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OCB President Chris Barstow announces new format for Bumstock events this spring. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

UVAC

Volunteer EMTs save lives

By Hollie Gowen
Maine Campus staff

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, somewhere on campus, a University Volunteer Ambulance Corps member stands ready to assist those in need.

With about 35 active participants, UVAC responds to an average of 10 to 15 calls a month on campus. Problems range from "basic lacerations to more serious cardiac calls," said Melissa Lowry, the group's secretary.

"UVAC is a valuable asset to this university because it provides professional emergency medical care while creating a safe environment to introduce people to emergency medical services," said Nathan Harmon, a six-semester veteran of UVAC. "We donate our time, without any monetary compensation, to help people. Our service provides over 20,000 volunteer hours per school year."

Walter Fagerlund, who has been volunteering since September, said, "UVAC is an essential service for this campus. It is

made up of a small but dedicated group of trained individuals who all work well together as a team to provide quality emergency care for the campus."

The group is smaller this year than it has been in the past.

"We lost a lot of people to graduation, and we haven't bounced back the way we usually do," said Lowry.

"I'd encourage people to check us out and get involved," said Andy Forst, who's been with UVAC for four semesters. "There are more aspects than just blood and gore, which is what many people seem to think."

Members attend training sessions and become certified in CPR before they begin to volunteer as attendants. Crews of three, one of whom must be a state-licensed emergency medical technician, work 12 hour shifts. Shifts last from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

"You can be anywhere on campus during that time. The only thing that is sacrificed is we can't go off campus during

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EMT Patrick Weaver stocks supplies into UVAC's ambulance. Equipment Maintenance Offices Mark Fogarty checks the spacing in the side compartments. (File photo.)

• GSS

OCB changes Bumstock format

Senate announces election candidates

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

Residents on Campus President Ryan Eslinger announced Bumstock will be one day instead of two this year at last night's meeting of the General Student Senate.

Due to a lack of Off Campus Board funds, the usual Friday and Saturday celebration of bands and vendors in the field behind Somerset Hall will be limited to Saturday, April 18. Instead of having a second day of Bumstock, ROC will host a concert at the Alford Arena on Friday, April 17, in which admission will be charged.

Regardless of the amount of money taken in from the Friday show, ROC has pledged \$15,000 to OCB to sponsor another big act on the Bumstock field to top off Saturday night's list of performers. Both acts should be announced within the week.

Friday night's concert is not considered part of Bumstock, according to interim OCB President Chris Barstow, because admission is being charged and it will be indoors.

"Take this with an open mind," Barstow said. "We just want to try something new."

In other business, the GSS approved the formation of a new service board to oversee a student yearbook. They also allocated \$1,000 to the group for phone calls and office supplies and named Sen. Charity Munson chair.

After much debate about its

membership, the senate also approved a new School of Social Work Student Organization. Though the group is not currently seeking any student government funds, they did receive funding approval, which will allow them to ask for funds during the budget process this spring.

"This directly involves educa-

tion," Munson said. "Considering they're doing this for their own education I can't see how we can deny that."

Newly sworn-in Sen. Channing Geele approached the senate to discuss a resolution to expand the university's DSIS system by adding financial aid information to the already available academic in-

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Chipping away



UMaine employee Troy Weeks helps lower the risk of falling ice by clearing ice from the roof of Stevens Hall. (Eric Weisz photo.)

• Profile

Life experience benefits non-traditional student

By Renee Batchelder
Special to the Campus

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WORLD BRIEFS

• New clues

British scientists witness 'blinkers'

1 LONDON (AP) — British astronomers have discovered sporadic explosions on the surface of the sun that they say may help explain some of its mysteries.

The flashes, each of them about the size of the Earth, erupt across all parts of the sun's surface like a kind of disease, say scientists from the Royal Astronomical Society.

"It's like water bubbling in a pan," said Peter Bond, space science adviser at the Royal Astronomical Society.

A team of astronomers, led by Richard Harrison of the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Oxfordshire, southern England, first noticed the flashes, which scientists call "blinkers," last year.

They were picked up by a spectrometer on the European Space Agency's Solar and Heliospheric Observatory, launched in December 1995, which orbits the sun at a position between it and the Earth.

Although the blinkers "appear to be rather insignificant, since they are small and emit only one millionth the energy of a solar flare, they are distributed over the entire sun and are visible for several minutes" throughout the day, the Royal Astronomical Society said.

• Slaying

Tribal conflicts result in 22 deaths

2 NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Raiders armed with automatic rifles, arrows and spears have killed another 22 people in central Kenya, police said Tuesday, raising the death toll in politically motivated violence this month to 77.

The latest violence broke out near the farming town of Njoro, where assailants have killed 22 people since Sunday, police spokesman Peter Kimanthi said. Police killed one attacker and 23 people were wounded.

Many have fled their homes in Njoro, a small farming town 160 miles northwest of the capital, Nairobi. The raids began Jan. 10 in the OI Moran settlement, 75 miles to the northeast, where 55 people have died.

The attacks apparently are aimed at driving Kenya's biggest tribe, the Kikuyu, off their land in Rift Valley province because they voted against President Daniel arap Moi's Kenya Africa National Union party in the Dec. 29-30 elections.

Earlier this month, two of Moi's Cabinet ministers openly threatened Kikuyu residents of the province in speeches at a KANU rally to celebrate their electoral victory.

Survivors of the latest attack say the assailants were members of the Kalenjin group of tribes which generally support Moi. They were armed with semiautomatic rifles, machetes, spears, and bows and arrows.

• Omission

New publication paints an incomplete picture

3 JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli schoolchildren will be studying a special textbook put out to commemorate the country's 50th anniversary this year — but they won't find much in it about the Palestinians.

"Israel's Jubilee," purchased by schools around the nation, includes a survey of major events in Israeli history, including the Arab-Israeli wars and the country's absorption of immigrants over the years.

But the book makes almost no mention of the Palestinians, although the two peoples' histories are inseparably intertwined.

The authors said Tuesday they had too many other subjects to cover, while the Education Ministry said the book was produced independently and purchased by individual schools. The government didn't indicate any plan to reassess usage of the text.

But Israeli historian Ilan Pappé says that if Israelis fail to acknowledge the Palestinians, they are less likely to make peace with them.

"It's a very falsified picture," Pappé said. "If you ignore the Palestinians, it means that you dehumanize them. Wiping them out of the collective memory is a very dangerous act."

WORLD DIGEST



• Corruption

Ministry under attack for accepting bribes

4 TOKYO (AP) — Jolted by the arrests of two senior officials on bribery charges, Japan's finance chief announced Tuesday that he will step down. Those arrested were allegedly entertained lavishly by banks in return for tip-offs about the ministry's "surprise" inspections.

The accusations hit at the heart of mounting criticism of the Finance Ministry: that lax government oversight shares the blame for the decay of Japan's debt-saddled financial institutions.

Finance Minister Hiroshi Mitsuzuka had come under intense pressure to resign after prosecutors raided his ministry Monday and opposition lawmakers vowed to block critical budget legislation until he quit.

"I deeply apologize for this disgrace," Mitsuzuka said at a news conference. "I'm resigning because I intensely feel my responsibility as a manager."

Mitsuzuka said he would hand in his resignation Wednesday. Though he has not been directly implicated in the scandal, Japanese leaders often resign to take responsibility for the mistakes of those below them.

The scandal centers on allegations that Finance Ministry officials accepted pricey dinners, golf outings and other entertainment bribes from banks in exchange for alerting them about inspections.

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather

More clouds than sun.
High of 34.



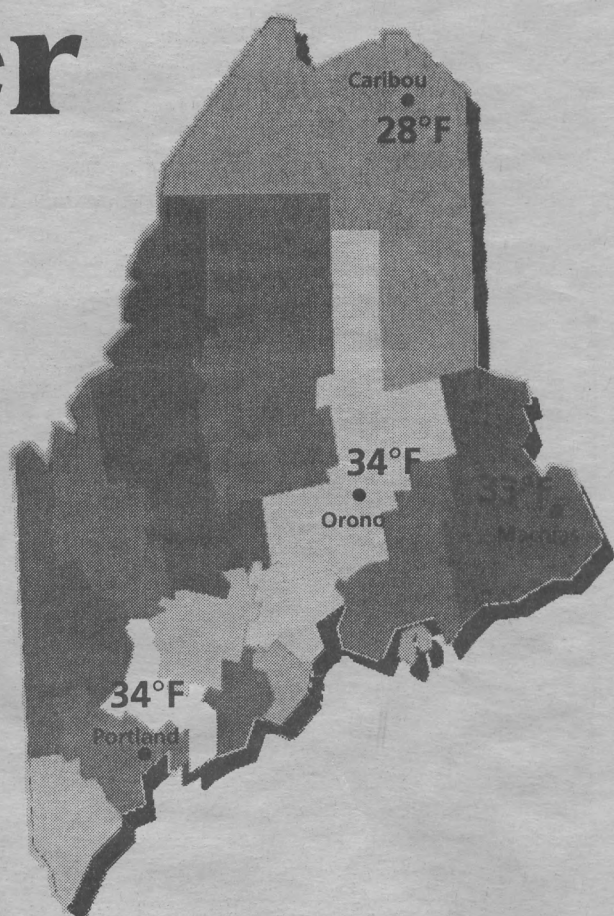
Thursday's Outlook

Overcast and windy.
Peaking at 33.



Extended Forecast

Friday... Breezy, mainly cloudy. Saturday... Breezy, overcast, light snow. Sunday... Cold, mainly cloudy, light snow.



• Dining Services

MC Fernald's new healthy image meets with mixed reviews

By Jodi Sokolowski
Maine Campus staff

A fresh makeover and a healthier menu are some of the latest items at the newly remodeled M.C. Fernald's.

The new menu features quality cheeses, healthy trim meats, and homemade bread from Borealis Breads.

Included in the menu are twelve specialty sandwiches. Kane said he named sandwiches such as the Wingate, Lord Hall, Land and Sea Grants to "catch the spirit" of the university.

"I'm tickled that they're selling," she said.

A true vegetarian soup will be available everyday from StockPot soups. The cafe has specialty beverages such as V8 Splash, Starbucks Frappes, and roasted coffees.

Poulin said a continental breakfast will be available, including warm, fresh baked croissants and cinnamon rolls.

"We're trying to keep things fresh and clean by baking in shifts and eliminating duplicate choices," Poulin said.

Previously, the dining service provided an old-style snackbar where customers could enjoy a melt sandwich and a frappe. Unfortunately, not enough customers enabled the old Fernald's to remain in the black, Dan Sturup, associate director of retail operations, said.

The new color scheme consists of white walls, mustard-colored baseboards, teal tables and chairs with navy blue accents chosen by Carla Palmer, interior designer of Design Associates.

One interesting detail that customers may not notice is three analog stations and three ethernet stations where people with personal computers can connect to the university's network to surf the web or check their e-mail.

"The intent is for casual use only while eating lunch. It's not to be intended as a computer cluster," explained Sturup. The computer connection still needs to be evaluated on who will monitor the use of the phone

ports.

Although the china dishes were eliminated due to time consuming dishwashing techniques, high food and labor costs, the dining service continues to keep the environment in mind with reusable trays and baskets, salt and pepper shakers, and a single wax paper wrap for sandwiches.

"We are encouraging people to use their own mugs," said Sturup.

Small details still need to be attended to such as a portrait of Merritt Cauldwell Fernald that will be placed in the entryway, Poulin said.

Fernald was the first acting president of the university, the second actual president and the first faculty member.

Sturup said financial difficulties and a dwindling popularity caused Fernald to be reevaluated.

"There wasn't enough draw, not enough specialty to Fernald's," Sturup said.

Sturup looked at the popularity of the sandwiches at the Den and envisioned a fast, friendly, clean and modern deli to replace the old, outdated grill line.

Sturup says he understands that people may be disappointed that the hot items had to go but with financial costs and space, a grill was not probable.

Some old Fernald's customers were disappointed with the absence of the grill, but many enjoy the new decor and menu.

"I like the atmosphere. It's aesthetically pleasing," said Ryan Tuttle, a junior sustainable agriculture major. "But I really miss the burgers, fries, and frappes. The burgers here at Fernald's were better than the Den's."

One problem not alleviated through a face-lift was seating. Fernald can seat 42 customers, but customers who call in orders to be picked up can compensate for the lack in seating.

The plans and construction for an improved sandwich cafe took about two years for it to come together with surveys and a number of setbacks.



The new and improved M.C. Fernald's opened its doors last monday. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

The official grand opening was celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony where The next two weeks will be a grand opening celebration where a Surge soda fountain drink will be free with every sandwich purchase. Also, with any purchase, customers can fill out an entry form to win a variety of prizes.

Sturup said the grand opening, which was originally scheduled for last semester, was delayed more than once because equipment arrived functionally or physically damaged. The opening was also delayed when the

ice storm prevented additional equipment from arriving.

Equipment even came in the day before it opened on Thursday Jan. 15 and the specialty sandwich board came in the next day, Sue Poulin, assistant dining services manager said.

"We paid extra for things to get here on time," she said.

Many people were anxiously awaiting the opening of M.C. Fernald's.

