe the allegations.

"Certainly I believe they're false. Absolutely," the first lady said.

She said the allegations were "a continu-

ation of a lot of the political accusations and attacks my husband has been subjected to."

Tripp's tape recordings of Ms. Lewinsky began last summer, after Clinton attorney Robert Bennett suggested Tripp wasn't telling the truth about another allegation regarding Clinton. Tripp said another White House staffer, Kathleen E. Willey, had confided that she had stepped from the Oval Office into a private office with Clinton and that the president kissed and fondled her.

Newsweek also reported it obtained a potentially damaging document suggesting Tripp was coached to deny the Willey incident. The reports described the document as a page of "talking points" possibly drafted by a lawyer and given to Tripp by Ms. Lewinsky as Tripp was about to give an affidavit.

Ms. Lewinsky's attorney, William Ginsburg, said Wednesday that "at this time, she stands by her" affidavit denying the affair with Clinton. Later, however, Ginsburg suggested in a television interview that her account could change, noting that Starr has the authority to grant immunity to Lewinsky in exchange for her cooperation in the investigation.

"Mr. Starr's office could give her protection," Ginsburg said on ABC.

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EDITORIAL

Gay rights: 'no' means 'yes'

Organizers of the petition drive to veto Maine's gay-rights law promised to conduct an honest, civil campaign last spring when they began circulating petitions to force a special election.

However, in light of polls showing that 58 percent of Maine voters would keep the gay-rights law passed by the Legislature last May, the law's opponents have gone back on their word, albeit subtly.

Gay-rights opponents have decided that the only chance they have of winning the Feb. 10 election is to deceive Maine voters. Hoping to prey on voters' short attention spans, the law's opponents are urging voters to "vote yes for equal rights."

A "yes" vote, though, would repeal the gay-rights law. Voters in favor of keeping the law may unwittingly vote against it because they haven't taken time to study the question on the ballot: "Do you want to reject the law passed by the Legislature and signed

by the Governor that would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation with respect to jobs, housing, public accommodations and credit?"

The Christian Civic League can't be faulted for the question's wording; questions must be worded in the affirmative in favor of the act proposed by petitioners. But the group has taken advantage of it, perhaps under delusions that the 1995 vote to repeal city ordinances protecting gays from discrimination failed because voters were confused.

Civic League Executive Director Michael Heath said in September that his group found that "many people continue to be confused. I've had countless people tell us they voted wrong on the '95 referendum."

If Heath is right, even more voters will vote the wrong way Feb. 10. To ensure this doesn't happen, voters should listen up: A "yes" vote is in favor of repealing the law; a "no" vote is in favor of keeping the law.

Travel inherently dangerous

An expansive industry has developed from college students' collective urge to roam. Air and rail discounts and a global network of youth hostels allow college students to travel the world at a relatively low cost.

University-sponsored study abroad and travel study programs are touted as a responsible means to see the world. Students pay tuition and minimal fees at their home university in exchange for an exciting, whirlwind study of a foreign culture. Parents gain the assurance that their son or daughter will be chaperoned by knowledgeable university staff, protected from the dangers of travel abroad.

However, last week's brutal ambush and rape of students from St. Mary's College in Guatemala has shattered parents' and students' blind faith in school-sponsored travel abroad.

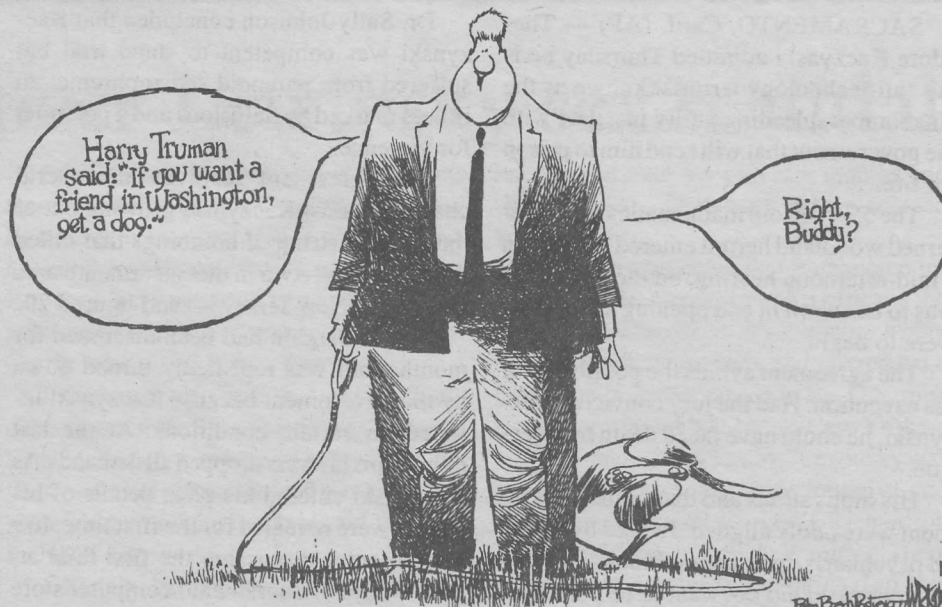
The Guatemala story is tragic, but the Maryland school took all possible precautions and is not to blame for the crime. Guatemala doesn't even appear on the State Department's list

of nations to avoid. The bus attack was an incident of random violence; it could have occurred just as readily in a major American city.

Americans need to realize that a large group of obviously affluent young Americans will be a target in any given situation. Their faith in the ability of universities to offer protection is misplaced. Travel in a third-world country where English is not the native language simply increases the danger.

Reporting the attack in the interest of public education and safety is commendable, but encouraging a panic with overblown television coverage is not. Travel always brings some degree of risk, and students weigh that risk against the experience of a lifetime when they make the choice to join a travel study program.

College students are adults, and the school's level of responsibility in travel programs should reflect the fact. The danger of foreign travel should be clarified for students and parents, but it need not change the practice of travel study.



• Letters

• Reflections on Martin Luther King Jr. Day

To the editor:

As the observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday comes to an end, reflections of this day and its importance bear strongly on my mind. I am happy that our university has finally made the resolution not to hold classes. I think that having it any other way is disrespectful to all people who, like myself, find racism an appalling factor of everyday life. The fact that the University of Maine is the last land-grant university to observe this day makes a statement to people here on campus and in this region that King's dream is far from existing today.

It is also incredibly ironic that the article regarding the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day was just below an article about one of the university's most embarrassing and shameful events in the past academic year, that being the actions of Bryan Masotta. One has to ask oneself: "Why does this still happen? Have we, as a society, not learned anything from wonderful human beings like Martin Luther King? Where does the hate and ignorance of the others like Bryan Masotta come from, and how can it change?"

There was tonight, in my residence hall, a roundtable discussion about prejudice in the world and how it affects people, and ways to begin to change. Many people brought to light the fact that a major missing factor in the end to discrimination is honesty. When we can have roundtable discussions about the issue of racism and other prejudices, as we did tonight, we begin to face the problems and change them. The most important thing to recognize, and many agree, though this may sound too simplistic, is to recognize that prejudices should not exist, because we are all humans. And the skeptics say that that will never happen. But if one begins with bettering oneself, one has the ability to make a difference. Prejudices are not inborn, they are the effect of one's environment. Because they are not physical things that are unchangeable, because they are learned, one can learn a different way; one can learn a better way to lead one's life.

The notion that people are threatened by others for who they are and not what they are like is absurd. Can we not all see the absurdity, still? And to have to be subjected to racism after so many exposures of why it is wrong and so many people knowing that it is wrong – I simply

do not understand why people like Dwayne Wilmoth, who are not of the white race, still face racism (read: senseless hate). Things like this should not happen.

I hope that, like many other people whose ignorance has been recorded in history and discussed publicly, Bryan Masotta will see how wrong and, basically, stupid his actions were. I am also hopeful that he and others will learn from his mistakes and ignorance and become more enlightened to form a better world.

Bridget Madden
Aroostook Hall

• Senator's public comments uncalled for

To the Editor:

I am writing to refute comments made against me by Sen. Ryan Eslinger. These comments you will find in Wednesday's *Maine Campus*. This is not a public matter. I have worked for the Student Government office since September and never have I been treated in this manner.

He states that I am a horrible secretary and that I "make personal phone calls or are not there, and that we need to look at (my) work."

I have had no complaints about my work from the president or vice president of Student Government, and if they had any problems or complaints I am sure they would bring them to my attention and that the matter would be dealt with appropriately.

I do make some personal calls, as I am a single mother of two children – a 17-year-old and a 15-year-old who has ADHD. As with other single parents, there are times I have to make personal calls. Also, I am not always in the office, but I do have other things that I have to do that take me away from the office (mail, photocopies, bathroom, errands).

Eslinger committed a cowardly act by talking behind my back instead of bringing whatever concerns he's had to me or my bosses. If Sen. Eslinger feels the need to degrade me again in public, I hope he will come by the office to speak with me about his concerns.

