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• Lifestyle

Greek outlook hopeful

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

Greeks on campus are positive about their organizations' survival at UMaine, despite legislation last fall that sought to ban them and the looming possibility of similar legislation within the year.

"Our future is strong," Jerry Graffam, Inter Fraternity Council president, said. "We're not going to back down. We will do everything in our power to educate the legislature."

Last October, State Rep. Christopher O'Neil, D-Saco, submitted "An Act to Ban All Fraternities At the University Of Maine System" after a constituent approached him with the argument that Greek organizations shouldn't receive public dollars for needs such as plowing and security. Since the bill was not of an emergency nature, it was killed without entering a debate phase.

In the University of Maine System, Greeks have a strong presence on five campuses. The University of Maine at Farmington is the only campus which has banned Greeks, and the University of Maine at Augusta only has one Greek honor society.

"It's not like I hate college kids, partying and beer," O'Neil said recently in an interview from his home. "I don't mean any ill to anyone up there."

However, O'Neil has promised that similar legislation will be put forth again.

"There's some definite resolve out there to see this thing gets its day in court," he said. "The bottom

line is, you guys have a year to make your case and make sure things are tidy."

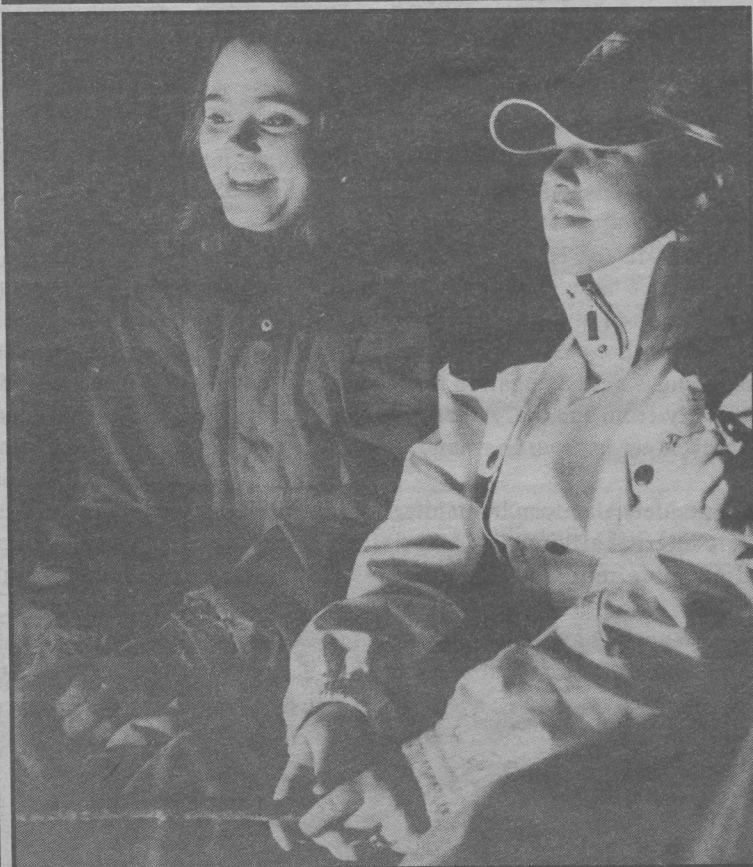
In a letter dated Jan. 15, 1998 to Robert Dana, O'Neil wrote, "The people of Saco are much more apt to equate fraternities with drunken debauchery than with civic philanthropy... Furthermore, every time Greeks make a dubious headline at MIT, Boston University, or Bowdoin, prejudice deepens for Orono."

Dana, the associate dean of students and community life, is unfazed by both the legislation and O'Neil's letter.

"I'm not concerned about it [the bill] in any way, shape or form," he said. "I really don't think this is a threat. It's more a 'Tell me about what's happening.' And I think we have a good story to tell."

While confident in their system's

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Tessa Lawrence (left) and Heather Friedman toast marshmallows at the Beta Theta Pi sleepout for the homeless. (Chris Taggart photo.)

• Sleep-out

Beta aids shelter

By Amanda Leavitt
Special to the Campus

More than 100 people braved the elements Friday night to raise money for Spruce Run, a domestic violence shelter, as part of the fifth annual Beta Theta Pi sleep-out.

"(People) were willing to stand up against domestic violence in the hopes that others will be willing to also," Matt Lord, Beta Theta Pi philanthropy chair, said.

Traditionally an event to raise awareness of the growing homelessness problem, the fraternity members decided to tackle one of the causes of homelessness this year.

"Domestic violence robs people of their homes and their dignity," Roger Drahiem, Beta press chair, said.

The brothers and other members of the community created an almost-festive atmosphere with their bonfire, the good-natured teasing and the sledding, all in abundance. With an array of speakers and the presence of the beneficiary, the true purpose of the evening was not lost.

Rebecca Hobbs, spokesperson for Spruce Run who was present at Friday night's vigil, feels the sleep-out will bring a rise in awareness and volunteers to her organization.

Drahiem felt that this year, it was important to "attack an issue not only under-represented, but that transgressed all social boundaries."

Public Safety Officer Deb

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• Recreation

UMaine maintains hiking trail system

By Chris Corio
Special to the Campus

Not everyone who is dissatisfied with something takes the initiative to change it. When Christopher Dorion attempted to go skiing on the university's trails six years ago, the condition of the trails was somewhat less than ideal.

"The trails were all overgrown, stumpy and mucky," Dorion said. This prompted him to consult with forest manager Chuck Simpson, and a plan was made to improve

the trail system. Dave Fowler and George Smith of Facilities Management provided fill material from construction projects on campus to cover the trails, deteriorating from increased use, Dorion said. Along with a crew from the Maine Outing Club, Witter Farm staff, and various volunteers, Dorion began his ongoing maintenance of the trails.

Dorion, an Orono resident who graduated UMaine with a master's degree in geology in 1996, now has a geologic consulting business which keeps him busy. Still, he

puts in eight hours of work on the trails every week during the winter months, and four or five Saturdays every fall. When asked how he manages to fit this into his schedule, Dorion replied that "you just have to be organized with your time." He added that he doesn't watch TV, "which is the biggest thing — it frees up a lot of time," and that he doesn't go to parties.

"No TV and no parties," Dorion chuckles.

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• Sea Grant

Partnership sustains marine research program

By Elizabeth Beaulieu
Maine Campus staff

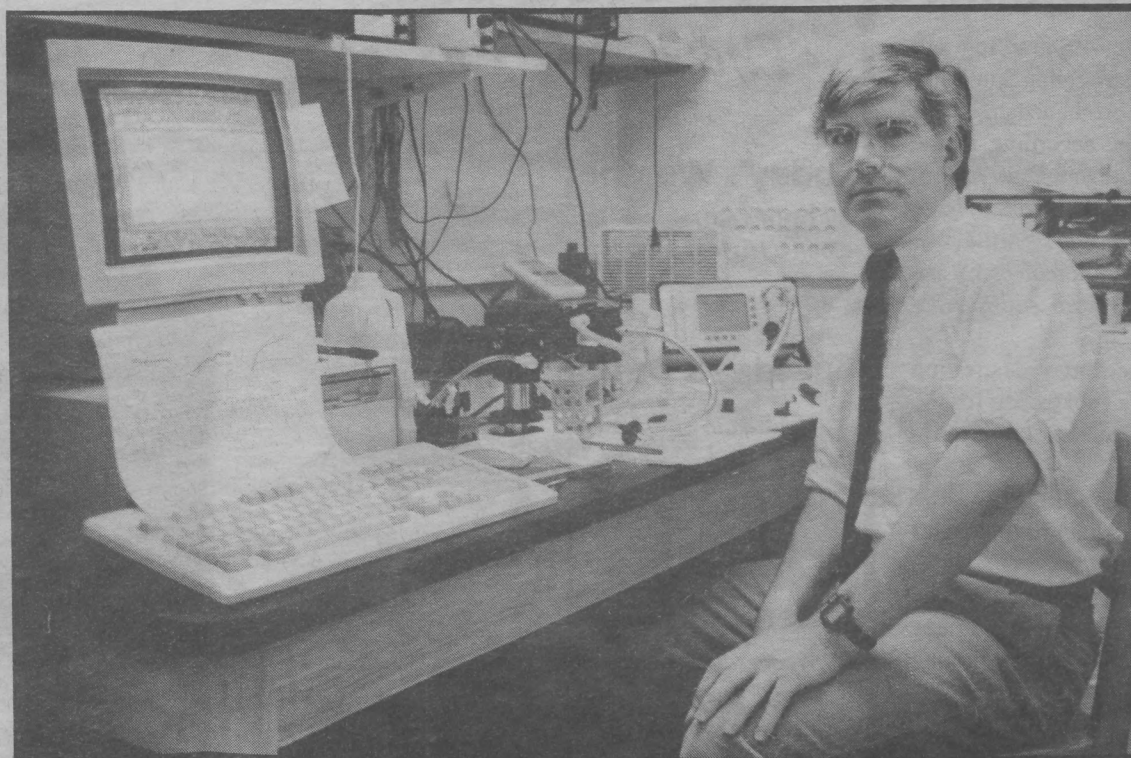
Sea Grant sponsors research in the marine sciences that influences and involves the community, according to Ian Davison, the interim director at Sea Grant and professor of botany and marine sciences.

"It's not just the quality of science," Davison said. "It's how it impacts. Science is related to resources."

Since 1981, the Maine/New Hampshire Sea Grant College Program has funded research that has obvious use to the area, such as the ecology of the lobster, Davison said.

Located in Coburn Hall, the program is a federal and state partnership, which means the university is required to donate 50 cents for every dollar the federal program donates. In 1998, the program will

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Ian Davison of Sea Grant. (Eric Weisz photo.)

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WORLD BRIEFS

• Denied

Foreign mediators refused entry

1 ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Algeria refused permission Sunday to a visiting European Parliament delegation that had asked to visit sites of recent massacres in the insurgency-racked country.

Nine European lawmakers arrived in the North African nation Sunday to discuss ways of ending six years of violence that has claimed tens of thousands of lives.

During their five-day visit, the Europeans plan to meet with politicians, human rights and women's groups, and relatives of those killed in the Islamic insurgency.

"We have come to listen and understand," said delegation leader Andre Soulier, a member of the European People's Party from France, Algeria's former colonial ruler. The delegation also includes representatives from Germany, Austria, Belgium, Spain and Greece.

Algiers has long resisted visits by outsiders and even humanitarian aid, saying it amounted to meddling in the country's internal affairs.

Algerian Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia reiterated Saturday his rejection of "any foreign interference."

He also threatened to take legal action against anybody "slandering" Algeria's army by claiming they might be behind some of the recent massacres.

• Update

Pilots express sympathy for victims

2 TRENTO, Italy (AP) — The four crew members of the Marine jet that brought down a cable car loaded with skiers expressed sympathy Sunday to friends and relatives of the 20 victims, and said they would never deliberately jeopardize lives.

"What occurred on Feb. 3 was a tragedy," the statement released by the men's lawyer said. "We cherish life and take our jobs very seriously. We would never do anything to purposely endanger the lives of others. We all share in your tremendous loss."

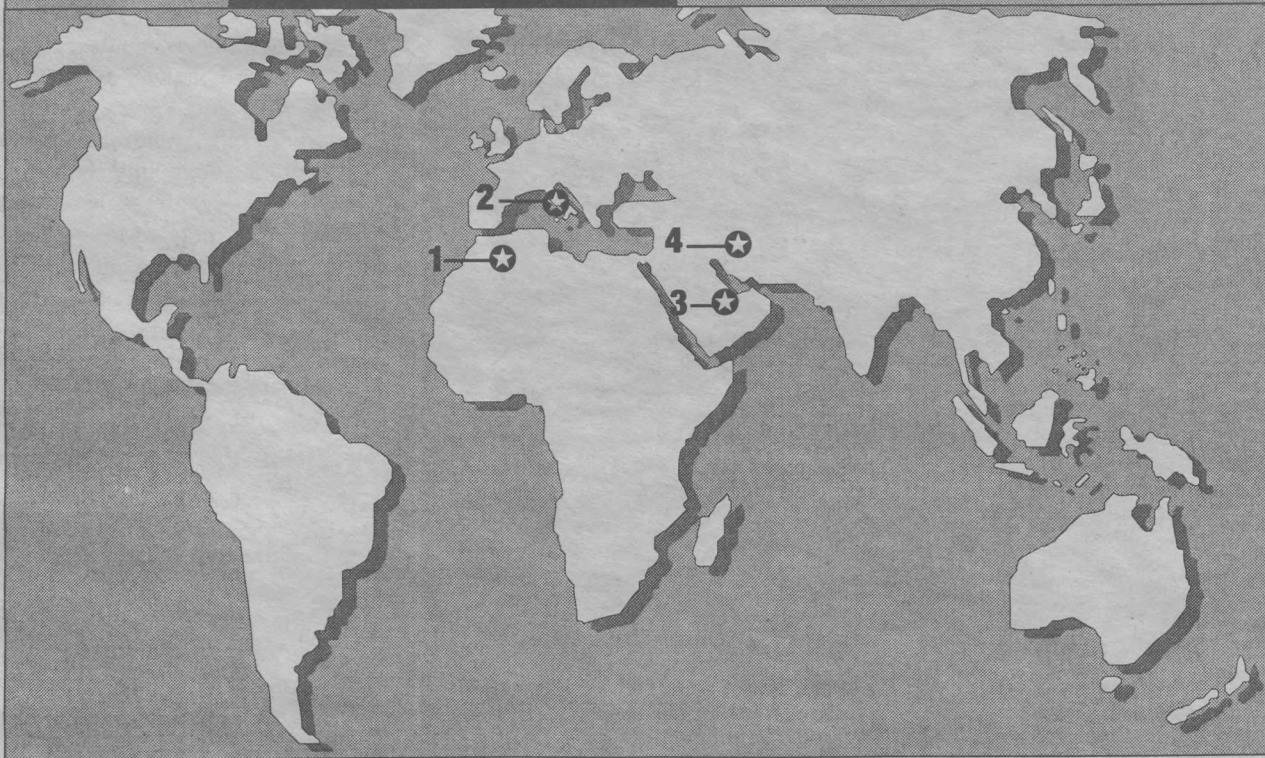
The message carried the signatures of the pilot, Capt. Richard Ashby, 30, of Mission Viejo, Calif., and Capt. Joseph Schweitzer, 30, of Westbury, N.Y.; William Raney II, 26, of Englewood, Colo., and Chandler Seagraves, 28, of Nineveh, Ind.

