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• Civil rights

## Racially, sexually motivated crimes impact campus

By Kathryn Ritchie  
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine has grabbed headlines lately with two high-profile civil rights cases against four of its students, raising questions about tolerance and safety on campus.

Just last week, Attorney General Andrew Ketterer added Shawn Mansoff and Matthew Oliver to the civil rights suit against Bryan Masotta. All three men are accused of leaving a racially motivated death threat on Dwayne Wilmot's answering machine. The three men were all white hockey players at UMaine at the time of the alleged December incident. Wilmot is an African-American football player at UMaine.

Two months prior, UMaine student Casey Belanger admitted to threatening another student over the FirstClass computer system because of his sexual orientation. To avoid a fine and trial, Belanger signed a lifetime restraining order, barring him from ever making threats to someone based on their minority status.

UMaine President Peter Hoff has insisted both cases were "isolated incidents" and not reflective

of the student body.

"I think we have to remember this is a community," he said recently. "To expect that 100 percent of your citizens act as model citizens may be expecting too much."



UMaine President Peter Hoff.  
(Courtesy photo.)

Stephen Wessler, assistant attorney general who handles civil rights cases involving hate crimes, said the number of hate crime cases around the state has been going up, but he believes it's only the result of more cases being reported, not committed.

Wessler said he was not surprised to see two cases come out of the University in Maine in a matter

of months.

"These things happen in fits and spurts," he said, adding that a number of cases have been referred to him by the university, but not all get prosecuted for one reason or another. He said he gets complaints from colleges and universities all over the state, and doesn't see UMaine as having a problem any worse than the other institutions.

Ten cases were referred to Wessler's office this past semester by University of Maine Civil Rights Officer Chris Gardner. Of the 10, eight were motivated by sexual orientations and two by race. Six involved graffiti, which are harder to solve since there are often no witnesses. Only two cases, the ones involving Belanger and the hockey players, were acted upon by the attorney general's office. Gardner said the other eight are still "considered officially under investigation," as cases never close unanswered.

According to Gardner, no long-term records have been kept for crimes motivated by hate or bias at the university. He said he has been keeping better records since he became the university's civil rights officer one year ago.

"To deal with some of these

victims, and hear their stories, it's unbelievable," he said.

Even though the university has a number of programs to deal with discrimination and safety, they're not always enough to make every person feel safe all the time.

One student, who wished to remain anonymous, said she had felt safe on campus, even walking alone at night, until last year.

"At the beginning of last year I came out and I don't know if I just started to notice it more often, or if I became more sensitive to it, but I noticed more people saying hateful and derogatory comments about (gays, lesbians and bisexuals)."

Wesley Petteway, a junior business major and co-chair of the Black

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• Residential life

## Despite policy, pets abound at UMaine

By Krista Marrs  
Maine Campus staff

Dormitory rooms at a university are not the typical place to find rabbits bouncing, birds chirping, hamsters running, or even snakes slithering around. Throughout the residence halls on campus though, a number of students own pets and are able to keep them hidden from unsuspecting resident officials.

Some student pet owners, who wished to remain anonymous in order to keep their pets

a secret, say they are eager to show off their animals to friends and think pets should be allowed in the rooms.

"I have a hamster who lives with me and my roommate," a third-year female student on the north side of campus said. "I love playing with it and all my friends like to come over and see it."

She said she takes turns with her roommate on cleaning out the cage, and so far, has not had any problems.

"I just hope that none of my neighbors complain," she said.

Another student, a third-year male, said he knows students who own two rabbits.

"The other people on their floor are cool with it," he said. "They leave their doors open and let them wander around the hall from room to room."

A random survey of 50 stu-

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• Job search

## Companies recruit graduates at campus career fair

By Andrea Page  
Maine Campus staff

Employers from across New England will be arriving at the University of Maine on Thursday

to speak with students about their careers and show them opportunities available to them after graduation.

The Career Fair will be held on Thursday, Jan. 29 from 10 a.m.

to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Union.

Patricia Counihan, executive manager at the Career Center, said some employers are coming Thursday even though they don't have positions available right now.

The employers want to talk to students about their future and what companies have to offer graduates.

"It's really oriented for students in all classes, all majors, as a way to just learn more about careers and talk face to face with employers," said Counihan. "I hope students who come don't come expecting to get a job by the end of it — it could happen, but that's not the intent."

The University of Maine student chapter of the American Marketing Association has been helping the Career Center prepare for the event. Nicole Devoe, a student in AMA, said this is an event for everyone.

"Even for people who aren't thinking about graduation right now, it will give them an opportunity to speak to actual company representatives," said Devoe.

When arriving at the Memorial Union, the Career Center will have information for students regarding what majors employers are looking for, questions students can ask, and will also have students such as AMA members help orient students with the different companies.

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Patty Counihan, executive manager of the Career Center, is coordinating the Jan. 29 Career Fair. (Eric Weisz photo.)

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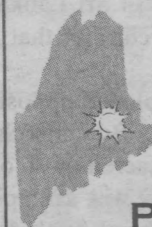
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# WORLD BRIEFS

## • Counterpoint

### John Paul II, Castro blame policy

**1** Havana, Cuba (AP) - Pope John Paul II Sunday wound up his visit to Cuba with a tough condemnation of the U.S. economic embargo against the communist island, saying it was an indiscriminate measure that hurt the poor.

In his departure speech after a five-day visit to Cuba, the pontiff said: "The...imposed isolation strikes the people indiscriminately, making it ever more difficult for the weakest to enjoy the bare essentials of decent living, things such as food, health and education."

The Pope said the causes of poverty in Cuba included "oppressive economic measures -- unjustly and ethically unacceptable -- imposed from outside the country."

During his historic visit to Cuba, the Pope has mixed stern criticism of the government with attacks on the embargo, which President Fidel Castro blames for much of the island's economic problems. The airport speech was his third such attack and the strongest so far. Castro, in a farewell speech, also lambasted the 35-year-old embargo, saying Cuba was like a new David, striving for survival against a neighboring Goliath.

The embargo tried "to prevent our development and subdue our people by hunger and disease," Castro said, calling it a 'monstrous crime.'

## • Conspiracy theory

### Latest scandal allegedly a decoy

**2** Jerusalem, Israel (AP) - The Arab press kept up its drumbeat Saturday that the latest sex controversy swirling around President Bill Clinton is really an Israeli plot against the United States, and ultimately, against the Arabs. "As usual and whenever Israel's 'viewpoint' is different from America's in settling the conflict in the Middle East, the Zionist lobby, especially in the Congress, operates the machine of blackmail and pressure," said the English-language Syria Times.

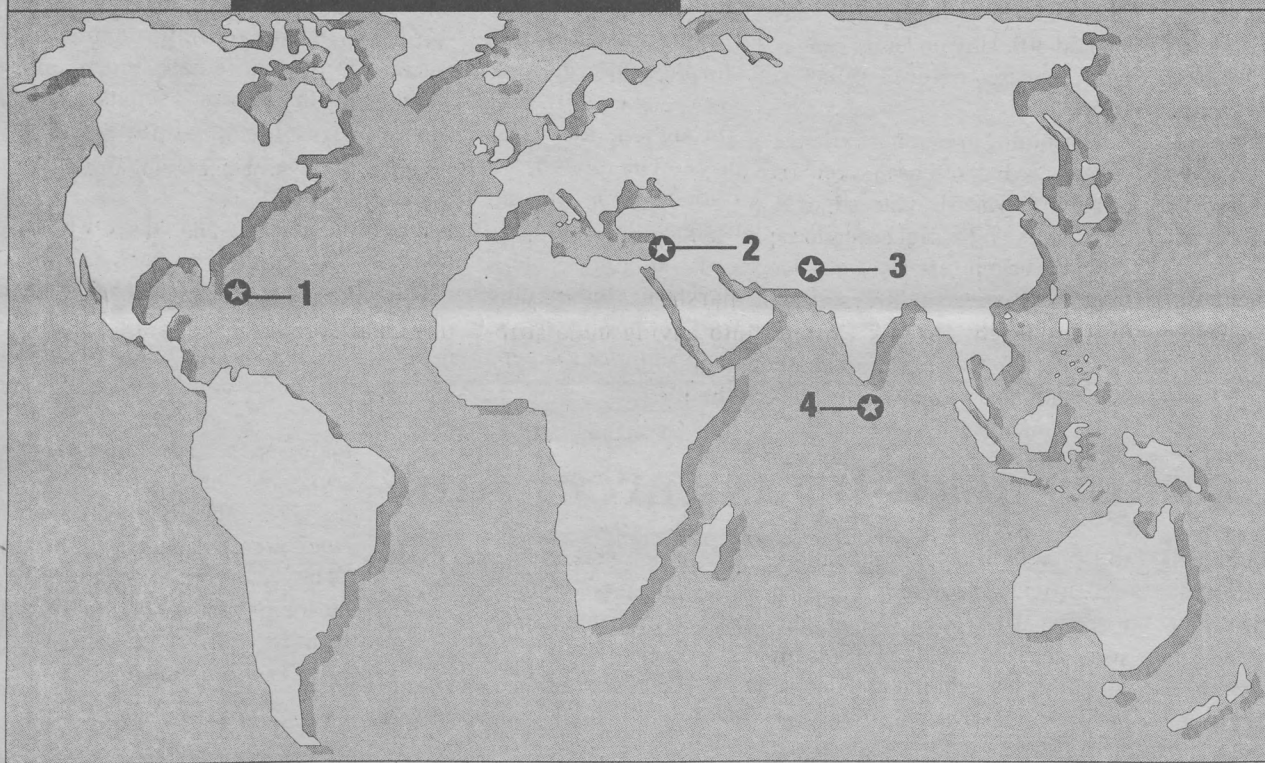
"Analysts say because Clinton intended to hold a quiet dialogue with Iran, did not launch a military strike at Iraq, exerted no pressure on the Palestinians to succumb to (Israeli Prime Minister) Benjamin Netanyahu's tough conditions ... the Congress was hence put on alert to confront Clinton."

In Iraq, newspapers suggested the scandal was designed to push Clinton to launch a military strike against Iraq.

"Israel, the Zionist lobby and American industrialists are acting in concert to push Clinton to commit a new crime against Iraq," said the daily Al-Jumhuriya. In recent days newspapers around the region have suggested Clinton might attack Iraq to deflect attention from his domestic woes.

But Israeli officials denied the scandal would have any bearing on US policy.

## WORLD DIGEST



## • Blast

### 21 Pakistanis injured in explosion; no leads yet

**3** LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) - Two powerful bombs rocked the key Pakistan province of Punjab Sunday injuring at least 21 people in a new wave of terrorism, police said.

At least six people were injured when a bomb exploded at Multan railway station, hours after an explosion in a bus injured 15 passengers near the town of Gujranwala in the same province, they said.

The blast at Multan railway station was so powerful that roofs of three tea stalls at the main platform were blown up, they said. The injured were mostly railway vendors including a young boy.

They have been admitted to the Nishtar Medical College Hospital Multan.

According to railway police unidentified "terrorist" placed the explosive material in one of several empty wooden boxes lying at the station for the past week.

The boxes were destined for Okara city, near Lahore, capital of the country's most populous Punjab province, they said.

The bomb went off minutes after the Abbasin Express bound for the southwestern city of Quetta had left the station.

## • Rebel attack

### Tamil-lead suicide attack kills 11, injures 23 more

**4** COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (Reuters) - A Tamil Tigers suicide squad crashed through roadblocks and set off a truck bomb outside a fabled Buddhist temple in central Kandy on Sunday, killing 11 people and wounding 23, police and military said.

The attack occurred days before the ancient capital is due to mark 50 years of independence in Sri Lanka on February 4 with celebrations to be attended by Britain's Prince Charles and other foreign dignitaries.

Charles is scheduled to arrive in Sri Lanka on February 3.

The dead included the three-person suicide squad of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the Defense Ministry said. An earlier statement indicated the suicide team comprised two people.

The LTTE have fought for a separate homeland for minority Tamils in Sri Lanka's rebels north and east since 1983 in a conflict that has cost at least 50,000 lives.

The truck exploded opposite the sacred Temple of the Tooth, mainly Buddhist Sri Lanka's holiest shrine which houses a sacred tooth of Lord Buddha.