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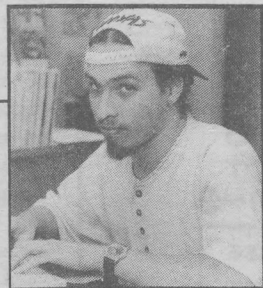
• Column

Storm exploits technological frailties

A strange winter, this one; the usual dose of fluffy, gay Maine cocaine overshadowed by a five-day sky-borne acid trip. Interesting indeed, seeing the entire state morph into an ice-laden methadone clinic, hundreds of thousands of pre-millennial junkies denied their *fin-de-siècle* opium injections of "Oprah," microwaved french fries, and Sony PlayStation.

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By Scott Labby

ture, a test of human resolve, a triumph of human spirit, the Storm of the Century, all kinds of good stuff like that. Still, it was sort of a dry-hump as catastrophes go. Certainly, one must feel sorry for those unfortunate enough to still lack power and those who suffered the experience with small children. For most of us, though, the Ice Storm of '98 (I pay it the heed of capital letters, because someone surely has trademarked it by now) made for a rather makeshift drama.

Gee whiz, we're even sort of vanilla in the category of environmental disaster. Earthquakes take big chunks out of California, Japan and China; floods wash away entire neighborhoods in the midwest. Maine? Well, all I know is my friends and I spent most of our time trying not to spill candle wax on ourselves. Every other year seems to bring a hurricane that blows whole trailer parks into the Pacific; photos taken in the aftermath show weeping survivors sifting through the rubble. Meanwhile, my storm experience involved three days of hanging out at Borders during the day and grabbing an extra blanket at night, followed by complete surrender

other longing phone call met with the welcome *click-whir* of the answering machine.

No, not so murderous, perhaps. T-shirts and other souvenirs already abound, commemorating those who survived the storm (which, at last count, seemed to be just about everyone). Its status as the missionary position of natural disasters notwithstanding, the storm did offer some important insights.

Besides the obvious (the thermostat doesn't make heat by elfin magic; this place is really goddamn dark during the winter), the event bore its share of subtlety. I was sort of disappointed by Bangor Hydro's and CMP's responses to charges that poor regions and neighborhoods were neglected during the repair efforts.

Time after time, PR-types argued that Angus King and Judson Heights (an upscale Bangor housing development) lacked power as well.

This is misleading at best, an unadulterated load of shit at worst. The governor and Bangor's version of white flight can afford to be off the grid for a few days. Hell, myself and most everyone I know weathered the

storm at various restaurants and bookstores. Poor folks in housing projects and places like Washington County have few options and fewer resources, the storm for these individuals and families approaching true disaster. It is unfortunate that basic social inequities become more glaring yet in the face of crisis.

Well, so much for my Marxist interpretation of the Really Big Storm.

At any rate, it's useful to realize that we found ourselves cast into a reality which is the norm for billions around the globe. The storm itself had little to do with disaster on its own terms; our homes were not torn up or washed away; the roads and communications systems remained more or less stable.

The problems came from near-total reliance upon circuitry. How many times did we flip switches out of habit?

Our gadgets have become intertwined with our identities, with the very fabric of our lives. It was surprising to read so many stories about people concerned over spoiled food (because of lack of refrigeration) alongside stories worrying over the lowering temperatures *outside*. Some seemed unable or unwilling to make basic adjustments to the circumstances, an implication most sobering when one considers the potential energy crisis of the 21st century. Ah, well, I'm just pissing and moaning.

I made some important discoveries. A friend taught me to make beer-bottle candles; I experienced rapture when realizing that a favorite hobby could be so useful during a social trauma. Also, it takes about 14,000 candles to equal one 60-watt bulb, and there are 154,800 minutes left until graduation.

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A commonsense solution to the surplus

After being left to wrangle with constituents over what they would like to see done with the state surplus, legislators are now armed with good ideas about how to speed all that extra cash.

One of the ideas contrived by our already-stumping governor is to give the money back to the people of Maine – half a penny at a time.

Angus would like to see some of the state's surplus money – which is somewhere between \$60.2 million and \$300 million – put toward reducing the state income tax from 6 cents to 5 1/2 cents. Believe it or not, that half pen-

ny packs quite a punch – \$60 million a year to be exact.

To put this tax break into real-life terms, let's see how it might affect your average Jay Q. Student.

If Jay spends \$200 a month on taxable items (beer, pool, pizza, inflatable sheep), he has to dole out \$12 in taxes. But under the governor's proposal, he would only have to hand out – now hold on to your seats and start imagining what you would do with all that dough – \$11!

Each month, Jay would be able to pocket an extra dollar under this new plan. But alas, what will a dollar buy Jay these days? Not much. Chiclets, a newspaper or a deluxe box of macaroni and cheese is about all he could purchase for 100 pennies.

Now, assuming Jay tucks aside that dollar, instead of blowing it at the Bear's Den buying a piece of fruit, he would have \$12 by the end of the year to spend however he pleases. After four years of school in the Pine Tree State, he would have saved \$48, nearly one-eighth of the first student loan payment he'll have to make.

The beautiful part is, assuming Jay doesn't flee the state to find a job, he'll start to earn more money and spend more money, thereby saving more money.

In doing this symbolic rollback, the governor is trying to keep an old political promise to one day restore the tax to what it was in the good ol' days of 1990. By making the sacrifice of half a penny now, the hope is we'll be able to restore the other half of the penny in a few years.

According to King, giving back the whole penny at once could cause an economic disaster. The fact that we may be a half penny away from disaster is enough reason to leave the tax alone.

Mainers originally took on the added cent burden to get the state through tough times, which have allegedly passed. As we've seen in the last few weeks, tough times can strike at any time. The Ice Storm of '98 took everyone by surprise and caused millions of dollars in damages, which demonstrates that no one can thoroughly prepare for disaster. Setting the \$60 million aside for the next natural disaster, or paying for the one we just had, would be a far better investment.

At least one legislator has already said Maine government should keep its promise and give residents back the penny that was once added as a "temporary" tax aid. Promises are broken every day in our state capital, and if the biggest one broken this year is clinging onto a harmless penny we'll be very fortunate.

Because few will truly notice the difference of half a penny in their pocket, the state should keep the 6 percent sales tax. The \$60 million each year could be used in so many grand ways: student loans, small business loans, child care or paying off old debts. What means so little to many could mean so much for a few. It would be far nobler to help those in need than clutch our half pennies all the way to the bank.

And besides, making change would be a real bitch.

By Kathryn Ritchie



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COOL! MY VERY OWN PLAYBOY BUNNY EARRING!



By Travis Dandro

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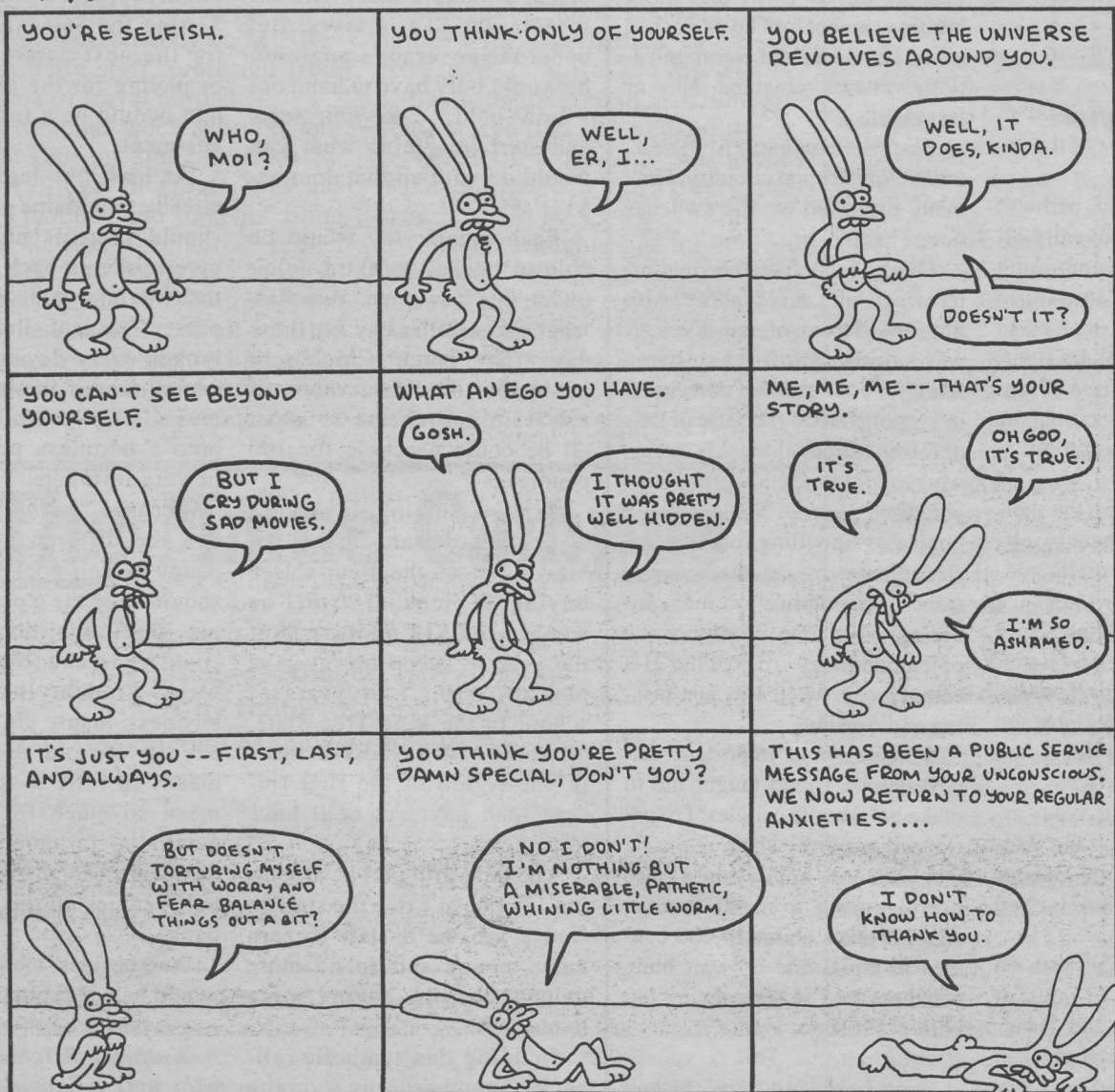