A U.S.-Italian inquiry is under way to determine why the jet swept so low over an Alpine ski resort Tuesday, slicing a cable and sending the gondola crashing into the slopes of Mount Cermis, killing all 20 people aboard.

The U.S. military has acknowledged the plane was well below the approved altitude of 500 feet.

The crew members, assigned to the Air Force base in Aviano, northeast Italy, have been grounded during the investigation. They have refused to talk to Italian investigators.

WORLD DIGEST



• Surprise

Cohen announces U.S. intentions at conference

3 JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The United States won't ask to launch air strikes against Iraq from military bases in Saudi Arabia, Defense Secretary William Cohen announced Sunday.

The defense secretary said such a request is unnecessary because enough firepower would be in place elsewhere in the region within a short time. But the acknowledgment appeared to recognize Saudi sensitivities over launching an attack on a fellow Arab state.

"We've not made such a request, and I don't intend to make such a request," Cohen told reporters accompanying him on a four-day series of meetings with Persian Gulf leaders on the standoff with Iraq. "It's not my intent to make such a request because we don't think it's necessary."

The surprise admission came as Cohen left Europe, where he had sought support for the tough U.S. stand against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's refusal to abide by United Nations weapons inspections.

The United States and Britain have threatened to attack Iraq if it does not give unconditional access to U.N. inspectors who are charged with overseeing the dismantling of Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

• Relief effort

Aid workers face severe conditions in mountains

4 KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Snow, fog and civil war slowed relief workers struggling Sunday to reach quake-stricken northeast Afghanistan, where new tremors killed up to 250 people, according to the military alliance that controls the remote mountain region.

Between 2,150 and 4,850 people are believed to have been killed in Wednesday's 6.1-magnitude earthquake and its aftershocks, and thousands left homeless by the tremors and landslides are suffering from subfreezing temperatures.

"Another quake hit Takhar province today, destroying three more villages," said Abdullah, a spokesman for the military alliance, said by satellite phone. Like many Afghans, he uses only one name.

He said 250 people were killed and 50 injured in the latest tremor in the Rustaq district of Takhar province, 150 miles north of the Afghan capital, Kabul.

Sunday's shaking caused more problems for international aid agencies, which have been scrambling to get emergency supplies to Rustaq, which is ringed by mountains and blanketed in snow.

Local rescue teams "are working very hard, but are desperate for outside help," said Sebgatullah Zaki, a representative of the military alliance in neighboring Pakistan.

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather

Cold, more sun than clouds. High of 34.



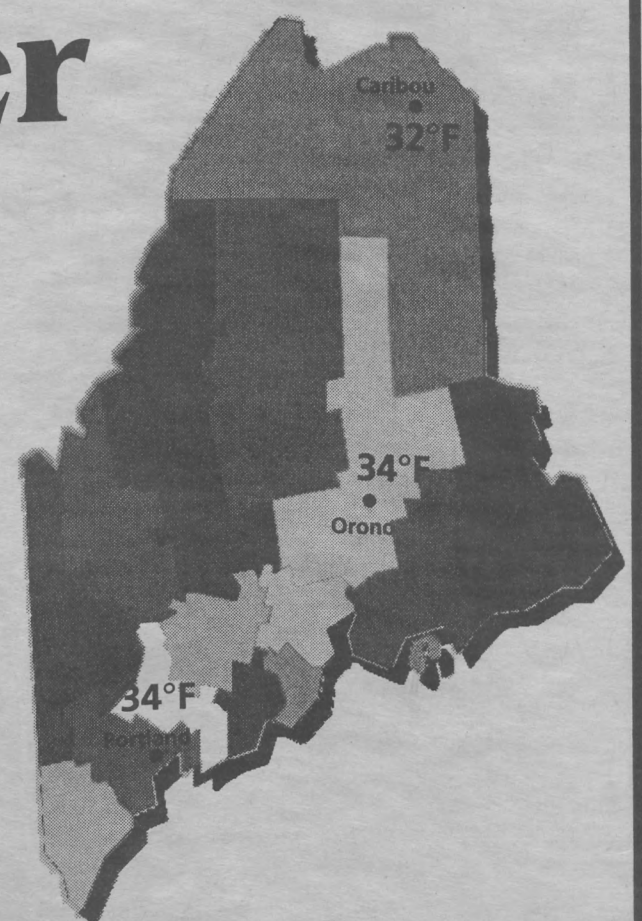
Tuesday's Outlook

Cold again with more sun than clouds, highs near 39.



Extended Forecast

Wednesday... Cold, mainly sunny. Thursday... Cold, mainly cloudy, possible sleet. Friday... Cold, overcast, maybe some rain.



• Academics

Math lab helps students

By Judy Williams
Maine Campus staff

The university's math lab is a helpful place for students enrolled in low level math courses to get help, but many students don't take advantage of it.

"The math lab is a quick and easy place to get help with your homework," Phil Locke, a math professor, said. "I believe that the lab is under-utilized. I think there are an awful lot of students who could benefit from it who don't come."

Students can't always find a professor to

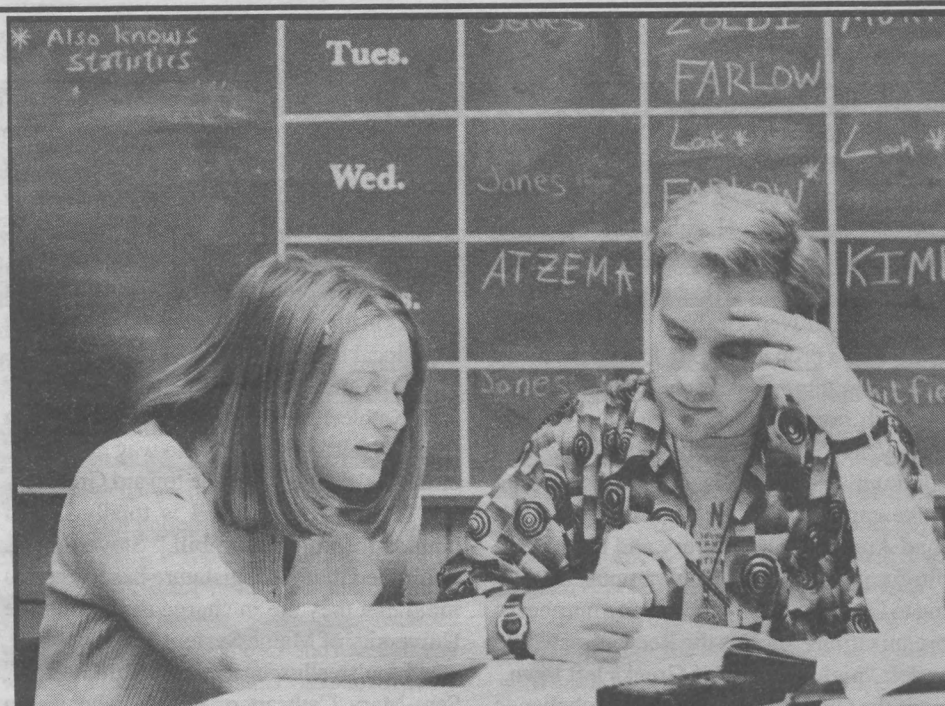
help them, and the math lab is a place they can always find help, Locke said.

Faculty, graduate students and junior and senior math majors are available for those who need help.

Alex Dobrovolsky, a math graduate student, works in the lab and believes it benefits math students.

"Here you have a one to one setup and it's much better than one to twenty in the classroom. This way I can see problems and have an

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Graduate student Dan Locke tutors first-year student Kim Handcock in calculus at the math lab in 116 Neville Hall. (Jason Canniff photo.)

Beta

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Mitchell, who spoke briefly at Friday's function, agreed with him.

"It can happen to doctors, lawyers, to the rich and to the poor," she said from the steps of the Beta Theta Pi house.

Robert Dana, the assistant dean of community life, also made an appearance to show his support of the Greek endeavor.

"The entire tide of humanity rises with action like this," says Dana.

The Beta sleep-out required an immense amount of work, with planning beginning last semester. The brothers began by sending out packets of information, and dividing the local

businesses between them. Each brother was assigned four businesses to solicit for funds. Area businesses such as J.J. Nissen and Murray's Garage were among the supporters. A large number of smaller businesses also contributed gift certificates and food to the sleep-out.

Gamma Sigma Sigma, Pi Kappa Epsilon, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Zeta, Phi Mu, Alpha Phi and Kappa Lambda Pi (from Husson College) all participated in the event.

"It is great to see everyone out here tonight, and I know we'll stay warm because there are a lot of warm hearts here," said Gamma Sigma Sigma sister Susan Moore.

Trails

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Dorion has continued to work with Simpson on managing the trail network for skiers, mountain bikers, runners, and now horseback riders. He maintains a total of 15km (9 miles) of trails, one-third of which have been added since 1991.

"We don't want to get in the way of people working, either Witter Farm or campus workers; we want to work with people," Dorion says. He adds that university forestry operations are also a consideration when planning trail use.

The network is unique, Dorion says, because the forest is easily accessible by people on campus.

"You can be out in the middle of the woods, and have peace and quiet — it's a good way to put things in perspective," Dorion said.

Dorion first became aware of the advantages of the university's trails in a most unusual way. He said that while flying back from Antarctica several years ago, he spotted an article in the airline's magazine. The accompanying photo depicted a man in a

business suit holding a pair of skis, and in the caption the man remarked that he could ski to work — at the University of Maine in Orono.

"The trails provide an alternative mode of transportation to get to campus — you don't have to worry about driving and parking; you can ski to campus in winter, and walk or bike in the summer."

Besides utilitarian uses, the university trails provide opportunities to view wildlife and nature. During his time out in the forest, Dorion has seen bear, birds, and many deer, including an albino buck. Trail number eight winds around a beautiful stand of red pine. Some of the funding for the trail maintenance has come from a gift account started in 1990 by the University of Maine Skiing Alumni, "which could use contributions," Dorion said.

Dave Ames and Thad Dwyer of Recreational Sports have also helped out with a lot of trail work, and anybody wanting to get involved or find out more about the Feb. 14 ski race should contact Dwyer at 581-1081.

Domestic Abuse Facts

"Domestic violence is when any person is controlled emotionally, and physically, by another member of their household," according to Deb Mitchell of Public Safety.

Mitchell, who is co-chair of the Rape Awareness Council, attended last Friday's sleep-out to help raise awareness of the problem.

"Warning signs are everywhere in a relationship. If you or someone you know is in a possibly violent relationship, seek help," Mitchell said.

Mitchell listed some basic warning signs to look for:

1. Your partner tells you how to dress.
2. Your partner insists on control over the money.
3. Your partner attempts to keep you from socializing with your friends.
4. Your partner keeps a record of the car mileage.

If you feel a friend may potentially be in a dangerous situation, Mitchell advises not to try to force them to get help.

"Try to make them realize what is going on, but do not force them into anything; they are already in a controlling atmosphere," she said.

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Greeks

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future, some Greeks at UMaine are upset to see this issue was even brought to the legislature.

"(When) somebody's trying to outlaw the organization you belong to, you're kind of taken aback," Jason Libby of Lambda Chi Alpha said. "I find it really hard to believe this is a really major issue people need to waste their time on."

Of Rep. O'Neil, Graffam said, "It's somebody who's probably pretty low on the totem pole and wants to make a name in the media."

Both pointed to the amount of philanthropy and alumni dollars the university community would miss if Greeks were to leave campus. Without alumni funds, Alford Arena, Fogler Library and Hauck Auditorium would not be on campus, according to Graffam. Libby predicted a number of organizations, such as the Red Cross, would be left "high and dry" if Greeks left town.

If the Greek system is to face a challenge from Augusta, support from UMaine administrators is going to be needed.

"The administration, from the president on down, is supportive," Dana said.

Due to their schedules, President Peter Hoff and Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart were not available for comment this week.

However, not everyone is confident that

they can rely on administrative support.

"It doesn't seem like the administration could care less if we're here or not," Ron Milley of Sigma Chi said. After seeing one fraternity after another leave campus, he believes the future of Greeks at UMaine is quite uncertain.

Any bills involving the banishment of Greeks in the near future seem to have support from local legislators.

"I'd vote against it if I had the chance," Rep. Kathleen Stevens, D-Orono, said, adding Rep. O'Neil's bill was "in no way reflective" of the legislature's attitude toward Greeks.

"I think Rep. O'Neil is totally out of bounds to propose the bill," Stevens said. She added that the legislature has to keep in mind that they are in charge of funding the University of Maine System, not running it.

"I don't really see a threat to them [Greeks]," Sen. Mary Cathcart of Orono, who was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi in college, said.