The tooth relic was safe, police said.

"A powerful bomb exploded opposite Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Tooth) in Kandy today at 6.10 a.m.," a defense ministry statement said.

## Weather

### The Local Forecast

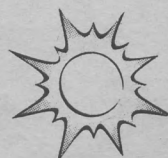
#### Today's Weather

Very windy and sunny.  
Highs near 21.



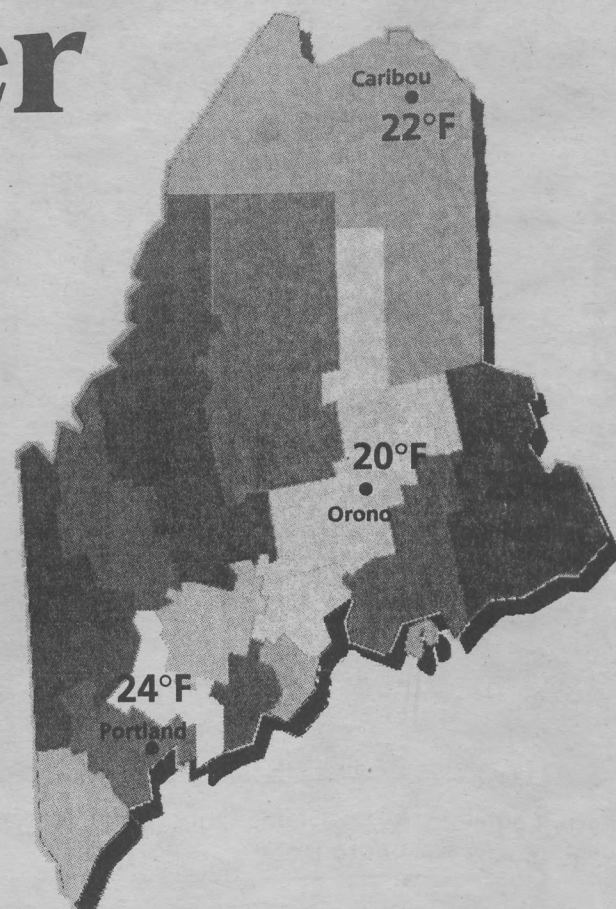
#### Tuesday's Outlook

Sunny, peaking at 24.



#### Extended Forecast

Wednesday...Cold but sunny. Thursday...Cold, mainly cloudy. Friday...Breezy, overcast, light rain.





## • CPR

# American Heart Association offers lifesaving on campus

By Kristen Dobler  
Maine Campus staff

By taking just one day out of your life, you could have the ability to save someone you love or someone you don't even know.

University Training and Safety offers one-day courses for CPR certification available to university staff, faculty and students, Julie Bard, coordinator for the University of Maine Training and Safety, said.

"You just take one class and you get American Heart Association certification," she said.

The training involves a lecture section where students go over anatomy, how to activate emergency medical services if someone has a medical emergency, and what is done exactly during CPR.

"The lecture goes through the whole

part from beginning to end and what you need to do in an emergency," Melissa Lowry, secretary of University Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Bard said the training also involves a hands-on section where instructors do demonstrations on mannequins first, and then students are allowed to practice on the mannequins.

After completing both sessions, students take a practical skills test and a written test.

Bard said students find out at the end of the training whether they are certified and will receive a certification card approximately a week after the session.

Lowry said CPR and first aid training teach people to remain calm and help out at an emergency.

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Melissa Lowry, UVAC secretary (left), and Heather Gordon, UVAC student coordinator (right). (Caleb Raynor photo.)

## • Diva's

# Exotic dance club boasts "classy" atmosphere, student dancers

By Brad Morin  
Maine Campus staff

Neon lights and thumping music greet the customers as they enter Diva's. In a smoky corner a few male customers eagerly await the start of the show. The hostess announces the entrance of "Julia," and the patrons clap as she hops up onto the stage.

The scene is repeated all night as a procession of dancers take the stage. It is all part of a regular night of business at Diva's, the Bangor area's newest exotic dancing club. The club is the latest product of owner Diane Cormier — better known as Diva.

Cormier's club features nude and topless dancing. It opened in November and she is still working on the building itself and on increasing the clientele.

"We're still in construction," Cormier said. "We really could use a lot of people's support to come down."

Cormier has worked closely with the city in opening the club and she feels that it will be good for Bangor.

"I think it's been a great asset for Bangor. I've had no problems with the city and we've worked with them. We've had no problems with the cops, we make sure there's no fights," she said.

Cormier said that her club serves a wide variety of male patrons, and is a good place for them to relax.

"Life is very stressful," she said. "I think that everybody is pushed very hard and it's nice to take a break and enjoy

yourself. A little less stress in your life will make you more happy. That's what Diva's is all about."

The club does not serve alcohol because of a city ordinance. It is open to people over the age of 18. Cormier said that she would like to attract more younger people.

"A lot of younger people haven't been exposed to this," she said.

Cormier said she has been in the adult entertainment business for over six years.

"I used to be a dancer, now I just teach and run the business," she said.

Cormier said that she worked as a dancer while she was in school. She has owned massage parlors and currently runs "The Bod Squad," which supplies strippers for parties.

"I just really wanted to make a nice, safe place for the girls to dance," she said.

Cormier said that what makes her business run smoothly is how all of her employees get along.

"It's a very good atmosphere," "Crystal," one of the house managers, said. "It's very classy and it's very clean. It's not just another hole in the wall."

When asked what she liked best about working at Diva's, "Mercedes," one of the dancers, listed the atmosphere, the other girls and the boss.

Cormier said that being a strip dancer is a good job because the hours are flexible. She said that many of her dancers work other jobs and many are in school. She said that there are several University

of Maine students working for her.

"Most of my people like coming to work. I'm proud of that," she said.

There are over 26 dancers at the club and Cormier helps train them.

"I've taught some of the best dancers, I feel," she said. "I train girls and give them an opportunity."

Cormier said that Tuesday is amateur night and people can audition then to work.

"Crystal" said that she has been trying to talk Cormier into having male strippers, too. Cormier said that she is seriously considering the idea.

"It's a gentleman's club, mostly. I'm hoping to have at least one show," she said. She plans to sell advanced tickets and continue the event if there is a good turnout.

Cormier is using the Internet to promote her business. Her web site features schedules and information about the club. She also has a short page about herself and her experience. The site is at [www.divas-maine.com](http://www.divas-maine.com).

Cormier said that she plans more features and events for the future.

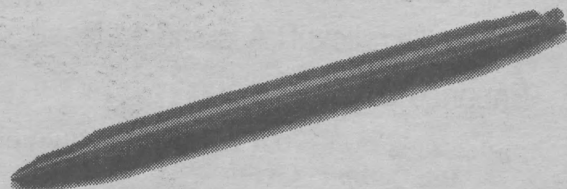
"We have a lot of surprises in store," she said.

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## Crime

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Student Union, said subtle acts of racism will probably always exist on campus. Seeing writings on walls, having people look at him (or not) and having people speed up to walk by are things he has to deal with on a daily basis.

"I don't like that it needs a big, major event for people to stand up and take notice," he said.

Peg Cruikshank, a lecturer in Women's Studies, said the university was sending a negative safety message to homosexuals by handing out different penalties in the two fall cases.

Belanger lost his FirstClass privileges, while Masotta was given a one-year suspension. She said the university should send the message that anyone who makes a death threat against anyone else should receive a uniform treatment of expulsion.

Bill Kennedy, who heads Judicial Affairs and the Conduct Committee, said that while he could not make specific comments about the two cases, he could say that the committee takes audience size into account when reprimanding someone. A telephone threat is more specific than a threat sent to several groups over e-mail. However, it should be noted that Belanger has since said that he only meant to send his message to one person. It was only by a technological slip that he sent the message to three public folders.

Gardner suggested a number of places for students to turn when they don't feel safe on campus: Campus Walking Companions, the Office of Equal Opportunity, the Center for Students and Community Life, and the Counseling Center, to name a few.

"We're always here and (people) can call us any time when any need arises," he said.

## Fair

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"Some students might be hesitant to come because they aren't going to know what to do once they get there," said Counihan. "We're going to make it real easy for them."

Counihan said she suggests students bring their resumes, but not to worry about dressing up. It will be very informal and comfortable.

The AMA student chapter conducted

surveys to see what companies students would be interested in talking to, and would be representatives to students in all colleges.

"There are 40 companies coming - primarily from New England and about half are from Maine," said Counihan. "The employers are really excited about coming to the university for this because many are University of Maine graduates themselves."

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when applying, signing, renewing and requesting changes to an insurance policy.

c) Consumer Guide to Car Insurance: helps control the cost of auto insurance.

d) How to File an Auto or Homeowners Complaint with the Maine Bureau of Insurance: a list of instructions for completing a complaint form with the State of Maine regarding homeowners and auto insurance.

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a) The Maine Bureau of Banking's Consumer Outreach Program: offers assistance for filing complaints or inquiries in regard to financial institutions in Maine.

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## Pets

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dents living on campus showed the variety of pets which live in the dormitories. Although none of the students admitted that they personally had any pets, 43 of them said they knew at least one person who did.

"I knew someone last year who had birds in their room," a second-year female student said. "And the birds were not even in cages."

She said the owners made a nest for the birds out of paper, and that is where the animals would go to the bathroom. They made it their territory.

"There was always an area on the floor that was dirty from them," she said. "The birds would chew up the paper and then go to the bathroom."

Some of the animals living with students in the residence halls range from snakes, cats, hamsters, and rats to ferrets, lizards, birds and fish.

"The pet policy is stated in the Resident's Manual and allows for basically fish," said Matt Hansen, Resident Director of DTAV. "The university says pets are a nuisance and a potential health hazard."

Small fish are allowed in the rooms,

according to the manual, but must be kept in a bowl or small aquarium.

According to Hansen, students who live in apartment-like settings, such as DTAV and York Village, frequently ask about pets, as there is more space for them to live.

"Some residents in DTAV had some small lizards this year," said Hansen. "But they got rid of them."

"I can say that luckily, I have never had the suspicion that somebody had a pet," said Jen Gouthro, Resident Director of York Village. "Bringing pets over is OK, but they cannot stay."

Both Hansen and Gouthro said they have not had any problems with students not wanting to cooperate with the policy, and even if a student had a pet, they quickly got rid of it.

"I think students like to try to get away with having a pet," said Hansen, "even though they know the policy."

"I say, you signed the contract, so you know beforehand that pets are not allowed," said Gouthro.

Besides raising questions about health issues, such as allergies, some people do

not believe animals should be kept in such small areas all the time.

"I do not think it is fair to leave animals in such a small room all day," a fourth-year female student said. "They need their space, too."

The Old Town Animal Orphanage is among several of the area shelters who will not allow people to adopt animals without proper housing.

"We do not allow people to adopt a pet unless they have a house or an apartment," said Chris, who works at the orphanage, but declined to give her last name. "If living in an apartment, the landlords must agree."

Chris said many college-age people come in looking for a pet, but they cannot adopt one if living in a dormitory room.

"Chances are," said Chris, "if the owner has to sneak the animal around, the pet is probably not getting the proper attention it needs."

Chris A. Miles, D.V.M. at Veazie Veterinary Clinic, said dormitory rooms are plenty big enough for some pets, even cats and small dogs, and as long as the animals are given the proper care, it is

fine for them to live there.

"The most important factor to animals is not living space," said Miles, "but the amount of attention and outdoor activity the animal gets."

"I do not believe it is inhumane or cruel to have a pet living with a student on campus as long as it is cared for properly."

Miles said if they were allowed to live on campus animals such as mice, guinea pigs, gerbils, cats, small dogs and some types of birds can make good pets in the dormitories.

"Most pets, such as cats, are kept inside anyway," said Miles, "and many dogs are kept in small areas of a home for training reasons."

When having pets in any environment, but especially in dormitory rooms, Miles said they need to be taken good care of in order to reduce health concerns.

"Fleas and some skin diseases, such as ringworm, can be contagious to people," said Miles. "So good cleanliness and routine check-ups are necessary to stop such health concerns."

## CPR

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"It's always helpful to arrive at the scene of an emergency and find someone there who has had first aid and CPR training," Lowry said.

Lowry said being on the scene of an emergency and not being able to help encourages a lot of people into taking CPR or first aid classes.