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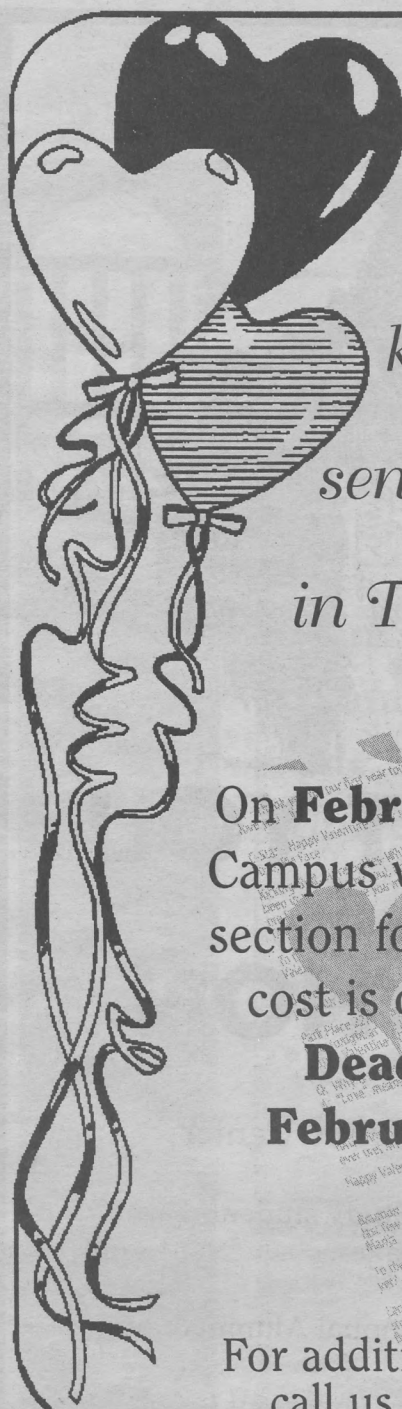
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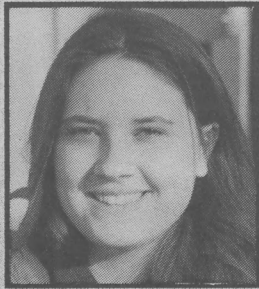
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Q&A of the week

Photos by Caleb Raynor

What do you think of the recent allegations against President Clinton?



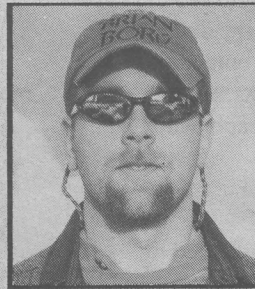
Jennifer Rice
First-year student
from Patten, Maine

"I believe that the allegations are false. I think people are out to make money in a lot of different ways and that's one of them."



Kristin Ohlson
Graduate student from
Haddam, Conn.

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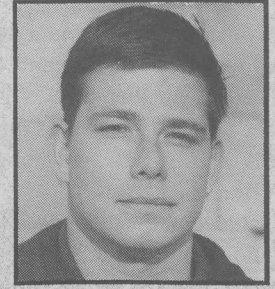
David Miller
Law student from
Orono, Maine

"I think it's something that should be dealt with after his term is over so it doesn't interfere with his duties as president."



Tony Zanatta
Graduate student from
Redwood City, Calif.

"I don't really think it's any of my concern. I think it should be between him and his wife."



Diane Ward
First-year student
from Jay, Maine

"I don't care about them."

UVAC

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our shifts," said Richard Roy, who joined UVAC at the beginning of this year.

According to Forst, the night shift requires the crew to sleep at UVAC headquarters in the basement of Cutler Health Center. This is so radios and pagers, which members carry during the day, have a chance to recharge and to keep the crew in a centralized location.

Lowry said that members are only required to work at least two shifts a month and attend biweekly meetings to be considered active.

Fagerlund said, "Most active mem-

bers choose to be on duty much more often, as their schedules allow. I like to run at least three shifts a week. It can be as time-consuming as you want to make it."

Mike Neilsen has been with UVAC for three semesters. He said, "I volunteer mostly because I enjoy helping other people, and also I enjoy the sense of accomplishment I feel when an ambulance call goes well, meaning the person received the help they needed in a timely manner and are appreciative of our helping them."

"When I broke my ankle, they hooked

me up good," said Shane Graham, a second-year education major, who was injured during a recreational basketball game last year. "The attendants were great and made a bad experience seem a little bit better."

According to Forst, the fun patients, who are upbeat despite their predicament, provide him with some of his favorite UVAC memories. However, things don't always go so well.

"The most memorable time was Nov. 7, 1997, when we had a fatal pedestrian-motor vehicle accident," said Forst. "I'd never experienced that type of call before, and it's not a type of call we have frequently."

Of the accident, Harmon said, "It was an experience that was very troublesome but also very educational. It's hard to

accept that sometimes people die, and there is nothing you can do. However, my desire to help those that I could help was strengthened by the experience."

UVAC is funded by Cutler. According to Lowry, the group has to provide justification for anything it wants to purchase. The process is long and involves "a lot of red tape." For example, to get a new ambulance took five years.

Members of UVAC have the opportunity to continuously update their skills. Neilsen said that he and several other members are trying to upgrade to Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician. In fact, some members discover a career through the group.

"Because of UVAC, I believe I have found my true path in life, which is to become a paramedic," said Neilsen.



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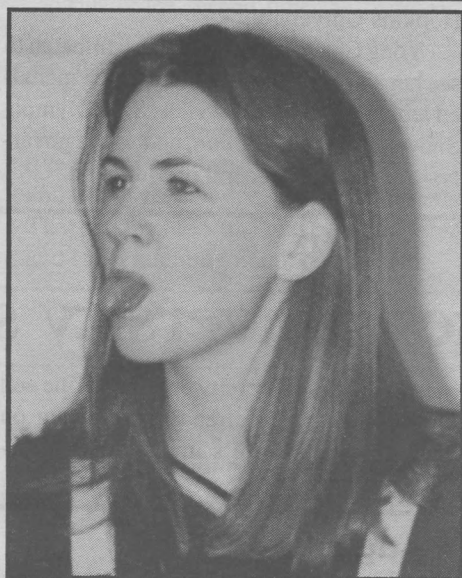
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formation.

Sen. Mellisa Williams Paradis announced the candidates for the Feb. 10 elections: Running for Student Body President: Ryan Eslinger and Lyn McLaughlin; for Vice President: Scott Morrelli; for OCB President: Chris Barstow; for ROC President: Jon Duke; for ROC Vice President: Kathleen Burke and William Flender.

At the end of the meeting, Eslinger resigned from his senate position.



Senator Kathleen Burke disagrees with another senator's remark. (Caleb Rarion photo.)

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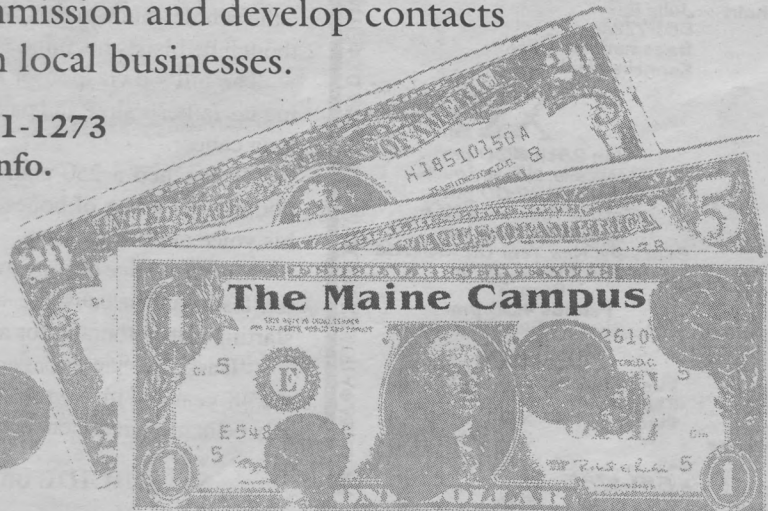
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• Enrollment

Admissions officers appeal to nontraditional student

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STATE NEWS

• Court

Suspect faces trial for murder of UMaine alumnus

BANGOR (AP) — More than four years after her son was shot dead on a Baltimore street, Yong Cha Jones is hoping to see the alleged killer brought to justice.

"I want him to see me and I want to look him in the eye," said Jones, who makes daily visits to her son Laurence Jones Jr.'s grave at Bangor's Mount Hope Cemetery.

It took police three years to arrest a suspect in the slaying of Laurence Jones Jr., 24. Then-Sen. William Cohen presented a petition urging police to assign a high prior-

ity to the investigation.

Opening arguments were scheduled for Tuesday in the trial of James Langhorne, 24.

"I have a million questions for him. First of all is 'why?'" said Yong Cha Jones, who traveled to Baltimore this weekend for the trial this week.

Laurence Jones Jr. was returning to his apartment after an evening out when he was shot in the eye by a robber who police said was probably trying to get money to buy drugs.

Jones, whose parents met in the 1960s

when Laurence Sr. was stationed in Korea, grew up in Bangor. An Eagle Scout and a member of his high school football, hockey and swim teams, he went on to the University of Maine before deciding to pursue a graduate degree in psychology at Johns Hopkins University.

Yong Cha Jones' exhaustive campaign to see her son's killer brought to justice included letters to Cohen, as well as Sen. Olympia Snowe, President Clinton, and to the governor and attorney general of Maryland.

Jones and her husband also offered a \$10,000 reward for any information leading to the killer's arrest.

Langhorne was arrested in 1996, Jones said, after police say he described the killing to a correctional officer with whom he had developed a friendship. Langhorne, who had served time for drug and weapons violations, had just been released from prison.

Laurence Jones Sr. did not live to see his son's suspected killer arrested. He died of a heart attack in 1995.

• Board of trustees

Funding proposal redistributes university system dollars

GORHAM (AP) — Officials at the University of Maine System are weighing proposed changes in the way the state's seven university campuses are funded.

For the past 30 years, the funding formula has been the same: the University of Maine has gotten 50 percent of the system's allocation, the University of Southern Maine 25 percent, and the other five schools — the Universities of Maine at Augusta, Farmington, Fort Kent, Machias and Presque Isle — share the remaining 25 percent.

The new plan would take enrollment into account when funding the schools. And the proposed changes would give the system's Board of Trustees the freedom to fund what officials consider top priorities.

University of Southern Maine president Richard Pattenaude supports the plan, partly because his school would benefit. If enrollment continues to increase at USM, the school probably will get \$300,000 more a year.

USM's enrollment has increased by 4 percent from 1996 to 1997. The University of Maine's has fallen 4.7 percent.

"This is a much more sophisticated, flexible approach to funding than what we

have," he said.

Under the old formula, trustees did not have a way to target money to specific areas, such as libraries, before they sent money on to schools. "If there was a systemwide priority, we would have to raid the money from the various campuses," said Sally G. Vamvakias, the board's chairwoman.

If the new plan is approved in March, trustees will be able to send money to specific projects without ravaging the budgets of each university. The new proposal also recognizes that different universities have different missions.

"There are many things that go into a university's mission," said University of Maine president Peter S. Hoff after Monday's board meeting. "Education is not the only thing, and the formula recognizes that there are other factors."

That's important for his school, which is a major research institution. Research is one of the factors the proposed formula considers.

Hoff also recently hired a dean of enrollment management, John Beacon, who hopes to improve the school's flagging enrollment by — among other things —

marketing the university outside Maine and New England. He already is working on changing the school's image among current students.

Trustees plan a series of public forums and hearings to discuss the proposal. If the proposed funding formula passes, it will be reevaluated every three years.

• Augusta

Assisted suicide bill faces public

AUGUSTA (AP) — The public has had its say on how it feels about a bill that would make Maine only the second state in the country to legalize physician-assisted suicide. Now, it's up to the Legislature.

The Judiciary Committee heard wrenching stories from both sides of the contentious issue during a hearing Monday.

"I think the doctors have a responsibility to give us options," said "Doc" Des Roches, an 81-year-old former ski instructor from Farmington who is suffering from prostate cancer and a degenerative back disease that forces him to use crutches.

Roches added feistily: "The doctors brought us into the world, they should take us out."

A few minutes before, the panel got an opposing point of view from 24-year-old Michael Reynolds, a University of Maine

student from Lewiston who has cerebral palsy.

"What are we saying in our society when we can't support people who are terminally ill?" asked Reynolds, who sported an orange sticker on his shirt with a picture of Dr. Jack Kevorkian that said, "Pity Just Kills Me."

The committee, which is considering an assisted suicide bill sponsored by Rep. Joseph Brooks, D-Winterport, scheduled a work session for Wednesday. At that meeting, they could vote whether to recommend to the full Legislature that the bill be passed or defeated.

Brooks and other supporters say terminally ill Mainers should have the right to choose whether they want a doctor to help them end their suffering. They contend the bill is full of safeguards to prevent abuse and is supported by a majority of Mainers.

The Portland Roman Catholic Diocese, the Maine Hospice Council and the Maine Medical Association oppose the legislation for a variety of legal and moral reasons, including fears it would put pressure on uninsured patients afraid of being burdens to their families.

Rather than suicide, the groups argue, the emphasis should be on relieving pain and expanding health insurance coverage so more people can get quality care.


Even if the Legislature passes the bill, Gov. Angus King might veto it. He has said "the whole thing makes me uneasy," although he insists his mind is open.

The bill's own sponsor recalled watching his father's slow and painful death from lung cancer.


"I watched a 250-pound man become nothing but a bag of bones," Brooks said, his voice almost choking.

