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Portrait Restored



The portrait of former University of Maine President Arthur Hauck, vandalized one year ago, has been restored and hung back in place in the Memorial Union, beneath a plastic cover. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• GSS

Internet offers text bargains

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

University students will have the opportunity to buy and sell school books over the internet starting next semester.

Unveiled to UMaine at the General Student Senate meeting last night, the new, free service, Bookswap.com, allows students from 35 colleges across the country to swap and sell textbooks at their own prices. Shipping and handling, however, does have to be paid by the students.

"This is a good back-up if the alternative bookstore falls through for the Orono area," Scott Morelli, GSS president, said.

In other business, the senate approved \$200 to Alpha Phi Omega for the restoration of Bananas the bear. The money will be put toward a new \$600 "bladder," or padded inner liner, for the costume.

"It gives Bananas form," Chris Aspinall, Bananas chair and APO member, said. "It gives him a butt."

The women's lacrosse team and the Institute of Management Accountants also received preliminary approval.

James Varner, chapter president of the Bangor NAACP, addressed the senate, encouraging them to vote 'no' in next Tuesday's referendum and thanking everyone for their support in making Martin Luther King Jr. Day a reality for the campus this year.

"A lot of you do a lot of work and you don't get to see the fruits of your labor," he said.

Off Campus Board Interim President Chris Barstow announced OCB is accepting demo tapes from local bands who want to play at Bumstock in April. He also asked that people with any question about the event come and speak with him.

"It seems people are misinformed on this issue," Barstow said, adding he's heard a number of false rumors about the event.

Lyn McLaughlin, Ryan Eslinger, Morelli and Barstow all delivered their campaign platforms to the senate and sat through a question and answer period. The platforms will appear in Friday's election edition of *The Maine Campus*. Candidates in the presidential and Residents on Campus races are set

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• Cable

ROC proposes tuition hike

By Krista Marrs
Maine Campus staff

If you have ever turned on the television in your dorm room and found there was nothing on, you may be in luck. Residents on Campus is currently constructing a budget proposal to fund additional channels on the campus cable system.

"In order to get different channels on campus, you either have to cut some existing ones," said Ryan Eslinger, president of ROC, "or raise room and board tuition to pay for more channels."

Eslinger said ROC is looking at

having Campus Living raise room and board tuition to make up the cable cost, but the increase would be minimal.

"Campus Living spends about \$120,000 per year on cable," said Eslinger. "And this comes directly from room and board tuition."

"If Campus Living raises room and board tuition by a few dollars," said Jon Duke, vice president of ROC, "it would pay for a few extra channels on television."

The university cable system is run by several different satellites, which are located on top of Somerset Hall. Each dorm room has a cable box, and the university is charged a

certain rate each month for every box.

"Right now, each subscriber pays about \$4.50 a month for cable," said Duke. "At this rate, I think it is a good deal for the channels we have."

Both Eslinger and Duke feel the cable system on campus is very modern, but the variety of channels needs to be improved.

"For now, the cable system is technologically up-to-date according to current standards," said Duke. "But we could do a little better in channel selection."

"The system is very high-tech,

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• Politics

Cathcart promotes shadowing program

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

University students can spend a day in Augusta shadowing the daily processes of state Sen. Mary Cathcart.

"It's a great opportunity for students to see how the senate works and to hear their ideas on the issues," Cathcart said.

Students attend a Senate session, committee hearings and act in all the capacities of a senator, except for voting, Cathcart said.

Jonathan Duke, a junior political science and public administration, said shadowing will be beneficial to students of all majors.

"I think this is a really good insight into the whole process of



Senator Mary Cathcart. (File photo.)

making laws," he said. "It gives everyone a good view of how it all works and how the university gets

a lot of its money."

This is the first year college students have been invited to shadow Cathcart. In the past, she made an effort to invite two students from each high school in her district.

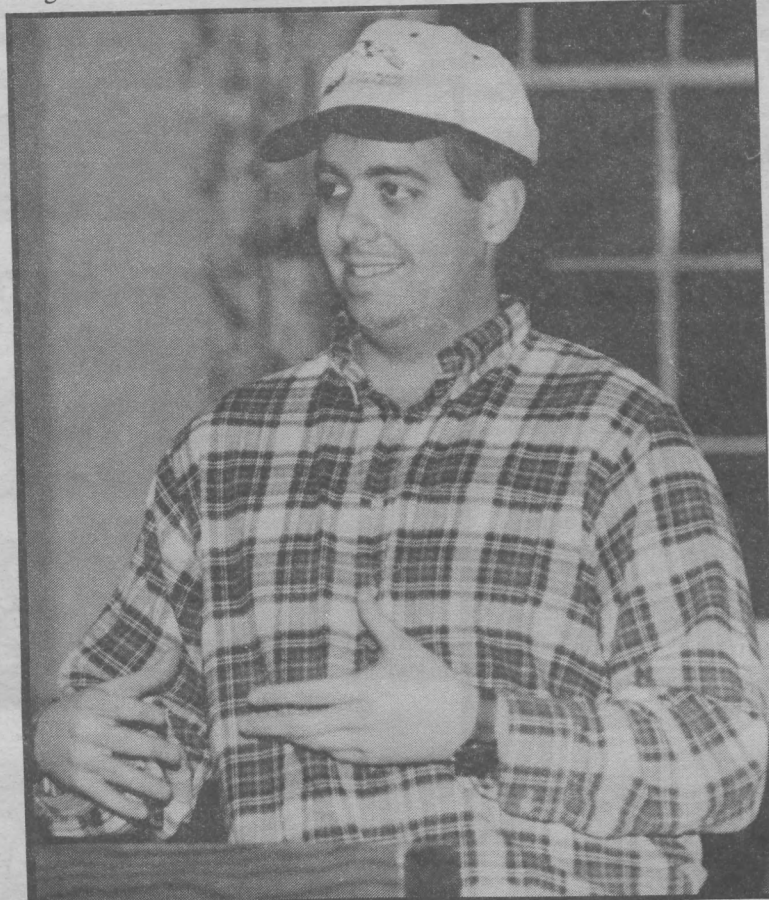
Danielle Wentworth, a senior at Old Town High School, participated in the program last year and plans to participate again this year.

Wentworth said she was able to join Cathcart in all her daily activities as a senator.

"I got to see her committee room and meet many of the political bigwigs, sit through proceedings and listen to some bills," Wentworth said. "It was a great experience."

Students can choose to go to a number of committee meetings with Cathcart and pick a day with

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Chris Aspinall, Alpha Phi Omega Bananas chair requests funding to restore the mascot at Tuesday's GSS meeting. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

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WORLD BRIEFS

• Commemorated

Postal stamps honor late princess

1 LONDON (AP) — Buyers snapped up tens of millions of stamps commemorating Princess Diana on Tuesday, their first day on sale, and the Post Office predicted the set would be the biggest-selling ever.

Among the customers were an American who bought 900 sets and a Japanese tourist who spent two hours addressing copies of the special stamp presentation packet to send home, the Post Office said. Some bought sheets of the stamps to frame.

The set of five first-class stamps will be the only one issued in Britain bearing the princess's image. Each stamp costs about 40 cents.

Bordered in purple and carrying the years of her life, 1961-1997, the stamps show formal and informal shots of Diana by photographers Lord Snowdon, Terence Donovan, Tim Graham and John Stillwell.

The Royal Mail already is printing extra supplies and will keep the stamps on sale throughout 1998. They also will be available from the British Philatelic Bureau in Edinburgh, Scotland, and from stamp agents around the world.

"Further stamps of the issue have already been reprinted — the first time this has ever happened for a special issue," said John Roberts, the Post Office's chief executive.

• Human error

U.S. jet severs cable car line, 20 dead

2 TRENTO, Italy (AP) — A U.S. Marine jet on a training mission severed a cable car line at a ski resort in northern Italy today, sending 20 people in one car plunging to their deaths on the snow-covered mountain.

The accident occurred in mid-afternoon under clear skies over the Val di Fassa area of the Dolomite Mountains near Trento, about 90 miles east of Milan.

One of the Marine plane's wings cut the cable, said police official Roberto Cavada. He said the pilot was unaware of having severed the line.

The cable car plummeted 240-300 feet, killing the skiers inside and the car's operator, Cavada said. At least six of the victims were Germans, he said.

Firefighter Marco Molinari put the death toll at 20.

"There was a huge confusion — helicopters, ambulances, police were all over the place," said Alberto Pintori, a resident of the town of Cavalese who saw the scene 1 1/2-hours after the accident.

Phone lines at nearby hotels were jammed with calls from worried relatives of vacationers.

The resort tends to attract local people and families though it does have a foreign clientele.

Rescue workers evacuated passengers from the line's other cable car, which was on its way down and remained suspended, police said.

WORLD DIGEST



• Crash scene

Rescue effort delayed; rough terrain blamed

3 CLAVERIA, Philippines (AP) — Dense vegetation, steep slopes and strong winds kept rescuers from reaching fragments of a crashed DC-9 airplane spotted on a Philippine mountain Tuesday. There was no sign of the 104 people aboard.

Helicopters were unable to land near the remote site on Mount Sumagaya because of the weather and rough incline. On the ground, searchers hampered by darkness and thick forest gave up for the night.

The twin-engine Cebu Pacific Air plane went down 28 miles northeast of its destination, Cagayan de Oro, a southern Philippine city on the island of Mindanao. The plane had been missing since it failed to land Monday.

Helicopter pilots planned to drop smoke bombs Wednesday to guide rescuers to the site, said Col. Jacinto Ligot, commander of the rescue effort.

"We did not see any big portion of the plane and we assume that it exploded," Ligot said. "We saw debris but we did not see any moving human beings or any people around."

An army detachment and a local religious group reported hearing an explosion near the 7,260-foot mountain.

Parts of the aircraft apparently skidded hundreds of feet down the ridge into thick trees below.

• Protection

Attack prompts boost to Olympic safety force

4 NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Police tightened their already heavy security for the Olympic Games after a rocket attack at Tokyo's main international airport.

The homemade rockets were launched as thousands of foreign athletes, officials and spectators streamed through the airport on their way to Nagano for the games, which start Saturday.

Police have no evidence the rocket attack Monday night, which slightly injured an airport worker, was aimed at disrupting the flow of people to Nagano, airport spokesman Fujio Takahashi said.

And while no one has claimed responsibility for the attack at the airport 40 miles east of Tokyo, officials suspect it was carried out by leftist radicals opposed to construction of a second runway at Narita.

Several radical groups have long opposed the airport because they believe it could be used for military purposes.

Although no link has been established to the Olympics, Monday's rocket attack deeply embarrassed the Japanese government.

Mitsuhiro Uesugi, who as National Public Safety Commission chairman is one of Japan's top security officials, told reporters in Tokyo the attack was an "extremely heinous crime."

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather

Sunny and bright today, highs near 30.



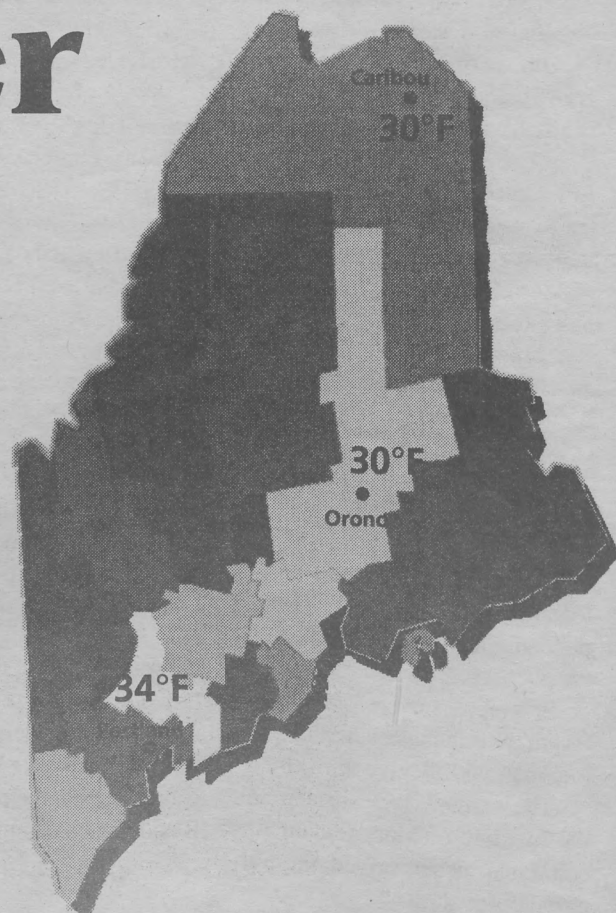
Thursday's Outlook

Breezy and sunny, peaking at 30.



Extended Forecast

Friday... Blustery and cold. Saturday... Partially cloudy and breezy. Sunday... Chilly and windy.



• Academics

Peer tutors offer critiques at Neville Writing Center

By Judy Williams
Maine Campus staff

University students can get help from their peers in a comfortable working environment while improving their writing skills.

"The focus is to be closer to the student because we are one of them," said Andrew King, a senior English major and a peer tutor.

The Writing Center is available to provide students with the opportunity to get feedback on their writing and develop their ideas, said Professor Harvey Kail, director of the Writing Center.

"Our goal is to have University of Maine students become better writers," said Kail.

The center is made up of students who are peer tutors that help students with their writing problems.

"Tutors are students who are interested in developing their writing and can be from any major," said Kail.

Peer tutors are nominated by one of their professors and take ENG 395, a course in writing and collaborative learning, added Kail.

"The Peer Tutors have a national representation and have represented the university at conferences and workshops. This fall the tutors went to the University of Kentucky and this spring they are going to

the New England Writers Association meeting at the University of Connecticut."

King said he will be going to the conference this spring.

"Our theme will talk about the role of peer tutors and the distinction between leadership and partners," said King.

The preparation for the workshop takes about 3-7 hours a week, said King.

Jess Irish, an English major and peer tutor, believes there are many benefits to being a tutor.

"When you focus on other people's writing, you learn about your own writing and it's easier to critique yourself," said Irish.

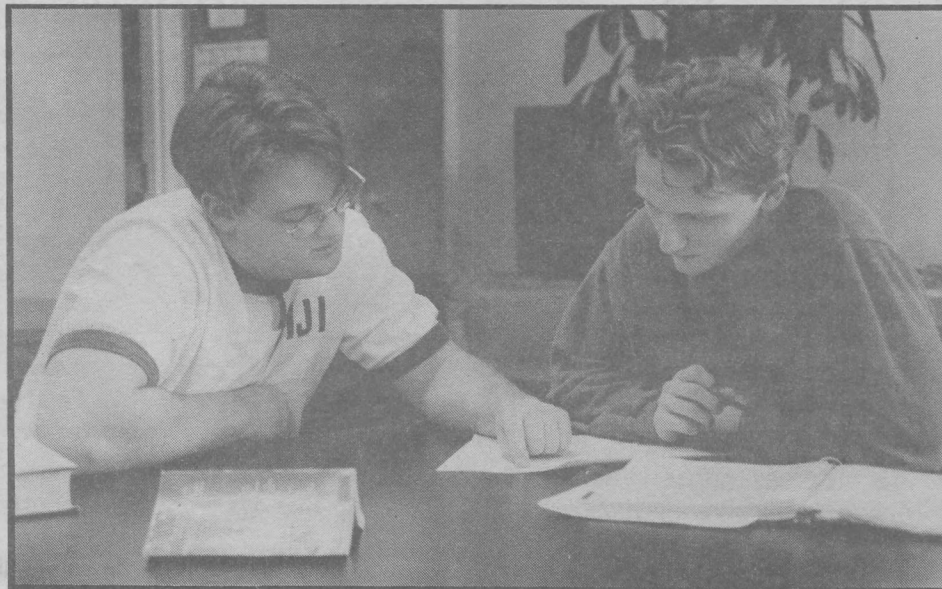
Gina French, also an English major and peer tutor, agrees that it builds their self-confidence.

"It (being a peer tutor) is a big supplement to my life because I get the gratification of being involved in student life and helping people," King said.

King's favorite part about being a peer tutor is a sincere "thanks for your help" from a student.

The Writing Center has become very busy in the last few years as more students hear about it. The center has been working at eighty percent capacity the past few semesters, Kail added.