"It's nice to know that you feel like you can do something," she said.

Bard said Training and Safety also offers CPR recertification classes, which take approximately three to four hours. CPR certification is good for two years and can be renewed by taking a recertification course.

"We go through recertification much quicker because we assume they remember stuff from the class they had before," Bard said.

Students can also take a first aid training class and receive certification from the National Safety Council. The first aid courses are usually combined with

CPR classes.

"In the afternoon we do basic skills such as bandaging, splinting, treating for shock and other medical emergencies," Lowry said.

The instructors for all of the courses offered are university students, and most are emergency medical technicians and have had first hand experience.

Bard said for every six students there's at least one instructor. Class sizes range from four to 20 people.

The cost of the courses is about \$20 and group discounts are available. Bard said the cost of the course is cheaper than courses not available on campus.

"We get a lot of groups that want to come in and take the courses, but anyone is welcome," she said.

If people would like to be certified or recertified, but are not in the university area, they can seek information about other training sessions at several differ-

ent places, Lowry said.

"Lots of times you can go through local hospitals, the Red Cross or emergency medical services," she said.

Bard said Training and Safety has been at the university since 1993.

"As an organization we're proud to serve the university community and make people more aware of what to do in an emergency," Bard said.

Lowry said Training and Safety's course was one of her first experiences

with anything in first aid training.

"From there I got involved with UVAC and became an EMT," she said.

CPR certification classes will be held on Jan. 31, Feb. 15, and Feb. 22. CPR recertification classes will be held on Feb. 1 and Feb. 21. A coordinated CPR and first aid class will be held on Feb. 7.

Bard said classes will also be held after break. For more information call 581-4128.

## College of Education

*Applications for Fall Semester Student Teaching are now available at the Student Teaching Office, 130 Shibles Hall.*

*Application deadline is Friday February 13, 1998.*

For further information, call Maxine Harrow at 581-2456.

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**Deadline: February 2**



# STATE NEWS

## • Maine Youth Center

# Superintendent faces allegations, resigns post

AUGUSTA (AP) — The superintendent of the Maine Youth Center resigned Friday, saying he must "concentrate on clearing my name" in connection with graft allegations against him in Pennsylvania.

The Maine corrections department said Laurence J. Reid would remain on the job at the South Portland facility until

Feb. 13.

Reid, a former executive deputy commissioner of corrections under former Pennsylvania Gov. Robert P. Casey, was charged with a felony count of violating a law restricting the activities of state employees. He also faces a misdemeanor charge for stating in a report on his financial interests that he had not accepted any

gifts worth more than \$200.

Reid allegedly accepted a \$364 round-trip airline ticket from Harrisburg, Pa., to Sarasota, Fla. He also is accused of getting discount rates during a weeklong stay in February 1992 at a Sarasota resort complex co-owned by a bidder on a contract to provide medical services at a state prison.

It was not immediately clear if the bidder won the contract. The charges were announced in December.

Reid, who is free on bail, faces a preliminary hearing in Harrisburg on May 6.

In a prepared statement, Maine Corrections Commissioner Martin Magnusson said he accepted Reid's resignation "with deep regret."

"Larry Reid has made significant progress in improving staff morale and programs for young offenders," Magnusson said.

Maine's associate corrections commissioner of juvenile services, Mary Ann Saar, said department officials "started trying to get the details" of the case involving Reid after learning of it in mid-December.

"And when we'd gotten all that, then we sat down with him," she said in a telephone interview Friday.

Saar said there had been some consid-

eration of a temporary change in status for Reid, but he decided to resign.

"He didn't have to do this. ... He didn't have to put a final period on it," Saar said.

In a brief letter, Reid told Magnusson, "I cannot give 100 percent with a specter of impropriety in Pennsylvania. I must therefore concentrate on clearing my name."

Reid's resignation comes in the wake of Maine Gov. Angus King's recent endorsement of a far-reaching overhaul of the state prison system. Among the plan's components is an upgrading of the Youth Center and a conversion of a small juvenile center in Charleston to a full-sized juvenile prison for northern Maine.

Under a package unveiled last month, 166 beds would be established at the existing youth center in South Portland and 140 beds would be planned for the Charleston facility for a combined capital cost of about \$50 million.

Reid has been superintendent at the Youth Center for almost a year. He will be succeeded in an acting capacity by Lars Olsen, who has been the director of Maine's Charleston Correctional Facility since 1996.

Olsen is a 20-year veteran of the Maine correctional system, with experience in working with both juveniles and adults.

## • Ice Storm '98

# Second storm saps power

PORTLAND (AP) - The power was out for only a few minutes during the latest snow and ice storm before Russell Smith predicted that days would go by without electricity at his house.

Lately, all it takes is a flicker in the lights to make Maine residents hunker down and prepare for the worst.

"We've all been fixated on power," said Central Maine Power Co. spokesman Mark Ishkanian.

"The first storm made quite an impression."

Nearly 36,000 Central Maine customers had no power Sunday, along with some 900 customers of Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.

The latest storm, on Friday, hit parts

of the state that escaped the first icy blast two weeks ago, the one that left huge swaths of the Northeast and Quebec in the dark.

"I knew we were gonna get it eventually," Smith said. "Mother Nature couldn't let us be spared."

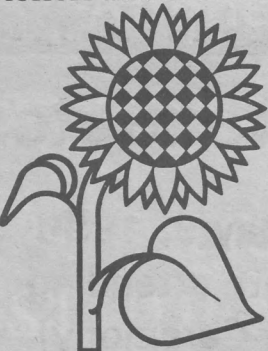
"It's almost as if Mother Nature said 'Oh, sorry, I forgot York County'. Whack," Gov. Angus King said Sunday as he toured hard-hit York and Cumberland counties.

By Saturday the outages caused by downed power lines had affected about 71,000 customers in Maine.

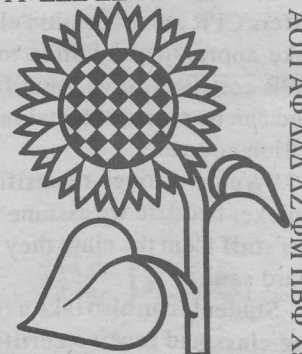
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Jan 26th 7:30 pm  
Sundaes with the Sisters  
Jan 28th 5:30 pm  
P.J. Party

Jan 31st 2:00 pm  
Sledding Party  
Feb 2nd 7:30 pm  
Play With Us and Make Playdough

#### Contact

Rush Chair: Gwen Saucier  
Phone: 827-6603  
Place: Basement of  
Penobscot Hall

### ΑΦ

Jan 29th 7:00 pm  
Spaghetti Dinner  
Feb 1st 4:00 pm  
Tea Party  
Feb 2nd 6:00 pm  
Educational Speaker  
Feb 5th 7:00 pm  
Make Your Own Sundae

#### Contact

Rush Chair: Laurie Moran  
Phone: 581-7128  
Place: Basement of  
Hancock Hall

### ΔΔΔ

Jan 27th 5:00 pm  
Be Our Valentine  
Jan 28th 8:00 pm  
Fly Delta Airlines  
Jan 29th 6:00 pm  
Back to the 50's  
Jan 30th 5:00 pm  
Tea for Two

#### Contact

Rush Chair: Julie Ezzy  
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Place: Basement of  
Kennebec Hall

### ΔΖ

Jan 27th 7:00 pm  
Game Night  
Feb 5th 7:00 pm  
Make Valentines with ΔΖ  
Feb 8th 1:30-3:30 pm  
Ice Skating

#### Contact

Rush Chair: Jenn McKay  
Phone: 581-6327  
Place: Basement of  
Oxford Hall

### ΦΜ

Feb 10th 6:00 pm  
Movies & Popcorn  
Feb 11th 6:00 pm  
Pizza with the Sisters

#### Contact

Rush Chair: Carisa Peters  
Phone: 581-6951  
Place: Basement of  
Knox Hall

### ΠΒΦ

Jan 29th 6:00 pm  
Mocktail Madness  
Feb 1st 3:00 pm  
Snow Fun & Cocoa  
Feb 3rd 5:30 pm  
70's Craze  
Feb 4th 6:30 pm  
Garden Party

#### Contact

Rush Chair: Darby Labbe  
Phone: 581-7276  
Place: ΠΒΦ House  
College Avenue

### ΧΩ

Jan 28th 6:30 pm  
Mocktails, House Tours  
Jan 29th 7:00 pm  
Picture Yourself a ΧΩ  
Jan 30th 7:00 pm  
Start the New Year Off with ΧΩ  
Jan 31st 11:00 am  
Brunch  
Feb 1st 4:30 pm  
Sharing Sisterhood

#### Contact

Rush Chair: Jen Fogarty  
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# NATIONAL NEWS

## • Washington

### Lewinsky affair could overshadow State of the Union

WASHINGTON (AP) - As in 1997, this year's State of the Union speech may be overshadowed by a news event far more sensational than the president's outline of targeted tax cuts and Medicare reform.

Last year the verdict in the O.J. Simpson civil trial was announced as President Clinton addressed Congress. The maddening dilemma for network executives was to decide how to divide coverage.

On Tuesday, a session is scheduled of the Whitewater grand jury in Washington hours before Clinton goes before Congress. It is possible the panel will take testimony from Monica

Lewinsky, former White House intern alleged to have had a sexual relationship with Clinton, and Vernon Jordan, a Clinton confidant who Lewinsky reportedly said advised her to lie about the relationship.

It's unclear whether the grand jury

hearings will take place. Lewinsky's lawyer William Ginsburg said she will refuse to testify unless a deal is worked out with the independent counsel's office giving her immunity. He said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation" that he would urge the hearings to be postponed until negotiations are concluded.

"The State of the Union address is so critical and important that to distract the president at that moment is just not only unfair but unwise," Ginsburg said.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he had discussed briefly with White House

Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles a possible postponement of the Clinton address. "My recommendation was that we go forward, that he come and present the State of the Union," Lott said on ABC's "This Week."

"You know, if something, if other

matters intervene, you know, they'd have to reconsider that, and so would I."

But House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., noted on CNN's "Late Edition" that this year the usually dry State of the Union speech may have its own element of drama.

"It's going to be a very awkward moment for the president," Hyde said.

"The reaction of the Congress will be fascinating to watch, whether it will be restrained civility or whether they will exaggerate enthusiasm on the Democratic side."

## • NASA

### Problems continue to plague Mir

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Despite an ill-fitting spacesuit, American astronaut Andrew Thomas moved into Mir on Sunday while NASA and the Russian Space Agency debated whether to leave him there.

Thomas' custom-made Russian suit, intended for use on the Soyuz, Mir's lifeboat, is so tight he can't get into it. And the only spare, the suit belonging to David Wolf, a Mir resident for the past four months, is too big.

Thomas said he believes his spine stretched and he became taller in space — a common occurrence in weightlessness. It could also be that his suit was not sized correctly before the flight, he said.

It is the first time an American has encountered such a problem in the two years that shuttles have been dropping off astronauts at Mir.

"You know, you think you're psychologically prepared but things often turn around and surprise you," Thomas said.

## Ice

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and business customers left without heat and light in Maine after the first storm, but it meant no respite for utility crews.

Central Maine linemen Dale Larsen and Mark Caron were on their 17th day outside in the cold, cutting tree limbs and restringing power lines.

"It hasn't stopped. Every time we look up it's snowing or icing again," Larsen said as he worked in Portland. Until Friday's storm arrived, he had been looking forward to getting home to watch the Super Bowl.

"Losing power on Super Bowl Sunday is a utility's worst case scenario," Ishkanian said.

Across the state line, Public Service

Co. of New Hampshire reported about 3,000 customers without power Saturday, down from 31,000 on Saturday.

One 70-year-old man died in New Hampshire and his 58-year-old brother was hospitalized in critical condition Sunday after they were overcome by carbon monoxide fumes from an electric generator they were using for emergency power.