Both IFC and the Panhellenic Council are gathering information about the Greek system to demonstrate that the good of having Greeks on campus outweighs any bad.

"I'm confident we're going to have a good future," Jenn Nelson, president of Panhel, said.

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LEGAL

affairs

BY TED CURTIS

Legal Affairs involve public policy as well as individual incidents. On February 10th, a referendum will be held statewide on a law enacted last year by the Maine Legislature. The question posed is: "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?"

Maine citizens over the age of 18 are eligible to vote. Exercising the franchise is a right which rises to the level of a duty. Democracy works when the people participate. Maine has a long history of voter percentages that are usually the highest in the nation. That is a beneficial continuation of our region's earliest experiments in direct democracy, from the Mayflower Compact to town meetings. When I was a legislator, it was my privilege to sponsor the amendments to the U.S. and state constitutions to allow 18-year-old citizens to vote. It has been a great satisfaction personally that so many younger citizens have exercised the franchise.

Please help to continue our Maine tradition by voting tomorrow. Orono and Old Town polls will be open as follows:

Orono - 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Park Street and the Municipal Building next to the fire station.

Old Town - 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the following locations:

Ward 1 - Earland Slight Building.

Ward 2, Ward 2 (Precinct 1) and Ward 3 - K of C Hall.

Ward 4 - French Island Community Center.

By voting you will help repudiate the pessimists who predict that the voter turnout on this single-issue election will be low. See you at the polls!

Student Government Legal Services, provided by Curtis and Griffin, is located on the third floor of the Memorial Union (581-1789). Office hours are Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Curtis can also be reached via e-mail at TCurtis@Maine.Maine.edu. Copyright Theodore S. Curtis Jr. 1998.

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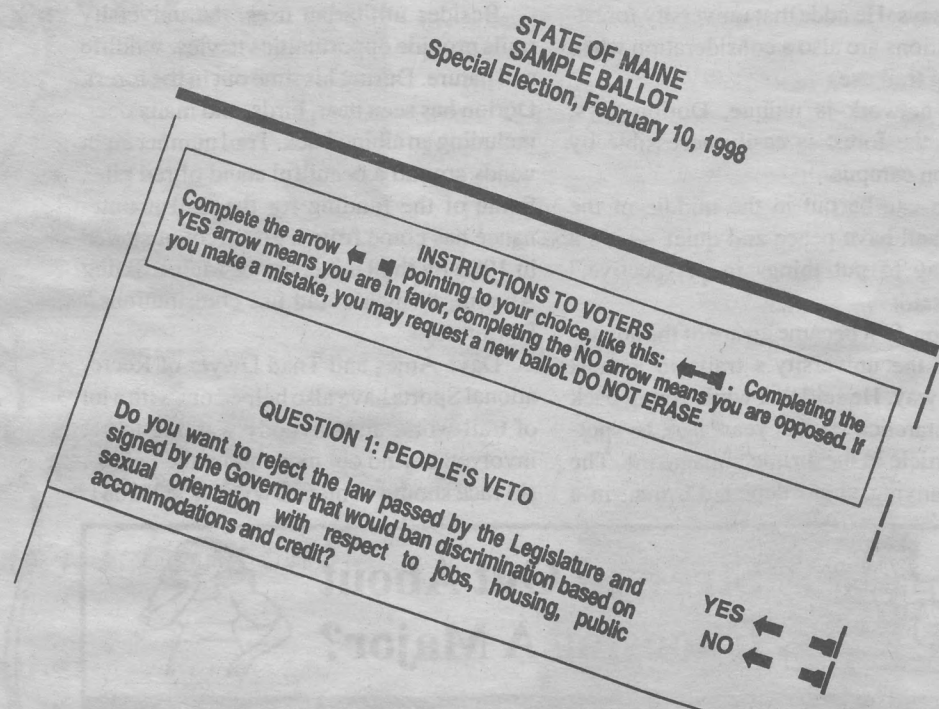
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• Maine Peace Action Committee

Hearts and minds opened at showing of Vietnam documentary

By Stan Dankoski
Maine Campus staff

Images of a trying Vietnam War brought conflicting opinions from the audience watching the Academy Award winning documentary, *Hearts and Minds*, last Thursday in the Donald P. Corbett Business Building.

Directed by Peter Davis, the film attempted to portray the "hearts and minds" of many soldiers and civilians involved in the war. The film has been shown for the past several years, and this year Davis was able to attend for a one-hour question and answer period after the two-hour film.

"I had a hard time with the film," said Susan Perrow, a senior sociology major who was in Vietnam during the conflict. "Our government is reflective of the people. We need to take these half-truths seriously. I haven't healed and I saw them not value life. This film

doesn't heal but promotes anger. We need to heal."

Davis responded, "I agree. I understand your emotions, but we need to make sure this [the Vietnam War] doesn't happen again."

The film, sponsored by the Peace and Justice Film Series and the Maine Peace Action Committee, included several stories of Vietnamese families torn apart through death or torture, as well as the soldiers' points of view.

Two Vietnamese men were shown walking about the ruins and saw Davis' cameramen. "Look," one man said. "They focus on us now. First they bomb us, then they film."

Another Vietnamese man lost seven children and had to make coffins out of bare wooden planks. He had buried them long ago, and he continued to make coffins for other bodies, mostly children, he said.

"The U.S. will never win," the coffin-maker said. "As long as we have rice to eat, we

will fight."

The film showed Lieutenant General Coker, who was captured for six years. He came back home to a hero's welcome, well after the end of the war. The Americans had had time to digest the war before he returned, yet his attitude had frozen: they were the enemy, we shall prevail.

"I will go back to Vietnam if I am ordered to," he told a crowd. He added: "If the going gets tough, the tough gets going." He then spoke to Vietnam veteran mothers.

The film ended on a shot of an endless row of graves, some empty and some full.

"I knew when I filmed this that I caught emotion at their highest," Davis said. "I noticed when I came in during the second half that you were all attentive. When this was shown in the '70s, people would start booing, especially at Coker."

"I noticed in the '70s," said one man in the audience, "a lot of violence and drug use after the war. A lot of homeless people are Vietnam vets."

"I don't think this was one-sided at all," said one man. "I first saw this years ago when I was in graduate school, and seeing this again, I am amazed. It was stunning. You saw soldiers say they regret what they did; you were practically in the battles yourself."

"Before we even started filming yet," said Davis, "I just hated the government because of all their lies. First thing I saw was a broken doll in a crater, from a bomb. Not a person, but a doll. Then a few yards away I saw a bicycle twisted around a tree. Broken crockery about the ground.... The first day I didn't care if the U.S. won the war, the North Vietnamese won the war, the Vietcong, or the Southern Vietnamese won the war, as

long as it was won right now."

Davis introduced UMaine English lecturer Bob Whalen, who was commissioned in 1962 as an infantry officer, with a start in ROTC. Whalen was in Vietnam in 1965, returned to the U.S. and trained soldiers how to fight in Vietnam, then went back to the war in 1968-1969.

"I first saw Davis' film in 1975," said Whalen. "I didn't see the first part, I got in a little late, but I went in the darkened theater and it was about three-quarters full of mostly men. After it was over, the lights went on and I saw the other guys. I sensed, I knew, that these men were also Vietnam vets, I could see it in their eyes. Everyone was silent. It was like being on a first date: you look at them and you don't know what to say."

Whalen said that the film has helped him throughout the years, but "I can't look at the image of the naked girl being napalmed or the woman holding the baby with its skin peeling off. I just can't. I left Vietnam hating America. I went to graduate school afterwards, and, around 1969, I politically agreed with the anti-war thinking."

Davis said he did not film one person who was not at one time or another pro-war.

Ngo Vinh Long, UMaine professor of Asian history, who introduced Davis for the post-film discussion session, told the audience of his experiences in the war. He fed wounded Vietnamese a mix of sugar and a little bit of water so that they could easily digest it and continue to live. Others would feed them rougher food that scraped their esophagi and tore their intestines apart. Ngo said he saved at least 2000 people.

"I'm convinced that more Vietnamese died from hunger than from bombs. At least four million died in total," Long said.

Sea

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receive \$2 million in federal grant money and \$1 million combined from the University of Maine and the University of New Hampshire, Davison said.

Past research has involved the creation of a treatment program by marine scientists at the university, which killed sea lice that were harming the salmon industry.

"Sea Grant is interested in supporting research that sustains and develops marine sciences," Davison said.

The Maine/New Hampshire Sea Grant College Program is a joint program because it was believed the two schools were not strong enough to support their own programs.

"The national office is interested in regionalization, so they are happy with the program," Davison said. "And it has an advantage because although New Hampshire doesn't have a coastline, there are marine scientists working in the Gulf of Maine."

Davison said no issue is unique to one state and both states can benefit from the research. The extensiveness of the program is a key feature.

"The university runs the program on behalf of the state," Davison said. "Sea Grant is situated at the university, but it is a state-wide responsibility."

Davison said numerous research pro-

posals compete for limited funding every year.

"It's very difficult because inevitably you are turning down proposals you'd like to fund," he said.

Half of the donated money is used to fund research and half of the money is used for outreach, Davison said.

"It's not only research," Davison said. "The community needs to see the results of the research and the implications for the general public and user groups."

Outreach involves communicating scientific information to the industry, Davison said.

"We have someone out there involved with the industry who can monitor what is going on," Davison said.

Outreach also involves newsletters and publications, said Susan White, the communications specialist for the program.

"We are constantly doing publications," White said. "We are doing 26 between now and June."

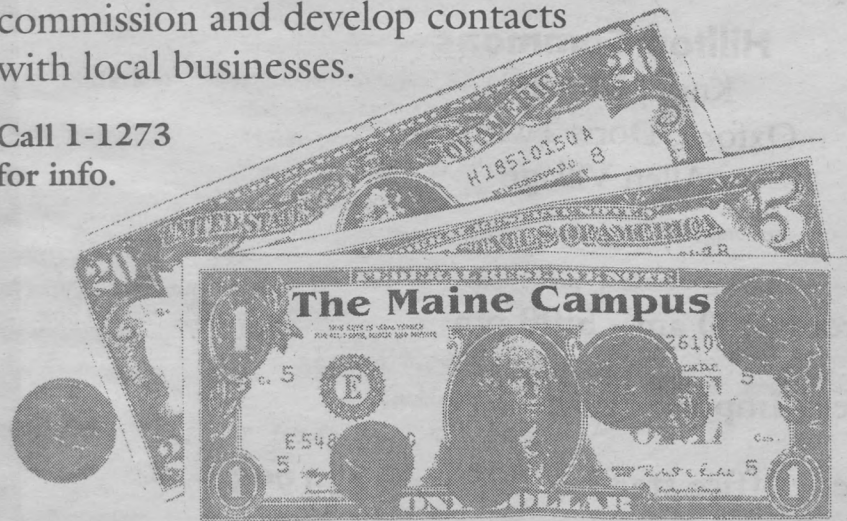
The publications include Year of the Ocean Calendar of Events and Habitat for Monitoring the Environment Guide. Seafare, the program's newsletter, informs people about what the program is doing, White said.

In addition to publications, Sea Grant has produced a video and fact sheet for a recent issue, whale intake reduction, White said.

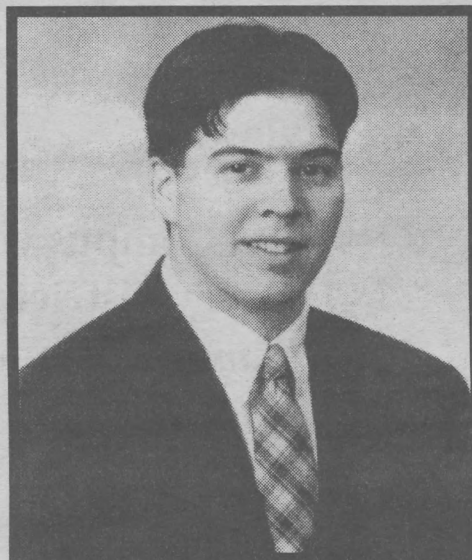
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STATE NEWS

• Democrats

Bowers announces gubernatorial bid, tax reform platform

AUGUSTA (AP) — Political activist James S. Bowers this weekend became the first Maine Democrat to formally announce his candidacy for the party's nomination for governor this year.

A certified public accountant from the Knox County town of Washington, Bowers served a term in the Maine House of Representatives in 1993-94 and has been treasurer of the state Democratic Party for the past six years.

The 46-year-old Bowers, who was traveling to municipal party caucuses in several towns and cities Sunday, said he is confident

he will soon have enough signatures on nominating petitions to get on the ballot.

"I'm just looking forward to having a lot of fun talking about the issues," Bowers said Sunday.

He lists as his top issues reducing the reliance on property taxes to fund public schools, providing more affordable health care and child care and ensuring a "guaranteed living wage."

Bowers' announcement came barely a week after Maine House Speaker Elizabeth H. Mitchell of Vassalboro said she would not seek the Democratic nomination to chal-

lenge independent Gov. Angus King, who is seeking a second, four-year term.

But Bowers may not be alone in the Democratic primary race. Thomas Connolly of Scarborough, a lawyer and delegate to the party's national convention in 1996, is also circulating nominating papers.

Gubernatorial candidates representing political parties have until March 15 to collect 2,000 signatures to get on the spring ballot. Connolly said he would announce his candidacy once he gathers the requisite number of signatures.

On the Republican side, three-term state

Rep. Henry Joy of Crystal is a candidate, while former state Education Commissioner Leo Martin of Kennebunkport said he may also enter the race for the GOP nomination.

Bill Clarke, who waged a long-shot bid for the U.S. Senate in 1996, is running as a candidate for the Maine Taxpayers Party, and Green Party member Pat LaMarche, a former radio talk-show personality from Freeport, is running.