Kail said the hours of the Writing Cen-



Oleg Gaydamaka (right) receives writing instruction from Braeme Thurrell (left) while at the writing lab on the 4th floor of Neville Hall. (Chris Taggart photo.)

ter have just expanded and there are now two tutors available at all times.

"I would like to increase the number of tutors as the writing center becomes more and more known," Kail said.

The tutors are available for anybody from any class at any level, Kail said.

"We like to work with any major, age and at any point in their writing," King said.

French said coming to the writing center is a lot less intimidating than going to your professor.

"We are here to help people. We wouldn't be here if we didn't want to help," said French.

"Most of the students come here because their instructors told them to, but we would like to form a relationship with them so they feel free to come back and tell their friends," said King.

The Writing Center is located in 402 Neville Hall and is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and also 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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even though it is not a digital system," said Eslinger. "To convert to a digital cable system would be very expensive."

Duke says ROC is looking at possibly going digital in the future, but for now is going to concentrate on adding a few channels.

"Going digital would be a little bit down the road," said Duke.

ROC is currently conducting a general poll for channel ideas. Some students agree the Weather Channel would be the best addition to the campus cable system, while others feel more movie channels would be good. Other channels of interest are E, HBO and FX.

"I would like to see more informative channels, like the Learning or Discovery Channel," said Walter Fagerlund, a third-year civil engineering major. "And the Weather Channel would be nice."

Some students say the channels are

fine the way they are and it is not necessary to raise room and board tuition for more channels.

"I say leave it," said Erica Chipman, a fifth-year senior in Balentine Hall. "Just fix the channels that don't come in."

Chipman said it would not be fair to raise every student's tuition payment, as some do not watch television often.

"I think students should have the option to pay for additional channels," said Chipman. "Some students do not watch TV, or even own one in their rooms."

"I don't really watch TV that much, so it doesn't matter if they add any channels," said first-year electrical engineering student Randy Atkinson. "But it wouldn't be fair to have to pay for more channels."

Students who wish to make channel requests can see their ROC representative in their dorm or contact Jon Duke on FirstClass or at the ROC office at 581-1760.

NOMINATIONS FOR CLASS BOOK

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate needs your nominations for next year's class book. The book is selected by the Academic Affairs Committee and the director of College Composition.

The following guidelines are used in selecting the book:

•The book should be of sufficient intellectual rigor and cultural interest to engage an audience of university faculty and students, yet broad enough to appeal to a diverse academic community.

•All nominations must be accompanied by a copy of the book and a one page statement outlining the arguments in its favor.

•The book should be available in paperback and be reasonable in cost. Selections from past years are:

1992-*Hen's Teeth and Horse's Toes*, by Stephen Jay Gould
1993-*Lying*, Sissela Bok
1994-*The Disuniting of America*, by Authur Schlesinger, Jr.
1995-*The Things They Carry*, by Tim O'Brien
1996-*I, Rigobeta Menchu: An Indian Women in Guatemala*, edited and introduced by Elisabeth Burgos Debray
1997-*The Ecology of Commerce*, by Paul Hawken

Nominations will be accepted through February.

Send your nominations to:

Gloria Vollmers, Academic Affairs Committee, D.P. Corbett Hall.
email: vollmers@maine Fax 581-1956

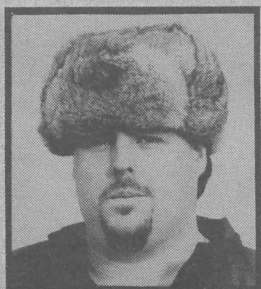
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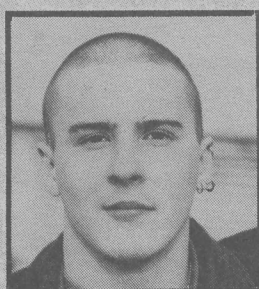
Photos by Caleb Raynor

Do you think we have an apathetic student body?



Byron Barley
Second-year student
from Augusta, Maine

"In some areas I guess we do. I guess it's just personal motivation, stress, that sort of thing. Maybe the weather has something to do with it."



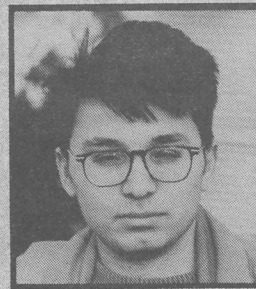
John Ward
First-year student from
Limestone, Maine

"I'd say probably not. As a general rule, people do care."



Amanda Blank
First-year student
from Orrington, Maine

"I think they are. More people care about how often they can get drunk or stoned in a week than what they could do to help people."



Varnavas Constantinou
Third-year student
from Nicosia, Cyprus

"I believe that in my country, I come from Cyprus, students are more involved in the student issues, but sometimes they go to extremes, too."



Kristen Roy
First-year student from
East Bridgewater, Mass.

"I think it's trying to mix just having fun and doing your work."

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meetings that are most interesting to them.

Cathcart said the day gives students a chance to see how the committees work and see how senators debate.

Cathcart is on the joint standing committee of education and cultural affairs, the joint standing committee of labor – which she chairs – and the joint select committee of research and development.

Cathcart said she thought students would be particularly interested in the education committee.

"It's really fun. They just have to be

willing to follow me around, grab a sandwich when I do and see what I do all day," she said.

Wentworth said she enjoyed the day and recommends it to both high school and college students.

"The best part of the entire day was being around Sen. Cathcart and being introduced to the political aura of the Senate and meeting senators," she said.

Duke said he plans to run for the Legislature when he turns 21, and shadowing Cathcart will be a good learning experience for him.

"I'll get a better idea of how legislators interact with one another and the inner workings of the whole system," Duke said.

Cathcart said the program has been a lot of fun for her.

Cathcart said she preferred having one student a day so she could give him or her undivided attention, but there could be two.

Duke said he has worked with Cathcart before and she has been very student-oriented.

"She's been a big help to us in (stu-

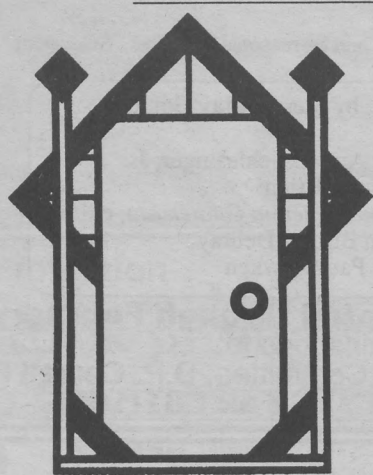
dent) senate and in letting us know all that's gone in (state) Senate," he said.

Cathcart said students would find it easier to have their own transportation to Augusta, but if they don't have any, she would be willing to work things out so students could spend the day with her.

Cathcart estimates the second Legislative session to last until April 1. She encourages students to enroll soon.

Interested students can contact Cathcart by phone at 287-1515 or 866-3054 or by e-mail at maryorono@aol.com.

Residence Hall Room Sign-up 1998-99



Information Sessions*

will be held in each hall from February 2 - 5

Squatter's rights*

will be held in each hall from February 2 - 8

In-hall room changes*

will be held in each hall from February 9 - 13

* see your resident director for specific dates and times

Priority moves due to lifestyle designation changes will be held on Monday, February 23rd from 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm in Wells Commons



A Room Bazaar for residents who want to change halls or residents who have not yet signed up will be held on Tuesday, February 24th 11:30 am - 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in Wells Commons

Off-campus students may sign up with current residents by picking up a housing application at 103 Hilltop Commons during regular business hours of 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday beginning February 2nd.

Off-campus students who wish to sign up but do not have an on-campus roommate to sign up with may fill out a housing application to be assigned after the room sign-up process. Housing applications will be available for off-campus students beginning February 2nd at 103 Hilltop Commons.

• Travel

Study abroad in Canada or overseas grants fresh perspective

By Andrea Page
Maine Campus staff

The experience students receive in a different culture is incredible and career-enhancing, according to Elizabeth Eustis, the Study Abroad advisor in the International Programs office.

"I think a student gains a different perspective of their world," she said. "They're stepping outside their culture and they're learning a new culture, which requires them to be flexible and open-minded."

Eustis said she believes many students have no idea how easy it could be to travel to another country.

"I think there are myths here about study abroad," she said. "People assume that it's something only wealthy students can participate in and that's not the case."

Eustis said that students can take their tuition to the University of Maine and apply that directly to the foreign university's program without any extra fees. Often they only will have to pay for their plane ticket and any extra spending money they will need.

The Canadian-American Center also offers a travel study program to universities in Canada. Betsy Arntzen, the Canada Year Program coordinator, said there are many opportunities for UMaine students to explore through this center.

"We have seven universities that we have an exchange program with," Arntzen said. "They range from eastern to the west coast. Some of the best universities in North America are in Canada."

Arntzen said the Canada Year Program can either last a semester or a whole year. She said that studying in Canada offers

many benefits for students.

"They are able to get a new perspective — not only on Canada, but on the United States," Arntzen said. "When you're in Canada, you're looking at the U.S. through the eyes of Canadians."

Arntzen believes the experience of studying in a different country follows students with them throughout their lives — especially on job resumes.

"It shows you've taken initiative, you've tried something new, you're interested in the international world, and you're trying to get a leg up in the job world," she said.

Cara Smith, a senior music education major, studied at the University of East Anglia in England last year through the Study Abroad program. This year she's working at the Study Abroad Resource Room to help students get started on their own travel study program.

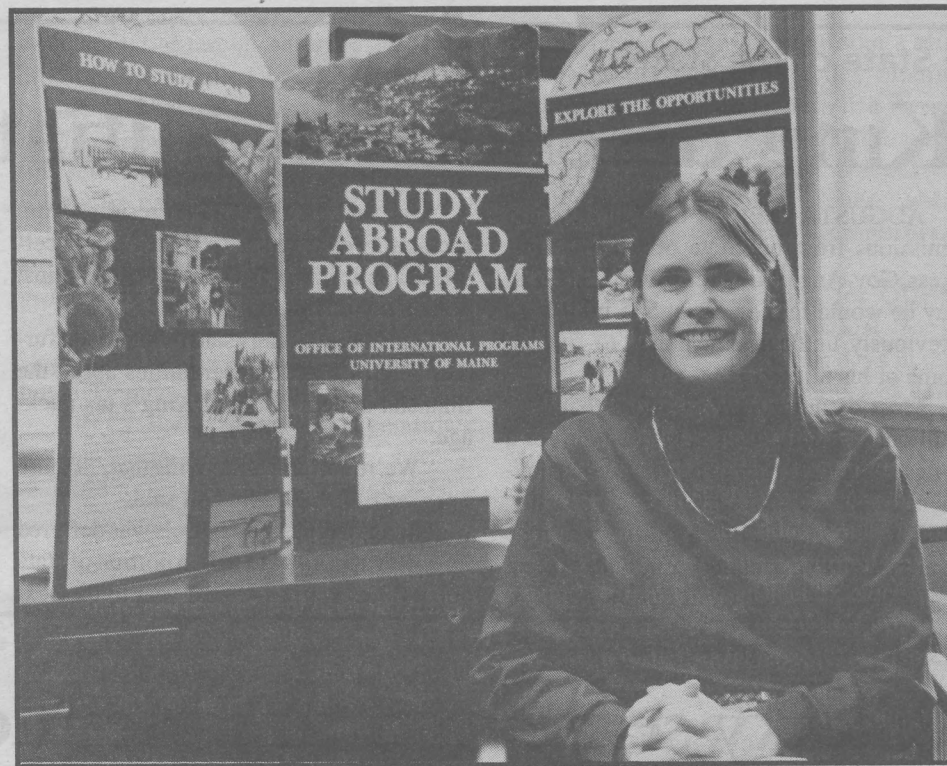
"The University of East Anglia was a lot like UMaine," Smith said. "It was the same size and had the same sort of feeling — students were a very powerful unit."

While in England, Smith said she had many wonderful times, which enhanced her experience. One activity she enjoyed was bell-ringing.

"We went into town and rang church bells — the real English church bells," she said. "It was a lot of fun."

What really amazes her is that more students do not participate in the travel study program here at UMaine. It puzzles Elizabeth Eustis as well. Eustis said they will do their best to find any place in the world for students to study.

"You can study abroad on any continent in the world, with probably the exception of Antarctica," Eustis said.



Elizabeth Eustis, Study Abroad advisor in the International Programs Office encourages student travel. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

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to debate Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge of the Union.

Voting hours for next Tuesday elections were also announced. On campus students will be able to vote from 9 a.m.

to 2 p.m. in the North Lown Room in the Union, and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the dining commons. Off-campus students can vote from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the same room of the Union.

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If your nominee is selected, you will be asked to present a recognition award to the faculty member at a reception on **March 26, 1998.**

STATE NEWS

• State of the state

King defends tax initiative to aid local schools

AUGUSTA (AP) — Filling in gaps and omissions from his State of the State address, Gov. Angus King acknowledged Tuesday he would rely on about \$45 million in previously unidentified money to finance some of his initiatives.

Most of the money — more than \$39 million — would be used to make up for a longstanding deferral of a monthly aid payment to local school systems.

King said another \$7.5 million would be available on a continuing basis, but an initial legislative budget analysis questioned that.

King said the extra money resulted from accounting changes that stem from an accelerated application of surplus revenue against potentially uncollectible taxes.

Legislative leaders said they needed further detail to settle uncertainties about the financial underpinning of King's tax package.

"We're still sort of studying that," House Speaker Elizabeth Mitchell said.

The aid payment to schools was deferred for a month in 1991 to shift a portion of state obligations from one fiscal year to the next

as a way to balance the state budget.

"If we're gaining the money through accounting, we probably ought to take care of this accounting problem," King said Tuesday.

The governor also added detail to the fiscal package he unveiled Monday night by saying he wanted to put an additional \$5 million toward the massive unfunded liability within the state pension system. Although legislative leaders met with King at the Blaine House for breakfast on Tuesday morning, the new details of his proposals

did not emerge until later in the day.

Democratic House and Senate leaders summoned King aides for a private briefing. Afterwards, King aide Kay Rand said a similar briefing would be offered to Republicans.

"I can't say no to legislative leaders," Rand said.

The timing of the briefings was a sensitive point for the administration one day after King sided with Democrats over Re-

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• Legal

Palesky sentenced to nine-month prison term for forgery

PORTLAND (AP) — Anti-tax activist Carol Palesky was sentenced to nine months in prison Tuesday for forging petitions she filed in an effort to force a statewide vote on a property tax cap.

The 57-year-old Topsham woman was to have been sentenced Jan. 20, but she collapsed and had to be wheeled from the courtroom on a stretcher.

Justice Susan Calkins sentenced Palesky to five years in prison, with all but nine months suspended. Calkins called Palesky's forgery "a very serious offense" that "helped to bring skepticism and criticism to

the whole petition process."

Palesky was also sentenced to four years probation, during which time she must undergo psychological counseling. She also is not allowed to possess petitions or seek to place referendums on state or local ballots.

A Kennebec County jury on Aug. 26 found Palesky guilty of aggravated forgery for changing the dates on 108 petitions collected by the Maine Taxpayers Action Network, a group she co-founded. Prosecutors said she changed the dates to make it appear the signatures were collected within the one-year period prescribed by Maine law.

In a strong, steady voice, Palesky addressed the judge before her sentencing, denying the charges and begging for leniency.

"I feel that I should not be given a prison term at all. A house arrest with the appeal pending — that would be extreme punishment for me since I'm so dedicated to reducing taxes in Maine," Palesky said.

She agreed the petitions had been forged, but not by her. "I believe it was someone who was overzealous or someone who infiltrated the group," she said.

Assistant Attorney General Leanne Rob-

bin, who had asked for a five-year prison term, said she was satisfied with the punishment because it often is difficult to get jail time in white collar crimes.

Robbin said Palesky's indictment in October 1996 did not deter her from forging petitions again. More than 90 petitions she filed as late as last fall in connection with the property tax effort showed signs of tampering, the prosecutor said.

"Carol Palesky does not believe that the rules apply to her," Robbin said. "She

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Student Government 1998 - 1999

Budgets for Clubs, Boards & Committees will be available Wednesday, February 11, 1998 in Room 102 Murray Hall at 6:00 pm.

All eligible Clubs, Boards & Committees are requested to send 2 representatives to attend this information session regarding the Annual Budget Process.