Mark Lavallee of Brunswick sent in written testimony because he was too ill after starting chemotherapy for asbestos cancer.

"If assisted suicide passes, what's next?" the 48-year-old man wrote. "Will I eventually be denied treatment because I am listed



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For further information please call Erica Tennant at the Panhellenic Office 581-1785.

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• Tax reform

Palesky appeals petitions

AUGUSTA (AP)—Carol Palesky's Maine Taxpayer's Action Network has appealed the secretary of state's rejection of its petition that would cap property taxes.

Palesky and MTAN spokesman Tom Crandall insisted at a news conference near the secretary of state's office Tuesday that more than 3,000 signatures were improperly rejected. The appeal was filed in Kennebec County Superior Court on Monday, they said.

Secretary of State Dan Gwadosky announced Jan. 16 that Palesky's anti-tax group fell 1,302 signatures short of forcing a statewide election. He also said his office had found 744 cases of tampering.

Palesky, 57, faces sentencing Tuesday for an aggravated forgery conviction stemming from the previous submission of another batch of tax cap petitions. She could receive up to 10

years in prison. But the Topsham activist tried to divorce her own case from the tax cap crusade.

"This is not a Carol Palesky issue," she said. "This is a property tax issue and the signatures were not collected by me but by 400 volunteers."

Gwadosky said he had expected the appeal but he stood by his agency's ruling.

"We did a very careful, very exhaustive review of these particular petitions, and are very confident the numbers will in fact hold up," he said.

This is the second time the secretary of state's office has rejected Palesky's petition in less than two years.

In February 1996, then-Secretary of State Bill Diamond said the citizen initiative didn't have enough valid signatures and some dates appeared to be falsified. That finding led to Palesky's indictment and subsequent conviction.

• Crime

Police link gunman to kidnapping

PORTLAND (AP) — Investigators Tuesday sought a gunman who shot a convenience store clerk three times in what was characterized as a kidnap attempt that went awry.

Police Chief Michael Chitwood said the masked assailant fired the last shot in the back of Cynthia Gale as she lay on the ground Monday night outside the Warren Avenue Getty Mart.

"I describe this guy as an animal," Chitwood said.

Gale, 34, was locking the store and police initially suspected the attack was a robbery attempt. But the gunman refused Gale's offer of money and ordered her into his pickup truck, the chief said.

"It looks like his whole goal was to

get her in the truck," Chitwood said.

As Gale struggled with the assailant, she suffered gunshot wounds to her right hand and right shoulder. She then feigned death by laying on the ground, and the gunman shot her once more in the back of her right shoulder before fleeing.

Gale was listed in fair condition Tuesday at Maine Medical Center.

After the attacker left, Gale managed to open the store and call 911.

Police have no suspects, but were looking for a late-model medium green pickup truck with a canvas cover over the bed. The attacker was described as slightly under 6-feet tall, with a stocky build. At the time of the shooting, he was wearing a dark, waist-length jacket.

Suicide

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as having a terminal disease and am supposed to die anyway?"

Maine lawmakers have considered the issue three times before, most recently in 1995, when the bill for the first time made it out of committee only to be soundly defeated on the floor.

Brooks' bill, which is similar to one approved by Oregon voters, had been scheduled to be debated last year. But the U.S. Supreme Court was expected to rule on assisted suicide at the time, so he asked that his bill be carried over to the 1998 session.

Under Brooks' proposal, called the "Death with Dignity Act," two physicians would have to certify that a person wanting to die was suffering from a terminal disease. Both doctors must refer the patient for counseling to ensure the patient is not suffering from depression or a psychiatric disorder.

No fewer than 15 days could elapse between a patient's first, personal request and the writing of a prescription for lethal medicines. Only persons who have lived in Maine for at least six months would be eligible.

Assisted suicide supporters have formed a political organization, PRO-916, named after the number on Brooks' bill. The group has received money from The Hemlock Society USA and individuals.

Oregon is the only state in the country that allows terminally ill patients to request a prescription for medication to commit suicide. A 15-day waiting period is required between a patient's first request for the drugs and the time the pills can be obtained from a pharmacist.

Before a prescription can be written, two doctors have to determine the patient has

less than six months to live. The patient also must be mentally competent and not depressed.

Last summer, the Supreme Court said terminally ill people do not have a constitutional right to assisted suicide, but it did

nothing to bar states from legalizing it.

Oregon voters have rejected by a 3-2 margin a referendum proposal to repeal their assisted suicide law. A poll of 450 Mainers taken Jan. 9-14, 1997, found almost two-thirds supported assisted suicide.

Fernald

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"It's about time the university has a specialty sandwich shop where you can get quality food," said Linda Kling, professor in the school of marine science.

One student commented on how nice and clean M.C. Fernald's felt.

"Many people wouldn't go to Fernald's because it was dirty," Sturup said.

Other students were not so pleased with the results.


"I miss the grill," said Laurie Moran said.

"The old Fernald's was better," Craig Bossie added. "The atmosphere wasn't so plastic. It's lost the campus hangout feeling."

Sturup reminds students to tell management regarding quality at any of the dining services.


"We truly care about service and encourage feedback," he said.


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NATIONAL NEWS

• In court

Clinton seeks earlier trial date to resolve Jones affair

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Lawyers for President Clinton who have repeatedly tried to delay the sexual harassment trial sought by Paula Jones have asked a judge to set an earlier trial date.

Moving up the trial, which is scheduled for May 27, would give lawyers an earlier chance to question Monica Lewinsky and Linda Tripp, two women at the center of the sex allegations against Clinton.

In court papers filed Monday, the president's lawyers said that it is in "the nation's best interest" to achieve a "speedy resolution" of Mrs. Jones' case. They did not suggest a new date.

Jones attorney James Fisher called the request "a little puzzling," considering the president's lawyers fought for two years to delay the case.

U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright left the courthouse Monday without ruling on the request. She was under

armed guard by four U.S. marshals because the judge did not want to be bothered by reporters.

Mrs. Jones' lawsuit has long been an embarrassment to the White House, but Clinton now has bigger problems. White-water prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigation into whether Clinton had an affair with Ms. Lewinsky and asked her to lie about it may threaten the presidency itself.

Mrs. Jones' lawyers are expected to call Ms. Lewinsky and Ms. Tripp to the stand during the sexual harassment case to bolster their claim that Clinton had a habit of making advances toward women.

If Mrs. Jones' trial is moved up, Clinton could benefit because his lawyers would have an earlier chance to challenge Ms. Lewinsky and Mrs. Tripp's stories. If the president's lawyers undermine them, they could be of less value to

Starr's criminal investigation.

In court papers Monday, the president's lawyers argued that the case has become too much of a distraction for Clinton to run the country. The U.S. Supreme Court last May said it was proper for Mrs. Jones' lawsuit to proceed before Clinton leaves office.

Starr's office had no comment on the request. Mrs. Jones' spokeswoman opposed the move.

"I think he's afraid there is going to be too many women," said the spokeswoman, Susan Carpenter McMillan. "He wants to cut us off where we're at. He doesn't want any more."

Fisher, interviewed today on CNN, said there would be no reason to oppose an earlier trial date "if this were the only case we were working on." He added: "We have other cases and other commitments."

Mrs. Jones claims Clinton exposed

himself and propositioned her in 1991 when Clinton was governor and she was a state employee. Ms. Lewinsky was a White House intern who is said to have told Mrs. Tripp that she had a sexual relationship with the president.

Clinton lawyer Robert Bennett also complained in court papers about what he said were inaccurate leaks of information purported to be from Clinton's Jan. 17 deposition in the Jones case. News accounts have said that Clinton admitted having an affair with Gennifer Flowers and denied having sex with Ms. Lewinsky.

Both sides in the Jones case are under a gag order issued by the judge.

Bennett accused Mrs. Jones' lawyers of stepping around the judge's order.

"They feed the media frenzy by implying there is support in the record of this case for unsourced gossip and innuendo," Bennett wrote.

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EXPECT GREAT THINGS

• Washington

Clinton excludes personal matters from State of the Union

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shaken by scandal, President Clinton sought to reassert his authority with a State of the Union address Tuesday urging a fix for Social Security and a ban on spending budget surpluses. Republicans want to use the expected windfall for tax cuts.

Amid tensions with Iraq, Clinton issued a veiled threat of force, saying all options are open.

Clinton's broad theme stressed ideas to strengthen America for the 21st century, along with big spending increases for schools and child care.

On perhaps the most sensitive subject in American politics, Clinton urged lawmakers not to spend billions of dollars in expected budget surpluses until Congress and the White House agree on a long-term solution for Social Security.

The retirement system faces bankruptcy next century under a tidal wave of payoffs for the baby boom generation.

With the prospect of the first balanced budget in 30 years, Republicans want to use expected surpluses to pay for tax cuts — not hold on to the money as Clinton wants. That sets up an election-year battle between the GOP and a politically weakened president.

Gene Sperling, director of the National Economic Council, said Clinton was "laying down a marker that he hopes will prevent a feeding frenzy" before lawmakers

know whether the money will be needed to prop up Social Security.

To promote a solution, the administration will arrange three or four regional conferences to raise awareness about Social Security's problems. Then, Clinton will convene a White House conference in December, aiming for a bipartisan solution in 1999. The strategy would allow Clinton to spend the year talking about saving Social Security while delaying any decisions until after the mid-term elections. Clinton also planned to call for an increase in the minimum wage — now at \$5.15 an hour — but without specifying an amount.

The president proposed tens of billions of dollars of new spending on social programs, financed in part by \$65 billion from a national tobacco settlement that Congress may — or may not — pass this year. The settlement should raise the cost of cigarettes by \$1.50 a pack over 10 years, Clinton said, and affirm the Food and Drug Administration's authority to regulate tobacco.

He also urged passage of consumer health care protections, guaranteeing the right to appeal when services are denied. He renewed his call for expanded authority to negotiate foreign trade deals; Democrats balked at the request last year.

Skeptical of his claim that his proposals are paid for within the balanced budget plan, Republicans say Clinton's initiatives mark a

return to big government.

Clinton urged \$21.7 billion for a child-care initiative, doubling to 2 million the number of kids eligible for child-care subsidies. He proposed \$7.3 billion to hire 100,000 teachers, with a goal of reducing class sizes in grades one to three. He also urged tax credits to pay interest on nearly \$22 billion in bonds to build and renovate public schools.

The president proposed a 50 percent increase — \$17 billion — over five years for the National Institutes of Health, saying the 21st century could be a golden age of medicine. He recommended \$5 billion in tax cuts for businesses to pursue energy efficiencies to combat global warming.

With Asia undergoing a financial crisis, Clinton requested \$18 billion to replenish the International Monetary Fund. He also asked for more than \$1 billion to pay the

U.S. debt to the United Nations. Failure to pay U.N. bills undermines U.S. leadership during the standoff with Iraq, he said.

On another foreign hot spot, the president asked Congress to support keeping American troops in Bosnia beyond their scheduled June withdrawal. He said he would insist that NATO's action plan for Bosnia have an achievable mission with clear benchmarks, rather than a deadline for ending the mission.

The president called for Senate ratification of treaties to expand NATO and to impose a comprehensive test ban on nuclear explosions. He urged strengthening a biological weapons convention by requiring participating nations to allow inspections and submit annual reports about facilities that could be used for biological weapons purposes.

• Beef

Former USDA official slams Oprah

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A former government expert on mad cow disease testified Tuesday that he was "ambushed" on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

William Hueston said he agreed to appear on the 1996 program after a producer said he wanted "a voice of reason to calm the hysteria" about mad cow disease.

Testifying for a group of Texas cattlemen in their \$10.3 million-plus beef-defamation case against Ms. Winfrey, Hueston said the show instead took an alarming turn.

Hueston accused Ms. Winfrey of "riling up" the audience, both during the show and the commercial breaks, and said he heard whispers of "You can't trust the government."

"I felt I was being ambushed," Hueston said. He also said he sensed "a lynch mob mentality."

Hueston testified that his reassuring comments about the safety of American beef were mostly edited out. Ms. Winfrey has said that much of what Hueston and a cattle industry spokesman said was deleted because it was

redundant.

At the time, Hueston worked for the Agriculture Department in Washington. He is now a professor at the University of Maryland.

During the show, a food safety activist said that the feeding of processed cattle parts back to cattle in this country could spread the human version of mad cow disease in the United States. Ms. Winfrey responded by swearing off hamburgers.

The cattlemen say the program caused beef prices to fall to 10-year lows within a week. They are suing Ms. Winfrey under Texas' food-disparagement law, which protects agricultural products from false and defamatory remarks.

Ms. Winfrey's "dangerous foods" show came in response to a British announcement that an outbreak of mad cow disease had probably also caused a brain-destroying disease in humans.

Hueston testified Tuesday that there is a "snowball's chance in hell" that mad cow disease will strike the U.S. herd.

• Assault

Alleged hit and run due to late video

McLEAN, Va. (AP) — A State Department lawyer flew into a rage when told he had to pay a late fee at a video store, beating the owner with a plastic movie box and then ramming him into a restaurant window with his car, police say.

The owner, Hassan Mostafavi, 54, was treated for severe cuts and bruises.

Police on Tuesday searched for the customer, Gregory H. Stanton, who was wanted on charges of malicious wounding, destruction of property and larceny.

Stanton, 51, became enraged Saturday night when told he owed a late fee and his video rental card had expired, Officer John Carney said.