Strategists for the two major parties have

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• Diversity

Black students at UMaine battle culture shock, social isolation

ORONO (AP) — When black students arrive at the University of Maine, the first question they are asked is often "What sport do you play?" rather than "What will you study?"

Of the 9,213 students enrolled at the university, only 66 — far less than 1 percent — identify themselves as black. Of those 66, 43 are athletes.

Arriving at a virtually all-white campus can trigger culture shock and feelings of isolation. At worst, there can be outright racial hostility — the kind that occurred in December when three white hockey players

left a slur-filled death threat on the voice mail of a black football player.

Most African-Americans on campus are satisfied that outright racism like that in the call to Dwayne Wilmot is rare. But other issues surface on a day-to-day basis: white students who don't make eye contact, slurs written on dormitory or bathroom walls, professors who refer to a group of black students sitting together in a classroom as "the scholarship section."

"The tension is there," says Bryan Michael Long, a fifth-year senior who completed an injury-plagued football career last fall. "I

think you can feel the tension more than you can see the actual racism. I think it's because there's a lack of understanding and a big level of ignorance."

Todd Williamson, fresh from Hackensack High School in northern New Jersey, knew he was in an alien culture when he attended a psychology lecture his first day at the university. Scanning the room, he saw all white faces.

"It was like 249 people and myself," he says. "That's when it kind of hit me. That's when the culture shock came — the first day of class."

Williamson stuck it out and graduated last May with a degree in education. He now works at the university, helping to provide academic support to athletes.

When asked why they came to Maine, many black athletes tell the same story: they were lured by full scholarships and the opportunity to compete at the Division I level.

But many leave without a degree. Williamson remembers how his freshman roommate transferred after 2 1/2 years at Maine because the culture wore him down.

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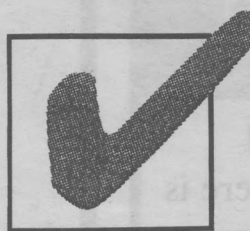
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• Crime

Two local youths in custody for Bangor Savings Bank robbery

BANGOR (AP)—Two suspects were in jail Sunday after being arrested in last week's armed robbery at Bangor Savings Bank.

Michael Morgenstern, 20, of Bangor, and David Lafortune, 19, of Tremont, were arrested Friday night at separate locations on Mount Desert Island. Authorities said both suspects were taken into custody without incident.

The two face federal bank robbery charges and were arraigned Saturday morning at

U.S. District Court in Bangor. They remained at the Penobscot County Jail in Bangor on Sunday.

Authorities said they were still trying to determine if others were involved. Bank robbery with a firearm carries a maximum sentence of 25 years.

The Friday-night arrests were made by members of the FBI, the Bangor Police Department, the Hancock County Sheriff's Office and the multi-agency Violent Crimes

Task Force.

Thursday's robbery occurred at about 10:40 a.m. when two men wearing ski masks entered the bank on State Street, displayed a firearm and fled with an undisclosed amount of money.

A camera took pictures of one of the robbers with his hand over the counter holding what appeared to be a gun. The bank was being renovated at the time of the robbery.

Authorities said the men removed the masks while leaving the bank and were seen

getting into a green van with Maine plates that had been reported stolen from a nearby parking lot the previous evening. The van was found Thursday afternoon in Bangor.

At least two residences were searched in Bangor on Friday before the suspects were apprehended.

Thursday's crime was the second armed robbery in the area last week. On Tuesday, a convenience store in Frankfort was robbed at gunpoint by men wearing ski masks.

• History

Centennial of USS Maine sinking has ship's namesake buzzing

AUGUSTA (AP)—Like the relics of a martyred saint, the remains of the USS Maine continue to fascinate history buffs and the curious alike, perhaps nowhere as much as in the famous battleship's namesake.

As the centennial of the Maine's fateful explosion in Havana harbor approaches, the city of Bangor has organized a Feb. 14-15 celebration with the ship's original bow shield as the principal attraction.

The sinking of the Maine on Feb. 15, 1898, killed 266 sailors and sparked the Spanish-American War. Although the exact cause of the disaster remains in dispute, many in the United States at the time were quick to blame Cuba's Spanish occupiers.

The battle cry, "Remember the Maine," still remains part of our country's lexicon. By the time Spain was beaten later that year, Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines were under American control, Theodore Roosevelt and his Rough Riders were heroes, and the United States was a world power.

"It's named after our state," Clifton Deringer Jr., a volunteer organizing the Bangor event,

said Friday. "We're very proud of it, of course. It launched us into the 20th century with a bang."

The Maine Maritime Museum in Bath will open a special exhibit in honor of the doomed vessel on Feb. 15, and the Maine State Museum in Augusta has a display of actual items that includes a ceiling lighting fixture, port hole cover and a gun shell.

The Blaine House, the governor's official residence, has long had two silver vegetable bowls and a soup tureen that were brought up from the wreck days after the explosion. A loading boom from the ship—built in Brooklyn, N.Y.—is at the National Guard's Camp Keyes in Augusta.

Ed Churchill, chief curator at the state museum, said Mainers seem to have a special affection for the 319-foot-long warship, which visited Portland about a year before heading to Cuba to protect American interests during the island's fight for independence.

About half a dozen Mainers were among the crew.

"The ship obviously wasn't made in Maine," Churchill said. "So, the only real connection was the name, and the people here essentially adopted it."

The interest is national, however.

Key West, Fla., the ship's last port-of-call before being sent to Havana, plans to commemorate the centennial during the Feb. 14-15 weekend with fireworks and a naval salute. Other events planned there during the rest of the year include a symposium on the USS Maine and the Spanish-American War and a memorial Mass by the archbishop of Miami.

The title of USS Maine didn't stay at the bottom of the Cuban harbor long. A second battleship was given the name and used as a training ship until it was scrapped in the 1920s.

In 1995, a \$2.5 billion Trident submarine named the USS Maine was commissioned at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. A large silver cup that had been aboard the original ship was presented to the crew.

Bangor's Davenport Park has a granite pillar with the first USS Maine's bow shield and the flowery scroll that decorated it, but the items have been neglected. A restoration project has been started that's expected to cost about \$20,000.

Crew members of the USS Maine submarine are expected to participate in next week-

end's ceremonies in Bangor, which will include speeches, displays, an advance showing of a documentary on the ship by Maine Public Television, and music. An 18-inch model of the battleship also is for sale for \$4,000.

Deringer, a retired Army officer and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who lives in nearby Old Town, said he realized a couple years ago that few people were aware of the historical prize Bangor had. Tourist guides did not mention it, and the celebration in Key West appeared to be getting all the attention.

"We ought to be flaunting the fact that we have this thing," he said. "It was the first modern battleship in the U.S. Navy."

After the ceremony is over, Deringer does not want the memory of the ship to slip back into obscurity. He said efforts are underway to create a \$100,000 trust fund to ensure the site is maintained. A group of local lawmakers also plans to ask the Legislature to appropriate \$20,000 for restoration and maintenance.

"In the VFW, there are two holy days of obligation, to coin a phrase: Pearl Harbor Day and Remember the Maine Day," Deringer said.

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• Republicans

Martin considers GOP candidacy for gubernatorial nomination

AUGUSTA (AP) — Former state education chief Leo Martin of Kennebunkport may enter the race for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

The only announced GOP candidate thus far is Rep. Henry Joy of Crystal.

"I'm certainly giving it serious consideration," Martin said.

The 69-year-old educator said he would delay a final decision until finding out if he

needs a "very low risk" heart operation that would prevent him from campaigning for about a month.

Martin served as superintendent of schools in Kennebunk and Kennebunkport from 1976 to 1992 before becoming commissioner of the state Education Department for three years.

He currently works as a consultant and part-time superintendent of School Union 93 in the Blue Hill area.

In 1996, Martin was defeated in a bid for the Senate by Democrat Lloyd LaFountain of Biddeford. As a candidate for the GOP nod for governor, Martin would be expected to try to claim the moderate element of the Republican Party in a contest with the conservative Joy.

Martin was described as "a much more middle-of-the-road candidate" by Republican National Committeeman Kenneth Cole.

Independent Gov. Angus King is seeking re-election.

Joy said Thursday he would welcome Martin's candidacy.

"I don't think anybody should ever run in any election unopposed," Joy said.

Among other announced Blaine House hopefuls are Green Party member Pat LaMarche of Freeport and Bill Clarke of Greene, running as a candidate for the Maine Taxpayers Party.

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"I've talked to a lot of people that just can't take it," Williamson says. "They're like, 'This is crazy.' There's not a lot to do. There's no black women up here. There's no black fraternities. There's a lot of different things that would make you not come to Maine, especially if you're not an athlete. If you're just a regular student, what's out there for you?"

Most minorities on campus agree that improving campus climate goes well beyond merely eliminating incidents like the one between the hockey players and Wilmot.

It even goes beyond reaching, as university president Dr. Peter Hoff says, "a critical mass" of minority students and faculty. And it goes beyond the "zero tolerance" stance the university administration has taken against racism.

"We need to have a balance, and there is no balance," says Adonis Ferreira, the assistant dean for multicultural programs at the university. "But numbers itself isn't going to do it. We're talking about campus climate. That's major."

Sean Frazier, an African-American who came to Maine in 1995 as an assistant football coach and serves as assistant to the

athletic director for equal opportunity, has been credited with helping to create a better environment for minority athletes.

Part academic adviser, part sounding board, he organizes conferences, teaches a class, facilitates discussions and, as one student says, "gets things done."

"The biggest thing is having someone who they can confide in, who they can talk to about issues," Frazier says. "You can't be bringing ethnic minorities up to campus without the proper support. If you do that, we run the risk of potential liability. And that means, basically, we run the risk of ruining a young person's life."

Two years ago, Frazier helped form the Student Heritage Alliance Center. A dressed-up commons room in the basement of a dormitory, it serves as a place for all races to come together, as a place for minority students to congregate.

The challenge facing the university is to find athletes and students who can work toward achieving diversity in a place that is geographically and culturally unaccustomed to it.

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acknowledged that King appears to be very popular as his first term comes to a close, even though the forest-management proposal he championed was defeated in a referendum last fall.

Three-quarters of the 450 Mainers polled in an independent survey in January said they think King is doing a "very good" or "good" job. Bowers said he's not worried about the figures.

"I don't find it intimidating at all," he said. "Anything can happen in politics."

Bowers moved to Maine in 1971 and has worked as a carpenter, warehouse

worker and truck driver, among other jobs. He said he never dreamed then that he would have a chance to run for governor.

"I'm just sort of excited the State of Maine offers me this opportunity," he said in an interview from his car phone.

Bowers was the first student to serve on the University of Maine Board of Trustees and graduated with a business degree in 1984.


He is currently board president of the Coastal Community Action Program in Rockland and is general manager of a graphics firm in Liberty.

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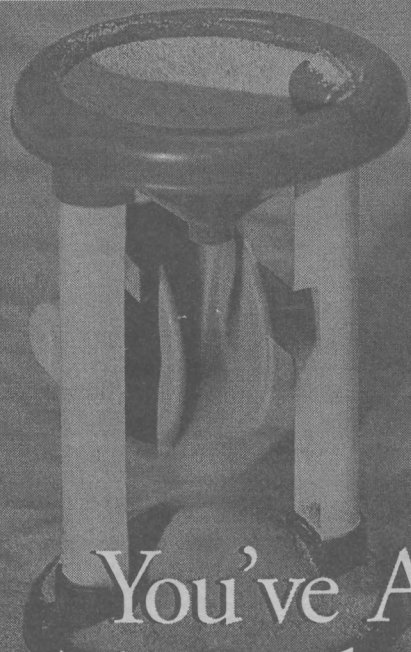
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NATIONAL NEWS

• Iraq

Albright threatens severe punishment to Hussein

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright promised Sunday that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein will be punished severely if the United States decides to use military force to enforce U.N. resolutions.

Republican leaders contended that's not enough — the ultimate goal, they said, is to drive Saddam from power.

Albright repeated that Saddam has only weeks to accede to a diplomatic solution to avoid a U.S.-led attack. Bill Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, rejected the latest Iraqi offer to avoid it, a two-month window for U.N. officials to inspect Saddam's presidential palaces for concealed weapons.

Albright, speaking on CBS' "Face the Nation," said any military action against Iraq for interfering with U.N. weapons inspectors would be a "substantial strike" aimed at diminishing Saddam's ability to rebuild weapons of mass destruction and threaten his neighbors.

Defense Secretary William Cohen arrived Sunday in Saudi Arabia to discuss

the Iraq question and said the United States had enough firepower in the region to carry out strikes without using U.S. bases in Saudi Arabia. Saudi leaders have been reported opposing the use of force against Iraq and has been reluctant to allow military missions to originate from Saudi soil.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., speaking after Albright on CBS, said there are worries in Congress that the administration lacks an effective end-game, which would include removing Saddam.

Lott suggested support for democratic forces in Iraq as a way to do it, or setting up a Radio Free Iraq or expanding the U.N.-ordered flight-interdiction zone over Iraq. "I'm not talking about assassination, but I'm talking about a coherent long-term policy," Lott said.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., chairman of the Senate intelligence committee, said on "Fox News Sunday" that he would support military action against Iraq but added: "Ultimately, though, we're going to

have to face up to the fact we're going to have to get rid of him, one way or the other."

"We would obviously," Albright said, "look forward to dealing with a different Iraqi regime, but we have to be very clear about what we are after."

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said on Fox that taking out Saddam is "not a doable policy and... would require significant numbers of ground forces that I don't think Congress would support."