WHEN TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOUR KID IS TOO MUCH OF A WES CRAVEN FAN



LIFE IN HELL

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GREENING



Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Friday, January 23

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Go your own way over the next year, even if friends and loved ones make it clear they disapprove of your methods. You don't have time to argue — you are far too busy for that. If there is any merit in what you are doing — and there is — they will see it soon enough.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Planetary activity means it is likely that you will disagree with someone over something today. The someone may be a friend and the something may be unimportant, but the argument could be noisy. Fortunately, it will also be short-lived.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Every now and then it does you good to let off steam. It is just a case of choosing the right moment, the right situation and the right person to aim your anger at. If these three things come together today, by all means blow your top. If one or more is missing, you must control your temper.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): As if things weren't lively enough already, it would appear you are in the mood to provoke an argument, or at the very least disagree with what everyone else takes for granted. Try to remember that not everyone sees the joke as fast as you. Some may not see it at all today.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Don't take risks with money because the odds are stacked against you. Whether or not it is your own cash you are gambling with is beside the point: If you make a wrong decision your reputation could suffer irreparable harm. The best place to keep your purse today is in your pocket.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): The good thing about today's Full Moon is that it will enable you to see both sides of an argument. The bad thing about today's Full Moon is that the argument could get quite heated before the discovery is made. Don't jump to conclusions before you know all the facts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Virgos need lots of encouragement, even though they have more talent and more common sense than most other signs. Alas, today's planetary activity means you won't get much sympathy and what you do get won't be worth having. In which case you will have to learn how to encourage yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Are you being selfish because you want your way all the time? Or are you being generous because you know that your way is the best way? Even if the latter is true, you have to accept that some people prefer to make decisions for themselves, even if it means they make bad mistakes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): You are torn between duty and desire and, try as you might, you cannot make up your mind which is most important. This time tomorrow, as the Full Moon wanes, duty will reassert itself. In the meantime, go where your passions take you and enjoy them without feeling guilty.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You are in one of those moods when you cannot handle any kind of responsibility. You need to be free to pursue your own interests, in your own way, in your own time. Others may say you are being selfish but how can they know what goes on inside your head when you don't even know yourself?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): However tough you try to get over money today it won't be tough enough, because you don't have the leverage to make others follow your advice. But what you cannot achieve by force you should be able to achieve through gentle persuasion. Forget the frontal attack and try the soft-shoe shuffle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Don't give way just because you think a difference of opinion isn't worth arguing about. You may be right, but if you let certain people think they have won they will make your life more difficult in the days and weeks ahead. Make your point now and save yourself trouble later on.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): If you can't have one extreme today you will want the other. If you can't do the things you want to do you may refuse to do anything at all. Whether or not that makes you feel any better is irrelevant. If it irritates someone in a position of power you could make life difficult for yourself.

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Saturday, January 24

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You have nothing to apologize for. What you did you did for a reason; what you are about to do is for a reason too. You have a special task to perform. You can't afford to waste time explaining to those who haven't the wit to understand.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Be a rebel today. Make a point of upsetting someone who represents all the things you dislike about the way the world is run. You have probably had your fill of others telling you what to do. Now YOU can tell THEM what's what.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Every fiber of your being should be telling you to take a risk today, even though you have no way of knowing whether the odds are stacked for or against you. Have faith in your intuition and take that leap into the unknown. The place you land will feel remarkably like home.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): If you are the kind of Gemini who likes to shock then today's planetary activity will make you even more outrageous than usual. But remember that if you strike a radical pose others may associate you with that image for a long time to come. Be sure you know you really want.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You will learn something about yourself today, something that has always been there but which you have conveniently managed to ignore all these years. Now you can no longer be bothered to hide it from yourself, or others. Your only regret is likely to be that you weren't honest sooner.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): An unusual person will come into your life today. Alternatively, a person who is already in your life will turn out to be more unusual than you suspected. Either way you are in for an interesting day with interesting people. There are also some interesting new opportunities heading your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Even if you are the kind of Virgoan who only feels safe in familiar surroundings, you can't help but be tempted by an exciting new offer. What is frightening, of course, is that you will have to adapt to a situation you know so little about. Be brave: You will soon be an expert.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Don't waste time discussing what you intend to do because someone is sure to try to make you change your mind. You should have enough confidence in your abilities by now to press on in the face of opposition. Better still, avoid putting yourself in a position where you are inviting criticism.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): You may find it hard to accept that a partner or loved one has ideas of his/her own, but it need not be a problem. Some of the best relationships are between people who disagree on just about everything but still get along on a personal level. It is all a question of respect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): What happened yesterday is ancient history. What happens today is too late to change. What happens tomorrow depends on the decisions you make over the next few hours. There is no need to make them cautiously. Aim as high as you can, and you are still likely to wish you had aimed higher.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Because you're so careful about playing within the rules, it comes as a surprise to some people when you do something out of the ordinary. Use this fact to your advantage today: React in a way that partners and colleagues aren't expecting. It may be profitable and it should be fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Whether or not you think of yourself as a typical Aquarian, today's planetary aspect means you can't help but act in a typically Aquarian fashion. No matter who you manage to surprise or shock, this is the real you speaking, and no one has the right to demand that you keep quiet.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You may be amazed by the ideas and images that are dancing through your head — amazed and a little scared as well. How can you live up to them? How can you turn dreams into realities? One day you will look back and realize you have done just that. Today you must put your trust in fate.

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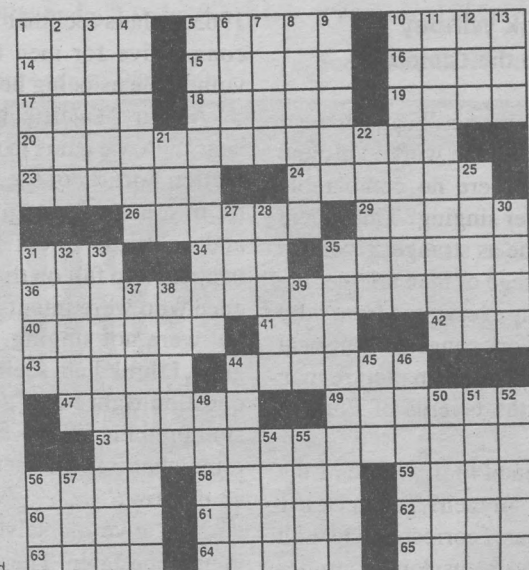


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- 1 Kaput
 - 5 Poet Teasdale and others
 - 10 1102 on a monument
 - 14 "Holy —!"
 - 15 Nautical direction
 - 16 Extended period
 - 17 "I needed it yesterday" abbr.
 - 18 South Pacific kingdom
 - 19 Aquarium
 - 20 Domino products
 - 23 Mortarboard component
 - 24 More spine-tingling
 - 26 Dutch export
 - 29 Paris pomp
 - 31 Back talk
 - 34 Money put aside, for short
 - 35 Do dock work
 - 36 Suppositions
 - 40 Washington V.I.P.
 - 41 Poke fun at
 - 42 It'll get you there P.D.Q.
 - 43 Artist Toulouse-Lautrec
 - 44 Headlands
 - 47 "You don't think I'd do it, do you?"
 - 49 They may be found in midstream
 - 53 Part of a string
 - 56 "Get a —!"
 - 58 Teheran native
 - 59 Decorative case
 - 60 "Seven Years in Tibet" star
 - 61 Florentine literary giant
 - 62 40-Across, informally
 - 63 Tan and Irving
 - 64 Choir section
 - 65 Wraps up
- DOWN**
- 1 Kind of cookie
 - 2 Book of prophecies
 - 3 Five Norwegian kings
 - 4 Key employee?
 - 5 Surveilling need
 - 6 "... peas in —"
 - 7 Howard and Brown
 - 8 Has words (with)
 - 9 Old transport
 - 10 Number arrays
 - 11 Nonstop
 - 12 Charged item
 - 13 It's kept in a pen
 - 21 Opposite of alt
 - 22 Mountain ridge
 - 25 Thumbs-up reviews
 - 27 Tee off

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- 33 Belligerence
- 35 Grants
- 37 Succeeds in bribing
- 38 Israel's Sharon
- 39 Dogfaces
- 44 Kind of network
- 45 Particularly: Abbr.
- 46 Record jacket
- 48 Abode of the gods, in Homer
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- 55 Prefix with -zoan
- 56 3.9, e.g.
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Style and the Arts

• Looking back

1997 was a year for memorable films

By Hunter Tzovarras
Maine Campus staff

The following is a list of what I consider to be the 10 best films released in 1997. In considering films for this list, I took into consideration everything from originality and innovation to the literacy of the screenplay to artistic merit and visceral affect. As with all "best of the year" lists, it is inarguably arbitrary, but unlike most awards free from the influence of Hollywood politics and cronyism.