Requirements

Your Club must have funding approval and the president must be an undergraduate student. (To check your status, please come to the Student Government FAO as soon as possible.)

Deadline

For submitting completed forms to the Student Government Financial Affairs Office (FAO) is: **Tuesday, March 24, 1998 by 3:00 pm.** A sign up sheet will be posted in the bulletin board outside the Student Government office for groups to meet with the Vice-President for Financial Affairs from **February 11 through March 27.**

No requests for budgets will be accepted after the deadline.
Call 581-1778 if you have any questions.

• Election

Green Party selects radio personality for gubernatorial candidate

PORTLAND (AP) — Environmental activist and former radio talk-show personality Pat LaMarche announced Tuesday she will run for governor as the Green Party's candidate.

LaMarche, 37, of Freeport, works for the Forest Ecology Network and was a host on talk shows on WGAN-AM in Portland and WBZN in Bangor. She is also a certified public accountant and worked 10 years in the state treasury.

LaMarche, a single mother of 12- and 10-year-old children, plans to focus on broader social issues than the environmental topics usually associated with the

Green Party.

She will raise issues dealing with welfare reform, health care, wages and crime, said Rensenbrink, the Greens' 1994 U.S. Senate candidate.

LaMarche is "willing" and "energetic" and said she is "running for the people of Maine," her campaign slogan, Rensenbrink said.

In the 1994 gubernatorial race won by independent Angus King, Green Party candidate Jonathan Carter took more than 5 percent of the vote. King has announced his candidacy for re-election.

The governor did not have much to

say about LaMarche entering the race, although he recalled being interviewed by her on the forest clearcutting issue. LaMarche worked on the anti-clearcutting referendum campaign and last year's follow-up campaign to defeat the forest Compact, which King supported.

"Welcome," King said. "Water's great."

State Rep. Henry Joy of Crystal has stepped forth as a Republican candidate, but no Democrats had filed as of Tuesday.

Bill Clarke is running as a candidate for the Maine Taxpayers Party.

LaMarche, a Boston College gradu-

ate, was a director of the Children's Miracle Network, which provides funding and support for children with life-threatening diseases. She was also a director of the Penobscot Theatre in Bangor. A former high-school math teacher, LaMarche works part-time at a Yarmouth pizza restaurant.

LaMarche was arrested for OUI in Yarmouth on May 16. She lost her license for 90 days, spent four days in jail, was ordered to serve 167 hours of community service and pay \$425 to attend a weekend drunken-driving school.

She also lost her job at WGAN.

• Theft

Police held Lewiston couple for suspected downeast burglary ring

AUGUSTA (AP) — A man and woman from Dover-Foxcroft remained in jail Tuesday as police continued to identify thousands of dollars of items reported stolen in at least four Maine counties.

David Knoll, 30, and Brenda Terjelian, 40, were arrested in Lewiston during the weekend and were being held at the Kennebec County Jail in Augusta on warrants charging burglary and theft, authorities said.

Police used a bucket loader to uncover many of the stolen items from underneath heavy snow in Dover-Foxcroft, where the two suspects live.

Most of the equipment recovered during the weekend was reported stolen from Guptill Farms Inc., a blueberry processing plant in the Washington County town of Wesley.

During the burglary at Guptill Farms, which was discovered Jan. 19, the thieves

used a forklift to load items on a truck. Also taken during the break-in were a 1985 customized pickup truck valued at \$25,000, and \$100,000 worth of chainsaws, water pumps, welders and assorted tools.

Police Chief Dennis Dyer said other items, including air compressors, table saws, floor jacks, vacuum cleaners, television sets, radios and 22 new truck tires, have been identified from break-ins in Somerset, Kennebec and Piscataquis counties.

"And the list just goes on and on and on," said Dyer, who called the theft ring "the biggest one I've ever seen recovering stuff in my 27 years of police work."

Knoll and Terjelian were arrested at Knoll's mother's apartment.

Knoll's mother, Marjorie Knoll, was charged with hindering apprehension for telling police the couple were not there.

The two had been hiding in another room.

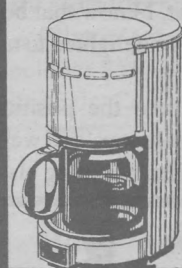
The suspects were first taken to Androscoggin County Jail in Auburn and were transferred to the Augusta jail.

An investigation into the thefts started last week after Dover-Foxcroft Officer Bob Alberts stopped a vehicle for speeding on state Route 16. The driver, identified as Knoll, could not produce his license, but gave Alberts a fake name and

date of birth.

When Alberts went to his police car to confirm the man's identification, Knoll allegedly fled from the vehicle into the nearby woods, leaving Terjelian in the car.

Police tracked the man to a trailer, where he noticed property that he believed was stolen. Police returned with a search warrant.



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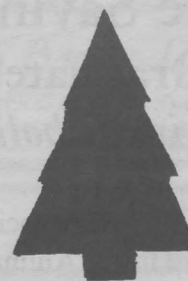
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• Health

Petitioners fight for referendum on medicinal marijuana use

AUGUSTA (AP) — Prospects of a proposal to legalize marijuana use for medical reasons appearing on a referendum ballot remained obscured Tuesday amid legal questions, a state election official said.

Sponsors of the initiative turned in petitions signed by thousands of registered Maine voters on Monday, the deadline to have the proposal included on the

Nov. 3, 1998 ballot.

However, they did not say whether they had the minimum number of valid signatures, 51,131, to bring the question to a vote, said state election officials, who now will begin counting and validating the names.

Sponsors said officials in some of the towns in which petitions had been circulated did not return the forms in time to be submit-

ted to the state.

The Secretary of State's office agreed to accept the petitions after they are returned by the towns, and then ask the state Attorney General's office to decide whether the signatures can be legally included in the final count, said Assistant Secretary of State Rebecca Wyke.

The proposal, led by Stephanie V. Hart of Sidney, asks, "Do you want to allow patients with specific illnesses to grow and use small amounts of marijuana for treatment, as long as such use is approved by a doctor?"

It is considered more stringent than a similar legalization initiative pushed by marijuana activist Don Christen of Madison. Christen's proposed question asks, "Should it be legal in Maine for a person to

possess or grow marijuana for their own or another person's medical use?"

Christen's campaign did not submit petitions Monday and so his proposal cannot appear on the ballot this year. But Christen said the campaign is still alive and aims to bring its proposal to a vote in 1999.

About half of the states have medicinal marijuana laws on the books, and California allows patients to cultivate their own marijuana. The federal government provides marijuana to eight federally approved patients.

Last year, a bill to let sick people have up to 15 growing marijuana plants at home with a doctor's permission was rejected by the Maine Legislature. Lawmakers passed a medical marijuana bill in 1991, but then Gov. John McKernan vetoed it.

King

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publicans on the central issues of the election year tax-cut debate.

Echoing last Friday's Democratic initiative, King also urged raising the personal income tax exemption to match the federal level in his State of the State speech.

Moreover, he joined again with the Democrats and even went a bit further in calling for a homestead exemption for the first \$7,500 of valuation on a primary residence.

Isolated by their preference for a sales tax cut, Republican lawmakers were left weighing how to proceed.

"That's a good question," said Senate Minority Leader Jane Amero, R-Cape Elizabeth. "I think we have to get some points out for people to consider."

For one thing, said Amero, the creation of a homestead property tax exemption and an increase in the personal income tax exemption "do not in any way help low-income people at all."

And by not reducing the sales tax, actually lowering local property tax rates or easing income tax rates, "neither the governor's nor the Democrats' proposals deal

with what is making us non-competitive in Maine with any of our neighbors," said Amero.

The Republican Senate floor leader said GOP lawmakers reject the revenue analysis shared by the King administration and the Democrats that says the \$120 million a year cost to the General Fund of a 1-cent sales tax cut cannot be sustained into the future.

King, however, and his at least temporary Democratic allies continued to insist that Republican math was flawed.

Despite their disagreements, King expressed hope that the GOP minority would not withdraw from the debate.

"This whole process is a process of discussion and negotiation and trying to arrive at the right conclusion with a whole lot of conflicting interests both between the parties and within the parties, and if they want to participate in that, I know that both I and the Democrats will be delighted to talk to them," King said.

"If however, they take the position, 'We're for the cut in the sales tax, and we're not going to even talk about anything else,'

Palesky

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pains herself as a martyr or a political prisoner. She is just a person who thinks she is above the law."

Robbin said Palesky has shown no remorse for her actions, instead blaming the secretary of state's office and others for her predicament.

Palesky showed no reaction after the sentencing. She huddled with her court-appointed attorney, Joel Vincent, as he explained Calkins' sentence.

Palesky was taken to the Cumberland County Jail, but will likely be freed on bail as she awaits her appeal.

Calkins set post-conviction bail at \$5,000 in property or \$1,000 cash.

In 1987, Palesky was convicted on federal charges that she stole more than \$40,000 from a former employer. That same year, she was found innocent by reason of insanity in federal court for bank robbery.

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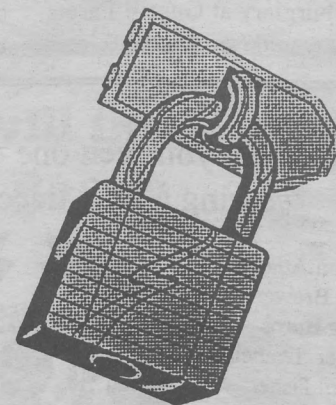


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NATIONAL NEWS

• Treaty

Computer program bolsters Clinton's proposed nuclear testing ban

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — To bolster his argument for a ban on nuclear testing, President Clinton today got a glimpse of a computer that scientists say can give them the same information they used to get by detonating bombs in the desert.

A treaty to ban nuclear testing "is in America's interest," Clinton said. "The test ban treaty will hold other nations to the standards we now observe. With the

treaty enforced, we will gain a powerful new tool."

The president toured the Los Alamos National Laboratory to learn more about the "Blue Mountain" supercomputer, which can simulate a nuclear test. He also checked out the computer's skill at transportation prediction and weather forecasting.

He said the treaty would "open a new era of security for America" and said he

did not think it would be ratified unless the Senate is convinced that maintaining the stockpile by computer and other high-tech means is effective.

The visit was designed to help Clinton "speak from firsthand experience" when he proposes a comprehensive test ban treaty to the Senate this year, said Robert Bell, Clinton's senior director for defense policy and arms control.

In his State of the Union address, the president said that a ban would prevent the creation of more dangerous nuclear weapons and make it harder for unfriendly nations to develop them.

"The point of the treaty is to 'ban the bang,' not to 'ban the bomb,'" Bell said. "Ratification by the United States and others will constrain non-signatories to this treaty ... by, in effect, establishing an international norm against testing."

The Los Alamos laboratory was established in 1943 as part of the effort to create the first atomic weapons. It is operated for the Department of Energy by the University of California.

Clinton's fiscal 1999 budget proposal includes \$517 million for the Accelerated Strategic Computing Initiative in which

the Los Alamos lab and two others in Albuquerque and California would be able to develop faster supercomputers and other methods for maintaining the nuclear stockpile without testing.

The laboratories, Bell said, play a pivotal role in meeting some of the safeguards the president will submit to the Senate with the proposed treaty.

Among the safeguards is maintaining the ability to resume testing "should the treaty no longer be enforced, for whatever reason, in the future," Bell said. The last nuclear test was conducted in 1992, and in 1993 Clinton extended a moratorium on underground testing that had been issued to respond to post-Cold War political changes.

"If we were to fail at this task ... of maintaining very high confidence in our nuclear weapons through stewardship, absent nuclear testing, the president, in consultation with Congress, would be prepared to withdraw from the (comprehensive test ban) under the Supreme National Interest clause," Bell said.

Clinton will be briefed on the objec-

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• Execution

Court denies Tucker's final appeal

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Karla Faye Tucker — calm, composed and contrite — went to her death Tuesday wishing that her victims' families would find some comfort in her execution. "I hope God will give you peace with this," she said in her last words.

Ms. Tucker, 38, whose born-again Christianity sparked a worldwide debate over redemption and retribution on death row, was declared dead by injection at 6:45 p.m. She became the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War, and the first nationwide since 1984.

In her final words, Ms. Tucker expressed love for her family and husband and apologized to the families of the two people she hacked to death with a pickax in Houston in 1983.

"I am going to be face to face with Jesus now. I love all of you very much," she said. "I will see you all when you get there. I will wait for you."

Richard Thornton, husband of victim Deborah Thornton, witnessed the execution and wasn't swayed by Ms. Tucker's apology or expression of remorse.

"My religion says to forgive, turn a cheek. I'm not a perfect man. I cannot do it," Thornton said. "I've heard her words. I don't think they are heartfelt. I don't believe her conversion. I don't believe her Christianity."

Other witnesses held hands and cried. "I love you, Karla," said Kari Weeks, Ms. Tucker's sister.

Outside, hundreds of people and hordes of news reporters waited for word about the

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 Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. • Newman Center

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• Terrorism

"Army of God" claims responsibility for abortion clinic bomb

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Letters signed by the "Army of God" say the group carried out last week's abortion clinic bombing, a year after it took responsibility for bombing a clinic and gay nightclub in Atlanta.

Letters about last week's Birmingham bombing sent to media outlets were signed by the "Army of God" and written in block print — similar to ones sent after the Atlanta bombings, FBI spokesman Craig Dahle said Monday.

"The bombing in Birmingham was carried out by the Army of God," the letter said. It warned "those who work in the murder mills around the nation" that they will be "targeted without quarter — you are not immune from retaliation — your commissar's in Washington can't protect you!"

The letter also said anyone who makes, markets, sells or distributes the abortion pill RU-486 will be targeted by the Army of God.

Dahle said it was too soon to comment about the authenticity of the letters, but confirmed the FBI was investigating. There have been no arrests in the bombing at the New Woman All Women Health Care clinic or the Atlanta blasts.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported today that the letters were postmarked from Birmingham on Thursday afternoon, just hours after the explosion killed a security guard and maimed a nurse.

In addition to the lettering, the letters sent last week and the ones sent last year all proclaimed "Death to the new world order," the newspaper said. Last year's letters

claimed responsibility for the abortion clinic and club bombings, but not the fatal Olympic Park explosion in 1996.

FBI spokeswoman Celestine Armstead confirmed that copies of the letter were sent to the newspaper and the Reuters news agency. WAGA-TV of Atlanta, a Fox affiliate, said it also had received a copy.

The FBI would not say if the letters were intercepted before they were delivered. Donna Lorenz, deputy metro editor at the Journal-Constitution, said the FBI sent the newsroom a fax of the letter.

The Army of God is a name that has been circulating since the early 1980s as a force for radical anti-abortion actions, including circulating a manual that contains information on how to make bombs. It's not clear who makes up the organization, though various anti-abortion activists have either been

linked to it or claimed to be part of it.

The group apparently began May 29, 1982, with fires set at two Florida abortion clinics. On June 6 of that year, an explosion ripped through a Falls Church, Va., clinic. Dr. Hector Zevallos, who performed abortions, and his wife were kidnapped from their Edwardsville, Ill., home two months later.

The Army of God claimed responsibility in each case, and Don Benny Anderson, an Oxford, Wis., father of seven who was convicted of all the crimes, called himself the group's leader.

Kathy Spillar, national coordinator for the Feminist Majority Foundation, said the letters from the Army of God "must be taken very seriously." She said the letters after the Atlanta clinic bombing warned that "the next facility targeted may not be empty. Clearly that is what

happened in Birmingham."

The clinic's owner, Diane Derzis, said it will reopen Thursday.

Also Monday, hundreds of police officers gathered at the Homewood Church of Christ in a cold rain for the funeral of Robert Sanderson, the moonlighting police officer killed by the nail-laden bomb.

Sanderson, 34, was the first person to die in an abortion clinic bombing in the United States. The clinic's head nurse and counselor, Emily Lyons, 41, was in serious condition recovering from serious injuries, including the loss of an eye.

Authorities said they are still looking for Eric Robert Rudolph, the North Carolina man sought as a witness in the bombing. A gray 1989 Nissan pickup truck registered to Rudolph was seen near the clinic following the explosion.

• Iraq

Despite Saudi reluctances, military strike possible

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saudi Arabia's reluctance to allow U.S. use of its air bases for attacks on Iraq does not shut the door on President Clinton's options. The United States could still deliver a powerful blow using warplanes from aircraft carriers and bases elsewhere in the Persian Gulf.