The Republican-controlled Congress has been working on a statement of support for administration policy toward Iraq but has failed to agree on what it should say.

Former Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of the coalition forces that decisively beat Iraq in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that removing Saddam would be a "very, very tough thing to do" without better intelligence and a willingness to use ground forces.

But he warned of a risk that, just as in the bombing of North Vietnam during the Vietnam War, punishing Iraq with air strikes without eliminating Iraq's rulers would only toughen their resolve.

Iraq's U.N. ambassador, Nizar Hamdoon, said on CNN's "Late Edition" that a "good chance" remains of averting a

military showdown.

He offered a proposal under which representatives of the U.N. Security Council, including the United States, would have 60 days to inspect eight presidential sites to determine they were not being used to hide weapons. "I don't see how Iraq could be asked for more," Hamdoon said.

But U.S. Ambassador Richardson, also appearing on CNN, said the proposal is unacceptable, that the access of U.N. weapons inspectors must be total and unhindered. "What we are seeing is another compromise that would permit them to obscure the fact that they are probably building substantial weapons of mass destruction," Richardson said.

Richardson and Albright, both back from trips to win support from American allies for possible military action, expressed confidence that Saudi Arabia will continue to support the United States although officially it opposes a military attack.

"In the end I believe we will have Saudi support for whatever action we take," Richardson said.

"I do have confidence that in the end the Saudis, who have been good allies and friends, will do what is necessary," Albright said.

• Education

Smaller classes show limited results

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year after California began drastically reducing classroom size, teachers and parents alike are pleased with the change. Now President Clinton is campaigning for smaller classes everywhere.

Although classrooms across the nation already are far less crowded than they were in California, the administration wants to spend \$12 billion over seven years to hire 100,000 new teachers for grades one through three. Officials cite research they say links smaller classes to better learning.

But the research is less supportive than public opinion polls, working teachers and common sense in favor of lower class sizes. Researchers have studied and debated the issue for decades, often harshly.

Other researchers say the starting and ending numbers in any reduction scheme are more important than the numbers in between. In California, average class size in the early grades went from 30 to the legally prescribed 20. Clinton wants to bring classes down from an average of 22 nationwide to 18.

"Reducing class size from 22 to 18 is unlikely to make a big difference," said

Robert Slavin, a researcher at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University and head of a successful reading program. "Reducing class size from 30 to 18 is probably going to make a much larger difference."

"It's very expensive, and probably has more to do with building morale and a positive environment with the schools than it does with achievement," said Slavin, who believes reducing class size is "a good thing to do."

Under the plan, California would get \$124 million; New York, \$101 million; Texas, \$94 million; Florida, \$50 million; Illinois and Pennsylvania, \$49 million each; and Ohio, \$45 million.

Slavin praised Clinton for wanting to phase in the hiring of teachers and assure that they are qualified, hoping to avoid troubles California had in its crash program, and to stress reading. But he said the money could be more efficiently used on tutoring or other targeted approaches.

The proposal figures on an average teacher cost of \$35,000 in salary and benefits. Local districts would pay 10 percent to 50 percent of the cost, with poor districts getting a higher subsidy. About 37,000 teachers would be hired the first year.

Math

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opportunity to help him," Dobrovolsky said.

Ramon Zambrano, a sophomore, said the math lab is a convenient place for students to go.

"I come to the math lab because when I have questions, there are teachers here to help me. I don't have a tutor and there's nobody else to help me," Zambrano said.

An engineering student who declined to give her name believes the math lab is helpful, for the most part.

"It gives me a boost when I get stuck. If there were more staff it would be even better. The professors are here only certain hours of the day to help you. However, overall it's a good system and we're

lucky to have it," she said.

The lab is also a place for math students to meet.

"Many students work in groups in the lab and help each other," Locke said.

Many math courses offer a \$5 course fee, which is used to keep the math lab running. The funds are used for photocopies and software that is in the lab, Locke said.

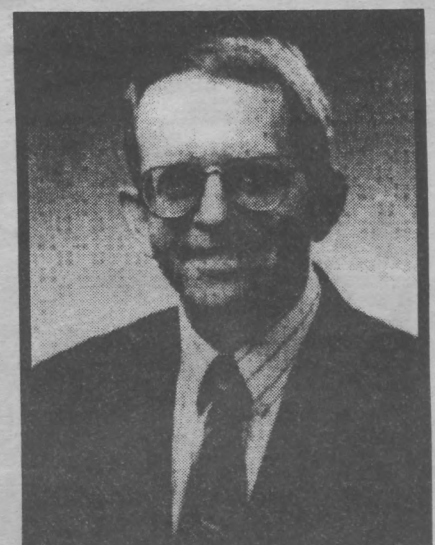
In the lab there is one computer with many math applications on it, Locke said.

The math lab is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Monday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., and is located in 116 Neville Hall.

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• Washington

New witness in Lewinsky case suggests White House leaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators for prosecutor Kenneth Starr have spoken to an Arkansas native on the White House staff who was friendly with Monica Lewinsky and heard her describe a relationship she said she had with President Clinton, according to individuals familiar with the matter.

The episode involving administrative employee Ashley Raines prompted a fresh round of White House complaints regarding leaks.

A source close to Clinton's defense team confirmed that the White House has known that Ms. Raines is talking to Starr. The White House is concerned that Starr's office may be trying to portray the talks as evidence that Ms. Raines has turned against Clinton.

"That's not true," the person said. He contended that Clinton's lawyers have reason to believe Ms. Raines is not hurting the president's case — although officials could not rule out the possibility that Ms. Lewinsky told Ms. Raines she had an affair with Clinton.

Newsweek disclosed Ms. Raines' appearance in the case and said she gave pros-

ecutors detailed descriptions of Lewinsky's accounts of an alleged affair with Clinton. In its edition on newsstands Monday, Newsweek reported that in addition to talking to Ms. Raines, Ms. Lewinsky played for her tape-recorded telephone messages that the president left on Ms. Lewinsky's answering machine. Individuals who spoke to The Associated Press about the matter declined to characterize Raines' statements in any way.

Ms. Raines works as the customer-service program director in the White House Office of Management and Administration.

Ms. Raines' mother is manager of the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock, where an alleged 1991 meeting between Clinton and then-state worker Paula Jones resulted in the current sexual harassment lawsuit against the president.

In a Jan. 7 affidavit given in that suit, Ms. Lewinsky denied that she had an affair with Clinton.

If Ms. Lewinsky played answering-machine tapes for Ms. Raines, it would mark the second time the issue has come up in the Lewinsky investigation. Sources close to

former White House staffer Linda Tripp say she has told investigators that she heard answering-machine messages that the president left for Ms. Lewinsky.

The Raines disclosure is part of "a campaign of misinformation and intimidation" from Starr, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

Starr said Saturday he would look into charges of leaks from his office and said he would "take appropriate action" against anyone found leaking information on the investigation.

The president's supporters suspect that Starr is leaking information in an attempt to persuade Ms. Lewinsky to cooperate with the investigation, and Ms. Lewinsky's lawyers joined the White House in attacking Starr.

"Starr seems to think it's O.K. to break the law to enforce the law," lawyers William Ginsburg and Nathaniel Speights said in a three-page article they co-authored for Time magazine's edition on newsstands Monday.

NBC News reported that 57 percent of the public has a positive feeling about the president while just 19 percent views Starr

positively. The same poll showed 27 percent of the public with a negative view of Clinton and 39 percent with a negative view of Starr.

Republicans sprang to Starr's defense Sunday.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., called the criticism "an effort to get away from the real story, the truth," adding in remarks on CBS' "Face the Nation" that "as long as he won't say what happened, the problem will hang out there."

"I just don't believe" Starr's office would leak information, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., said on "Fox News Sunday."

Clinton loyalist Harold Ickes said the prosecutor has mistreated Ms. Lewinsky.

"If a common street mother had been handled the way Monica Lewinsky was handled by Starr's team, there would have been an outcry by the Civil Liberties Union and others," Ickes said on C-Span's "Washington Journal." Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., agreed, saying: "It scares me that in this country ... we can have people that

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• Legal

\$349 million settlement approved in second-hand smoke suit

MIAMI (AP) — A judge approved a \$349 million settlement of a class-action lawsuit filed by nonsmoking flight attendants against the tobacco industry, clearing the way for the creation of a medical foundation and individual lawsuits.

The nation's four biggest cigarette makers must pay the first \$100 million installment in April, and researchers at Harvard University and elsewhere already have submitted unsolicited proposals for smoking-related studies.

The first individual lawsuit should be filed next week on behalf of the lead plaintiff, American Airlines attendant Norma Broin, whose lung cancer is in remission, Rosenblatt said. Attendants get no money out of the settlement.

Barring an appeal of Circuit Judge Robert Kaye's settlement order, attendants with illnesses blamed on the air

they breathed on smoky airliners can sue any time in the next year for compensatory damages.

"This is a turning point," said Stanley Rosenblatt, attorney for the attendants, who in October settled their class-action lawsuit against the tobacco industry four months into trial.

The settlement calls for the creation of a \$300 million medical research foundation and payment of \$49 million in legal fees and expenses.

Broin, an American Airlines attendant for 21 years, developed lung cancer after being raised in a nonsmoking family. She was the only flight attendant allowed to testify.

Her landmark case generated tobacco's first class-action and first second-hand-smoke trial. Attendants charged that cigarette smoke in aircraft cabins caused

lung cancer, other lung diseases and an assortment of other illnesses before smoking was banned on domestic flights in 1990.

The final settlement comes as the tobacco industry battles the state of Minnesota and Blue Cross Blue Shield in court and awaits congressional review of a proposed \$368 billion national settlement of tobacco litigation. Separate settlements have been reached with Florida, Texas and Mississippi.

David Adelman, tobacco analyst with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, considers the latest move in Miami "a non-issue."

"The industry settled that litigation to enhance the likelihood of there being a national agreement," he said. "If there's a national agreement, they won't face cases like this in the future."

The Clinton administration told Con-

gress for the first time Thursday that it could support protecting cigarette makers from most lawsuits if necessary to enact the national settlement.

Scott Williams, a Washington-based spokesman for tobacco companies, said he had no comment on the approval of the settlement.

Focusing on the terms of the settlement, the judge concluded objections filed on behalf of 35 attendants were "legally and factually insufficient."

In endorsing the agreement requiring payments by Philip Morris Inc., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., and Lorillard Tobacco Co., Kaye expressed doubts about the attendants' chances of winning the trial.

"Taken as a whole, the outcome of this case in this court's opinion was far less than 50-50," he wrote.

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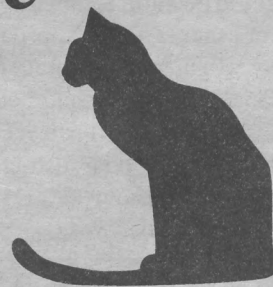
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• Tobacco

Ammonia boosts nicotine high despite health risks

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — They called it "the secret of Marlboro."

R.J. Reynolds was desperate in the mid-1970s to learn why its leading brand, Winston, was losing market share to Philip Morris' Marlboro. So were other tobacco companies that were losing out in a ruthlessly competitive business.

"We couldn't figure out what the success of Marlboro was," said David Bernick, an attorney for Brown & Williamson. "We couldn't figure out why it was that Marlboro was taking off in sales."

The reason, as it turned out, was ammonia, a chemical that boosted Marlboro's nicotine "kick" and improved the taste at the same time, according to documents and testimony emerging from Minnesota's lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

"The secret of Marlboro is ammonia," according to a 1989 Brown & Williamson document. "Ammonia does many good things."

Two expert witnesses for the state told the jury in detail how tobacco companies use various ammonia compounds to alter the chemistry of cigarette smoke to give smokers a stronger nicotine dose.

The way ammonia works, they said, is that it makes the smoke less acidic. That changes a portion of its nicotine into "free nicotine," a form that is more readily absorbed in the lungs. Free nicotine's effects are felt in the brain within seconds.

The experts — a Mayo Clinic authority on nicotine addiction and a Stanford University chemical engineering professor — said boosting free nicotine also ensured that

cigarettes would remain addictive even though the companies were bringing out low-tar, low-nicotine brands.

"What the industry was concerned with, in the face of lowering tar, is the problem they would face if nicotine levels dropped" below the level needed to keep smokers hooked, testified Channing Robertson of Stanford. "They didn't want to go out of business."

Marlboro was the first major brand to really capitalize on ammonia, jurors learned.

Documents showed that Reynolds, maker of the competing Winston brand, began experimenting with the chemical in the 1950s but didn't incorporate it into its products until the mid-1970s.

Reynolds' scientists learned that Philip Morris had begun using an ammoniated form of tobacco in 1965 and used more and more of it from 1965 to 1974. "This time period corresponds to the dramatic sales increase Philip Morris made from 1965 to 1974," one document said.

A 1973 Reynolds report shown to jurors said Marlboro's and Winston's overall tar and nicotine levels had dropped by two-thirds over the years, but Marlboro's free-nicotine level stayed about the same while Winston's free nicotine fell by two-thirds.

The report advocated copying Marlboro's approach.

Reynolds didn't get the technology into the marketplace until the mid-1970s when it

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• Depression

Suicide epidemic among reservation teens

McLAUGHLIN, S.D. (AP) — Robert Jaycob Jensen was first.

The lanky 17-year-old Sioux Indian, who'd been drinking heavily and having run-ins with police all summer, slipped into his family's dank basement last Aug. 30. Over toward the corner, past the rusted-out furnace and broken sewer line, he threaded a braided leather belt over a board pailed between floor beams, buckled it around his neck and hanged himself.