Thinking back, the one film that inexorably stands out as the most memorable, original, and best of '97 is Paul Thomas Anderson's "Boogie Nights." The film is enthralling from start to finish, drawing us into the bawdy, and at times hilarious, porn business of the late 1970s. It was a time before video tape, when porn stars still considered themselves actors, and Anderson's shrewdly-written script introduces us to an eclectic cast of characters. There's a sense of community and, in a strange sort of way, family, among these characters.

"Boogie Nights" was one of the more

comedic films of the year. At the same time it maintained an earnest sense of excitement and tragedy. Its brilliant blend of comedy and thrills are reminiscent of other great films like "Fargo" and "Pulp Fiction." And the film's cinematography (though much has been borrowed from Scorsese) is undoubtedly the year's most ambitious and superb. Anderson is never satisfied with a static shot and constantly puts the camera on display. Like all great movies, Anderson's film is conducive to repeat viewing. In the end, it's less about plot, and is more concerned with its characters' lives and the look and feel of the time.

I have chosen Barry Levinson's "Wag the Dog" as the year's second-best film, not only because it is very funny and displays wonderful performances by both Dustin Hoffman (his best role in years) and Robert De Niro, but also for the grave, satirical message it conveys. The film cleverly satirizes media manipulation: how we're manipulated by the media and how Washington and Hollywood manipulate the media. "Wag the Dog" is the perfect satire; it makes you laugh and then it makes you wonder.



The extended family of "Soul Food" ate its way onto the "Best of '97" list. (Courtesy photo.)

I consider James Cameron's "Titanic" to be the third-best film the '97, mainly for the sheer spectacle of it all. Cameron is able to use Hollywood money and technology to accurately and plausibly reconstruct a great historical calamity. But it is not all special effects. The film also draws strength from its well-written love story. This is most likely the film that will be the big winner come Academy Awards time, and it's definitely the one movie most likely to be remembered by general audiences.

I pick Curtis Hanson's "L.A. Confidential" as last year's fourth-best film. The film is an infallible practice in the art of film noir. "L.A. Confidential" gets its greatness from its intricate crime plot that slowly unravels to reveal the corruption underworld of 1950s Los Angeles. Hanson's film has been compared to the 1970s classic "Chinatown" and deservedly so.

The fifth best film of the year, "Face/

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• Column

When did men lose their voices?

By Frank Wihbey
Special to the Campus

In my earliest memories, I can still hear my mother singing as she worked around our home. Why is there no comparable memory of my father singing? This recent realization struck me as strange, given the strong singing heritage of men all over the world, encompassing everything from salty sailor's ditties, to work songs, to liturgical chant. Also, I'm sure you can picture men singing for fun in the taverns of Europe, even today.

But what happened to the voice of the majority of American men? To check my informal impressions, I corresponded with others in an online discussion group devoted to choral singing. With a few exceptions the story is the same: men comprise about one-third or less of church and community choirs. I am troubled by the thought that this loss may be a recent one in our country.

In my own life, I can still remember the incident that caused me to stop singing at the age of seven. My mother wanted me to sing for some gathered relatives. I said, "OK, I will sing, but I don't want anyone to clap and make a fuss." With the insight of an adult, I now see that perhaps she wanted to share the gladness of a boy singing, something that must already have been disappearing in the 1950s.

Was there a single incident in American history that is responsible for our collective reluctance? Some say it was the Great Depression of the 1930s that took the joy out of men's lives, leaving a lasting imprint. Someone else felt that it was a critical, but unspoken repercussion on all men of the assassination of President Kennedy in late

1963. Others feel that life has become too competitive for men to risk anything so vulnerable as being heard to sing.

At our "Twelfth Night" concert two years ago, we came to the audience participation portion of the program and asked all to join us in singing the well-known and beloved "Silent Night." My glance happened to fall on three men in the audience who were intent on us in the chorus, but were not singing. I thought, "Oh my gosh, I think I am seeing the answer to my question right now!" The wistful expression on their faces was clearly saying, "I remember when I used to sing... if only I could now."

Men, give yourselves permission to find your voice again. There are supportive settings where you can learn with others and regain the pleasure of singing. Talk to the director of your church choir or contact one of these community groups:

- Bangor Community Chorus (David Kroehler 947-2486)
- Collegiate Chorale (Chris Peterson 581-4711)
- Maine-ly Music Barbershop Chorus (David Klocko 581-6172)
- New Renaissance Singers (Frank Wihbey 866-4643)
- Oratorio Society (Kevin Birch 581-4704)

Correction

In Wednesday's style section, the starting time for the Rustic Overtones show on Saturday, Jan. 31 was incorrectly listed as 7 p.m. The correct time is 8 p.m. A Maine Center for the Arts box office employee supplied the incorrect time.

• Forecasting

New year sees odd TV

NEW YORK (AP) — It's too bad the new year doesn't come with a warranty. After just three weeks, 1998 is on the blink.

TV-wise, anyway. What else can we conclude when ratings are soaring for the lowlife "Jerry Springer Show"? And this, when trash-talk supposedly is out and that nice "Rosie O'Donnell Show" is in!

And what else can we conclude when President Clinton, no less, taped a "Springer"-worthy TV appearance last Saturday?

Well, actually, it was a behind-closed-doors legal deposition for that pesky Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit. But picture the possibilities: "I'm the Prez and She Says I Hit on Her!" ... next "Jerry."

Oprah Winfrey, the queen of daytime talk, has her own legal problems. This week she was on the stand in Texas cattle country, where she's being sued for her

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From the home office at Beta Theta Pi

Top Ten reasons that school was canceled.

- 10) Cutler's scare coincided with the dining commons epidemic of the Hong Kong Chicken Flu.
- 9) The hockey team had an appointment with Student Legal Services.
- 8) Someone told President Hoff that Hutchinson used to do "it" all the time.
- 7) The board of trustees decided that sidewalks were not slippery enough.
- 6) Without electricity, the commons could not serve hot, crappy food.
- 5) To make a long story short — daylight savings time.
- 4) The non-trads wanted a little more time to work on the Lambda.
- 3) Without lights, Geddy's would regress to just a dark place where every one gets drunk and gropes each other.
- 2) They tried to run Shibbles off a generator.
- 1) Hoagie Fisher got his dad to pass a resolution in the state legislature so he could finish his winter term.

By: Eric Simonds

• Tech talk

Web offers wealth of sports

By Mike Reynolds
Maine Campus staff

The time of year when Super Bowl pools in the office, the pre-Olympic buzz of the Nagano Games that will happen in a few weeks and other sports are the subject of this week's on-line column.

The Super Bowl - at www.superbowl.com, one can see a officially sanctioned Web site primarily sponsored by IBM and NBC Sports. This clean site has the up-to-date news, a forum where fans can chat with each other or with football celebrities such as Mike Holmgren, the head coach of the Green Bay Packers, or the NFL commissioner. This site is designed well, and even though many will find that the Super Bowl Webcast isn't nearly as good as the real thing - it definitely is worth checking out.

The Olympics - With the 1996 Summer Olympics, the Internet certainly showed how its immediate nature can be a benefit for sports fans who are tired of seeing a tape-delayed broadcast of a supposedly "live" event. If you haven't booked your flight to Nagano yet, and don't see yourself at the Olympics, there are several dozen Web sites devoted to the games. The official site, www.nagano.olympics.org, is a wonderful collection of technology and its official status does allow more content, such as a live camera view of the ski jump used during the games. A crucial test will

be during the games when a great deal of information will be expected to be on-line almost instantly.

Many news and sports organizations already have Web sites up, such as CNN or MSNBC. There are more than a dozen sites providing some great coverage.