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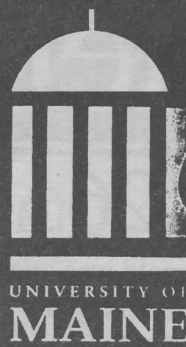
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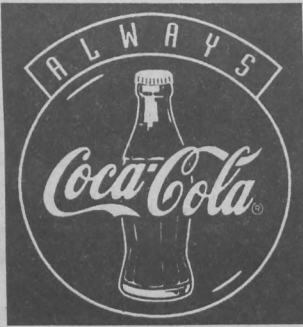
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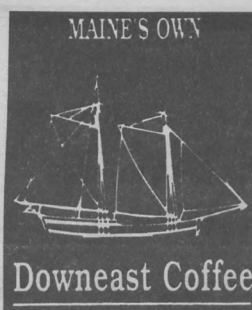


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# EDITORIAL

## Clinton allegations bear scrutiny

Clinton has done it again. Just a week before a potentially unruffled State of the Union address, the newest set of sex allegations has been released by "God knows whom." Or Kenneth Starr has done it again. Despite repeated requests to retire, he keeps overturning rock after rock, seeking the ultimate truth about Bill Clinton.

Or maybe the media did it. Like a pack of wolves, the media and the American public have settled down to feast on the juicy news. This time the suggestion of impeachment has reared its ugly head.

The president, of course, denies having an affair with Monica Lewinsky. However, reneging on repeated statements to the contrary, Clinton has admitted to an affair with Gennifer Flowers. Now Americans are expected to believe these new denials. Not likely. The president should not be facing impeachment proceedings before being convicted of a crime.

The real crime would be to require Clinton to resign before anything is official. This is not a question of the leadership of the country. It's a legal matter not open to interpretation. In the meantime, other damage is being done.

Now we have a president who can't do his job properly because of legal and media embroilments, a Congress that has to just sit on its hands until it deals with the president safely again, and public morale that's sinking lower and lower.

Despite the firestorm, there is one thing all the higher-ups in D.C. have in common. Just like Clinton, they want to pass through this test unscathed, and seem willing to say just about anything to make that happen.

"If [allegations] prove to be true, that's going to cause some problems legally," said Republican Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott. This is not exactly a convincing condemnation.

Lewinsky herself said on Tripp's tapes, "I have lied my entire life." No doubt Clinton has done his share of lying, but to have the president face impeachment hearings over not-quite-legal, not-quite-certain allegations made before the legal termination of lawsuit hearings does not bode well for the next century of American leadership.

Let Clinton face the firing squad when the verdict comes back — no sooner. Regardless of what he appears to be, he's still innocent. Don't trust the wolves until that changes.

## Tuition gift certificates worthless

In early December, just in time for the holidays, the University of Maine announced it would offer gift certificates good for tuition.

It sounds noble, and the university may have good intentions, but in reality the gift certificates are little more than a way for a relative to say, "Hey, we know you're in college and that's all we know about you." The \$25 dollar amount of each gift certificate is laughable in the face of rising tuition costs.

With the price of a credit hour at \$125 for residents and \$354 for non-residents, the average undergraduate student taking 15 credit hours is paying \$1,875 to \$5,310 for their tuition per semester. Graduate students taking nine credit hours per semester pay between \$1,692 and \$4,779 per semester in tuition alone.

Factor in books and living expenses, and the total cost of attending UMaine for a year is, at minimum, around \$10,000.

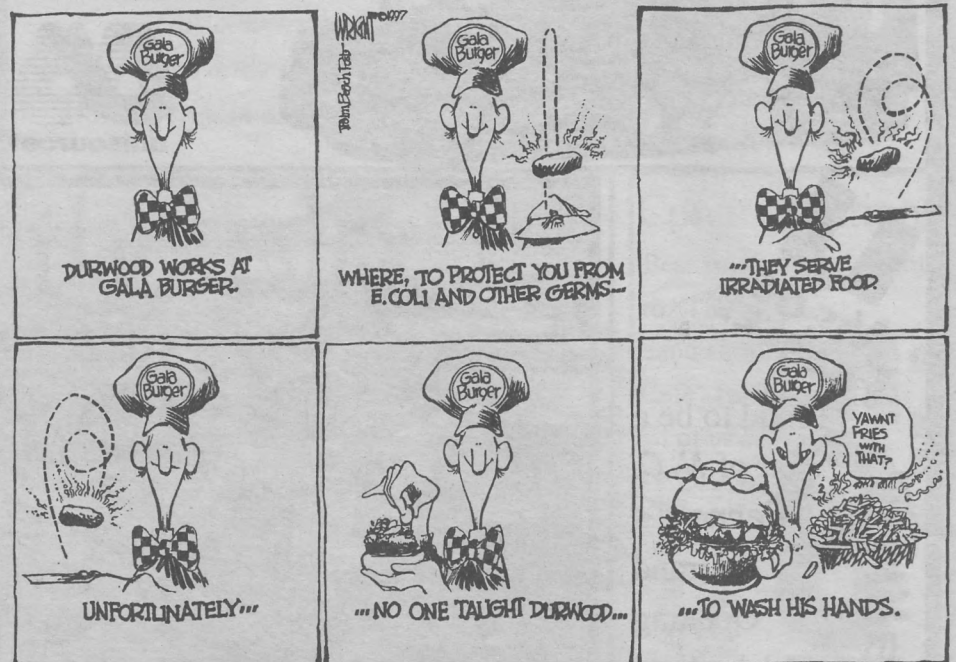
Given that figure, a \$25 gift certificate will leave more than \$9,000 for the stu-

dent to pay.

Most undergraduates already receive some sort of assistance from their parents, whether it's a loan, full payment or partial payment. In these cases, a gift of \$25 just shifts money on paper. No real money ever changes hands and that doesn't make for much of a gift.

The \$25 is simply an increment, so in theory someone could receive hundreds of dollars in tuition certificates. But will that really happen? What college student who already receives assistance from his or her parents wants to get \$300 in tuition certificates for Christmas instead of a new bicycle?

Gift certificates in general are impersonal gifts. When the recipient doesn't see an immediate return on them, they are even more impersonal. Except in the case of a student who pays his or her own way through college, the gift certificates are mere tokens of appreciation with no real value unless they are given in the amount of the entire tuition bill or a significant percentage.



### • Column

## Judge people on the inside, not outside

For quite a while, I've been frustrated with the stereotype that "un-ambitious Generation Xers" will do "absolutely anything to fit in." I am especially angry with the negative feedback people get when they have a body piercing or tattoo.

Unfortunately, people judge others when they have no right to do so. In the eyes of some people, if a person gets a tattoo or a body piercing that person suddenly becomes less respectable. If someone is going to think less of another person because of something on the outside, then it's not worth caring what they think.

Not all piercing is permanent, but it does cause tremendous pain; people have to keep their piercings clean and safe from infection, taking up an immense amount of time and patience. It's hard to believe people would go through all the hassle of something so time consuming just to fit in. I've heard lots of reasons why people have gotten pierced: some like how it looks, some do it because of their culture, and some do it for reasons I don't need to write about.

We're all aware that tattooing is something much more permanent and that tattoos will never go away (unless people pay thousands of dollars to get them removed and have them replaced with scars). Tattoos have been around for a long time and I'm sure we've all heard more than enough stories about their consequences. If someone is going to be naive enough to get one just because it's the new trend, they should go to the mall and buy a package of fake ones. I'm sure if you asked most people who have tattoos why they got them, though, they would give reasons different than the stereotypical one.

I've been debating about getting a tattoo for several years. Since I was about 16 I've wanted to get a butterfly tattoo and I haven't changed my mind since. The problem is,

I've had to deal with everyone else's feedback and many people's stereotypical views.

My dad has been the person most against the tattoo idea, but I suppose most dads don't want their daughters to get one. I don't know how he found out, but he did.

In his ongoing task to convince me not to get one, Dad went from telling me there was no way he would ever let me get one to introducing me to an ex-tattoo artist. The artist told me tattoos are too risky to get

By Kristen Dobler



because not many artists use new needles every time. I listened, but I think Dad encouraged his advice.

I've respected and listened to all the people who have advised me in my decision to get a tattoo, but in the end I know that it will be my decision alone that decides what I do.

Unfortunately, I'm well aware of the world we live in and I know that something such as tattoo can affect me for the rest of my life. I admit I have cringed at the sight of what many people have done to their bodies, but I keep one thing in mind: it's what they like and I choose not to judge them because of it. If I get a tattoo, it's not going to change who I am.

Although there's no way of escaping from the superficial and prejudiced world we live in, we have to at least try to avoid acting this way ourselves and encourage others to do the same. As my mom says, "It's not what's outside that matters, it's what inside."

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## • Column

## Coverage of affair allegations too much

Out of control. That's how President Clinton's closest allies are characterizing the media coverage of Linda Tripp's allegations that Clinton had an affair with a White House intern.

They're right.

NBC's overnight news program, "Nightside," dedicated almost half of its newscasts to the story; the network's "Today" and "Nightly News" programs have titled their cover-

charges for perjury.

Republicans have hinted they may seek to impeach Clinton, but they have taken no action. Still, after watching the news you would think hearings are imminent.

Even then, is the matter serious enough to warrant Clinton's resignation and impeachment?

Actually, Iraqis should relax. If Clinton orders a strike, the public will accuse him of abusing his authority, despite his threats that military action may be in order.

One of the most interesting aspects of the media coverage is nobody is paying much attention to Whitewater special prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigation into whether Clinton had an affair. It was Tripp, a friend of Lewinsky and a former White House staffer for Clinton, who told Starr last summer there was an affair.

Not able to nail Clinton since coming onto the job in August 1994, Starr jumped at the opportunity to prove that Clinton has a propensity for lying and paying people off with gifts. Starr wired Tripp for sound and had her talk with Lewinsky about an affair. Of course, let's not forget Tripp may have a bone to pick with Clinton for diminishing her job responsibilities and for Clinton's attorneys' lashing out at her last summer in the Jones case.

It isn't clear what relevance Clinton's possible affair with an intern has to do with a failed real estate venture. Perhaps Starr should investigate whether Clinton has ever lied about other things, like whether his dog really did eat his homework in the fifth grade.

How Starr and Whitewater fits into the story is of little significance for the media, though. They want a big story about possible misconduct by the president, no matter how little information is known. They should simply report the allegation and let the matter take its course as details come out in court.

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By Ryan Robbins

age "The President in Crisis." CNN's Web site has a special section devoted to the story, complete with public-opinion polls.

Coverage of the affair (no pun intended) is a prime example of a phenomenon in the news industry known as "pack journalism." The term is used to describe a blind feeding frenzy on a story. Like wild dogs, reporters chase a story and pick it to death, stripping the fur, skin and meat from the bones. Occasionally the reporters return for a follow-up (or seconds) hoping to slurp some of the blood left behind.

Pack journalism is not good, for it can distort reality. After watching and reading news reports, you would think Clinton faces criminal charges if he had an affair with the intern, Monica Lewinsky, then gave her gifts and job opportunities to keep her quiet. Adultery is not a crime, and there have been no hints that he bribed Lewinsky.

Of course, there are reports that Clinton testified under oath in his deposition for the Paula Jones case that he didn't have an affair with Lewinsky. If Clinton lied, he could face criminal

charges for perjury. That's debatable. The Constitution lists three impeachable offenses: treason, bribery "or other high crimes and misdemeanors." Lying in a civil trial, no matter how distasteful, should not automatically trigger thoughts of removing the president. But when the media sense blood in the water, they can't resist mentioning it.

This isn't to say, of course, that the media shouldn't report what the president may or may not have done with 21-year-old intern in the West Wing of the White House. When Clinton ran for public office he knew the risks. Having an affair with an intern is news, no matter how salacious.

However, the media should omit "hot" words such as "scandal," "resignation" and "impeachment" from their reports until more information is available. If Clinton resigns, it won't be so much because of the allegations, but from the intense media scrutiny that could interfere with his job. Iraqis are worried Clinton may take a cue from the movie "Wag the Dog" and order a military strike against them to divert attention.

## NASA returns to the past to boost space program

Mission control, we have achieved lift-off." I was always the communications officer and my Air Force-brat best friend, Doug, was always the pilot. The solid, beige cubes that made up his mom's contemporary sofa were precisely arranged and transformed by the incredible power of our 8-year-old imaginations into a perfect replica of the space shuttle that we navigated wearing moon boots and our dads' snowmobile helmets.