On Nov. 16, in the same basement with the same type of belt, Robert's 16-year-old cousin and best friend, Charles Gerry, hanged himself from a nearby pipe.

Three other Indian youths on the Standing Rock Reservation have taken their lives since then — the latest was buried Jan. 24. In the five months since Robert's death, 43 reservation boys and girls have attempted suicide, some more than once.

Counselors are keeping tabs on 150 teenagers considered at risk. The hellish epidemic, they say, is brought on by a lethal mix of alcohol, drugs, poverty, boredom and wholesale family breakdown.

"There's so much pain here," says Faith Taken Alive, whose 14-year-old daughter, Dani Black Fox, attempted suicide with a friend in October. "You wonder where it came from and why it hit at once."

McLaughlin, population 799, is the biggest town on the 2.3 million-acre reservation. For the most part, its Indian and white residents live separate lives. They report to separate court systems and separate police forces. They even keep separate time: Whites observe Mountain time, while Indians keep to Central time because tribal headquarters, across the border in Fort Yates, N.D., falls within the Central zone.

With its big, gray grain elevator jutting

from the rolling prairie, McLaughlin looks from a distance like hundreds of other Midwestern farm towns. But there was trouble even before the suicides.

Burglaries, most targeting the local bar, supermarket and city-owned liquor store, have become common, as have fights, vandalism and petty theft, residents say. Jude's Jack and Jill grocery was burglarized so many times the owners finally covered the storefront with steel grating.

Three of four Indian adults have no jobs, and half the students at the tribal school in Fort Yates drop out before 10th grade. For the idle, alcohol is easy to get. Even teens say panhandlers will readily buy them booze for tip of a dollar or two.

Many of the dropouts wind up roaming with loose-knit gangs that commonly brawl

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would be questioned for eight hours, then investigators go and question her brother. Then other investigators go and search her mother's apartment."

Leaking "might be criminal, a much more serious crime frankly than signing a false affidavit by a 24-year-old kid in a civil lawsuit," Clinton political aide Paul Begala said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Trying to turn the heat up on Starr, the White House compared Sunday's development to leaks about what Clinton's personal secretary, Betty Currie, and White House steward Bayani Nelvis allegedly told investigators.

Mrs. Currie told investigators the president summoned her to a Sunday meeting Jan. 18 at the White House to discuss her recollection of his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. Nelvis was reported to have seen Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky alone together, but Nelvis' lawyer says a news account of the testimony is false.

In the Time article, Ginsburg and Speights said the leak about Mrs. Currie "was a transparent attempt to create an unfair environ-

ment for President Clinton and my client."

Ginsburg said that when he was called into the case Jan. 16, investigators told him, "We want to wire her and record some phone calls." The investigators promised immunity from prosecution for Ms. Lewinsky, but "basically, they just reneged when we asked for the promise in writing," the defense lawyers wrote.

"The government didn't just want our client to tell her story. They wanted her wired, and they wanted her to record telephone calls with the President of the U.S., Vernon Jordan and others," Ginsburg and Speights wrote.

Prosecutors "were very pleased" with Ginsburg's oral outline on Jan. 19 of what Ms. Lewinsky would testify to, but with her name linked to the president on the Internet column of Matt Drudge, investigators "totally reneged" after the two sides had a grant of complete immunity, the defense lawyers wrote.

"We've blown the opportunity to wire her. She's radioactive because of the Drudge Report," prosecutors told Ms. Lewinsky's

lawyers, according to their article in Time.

Last Monday, prosecutors sent a letter confirming an immunity deal. But the agree-

ment collapsed on Wednesday when they said that they wanted to question Ms. Lewinsky without her lawyers.

• Study

AIDS victims don't tell sex partners

CHICAGO (AP)—Four out of every 10 HIV-infected people surveyed at two New England hospitals failed to inform sex partners about their condition, and nearly two-thirds of those didn't always use a condom, researchers said.

The survey subjects were mostly poor, often illegal drug users and commonly lacked high school educations, but researchers reporting in Monday's issue of Archives of Internal Medicine believe withholding HIV information is widespread.

"The public health message ... is that if you don't know the HIV status of your partner, you should be having safe sex" by using a condom, said the lead researcher, Dr. David Stein, director of HIV medical activities at Brown University Medical

School in Providence, R.I.

Stein wasn't the only one worried about the lack of disclosure.

"There's a need for greater attention to individual personal responsibility," said Daniel Zingale, executive director of the Washington-based activist group, AIDS Action. "One of the things we've been concerned about this past year or so is complacency."

Researchers questioned 203 HIV-positive patients getting treatment at Boston City Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital between 1994 and 1996, and 129 reported sexual activity during the previous six months.

Subjects with only one sexual partner were three times more likely to have told their partners than subjects with multiple partners. Also, subjects who said they had a lot of support from their spouse were almost three times as likely to tell.

Whites and Hispanics were three times as likely to tell partners as blacks.

Among the sexually active patients, 46 percent were black, 23 percent were Hispanic and 27 percent were white. In the group, 69 percent were men.

Forty-one percent were infected through injection drug use, 20 percent were men who contracted the virus via homosexual contact, and 39 percent got HIV from heterosexual contact, researchers said.

Stein noted that previous surveys of gay men reached similar findings, especially the high likelihood of disclosure to a single partner and reduced likelihood among those with multiple partners.

"This is not a problem of knowledge," Stein said. "People understand their HIV risk of transmission. It's been shown again and again. People are not ignorant of these subjects. This is a matter of personal responsibility."

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with others, but the tribe has only two detention cells for juveniles and just one probation officer to track up to 60 cases at a time.

The troubled youths, says Robert Preuss, local director of mental health programs for the Indian Health Service, wind up doing "what they want, when they want."

The despair isn't new and it isn't isolated to one Indian reservation. But at Standing Rock, this fresh turmoil is churning up new efforts to halt the self-destruction. And the nation's top-ranking Indian official has challenged the tribe to become a model for other reservations by taking the drastic steps needed, including banning alcohol and institutionalizing alcoholics.

If they do that, vows Kevin Gover, the Interior Department's new assistant secretary for Indian affairs, the Clinton administration will supply the money for the social services and law enforcement now sorely lacking.

Robert was 2, the youngest of three children, when his mother, Francine Jensen, left his father, who she said beat her and the kids. She got married again and had four more children.

Mrs. Jensen insists she did the best she

could as a parent, although she acknowledges being jailed more than once on child neglect and other charges.

Robert's high cheekbones hinted at Sitting Bull, the great leader of the Hunkpapa band of Sioux who settled at Standing Rock. He was active in traditional Sioux rituals, including the Sun Dance and sweat lodge ceremonies, and he loved to box. His long arms and strong left punch made him a natural.

But the boxing club disbanded and he was kicked out of school last year after a fistfight with a classmate. He started drinking heavily, his family says, and was constantly getting arrested for fighting. The photograph his mother keeps on a kitchen shelf clearly shows scars on one cheek.

"The cops were always on his tail, always" and he talked about suicide with friends, says Dani Black Fox. "He used to always ask whether we would go to his funeral if he died. I didn't take him seriously at first. I thought he was just kidding."

Exactly two months after Robert's death, Dani's sister found Dani and a friend trying to hang themselves.

Dani denies the stories going around that

some teens had signed suicide pacts. She says most of the youths who have tried to kill themselves, including herself, were simply drunk. "We do need something to do," she says. "All anybody ever talks about at school is drinking."

Besides booze, she says, teens find marijuana "pretty easy to get," and for a cheap rush, kids take turns choking each other with their hands or rubber bands to induce brief blackouts. She says she and her friend tried that in the jail cell where they were deposited after their suicide attempt.

"There's nothing to do in jail. You might as well black yourself out," she says.

Rocky White Mountain, a local pastor, says he once sat for hours with a gun in his mouth after a business went bad in 1985. He believes suicide is a way troubled Indian youth try to get attention in a society where "everything is basically out of control ... It's a tiny fraction of dignity in a world that doesn't make sense."

The Indian Health Service in Washington, D.C., gets reports of suicide epidemics like the one plaguing Standing Rock at least once or twice a year. Gover, who became assistant Interior secretary in November, is

making clear that curbing suicides, crime and alcoholism on reservations are priorities.

"There is nothing more significant going on in your community than this crisis," Gover, a member of the Pawnee tribe and himself a recovering alcoholic, told Standing Rock leaders recently. "Defending treaty rights, fighting for sovereignty — none of that matters if we're not dealing with these problems."

Tribal leaders are compiling a wish list of youth programs to submit for government funding. And in McLaughlin, non-Indians are leading a drive to raise money to convert a boarded-up movie theater into a restaurant, weight room and playhouse.

Teens would work at the restaurant and learn how to run a business, says Judene Maxon, who owns the Jack and Jill with her husband. The parking lot could be used as a hockey rink in the winter and basketball courts in the summer. The county already has promised to waive property taxes.

"It wasn't in vain," pastor White Mountain says of the suicides. "God, I believe, is working some good out of it. There is a lot of focus on the youth."

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started putting ammoniated tobacco in its Camel Filter cigarettes, the documents showed. "Better market performance was indicated in the subsequent years," one said. After Reynolds started adding ammoniated tobacco to Winston in 1979, "market tests indicated significant product improvement."

Robertson said learning how to boost levels of free nicotine was one of the companies' highest priorities — and one of their deepest secrets.

"They never told anyone outside the walls of their research citadels that they were doing this," he said.

And the order in which companies entered the ammonia race corresponds with their market shares today, Robertson said.

Bernick has played down the state's contention that the main reason for ammonia is to boost free nicotine levels to keep smokers hooked. He has played up the industry's position that ammonia results in a better-

tasting, smoother smoke.

"Where do the companies compete?" Bernick asked at the start of the trial. "They compete for that great-tasting cigarette that people will like."

He suggested while cross-examining Robertson that ammonia reacts with sugars in the tobacco to give Marlboro a "roasty, toasty" flavor, and that this was a main reason other companies pursued the technology.

Bernick, who has done most of the talking for the industry in front of the jury so far, also suggest-

ed that a host of other factors besides ammonia affect smoke pH — a measure of acidity versus alkalinity. When added sugars burn, he contended, they make the smoke more acidic.

And he suggested that ammonia doesn't fully explain who's winning and who's losing in the tobacco marketplace. He said The American Tobacco Co. (now part of Brown & Williamson) used ammonia in the 1960s, stopped, started again, but never stopped its market share from falling.

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EDITORIAL

Vote Eslinger, Burke Tuesday

This year's Student Government election lacks a strong variety of candidates, robbing students of a choice to determine who will best represent them to the university's administration. The Residents On Campus presidential candidate is running unopposed, as is the candidate for Student Government vice president. Only two candidates are running for Student Government president.

The choice between Student Government presidential candidates comes down to whether students want a president entrenched in Student Government or one who is starting out new.

Ryan Eslinger, running for Student Government president, will bring to the presidency a strong work ethic with which he will continue to get the job done. As president of ROC, he has brought popular acts to campus, such as the Wallflowers and Adam Sandler. Eslinger's experience in Student Government will allow him to jump into the presidency and begin working immediately. Students will benefit from his familiarity with the university's operations and from his many connections within the university's administration.

However, Eslinger has been a loose cannon in the past. His reactionary style could

be a detriment, as he has made a habit of investigating almost everything he doesn't agree with. More often than not, these investigations – such as last semester's into the operations of Off Campus Board – distract Student Government from advocating for students. Investigations such as that into OCB appear to be more for Eslinger's own dubious purposes than for the students'.

If Eslinger can focus his energy on helping students, he could be an effective president, much more so than an inexperienced president who may take months to learn the game.

The candidates for vice president of ROC have both had experience with Student Government, but from different perspectives – one is familiar with ROC and one with hall governing boards.

Kathleen Burke, running for vice president of ROC, is familiar with and has definite goals for, on-campus residents. Her goals are: campus lighting, campus safety, parking and lighting services. Her experience will allow her to start working immediately because she knows the ins and outs of ROC. Burke's ambitions will help ROC maintain its programming successes along with maintaining communication with the university as representatives.

Preserve gay-rights law, vote 'no'

Voters in Maine are being asked yet again to voice their opinion about homosexual rights. It's important now more than ever that we once again vote "no," signaling we won't discriminate further against this group in society.

A "no" vote will allow the so-called gay-rights law passed by the Legislature last year to take effect, banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the areas of employment, housing, credit and public accommodations. Even those people only presumed to be gay currently have no legal recourse for being discriminated against.

Regardless of what opponents of gay-rights would have the general public believe, this is not a vote for "special rights." There is nothing special about wanting job security, obtaining a mortgage for a house or being able to rent a hotel room without being turned away. Equal opportunity for everyone cannot exist without enacting the

gay-rights law.

Opponents of the gay-rights law also argue that homosexuals should not be protected under the law because their lifestyle is a choice. However, the choice, if it in fact is one, is no greater than the choice of marital status and religion, which are both protected from discrimination under the Maine Human Rights Act.

It's important that we not let voter apathy sway this referendum. Do not pass up the polls Tuesday in the belief that your vote doesn't count. With a low voter turnout already projected, we cannot let this discrimination continue because the vocal minority were the only ones who made it to the polls. Their power cannot be underestimated. After all, they brought this referendum about after both the Legislature and governor signed off their approval.

Let's hope this is the last time the people of Maine have to deal with this issue and put it to rest. Vote "no" Tuesday.