Hockey - This weekend brings together the ever bitter rivalry of the Boston University Terriers and the University of Maine Black Bears. If you aren't lucky enough to be able to go down, you still can hear it on-line through Audionet's broadcast in real-time. The broadcast is actually taken from a local sports station in Boston and the sound is decent. Check out the game at <http://drew.audionet.com/schools/bu/hockey.html>.

Skiing - If you feel some need to try and find a use for all of this snow and otherwise cold weather, go skiing. Maine is one of the best places in the world to ski, and Sugarloaf (www.sugarloaf.com) was one of the first ski areas in the state to take Web technology and develop it to use high-tech Web design.

Another useful site to use to plan a ski trip in Maine is Ski Maine's web site available at www.skimaine.com.

So whether you really like to get out first thing in the morning and lay the first run into the new snow we are projected to receive, or if you are just going to kick back and watch the game on Sunday, there is a wealth of information out there if you need to use it.

Best

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Off," is one of the most original action films in recent memory. John Woo, working from a well-crafted and innovative script by Mike Herb and Michael Coleary, shot his film with galvanizing pace, while still paying attention to his characters. One of the most purely entertaining movies of last year.

Rounding out the top ten are:

At No. six is Richard Linklater's "Suburbia." Similar to his earlier and better-known film "Dazed and Confused," the

story takes place over a 24-hour period and follows a group of mostly despondent 20-year-olds.

The seventh-best and funniest film of the year is "Austin Powers." What could be better than a movie that keeps you laughing for 90 minutes? Eight through ten are, respectively, "Ulee's Gold," "Jackie Brown" and "Soul Food." Two of the films are fervent, while the other combines witty dialogue with a plan to steal half a million dollars.

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• Animation Club film series, 6:30 and 9 p.m., 100 Donald P. Corbett Business Building.

• Ballet du Capitole de Toulouse will perform "Prodigal Son" and "Scotch Symphony" at 8 p.m. at the Maine Center for the Arts. For information, call 581-1755 or 1-800-MCA TIXX.

• Peter Mulvey, singer and guitarist, 8 p.m., Left Bank Cafe, Blue Hill. For tickets or information, call 474-2201.

Saturday, Jan. 24

• Rock the Alford III, featuring eight Maine High School bands performing with the Black Bear Pep Band, 11:45 a.m. Pre-game performance and halftime performance during the Maine vs. Hofstra game.

Sunday, Jan. 25

• Sunday jazz brunch with Henry Elliott and Dan Carmichael, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Left Bank Cafe.

• Nielsens

Top 8 shows belong to NBC

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Plenty of viewers tuned in to catch a lively Golden Globes ceremony, helping NBC win the weekly network ratings contest.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association show Sunday night drew 23 percent more viewers than last year's show, NBC said. And ratings increased during each half-hour, which is rare for an awards program.

The Golden Globes ranked fifth among all programs for the week of Jan. 12, topped only by the powerhouse Thursday night NBC lineup of "ER," "Seinfeld," "Veronica's Closet" and "Friends."

NBC won the week with the top eight shows, an 11.4 average rating and a 19 share, with CBS posting an 8.9 rating and 14 share. ABC followed with an 8.2 rating and 13 share, Nielsen Media Research said Tuesday.

Fox logged a 6.7 rating and 11 share. Among the emerging networks, the WB had a 3.1 rating and UPN had a 2.9; both posted a 5 share.

A rating point represents 980,000

households, or 1 percent of the nation's estimated 98 million TV homes. Share is the percentage of in-use televisions tuned to a given show.

CBS was the only other network to crack the top 10, with "Touched by an Angel" and "60 Minutes" carrying the colors at ninth and 10th, respectively.

In the 17-week-old 1997-98 season to date, NBC is in first place with a 10.4 rating. CBS is next with 9.4, followed by ABC with 8.8 and Fox with 7.2.

In the evening news contest, "NBC Nightly News" retained the top spot last week with a 9.4 rating and 18 share. "The CBS Evening News" was second with an 8.6 rating and 16 share, edging ABC's "World News Tonight" with an 8.5 rating and matching 16 share.

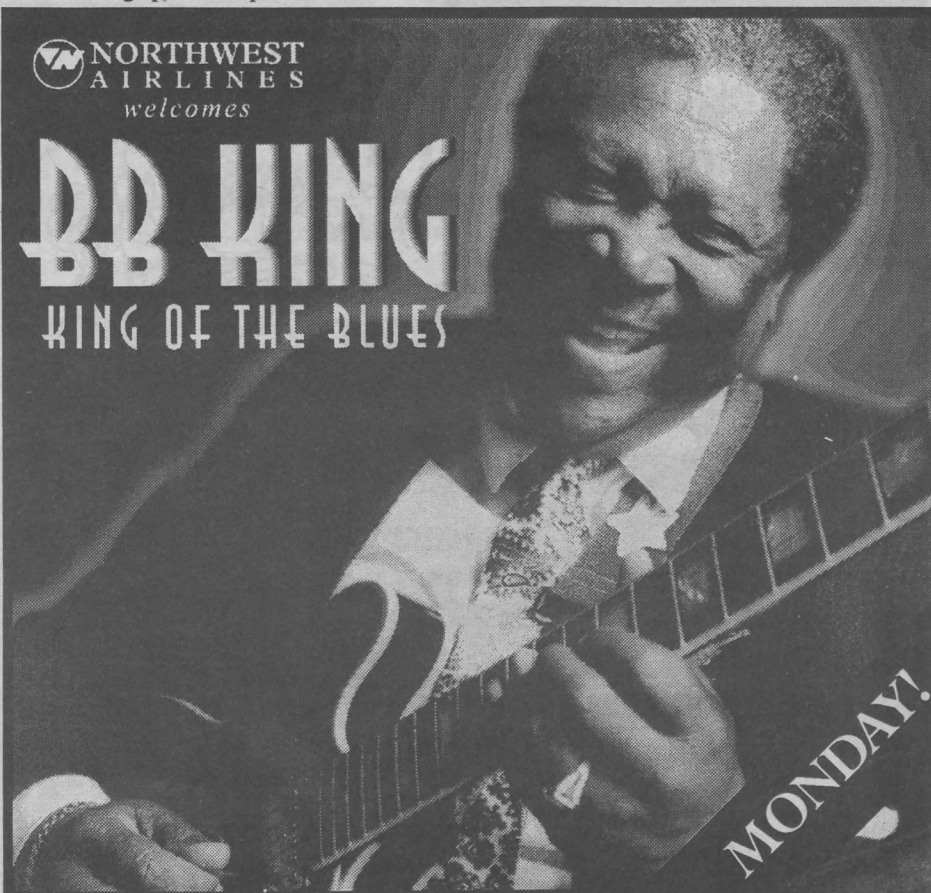
For the week of Jan. 12-18, the top 10 shows, their networks and household ratings were:

"ER," NBC, 23.1; "Seinfeld," NBC, 21.3; "Veronica's Closet," NBC, 17.7;

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• Literature

Finalists named for book critics' award

NEW YORK (AP) — Will Don DeLillo have better luck the second time around?

DeLillo, author of the epic-length novel "Underworld," was widely expected to capture the National Book Award last November, only to lose to first-time writer Charles Frazier.

Now the two will compete again, this time for the National Book Critics Circle Award, organizers announced Tuesday. The finalists for the fiction prize also include two-time NBCC winner Philip Roth and two writers, Andrei Makine and Penelope Fitzgerald, whose nominations were made possible by the critics circle's decision to make non-U.S. citizens eligible.

"We needn't be parochial about it," NBCC president Art Winslow said. "We thought American literature should be able to stand up to literature everywhere."

Frazier, virtually unknown a year ago, is the author of "Cold Mountain," a Civil War novel that first became a surprise best seller and then a surprise winner of the National Book Award. DeLillo was cited for his 800-page "Underworld," a broad work about American culture during the Cold War that

was widely regarded as the literary event of 1997.

Roth, nominated for the novel "American Pastoral," won in 1988 for his novel "The Counterlife." In 1992, he won in the biography and autobiography category for "Patrimony," a memoir about the death of his father.

Makine was nominated for "Dreams of My Russian Summers" and Fitzgerald for "The Blue Flower." Thomas Pynchon, already snubbed by the National Book Awards, was not nominated for his acclaimed "Mason & Dixon."

Citations for non-U.S. writers also include Britain's Doris Lessing and South Africa's J.M. Coetzee, both finalists in the biography and autobiography category, and Peru's Mario Vargas Llosa, a nominee for criticism.

In the autobiography and biography category, Lessing was cited for "Walking in the Shade: Volume Two of My Autobiography" and Coetzee for "Boyhood: Scenes From Pastoral Life."

The other nominees were Hermione Lee for "Virginia Woolf," James Tobin's

"Ernie Pyle's War: American Eyewitness to World War II" and Joseph Ellis for "American Sphinx: The Character of Thomas Jefferson," which won the National Book Award.

Llosa, nominated for "Making Waves," will compete against two of the world's best known literary critics: Alfred Kazin, cited for "God and the American Writer" and at age 82 one of the oldest nominees in recent memory, and Helen Vendler, cited for "The Art of Shakespeare's Sonnets."