We completed military missions to distant galaxies and saved civilization on a weekly basis. As we spent July evenings lying on the dewy grass, gazing up into the heavens, the lure of adventure written in the constellations drew

In a desperate, brilliant move, NASA aims to use nostalgia to regain public faith by sending 76-year-old Mercury veteran John Glenn and Idaho schoolteacher Barbara Morgan into orbit this year. Sen. Glenn claims a scientific mission to study the aging process in weightlessness, a flimsy excuse.

NASA might as well be honest with the public. The calculation to salvage what's left of the space program with emotional appeal is obvious. Yet, the scheme is nothing to be ashamed of; in fact, it's inspired. I am one of the thousands of Americans who will be glued to the television during lift-



By Misty Edgecomb

us to outer space. We knew the lines from "Space Camp" by heart, created an inter-galactic space station in the pop-up camper and dreamed of being astronauts while we crunched on freeze-dried ice cream in shiny silver packets.

My generation developed during NASA's boom years in the 1980s. An early fascination with space travel is universal to our childhood, but somewhere along the way we grew up and abandoned our vivid dreams of soaring past the rings of Saturn. Our telescopes gathered dust and space exploration lost its glamour. With the death of the Cold War rivalry, shuttle missions became routine, even viewed as unnecessary wastes of government funds.

In the instant when the Challenger exploded, burned into our memories with striking clarity, NASA began to lose its influence. Thousands of schoolchildren shuddered in libraries and auditoriums as the infamous citizen-astronaut perished in full Technicolor before our eyes. When flaming debris plummeted into the Atlantic, NASA fell from grace.

Each successive space mission fused with the one before, and astronauts lost their god-like glory to become a stream of anonymous government employees. Faulty equipment, weather, even the bird population, interfered with the space program's goals in the 1990s. Factor in the Hubble telescope and Mir space station, plagued by more glitches than a junior-high science fair, and NASA has become a prime target for fiscal conservatives seeking to reduce the deficit.

off, cheering the revival of the space program and the possibility that it rouses. If a senior citizen and a teacher can cast off the staggering concerns of individually insignificant lives to travel beyond the sky into legend, why not a student from the University of Maine?

With the re-release of "Star Wars" and the approach of the new millennium, American society is prime for NASA's comeback. Today's domestic issues like universal health care and welfare reform can never hope to capture the imagination like the space program. Children who witnessed Armstrong's giant leap for mankind on grainy black-and-white televisions grew up to pilot the shuttles in an all-consuming quest to prove the superiority of democracy.

The children of the 1980s were inspired by Christa McAuliffe and famed National Geographic photos of the Earth portrayed as a fragile blue-green orb, suspended in the endless velvet darkness of space.

We will support the resurgence of the space program without need of a political agenda. Practical at heart, we realize that space travel is unnecessary, but with starry eyes revive our idealistic wonder of the final unknown, and willingly contribute our tax dollars. As John Glenn personifies, petty considerations of politics, age or economics deserve no place in the awakening of the human spirit that can be realized when we look to the stars.

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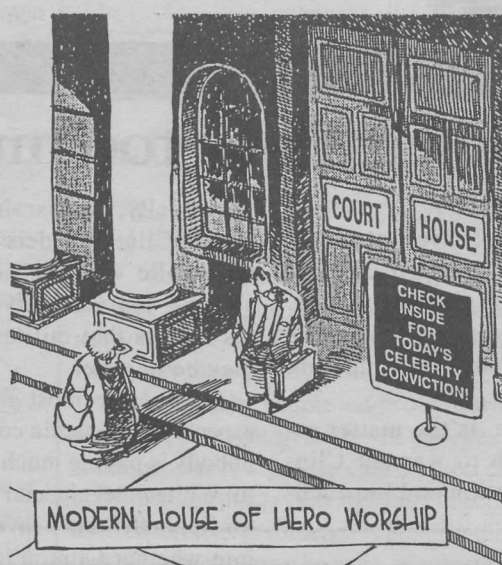
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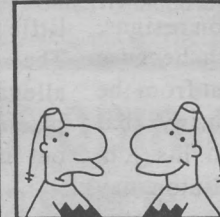
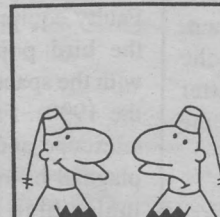
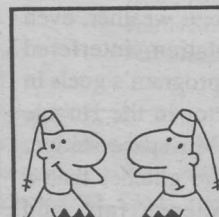
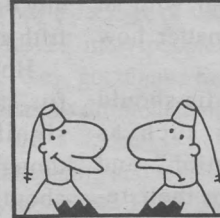
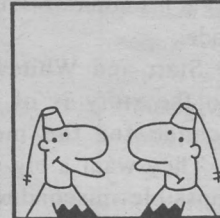
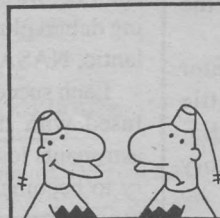
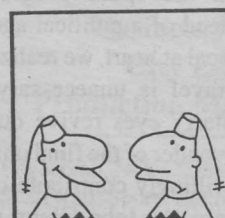
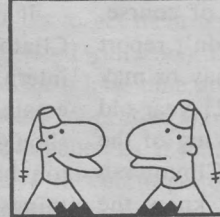
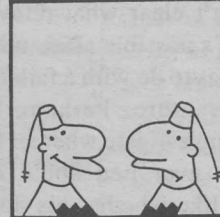
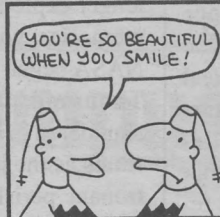
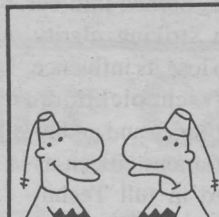
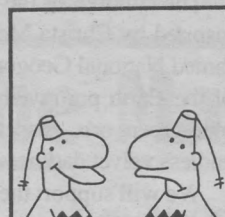
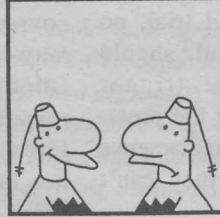
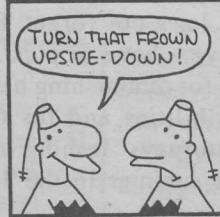
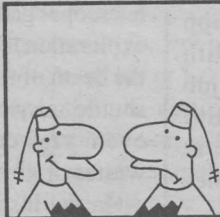
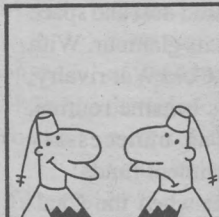
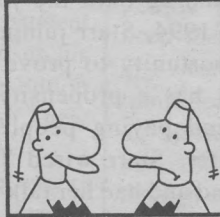
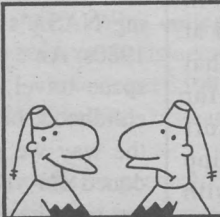
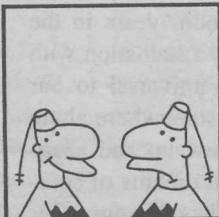


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## LIFE IN HELL



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## Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Monday, January 26

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** Keep your ideas simple and your plans feasible and, between this birthday and the next, you'll climb on mountains that, right now, look impossibly steep. You can only take one step at a time, so take that first step now, then keep walking.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Be careful what you say: Walls have ears. More to the point, where there are ears there are mouths, and where there are mouths there is gossip. You may have trusted friends you thought you could confide in, but you can't trust everybody today. Your secrets should stay just that — secret.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** An idea that inspires you can be made to work — but only if you have more confidence in your abilities. We all have fantasies, but how many of those fantasies become realities? Very few. Your idea isn't just good, it's brilliant. It's time to make it pay.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** If you want a reason to worry, you'll find it. The reason itself is unimportant — it's the worrying you enjoy. Which might sound a little perverse, but since when have you done things by the book? Indulge the negative side of your nature today — you'll feel better for it tomorrow.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** If you focus too hard on details you could lose sight of the bigger picture. If you lose sight of the bigger picture, then the details may be irrelevant. Stand back from what you're doing today and make sure your work is still relevant. If it isn't, only a minor adjustment will be needed.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** If you've been pushing yourself too hard, then you must expect to feel weary. If you need a break, this is the time to take one. Even a single day off will have a rejuvenating effect on your system — you can achieve twice as much tomorrow as you can today.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** You talk a good fight, but do you have the financial muscle to back up your claims? Probably not. Some opponents are simply too powerful to take on head-to-head. But there are more subtle ways you can undermine their position. Think about it and you'll see what I mean.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** Words can hide as well as reveal, and if you take what someone tells you at face value today you'll hear only half the story, if that. Listen to the meaning behind the words and ask yourself what that person may be trying to conceal. Only then will you understand what's going on.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** You aren't the kind of person who reveals his/her thoughts too often but, every now and again, you go the other way and, if anything, say too much. Mercury, planet of communication, is prompting you to talk. Saturn, planet of limitation, is warning you to keep it short and to the point.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Wor-rying about your financial situation is pointless. You know you have obligations to meet, and you know you can't escape them, so do something practical to lighten the load. Partners and loved ones will help out in any way they can, but only if you tell them that something is wrong.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** This is one of those days when the best way to deal with criticism is to ignore it. The only reason partners or colleagues are being so critical is because they think their way of doing things is better. But that's purely an opinion, and it doesn't have to be yours.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Don't worry if you haven't yet started a project you've been thinking about for months. You'll know when the time is right because your circumstances will change. Your ideas have been going through a period of gestation. It's almost time for them to see the light of day.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** It doesn't matter that you lack material or financial resources. What matters is that you believe in what you're doing with all your heart. If you also have friends who believe in the same thing, then you have nothing to worry about: Together you can achieve what might be impossible alone.



# Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Tuesday, January 27

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** Don't adopt what other people say or do simply because it's easier than thinking for yourself. The fact that a particular view is fashionable doesn't make it right — the opposite is often the case. Go your own way and do your own thing this year. You'll be happier for it.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Today's aspects suggest you may find it difficult to get a partner's support for your ideas. You suspect he/she secretly agrees with you but, for some reason, is unwilling to admit it. Wait until Tuesday before raising the subject again. A more positive response is likely.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Don't worry too much if your energy fades today. Everything moves in cycles, and by Sunday you'll be back to your effervescent best. The harder you try to regain lost momentum the more it will elude you, so sit back and relax.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** The next few days will be extremely important for affairs of the heart. If you're open about how you feel, then even an ailing relationship can be revived. If, however, you disguise your emotions behind a mask of indifference, then you must expect more upheaval. The future is in your hands.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Planetary influences indicate that it's unlikely that you'll get through the day without some kind of family upheaval. This need not be serious if you remember that it's only a passing storm. Like thunder, it's noise without substance.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** Why must you do everything at double speed? Could it be you're afraid you might get left behind, or is it because you have so much energy to burn? Either way, you're going too fast and taking too many risks. By Monday you'll have found something less dangerous to pursue.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** When push comes to shove you can be as obstinate as anyone and more so than most. And this weekend you won't take no for an answer, whatever the question might be. Make sure you don't upset someone who has the power to hit back.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** Common sense is a wonderful thing, but intuition is more important. Common sense depends on facts, but who's to say you know all the facts? Intuition, on the other hand, comes from a part of your mind that has access to all the answers. Ignore the facts today — your intuition knows best.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** Planetary activity will cast a new light on your financial situation and, if you're prudent, you'll find ways to cut costs and improve your earning power. In the meantime, concentrate on friendships and social obligations. This could be an instructive weekend in more ways than one.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** You can sense that some kind of momentous change is in the air, and you wouldn't be human if you didn't feel a little bit apprehensive. What will it mean to you? Will it change the way you live and work? Only one thing is certain: The planets are protecting you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Don't let your imagination run away with you. Yes, things are beginning to happen. Yes, you're worried because you can't control the situation. No, you aren't about to be left in limbo. Use your own resources today, and you'll find that others will be ready to help.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Rock the boat by all means, but be careful it's not you who falls out. You need an outlet for your crusading zeal, but if you pick on the wrong person or organization you are asking for trouble. Tuesday's New Moon will reveal an obvious target — contain your enthusiasm until then.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** If there's something about your working environment you don't like, you'll soon get the chance to change it. If there's someone who continually rubs you the wrong way, you'll soon get the chance to improve your relationship. Today, however, you must be patient.