Saudi Arabia is the most important American ally in the Gulf, and U.S. Air Force planes and support systems based there would be especially useful — but not vital — in any air campaign against Iraq that lasted more than a few days.

Administration officials said Tuesday they still expect to gain a Saudi go-ahead and they trumpeted the expressions of support Secretary of State Madeleine Albright won from Kuwait, Bahrain and Egypt.

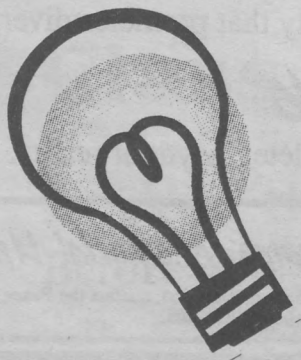
The Saudis told Albright on Monday they favor using "all diplomatic means" to resolve the standoff over U.N. inspections of Iraq's weapons programs. They withheld permission to use their bases to launch attacks.

U.S. officials said a firm Saudi "no" would complicate the war planning.

"Would it be a show stopper? No. Would it be a challenge? Clearly," said one senior defense official Tuesday, briefing reporters on condition of anonymity.

When Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990, the Saudis initially were reluctant to invite in American forces, but they relented when it looked as though the Iraqi Army might make a grab for Saudi oilfields. During the ensuing war, allied air and land forces used Saudi Arabia as their main base.

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• Mafia

Feds mistakenly release memo in organized crime probe

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal prosecutors have bungled an investigation of organized crime's efforts to infiltrate Wall Street by mistakenly revealing their strategy in a key case, The New York Times reported today.

The government made public a confidential memorandum containing the names of victims and potential witnesses in the case involving reputed members of the Genovese and Bonanno crime families.

The 97-page document was inadvertently filed in federal court in Phoenix last

year, the newspaper reported.

Fearing that disclosure could imperil the case and witnesses' safety, prosecutors tried to remove the memo from a public courthouse file. But a defense attorney already had a copy, the Times said.

The issue is now before U.S. District Judge Denny Chin in New York, who ruled in December that all copies of the memo will be held in his chambers until he can review them. He has not issued a ruling.

On Monday, Chin released a letter written to him by prosecutors asking that no part

of the memo be made public. Prosecutors said the document contains information that could jeopardize other investigations.

The government's error may raise questions about whether a once-public document can be made private again. Chin has said the memo will remain secret at least until he decides whether it should be given back to the defense.

"If it weakens their hand, so be it," said Ivan Mathew, the defense lawyer who obtained the memo and wants it back. "This is a criminal trial. A man's liberty

is at stake here."

Prosecutors and Mathew refused to discuss the contents of the memo.

The case the memo outlines is against Mathew's client, 44-year-old Gordon Hall, and 18 others who were indicted in November. They are accused of trying to artificially inflate the stock of Hall's company, Healthtech International of Mesa, Ariz., which owned fitness centers.

Prosecutors said the scheme made millions of dollars in profits and duped investors who were sold the stock.

Tucker

execution. When prison officials and witnesses emerged, many cheered.

The execution came less than an hour after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected an 11th-hour appeal and Gov. George W. Bush refused to grant a 30-day reprieve, saying her case had been thoroughly reviewed by appellate courts.

"I have concluded judgment about the heart and soul of an individual on death row are best left to a higher authority," Bush said. "May God bless Karla Faye Tucker and God bless her victims and their families."

Earlier Tuesday, the Supreme Court had rejected another appeal in which Ms. Tucker had argued that the clemency process in Texas is unconstitutional.

Worldwide publicity over Ms. Tucker's case, including pleas for mercy from Pope John Paul II and TV evangelist Pat Robertson, focused on her metamorphosis from a drug-crazed teen-age prostitute to a soft-spoken young woman who would be content with a life sentence.

People on both sides of her case, and Ms.

Tucker herself, said her sex should have no bearing on her punishment. But the novelty of executing a woman — there were only 49 among 3,365 death row inmates nationwide as of Jan. 1 — prompted hundreds of reporters and photographers to descend on Huntsville, where executions in recent years have become almost routine.

Nationally, since the Supreme Court in 1976 allowed capital punishment to resume, 431 men and one woman have been executed — 144 of them in Texas, by far the most active death penalty state.

The last execution of a woman in Texas was in 1863, when Chipita Rodriguez was hanged from a mesquite tree for the ax murder of a horse trader during a robbery.

Nationwide, the last woman executed was Velma Barfield, a born-again Christian who was put to death in North Carolina in 1984 for lacing her boyfriend's food with rat poison.

On Monday, the Board of Pardons and Paroles rejected Ms. Tucker's bid, 16-0, to get her sentence commuted to life in prison,

just as it denied all 76 requests for clemency made by condemned men since 1993.

Bush, who took office three years ago, has let 59 condemned men go to their deaths without once commuting or delaying a death sentence.

In numerous TV interviews, the 5-foot-3 dark-eyed, dark-haired woman portrayed herself as someone who had been rehabilitated and wanted a life sentence so she could help others behind bars.

Robertson, normally a death penalty supporter, backed her plea for mercy because of her religious fervor. "This thing is vengeance," he said. "It makes no sense. This is not the same woman who committed

those crimes."

Ms. Tucker and a companion, Daniel Garrett, were convicted of killing Jerry Lynn Dean, 27, and Deborah Thornton, 32, on June 13, 1983, at Dean's Houston apartment. Ms. Tucker and Garrett had broken in to steal motorcycle parts.

Garrett beat Dean with a hammer, and Ms. Tucker used the 15-pound pickax to stop Dean from making a gurgling sound. Then Ms. Tucker attacked Mrs. Thornton, who had been hiding under a blanket. Ms. Tucker told friends she experienced a sexual thrill each time she swung the ax.

Garrett also got a death sentence but died in prison in 1993 of liver disease.

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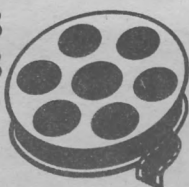
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Iraq

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Most of the American aircraft that Clinton might call on to deliver bombs and missiles at Iraqi targets this time, such as suspected biological weapons sites or underground command centers, are based outside Saudi Arabia.

Of the roughly 100 American aircraft at Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia, nearly half are support planes such as KC-10 and KC-135 tankers for refueling, RC-135 and EF-111 planes for radar jamming and electronic eavesdropping, EC-3 AWACs for airborne command and control and U-2 spy planes. The Air Force fleet in Saudi Arabia includes about 30 F-15C aircraft designed for air-to-air combat but not for ground

attack, and a similar number of F-16 fighters which likely would be among those used to attack ground targets.

The F-117 stealth fighter-bombers armed with precision-guided bombs are based in neighboring Kuwait. So are A-10 ground-attack aircraft and F-16 fighters.

On the Gulf island of Bahrain are B-1 bombers and F-16 and F-15 fighters. The U.S. Navy 5th Fleet also maintains its forward headquarters in Bahrain. The fleet includes destroyers, frigates and at least one submarine.

The Navy also has two aircraft carriers in the Gulf and another en route; each has about 50 combat planes aboard.

Also within range of Iraq are eight B-52 bombers on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

The Saudis' reluctance appears to stem from two concerns of the ruling family.

First, they see little to gain from overtly joining hands with America in a repeat of past small-scale U.S. attacks on Iraq. In the Saudi view, these "pinpricks" only emboldened Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, who the Saudis consider a menace.

Second, the Saudi rulers have to worry about anti-Western dissident forces within their own borders. Twice in recent years the U.S. military in Saudi Arabia has been hit by terrorists, including the June 1996 bombing of the Khobar Towers that killed 19 U.S. airmen and injured hundreds.

James Baker III, who was secretary of state when the Bush administration launched the 1991 Gulf War strikes, said he doubts the Saudis are at odds with the Clinton adminis-

tration's threat to use military force if diplomacy fails.

"I feel reasonably sure that any difference, if there is a difference, revolves around the question of how substantial and forceful a military response would be," Baker said in an interview. "The one thing the Saudis do not want is another pinprick, a symbolic Tomahawk lobbed into downtown Baghdad."

Baker alluded to post-Gulf War U.S. attacks on Iraq, including a June 1993 attack with ship-launched Tomahawk cruise missiles on the headquarters building of Iraqi intelligence in Baghdad, and the September 1996 cruise missile attack on an air base and other targets in southern Iraq.

Defense Secretary William Cohen, who is expected to travel to Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries late this week, told reporters Monday he expects Saudi Arabia and other Gulf allies to support "whatever military action needs to be carried out."

Nuclear

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tives of the Stockpile Stewardship Program: to keep the nuclear stockpile safe and reliable as the weapons age; to enhance the ability to replace weapons components as needed; to train new weapons scientists; and to ensure there is a way to repair and remake weapons over time.

After his stop in Los Alamos, Clinton will go to Albuquerque to highlight his balanced budget plan at a rally.

New Mexico is the home state of Sen. Pete Domenici, the Republican chairman

of the Senate Budget Committee, who said Monday the debate will focus on whether to give Americans a tax break, as the GOP wants, or create "more government" under Clinton's plan.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Clinton would not back down in the face of that resistance.

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EXPECT GREAT THINGS

• Disease

Scientists trace AIDS virus to first 1959 african death

CHICAGO (AP) — Scientists have pinpointed what is believed to be the earliest known case of AIDS — an African man who died in 1959 — and say the discovery suggests the virus first infected people in the 1940s or early '50s.

Where AIDS came from is still a mystery, although experts assume an ancestor of the virus crossed from monkeys or other primates into people at some point. Whether this occurred in recent decades or centuries ago is a matter of debate.

Now, researchers say they have conducted genetic analysis of an HIV sample that appears to date from early in the epidemic. They believe it is an ancestor of the viruses that have infected more than 40 million people worldwide, most of them since the early 1980s.

Dr. Toufu Zhu of the University of Washington in Seattle presented the findings Tuesday at the Fifth Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. They will also be published this week in the journal *Nature*.

"This is to date the oldest known HIV case," said Dr. David Ho, head of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center at Rockefeller University and a co-author of the study.

Until now, the earliest, undisputed cases of AIDS were from the late 1960s and involved members of a family in Norway, Ho said.

In the new study, scientists looked for signs of HIV in 1,213 blood samples that were gathered in Africa between 1959 and 1982. They found clear signs of the virus in one taken from a Bantu man who lived in

Leopoldville, Belgian Congo — what is now Kinshasa, Congo — in 1959.

The virus in the sample had degraded, but the scientists were able to isolate four small fragments of two viral genes. One gene holds instructions for assembling the outer coat of the virus, while the other is code for one of the proteins the virus needs to reproduce.

HIV mutates quickly. About 1 percent of its genetic material changes each year. So the scientists compared the genes from the 39-year-old sample of HIV with those carried by current versions of HIV.

"We realized that if we had an old sequence" of HIV genes, "it would serve as a yardstick to measure the evolution of the current HIV," Ho said.

HIV has mutated over the years to form 10 distinct subtypes, lettered A through J. One of these, subtype B, is the dominant strain in the United States and Europe, while subtype D is most common in Africa.

The family tree of HIV looks like a bush with the various subtypes forming the limbs. Ho said the 1959 HIV is near the trunk, around the point where subtypes B and D branch off.

"This is no doubt an ancestor to B and D," he said.

Zhu said this suggests that all the HIV subtypes evolved from one introduction of HIV into people, rather than from many crossovers from animals to humans, as some have speculated. And given the steady rate at which HIV mutates, it also means that the virus probably first got into people sometime in the 1940s or early '50s.

"I would say this is the oldest, totally unambiguous look at HIV that we have," said Dr. Simon Wain-Hobson of the Pasteur Institute in Paris. He was not involved in the study.

A few years ago, British researchers reported that a Manchester sailor, who also died in 1959, was the oldest case. However, Ho's group provided evidence that the HIV in that man's blood was actually contamination that entered the sample long after he died.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the latest discovery does not help those

who have AIDS now, but having the early genetic snapshot of HIV may allow experts to predict how the virus will evolve over the next 10 or 15 years.

The study also does not explain how AIDS spread and became an epidemic.

The researchers speculated that it could have been unwittingly transmitted in Africa through unsterilized needles used in vaccination campaigns.

Other potential factors that could have hastened the spread include the end of colonial rule and the introduction of automobiles and shanty towns.

• Child rape

Teacher faces return to prison for continuing relationship with student

SEATTLE (AP) — Mary Kay LeTourneau, the former grade-school teacher who had sex with a 13-year-old student and gave birth to his child, was arrested Tuesday after she and the boy were caught in a parked car with the windows steamed up.

Mrs. LeTourneau, who got out of jail just a month ago, could be sent back to prison for up to 7 1/2 years because a condition of her release was that she not have any contact with the victim or any other minors.

Mrs. LeTourneau, 35, was arrested a block from her home in Seattle when officers looking for a stolen vehicle noticed a parked car that looked suspicious because its lights were on and its windows were steamed up, said Carmen Best, a police

spokeswoman.

Mrs. LeTourneau was a married mother of four when she began having sex with the boy in the summer of 1996. Her husband, who now lives with their children, has since filed for divorce.

Mrs. LeTourneau pleaded guilty last August to child rape. She was sentenced to six months behind bars, followed by sex-offender treatment. The Shorewood Elementary School teacher had already served 100 days and was given additional time off for good behavior.

She had promised she wouldn't see the boy again even though she still loved him.

Mrs. LeTourneau's daughter by the teenager lives with the boy's family.

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EDITORIAL

Leaving local police in the dark

Last December, a three-time convicted rapist from Colorado who had mutilated his victims asked the Maine Department of Corrections if he could serve his parole in Waterville. The city was unaware of the request, as were local law enforcement officials.

When a district attorney learned of the possible transaction through a DOC leak, he was left in the cold. When a sheriff and police chief asked about it, they, too, were denied information. The trio have retaliated with a lawsuit under Maine's right-to-know law.

The people of Maine need to know when out-of-state prisoners ask to live in our cities and towns. If prisoners' requests are denied, the public never learns of them. Only after requests are approved do law enforcement officials learn of the convicts living within their jurisdiction.

In the case of the rapist, the information

was public in Colorado; it should also be public in Maine. The fact that a person applying from out-of-state is not receiving services from Maine is an additional reason for making this information public.

The DOC must involve local enforcement determining who can come to Maine and who cannot. Law enforcement officials should not be left in the dark until it is too late. At least 200 out-of-staters have applied to live here. One-hundred-eleven have been accepted and are living in our state.

The people of Maine need to know if hordes of criminals are seeking to live out their days in our state. If that's found to be the case, the government needs to question its policies toward criminal punishment and out-of-state parolees. Certainly these people have served their time and should not continue to be persecuted. However, at minimum, community officials should receive some warning.

Campus diversity a top priority

Over the last year, the University of Maine has been dealing with the persistent problems of low enrollment, low funds and minuscule diversity. Attempts to reverse these unfortunate ailments have been numerous, but to little avail – less and less people seem willing to earn a UMaine degree.

Increasing out-of-state enrollment may be the key to turning the tide. Stronger recruiting will increase the student population, raise the university's budget and bring diversity to the campus – if all goes well.

State universities such as the University of New Hampshire and the University of Vermont attract numerous out-of-state students, despite higher tuition rates than UMaine. Ample funding given to their admissions offices partly allows for this, as do modern facilities and a more advantageous location.

UMaine's admissions office, on the other hand, currently works with a small staff and scarce resources. Its efforts are worth recognizing and will help the school prosper, but for students' interests to be raised, the university must increase the office's budget.