Although a clerk waived the fee, Stanton began arguing with Mostafavi, then tried to leave without paying for the movie "Nothing to Lose," the officer said.

"The manager tried to stop him, and

he began hitting the manager in the head with the video box," Carney said.

Outside, Stanton allegedly hit the manager with his Cadillac. The car knocked Mostafavi into the window of a barbecue restaurant next door, showering him with glass. Stanton backed up and tried to run down Mostafavi a second time before driving away, police said.

"I could not believe it," Mostafavi said. "Why would you want to go for someone's blood over nothing?"

Before the attack, Stanton told The Washington Post that he was denied tenure at the State Department and was appealing the decision, the newspaper reported Tuesday.

A State Department spokeswoman said Stanton is a junior Foreign Service officer who joined the department in 1992. She had no details about his tenure.

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1997-The Ecology of Commerce, by Paul Hawken

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EDITORIAL

Clinton's ambitious plans

President Clinton addressed the nation last night and called for enhancing the efficiency of our school systems, balancing the budget and ensuring the survival of the nation's Social Security system.

Citing a common concern that Social Security will do nothing for the younger generations who are beginning to pay into it, President Clinton, in his State of the Union address, resolved that if a budget surplus is realized he will make sure that money is used to fill Social Security coffers.

Clinton also called for making college more accessible and pledged to strengthen the roots of education. In his proposal to initiate the first ever national effort to diminish the class size in the early levels of education and promising to hire up to 100,000 new teachers, Clinton is putting in motion a plan to solidify the chain of education from top to bottom.

Although more teachers and smaller class sizes is a step in the right direction, it was his call for raising our standards, expectations and accountability where the essential component lies in cementing success in our

educational system.

Without accountability and without the will to elevate our standards, a true, pure educational system is not only incomprehensible, it also inconceivable.

With education riding the pinnacle of importance in his address, Clinton also urged Congress to implement into law a Consumer Bill of Rights that would guarantee the right for every individual to maintain the privacy of their medical records, ensure their access to all medical options and the exclusive right to choose a doctor freely.

With many Americans facing the hard reality of losing their health insurance, it is encouraging to know that people have an avenue to turn to, once all other explored options seem murky.

By learning from our past to shape our future, it is important that as a nation we stand up and accept responsibility for our actions and strive for a continued rise in our expectations. Whether it be in our educational system or embedded in our society, the key to Clinton's address was not what he promised to change but how we will change ourselves.

'Veggie laws' ripe for abuse

The suit against Oprah Winfrey by Texas cattlemen has brought "veggie libel" laws into the spotlight.

The cattlemen claim that Winfrey single-handedly caused cattle prices to plummet in the state after she swore on her television program that she would never eat another burger. The show was about mad cow disease. The cattlemen are seeking \$10.3 million to cover losses and an unspecified amount for unspecified damages under Texas' False Disparagement of Perishable Food Products Act.

"Veggie libel" laws exist in 13 states to protect the food industry from defamation and from a brief scare ruining a market. However, the laws are misguided; they are an affront to the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech. They also don't take into account other variables that may cause an industry's prices to plummet, such as oversupply and high feed prices.

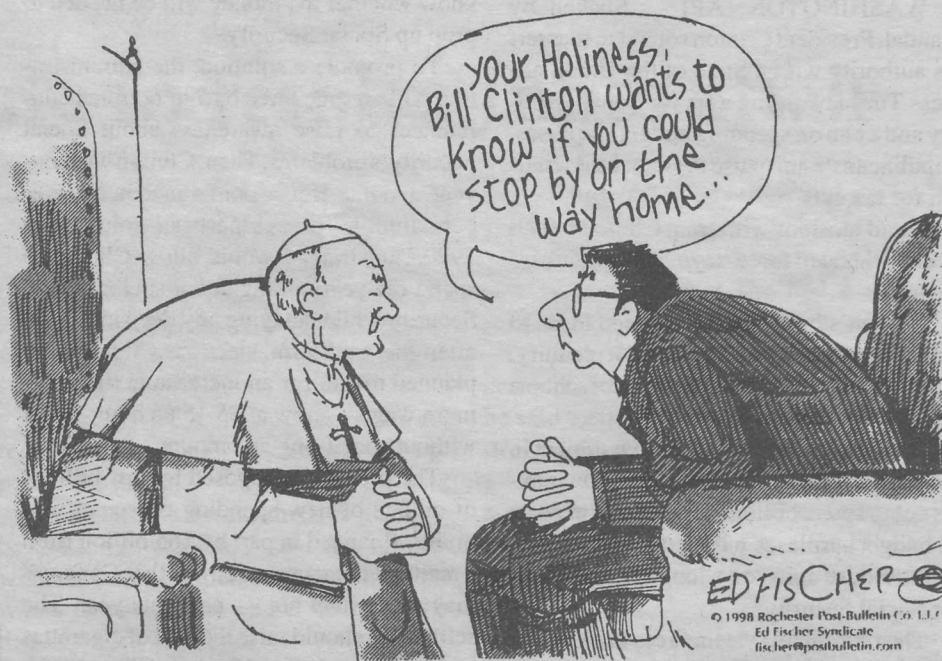
Although Winfrey's comments may have caused a decline in the purchase of beef, cattlemen are leaving out other im-

perative causes, such as the high coverage by the entire media of mad cow disease and the oversupply and high feed costs of cattle.

Instead of safeguarding the industry against future defamation and market uncertainty, Texas cattlemen are diving into dangerous waters. Oprah's popularity will survive this trial; many Americans will continue to heed her advice. It also appears that the plaintiffs in the case are money-grubbing by pursuing litigation against one of the richest Americans.

By educating the public about the industry through advertising and other programs, beef producers and marketers can forestall concerns about mad cow disease affecting American beef.

If the cattlemen succeed in their suit, the media and food industry experts will need to constantly look over their shoulders when reporting about health risks some foods may pose. Debate over food-safety laws and regulations would be squelched.



• Letters

• Student privacy black and white

To the Editor:

RE: "Safeguarding students' privacy," by Ryan Robbins, Page 11, *The Maine Campus*, Jan. 21, 1998.

Wait a minute! "Student Records Director Alison Cox came to UMaine in 1995" and "sent a memo to faculty and support staff, reminding them that posting grades by Social Security number is not permitted under FERPA" and the "faculty cried foul and Cox backed down"? Is that true? Mr. Robbins goes on to quote Cox as saying, "We prefer not to have any posting of grades ever, but the faculty senate would just not accept that."

Um, did I miss something here?

Is it or isn't it legal to post the grades with the Social Security Number? If it's illegal, how is it that the faculty senate can "just not accept that"? Exactly who is responsible for ensuring that the university complies with FERPA? And, if it's illegal to post grades in this manner, why are they neglecting the issue? And if it's a gray area, why is it being kept that way? It seems like a fairly black and white issue to me; either you can or you can't.

Ben Borowski
York Hall

• UMaine gift certificates valuable

To the Editor:

I think the editorial in Monday's *Maine Campus* denouncing, as worthless, the "Gift of Learning" certificates during the holidays was a bit off the mark. Were I a University of Maine student who opened a present on Christmas morning and found \$250 in certificates good toward the cost of tuition, fees, room and board, I would have been delighted!

(That's correct, one thoughtful parent or grandparent actually purchased 10, \$25 certificates for a currently en-

rolled student.) Delighted because that would have meant I didn't have to personally come up with \$250 to pay my spring semester expenses.

The point of this campaign (by the way, the idea received rave reviews by the Boston Herald, the Chronicle of Higher Education, a professional publication editor in Madison, Wis., and two local radio stations) was not to meet students' cost of attendance; rather, it was to deliver a message that education is important. It is a life-long investment that doesn't depreciate—ever. It is something you can have and use every day of your life. If by receiving a certificate it provided the necessary motivation and encouragement for one person to take that first shaky step toward completing a college education, then I think the program was extremely worthwhile.

John E. Beacon
Dean
Enrollment Management

• Weathering Ice Storm '98

To the Editor:

In your Jan. 21 article on the ice storm, you quoted Dave Fowler saying that Bangor was "the only place the crews could get food." He forgot the 20 members of the grounds crew that York Commons fed—after hours!

Despite difficult conditions, York Commons was open with a limited menu throughout the ice crisis, feeding over 200 people at each meal with a staff of only seven. They had to work outside as well, preparing most of the food on a 10-burner propane grill. Only the steam kettles in the kitchen could be used—all other equipment is electric. The emergency lights were all they had to light the dining commons.

In Dining Services, we certainly appreciate all the hard work of our facilities crews during the power out-

age. These people provide a service, behind the scenes most of the time—a service we did not fully appreciate until we lost it. Those of us who work in food service know that even without power people still have to eat, and we learn to make-do whatever the circumstances. The crew at York Commons, led by Assistant Manager Andrew Matlins, did just that. In the other dining commons, skeleton crews removed the contents of our refrigerators and freezers to refrigerated trucks until power was restored. Hilltop Commons took over meal service Jan. 19.

I'm proud to be part of a department so dedicated to service. It's the ordinary routines of life we most miss in a crisis, but Dining Services made sure mealtime was on time.

Elizabeth Carlson
Associate Director for
Resident Dining

• Hate-crime violence remains low

To the Editor:

As a footnote to Kathryn Ritchie's article in Monday's *Maine Campus*, it is common when the law and reporting requirements change to have an increase in reported crimes. Such is true with hate and bias crimes at the University of Maine.

With the excellent cooperation from (and strong responses by) the conduct office and the state Attorney General's Office, actual violence remains low. "Crime at College," by Ostander and Schwartz, shows UMaine as the 13th of the 20 safest college towns in the Northeast. Citizen cooperation in reporting these crimes is very much appreciated. I echo Investigator Chris Gardner's encouraging our community to call us when they do not feel safe.

Alan G. Reynolds
Director
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• Column

Getting back into shape worthwhile

Last weekend I began the long, hard road to recovery from a six-year layoff. I had been inactive since shortly after I finished high school, but the seed had been planted long before that. The cause of my layoff was a debilitating illness, one that millions of Americans, as well as people around the world, suffer from.

My impairment wasn't the result of an injury, genetics or anything along those lines. It wasn't even physical. It was 100 percent

Organized soccer ended when I was 14, basketball and baseball when I was 15, but I stuck with track throughout high school. I was always one of the fastest runners on the team, again through no doing of my own.

I even started running cross country in the fall to get in shape for track because, of course, I never did any running in the summer

worked to achieve. I had been given a gift, but never developed it. I always assumed I'd be able to do whatever I wanted. I never planned to be as out of shape as I am now.

I never did extra workouts on the side. Most of the time I didn't do the workouts I was supposed to over school vacations. I never lifted weights to strengthen my legs. I just did enough to get by.

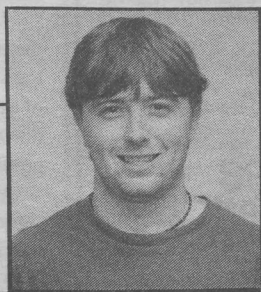
I tried to start running again last fall, but my lungs couldn't take it. I quit after a few days.

Now I've had an attitude adjustment (I've also put on a few pounds I could do without) and I'm ready to work my way slowly and steadily back into shape. I realize there is no quick fix to repair six years of inactivity. I can finally live with that.

I ache when I get up in the morning and before I go to bed. If someone touches me during the day, it usually hurts. These are the terms I forced myself into and I accept them. I'm not trying to recapture what I had when I was 17. Those days are gone and whatever I could have been I'm not now. I just want to be able to play basketball or touch football without losing my breath.

To all of you who are in shape, don't let yourself go. It's just no fun having to work hard to return to where you were years ago. To those of you who have been slacking, don't let it go any further. Stop making excuses. Remember that just because you're thin doesn't mean you're healthy. I'm learning that now.

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By Derek Rice

mental and could have been put to rest years ago, long before its effects had worsened.

The cause of my inactivity was nothing but acute vegetitis, more commonly known as laziness.

When I was younger, I played soccer, basketball and baseball, but never gave anything more than the minimum to any of these activities. My friends and I played baseball all the time, but there were only four of us, so we didn't run bases.

When I was 12, after years of my father's urging, I started running track in the summer recreation department program. I had always been a fast runner, through no doing of my own. In the next three years, I won two state championships at distances of 100 meters and 200 meters. When I was 13, I won the state championship in the mile. That was the first time I had ever run that distance.

after I was too old for the summer programs.

In high school track, I never won state or even league championships. After my junior year, I was poised for a big senior season. All the guys who had beaten me at states had been seniors.

During what should have been my triumphant senior track season, I breezed through regular-season meets, winning the 100 meters almost every week. When I didn't win, it was because the track was slippery or my hamstrings were tight. There had always been excuses, and this was no exception.

At leagues, I finished second. I qualified for states, but not as highly as I had hoped. At the state meet, I failed to make finals. My season and career were over in the less than 12 seconds it took to run from the start to the finish line.

Looking back on my early years, I see the wealth of potential I never

FERPA buckles under media pressure

The feds have some kind of gall. Suing Ohio State University and Miami University for refusing to comply with the infamous Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (better known as the Buckley Amendment), the U.S. Department of Education is attempting to block the schools from releasing education records.

Why are they releasing records they're not supposed to release? Because they are not educational records but crime records.