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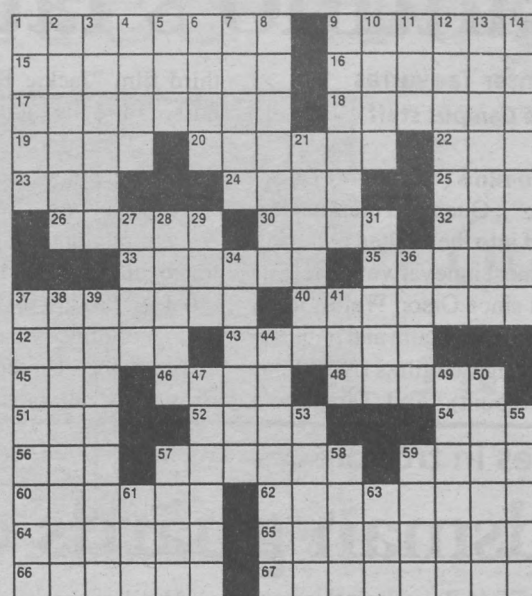
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# Style and the Arts

## • Coffee House Series

# Songwriter to take Maine fans for 'Ride'

By Derek Rice  
Maine Campus staff

Louise Taylor is no stranger to the University of Maine. The singer-songwriter played the Coffee House series here last year to a full house.

Tuesday night, she will be back, playing that same series at 8 p.m. in the Peabody Lounge, across the hall from the Memorial Union Coffee Shop.

Taylor is also no stranger to critical acclaim. Her 1995 release, "Ruby Shoes," gave her widespread acclaim as a singer on the rise. Her latest release, "Ride," hit stores last August. Since then she has been compared to popular folk-oriented singers like Jewel (who sang "The Star Spangled Banner" at last night's Super Bowl) and Paula Cole.

All this has been overwhelming, Taylor said. Her recordings haven't made her wealthy, but she stresses that the hard work she has put into her music has been well worth it despite modest returns.

"I'm just hoping to have a nice long career and can make a good living doing music, which is currently still a struggle," she said.

Tuesday's performance will be just one stop on her national tour. She began touring

last September and will continue well into this year.

Taylor left home at age 16 to hitchhike across the country. She has used the experience she gained then, as well as the experience of touring for the last six years, as material for her songwriting and performance.

"Ride" is an example of this common theme with its wandering lyrics and vast array of personalities Taylor takes on.

"(The album) has to do with all the traveling I've done and reflecting that movement in the record. There are a lot of characters on the album that are not myself. It's about traveling and moving, and I hope it will take people on that sort of journey," she said.

Her latest CD's warmth, she said, reflects the comfortable circumstances under which it was recorded.

"I was much more relaxed doing this record than I have been in the past," Taylor said. "Even though making a record can often be quite threatening, this was a very non-threatening experience."

One critic said Taylor's "Ride" has "a new sensual, bounding, playful quality, appropriate for an album inspired by the vigor of horses and the roll of open land."

Her performance Tuesday should be an event well worth seeing.



Singer-songwriter Louise Taylor will play in the Peabody Lounge Tuesday at 8 p.m. (Courtesy photo.)

## • In theaters

# Tarantino's latest differs from first two

By Hunter Tzovarras  
Maine Campus staff

After only two films ("Reservoir Dogs" and "Pulp Fiction"), Quentin Tarantino has propelled himself into the exalted company of Hollywood's most innovative and talented directors. Not since Orson Welles has a director received such acclaim and popularity after only making two films (No, "Four Rooms" doesn't count). And Tarantino's

third film "Jackie Brown" should neither hurt or raise his status as a great filmmaker.

For Tarantino, "Jackie Brown" is a return to more plot-oriented filmmaking. Like "Reservoir Dogs," "Jackie Brown" is 50 percent plot and 50 percent intriguing dialogue, unlike "Pulp Fiction," which mainly revolved around its fascinatingly authentic dialogue. But compared to Tarantino's other films, the character dialogue in "Jackie Brown" is not as enthralling and for this

reason the movie drags in places where plot is not the focus.

"Reservoir Dogs," and to a greater extent "Pulp Fiction," offered dialogue that alone was utterly entertaining.

Think of the coffee shop conversation in "Reservoir Dogs" where the characters discuss the merit of tipping and the metaphorical meaning of Madonna's "Like a Virgin"; or think of "Pulp Fiction" and the John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson discussion on the significance of foot massages. The dialogue in these scenes and others like them is fascinating, and we're not interested in what is going to happen because we're already so entertained by what the characters are doing and saying.

There just isn't this sort of captivating dialogue in "Jackie Brown." When the characters are idle and just talking we're not too interested in what they have to say, unless it

pertains to the plot, and a lot of the time it doesn't. That's not to say the film doesn't have its moments; there are times when the dialogue is sharp and intriguing.

The most interesting aspect about "Jackie Brown" is its plot, which revolves around a haggard but clever flight attendant and her attempt to steal half a million dollars from an arms dealer and ATF agents. The flight attendant is Jackie Brown (Pam Grier) and the money she's trying to steal belongs to Ordell Robbi (Samuel L. Jackson, who kind of reprises his "Pulp Fiction" role). But the thing is, Ordell doesn't know what Jackie's up to. He thinks they're partners. He needs Jackie to fly to Mexico, get the money and bring it back into the country. But the plot is even more complicated. Jackie, in order to avoid arrest, has been forced into working with an ATF

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## • Celebrities in trouble

# Bondsman guards clients

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Josh Herman, bail bondsman to the stars, is barreling down the Santa Monica Freeway in his big green truck to meet a man named Bubba.

Bubba. Not rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg. Not one of Herman's other celebrity clients whose names he safeguards like a family secret.

"You don't want to mess with Bubba," says Herman, who has the unnerving ability to drive, bark into a cell phone and read court documents, all at once.

Charles "Bub" Flowers, according to his business card, is an investigator. He's a nice guy. But if you skip on a Herman bail bond, Bubba is the man who comes after you. And Herman is looking for a missing client.

Bubba is big. He has a gun. And he isn't always nice.

In Herman's universe, musclemen, bounty hunters and career felons coexist with hip-hop artists, Hollywood producers and movie stars.

Until recently, Herman lived in obscurity, which is the way he and his well-known clients liked it. Then Newsweek ran a little story about "the bail bondsman of choice for jailed rap stars." Now Herman has a Hollywood manager to handle callers professing interest in book, TV and film deals.

That's Hollywood. "Jackie Brown," Quintin Tarantino's new movie featuring a bail bondsman, is hot. So by the logic of show biz, Herman is hot.

His manager envisions a TV series. Fast cars and fetching women? "Yeah," says Herman, who is 6 feet 3 inches tall and tops 200 pounds.

"But Bubba and I couldn't both fit in a Ferrari."

Herman says he finds the hype surreal and silly. That doesn't explain why someone who claims to hate hype hires a manager to stir it up.

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## Monday, Jan. 26

### • "Fighting Legalized

Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation," offered by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs and Peace Studies, 12:15 p.m., Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union.

• B.B. King in concert with special guest Chris Smither, 8 p.m., Bangor Auditorium. For information, call 990-4444.

what's happening

## Tuesday, Jan. 27

• "Biomedicine and the Discourse on Abortion," part of the Women in the Curriculum Luncheon Series, 12:15 p.m., Bangor Lounge.

• Coffee House with Louise Taylor, offered by The Union Board, 8 p.m., Peabody Lounge.



## • Revision

## New translations of Greek classics understated

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Those old translations of the Greek classics — musty now, with their pages yellowed and spines broken — were good reads in their day.

Paging through an edition now, poet David R. Slavitt says, "is like driving around in one those cars with fins. It looks funny sometimes."

So two years ago, Slavitt recruited a

batch of fellow poets, Pulitzer Prize winners and an Academy Award-winning screenwriter to re-translate the entire collection of comedies and tragedies into modern-day English.

Not since 1938 had all 49 classics been overhauled. And not like this.

The writers used today's language, up to and including four-letter words and foul-

mouthed slang to rework stories written more than two millennia ago.

Thus a quote from Jason in "The Medea" goes from "Oh, I hate you, murderess of children" to "Out with you! Barbarian witch! Child-murderer!"

Don't look for the wild and woolly — these were put together by wordsmiths, after all. But they are a far cry from some of the stodgier translations.

Where else could "it's a terrible thing when one's master's luck is out" become "the master's luck runs out on a bad roll of the dice?"

The University of Pennsylvania Press released the first three editions of the 12-volume set this winter. The rest will be published by next year.

"My goal was to create a publishing event," said Eric Halpern, Penn Press director. "Refreshing the classics would make an important statement."

He means keeping them relevant.

Among the 40 translators were two Pulitzer winners, Carolyn Kizer and Henry Taylor; a MacArthur Foundation "genius"

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## The thrill is coming



Legendary bluesman B.B. King, along with his trusted friend Lucille, will be at the Bangor Auditorium tonight at 8 p.m. King has been recording since 1949, the same year he named his guitar. Last year, King has published a biography and released a new recording of duets with the Rolling Stones and Willie Nelson, among others. (Courtesy photo.)

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## Jackie

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agent named Ray Nicolet (Michael Keaton), who wants Jackie to set up Ordell.

Jackie gets the money into the country, and the money exchange is set to go down inside the world's largest indoor mall. Ordell sends ex-con Louis Gara (Robert De Niro) and Melanie (Bridget Fonda) to pick up the money. The pair's intentions are shady. Earlier they had talked about taking the money for themselves. And the wild card in all of this is bail bondsman Max Cherry (Robert Foster). Neither the ATF or Ordell knows Max is in on it.

Jackie's ruse is to get the money away from both Ordell and the ATF while keeping up the appearance that she's on both of their sides.

One of Tarantino's greatest talents as a director is his flawless casting. He always seems to find the right actor for each role and "Jackie Brown" is no exception. Along with its intricate plot, the other pleasure in watching this film is the actors' performances. The only performance

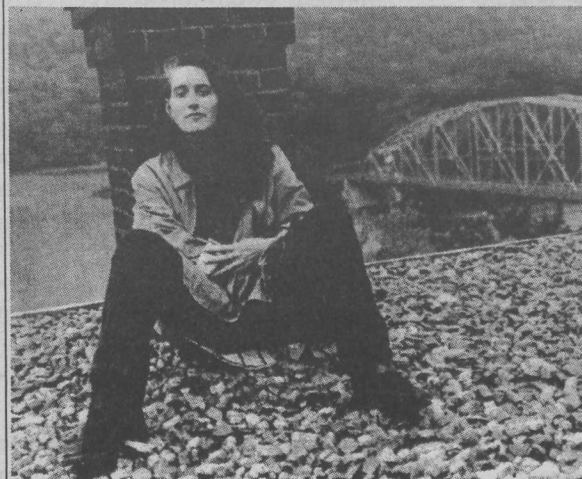
that seemed a bit forced is Keaton's. At times he seems to be slightly unconvincing, but it doesn't get in the way. De Niro is perfect as the obtuse ex-con. He plays the character with subtle risibility and ingratiation.

Besides getting the most out of his actors, Tarantino is able to develop an interesting subplot, which involves a tacit romance between Jackie and Max. The attraction between the two is not overdone or formulated, but handled convincingly and gives the film something more than ruses and murderers.

In the end, Tarantino's third film is well-made and original. It is not simply a recycling of his first two films. Unlike his other films, I don't think I would want to watch this one over again anytime soon.

Rating: ★★★★★

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## • People

# Writer defends screenplay; Newman donates more

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Michael Crichton says he and his wife acted out the plot turns in their "Twister" screenplay while they were writing it.

Crichton and Anne-Marie Martin used several sources, including books and videos about tornado chasers, to create the screenplay, he testified Wednesday in a lawsuit alleging he stole the screenplay for the hit movie.

Stephen Kessler contends in his 1996 lawsuit that some of the biggest names in Hollywood — including Steven Spielberg — ripped off his script "Catch the Wind" to make "Twister." Kessler seeks the entire multimillion-dollar profit from "Twister."

Crichton said he and Ms. Martin had never heard of Kessler or his screenplay before he filed the lawsuit.

They got the idea to write a screenplay after seeing a TV documentary about storm chasers, Crichton testified. They decided to make theirs "a zany and screwball comedy" with a touch of drama, based on the 1940s comedy "My Girl Friday," he said.