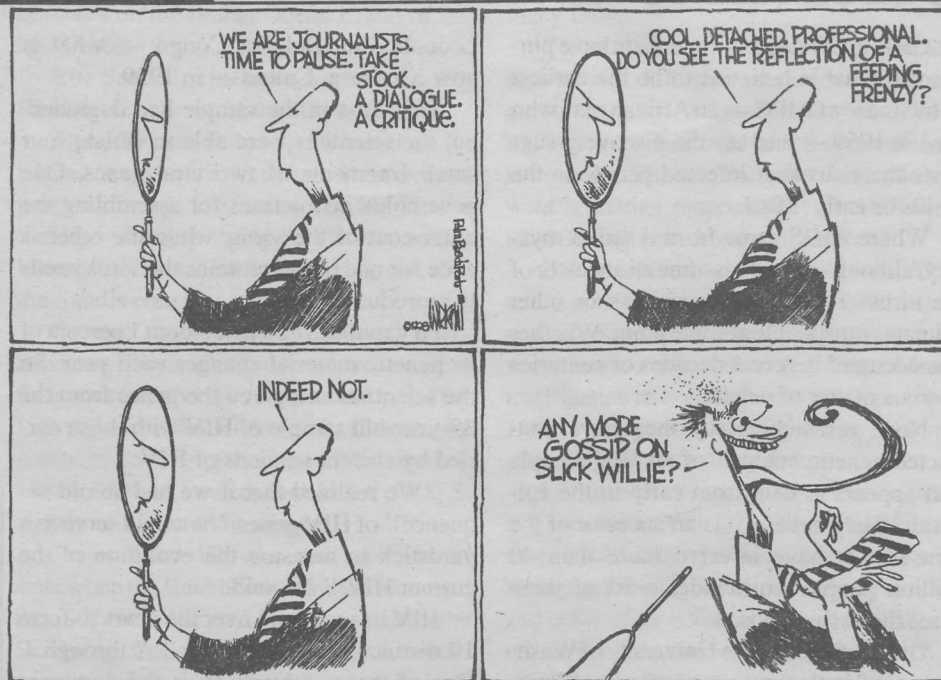
Most in-state students choose not to go to UMaine because of its lack of diversity and general allure. Regardless of recent advertising campaigns by UMaine, it is deemed

by many prospective students to be the school of second choice. One of President Peter Hoff's initial promises before his term began was to regain control of student enrollment and boost it while maintaining academic standards. Next year will be the test of his success in this area, but this year's showing doesn't bode well.

UMaine must follow through with its commitment to increase enrollment. It can't expect to improve academics through what it hopes to gain by way of grants; it must improve by way of the state and tuition dollars. If state funds haven't increased (they have, by a tiny margin) and enrollment hasn't increased (it hasn't), then tuition will continue to rise and students will leave.

The difference between out-of-state and in-state tuition clearly shows the benefit of recruiting out-of-state students. Raising the university's 20 percent population of out-of-state students to 30 percent could assist in loosening the tight budget belt.

But UMaine's Office of Enrollment Management faces a difficult task. Not only is it trying to attract the wayward in-state pupil, but it's trying to boost its national credibility through extensive orientation programs. Perhaps, with a little luck, new programs can turn the tide on both fronts.



• Letters

• Vote 'no' on 1

To the Editor:

On Feb. 10, the residents of Maine will be asked to vote on a referendum question that concerns, at its core, all of our basic rights. As a member of the 188th Legislature, I had the privilege of voting "yes" for the anti-discrimination law which protects us from discrimination with respect to jobs, housing, public accommodation and credit based on sexual orientation.

For the upcoming referendum, a "NO" vote is FOR social and economic justice, and is a chance to make a positive statement about Maine's desire to value its increasingly diverse citizenry and to reject bigotry.

Any student who has not already registered to vote in Orono can do so up to, and including, election day. Students may register to vote at the municipal offices on Main Street in Orono. On-campus students will vote at the American Legion Hall on Park Street, across from Thriftway. Other students should call the town office for more polling place information at 866-2556. I urge all of Orono's students to vote on Feb. 10, and I encourage all of Orono's students to vote "NO" against fear and bigotry.

If anyone has any questions, feel free to give me a call at 866-3697 or call the Orono town office at 866-2556.

Kathleen Stevens
State Representative
Orono

To the Editor:

I am writing in order to ask people to vote "no" on Question 1 Tuesday. This is the day Maine voters will have to decide if equal rights enjoyed by at citizens should be taken away because of the opinions of a few.

Question 1 states: "Do you want to reject the law passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor, which bans discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, credit, and public accommodations?"

Question 1 is an attempt to legalize discrimination based on sexual orientation, gay or straight. This would deny any citizen the right to an honest day's work and other liberties people take for granted.

As a social work major at the University of Maine, I feel compelled to ask people to vote "no" Tuesday to protect the equal rights of all Maine residents.

Jessica Perry
Stetson

• Maine's economic stupor

To the Editor:

Gov. Angus King's State of the State Speech Monday was a perfect example of the kind of public policy that keeps Maine wallowing in economic stupor while its neighbors bask in prosperity.

Consider the attitude, so rampant in Maine, that the state is a culturally and economically closed system. At the beginning of King's speech, all the electric-utility crews who came to Maine from all over the nation were praised as heroes. They were all Mainers, he said. But by the end of the speech, a few short minutes later, "people from away" were once again the bad guys who should not be given a cut of any tax breaks that might flow from the state budget surplus. This comment also got the biggest rise of the Legislature, predictably.

This long-standing attitude of a Balkanized Maine has cost Mainers far more than any broken tax promises over the years. Last time I checked, there were zillions more out-of-staters than Mainers in the world. Last time I checked, the only way the dreaded outsiders can benefit from a Maine tax break would be (horrors!) by spending their money on goods and services in Maine! King has essentially told them to open their wallets elsewhere; we are proud, he says, of our uncompetitive sales tax and our phobias about the outside world.

And what's this other thing about young people not having to leave Houlton, or Machias, or wherever, to get a good job? What's wrong with leaving home for a while? Is this how we develop well-rounded, sophisticated leaders for the future, and raise aspirations, by erecting psychological barriers at the county or state lines?

Here's how we can draft a new state slogan in accordance with the governor's stated policy:

"Maine: It takes longer to get here. It costs more to come here. Our roads ruin yer cars – but we don't really want you 'outtastatuh's' and all your investment dollars here anyway." That done, we can take the chump change we will glean from his tax cuts and bury it in the backyard until the next recession, when the state will want it back.

Dan Namowitz
Bangor

• Concert review off-target

To the Editor:

I just had to tell you that I think the review of Johnny Socko in Monday's edition was very wrong. I don't know where Derek Rice was sitting, but from my seat in the center of the auditorium, Socko appeared to be a big hit. While the whole audience was not dancing the way they were to Rustic Overtones, there was definitely involvement from some members of the audience.

Maybe Mr. Rice was out of the auditorium when Socko took the stage, but I can recall only one or two audience members "booing" to the band; they were quickly told by other members of the audience to "can it" while cheering on the band.

If Mr. Rice didn't like the band, he should just say so instead of making sweeping generalizations about how the entire audience felt.

Jessi Adkins
Penobscot Hall

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• Column

Helping graduates enter the real world

If there's one question that makes college students cringe it's, "What are you going to do when you graduate?"

Unfortunately, it's not going away, and as each semester goes by we become more pressured to figure the answer out.

The post-graduation years can be terrifying for almost anyone. Even if graduates know what career they want to choose there's no guarantee they'll find a job in it. Many graduates find there

Maine's employment rate is growing, but it's lacking behind most states in the Northeast. Many graduates are forced to move to areas offering better employment opportunities.

We're also the first generation expected not to do better than their parents did in the past. Many graduates hope to live on their own and support themselves, but

aren't reaching out to graduates as soon as the graduates receive their degrees, there are numerous jobs available if graduates are willing to seek them out.

Universities are reaching out to the needs of their future graduates more than in the past. They're realizing that most students are going to college, not just to gain increased knowledge, but to prosper in their chosen careers. Universities are increasingly preparing students for careers and what to do once they graduate. Activities such as the recent career fair here have become increasingly popular; career centers are prominent on university campuses.

Jokes about liberal-arts majors still run rampant on campus, but opportunities for them grow each day. Liberal-arts colleges are reaching out to their students and guiding them in career directions as much or even more than other colleges, and more businesses are interested in employing liberal-arts majors.

Being an English major, I've heard all the jokes and have had to seriously consider what I'll do once I graduate. Because it's not a major that guarantees a job upon graduation, I'm taking full advantage of what advice and aid the university and businesses have to offer me. I'm terrified of graduating and facing the "real world," but I'm sure if I take advantage of all the opportunities available to me I'll do OK.

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By Kristen Dobler



aren't any jobs open in their field and are stuck accepting non-related jobs until the one they want shows up. It's hard to be picky when most have loans that will be with them long into their 30s.

Nellie Mae, a non-profit student loan provider, says the average debt for college students is \$18,000. These are the same people who in college survived on just enough money to have fun on the weekends, pay the phone bill and tip the pizza man. In just a short amount of time students go from worrying about courses to worrying about how to pay for the courses.

The '90s have put extra pressure on college graduates to succeed. The United States is still recovering from a recession (the Northeast, especially), causing a lack of jobs and more competition for once easily obtainable ones.

more have had to live with their parents until they're financially stable.

With all these negative statistics, it's no wonder staying in school for five, six or even more years is becoming the norm.

Things are looking up for college students, though. Education has become an important topic in Congress, and bills like the one Nellie Mae is pushing in Congress that would give businesses a tax break for helping their employees repay college debts are becoming increasingly popular.

In addition, more businesses are helping recent graduates pay off their college loans and are also paying for their employees' graduate education. Internships and co-ops have become a part of the college experience, and businesses that offer them typically hire their interns once the interns graduate. Although businesses

Punishment knows no gender

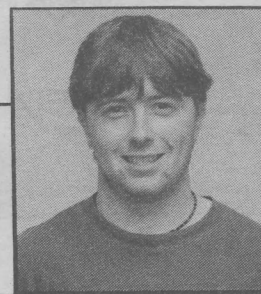
On June 13, 1983, Karla Faye Tucker and a friend, Daniel Garrett, visited Jerry Lynn Dean's apartment to steal his motorcycle. Dean interfered and Garrett, then 37, beat him with a hammer. Tucker, then 23, then plunged a 3-foot pickax into him. She then turned the weapon on Deborah Thornton to eliminate a witness. Police found the weapon stuck in the woman's body when they arrived. Tucker was later tape-recorded bragging to friends that she got a sexual thrill out of the attack.

Garrett and Tucker were arrested, tried and sentenced to death for the killings. Garrett died of liver disease in 1993. Tuesday afternoon,

claimed all along that her sex has nothing to do with the move to have her sentence commuted. They have scrambled to find minute examples of how the Texas criminal justice system is flawed and that the state is bloodthirsty. Their argument is that none of the 76 requests for clemency since 1993 have been approved. Tucker's commutation request was denied Monday by the Board of Pardons and Paroles. The vote was 16-0. The chairman cited the severity of the crime as the reason for the lopsided vote.

Texas is a state that has lived

By Derek Rice



the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear Tucker's final appeal. Shortly before 6 p.m. CST Texas Gov. George W. Bush denied her appeal for a 30-day stay of execution. At 6:45 p.m. she paid for her crime.

In the last few months, Tucker's case has gained national notoriety because many people believe she should be spared the death penalty because she has been rehabilitated. The former teen prostitute has faithfully carried her Bible with her to and from the various appeals in her behalf. "She's found Jesus" is one battle cry. "The death penalty is morally wrong" is another.

Texas executed a record 37 inmates in 1997. Where were these vocal supporters of prisoners' rights all those times? Some were there. Some group always protests the death penalty when a killer is executed. But none of those executions gained half the coverage as Tucker's. Why is that?

Executing a woman is something that makes many people uncomfortable. Tucker is the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War and the second woman executed in the United States since the Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976. Executing a woman shouldn't be any different from executing a man. People are people, and killers are killers. Murder knows no difference and neither should punishment. Mary Surrat was hung for merely owning and operating the boarding house where conspirators planned the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Tucker killed two people with a pickax and made no bones about her guilt.

Tucker's supporters have

and died by the death penalty. The state has chosen to use the death penalty and without wavering. There is no deterrent factor if states don't follow through with punishment.

Tucker was sentenced to death. At her sentencing, there was no stipulation that her life would be spared if she were to find Jesus. If you were facing lethal injection, wouldn't you find Jesus too? In fact, only one inmate scheduled for execution in recent memory, Gary Gilmore, has asked the state to go through with that punishment. He opted for a firing squad.

Unfortunately, in Texas a sentence of life without parole doesn't exist. Unless they are sentenced to death, all inmates are eligible for parole. If Tucker's sentence had been commuted, she would have been eligible for parole in 2003. Should she have been allowed to go free, given the nature of her crime?

What about Daniel Garrett? Had he lived, would these same groups and individuals, including Pat Robertson and Pope John Paul II, be calling for his life to be spared? No one will ever know, but it is worth thinking about.

Can a woman who brutally murdered two people with a pickax and claimed to be sexually excited by the act ever be fully rehabilitated? Commuting her sentence would have set a dangerous precedent for future killers who may have decided to "find Jesus" and spare their lives.

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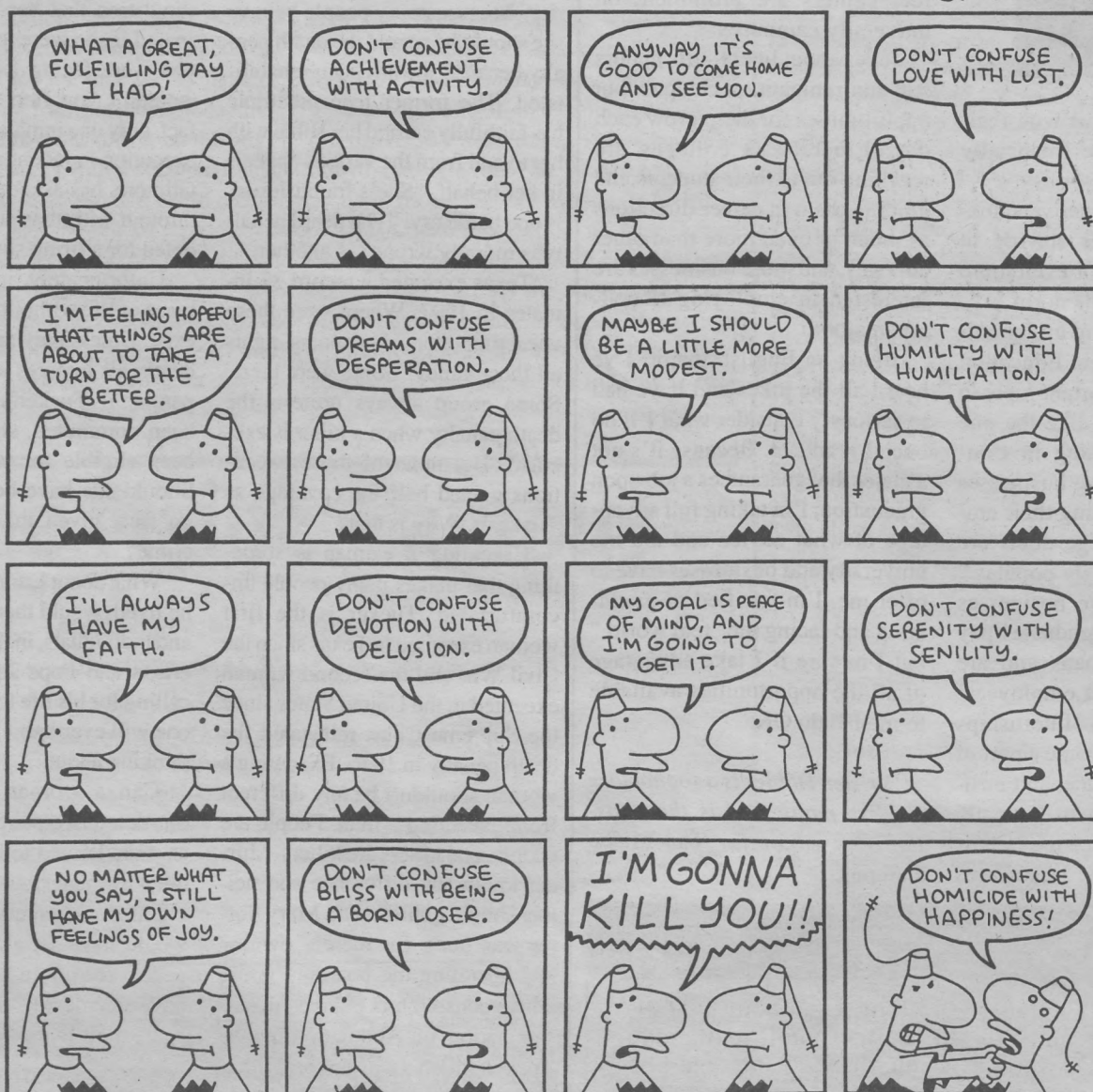


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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Wednesday, February 4

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You have the power to change your life for the better. You have the power to make everything you touch turn to gold. All you lack is self-belief. That can and must change over the next 12 months. The first step is to do what you want to do, not what others say you should do.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Try not to take affairs of the heart too seriously today. With Saturn in your birth sign opposed by Venus, planet of love, it is inevitable that the more others try to convince you there is nothing to worry about the more you will worry. This is only a passing phase so, let it pass.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You don't have to sacrifice pleasure for duty today but if you do you will feel good about yourself. Someone you live with or work with needs your assistance and although you are under no obligation to help you know it would be wrong to turn them down. Besides, you will gain far more than you lose.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Be yourself today. If you try to fit in with others' ideas of how you should behave there will be disappointment all round. You are who you are and there is no point pretending otherwise. Besides, why is it always you that is expected to change? It's time you stood up for yourself.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Common sense should tell you this is not a good day to upset people who are important to you, either in a personal or a professional sense. And if common sense is not telling you this, believe it, anyway. Whatever little jokes you have up your sleeve, leave them there; they will not go down well.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You won't change a partner's or loved one's attitude overnight. In fact, if you come on too strong you will merely succeed in making them even more difficult to get through to. Be patient. Give them time to digest what you have already told them. It's a lot to swallow all in one go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You need to have more confidence in yourself. How many times have you been told that before? And how many times have you listened? Not enough, if your solar chart is anything to go by. One of your good ideas is not just good, it's brilliant. So why are you not out there selling it?