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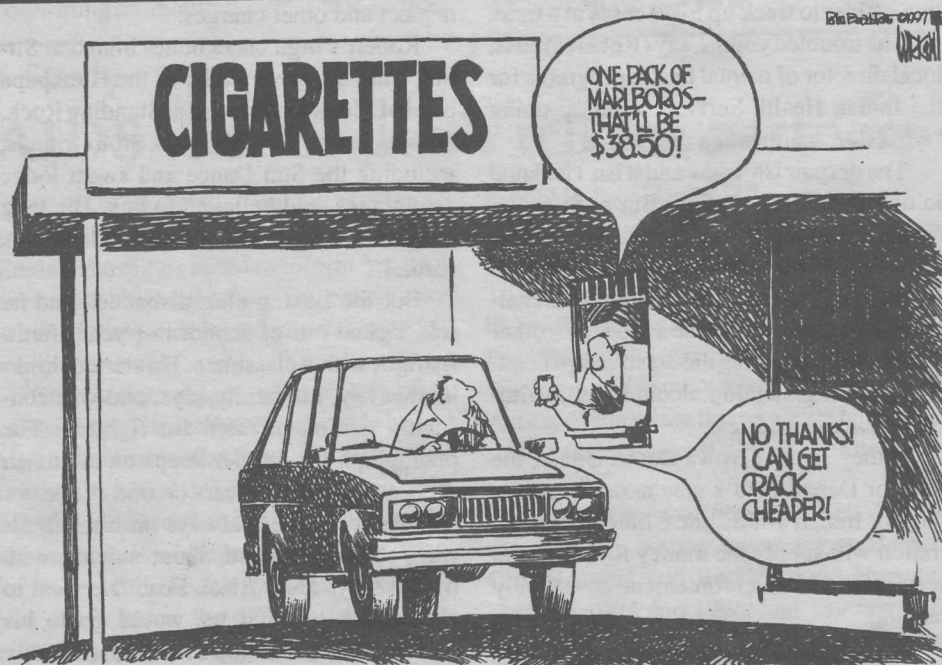
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• Letters

• Keep gay-rights law; vote "no"

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, each voter in Maine will be asked to determine whether to uphold a law passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor. A "yes" vote will overturn the law, while a "no" vote will sustain it. Although some have characterized the law as granting special privileges to certain individuals, it actually only gives so far as to guarantee equal treatment under the law and freedom from discrimination.

The issues involved have caused many people on both sides to react with strong emotions. Since universities are places where rationality and reason should prevail, I believe it is important for students, faculty and staff members who therefore should represent the voice of reason, to show up at the polls in great numbers and vote as their conscience dictates. This referendum should be resolved by reason, not passion. I personally will be casting a "no" vote.

Peter Hoff
President

• Maybe we Greeks should stay home

To the Editor:

In response to Scott Labby's poignant (column) concerning his college experience, I would like to apologize to the whole UMaine campus for the things that the fraternities and sororities have done. I believe that we as a system should beg for forgiveness for raising over 3,000 pints of blood in the past 15 years. I will also ask for the pardon of the campus community for the 20,000 pounds of food that one chapter has raised at its annual food drive in the past five years and the \$800 one chapter raised in one night during its Haunted House.

On Maine Day this year, maybe the chapters should stay home like most of the campus and "take a day off." Considering the fact we complete a majority of those projects, it would be a shame for us to participate. I should not forget the semesterly visits to children and elderly centers in the community that a lot of "frat" brothers and sisters make each year. I am sure that all of those people that we visit are relieved when we finally leave after giving them gifts and spending time with them.

We should apologize for constituting most of the leadership in campus groups

like the ACSM, GSS, OCB, AMA and others with acronyms that do not mean anything to anyone. I am sure that those who traveled in our Greek footsteps (not to be confused with deities like Zeus, Mars or Venus; I mean our fellow alumni) are ashamed for donating over half of this fine institution's donations.

Shame on the Greek community! Please forgive us for our deeds – the largest blood drive in New England or the countless hours of charitable and humanitarian events that we produce. My fellow Greeks, let us bury the hatchet with the rest of the world and condemn those that help out the human race, for it is better and easier to criticize from a podium or script than it is to go out and change things and get your hands dirty, isn't it?

Jason C. Libby
Lambda Chi Alpha

• Maine Campus quality on the decline

To the Editor:

Recent issues of the *Maine Campus* have been disturbing as far as quality goes. Not only has an article been published twice, with two different titles (in the same issue, no less), but misspelling has become rampant, from the front page to the ads section. The last thing to happen, which prompted this comment, was the picture of Cindy Blodgett and the big heading, "Siezing [sic] the victory." If I were her, her family, or anybody who collects sports clippings, I would be appalled at having to plut [sic] this in a scrapbook with that "siezing" headline forever staring at me.

Careless work reflects poorly on the university as a community of learning. I do hope the proofreading improves. Probably a number of other readers would agree.

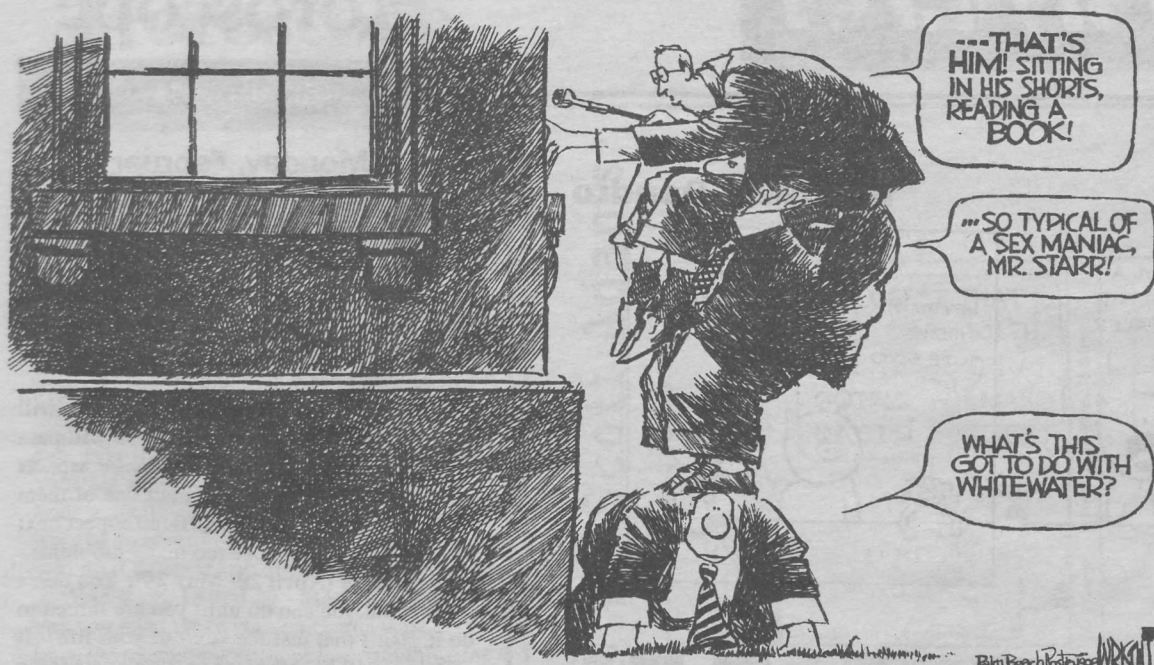
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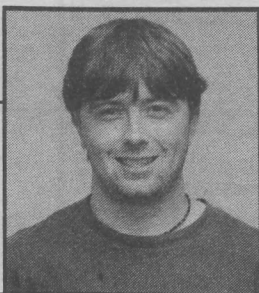
Have courtesy for the less-than-able

My grandfather had trouble walking for many years toward the end of his life. It was sometimes painful to watch him hobble from his car to wherever he had to go, especially when he had to walk a long distance or up stairs. He was too proud to get a handicapped plate for his car. He was going to walk as far as was necessary, simply because he could. He eventually had to relent and get a visor placard. Too many able-bodied

and from a spot toward the back of the lot.

Here on campus, laziness seems to be rampant. Those with cars seem to think it is their right to drive wherever they want, paved or not, and park in a spot that is most convenient for them. Never mind that it's a fire lane or a handicapped spot or even a sidewalk.

By Derek Rice



people were taking all the closest parking spots; walking the distance from the back of the parking lot had become too much for him.

If you're able, why do you have to park your car as close to the building as possible? The answer is simple. Human beings, as a species, are lazy. Instead of using our capabilities to the fullest, we search for ways to make our tasks easier.

With parking, people want to be in and out of a place as quickly as possible. When you're going to Wal-Mart to pick up a toothbrush, you don't want to spend as much time walking to and from the store as you spend in the store itself. That's understandable. But take this into consideration: You'll probably spend as much time driving around, looking for that prime spot, as you would walking to

At least it's close. What's worse is when people who live on campus drive to and from their classes, often cutting their walking distance by a matter of yards. There are no lots on campus that are too far away to walk. At most, we're talking a half a mile. If you think that's too far, go do a workout with the cross country team. They'll make you appreciate the walk.

Go to the library sometime and watch able-bodied people (even athletes) wait for the elevators. They'll wait more time than it would take to climb the stairs to the third floor. Many of them only want to go up one floor. We're not talking the World Trade Center. What about the ones who wait to ride down? Up is understandable, but you can coast down the stairs. Just let gravity do its work. Riding an elevator down is like riding a chair lift down the moun-

tain. It makes no sense.

Aren't elevator rides awkward enough? No one speaks and a majority of people watch the numbers above the door change. Why would you want to subject yourself to that tension to go up one or two floors? Elevators should be reserved for those who need them.

Last week, I heard someone complain about how heavy the automatic doors at the library were. "It's a handicapped door and you can't even open it. Go figure," were his exact words. You know why, bonehead? Because it's motor-driven. It's there for people who can't open the door themselves for whatever reason. If you've been here for any amount of time, you know which door is heavy and which isn't. If the heavy one bothers you, use the one that isn't attached to a motor. And whatever you do, don't get cute and push the button so you don't have to exert any energy. Those doors are there because they are required to be. If you wear out the motor, some people have no way to get into the building. Then you'll feel like quite a humanitarian.

Anyone who can walk should exercise that ability and leave the close parking spaces, the elevator and the motorized door for those who need them. Otherwise, I hope you need them someday and can't use them because some able-bodied person parks in a handicapped spot, breaks the motor on the door or is hogging the elevator.

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Remembering the Maine and then some

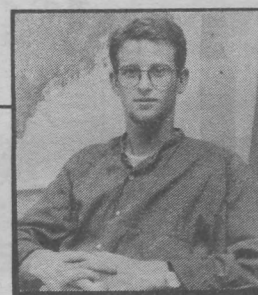
As the centennial for the sinking of the USS Maine arrives, it behooves us Mainers to stop to give a thought to the last U.S. battleship named after our country's 23rd state. The sinking of the Maine, which remains a mystery to this day, marked a new era and a new century for the United States. It would also behoove us to give thought to the Cubans who, to this day, labor under the effects of one of the longest-standing economic sanctions of this country's history.

Sure, the plight of Cuba is long-known and is currently vying for the most popular grassroots international movement, along with the "Free Tibet" folks.

sibly damaged the plant's integrity. Our government calls the plant's existence "an act of aggression," but hasn't bothered to stop its construction, or even ensured that the job is done right. Perhaps when south Florida is lurking under a cloud of radioactive debris our government will respond.

My point? Americans should keep at least some of this in mind when they witness firsthand from the nose of laser-guided bombs the destruction of "key" Iraqi biological weapons installations. Taking care of business in oil country,

By Paul Livingstone



I have seen the presentations on the history of the U.S. embargo against Cuba at the Common Ground Fair in Windsor, and generally agree. But I also think I understand why the United States is the bad guy here.

To lift the embargo, the United States would have to redefine its entire foreign policy. It would have to accept the fact that communism exists and operates in the Western Hemisphere. We (the government, that is) are apparently unable to do so, both then and now. Cuban leader Fidel Castro threatened our safety once, way back when, and our leaders haven't forgotten that. What they have forgotten is that neither Cuba or communism have been a threat to the United States since the 1960s and that our protest is against Castro, not the Cuban people.

It's not that Cuba wants to be backward. There are taxi drivers in Havana who use propane rations to fuel converted engines in their 1956 Chevys. Their star baseball player drives a Mercedes-Benz supplied by a U.S. sponsor; the locals look to him as a hero. Cubans have repeatedly taken desperate measures, both by plane and by boat, to enter the land of opportunity, only to be denied access again and again.

Scientists have traveled to Cuba to inspect a nuclear power plant at Juragua that should soon resume construction with money from Russia. The Cubans hope the plant will solve the country's energy crisis and scientists agree it is one of Russia's better designs. But work began in 1981, during which the effects of the elements have pos-

the current administration is purposely ignoring the issue of Cuba. We can't launch missiles, nor can we trade with it and still be "looking out for the interest of Americans." There's no real reason President Clinton should even think of dealing with Cuba. Unless it directly benefits the oil barons or his approval ratings, Clinton won't lift a finger himself. And who's going to gain political revenue by suggesting an embargo lift in the next election?

On the contrary, under the Helms-Burton Act of 1996, the United States is trying to extend the 35-year embargo to other countries. This was enough to prompt a complaint from the European Union, which usually refutes anything the United States does. This just proves that the liberals in Washington don't want to touch the issue, while the ultra-conservatives are all too glad to keep the faith.

The centennial of the USS Maine, and its celebration next week at the monument at Davenport Park, should mark a new era for Cuba. Instead of isolating our initiative in the Persian Gulf, let's make sure construction of Juragua is completed properly. And while we're at it, allow some of the medical supplies that are desperately needed to pass through Havana. Pope John Paul II's visit to the Caribbean nation may have been an historic event, but it won't educate its children. And Castro may not go away anytime soon.