The other nominees for criticism are Vivian Gornick for "The End of the Novel of Love" and John Brewer's "The Pleasures of the Imagination."

In the general nonfiction category the

nominees were Jon Krakauer for "Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster," James L. Kugel for "The Bible as it Was," Anne Fadiman's "The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down," Steven Pinker's "How the Mind Works" and Pauline Maier's "American Scripture: Making the Declaration of Independence."

In poetry, the finalists are Brenda Hillman for "Loose Sugar," Mark Jarman for "Questions for Ecclesiastes," Charles Wright for "Black Zodiac," Frank Bidart for "Desire" and Sonia Sanchez for "Does Your House Have Lions?"

The NBCC, an organization of some 650 book critics and editors, will announce the awards March 24.

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"Friends," NBC, 17.3; "Golden Globe Awards," NBC, 15.9; "Frasier," NBC, 13.6; "Union Square," NBC, 13.3;

"Dateline NBC" (Tuesday), NBC, 13.2; "Touched by an Angel," CBS, 12.9; "60 Minutes," CBS, 12.5.

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comments about mad cow disease.

No stranger to courtrooms, O.J. Simpson was interviewed last week on ESPN, comparing himself to Jesus and Job, then impiously declaring, "I feel I got screwed big-time in this case."

And don't forget veteran newsman David Brinkley. Vowing to continue speaking "straight and true," he has reintroduced himself at age 77 as a commercial pitchman for Archer Daniels Midland, the agribusiness giant with a crooked past. (In 1996, the corporation paid \$100 million in price-fixing fines.) Say good night, David.

In the opening days of 1998's Bloopers, Bleeps and Blunders, NBC, too, was a major player.

The network waited until after "Saturday Night Live" returned from its holiday hiatus, and just before network brass faced reporters at TV's semi-annual "critics' tour," to bounce Norm Macdonald as mock-anchor of "Weekend Update." So perfectly positioned, a one-day story was inflated to a press free-for-all.

"Censorship!" wailed Macdonald's defenders. "The network weasels are trampling on the creative process!" You'd have thought Tom Brokaw had been yanked from the real-life "Nightly News" anchor desk in mid-sentence.

Of course, NBC has bigger troubles than Norm Macdonald's vexed fans. Socked with Jerry Seinfeld's Christmas Day decision to end his sitcom after this season, NBC is in a tizzy to replace the truly irreplaceable.

Maybe the answer to the network's Thursday-at-9 prayers lies in an inspiring new show based on Microsoft titan Bill Gates, already a partner with NBC in its MSNBC cable and online venture. The sure-to-be-Must-See "Touched by a Bill" would be about a lovable software nerd

who wants to save the world by buying it.

Would anybody watch? Are you kidding? Gates could bundle the show with your local water supply. You'd watch, or die of thirst.

That's a joke, folks. In fact, the year's biggest programming news from the Big Four networks has centered on their multi-billion-dollar buys of NFL football rights (by ABC, CBS and Fox, that is) — and how, this time, NBC lost out.

"The NFL is the only solid ground in a very scary swamp," Fox Sports president David Hill said last week, in a telling indication of how dimly the networks have come to view their prospects for generating mass-appeal entertainment. How sports, whatever the cost, is the only thing they really trust.

It seems that, increasingly, the networks have conceded that their few smash-hit series — like "Seinfeld," "ER," "The X-Files" — are divine accidents. And they have rededicated themselves to thwarting future accidents in a surefire way: by jamming inspiration into pat recipes.

How else to explain NBC's "Jenny," starring former MTV "It" girl Jenny McCarthy in a sitcom devoid of any creative chemistry other than the leading lady's silicone implants? And what about "Del-laventura," a CBS drama best described as Sam Spade meets Chef Boyardee? Mercifully, both of these freshman series were cancelled last week.

What's next? Don't underestimate the networks' ability to focus on ratings strategy at the expense of entertainment value, or to dwell on whose trees are taller while the forest burns.

But 1998 has just begun. Due to rise from TV's trembling swamp later this year, if only for a glimpse: a revival of "Fantasy Island."

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SPORTS PAGE

• Men's basketball

Drexel pulls away in win

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

The Drexel Dragons used sniper Mike DeRocckis and a series of free throws to out distance the UMaine men's basketball team 78-63 at Alford Arena Thursday night.

"I'm really disappointed with the outcome of the game," Head Coach John Giannini said. "I really looked at this game as an opportunity for us to improve significantly as a basketball team."

Giannini points to the team's defensive struggles on the perimeter as a facet of the game that the team must improve on.

"We played good defense in spurts but when it really counted we did give up some easy shots and that was the difference in the game," Giannini said.

Some of those easy shots came from the palms of DeRocckis, who led the Dragons with 22 points, including 4-5 from three-point land.

"He's as good of a three-point shooter as you're gonna find but he's also an extremely unselfish basketball player," Drexel Head Coach Bill Herrion said.

Maine had cut the deficit to 60-64 with 4:24 remaining in the game when DeRocckis drained a three from the baseline to

give the Dragons a 69-60 lead.

After Fred Meeks hit a jumper to bring the Black Bears within eight at 63-71 with 2:15 to go, DeRocckis, a 6-2 junior, took over.

His long range three from the top of the key gave his team an eleven-point lead that took the life out of a Maine team that had spent precious energy chopping away at the deficit.

Black Bear forward Allen Ledbetter was held to just 12 points and five rebounds. Forward Colin Haynes chipped in 9 points and a team-high eight boards.

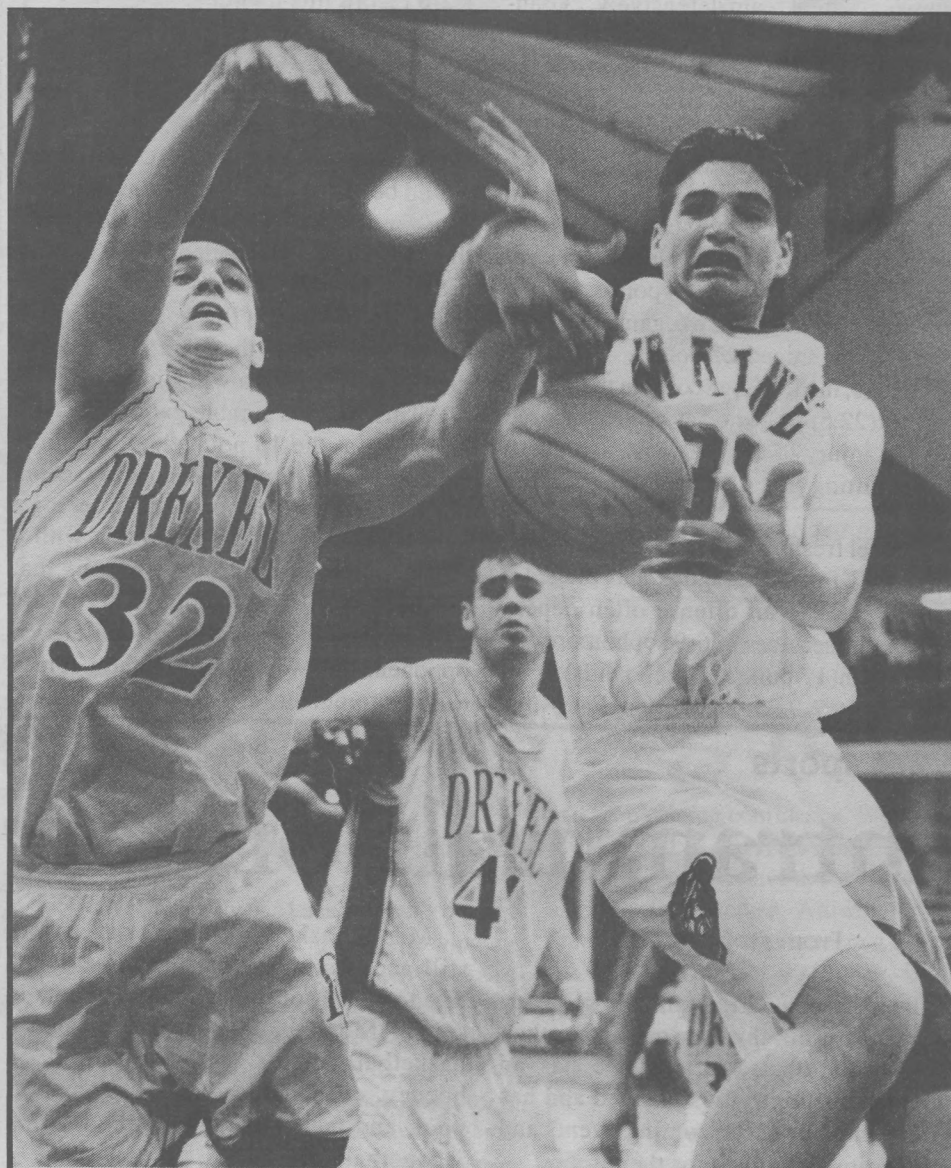
In the first half both teams started out sluggish but it was Maine who could not find the hoop early, netting just nine points in the first ten minutes of action, falling behind 18-9 with 10:19 to go.