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Some battles you have not got a hope of winning and with Venus, your ruler, opposed by Saturn today you are outgunned and you know it. This is not to suggest that you just give in and let others walk all over you but it might be wise to keep a low profile for a day or two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): It is essential that you choose the right tactic for the right person today. If you are too forceful with someone who is weak you will almost certainly turn them against you. If you give a stronger personality too much leeway they will take advantage of you. Get the balance right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Set yourself targets that are easy to reach today. Monday's Solar Eclipse no doubt boosted your confidence to the point where you think you can do anything but other aspects warn that it won't always be that easy. This is one of those days when you should not push yourself too hard.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The reason you have lost interest in something is because your attitude has changed. The reason for that is because deep down you realize that the something you have lost interest in is no longer important. You are only holding on to it out of habit. It's time to let it go.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): No doubt you would like to do 10 things at once but you know that is not possible. Your time and your energy are limited and will be limited further by today's Venus-Saturn opposition. Aim to finish one thing at a time and you will still get plenty done.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): This is not a good day to gamble on a risky venture. In fact, this is not a good day to spend money on anything at all. Be especially wary of people who look and sound respectable but can't guarantee that your money will be safe. Even if they can, think about it for a day or two.

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, February 5

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: The task you have set yourself may be daunting but that will only make it all the more satisfying when you finally reach your goal. "Finally" because you must view this as a long-term commitment, not something that can be knocked off in a matter of weeks.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Is it possible to have too much of a good thing? You are about to find out. With Mars, your ruler, aspecting Jupiter, planet of excess, you may find it hard to control your desires over the next 48 hours. Nothing new in that, except that if you go too far you could burn yourself out by the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Stand outside yourself today and see your "problems" for what they really are. In the greater scheme of things they hardly matter at all. Once you stop worrying about the petty everyday issues that go wrong you will find they go wrong with much less frequency.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): It may appear as if someone you care for is withholding their affection but they see it in a different way: they think you want to be left alone. Make the first move if you want to attract their attention but don't assume it will be easy to shake them off again.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Don't try so hard to change the bits of your life you do not like. Everything happens at just the right time although it may not seem that way until you look back on it and if your life is meant to change in certain ways it will. Relax and let it happen.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Force yourself to be enthusiastic about something you don't really want to do today and you may be surprised how easy and enjoyable it is. The mind is a powerful tool and if you tell yourself that a certain task is unpleasant often enough you will start to believe it. Tell yourself it's fun and it will be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You may be so utterly convinced that a particular viewpoint is right that you refuse to listen to any other possible explanations today. Which would be a shame because it could put others off from sharing with you some rather interesting information. A closed mind is always self-defeating.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): The typical Libran shares a lot in common with those born under their opposite sign of Aries and you will certainly be a lot more assertive, maybe even aggressive, over the next 48 hours. But don't go to extremes or you could harm both your bank balance and your reputation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): You have high hopes for the future and are right to be so positive and optimistic but don't take too much for granted. There is a lot of ground to cover between here and the place you want to be, so take it a step at a time and don't take short cuts: they only ever lead down blind alleys.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): With Mars transiting the most sensitive area of your solar chart you must expect some rather sharp criticism from those who resent your abilities. Don't get involved in a war of words or you will appear to have something to hide. Even if you don't, it could back-fire.

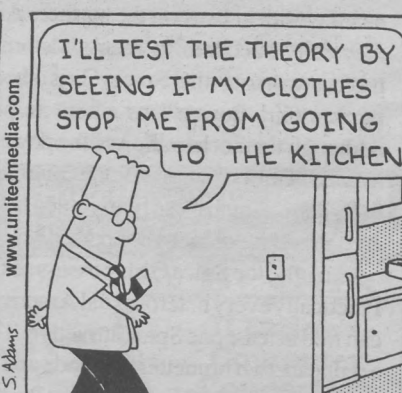
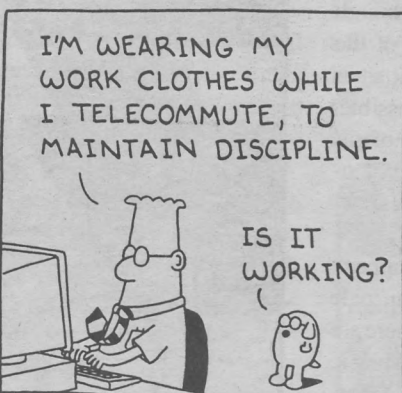
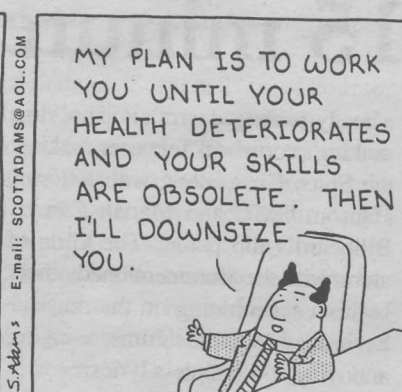
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You may feel you have gone as far as you can go with one particular plan or project and are on the verge of giving up. In a word: don't. The moment when it all gets to be too much is often the moment when some kind of breakthrough occurs. If you give up now you will regret it later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You may feel that some kind of drastic action is called for but is your current position really that bad? Because Jupiter in your birth sign is adversely aspected by Mars over the next two days you must resist the urge to go over the top in any way, shape or form. Difficult but not impossible.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You have serious things on your mind at the moment and seem determined to change your life for the better. However, a sudden superhuman effort could do more harm than good, especially if your body is not prepared for it. Moderation is essential today.

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- 1 Pea holders
- 5 Coagulate
- 9 Not bold
- 14 Declare
- 15 Frost
- 16 "Swan Lake" maiden
- 17 Stupefy
- 18 Moflo at the Met
- 19 Nice (prudish one)
- 20 Popular sing-along tune of 1925
- 23 Whiz
- 24 Picked at, picked at
- 27 Hubbub

- 30 Fill with feeling
- 34 Literary inits.
- 35 Minor dents
- 37 What a chapeau covers
- 38 Art Deco pioneer
- 39 1954 song with a repeating title
- 42 "O.K., why not?"
- 43 Bagel or bialy
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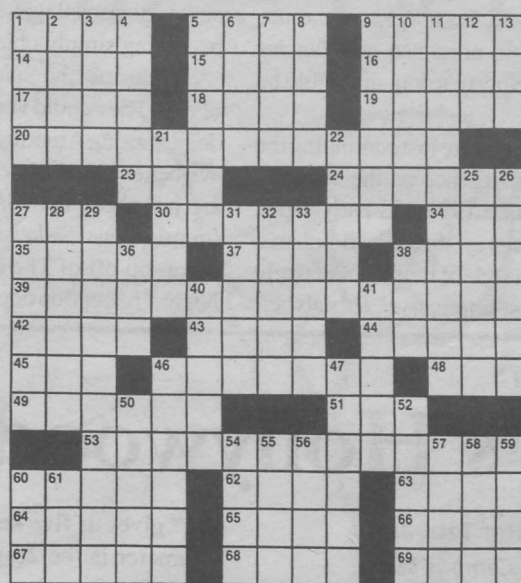
- 60 Meager
- 62 Foolish fellow
- 63 Mustachioed artist
- 64 Postal scale unit
- 65 Revolutionary hero Nathan
- 66 Prez
- 67 Beautician's device
- 68 Scent
- 69 "Casablanca" role

DOWN

- 1 Goalie gear
- 2 Face's shape, approximately
- 3 Nap
- 4 Win all the games
- 5 One of a set of 64, maybe
- 6 Fluff
- 7 Home of the Hawks, with "the"
- 8 Hawks or Seahawks, e.g.
- 9 Deli meat offering
- 10 Notions
- 11 Grain grinder's power source
- 12 ———-timed
- 13 Actress Susan
- 21 Color separator
- 22 Violinist
- 23 Zimbalist
- 25 Home in the country

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- 27 Confounds
- 28 Run the show
- 29 Drinker's excess
- 31 Sen. Thurmond
- 32 "The Old Wives' Tale" dramatist
- 33 Biased writing? Abbr.
- 36 Bromo target
- 38 Bit of work
- 40 Let fall, in poetry
- 41 Israel's Moshe
- 46 General called "Yellowhair"
- 47 Kitchen gadget
- 50 ———-nez
- 52 Milk source
- 54 Hollow reply?
- 55 Way to go
- 56 Fly like Lindy
- 57 60's-70's dress
- 58 Novelist Waugh
- 59 Shaver's woe
- 60 Green cover
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Style and the Arts

• Commentary

Spice Girls' 15 minutes: How long will they last?

By Chris Hilton
Special to the Campus

It was Andy Warhol who said everyone has 15 minutes of fame, and the group who currently possess the most high-profile quarter-hour has got to be the Spice Girls. That's right: Those five lasses from across the pond are getting the most exposure and attention.

Two multi-platinum albums, "Spice" and "Spice World" (the soundtrack to the movie of the same name), have resulted in a media frenzy. Virtually every major television station, network or cable, are releasing specials on this pop quintet. Fortunately for us, with the relatively disappointing sales of "Spice World" and the film expected to bomb, the Spice Girls' fame will burn out. But some may question why these the no-talent hacks succeeded at all. To me the answer is fairly obvious: They appeal, in one way or another, to practically everyone.

For starters, they all have code names. Which group would interest you more: An all-girl group with names like Geri, Victoria, Emma and two Mels, or a quintet with names like Ginger, Posh, Baby, Scary and Sporty? The latter carries a sort of mysterious allure that the former seriously lacks.

Secondly, the Spice Girls are rather two-dimensional. Fitting into the code names angle, each Spice fits into a niche that the masses can easily understand. Ginger Spice is the sexy redheaded bombshell, Posh Spice is the up-town girl who is no-nonsense and fancies Gucci dresses, and Sporty's domain should be obvious.

Also, the Spice Girls are just continuing the trend of pop's reemergence as the supreme musical genre. In late 1991 and early 1992, Nirvana blasted its way through the charts, paving the way for a style of music collectively clumped together as "alternative" (It's always

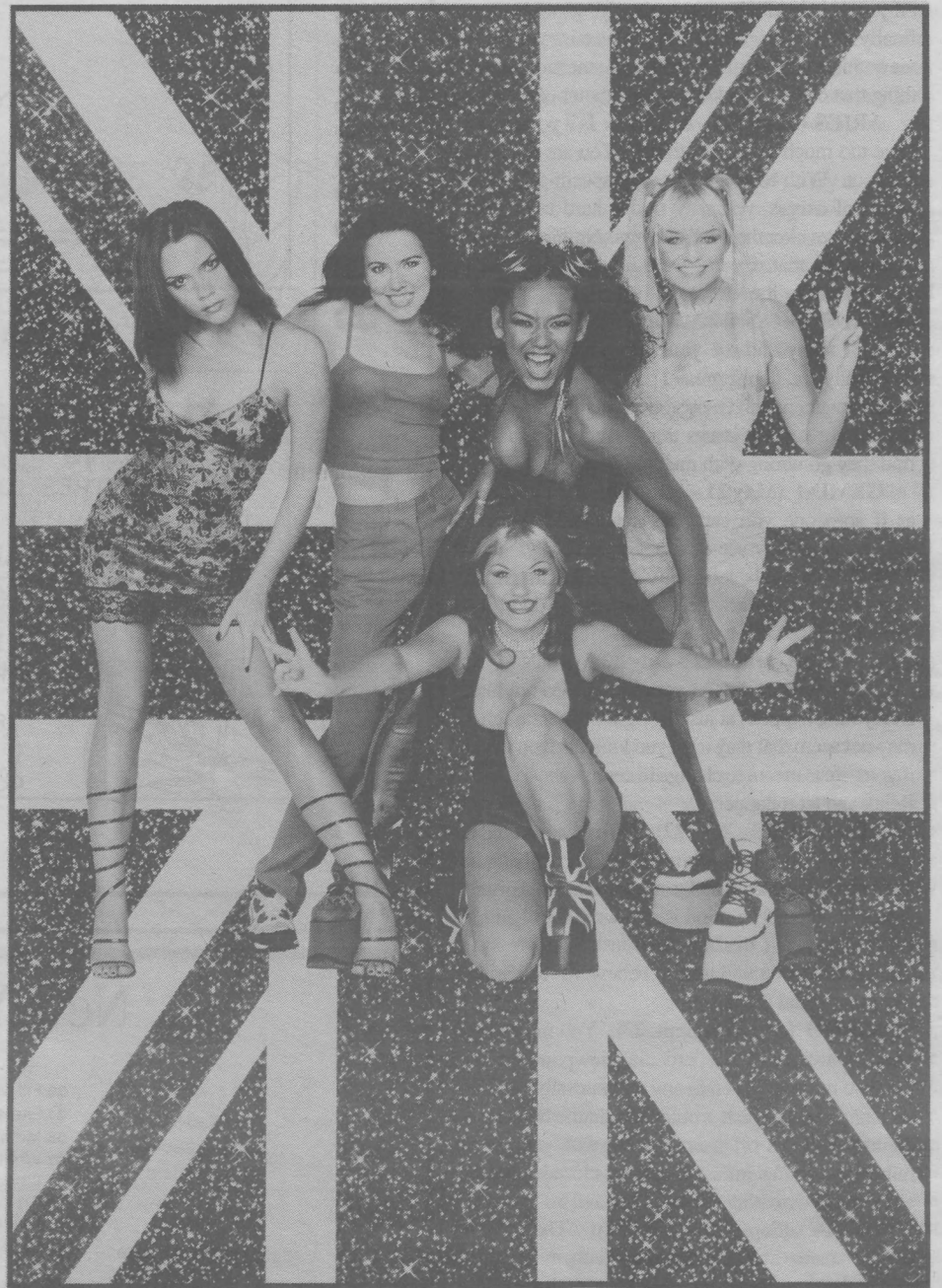
a neatly-packaged term). Pop has slowly been making a comeback for years, making way for the Spice Girls, along with fellow popsters Hanson, OMC and Mariah Carey, to take Billboard's top prizes. The Girls of Spice, along with the aforementioned others, do not bother concentrating on the musical aspect, but instead devote their time to singing catchy, annoying and brainless lyrics.

Fourthly, they serve as (rather twisted) role models. The majority of those who own Spice Girls albums are young girls. The Spices represent the power of females in a male-dominated world, at least on the surface. Although they fully succumb to men's visions of the perfect woman, the Spice Girls shout their motto "Girl Power!" as often as possible. Although their celebration of the power of girl instead of the power of woman could be potentially detrimental, these five women have suckered in a slew of teenyboppers.

Finally, the Spice Girls possess sex appeal. Practically every heterosexual American male can find at least one Spice attractive. There are a redhead, two brunettes, a blonde and a black. Personally, I dig Victoria, aka Posh Spice. Why do you think they are dressed in skin-tight black leather in the video "I'll Be There," or that there are nude photos of Geri (Ginger) in her pre-Spice days on the Internet?