Bravo! In a last-ditch effort to justify misguided legislation, the government is forcing public universities to spend money to defend themselves from a law that even the U.S. Supreme Court

student is appearing before the Student Conduct Committee to answer to charges of vandalizing a number of cars on campus? The reporter may ask for statistics regarding past car vandalism, but statistics would be worthless.

As reflected in *The Maine Campus*' Monday, Jan. 26, article "Racially, sexually motivated crimes impact campus," a total of 10 cases involving hate have afflicted the University of Maine last fall alone. Granted, six of the crimes were hard-to-solve graffiti cases, but most students are only aware of two major hate crimes that have transpired. Disciplinary reports



By Paul Livingstone

won't attempt to justify.

In 1974, Congress passed the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act to protect the privacy of families and students with regard to access and release of educational records, and to give the opportunity for a hearing to challenge the appropriateness or accuracy of the records. The law does not make policy with regard to conduct records; individual universities have given themselves the privilege to dictate regulations in this area.

In March 1991 in the case of *Bauer v. Kincaid*, Southwest Missouri State University Standard editor Traci Bauer successfully argued that the university was not compelled by FERPA to keep crime information secret. Then in November 1991, the Washington, D.C., District Court ruled in *Student Press Law Center v. Alexander* that the Department of Education could not deny funds to schools for releasing crime information, citing Bauer as support for its ruling.

Despite these successes, students attempting to obtain records have been met with results ranging from legal success to nights in jail.

Every university is affected by this legal deadlock. *The Maine Campus* has not pursued the matter beyond requests, nor is it among the majority of university newspapers which neglect to check the police log every week. Maintaining a shaky middle ground seems to be the strategy at most campus newspapers, but this does not cover the "What ifs."

What happens if the campus newspaper hears a rumor that a

and future discoveries regarding these crimes will go unreported because the records will be kept under lock and key. Trends and problem spots in campus crime will be the sovereign domain of the university's administration.

Theoretically, I suppose, the university police force can keep track of problems and implement new strategies accordingly. I can accept that such programs will be pursued, but I worry that pressure from the administration, whether overt or suggested, will fudge the crime data. Public Safety is, after all, funded through UMaine.

The government should have called the Buckley Amendment the Gray Area Amendment; it has forced conflicting parties (in this case the university and the student paper) to fight with each other until another gave way. In the case of *Miami Student v. Miami University (Ohio)*, neither party gave way, resulting in a litigation mess that will likely result in a U.S. Supreme Court case regardless.

Just as it is within the right of a public citizen to access crime records from the local police station, it is the right of students to be informed about trends or facts regarding crime on campus. To ensure that lawsuits do not needlessly continue to sprout throughout the country, the Supreme Court should tackle this issue as soon as possible, with the hopeful result that the Buckley Amendment in its present form be chucked out the window.

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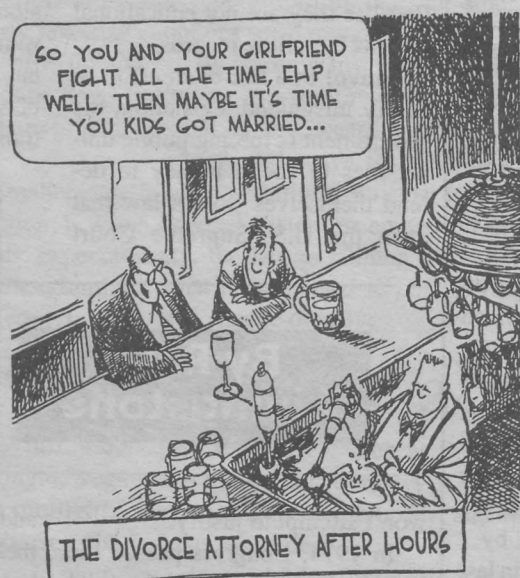


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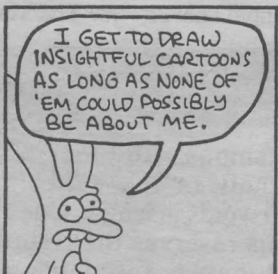
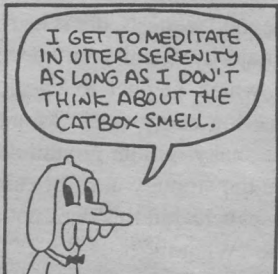
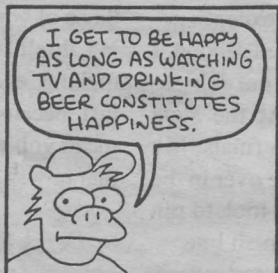
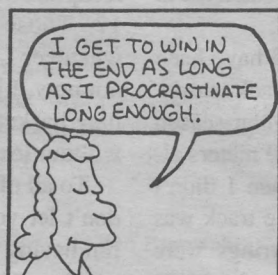
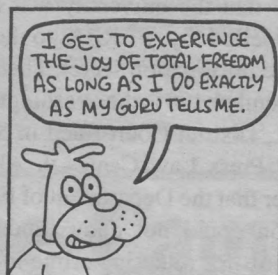
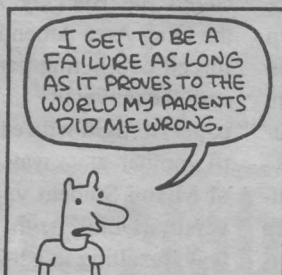


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LIFE IN HELL

WHAT'S YOUR DEAL?



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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Wednesday, January 28

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: As far as birthdays go, this one may have more than its share of ups and downs, but don't let that give you the wrong idea about the year ahead. It isn't what others do that makes you feel good or bad, but how you react to what they do. Your destiny is in your hands.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Don't expect other people to be reasonable today — planetary activity means they are incapable of figuring out what it is they expect from you. This is frustrating, but there is no need to get angry. Don't take it too seriously, and it won't do you much damage.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): It all seems to be happening at once, and it all seems to be happening to you. What have you done to deserve this? Nothing, if your solar chart is anything to go by. You are simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. Forty-eight hours from now you will be back where you belong.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): So many options, so little time. You would like to try them all, but you know that is out of the question. Play to your strengths and focus on the things you know you can do. They may not be the most interesting, but they will be the most profitable — and that's what counts.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You enjoy a challenge, but there is no point in taking on someone who is clearly out of your league. Leave the heroic failures to others. You want to be a success, and for that you need to get a few wins under your belt. As your confidence grows you can take on bigger challenges.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You are moving in the right direction, but are you moving too fast or too slow? That isn't so obvious. As a general rule of thumb today, if you feel like speeding up, slow down, and if you feel like slowing down, speed up. Do the opposite and you can't go wrong.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Virgo is the sign of the worrier, and today you are worrying too much about money. Your cash flow problems may be disturbing, but they are not desperate, so don't make any rash decisions — there is simply no need for it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): It may not seem like it right now, but this could turn out to be one of the most important days of the year for you. Planetary activity will heighten your emotions, but it will also heighten your perceptions, enabling you to take advantage of an opportunity someone else has missed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): It will be difficult to stay neutral today. You feel the need to protect someone you care for from what appears to be an unwarranted attack on his/her integrity and reputation. But appearances can be deceptive, so don't get too involved in a dispute that is none of your business.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You can't decide between two quite different strategies today. One minute you want to do one thing, the next minute you want to do the opposite. The best advice today is to do nothing at all. By midweek you will see there is a third option — and that's the one you need.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You may not realize it, but you are focusing on the worst possible outcome to a situation that may never happen. Give it a day or two and you will see how easily you allowed yourself to be confused.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You feel the urge to explore, to go places you have never been before. Perhaps it is just as well you feel this way on a Wednesday morning when your responsibilities keep you tied in one place. What you want is far away, but what you need is close at hand. Reach out and grab it today.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You like a bit of drama, but you like it better when you know the outcome in advance. Consequently, you won't be happy with today's events — everything is so unpredictable. It could well be that what you fear the most, you will enjoy the most by the end of the week.

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, January 29

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Just because something is expensive doesn't make it valuable. Just because something is cheap doesn't make it valuable. Just because something is cheap doesn't mean it is without value. Pursue the things that mean something to you this year, regardless of how much or how little they cost and how much or how little they make for you.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): There may be room for improvement in a relationship, but this is probably not the best day of the week to start making changes. Someone close doesn't completely trust you. Any ideas you come up with will only add to his/her suspicions. Don't say too much today.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Don't waste time dreaming about the things you can never have when there are so many things you could have if only you put your mind to it. Planetary activity indicates that you have enough time to impress some very important people.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Life should be a lot of fun for you now. If it isn't, it can only be because you are determined not to enjoy yourself. Why are you in such a negative frame of mind? The chances are you have forgotten already and are only pretending to be sad. Smile once and you won't be able to stop.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Cancerians tend to fear the worst, even when everything is going right for them. You find it hard to believe that your luck will last. But it will and longer than you expect, if you maintain a positive attitude.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You are not the kind to build walls around yourself, but somehow a barrier has grown where once there was friendship and trust. It can easily be dismantled if attacked from both sides. Swallow your pride and make the first move.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Resist the urge to do something drastic about your financial situation. However much effort you put into it, the results will be poor to say the least. You are worrying for no good reason. It will all be OK in time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Someone needs your support today. You desperately want to give it, but if you do you are afraid you will be drawn into an argument that is really none of your business. Maybe you will, but is that really so bad? Think how you would feel if the roles were reversed — then offer your assistance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Stop day-dreaming and protect your interests — they are under attack again. Rivals are envious of your success and would like nothing better than to undermine your position. They can only do that if you ignore the threat they pose. Your money is at stake.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): If it is true that for every problem there is a solution — and it is — then there is no problem so big or so complicated that it can't be solved. Your problems aren't unique. In one form or another they have been around for centuries. Seek wisdom in the past.

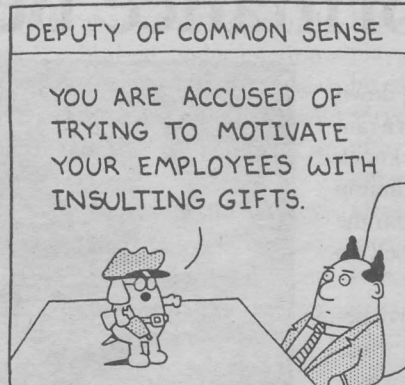
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): By all means seek advice from those who appear to have a better grasp of the facts than you, but remember that appearances can be deceptive. Listen only to your instincts — they can tell you everything you need to know.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): There is no need to betray your principles, not even with the worthy intention of helping someone who cannot, apparently, be helped any other way. You should know by now that there is always another way. If you look for it, you will find it.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): What you hope for and what you get today may be two entirely different things, but that doesn't mean that what you get is worthless. The only reason you might be disappointed with today's stroke of good fortune is that you don't yet recognize it as such — but you will, and soon.

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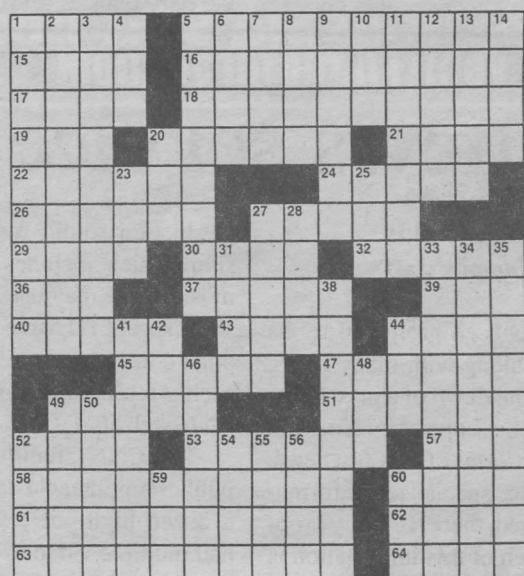
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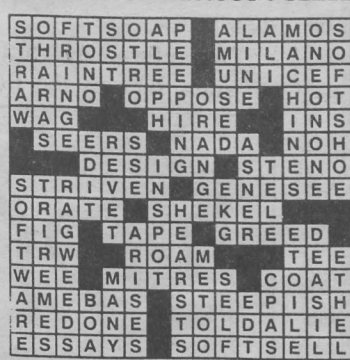
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- 10 Snigger's wriggler
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- 14 Monster's home
- 20 Many college grads
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Puzzle by Craig Kasper and Dave Tuller

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- 27 Singer Ian
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- 31 It's an honor
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- 38 Most conservative
- 41 Tear sheet?
- 42 Decline
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- 46 Players without fixed positions
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- 49 "The Purloined Letter" detective
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- 59 80's military units.
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Style and the Arts

• In theaters

Nicholson's latest performance better than 'Good'

By Hunter Tzovarras
Maine Campus staff

"You don't love anything, Melvin Udall!"

Those are the words of Simon Bishop (Greg Kinnear), Melvin Udall's neighbor. And they seem to be the perfect epithet for Melvin. As the film opens, we watch him shamelessly toss Simon's dog down the garbage chute. He reviles everyone he encounters, explodes into tirades saturated with racist, sexist and homophobic insults, and approaches each human encounter with venomous jokes that are meant to cause hurt, not laughter. Despite all of this, we sense that there's something benevolent beneath this veneer of malicious sarcasm. And of course we're right.

Jack Nicholson plays Melvin Udall in possibly one of his best roles of the last 10 or so years. Is there a more charismatic actor in film today than Nicholson? Probably not. And "As Good As It Gets" showcases Nicholson in top form. If you see this movie, ask yourself if any other actor could get away with Melvin's scurrilous quips — "People who talk in metaphors should shampoo my crotch" — and still remain ingratiating.