The Black Bears then went on a 10-0 run to take a 19-18 lead at the 6:56 mark. That lead would increase to 28-23 after Ledbetter converted on a feed down low by Meeks with just 2:17 remaining.

Drexel answered Maine's run with a 9-2 spurt and a 32-30 halftime lead.

Giannini believes consistency by Drexel and a lack of it by his team was the deciding factor in the second half.

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Maine Forward Colin Haynes reacts to a loose ball with Drexel's Mike Kouser during last night's 78-63 loss. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Men's hockey

Looking for a turnaround

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine men's hockey team is coming off a disappointing weekend where they got side-swiped by the University of New Hampshire Wildcats.

And the road does not get any easier. Maine will be in Boston for a pair of games with arch rival and No. 5 Boston University as the race for Hockey East intensifies.

"It's huge," sophomore defenseman Jason Price said. "It can make or break our season."

Although no one feels inclined to utter the immortal cliché "do or die," the significance of the two-game series is well understood.

The Black Bears currently nest in fifth place in Hockey East, four points behind leader Boston College and two behind the Terriers.

"It's definitely the series we've been looking for all year," junior forward Bobby Stewart said. "We have to start to get on a roll. We're playing against one of the top teams in the country and there is nothing better than going into BU and playing good hockey."

With the top five teams in the league all separated by four points or less, the magnitude of the series has broadened.

"There are four points up for grabs which makes it an important series," BU coach Jack Parker said. "It's a big rivalry and we're expecting a packed house."

"It will be electric," Price said on the atmosphere which the Bears will take part in. "It's awesome and it can get crazy. It's by far the best series of the year."

The Black Bears and Terriers enter the weekend sharing a void in their respective offenses: scoring goals.

The Terriers have scored just seven goals in their last four games while the Bears have only banged one home in their last three. Each team has also had the plug ripped out of its power play socket with the Terriers going an anemic zero for their last 30.

"We've gone zero for the month of January and we can't buy a power play goal," Parker said. "We're struggling to score goals."

However, the return of Tommi Degerman to the lineup after missing three games with a shoulder injury should provide an extra spark for Parker's team. Degerman is fourth on the team in scoring with 22 points and also complements the play of Hobey Baker hopeful Chris Drury.

"He's a big part of Drury's offense and he'll be back on that line," Parker said.

Drury is experiencing a scoring drought where he hasn't found his touch in the last four games.

For the Black Bears, however, they have their own offensive woes to contend with as leading scorer Steve Kariya has also been held scoreless in his last four games.

"We have to go to the net and we need to do whatever it takes to score," Stewart said. "We haven't been working well away from the puck and we need to start getting in position and helping out."

In order for the Black Bears to find that much-needed consistency they will have to find ways to penetrate the Terrier blue line, which boasts several of the leagues' top defensemen.

• Men's hockey

Signing causes fury

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine men's hockey team continued to build for its future as they signed highly touted goalie Matt Yeats from the Alberta Junior Hockey League, but not before frustrating some league officials.

Yeats, 18, of Innisfail, Alberta, played with the Olds Grizzlies in Alberta this past year and was considered one of the top goaltenders with NHL potential to play out of that region.

According to AJHL President Marty Knack, the timing of the situation has caused some headaches for the Olds Grizzlies because the move came after a signing period had completed, thus leaving them without a No. 1 goaltender for the remainder of the season.

"It's certainly an interesting story," Knack said. "The Canadian Hockey As-

sociation deadline is January 10 for trading players and Matt (Yeats) made his decision Jan. 12 at 10:30 p.m.

"It was a blow to the Grizzlies organization and from a league standpoint it is disappointing," Knack said.

Yeats will not be eligible to play until next January because he played in a Major Junior game in Canada, which means he has to sit out a year.

Knack said that UMaine assistant coach Grant Standbrook had looked at Yeats during the team's Viking Cup tournament and spent time recruiting him while out there.

"I saw Grant at the Viking Cup and he stayed around after the tournament and wooed him and his parents," Knack said. "We're disappointed that he left at mid season."

According to Yeats, however, Stand-

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FROM THE DEN

Although many people believe that women's basketball began in 1975, the first varsity game was actually played in the winter of 1920-21 where the Black Bears dropped a game to New Hampshire State. James Baldwin coached the Bears and Effie May Weatherbee was the team's captain.



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"What it came down to was that they were the tougher team defensively and the more consistent team defensively," Giannini said.

"It all started right before the end of the first half when we had a couple of guys not know what type of defense we were in and had our four point lead turned into a two point deficit. I think from that point on our defense was pretty inconsistent."

Marcus Wills was the leading scorer for the Black Bears with 24 points on 9-19 shooting. In his last two games the 6-1 guard has averaged 27 points.

Weeks, the leading scorer in the America East (22.5ppg) who has been hampered with an injury to his left wrist, scored 10 points hitting just 4 of 16 shots from the floor.

Drexel freshman guard Stephen Starks scored 17 for the Dragons and played a pivotal role for an offense often dependent on the services of 6-9 sophomore Joe Linderman (11 points, 10 rebounds).

Drexel (7-9, 5-4 America East) en-

tered Thursday's battle in the heels of a two game losing streak and having posted a 2-6 record this month.

Herrion was relieved that his team was able to escape Alford with a win. "We've been a very up-and-down basketball team this year, very inconsistent."

"I have no idea what the mind set would be of the kids coming up here. This is never an easy trip but I think obviously the kids really responded and I'm very proud of them," he said.

Giannini looks at this game as a learning experience for the team but believes the Black Bears let a win slip away.

"This was a winnable game," he said. "Looking at the 15 point final margin is extremely upsetting to me, not only seeing that we were on the short end but seeing a game that was a two-point game with a few minutes left got away from us that much was very disappointing."

Maine will face its third conference opponent this week when Hofstra comes to town tomorrow at 1 p.m..

• Rec sports

Intramurals on tap

From staff reports

Interested in participating in some intramural events this season? If so, then the Recreational Sports office has an abundance of activities planned and has set its schedule for upcoming events and application deadlines for them.

Men's basketball has started and is still accepting applications. The deadline to apply for the following events is set for Monday, January 26: women's basketball, men's and women's floor hockey, coed indoor soccer, eight ball pool, and men's and women's doubles racquetball.

The deadline for the introduction cross country ski tour is set for Monday, Feb. 2 while the deadline for the 14 km and three km cross country race is set for Saturday, Feb. 14.

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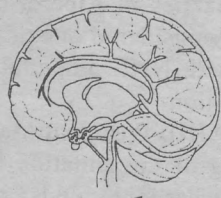


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• Column

Nothing to sweat about

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

Not too long ago, there was a raging debate in my sports lit class as to the validity of chess as an actual sport.

The pro-chess faction maintained that their beloved game is a sport due to its emphasis on competition, winning, and intense practice in order to improve oneself.

Perhaps they have a point. After all, the mass media have regarded chess over the years with a certain acknowledgment of its alleged legitimacy. Ever see those fancy little diagrams on the back page of USA Today's sports section whenever two of Russia's finest clash? Even Sports-Center (did you know that ESPN has recently surpassed Christianity as America's favorite religion?) delivers the occasional chess highlight, though usually drowned in immense sarcasm courtesy of Charley Steiner.

Well, there's obviously a reason why people like ol' Charley regard chess with such scorn, and it's very simple: chess is a sport the way Monday night wrestling is a sport.

Except, of course, for the fact that the brawlers are actually entertaining once in a while. Do you ever see Gary Kasparov in chains and face paint? I don't think so.

Why is chess as legit as Marv Albert's 'do? Let me count the ways.

The last time I checked, the chessmeisters aren't exactly pouring rivers of sweat or exhibiting palpitating heartbeats after a match (Geez, even the wrestlers can make that claim).

True, there are some basic similarities between chess and an "accepted" sport like football. Both involve conquest of territory and exhibit extensive strategy and gameplay. Of course, chess contains none of the physical anguish that can be found in football and that, friends and neighbors, is where the problem lies. To a certain extent, chess is basically football without cheerleaders, torn ACLs, and Jerry Jones (Hey, score one for chess).

But when people want bloodless football, they'd much rather turn to the nearest PlayStation or even haul out their dads'

ancient electric football game from the attic.

A true sport requires both brain and brawn. While chess is certainly up there in the brains department, it will lose every single time once muscle is put on the line. With chess, you can leave athleticism at the door with your coat and hat (Of course, you can say the same thing with sports-writing as well, I guess). Chess is about as much a threat to wear out your body as Pee-Wee Herman is to steal your prom date.

Besides, isn't chess just nothing more than another in a long line of board games when you get down to the heart of the matter? If the intelligentsia regards chess as a sport, then it should hold Monopoly, Chinese Checkers, and Chutes and Ladders in the same reverence as well.