If their appearance is not enough, what straight American male can resist that seductive British accent (with the exception of Sporty - her voice makes me want to vomit)? Once again, they are playing into males' fantasies by becoming simply objects of desire.

In closing, the Spice Girls are the epitome of evil. They could very well be soldiers of the devil, turning Americans into mindless drones. We better pray that the Spice Girls' 15 minutes are just about up. "Spice World," which my friends Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert call a cheap rip-off of The Beatles' "A Hard Day's Night," better flop or we are all surely doomed.



What draws people to the Spice Girls: Their looks, their clothes or their attitude? Or is it a combination of factors? (Courtesy photo.)

• In theaters

Film's Hollywood-style story line well-disguised

By Hunter Tzovarras
Maine Campus staff

There are many scenes in "Good Will Hunting" that hit the perfect note. Everything is right: dialogue, performances, setting, camera angle. It's these wonderfully filmed scenes, not the story as a whole, that give the film its powerful effect.

The problem with the story is it's predictable, though not at first. Once it gets rolling we can see where it's heading, until it progresses to an ending that is more likely to happen in the movies than real life. But that isn't much of a problem for a film that is more concerned with each scene (what's happening at the moment) than the collaboration of them. Yes, in the end "Good Will Hunting" leaves us with more or less a formalized story. But the film is sneaky; it handles each scene so perfectly that we almost don't even notice the standard story line.

What is most memorable about the film is its characters. Despite being stuck in a formulaic story, they were still on my mind days after seeing the film. "Good Will Hunt-

ing" gives us five key characters. The main character is the 20-year-old Will Hunting. The other four characters are on the periphery trying to save Will from self-destruction.

Will (Matt Damon) is a brilliant math genius with a photographic memory. But he could care less about using his aptitude. He'd rather work in construction or as a janitor than as a mathematician, probably because construction is work for him, and solving inscrutable math equations isn't. As an orphan, Will grew up in abusive foster homes on the south side of Boston. Now, he spends his free time hanging out with his blue-collar buddies drinking beer and picking fights.

Professor Lambeau (Stellan Skarsgard, "Breaking the Waves") has spent all his life studying math. He teaches at M.I.T. and is one of the world's preeminent mathematicians. As a contest, he places an almost unsolvable math problem on the black board and gives his students the semester to figure it out. By the next morning it has been solved. No one in Lambeau's class takes credit, so he places an even more difficult

problem on the board. The next day, Lambeau watches as Will insouciantly solves the problem. He immediately recognizes Will's ingenuity, and makes it his responsibility to mold Will into a great mathematician and save him from a life of flagrant under-

achievement.

There are scenes where Will, with ease, solves equations that have taken Lambeau years of dedicated study to understand.

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Matt Damon stars as Will Hunting, a math genius who prefers blue-collar work, and Robin Williams is his psychiatrist, Sean McGuire, who has troubles of his own, in "Good Will Hunting." (Courtesy photo.)

• At Spotlight

Sequel continues where original film left off

By Greg Dowling
Maine Campus staff

It's not the least bit shocking that the original smash-hit phenomenon, "Scream," would generate sequels. "Scream" marked the comeback of the slasher genre, one long thought to be extinct, but that film has something other slasher films do not, which is the intelligence to have the characters be aware of horror movie cliches.

They know not to investigate a strange noise, say "I'll be right back," and they know to run out the front door, not upstairs. "Scream" worked so brilliantly because the excellent script by newcomer Kevin Williamson, and the superb direction by Wes Craven, one of the horror masters who helped invent the cliches he satirizes.

"Scream 2" pokes fun at sequels just like itself. Three years after the events of the original, Gail Weathers (Courtney Cox, reprising her role) has written a book about the first incident called "The Woodsboro Murders," and it has been made into a movie called "Stab." The film opens grippingly at a premiere of "Stab," as a girl named Maureen (Jada Pinkett Smith of "Demon Knight") and her boyfriend debate whether they should

see "Stab" or the new Sandra Bullock movie. We, the audience, know they should have picked the Sandra Bullock movie. Without revealing how this scene turns out, I will say this is the first stalk scene in horror film history that takes place in a crowded movie theater.

Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell), still recovering from the trauma of her first attack, is now in college as a drama major. Also returning is film buff Randy (Jamie Kennedy) and Deputy Dewey (David Arquette), now handicapped after being stabbed in the original. When the murders start again, they try to figure out who in Sidney's life is doing it this time, and we have a big list of suspects. Sidney has a new boyfriend named Derek (Jerry O'Connell of "Jerry Maguire"). There's Sidney's eccentric drama professor (David Warner of "Titanic") and Cotton Weary (Liev Schreiber), who is lurking around after being released from prison. Cotton is the man framed for the murder of Sidney's mother, and Sidney's testimony got him on death row.

However, just as the first film, the fun is in the stalk scenes. Craven has given us some new and ambitious sequences, such as the opening of the film and a stalk scene that takes place in broad daylight. His

timing is even sharper this time around. He knows exactly how to manipulate the audience into expecting one thing and getting another. The audience with whom I saw this film screamed, gasped and jumped all the way to the end.

The debate in "Scream 2" is, of course, about sequels. "The horror genre was almost ruined by sequels," Randy tells us in a film class. Some argue there are certain sequels that have surpassed their originals, such as "Aliens" and "The Godfather Part 2." There is also a new set of rules for a sequel, such as a higher body count, more elaborate murder scenes and more gore. "Scream 2" is a rare sequel. It's every bit as frightening as the original, plus it has strong character development, a witty script by Williamson and excellent performances.

The fact that "Scream 2" is so good is a bit of a shock in and of itself, considering it was out just a year after the original, but Craven has said a trilogy was planned all along, as the third "Scream" picture will

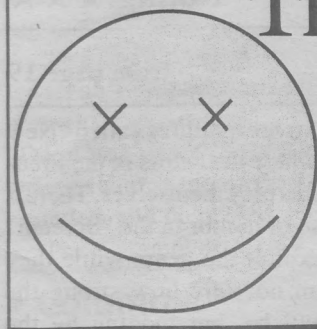
be out next December.

The identity of the killer, which I will not reveal, came as a shock, but what I found most entertaining was the defense this person uses, "I'll blame the movies. Bob Dole will testify on my behalf and the Christian Coalition will pay for my defense." This is one of the most entertaining elements "Scream 2." It talks about the effects of movies like itself on the audience, but what's scary is the idea of a killer being perfectly aware of this conservative hot-button and using it to full advantage.

The cast does a great job. Campbell, Kennedy and Arquette are great in their role reprisals. Cox gnaws happily away at her big, bitchy role yet again. There's also excellent support from Sarah Michelle Gellar (of TV's "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"), Laurie Metcalf (of "Roseanne") and Schreiber ("Ransom").

"Scream 2" is a reminder that good

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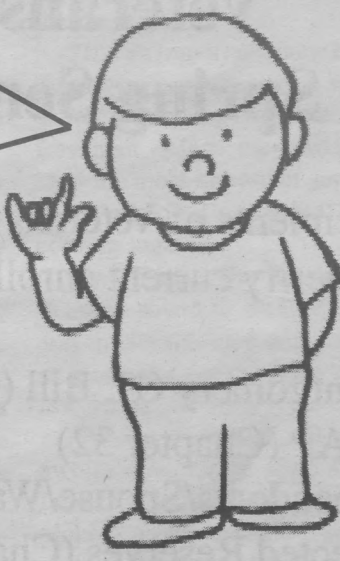
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• Overdose

Baldwin brother hospitalized

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor Daniel Baldwin was in stable condition today after an apparent drug overdose in which he reportedly went on a naked rampage and trashed a room at the Plaza Hotel. His brother Billy denied those reports.

"I did speak to a police officer ... and he said to me that there certainly was no rampage and his hotel room was not trashed," Billy Baldwin said.

"His condition continues to improve every hour," he said, adding that his brother could be released in a day or so "after more observation and testing."

A hospital spokeswoman said only that Daniel Baldwin's condition had been upgraded from critical to stable overnight.

Police sources said that Daniel Baldwin, at 37 the second-oldest of four actor brothers, was rushed to St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital on Monday morning after suffering a drug overdose at the posh hotel.

Officers were called to the Plaza at 7:30 a.m. after the hotel reported a disturbance, police said.

The police sources, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of

anonymity, said Baldwin had overdosed on cocaine and had damaged his hotel room.

Newspaper reports said Baldwin was naked and hallucinating when police arrived and that he put up a struggle and had to be handcuffed.

Asked if his brother had a drug problem, Billy Baldwin said at the hospital this morning, "That's my family's business, quite honestly."

He said he was most concerned about his mother, Carol, who he said was "overwhelmed by the media response to this."

Daniel Baldwin, who once portrayed a detective on the TV series "Homicide," has been called the black sheep of an acting family that includes brothers Alec, Billy and Stephen.

He worked as a sports-betting handicapper before joining his brothers in Hollywood.

In a 1994 magazine interview he said he missed his father's 1983 funeral because he was in jail for driving without insurance and with switched plates.

"It was horrible, the guilt I felt," he said. "Soon afterward, I became a father myself. I realized you have to be responsible."

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Will

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Watching these scenes, I thought to myself how frustrating it must be for Lambeau, who dedicated his life to math, to just sit helplessly as Will solves intricate equations with almost no effort. How distressing it must be to spend your whole life studying something, and then along comes someone who can effortlessly surpass all the knowledge you have spent your entire life learning. And there's a scene where Lambeau admits, "I'm nothing compared to this boy."

Sean McGuire (Robin Williams) is Will's therapist trying to break through his defensive shell. But Sean has problems of his own, too. His wife died two years ago, and he feels his life is over. He uses a metaphor comparing life to a poker game and tells Will his hand is over, the cards have already been dealt. It doesn't take us long to realize Sean needs Will as much as Will needs him. Through the course of their meetings, we'll learn as much about Sean as we do about Will. Their meetings are more than therapy for Will; they're also cathartic for Sean.

Sean is also a longtime friend of Lambeau's, but there is tension between the two former college roommates. Sean feels he has failed in comparison to the venerated professor. Instead of teaching at M.I.T., Sean teaches psychology at a community college. And it is hard not to contrast their friendship and that of Will and his lifelong friend, Chuckie.

Chuckie (Ben Affleck, "Chasing Amy") is not threatened by his friend's intelligence. He has accepted his status in life and is

content with his construction job, but he knows Will is capable of so much more. He tells Will that tomorrow "I'll wake up 50 and still be doing this job, but it'll be an insult to me if you're still here."

Then there's Skylar (Minnie Driver), an undergraduate at Harvard who is on her way to medical school. Will meets her at a bar and after their first date he is apprehensive about asking her out again. He tells Sean, "She's perfect. I just don't want to ruin that." But they do go back out and soon things become serious. She wants Will to move to California with her. But he's wary when it comes to giving in to his emotions, for he sees disappointment and poignancy as the inevitable conclusion. Director Gus Van Sant ("To Die For") does an exceptional job showing us how Will, as a precautionary measure, pushes Skylar away.

All these characters try to help Will, and in doing so their lives are changed, in most cases for the better. I just wish the script had been more daring and let the story develop more along human rules than plot rules.

I have read some reviews that unfairly compare this film to "Rain Man." I just don't see the connection (aside from both of the main characters possessing extraordinary intellectual skills). Rain Man could not change; he was incapable of change and lacked the capacity for intimate relationships. Will Hunting is very capable of change; it's just a question of whether he's willing to trust people enough.

Rating: ★★★

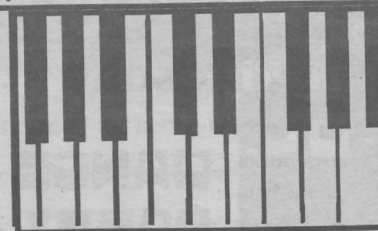
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sequels do exist even in the horror genre. It's going to eventually make more than \$100 million at the box office, which is a sign that the horror genre is back in full force. Craven has always been a talented director who has just happened to film a few bad scripts ("Shocker," "The People Under the Stairs"), and he seems to have found the films that are perfect for him. They resemble his own satire of the "Night-

mare on Elm Street" pictures called "New Nightmare," where the actors in the Freddy Krueger films play themselves. There's a similar sense of humor in the "Scream" films. They exploit the genre while they satirize it. I'm not sure how strong the third entry will be, but judging by the quality of "Scream 2," I know I'll be there to see it.

Grade: A-



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SPORTS PAGE

• Men's basketball

Bears tame Catamounts

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

The average fan might not have been able to tell who was the last place team in America East and, who was the first place team in last night's game between the University of Maine men's hoop team and the University of Vermont.

However, when the final buzzer sounded that didn't matter as the Black Bears triumphed over the Catamounts 56-48.

Maine (6-14, 3-9 America East) was again without the services of the top two scorers in the league, guards Fred Meeks and Marcus Wills, but were able to use a ball control offense and a hustling defense that stifled Vermont's offense.

"I told anybody who would listen to me that this team was playing better and improving," Maine Head Coach John Giannini said.

Giannini was especially pleased with the gutty performances checked-in by Captain Allen Ledbetter (18 points and 15 rebounds), and point-guard Dade Faison (7 points, 4 assists) who stepped up big in the absence of Wills.

"We challenged Allen to be the best leader he's ever been and his performance was just astounding," Giannini said. "Dade had tremendous pressure on him today to control the tempo, he was trapped, pounded, and he played wonderfully."

The Catamounts (14-7, 9-4) entered

Tuesday's contest with the second most potent offense in the conference averaging 75 points per game. The Bears held the Catamounts to just 17 points in the first en route to a 27-17 halftime lead.

Vermont head coach Tom Brennan wasn't surprised by Maine's execution but was caught off-guard by his team's lack luster effort.

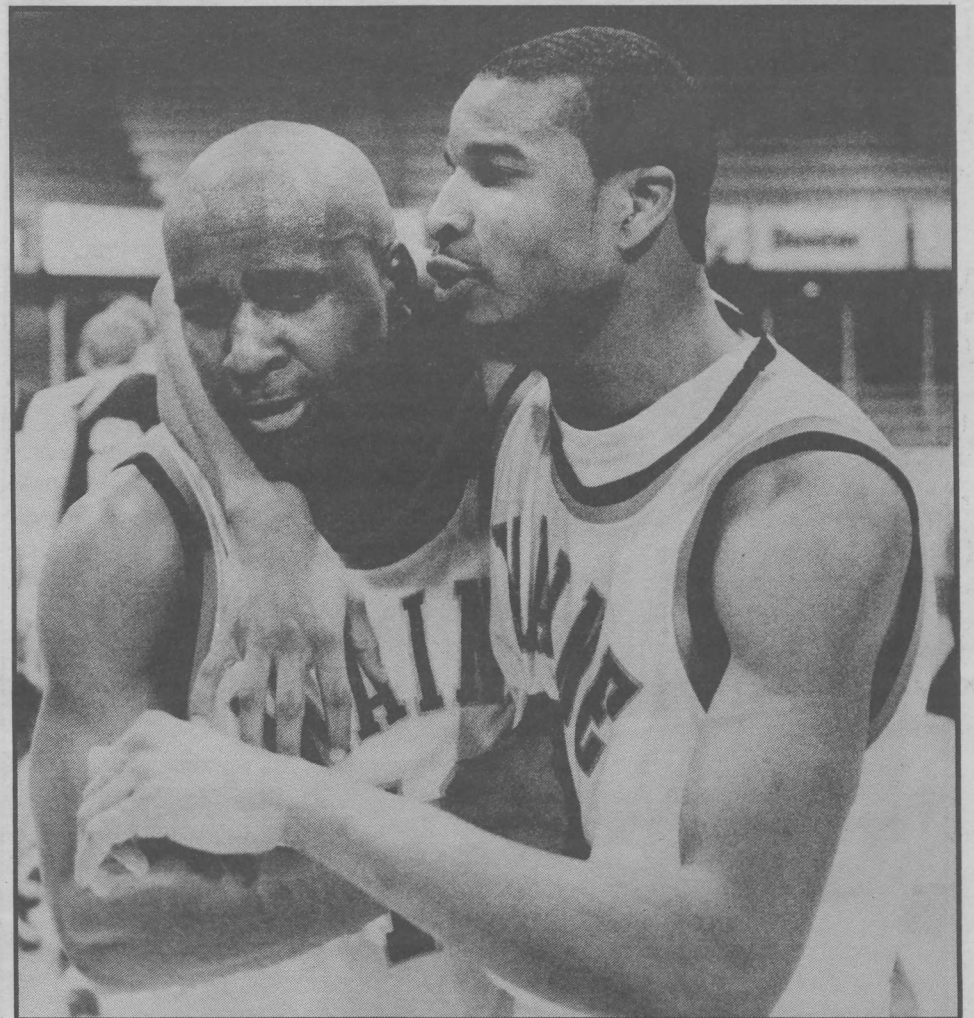
"I was more surprised by how badly we played, we played without any kind of intensity," Brennan said.