Crichton, who also wrote the novel Jurassic Park and helped create the hit TV show "ER," said Ms. Martin came up with "Twister" plot and dialogue ideas while he typed them.

"We basically acted it out," Crichton said.

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Paul Newman is pouring some of his salad dressing profits into a favorite cause: land preservation.

The actor wants the state to set aside

more money to preserve land, and on Wednesday he pledged \$500,000 from sale of his "Newman's Own" food products to help preserve the Trout Brook Valley near his Westport home.

The valley includes a 700-acre parcel owned by a water company and slated for a \$14 million sale so that a golf course and 100 homes can be built.

"Spaghetti sauce and salad dressing are useful sometimes," Newman joked at a news conference by the nonprofit Trust for Public Land.

Rep. Jessie Stratton, co-chairwoman of the General Assembly's Environment Committee, said lawmakers plan to change regulations, seek tax benefits and come up with other ways for more water company land to be preserved instead of developed.

Newman, star of such films as "Cool Hand Luke" and "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," also donates profits from his food line to charity.

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Sylvester Stallone's mother underwent angioplasty after a heart attack that left her unconscious at her home.

Jacqueline Stallone was recovering well Wednesday from the surgery to clear clogged heart arteries, said hospital spokeswoman Lindi Funston.

The actor's mother was moved to a private room at St. John's Hospital and Medical Center and could go home as soon as Friday.

"She's actually doing great," Ms. Funston said.

## Greek

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grant winner, Philadelphia poet Eleanor Wilner; and a screenwriter, Frederic Raphael, who won an Oscar for 1965's "Darling."

Some of the recruits had never read the dramas. Slavitt told them to work from earlier translations, asking the very way to translate 100 lines at first. Some hated it and stopped. A few missed the cut. Some loved it.

Those who did received more or less free rein, whether they chose to write free verse or submit to the rigors of the original line length used by Euripides or Aristophanes. Slavitt wanted not exact renderings, but interpretations. And while the dialogue may not work on a television sitcom, it is closer to 1998 than 1938, when Random House published the full set.

"The point really is to translate it into your own poetry," said Elaine Terranova, a Community College of Philadelphia writing specialist and an award-winning poet. She translated "Iphigenia at Aulis," about a daughter of Agamemnon nearly sacrificed by him to a Greek goddess.

"What you get when you have a classi-

cist instead of a poet," Terranova said, "you get this sort of gray thing and there's not the spark of the original."

"Maybe it's word-for-word correct, but it's not in sentiment or concept. It's not going to grip anybody."

Penn's approach makes it different from the standards, such as the Oxford University Press translations or the tragedies published 40 years ago by the University of Chicago Press. They relied on classicists, either alone or with a poet's help.

Though Chicago Press officials believe their plays have held up well, Slavitt said the classics need translation for a new generation that doesn't want to "hack through" that old-style English.

In particular need were Aristophanes' comedies, which are "absolutely without Puritan restraint," Halpern said. "They are very risqué."

Chicago Press avoided that predicament by not printing them. Earlier versions left the more sordid sections in Latin, and in the Latin text, the lewd words, strangely, were

Ms. Stallone, who has no history of heart problems, was found unconscious in her home Monday. She said she had been working out last week for a guest appearance on the trapeze with Cirque du Soleil.

Ms. Stallone, who had the surgery Monday, has appeared in trapeze performances for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, Ms. Funston said.

NEW YORK (AP) — At 32, Embeth Davidtz figures she's too old for that hungry look she has in "The Gingerbread Man."

"When you're 20, it's fine to look like Kate Moss," the actress told Parade magazine for its Jan. 25 issue. "I'm not 20 anymore."

The South African actress, who bares it

all in Robert Altman's latest film, said she didn't like how skinny she looked in her nude scenes.

"I didn't mind when I was doing it, but it bothered me when I saw the film because I was in a room with other people, and when the lights came up, I'd have to shake their hands," she said.

Davidtz, who also had nude scenes in "Schindler's List," said it's not the baring-it-all that bothered her.

"In 'Gingerbread Man,' I looked quite frail, bony and odd. There's something that appeals to men in some dark way about a creature like that," said Davidtz, who has since gained 10 pounds.

## Bail

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"I don't know why," he says. Then he laughs.

Perhaps he is just used to peculiar characters. This is a man who gets people out of jail for a living and counts some as friends.

"There's nothing wrong with them. They've just been to jail," he says.

In his eight-year career, Herman has written thousands of bonds pledging to pay the entire bail if a defendant fails to appear in court. His fee is 10 percent of the bail amount.

He has built a client list that is about 70 percent celebrities, he says.

A middle-class white from West Los Angeles, Herman, 26, learned the business from his father, Mark, and grandmother, Flo. Mark bailed out Black Panther leaders and musician Ike Turner.

"My grandmother was tough," says Josh Herman. "And she didn't drive. She'd say 'You need a bond? Come get me.'"

Now father and son work together. Their toll free number: 1-800-7Get-Me-Out.

Josh Herman won't say how much he earns. He has a Beverly Hills office but never uses it. He works out of his truck, or his Mercedes-Benz, driving from court to court, jail to jail, constantly answering his beeper and cell phone. He is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

He divulges the identities of rapper clients Snoop Doggy Dogg and Dr. Dre, he says, because they don't mind talking about their well-publicized brushes with the law.

"Look," Herman says, "I do a lot of famous people, not just the rappers. Movie people, TV people, you name it. But I can't talk about those people. I'd lose my business."

Beverly Hills attorney Jeffrey Brodey handles very wealthy clients and high-profile murder cases. He uses the Hermans to

bail out his clients.

They are "very different," Brodey says, from "scummier" bondsmen.

"I'm looking for somebody who's going to be there right away, who treats my clients with a velvet glove," Brodey says, seated behind a marble desk in his high-rise office.

"Josh will pick up somebody from jail and bring them home. That's just unheard of."

Tupac Shakur is one other client Herman will discuss. The rapper and film star died in 1996, six days after being shot on the Las Vegas Strip. His killer hasn't been caught.

"Tupac was a good friend, and a good guy," says Herman.

Dead at 25, Shakur lived a scarred life of fighting, shootings and prison sentences that filled his gangsta rap lyrics.

Many of Herman's bonds involve assault and drug charges.

"If they're rappers, they're beating somebody up," Herman says. "If they're rock stars, it's heroin."

Famous people rarely skip bail. It isn't that easy for them to fade into the woodwork or blend into a crowd. About three percent of the others do, Herman said. That's when he calls Bubba.

Herman often goes with him, taking the .40-caliber Glock handgun he is licensed to carry. Bondsmen and their agents have broad arrest powers. They don't need warrants. A person who signs a bail bond contract agrees he is subject to seizure if he fails to appear in court.

If the job is big — say the fugitive has well-armed friends — Herman calls in his bounty hunter, who assembles his own well-armed friends.

"Look," says Herman, "This is all I know. I'm my own boss. There is action. I like action."

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# SPORTS PAGE



Maine guard Marcus Wills drives to the hoop during Saturday's game. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

## • Men's basketball

### BU returns the favor

BU	4	MAINE	3
BU	3	MAINE	2
SCOREBOARD			

By Bill Stewart  
Maine Campus staff

Now they know what it feels like. After bringing the brooms out against Boston University last season, Maine received that same bitter taste this year as they were swept out of Boston and the regular season series as well, 4-3 and 3-2.

The losses plummet the Bears to sixth place in Hockey East and mark the first time in almost 11 years they have lost four consecutive league games on the ice.

Northeastern and Boston College accomplished the feat in February of 1987.

"It was tough," Maine forward Bobby Stewart said. "Honestly, we had a good weekend and played good enough to win but we kept putting ourselves in a hole."

Especially the special teams component of the game. BU entered the weekend having gone zero for its last 30 on the power play, but changed all that when they connected with the man advantage four times, twice each night.

Maine was called for 13 penalties Saturday night, of which five came in the second period.

"You can't win games when you're in the box," Stewart said. "We played good hockey, but we took too many penalties."

"Obviously they were close games both nights, but we came out on the short end once again," Maine captain Steve Kariya said. "I thought we played well, but we still ended up with two losses. It's frustrating."

On Saturday, BU's Mike Sylvia and Maine's Steve Kariya both scored a pair of goals, but it was Sylvia's strike with a little more than five minutes into the third period which proved to be the one that counted the most.

Kariya, who was in the midst of a personal goal-scoring drought, scored three goals on the weekend and added an assist, but said it didn't compensate for the two losses.

"You go through ups and downs, which is why hockey is so challenging," Kariya said. "However, it is no consolation. I just want the team to win."

However, it was the penalties that prevented Maine from trying to establish its game plan.

"It was difficult to get some flow going and get things going," Kariya said. "You can't create a lot of scoring opportunities when you're in the penalty box."

"We're a five-on-five hockey club and

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## • Men's basketball

### Hofstra escapes at buzzer

HOFSTRA	77	MAINE	75
SCOREBOARD			

By Jim Davis  
Maine Campus staff

Marcus Wills missed a game-winning buzzer beater and the University of Maine men's basketball team fell for the seventh time in eight games to Hofstra University 77-75 Saturday.

"If you give me that shot again I'll probably make it," Wills said. "I was just fortunate enough that coach (Giannini) believed in me to take the shot."

A layup by Colin Haynes with 4:06 remaining in the game gave the Black Bears a 74-73 edge, paving the way for an imminent nail-biter.

Hofstra regained the lead when guard Craig "Speedy" Claxton found a wide-open Anthony Davis, who drained a baseline three-pointer for a 76-74 lead at the 3:15 mark.

After two missed free throws by Flying Dutchmen forward Duane Posey, Bear guard Fred Meeks sank one of two free throws with 1:36 to go to bring them within one at 76-75.

Claxton then made one of two free throws with ten seconds remaining. On the next play Maine called a timeout in order to set up the game-winning shot with just five seconds left.

Wills took the inbound pass in front of the Maine bench and used a screen from Colin Haynes at the top of the key and received a clear look at the hoop, but his shot sailed a bit long, securing the Hofstra win.

"It's especially disappointing when you feel you've played pretty well and you're playing good opponents," Giannini said.

As far as second-guessing the play-calling at the end of the game, Giannini said he believed that Wills and the other players could execute the play and wouldn't hesitate to make such a call in the future should the situation present itself.

"Marcus played great, that was a great shot and 40 percent of those are going to go down and you can't criticize and you can't get upset about it," Giannini said.

"I'm glad this team's going to be around for a while, and I'm glad they learned this lesson, and I'm glad that when we're hard on them in practice now they'll know why," he added.

Maine came out on fire in the first half,

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## • Women's basketball

### Drexel shocks Maine

DREXEL	69	MAINE	64
MAINE	72	HOFSTRA	42
SCOREBOARD			

By Josh Nason  
Maine Campus Staff

When Maine traveled to Philadelphia for a Thursday evening meeting with Drexel, the return of Cindy Blodgett was supposed to raise its level of America East play back to the heights it was before she went out with an injury four games previous.

It didn't happen.

The Black Bears hit just 36.8 percent from the floor, including 2-for-18 from three-point range, en route to their first America East loss of the season, 69-64 to the Dragons.

With the loss, Maine falls to 11-3, 7-1 in the conference. Drexel ups its mark to 8-8, 5-4 America East.

In her return to the lineup, Blodgett scored

a game-high 23 points to go with five assists. But the All-America hopeful hit on two of 10 three-pointers and scored just six points in the second half.

Jamie Cassidy had 12 points on 4-of-11 shooting to go with six rebounds, Sandi Carver had 11 points and Kristen McCormick added 10 for Maine.

Michelle Maslowski scored a career-high 20 points to go with eight rebounds. Jen MacNeill had 12 points, and Mikki Miller registered a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The game, however, was not without its controversy. With less than a minute to go and Maine down 65-62, Blodgett stopped and popped what was believed to be a three-point attempt, getting fouled on the play. The free throws would have given her the chance to tie the game.

However, the official ruled that it was a two-point attempt instead. Blodgett hit on both, but the team was forced to foul. Laura Lyons and Maureen Michaels then combined for four free throws in the last 21 seconds to put the game out of reach.