No, I'm not attempting to cheapen chess by comparing it to kiddie games. I'm simply explaining that if you count chess as a sport, then you have to count everything else as well. Hey, once you lose your virginity, what does it matter?

Of course, the pro-chess cabal may contend that if chess isn't a sport, then other allegedly "unathletic" endeavors such as golf and auto racing shouldn't be regarded as legit sports, either.

Now, I'm not exactly a good ol' boy from Veazie yonder, but come on. How many fat auto racers have you spotted whenever the Deuce has had one of its frequent NASCAR marathons? Or fat golfers, for that matter? Golf is a game of precision. If you're an out-of-shape golfer, then you're going to miss the green nine times out of ten (And I'm talking about real golfers here — weekend warriors and any fat, balding CEOs need not apply here, thank you).

And last of all, how can you consider chess as a sport when it's regarded champion is a freaking computer, for crying out loud? I'll regard Deep Blue as an athlete when it can catch a slant pass, score a wraparound goal, or drain a trey from downtown.

If chess ever comes up with carnival-barker PA announcers, TV time outs, and billion-dollar network deals, then maybe I'll regard it as an authentic sport.

Nah.

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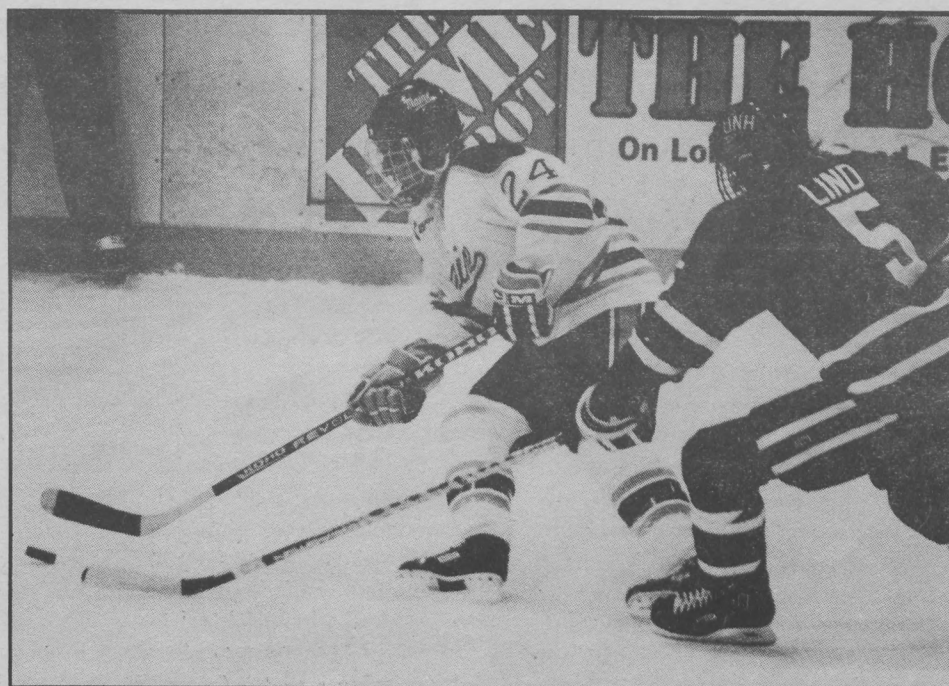
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Outlook: Both teams are experiencing a shortage in the goal scoring department. Both teams are averaging about four goals a game, but recently that number has hovered around two. Both Chris Drury and Steve Kariya have been in a rut lately and it would come to no surprise to see either one of them return to early season form.

These two contests are critical games for the Black Bears, who are still gunning for an NCAA tournament berth. The Bears have played 13 games against six teams that have been ranked in the top 10 at one point this season. Of those 13 games, they have won just three of them.



Jim Leger and the rest of the Bears are in Boston this weekend for a series with the Terriers. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

Yeats

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brook never knew of the trading deadline, for it differs than that in the United States.

"Grant wrote a letter saying he was sorry for the timing because he didn't realize the deadlines were different," Yeats said. "They (Olds Grizzlies) really didn't want me to go because it was putting them in a bind. So, right away they said I couldn't go and were frustrated."

Although the signing of Yeats is within the hockey program's grounds, Knack said that the relationship between some organizations in the league and the university may be strained because of this incident.

"There is a Board of Governors meeting this Saturday and it will be a topic of conversation," Knack said. "A letter may be written to Maine and copied to the NCAA. I would suggest that team officials not cooperate with the University of Maine."

"Grant will not be welcomed with open arms. This has just hurt the relationship with the university," Knack said.

According to Olds Grizzlies General Manager Dave Becker, team officials were under the impression that Maine would not attempt to sign Yeats until next fall, but that fell through when they learned he had to sit out a full year.

"I was disappointed we didn't know about it until after deadline," Becker said. "Standbrook gave us a letter saying they wouldn't be offering anything to him until September."

On the ice, Yeats has put up some impressive numbers this year and has garnered nothing but praise from his former team officials.

He played in 26 games this year and registered a save percentage of .901. Although his goals against average was 3.85, he picked up 12 wins and is dubbed as a natural goaltender.

"He is an outstanding young man," Knack said. "He makes saves that really surprise you. He has great legs and is very acrobatic. Even if he lets in five goals, he tries hard not to let in that sixth."

Yeats said he chose Maine because it was a perfect fit for him and that he had heard good things about the program and the university.

"Maine was the best program for me, and I heard nothing but good things about it," Yeats said.

When asked about his strengths, Yeats credited his mental make-up as a key component to his game.

"I don't get frustrated in a game," Yeats said. "I really try to stay focused on the game and nothing bothers me."

• Women's hockey

Bears staying local

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine women's hockey team hopes to extend its three-game winning streak this weekend when in-state rivals Bates and Southern Maine trek to the Alford Arena.

While it may be tempting to say that playing local competitors is of more importance than battling other schools, Black Bear coach Rick Filighera is quick to point out every game has substance to it, no matter who the opposition may be.

"It doesn't matter who we're playing," Filighera said. "Right now, we're on a good roll. We want to keep building off of that roll

and keep gaining confidence. We want to be over .500 and we don't care who we're against."

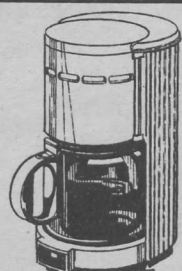
The Bears may have to battle the cold bug as well. Defensemen Allison Haley and Stephanie Gabrielle have been a little under the weather this week, which have kept them from practicing with the team.

Despite the potential setback, Filighera expects both of them to be well enough to skate this weekend.

"I think they'll be strong enough to compete this Saturday," he said.

The losses would be a crushing blow to Maine, as Michelle Wheaton is the only other

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defenseman on the roster.

Should they sit out, expect Filighera to move Christina Hedges, who started the season on defense, back behind the blue line.

Maine will also look to improve on its powerplay capabilities. Through eight games, the Bears are a mere three for 21 with the man advantage.

"That's been one of our weakest parts right now," Maine senior captain Alana Ahearn said. "We've got the goaltending, we have the defense, [so] we really need to be able to score on our offensive chances."

Even though the Bears have killed 17 out of 18 penalties this season, Ahearn emphasized the need for Maine to cut down on them.

"In the past, we've been known to be one of the roughest teams [in the ECAC Alliance]," Ahearn said. "I think it's changing a little, and now we're being more offensive-

minded."

Ahearn has skated for USM coach Ann Beaney in various summer leagues, so she is familiar with her coaching style.

"[Beaney's] very good at picking out the players that will benefit her and the team," Ahearn said. "I think in the future USM will definitely be a good rival to Maine."

Slap Shots:

So just how do the Bears stack up nationally? Glad you asked.

Chalk up another one for Alison Lorenz. The sophomore wunderkind is second in the nation in goals per game with 1.63. Her 2.13 points per game rank seventh.

Lorenz is in a four-way tie for first with four game-winning goals.

Elsewhere, Maine goaltender Amy Oliver is seventh in the nation in save percentage (.916). The junior is also seventh in winning

percentage (.643).

The Bears are fifth overall in team penalty-killing (.944).

Maine is ranked No. 10 in team defense (3.5 goals per game), and in power-play chances (.143).

preview

Who: Maine (4-3-1 overall, 3-3-1 ECAC Alliance) vs. Bates, Southern Maine

When: Saturday, 6:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:30 p.m.

Where: Alford Arena

Key Players: Maine: Forwards Alison Lorenz (13-4-17), Jamie Schofield (2-6-8), Christina Hedges (3-4-7), Alicia Gilmore (4-2-6), Goaltender Amy Oliver (4-2-1, 2.96 GAA)

The Lowdown: USM and Bates are club teams and not part of the ECAC Alliance, so don't expect an epic clash of the titans here. USM is in its first year of women's hockey, while Bates is not known as a powerhouse.

A healthy defense will be the key for the Black Bears. Stephanie Gabrielle and Allison Haley have been ill this past week, but should be ready to play this weekend. Maine will be okay as long as Gabrielle and Haley are, too.

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