Melvin Udall lives a reclusive life (well, as reclusive as possible for New York City). He works at home as a romance novelist and when his neighbor (who Melvin introduces as "Simon the fag") knocks on his door to

confront him about throwing his dog down the garbage chute, Melvin goes off on a rant about why his neighbor should never knock on his door: "Even if you hear a loud thump and a week later start to get sick from the smell of a decaying body, don't knock on my door."

Melvin is obsessed with compulsive behavior. He flicks the lights on five times before entering each room, throws away a bar of soap after each wash and avoids walking on cracks at all cost. He even eats at the same restaurant each day. In keeping with the spirit of obsessive-compulsive disorder, he brings his own utensils. The only waitress he'll allow to serve him is Carol (Helen Hunt). As with the other customers, she doesn't like him much and takes particular offense when he makes a cruel remark about her asthmatic son. Later, when he's finally kicked out, the regulars stand up and applaud.

But, of course, we don't have the same ill feelings towards Melvin, for we can already see his softer side hidden. There's always the sense that the movie knows Melvin even better than he does. We know that his obsessive-compulsive disorder and acerbic remarks are ways of ignoring everyday life. He consumes his time with compulsive behavior, scrutinizing every aspect of his surroundings, as a way of avoiding introspection.

As the film goes on the viewers aren't the only ones to sense Melvin's softer un-



Melvin (Jack Nicholson), a recluse, gradually warms up to Carol (Helen Hunt) in "As Good as It Gets." (Courtesy photo.)

derbelly. To sum it up as succinctly as possible, Melvin learns to accept, in this order, dogs, children, women and his gay neighbor. While this transformation may sound cliché (and it is), it does happen unconventionally. By the end of the film, Melvin has not really changed, but has just made room for benevolence beside his scathing tongue and obsessive behavior.

Of course, an attraction develops between Melvin and Carol. But this too does not develop down a conventional movie path. There's a scene where I definitely

thought a romance was going to materialize between the two stars, but Melvin instead offers irreverent remarks. Both of these characters have problems in their lives that cannot easily be solved, and neither pretends a relationship is the panacea. There is, however, the sense that they both know they don't want to be alone, and for that reason they're trying, almost forcing, to make things work. The movie ostensibly ends on a happy note, but knowing these characters we cannot help but wonder how long it will last.

Rating: ★★★★★

• Tech talk

Web news service sites growing, charging fees

By Mike Reynolds
Maine Campus staff

The Internet has been promoted by its largest opponents, along with many in big business, as being the dawn of a new information age. While the scope of information is unprecedented, in terms of how fast news, software or specific, specialized information can be distributed, there are many problems with how much of this information is distributed.

One of the biggest reasons people, myself included, use the Web is for news services.

There are some stellar, and well, not so stellar, news service web sites. Some of the best news web sites include sites created by CNN, MSNBC and National Public Radio. The electronic editions of such newspapers as the New York Times (<http://www.nytimes.com/>), Washington Post (<http://washingtonpost.com>) or the Los Angeles Times (<http://www.latimes.com>) are excellent resources for timely information.

The effort needed to run a web site as dynamic as the CNN site for example is enormous.

While visiting Atlanta during the Paralympics in the summer of 1996, I was lucky enough to go to the CNN Center, which, maybe appropriately, is a huge shopping mall.

While I did not take a tour of the CNN studio, I did get a chance to look at the

production studio for its interactive division, which includes its web site. While most people may use a personal computer, some sort of HTML editor and a scanner or other commercial multimedia applications, such as real audio encoder, the breadth of the CNN web studio was amazing.

The CNN studio was the size of the public computer cluster in the union, housed a dozen high-powered SGI workstations, had multiple video to quicktime capable of capturing video and publishing it to the web. The rendering time for such video can be very lengthy for many computers, but the CNN people were editing in close to real time.

Other sites and web-based services like the Washington Post offer a real-time AP wire-to-web interface as well as the ability to search 14 days prior on a given subject. This is excellent if you try to write a paper or other research on deadline and want to use the latest information. Another service, Newsworks (<http://www.newsworks.com>), allows one to search on more than 400 newspapers currently on the web. This service can be particularly useful if you want to read a review of an artist's show in Chicago last month and you can't find an accurate account, or if you want to find regional differences in the way a topic is covered.

Many news providers on the web are really lacking in the ways in which people can access news in a timely fashion. Many services are now adding exorbitant fees for news stories in an on-line archive.

The best example I can think of is when I was recently trying to see how a certain issue was covered within the state of Maine. Several Maine newspapers, such as the Portland Press Herald, (www.portland.com), have been on the web for several years and have excellent, fully developed sites. Some sites are a day late in their news, making their on-line sites obsolete over their print counterparts. Other papers in Maine that state they are on-line do not have more than a handful of links and advertisements on their pages.

One unfortunate reality is that a number of sites, such as the Boston Globe and

USA Today, now have complete archives of newspapers for a decade or more, but charge for the information. There are sites where a single article costs more than three times the price of a regular paper. While the Internet used to pride itself on the free distribution of information, many will find that while the digital age makes it easier to access information, one may rely on the tried and tested method of looking up articles on microfiche in the library. Is this a case of everything old becoming new again, or the Internet proving that the tried and tested methods of researching information will be with us for years to come?

What's happening

Thursday, Jan. 29

• Career Fair, featuring more than 35 companies and organizations, coordinated by the Career Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Memorial Union.

• Socialist and Marxist Studies Luncheon Series "Discrimination-The Gay Rights Referendum," 12:30 p.m., Bangor Lounge.

• Female rocker Jean Meike, 6:30 p.m., Left Bank Cafe.

• Bear Brew Pub music event with Steve Rowen and Andy Hamm, 9 p.m., Bear Brew Pub.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

• Acoustic jam, 6 p.m.,

Lown Room, Memorial

Union. Every Wednesday.

• Pat Mills, who has been compared to a young James Taylor, 6:30 p.m., Left Bank Cafe, Blue Hill. Call 374-2201 for information.

• Art and Foreign Film Series featuring "Mrs. Brown," 7:20 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Spotlight Cinemas.

• The last word

The best, worst of 1997's Hollywood output

By Greg Dowling
Maine Campus staff

Here are my picks for the best and worst films of the year:

The ten best

1. "Titanic": This was by far the year's most exhilarating, powerful and utterly moving film event. James Cameron's masterpiece that chronicles the most famous and tragic maiden voyage is a cinematic treasure. It's not only an awe-inspiring technical achievement, but it's a beautiful love story. Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet are as bound together as they are bound to the tragedy that befell the ship itself. "Titanic" is unforgettable.

2. "Contact": A brilliantly crafted film. Robert Zemeckis' sci-fi epic is the most intelligent story Hollywood has given us about the possibility of life beyond our planet. It doesn't offer us computer generated aliens or images of the White House being blown to bits, but what it does give is an exploration of faith for its main character, Dr. Eleanor Arroway (Jodie Foster). It also gives us a bold debate between science and religion, and how the two perspectives would clash if we ever did discover that we are not alone.

3. "Seven Years In Tibet": Jean Jacques-Annaud's telling of the seven years spent in Tibet by an Austrian rock climber, Heinrich Harrer (Brad Pitt). The excellent script by Becky Johnston ("The Prince of Tides") makes the film a soul-searching journey for Harrer in which he had to put aside his own childish arrogance and learn selflessness through his relationship with the young Dalai Lama. Pitt makes this transformation as gracefully as a butterfly in an outstanding performance. Annaud's direction proves that to make a period piece, it's not necessary to be brooding and stoic; he finds the right note of humor, humanity and visual beauty, making this one the year's most entertaining films.

4. "Breakdown": This is pure adrenaline. One of the few non-special effects action-suspense pictures of 1997, "Breakdown" is a breathless piece of film craftsmanship. It's also a dazzling debut for its rookie director, Jonathan Mostow, who also

co-wrote the screenplay. Kurt Russell is outstanding as an ordinary man who is forced to confront his worst nightmare when his wife (Kathleen Quinlan) is kidnapped by a psychotic trucker (J.T. Walsh). The film is as terrifying as any horror film and as exciting as the biggest budget action film, and it gives us characters and situations with which we can easily identify and sympathize. "Breakdown" is one hell of a ride.

5. "Chasing Amy": Kevin Smith's follow up to "Clerks" and "Mallrats," "Chasing Amy," a story about a comic book artist who falls in love with a lesbian is Smith's best to date. Not only is it a comedic triumph with his witty, often brilliant dialogue, but he also achieves a great, unimposing poignancy that is unexpected.

6. "The Devil's Own": This powerful drama from director Alan J. Pakula ("Presumed Innocent," "The Pelican Brief") did not receive much notice in its release, despite the pairing of Harrison Ford and Brad Pitt. The reason for this could be that audiences expected an action thriller like "Air Force One," instead of the intelligent, suspenseful and moving drama that it is. "The Devil's Own" chooses dialogue over shoot-outs and chases, and the result is a very good story about the trouble that occurs when IRA terrorist Frankie Maguire (Pitt) who seeks temporary solace in the U.S., and is put up in the home of New York cop Tom O'Meara (Ford) and his family. Ford and Pitt give very strong, subtle performances which will probably be overlooked by the Academy, but they give the film its fire.

7. "G.I. Jane": Ridley Scott's grim drama gives the ever-deflating career of Demi Moore a much-needed kick-start. As Lt. Jordan O'Neill, Moore becomes the very personification of the new empowerment of women. Moore strips away her vanity as well as her brown locks, adds 10 pounds of muscle and gives a very compelling and convincing performance. While the film naturally has Hollywood touches, like conspiracies by mysterious higher-ups, its heart is grounded in reality, and it resonates in light of the events of the last year, which have proven this country's armed forces to

have more pig-headed sexism than Rush Limbaugh.

8. "Air Force One": This year presented a torrent of action films, but the most dazzling and skillful among these is Wolfgang Peterson's "Air Force One." Harrison Ford plays President James Marshall, which is a bit of casting so long overdue that it almost serves as a pop joke. President Marshall, after giving a speech where he tells the terrorists of the world, "It's your turn to be afraid," Air Force One is hijacked by a terrorist (Gary Oldman). Peterson's direction never lets up for a moment. The suspense is so gripping that for the entire running time of the picture you'll scarcely notice anything but the screen. The action is big, explosive and spectacular. The premise of the film is, of course, utterly absurd, but the film is so pulse-pounding, you won't think anything of it.

9. "My Best Friend's Wedding": Julia Roberts makes a big comeback with this sprite, touching and funny romantic comedy. Roberts plays a Manhattan food critic whose male best friend (Dermot Mulroney) is engaged to a wealthy college student played by Cameron Diaz. Roberts flies into a jealous fit and tries to win him away from Diaz. This is one of the few romantic comedies that has an ending that makes sense. The mentality in Hollywood is such that the

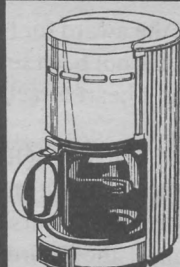
story must have a happy ending and if it doesn't fit, force it. This film ends just as it should. Roberts is as charming as always with her glittering eyes and that megawatt smile. It's certainly the year's best romantic comedy.

10. "Mimic": Guillermo Del Toro's sci-fi horror-thriller about giant, genetically engineered cockroaches fluttering through the catacombs of the Manhattan subway is a damn frightening story. Academy Award winner Mira Sorvino plays a biologist who creates a breed of insects to fight a deadly disease, which is killing New York's children and is spread by the domestic cockroach. The critters she engineered were supposed to die in the lab, but instead they breed and kill. "Mimic" draws its inspiration from films like "Alien" but it has a certain degree of discomforting resonance as we are entering the age of genetics, and human tampering is far from inconceivable. The script has just enough scientific logic for the audience to suspend disbelief, and "Mimic" becomes a showcase of suspense, special effects, and genuine scares.

The five worst

1. "Anaconda": Where "Mimic" succeeds is precisely where "Anaconda" fails. It's a snail-paced, stupid and over-long

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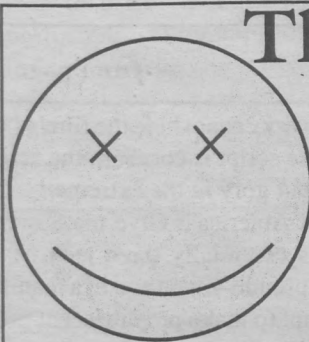
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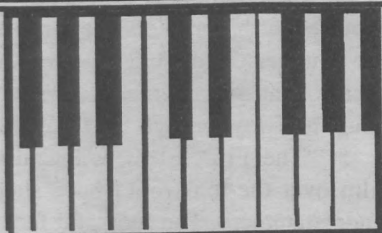
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• American Music Awards

Ailing singer honored; ceremony gets some Spice

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The light and sassy Spice Girls used their trademark "girl power" to dominate the American Music Awards Monday night, winning three awards and beating out such heavyweights as U2 and The Wallflowers.

The Spice Girls, who were in Ireland preparing for a tour, ruled the pop-rock category, winning the best album award and being named favorite new artist and best group.

Although the all-girl British group has been slammed by critics, that doesn't affect the American Music Awards, which are based on a national sampling of approximately 20,000 people.

The emotional centerpiece of the show came in a tribute for the ailing Frank Sinatra. His daughter, Nancy, accepted the special Award of Merit.