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## FROM THE DEN

In 1984 20,540 fans came out to the Carrier Dome to see the Syracuse University Orangemen defeat the Black Bears 84-65.







Maine forward Alison Lorenz had five points on the weekend as the Bears defeated Bates 8-1 and tied Southern Maine 2-2. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

## Men's hoops

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opening up a 33-20 lead with 8:38 to go on a long range three by Wills.

However, Hofstra then used a 16-4 run in the next five minutes to close the gap to 37-36 with 3:32 left. The teams would hit the locker rooms at 44-43 after a circus layup made by Claxton as the buzzer sounded.

Hofstra head coach Jay Wright was drained after the game and was grateful to be able to escape Alford with a win.

"The only positive thing I can say about the game is that we don't have to watch film of a loss coming home on this bus trip," a relieved Wright said. "I just think we were lucky as hell."

Hofstra improved its record to 12-8, 6-4 in America East play. The Flying Dutchmen were led by freshman forward Roberto Gittens' 18 points and 13 rebounds.

Duane Posey chipped in 15 points while

Norman Richardson and Claxton added 13 and 10 points and seven assists, respectively.

The Black Bears (5-12, 2-7 America East) were led by Wills' 24 points and seven assists. Allen Ledbetter played aggressive on both sides of the ball, netting 17 points while pulling down 15 boards. Haynes added 13 points and eight rebounds and Fred Meeks scored 12 points.

Giannini said he believes that the success of the team relies on its focus and its intolerance for losing.

"The last thing I want to do with this team is be complacent with a result like this, because we can do better and we can win these kind of games," Giannini said.

Maine will play its next game on January 31 at the University of New Hampshire.

## • Women's hockey

# Maine rips Bates, ties USM

MAINE 8	MAINE 2	BATES 1	USM 2
SCOREBOARD			

By Dave Bailey  
Maine Campus staff

In the past, expansion teams used to be cream puffs. They could always be counted on for opposing teams to pad its won/loss records.

Apparently, nobody told this to the University of Southern Maine women's hockey team.

Led by an outstanding performance from goaltender Samantha Whitman, the first-year club squad pulled off a 2-2 tie against the University of Maine Sunday at Alford Arena.

"[USM] didn't give up as a group, and their goaltender just played phenomenal," Maine coach Rick Filighera said. "That's the best game a goalie played against us this year, and probably the best I've seen a goalie play against any other teams in the [ECAC Alliance] league since I've been in it."

Maine forward Christina Hedges had praise for the Huskies' tenacity.

"[USM's] a strong team and they were physical out there," said Hedges, whose goal tied the game late in the third period. "They wanted to win. They had the desire to keep playing, and so did we. We just needed to pick it up a notch."

The tie extended Maine's unbeaten streak to five games (4-0-1).

The Black Bears (5-3-2 overall, 4-3-1 ECAC Alliance) knew they were in for a dogfight early on, when they outshot the Huskies 17-3 (42-17 for the game), but had nothing to show for it.

The biggest heartbreaker came at the end of the period, when Maine came up empty-handed during a two-man advantage late in the first period. At one point, forward Alison Lorenz made a low, blistering shot, only to be stoned by Whitman.

"[Whitman] made one hell of a save on Lorenz," Filighera said. "For that situation, that's what really helps penalty-killing."

The hungry Huskies (4-6-1) began to pick up steam in the second, controlling the puck for much of the period.

But it was the Bears who struck first.

While on the power play, Jamie Schofield found a loose puck after a missed Alison Lorenz shot and poked it into the net to give Maine a 1-0 lead.

"Lorenz came around, and the goalie made the save and it went behind her," Schofield said. "It was just laying on the line, so I tapped it in."

USM fought back midway through the third, as Velvet Vachon poked a loose puck behind Maine goaltender Amy Oliver to knot the score at one.

After the goal, Vachon slid up the length of the ice. You'd have thought the Huskies had just won the Stanley Cup or something.

Denise Tanguay then faked out two Maine defenders, as well as Oliver, to give the Huskies their first lead of the game.

USM's celebration was short-lived however, as Hedges nailed the equalizer when she skated into the slot and found a small gap in between Whitman and the right post.

"It had been good work from Lorenz to step up the blue line to give me the puck," Hedges said. "We needed a goal, so I drove to the net with the puck."

Neither team scored in overtime, though it gave Whitman another chance to strut her stuff. Midway through the extra session, Lorenz won a face-off and passed the puck to Hedges who pounded it to the left side of the net, only to be greeted by a spread-eagled Whitman.

### Saturday — Maine 8, Bates 1

When it comes to parceling out offensive talent, a team has three options:

- 1) Spread it out on various lines in order to share the wealth;
- 2) Go for broke and place its best and brightest on one line altogether;
- 3) Do a little of each.

Maine chose option #3 Saturday night and it paid off, as Christina Hedges, Alison Lorenz, and Alicia Gilmore scored all of Maine's goals in an 8-1 pasting of Bates College at Alford Arena.

Even though Lorenz had another Lorenz-ish evening (two goals), it was Hedges and Gilmore who stole the show, as each netted a hat trick.

While this talented trio spent much of the night together on the same line, Filighera wasn't afraid to juggle the lines a bit.

"That whole line's playing well," Filighera said. "Lorenz is scoring goals because of who she has helping her out. [Hedges and Gilmore] are scoring goals because Lorenz is helping them out. It's a team game."

"That line, and I've said it before, is as good as any line in the [Alliance]. Nobody will beat us head up with their best line if our best line's playing the best."

Another key to victory for Maine was its good hustling ability.

"We're retrying," Gilmore said. "We want to keep it going. We're working hard to get into the playoffs. Every game we're taking like [we're playing] the hardest team in the league."

Once the puck dropped, it took the Bobcats (2-5-1) a mere 56 seconds to realize they would be in for a long evening, when Gilmore scored on a wrist to give the Bears an early 1-0 lead.

Hedges then made her presence felt at 12:19 when her shot to the left of the net found its way through the legs of Bates goaltender Cil Bloomfield.

"Michelle Wheaton set me up with a great pass with that," Hedges said. "[With] Alicia and Lorenz in front of the net holding

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## Hockey

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we need to stick to that," Stewart said.

Bear goalie Alfie Michaud stopped 60 shots on the weekend despite the two defeats.

On Friday night, Maine fell behind 4-1 entering the third period before storming back with two goals to make it a close contest. However, BU used its potent defense and rode the play of goalie Tom Noble to hold on to the 4-3 win.

"We showed some good heart in the third period," Kariya said. "But, it was the case of too little to late."

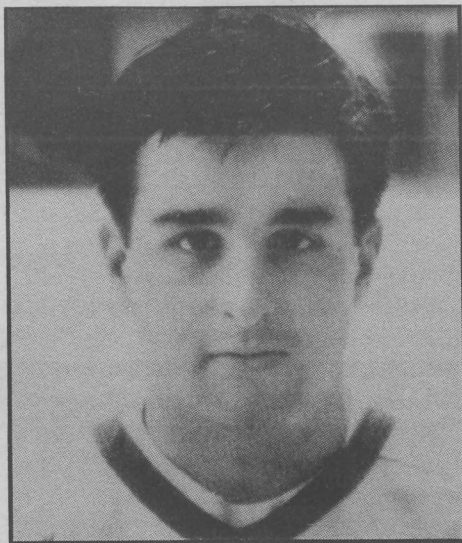
After grabbing a quick 1-0 lead in the first on a Corey Larose goal, the Black Bears saw the Terriers respond by tallying four consecutive goals.

One of them came courtesy of Hobey baker hopeful Chris Drury, who became the all-time leading goal scorer in BU history when he scored No. 99 in his career.

Maine defenseman David Cullen and Kariya got the Bears within striking distance after they notched two goals in the first five minutes of the third period.

However, that would be as close as they would get as BU prevailed to take opening night.

Despite falling short on both nights, Stewart was quick to point out how far the team has come since the beginning of the year, and promised they will turn the corner before this season is written in a history book.



BU's Chris Drury broke his school's all-time goal scoring mark Friday night. (File photo.)

"A lot of guys on the team are playing better and I believe this team will surprise some people this year," Stewart said. "Guys are down, but we're becoming a team now. We're knocking on the door, but we need to knock it down."

"It sucks to lose, but we need to put it behind us. I can guarantee that when it comes March we'll be peaking for the play-offs."

Maine (9-11-3, 6-9-3) will return to Durham, N.H. this Sunday for a game against the University of New Hampshire Wildcats.

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**Game Notes:** There were 10 lead changes...Maine's overall winning streak ends at five and their America East win streak (including three playoff games) ends at 16. Drexel has won four in a row...Blodgett scored Maine's first 10 points in the opening 3:12 of the game...The Dragons out-rebounded Maine 46-31.

**Maine 72, Hofstra 42:** Two days after being stunned by Drexel, the Black Bears outgunned the Flying Dutchwomen 43-18 in the second half en route to a 72-42 thrashing.

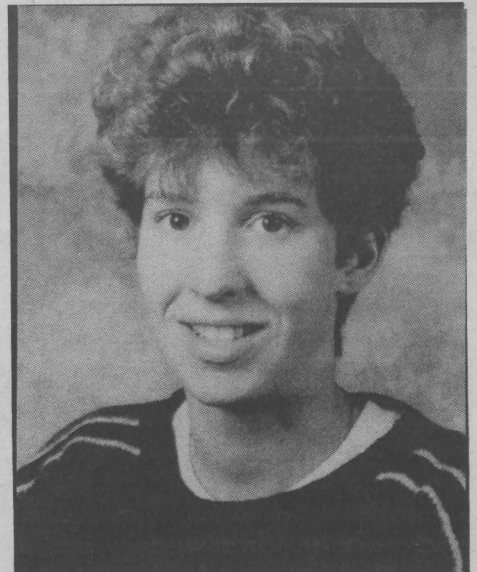
In her second game back, Cindy Blodgett was in pre-injury form, nailing 9-17 from the floor for a game-high 24 points. Klara Danes scored 13 points to go with eight rebounds and Jamie Cassidy recorded 12 points and 10 rebounds for another double-double.

With the win, Maine jumps to 12-3 overall and 8-1 in America East. Hofstra lost its third game in a row, and falls to 9-9, 3-7.

The Black Bears will now have four days to prepare for Thursday night's home showdown with nationally ranked Western Kentucky.

Kate Gordon, the fourth leading scorer in America East, managed just nine points on 4-of-17 shooting, but did collect 15 rebounds. Noreen Duffy led Hofstra with 12 points.

The Maine defense was in full effect, holding Hofstra to season-lows in points and field goal percentage. The Dutchwomen hit on less than 28 percent from the floor in the game, including a dismal 23.5 percent in the second half.



Cindy Blodgett had a big day against Hofstra in Maine's 72-42 victory. (File photo.)

Maine, on the other hand, shot 64 percent in the second half.

The Black Bears jumped out to an 18-5 lead with Blodgett pacing the club with seven points. Hofstra went on a 19-11 run to close the half, and go into the locker room with a 29-24 lead.

Hofstra closed to within nine points twice in the second half, but Maine handcuffed them to just 10 points in the remaining 13:38 to lock up the game.

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## Women's hockey

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the defense, that was just awesome."

After Hedges added another goal in the second, Gilmore rebounded her own shot and wristed it into the net for a shorthanded goal at 10:25.

Gilmore snared her hat trick five minutes later off a rebound from a Schofield shot.

"One of the really good things we did today was that we had so many shots on goal that we were able to have rebounds," Gilmore said. "Sometimes we struggle with that."

Hedges completed her own hat trick at 2:41 of the third, blowing past two defensemen and making them look still as she flipped the puck into the net.

"It was just a good play," Hedges said. "I saw the open slot and I went for it."

While the Bobcats had been timid and awkward throughout the game, they began to rough it up once the handwriting was on the wall. Bates' Peggy Ficks drove Maine defenseman Stephanie Gabriele into the left corner head-first, knocking her out

of the game.

Ficks was tossed from the game for her effort.

Bloomfield made 30 saves for Bates, while Amy Oliver and Sarah Dolan combined for eight saves for Maine.

### Bear Tracks:

\* By being held scoreless on Sunday, Lorenz was held without a goal for the first time since Dec. 3 at Bowdoin.

\* Maine remains undefeated at home this season (4-0-1).

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