The Black Bears opened an 38-27 lead at the 10:11 mark when Ledbetter made one of two free throws.

Vermont cut the margin to 43-38 when Tobe Carberry stuck a three-pointer with 5:12 left in regulation. After Rahsaan Thompson jammed in an assist from Corey Thibodeau, the Catamounts made a lay-up followed by a thunderous slam-dunk by Craig Peper to cut the deficit to 47-43 with just 3:05 remaining.

The Black Bears kept their composure for the next three minutes, withstanding intense full-court pressure from the defense, and held off Vermont from the foul line sinking nine shots in the final 55 seconds.

Faison was ecstatic about the win and was quick to praise the team for coming together. "I told them that we couldn't have done this without each other. We played well because we played together and stuck up for each other and we believed in each other."



Maine forward Rahsaan Thompson puts an arm around center Allen Ledbetter after the Bears knocked off the Catamounts 56-48 last night. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Column

Stick this in your pipe...

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

While digging through some old microfilm a few months ago, I unearthed an old Portland Press Herald column by Hank Burns from 1977, in which he listed a number of sports-related items that he termed "bush"—stuff like Howard Cosell, aluminum bats, and Bruce Jenner on Wheaties boxes.

Needless to say, this is a list in dire need of updating. And so, with all due apologies to Mr. Burns and the Press Herald, here is the 1990s guide to what's bush in sports (though a few non-sports goodies are tossed in as well).

- T-shirts with "UMaine Engineering" emblazoned on the front are bush.

- Placing AstroTurf in the new Alford Stadium is bush.

- Those UMaine hats with the "M" in a circle are bush.

- Boston University axing football on Homecoming Day is very bush.

- Monday Night Football became bush whenever Frank Gifford or Dan Dierdorf opened their mouths (Thank God Gifford got axed. Now if they could only do something about Dierdorf...).

- The Carolina Hurricanes are bush.

- Sterling and Shannon Sharpe are equally bush.

- Dan Shaughnessy is so bush that if he was on a cruise and was tossed overboard, the other passengers would hand him an anchor instead of a life preserver. And no charges would be filed, either.

- People who jog in the middle of the street at 5 a.m. in the middle of a rainstorm are bush.

- Indoor soccer is bush.

- Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo is bush for throwing \$18 million at Andy Benes after saying he wouldn't give out any big-money contracts.

- The Orlando Magic's p.a. announcer is totally bush.

- Anyone who defends Albert Belle is bush.

- Any injury report listed as "day-to-day" is bush.

- Putting the World Series and All-star Game logos on the players' hats is really, really bush.

- All multipurpose stadiums are bush.

- The UNH hockey fans are bush.

- Any NBA promotional spot with a Hollywood phony proclaiming, "I Love This Game!" is terribly bush.

- Shaquille O'Neal's attempts at acting are bush.

- Channel 5's pre-empting of last November's Florida-Florida State game in favor of "Xena" is so bush that it's not even funny.

- The way Jerome Bettis markets himself (e.g., "The Bus") is bush.

- Fantasy leagues are bush, as is anyone who cheerfully brags about playing in one.

- NBC's refusal to put the game score on the screen is bush.

- Those New York Yankees hats that

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• Men's hockey

Home ice chase begins

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

After invading New Hampshire's lair and pulling out one of the year's more impressive wins, Maine men's hockey coach Shawn Walsh was pleased with the effort his team put forth.

However, he isn't popping any champagne bottles and he isn't basking in the moment of beating one of the nation's top teams, either.

"That game is over," Walsh said.

Although that game is a product of the delete command, the result of tomorrow night's matchup with the Northeastern Huskies could imprint itself upon the mind for the rest of the season should the Black Bears falter at home.

"This game is fairly big," senior captain defenseman Brian White said. "It's real important to come up with a win."

The Black Bears are in a hotly contested race for the fourth and final home ice berth in the Hockey East playoffs, and the Huskies stand in their way.

With the Huskies (15-8-2, 9-6-2 in Hockey East) holding a four-point lead over the Bears (10-11-3, 7-9-2 in HE),

Walsh said the significance of the game — the first of three against Northeastern this month — is immeasurable regarding the playoffs.

"It's an important game because it will directly affect home ice," Walsh said.

"It's the biggest game of the year," freshman defenseman Adam Tate said. "It's the most important game of the year and it's good it's at home. Everything is coming together."

And it has. The Bears held a potent Wildcat squad to just 17 shots Sunday, and slowly the team defense has emerged as a catalyst for the team's stretch drive toward the playoffs.

"We've been working on defense for awhile now," Tate said. "Our team defense is really improved. Everybody's picking up the man they are supposed to pick up. It's a good team concept."

The Bears have not seen the Huskies up close this season, which is already five months old. Tate said it is odd not to have played a team so late in the season.

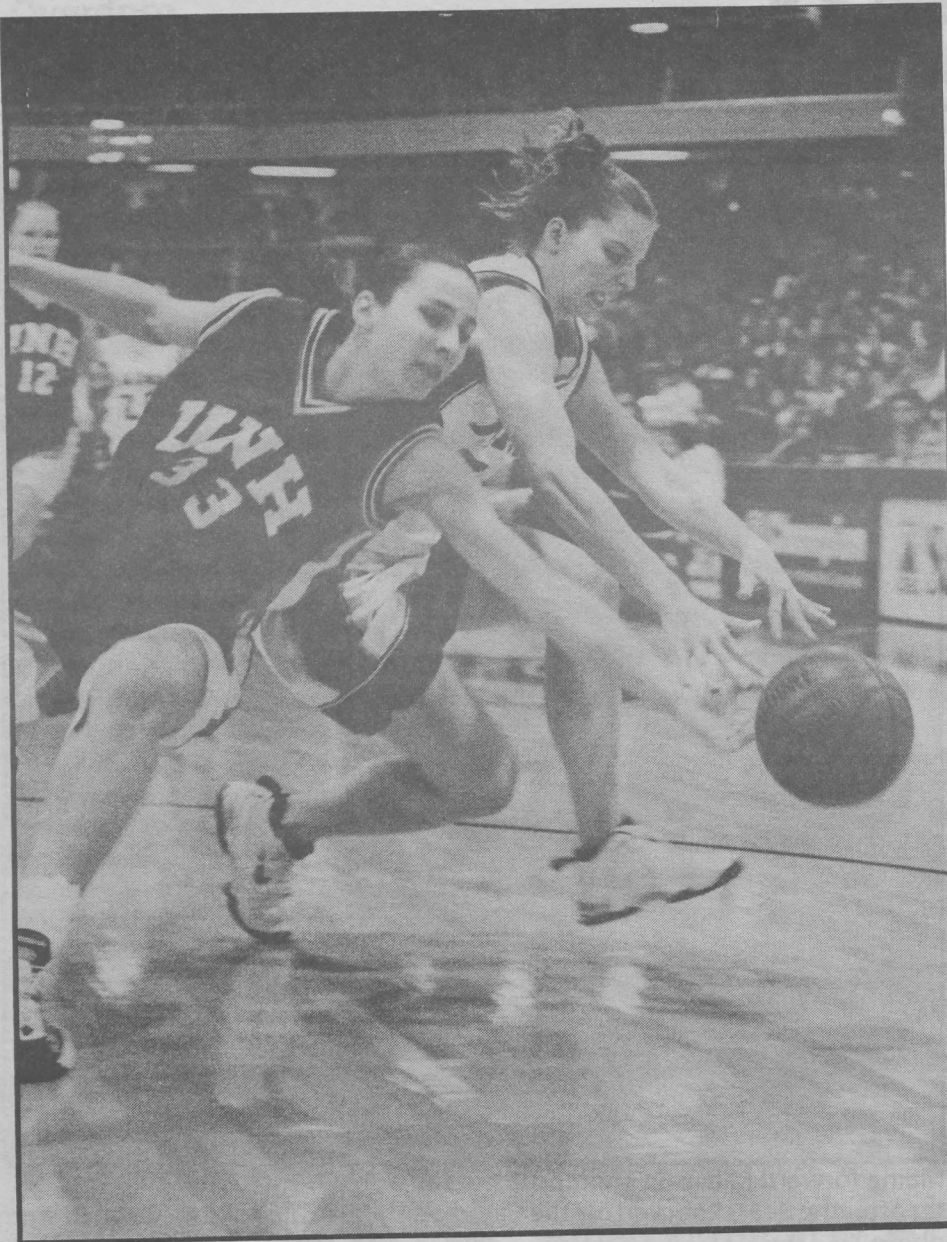
"I looked at the schedule and I couldn't believe it," Tate said. "It was kind of

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FROM THE DEN

In 1977-78 the University of Maine women's swim team went a perfect 11-0 and won its first New England Championship. Maine defeated Canadian College Champions Acadia University that season and won the NE Championships by more than 120 points.





The UMaine women's hoop team will look to stretch its lead over Vermont in America East standings when the 'Cats invade Orono tonight. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Women's basketball

America East race heats up

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

Coming off four straight regular season conference championships, it was expected Maine would breeze through the America East schedule this season.

But having dropped two of its last three league games, that is no longer a reality. This makes Maine's Wednesday night home encounter against Vermont that much more important.

The Black Bears stand at 8-2 in the conference, 13-4 overall, just percentage points in front of the 8-3 Catamounts, 13-6 overall, led by first-year coach Keith Cieplicki.

It will be Maine's third straight home game on their five-game home stand.

This game will also have a major impact on the America East tournament to be held at Alford Arena in March. Towson State is in third place with an 8-4 mark, and Hartford is in fourth at 7-4.

The Catamounts finished last season at 21-8, and finished second in the conference for the second straight season.

Vermont brings 1996-97 All-Rookie selection Karalyn Church to the table, the No. 2-ranked scorer in America East with 24.5 ppg. Church also poses a threat on the glass, taking in 7.5 rpg, good for sixth in the league.

The Black Bear front line will have

their hands full taking the ball away from the Catamounts, as three players are in the top ten in rebounding.

Church, Karena Zornow and Kate Cronin combine for 21 rebounds a game. Zornow and Church also are No. 3 and 4, respectively, in blocks.

The backcourt will feature a battle between the two assist leaders in Amy Vachon and Lori Taylor.

The sophomore point guard from Cony High School has nearly surpassed her '96-'97 totals, while Taylor was ranked in the top 20 nationally last season for assists.

Maine defeated Vermont three times last season, twice in the regular season and once in the 1996-97 America East tournament final.

Game Notes: The Black Bears have fallen below last season's offensive output of 80.5 ppg, while their defensive allowance has gone up to 65.8 ppg, just eighth in the league.

Maine has not scored above 80 points since an early January win over Boston University...Maine and Vermont are one-two in six categories including offense, scoring margin, and field goal percentage.

The Stat Line: Cindy Blodgett is back on top of the conference scoring race at 27.3 ppg. The senior is No. 4 in field goal pct., No. 1 in 3-point pct., No. 3 in assists and No. 4 in free throw pct.

Frontcourt mate Jamie Cassidy is up to third with 18.8 ppg. Cassidy is No. 3 in rebounds with 8.8 a game, and is second in blocks with 1.76 a contest.

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Hockey

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Maine head coach Shawn Walsh knows how big Thursday night's game against Northeastern is. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

ridiculous, but we'll come up with a game plan."

White agreed.

"It is strange [having not seen Northeastern all year] and you would like to get a feel for a team earlier. However, they are in the same boat. They haven't seen us, either."

Northeastern is coming off a rebuilding year last season in which they won just eight games. This season, however, they have doubled that total, thanks in part to the teachings of former Boston Bruin Bruce Crowder.

Crowder, in his second year behind the Northeastern bench, served as an assistant to Walsh from 1986-1990 and has re-energized the Huskies and turned them into a legitimate contender for the Hockey East crown this year.

They are led by one of the league's hottest goalies in Marc Robitaille, which Walsh says will be a pivotal key to the game.

"We'll have to get to him," Walsh said.

"He's a terrific goalie."

Robitaille has posted 16 wins in his sophomore season and has registered a minuscule 2.84 goals against average.

Aside from riding the play of a solid goaltender, the Huskies are paced offensively by a physical unit including Brian Cummings and Justin Kearns.

Paw Prints

The Black Bears have only lost one game in February since 1996.

The Bears are 15-12-5 against the Huskies in the Alford.

Maine goalie Alfie Michaud should reach the 1,000-save plateau of his career, as he needs just one more to eclipse that barrier.

Maine captain Steve Kariya is ranked No. 17 in the nation in points per game with 1.50. He is also tied for third in the country in power play goals with eight.

There are still about 750 tickets remaining for the contest in a game that will dictate the Black Bears' chance to garner a home ice slot in the league playoffs.

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Column

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come in any color EXCEPT navy blue are bush.

- Cheesehead hats are rapidly becoming bush.

- Any minor league team with a "cute" logo or a two-part name (e.g., "Ice Bats") is bush.

- Dennis Rodman is bush.

- But so isn't dissing Dennis Rodman.

- "I survived the '98 Ice Storm" T-shirts are tacky as well as bush.

- Needless to say, the Wave is bush.

- Basketball and hockey coaches who don't wear ties (see the now-unemployed Doug Collins) are bush.

- The zone blitz is bush.

- NBA teams that can win without scoring 90 points are bush.

- Playing a tape of organ music at a hockey game instead of an actual organ is really bush.

- The fact that you have to throw four pitches for an intentional walk is bush.

- Putting pro football and hockey in

Nashville is bush.

- College football and basketball teams that preach endlessly about tradition and then see nothing wrong with putting a big fat "swoosh" on the front of the shirts are bush.

- The fact that a pack of baseball cards now costs more than a pack of ciggies is bush.

- Selling cappuccino at hockey games is bush.

- QVC selling Denver Broncos Super Bowl championship merchandise mere seconds after the final gun is extremely bush.

- The movement to put Shoeless Joe in the Hall of Fame is bush, even if it is being led by Ted Williams.

- So is the "bring back instant replay" movement.

- Batters who erase the back end of the batter's box at the beginning of every game are bush.

- Kevin Greene, Ricky Watters, Bryan Cox, Keyshawn Johnson, Greg Lloyd, Carmen Policy, and any of the other crybabies

in the NFL are bush.

- FOX's Howie Long is bush for his continuous defense of them.

- Anything out of Stuart Scott's mouth on "NFL Primetime" or "SportsCenter" is bush.

- So is anything out of Roger Clemens' mouth, for that matter.

- The ESPY's are hideously bush.

- The fact that Yale has two nicknames (Bulldogs and Elis) is bush. Just what the hell is an Eli, anyway?

- The Metrodome is bush.

- The NHL's in-the-crease rule is bush.

- Old-Timers Days were once cute, but now they're bush, too.

- Any cable outlet that doesn't carry the Classic Sports Network is bush.

- Harness racing is bush.

- People who slam the AFC are bush.

- The Major League Baseball Players Association is bush.

- Releasing merchandise of expansion teams that don't play for another three years

is bush.

- The new Mighty Ducks shirts are bush.

- Grown men wearing those new Mighty Ducks shirts are bush.

- Keith Olbermann is totally bush.

- People who tuck in their hockey shirts are bush.

- Any team that wears an anniversary patch just for the sake of wearing a special patch is bush. Who really cares about a team's 95th anniversary?

- The lack of support for men's hoops here is bush.

- Any schmuck in a white hat with "Cocks" emblazoned on the front is bush.

- All other white collegiate hats are bush, for that matter. The same goes for those "U.S. Baseball/Hockey/Golf" hats that seem to be the rage among college preppies.

- People who waste their time complaining about what's bush are probably the bushiest ones of them all.

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