"I bring you greetings from the coolest guy on the face of the planet next to Puff Daddy — my daddy!" she said.

The three-hour show — broadcast on ABC — featured host Drew Carey and included live performances by Garth Brooks and Boyz II Men, named best soul/rhythm and blues group.

Alabama was named favorite country band, the group's 20th American Music Award — the most for any artist.

"Thanks to all the fans, all the years," said group member Randy Owen said.

Reba McEntire saluted her competitors while accepting her trophy for favorite female country artist.

"I do not take it for granted that you have nominated me along with two beautiful and talented women," said McEntire, who beat out LeeAnn Rimes and

Shania Twain.

Julio Iglesias defeated his own son, Enrique, to win as favorite Latin artist.

"This is funny because you know when they tell you that your son is against you in competition, you feel a little like your brain is in another place because I adore my kids," Iglesias said.

In the alternative category, Bush was named favorite artist, beating out the Mighty Mighty Bosstones and Sublime.

George Strait won two awards, best male country artist and favorite country album for "Carrying Your Love with Me."

Babyface showed his crossover appeal by winning best male artist in two categories — first soul/rhythm and blues and then pop-rock.

"This is another big surprise," the singer said as he accepted his second award.

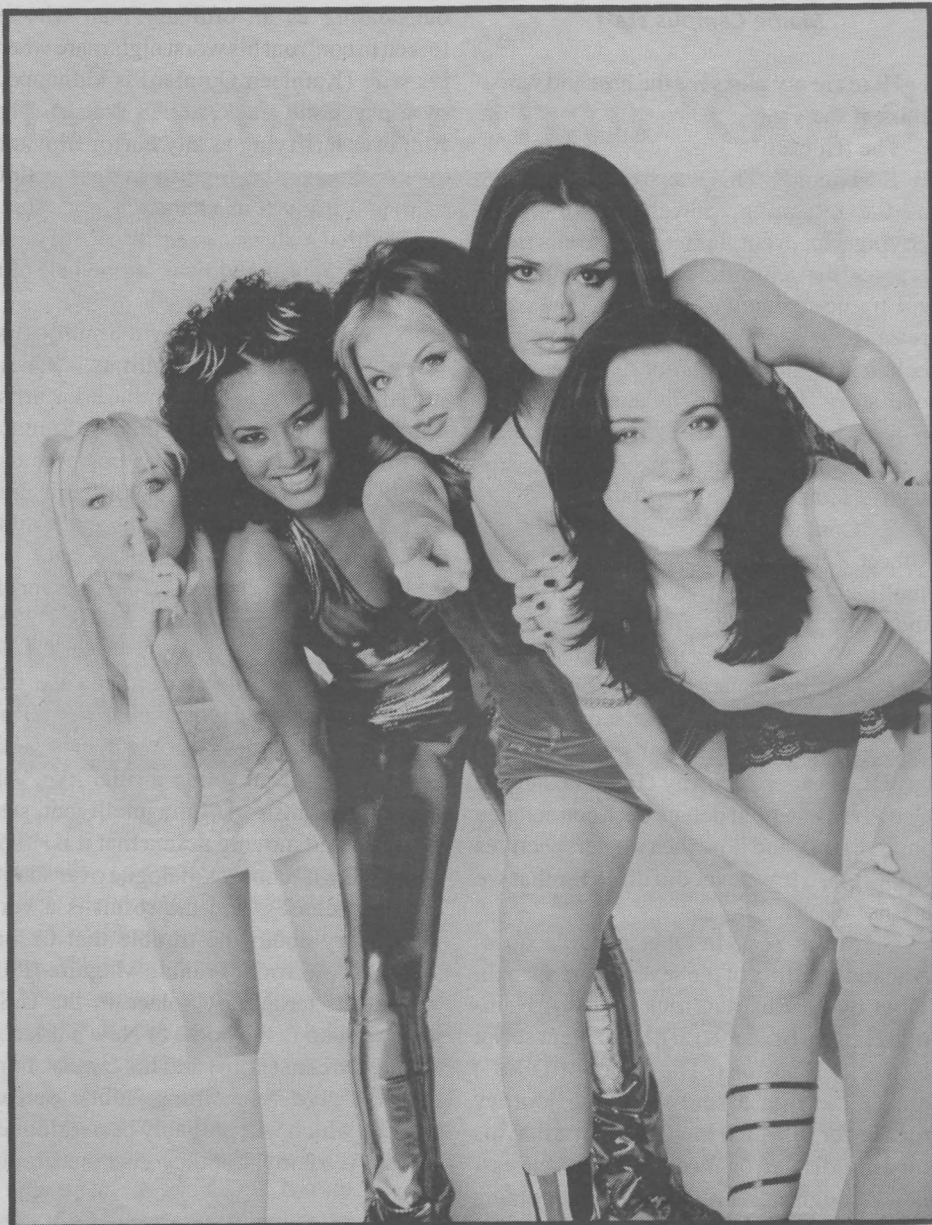
Erykah Badu was named favorite soul/rhythm and blues new artist.

"I'd like to thank the creator for giving me this gift to share with y'all," said Badu, wearing her trademark turban, this one green.

Sinatra's tribute include fellow crooner Tony Bennett, who showed black-and-white clips of the singer going back to the 1940s.

Ms. Sinatra accepted the award for her 82-year-old father, who has not been seen in public since suffering a heart attack a year ago.

"When I left the house, Dad said 'Give all the fans a hug for me, because they made me possible.' So consider yourself hugged by the Chairman of the Board," she said.



Despite being across the Atlantic, the Spice Girls took home two American Music Awards. (Courtesy photo.)

• Groundhog Day

Punxsutawney Phil's adventures going on-line

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Punxsutawney Phil is about to surf the 'Net.

The chubby woodchuck will be pulled out to make his annual shadow check next Monday, rain, snow or shine. But thanks to a World Wide Web hookup, those who want to avoid cold feet can watch the prediction almost live on their computer screens.

Gov. Tom Ridge announced the broadcast Monday as part of a 21-day campaign to market Pennsylvania as a high-tech business hub.

"Phil is important to us in terms of visibility nationwide," said Barbara Chaffee, director of the state travel and tourism office. "We think Punxsutawney will help us bring tourism and travelers."

The Groundhog Day tradition is based on a German superstition that an animal casting its shadow on Feb. 2, the Christian holiday of Candlemas, means bad weather to come. German farmers began the festival 111 years ago in Punxsutawney, about 80 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Phil is pulled from his custom-made burrow each year at Gobbler's Knob by Punxsutawney Groundhog Club members, who announce his prediction. The rest of the year, Phil lives in a heated hutch at the town library.

Pennsylvania's travel and tourism World Wide Web site will give directions for software downloads that can present Phil. A free software program enables a computer to project moving pictures and sounds.

Three digital cameras will send Phil's movements over the Internet by satellite early Monday. The 40-minute broadcast will end with Phil's prediction at about 7:25 a.m.

Too early? The broadcast will be repeated on the site throughout the day.

Viewers will see pictures, though some will move slower depending on modem speed and monitor quality, said Eric Failing, the tourism office's director of technology. The pictures will reach viewers after a 10-second delay.

Best

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"thriller" with a group of decent actors who look bored fighting off very fake-looking giant snakes. There's scarcely a creative or original moment here.

2. "Volcano": Spectacular effects do not hide the central cheesiness to this preposterous disaster film with Tommy Lee Jones (looking as bored as the audience) trying to stop L.A. from being baked by a volcano spewing digital lava out of the La Brea Tar Pits. There's something profoundly unexciting about lava moving very, very, very slowly down Wilshire Boulevard while the actors run around exclaiming solemn howlers like "This city is finally paying for its arrogance!"

3. "Starship Troopers": Paul Verhoeven's overblown space epic about giant bug aliens that fire asteroids at Earth, declaring war on the human race. The youths of the world, who all look like "Beverly Hills 90210" stunt doubles, must strike back. The unknowns of the cast, which appears to have every bad actor Verhoeven could find, primarily just need to look good while blasting their guns at the giant bugs and look alarmed when they are ripped to shreds.

Great CGI work cannot hide the film's lack of detail. The script is cornball, the action is rousing, but gory in the extreme.

4. "Wild America": Give me a break. This film is essentially three teen heartthrobs on a pseudo-adventure in a manipulative attempt to make prepubescent girls' hearts go pitter-patter. Supposedly based on the life of animal documentarian Marty Stouffer and his brothers, the film is strictly for younger children. There are so many scenes that strain credibility that I lost count halfway through the film.

5. "The Fifth Element": Calling this film over-the-top would be a staggering understatement. The look and feel of this movie is such a blatant rip-off of "Blade Runner," that I think Ridley Scott could make a case to sue. Luc Besson ("The Professional") wrote and directed this glittering mess. The special effects work gives the film some kinetic verve, but it's way too silly to get into. Bruce Willis and Gary Oldman are entertaining as always, but they don't save the picture. Besson is a gifted director, but this film is a real black eye on his integrity as a filmmaker.

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SPORTS PAGE

• Women's basketball

National test for Maine

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus Staff

12 NCAA appearances. Three Final Fours. Seven Sun Belt Conference titles. Nine All-Americans.

And that isn't even what No. 15 Western Kentucky has done lately.

Two months ago to the day Maine dropped the Dead River Company classic final to nationally-ranked Wisconsin, the Lady Toppers will come to town to rekindle a rivalry that began last season.

16-5 Western Kentucky comes off an 88-86 win over No. 4 Louisiana Tech last Sunday. WKU, a preseason WNIT Final Four club, has won seven of its last nine games and are on a four-game road trip.

Last season, WKU dropped Maine 73-66 in Bowling Green, KY. Jamie Cassidy led the club in scoring with 22 points. Cindy Blodgett totaled 20.

Maine was up in that game 64-62 with 1:50 left to play, but a Laurie Townsend 3-pointer led to an 8-2 run that sparked them to the win.

"We're real excited. It's a quality opponent, and it's nice to play them especially since we were unsuccessful against them last year," head coach Joanne Palombo-McCallie said. "It's nice to have a second chance."

The Black Bears sit atop the America East race with an 8-1 mark, 12-3 overall. Maine crushed Hofstra 72-42 on Sunday, and are home for the next five games.

The Black Bears, however, dropped a shocking 69-64 contest to Drexel the game before, in which they were outrebounded 46-31.

Last season, Maine went down in similar fashion to Hartford, 70-58. But they reeled off a nine-game winning streak following the defeat and will hope to repeat that feat this season.

"To me, I don't think you have to lose to learn. I don't agree with that philosophy, but it happened and we will learn from (the Drexel loss)," Palombo said. "It was a case where they played well and we weren't as sharp as we needed to be."

Maine will have to contend with five returning starters, and the sixth-ranked recruiting class in the country. Western Kentucky hits for 82.7 ppg and 43.6 rpg.

Especially strong is their experienced All-America candidate-laden frontcourt, which averages 41 ppg and 23 rpg.

Senior Center Leslie Johnson leads the way with 16.8 ppg and 9 rpg, with forward Danielle McCulley close behind at 16 ppg and 8.1 rpg.

Palombo, however, is skeptical about selling their guards short.

"They go about seven deep and are very solid at those positions. Jaime Walz and Laurie Townsend are very outstanding outside shooters for them, and Shea Lunsford does a great job at the three spot and also plays the post for them," Palombo said.

While Cassidy's role has increased over the past weeks and will be a focal point in Thursday's contest, Klara Danes and Kelly Bowman will need to play big for Maine to have a chance.

Danes came up big during Blodgett's absence, averaging 15.7 ppg over a three-game span, including a career-high 20 points against Boston University.

"(Danes) has been very aggressive, and I think that's the key. She's been the most aggressive post player we have. I think that has really transferred into defense, rebounding and hustle," Palombo said.

"Those are definitely some of the intangibles we are going to need Thursday night."

Bowman has returned to the lineup after missing all but three games last season with a leg injury.

Game Notes

Some miscellaneous facts from Western Kentucky's resume this year. The Lady Toppers are:

- 12-2 when scoring first in the game
- 10-3 when scoring first in the second half
- 11-1 when outrebounding an opponent.
- 15-0 when they score more than 70 points in a contest.



Cindy Blodgett and the Black Bears will face No. 15 Western Kentucky Thursday night at Alford Arena. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Women's hockey

Lorenz: A closer look

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

First of two parts

As a child growing up in Brewer, Alison Lorenz could be rather restless.

So her mother found the perfect venue for her pent-up energy: the hockey rink.

"I got into hockey when I was younger [because] my older brother played with a couple of kids from the neighborhood," Lorenz said. "My mom just got me a pair of skates so I wouldn't be running around so much, and it kind of took off from there."

Has it ever.

Halfway through the 1997-98 season, Lorenz has emerged as the first bona fide star in the young varsity history of women's hockey at the University of Maine. In just ten games, the sophomore has piled up 15

goals and seven assists for 22 points.

She has been a crowd-pleaser since day one. Fans stand up at Maine hockey games on two occasions: during the playing of the national anthem and whenever Lorenz carries the puck.

She may be listed as only 5'1", but this mighty-mite has that rare ability to make the opposition look as still as the black bear statue in front of the Memorial Gym. While there may be other players out there who can five-hole and fake out opponents the way she can, they're about as rare as a quiet winter in Maine.

Take a recent 6-1 thrashing of Connecticut College in Brewer, for example. Dashing up the middle, Lorenz weaved through three Camel defenders in their own zone,

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Alison Lorenz has emerged as Maine's most dangerous threats on the ice, and has blossomed as one of the team's leaders. (Raynor file photo.)

FROM THE DEN

The University of Maine women's hoop team's first uniforms consisted of the following attire: bloomers with elastic below the knees, white blouses with navy kerchiefs rolled up, and long black stockings with garter belts.





The Black Bears and Wildcats are just two teams in Hockey East that are battling for position in the league. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• NBA

All-star reserves named

NEW YORK (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers will be the first team to have four players in the NBA All-Star game since 1983, after guards Nick Van Exel and Eddie Jones were added as reserves to the Western Conference team today.

Van Exel and Jones join teammates Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant, both starters, on the West team that will face the Eastern Conference in the Feb. 8 game at Madison Square Garden.

The last team to have four representatives in the game was Philadelphia, with Julius Erving, Moses Malone, Maurice Cheeks and Andrew Toney on the East team 15 years ago. Other reserves added to the West team were San Antonio

forward Tim Duncan, the only rookie on either squad, and his teammate, center David Robinson; forward Vin Baker of Seattle and guards Mitch Richmond of Sacramento and Jason Kidd of Phoenix.

Selected to the East team as reserves were guard Reggie Miller and center Rik Smits of Indiana, center-forward Jayson Williams of New Jersey, forwards Glen Rice of Charlotte and Antoine Walker of Boston, and guards Tim Hardaway of Miami and Steve Smith of Atlanta.

The 14 reserves were added to the teams by a vote of the coaches in each conference.

• Men's hockey

Parity settles within

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

It has been a year stuffed with inconsistencies for the University of Maine men's hockey team as its season begins to push full throttle toward post-season play.

With the Hockey East playoffs scheduled to start March 14, several teams are beginning to jockey for position in order to increase the chances of slipping in the NCAA Tournament's door.

For the Black Bears, that door is still ajar. However, after stumbling to New Hampshire and getting edged by Boston University, they will need a quick turnaround to keep it from shutting on their faces and leaving them in the dark once again.

The Bears (9-11-3, 6-9-2 in HE), are in sixth place in Hockey East, but just three points distance them from that all-elusive fourth spot, where the line is drawn for home-ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

"We've hit a rebuilding year," Maine forward Bobby Stewart said. "However, we know we can play with anybody and we're not making the mistakes we made earlier in the year."

With six points separating the top six teams, Hockey East is shaping up to become a heated race down the stretch.

"The league is tight," Providence College coach Paul Pooley said. "BC, UNH are very high-powered, explosive teams and BU and Northeastern have played well, too."

"The rest of us are striving for some type of consistency."

Although several teams are striving for consistency, the league as a whole has dominated its competition outside the league.

Hockey East has gone an impressive 43-21-4 for a .632 winning percentage against the ECAC, WCHA, CCHA and independents this season.

"It's pretty impressive," Northeastern head coach Bruce Crowder said. "Just about all of our non-league games are over, so the hay is in the barn as well."

"We've been the strongest league top to bottom," UNH head coach Dick Umile said. "Not only is the league strong, but there is no front runner at all. There is great parity in the league right now."

However, it remains to be seen how

many Hockey East institutions will get an invitation to college hockey's "Big Dance."

Boston University head coach Jack Parker has indicated that three teams, barring any unforeseen surprises in the league play-offs, would make the national tournament out of Hockey East.

However, with an upstart Northeastern squad and a Maine team that has the capability to turn the corner at just the right time, the league could be poised to ship four teams to the grand field of 12.

Boston College continues its ascent up the ladder, having compiled a 9-4-2 record in the league and is currently tied for first with BU and Northeastern.

"We have a possibility to send four teams," Umile said. "It all depends what happens in the other leagues."

"If you look at it right now there might be four teams in Hockey East that could get in," Crowder said.

Last season Hockey East was represented by UNH and BU. The last time Hockey East sent more than three schools to the NCAA tournament was in 1994 when BU, UNH, Northeastern, and UMass-Lowell all went.

With BU and UNH already locks to prolong its seasons into mid-to-late March, it could become a dog fight to see who else will represent the league in the NCAA's.

For the Black Bears, the solution is simple if they are to garner their ninth trip to the NCAA Tournament in the past 12 years.

"We gotta do it now," defenseman Jason Price said. "If we want to raise our standings we have to do it now."

Around Hockey East

After coming off a season where the leading scorer accumulated just 21 points and the team won a mere eight games, Northeastern has refused to budge from the top of Hockey East.

"We just didn't show a lot last year," Crowder said. "However, we've been consistent all year and we had a lot of question marks at the beginning of this year."

And Huskie goalie Marc Robitaille has answered them — for now. Robitaille has posted a 9-5-2 record in the league, and with his .917 save percentage and 2.73 goals against average, has made Northeastern a legitimate threat.

However, the Huskies have yet to play either UNH or Maine this year and still have another game remaining against BU and BC.

Speaking of schedules, the Black Bears have yet to play UMass-Amherst and Northeastern. With the Minutemen still searching for their first league win and the Huskies searching for a first place finish, the Bears will have their opportunities to make some noise.

And for a team that lost just once in all of February and March last year, the Black Bears know what it takes to turn it on and know what it will take to do so.

"We know we're good and we want it all," Price said. "We're getting better and I think we could be (an NCAA Tournament team)."

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• Column

Elway: it's about time

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

He didn't throw four touchdowns and dominate the Packers defense, but for the first time in his professional career John Elway was carried off the field a world champion.

Three other times in his illustrious career, 1987, 1988, and 1990, Elway has been on the short end of often lop-sided Super Bowls.

But this proved to be a different day. The weight of the world wasn't on Elway's shoulders but on the fact that this could be his last shot.

His last shot at securing his name in football heaven as a man on a crusade to shake that annoying monkey that seems to haunt many great players in professional sports.

Steve Young of the San Francisco 49ers faced this problem in 1994 when fans, writers and football know-it-alls said that for Young to even be worthy of Joe Montana's shadow he must prove he can win the Big Game.

Four years have passed since Young dominated that Big Game and his legend is still questioned.

Who can question Elway, a coach's son, who has played the quarterback position since high school and was drafted first in the 1983 NFL draft among the likes of Jim Kelly and Dan Marino?

Among these three immortal field generals have come seven Super Sunday losses in the last thirteen seasons. Elway and his team were able to correct this problem with balance.

In 1990, Denver suffered the worst debacle in Super Bowl history, losing 55-10 to the 49ers. In that game, just as in the previous two losses, the Broncos had an average defense and a suspect running game.

In three quarters of action, Terrell Davis was able to smash the ball down the throats of the Packer defense while keeping the human barge Gilbert Brown on the field barely able to pick his 345-80 pound frame off the turf following each play.

Elway didn't have big numbers but he didn't need to have big numbers. It was the little things that he did periodically throughout the contest that salted the palates of football magistrates.

The bootleg from inside the five yard line in the first quarter tied the score moments after the NFL's co-MVP Brett Favre made the game look like a mismatch on a touchdown pass to Antonio Freeman on the game's opening drive.

The 37-year-old looked like a fearless acrobat when he scrambled eight yards, on knees made of nuts and bolts, on third-and-goal and picked up the first down that eventually gave his team a 24-17 lead in the third quarter.

Not to be overlooked were the two third-down conversions, one a 36-yard pass to "Easy" Ed McCaffrey, and the other a screen pass to fullback Howard Griffith that set up one of Davis's record three touchdowns.

A true champion should not be judged by numbers but by the ability to perform miracles when they are needed the most, and John Elway has done these things for fifteen seasons.

The oldest quarterback to ever win a Super Bowl, Elway has not made a decision whether he will return for an encore next season. Elway has hit a crossroads in his career and has put more emphasis on his family life.

His son, Jack, is a quarterback in Pop Warner league and dons number seven on his jersey and is already using patented moves from his dad.

Every great player must face the reality that his skills and athleticism will disintegrate to Father Time and that it is time to call it quits. Fortunately for football and Elway, he is still performing at a high level.

In fact, he will make another start in the Pro Bowl this Sunday for the AFC. Perhaps this will be the final football game for Stanford's most legendary athlete.

Luckily for football and its fans, his wife and children recently voted 5-0 for his return.

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Black Bear junior forward **Steve Kariya** is one of college hockey's more elusive players and is a legitimate candidate for the Hobey Baker Award this year. He has racked up 107 career points and currently ranks No. 29 on the all-time scoring list at the University of Maine. A former recipient of Hockey East's Len Ceglarski Sportsmanship Award, Kariya is accustomed to leading the rush up the ice, but this week we stick him behind the blue line....

Name: Steve Kariya
Team: Men's hockey
Position: Forward

Excluding the Alford Arena, what is your favorite facility to play in? Walter Brown Arena (Boston University).

What is your favorite city on the road? Boston.

Who is your favorite team to beat? BU.

What is your favorite movie? Star Wars trilogy.

What is your favorite music group? Eagles.

Your favorite vegetable? Corn.

Who are the people that have influenced you the most? My family.

What was your favorite class at UMO? Business Law.

Who was your favorite NHL Player while growing up? Wayne Gretzky.



Steve Kariya (file photo.)

If you could play any other sport at Maine, what would it be? Soccer.

What is your favorite pig-out food? Cookie dough ice cream.

What do you want to do when you leave school? Play professional hockey.

Your favorite car? Porsche.

What is your favorite television show? Seinfeld or Simpsons.

What is the worst dining commons food you have seen or eaten? Pizza or macaroni and cheese.

• NBA

Spree's hearing under way

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Behind a curtain of secrecy, an arbitrator began hearing testimony Tuesday on whether the NBA and the Golden State Warriors excessively punished Latrell Sprewell for choking and threatening to kill coach P.J. Carlesimo.

"I'm happy to be here," Sprewell said as he arrived at the downtown office building for the start of the hearing. "Hopefully, this will get over with." Arbitrator John Feerick, dean of the Fordham Law School, has issued a gag order, barring those involved from revealing testimony. Sprewell was thrown out of the league for a year, the longest non-drug suspension in NBA history, and the remaining three years of his contract with Golden State, valued at \$25 million, were terminated. Billy Hunter, the head of the NBA players' union, expressed optimism that the punishment will be reduced.

"There will be some modification, I'm convinced," he said before going into the hearing. "... The best outcome would be Sprewell's return, and let us sort of end things where they are."

Hunter said the case is extremely important for players' contractual rights.

"If this becomes a precedent, it means that basically no one has a guaranteed contract," he said. "Everybody becomes vulnerable."

Hunter said the best outcome from the union's perspective would be to have Sprewell reinstated immediately with "maybe a \$3 million to \$4 million setback."

The hearing takes the form of a trial, with Sprewell and the union serving as plaintiffs and the Warriors and NBA as defendants. After opening statements, each side calls witnesses, who will be subject to cross-examination.

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one at a time, and wristed the puck into the net. The stunned Camels had no idea what hit them.

Some players have spent their entire lives dreaming of making plays like that. For Alison Lorenz, a sorcerer on skates, it's just another day at the office.

Lorenz is also a master of the wrap-around shot. One second, she'll hover in front of the goaltender. Blink your eyes, however, and she'll have wormed her way around the net and poked the puck behind the goalie before she can react.

"What can you say about Lorenz?" Maine head coach Rick Filighera said. "I think she's the best player in the [ECAC Alliance]. I mean it. I've believed that all along."

"I would take her to start a team any day in this league. She can do everything. She skates well, she shoots the puck well, she scores goals, she understands the game."

While Lorenz appreciates the praise, she's quick to remind there are other players in the league as well.

"I think that on any given day, anybody can rise above anybody else in our league," Lorenz said. "There's a lot of quality players in our league, and I wouldn't want to put that label on myself."

Away from the rink, Lorenz is a team leader who makes sure that her teammates remained focused at all times. Nobody will be caught daydreaming with Lorenz around the locker room.

"[Lorenz] definitely brings a lot of discipline to the team," forward Alicia Gilmore said. "She's very serious about her role on the team and everybody else knowing their roles. She brings a lot of leadership to the team because of her experience."

So far, Lorenz has taken the status of prime-time player with relative ease.

"It's a little bit of pressure sometimes, especially when it's a tight game and I'm not getting the couple of good breaks that I need," Lorenz said. "I think we're doing okay. Everyone else is contributing. They're popping in their goals here and there."

While it may look as if she does it all by herself when one pores over the stat sheets, she does receive a little help from her friends, such as linemates Gilmore and Christina Hedges.

According to Gilmore, Lorenz's presence on a line can benefit everybody involved.

"[Lorenz] is such a great player that everyone she plays with plays better [as a result]," Gilmore said. "She brings your level of play up."

While Hedges started the season on defense, things started to really click once she

was moved up front.

"[Hedges] has a lot to do with it," Filighera said. "By moving her up on the forward line, she's allowed Alison to use her talents a little bit more."

Where the boys are

From a distance, it may look as if everything has come easy for Lorenz. Take a closer look, however, and you'll find a player who has cleared a slew of hurdles in order to make it to the top.

When Lorenz started out in hockey, all-girls teams were few and far between. She could either sit down and risk watching her dreams of hockey glory fade away or play with the guys. She chose to play with the guys, culminating in a four-year stint at Brewer High.

***Friday:** Lorenz part two, where she overcomes her high school obstacles and settles into UMaine.

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