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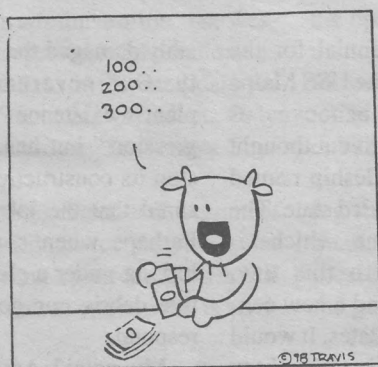
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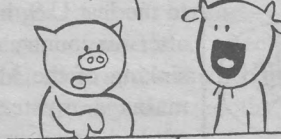
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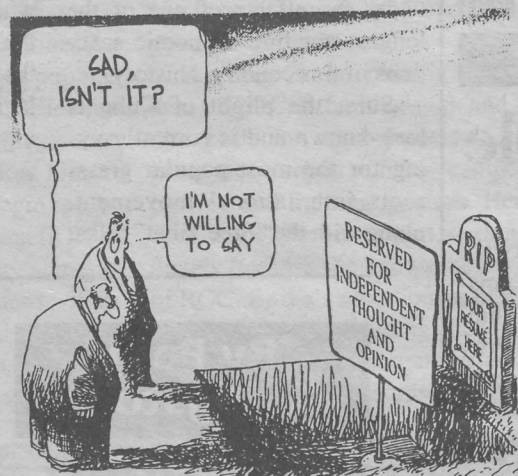
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MEDIA CEMETERY



THE URBAN SIMPLIFICATION PROGRAM

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So, I go to the grocery store with my mother.

She shows the cashier her credit card. The clerk asks us if we want money.

Mom says, "yes".

We walk out with food and money!

This is a great country.

Clinton is doing an exceptional job. Let's elect him again or someone who says the same stuff he says about groceries and money.



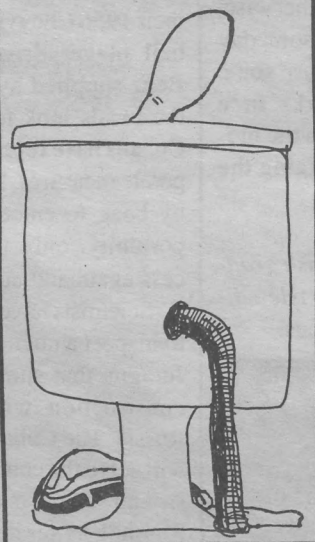
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My dad spends a lot of time in the bathroom.

Last Wednesday morning he was in there for an hour.

That's nothing.... One day 3 weeks ago. He went in at 8:45 am and stayed till 5:00 PM. He finished his real estate correspondence course, prepared for the state exam, took the exam with his laptop computer and received his license a week later...

At least, he didn't have to slip out of work to go to the bathroom.



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Last night I thought I heard my mother crying.

So I went into her bedroom. But she wasn't crying, she was praying.... "Please let Leold stay in karate classes."

I won't leave karate. I've learned a new move. My teacher Master Sony, taught me his favorite move....

..... kick your opponent in the knee, then throw a walkman at him.

Of course, you have to see the symbolism here.



Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Monday, February 9

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: This year you will be confident without being cocky, patient without being passive. What you get you deserve, what you deserve you get—it is as simple as that. One way or another you will be successful this year. It's up to you to choose where and how.

ARIES (March 21- April 19): You will be put to the test this week, and you will pass with flying colors. Out of five major aspects over the next seven days, all but one of them will be positive. The one difficult aspect next weekend shouldn't pose too many problems.

TAURUS (April 20- May 20): You don't know what you can do until you are forced to do it. Isn't that just the story of your life? It certainly will be this week as the planets force you to react to events over which you appear to have no control.

GEMINI (May 21- June 20): Whatever crisis you faced in January appears to be done with, so don't waste time wondering if you could have dealt with it better. A new life awaits you, but you can't make a proper start until you're in the right frame of mind. Look forward, not backward this week.

CANCER (June 21- July 22): Family and finances must be dealt with positively this week, or the same old fears and feuds will be with you indefinitely. Helpful aspects will give you the courage to make a decision. By next weekend you should be on top of the situation.

LEO (July 23- Aug. 22): You like to be in the driver's seat, but you know that isn't possible at this moment. What is possible is that you give those who are making the decisions all the help they need. Opportunities come through those you live and work with. Do something for them, and they will do something for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23- Sept. 22): This may be a difficult week for you as planetary activity makes it apparent that you must scale down your ambitions or risk damaging your health. Believe it or not, this is a positive development in that your life has become far too complicated of late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23- Oct. 22): If you started something new recently, something of a creative or artistic nature, then it should be making excellent progress. If you are still trying to get every bit of the plan right before you begin, then you are wasting time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23- Nov. 21): You want so much to become the person you know you could be if only you had the opportunity to make the changes that are needed. There are opportunities to transform yourself in every direction this week, but the only person who can take advantage of them is you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21): There is no point in being set in your ways this week. So many things are going to change that the only sensible course of action is to make the best of whatever comes your way—and that could be anything. The changes will affect you as part of a group rather than as an individual.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 19): Between now and next weekend you should do everything in your power to get along with partners, loved ones, colleagues and employers. No one expects you to be a doormat, but it might be wise to keep a low profile.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20- Feb. 18): If last week was busy, then this week will be bursting with activity. There is so much going on in your life that you must be having trouble trying to keep on top of it all. You undoubtedly will manage, so don't stop now.

PISCES (Feb. 19- March 20): Don't worry if you feel left out over the next few days. You can easily live without the chaos that is going on around you. Watch and wait. What you observe will help in ways you had not expected, but not until some time after mid-February.

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Tuesday, February 10

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:

What comes into your life over the next year will far outweigh what goes out, so don't waste time looking back when there are so many reasons to look forward. Remind yourself each morning that there are only 24 hours in every day — then make good use of them.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): If you can, take it easy today. If you can't, pace yourself sensibly. You need to be on top of your game this week. You will do what you have to do regardless of how you feel, but you will do it better if you are fit and relaxed.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You can and you must make your mark this week. You have been under pressure before, but this time important people are watching your every move. Don't think about what you are asked to do, just do it to the best of your ability.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Planetary activity means you have an important role to play, a role that will inevitably affect the lives of many people. You may not want the responsibility, but you've got it, so use it wisely.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): We only fear what we do not know. If there is something in your life that fills you with dread, find out as much about it as you possibly can. Once you know it inside and out it will hold no more terrors for you. You may even be embarrassed that you were scared of it at all.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You can't be a leader all the time. Even Leos occasionally have to do what they're told. Planetary activity means you should listen to those who know more about life than you do. It's not a matter of one person being better than another, it's a matter of common sense.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): It's almost spring, so clear out all the junk you have hoarded in recent months. That doesn't, of course, mean real junk. It means the junk that's inside your head. You have too many ideas swirling around your brain. You can't possibly need them all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Dive right in this week. Don't even think of the risks that you're taking. The momentum you build today will carry you through this week. Whatever you decide to do you will do it in a way it has never been done before.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Pay more attention to what family members want to do, even if it is the opposite of what you want to do. Luck will come via the people you are closest to, so it is common sense to work as a team. Deep down, you all want the same thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You are in tune with the spirit of the times: What you do for yourself you do for others; what you do for others you do for yourself. Don't worry too much about changing the world. The important thing is that you help those who are within arm's reach.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Don't say or do too much today. This is a day for watching and waiting, for testing the wind to see which way it blows. Let others make the running and the inevitable mistakes — you don't need to put yourself in the firing line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You have something to say, something you think can't wait. If you say it today, your message is likely to fall on deaf ears. If you say it tomorrow, the world will sit up and listen. It may be agony holding on to it another 24 hours, but you can do it and it will be worth it.

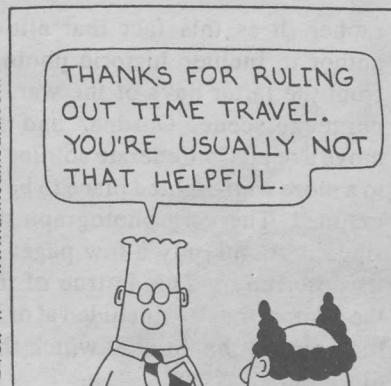
PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Are you a haven of peace in an ocean of storms? Or are you being tossed from one wave to the next like a piece of broken driftwood? It all depends on your state of mind. A positive attitude won't change your circumstances for the better, but it will make them easier to deal with.

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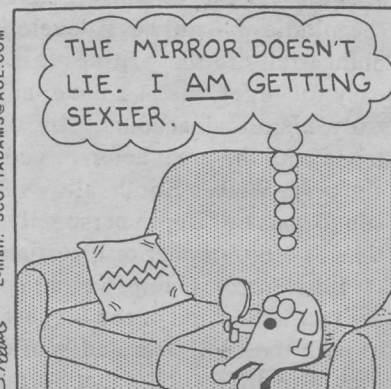
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ACROSS

- 1 Twaddle
- 4 Sears one's steers
- 10 Binge
- 14 Gompers's grp.
- 15 American hardwood
- 16 "Aunt" with a 1979 best seller
- 17 Letters often followed by a number
- 18 Coolness
- 19 First name?
- 20 Bouquets
- 22 Holography needs
- 24 Con jobs
- 25 "Consider Yourself" musical

- 27 Stew
- 28 Mergenthaler patent of 1884
- 31 Atlanta's Bill Campbell, e.g.
- 33 Guys who use come-on lines?
- 34 Masseur's need
- 35 Tautomer compound
- 36 Acts like a quidnunc
- 37 Nonexistent
- 38 St. Anthony's cross
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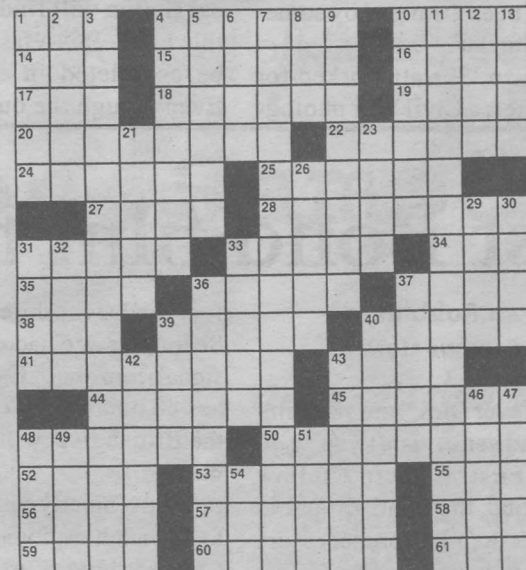
- 48 Card catalogue entries
- 50 Personally
- 52 Trollope's "Lady _____"
- 53 "Ars Poetica" poet
- 55 Cause of some shaking
- 56 "Put _____ my tab"
- 57 Soccer squad
- 58 Quaker verb
- 59 "The Outsiders" actor
- 60 Rub' al Khali, e.g.
- 61 Sycophant's response

DOWN

- 1 Special effort
- 2 What the game may be
- 3 Come-on line
- 4 Rodomontade user
- 5 Meal
- 6 Start of a Marx Brothers title
- 7 Come-on line
- 8 Morse bit
- 9 Postcard scenes, sometimes
- 10 Afternoon service
- 11 Come-on line
- 12 "ER" actor Epps
- 13 Dundee toppers
- 21 Sign up

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Puzzle by Trip Payne

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| 26 Bartender's "twists," maybe | 40 Carefree | 48 Shadow |
| 29 Stack | 42 New Orleans university | 49 Fascinated by |
| 30 Connecting pipes | 43 Textile joiner | 51 Narthex neighbor |
| 31 Expansion team of 1962 | 46 Between, in Bayonne | 54 Good — boy |
| 32 Gray area? Abbr. | | |
| 33 The cardinal fire sign | | |
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| 37 "That's a lie!" | | |

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Style and the Arts

• On the shelf

Historical novel puts assassination in context

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

John Surratt was the only person tried for his part in the plot to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln who escaped execution. His mother, however, was not as fortunate. She was hung with three others on a hot summer afternoon.

Author David Robertson chose Surratt as the narrator for his novel "Booth," which is a first-hand account of the events that led up to Lincoln's assassination April 14, 1865. Robertson writes in the first person, through Surratt's diaries. The time frame shifts from the present, 1916, the last year of Surratt's life, and the past, late 1864 and early 1865.

The first scene sets the tone for the rest of the novel, as Surratt attends the 1916 Washington, D.C., premiere of D.W. Griffith's Civil War film, "Birth of a Nation." Griffith wants Surratt's reaction to the film. He also wants Surratt to narrate an add-on to the film, in which the acquitted conspirator would give his account of the months before the assassination.

Surratt is forced into the painful exercise of opening his diaries for the first time in years, which allows the author to shift between the two time frames. The chapters are presented as historical documents that have been arranged by someone other than Surratt.

As a young man, Surratt worked for Alexander Gardner, a Civil War photog-

rapher. It is this fact that allows the author to include historic photographs from the latter days of the war. In one poignant scene, Gardner and Surratt move a dead Confederate soldier's body to a more well-lighted place to be photographed. The very photograph the two stage is found only a few pages before its description. This is true of most of the photos; they are included at or around the point in the book at which they are discussed.

This placing of Surratt squarely in the middle of history as it develops lends authenticity to the writing. It is almost easy to forget this is a novel and not a truly historical account. His acquaintance with the great actor-turned-assassin, John Wilkes Booth, allows Robertson to speak of Booth personally, rather than as a biographer or historian.

Like Forrest Gump, Surratt comes in contact with some of the biggest names of both the Civil War and World War I eras. The difference is that Surratt actually lived the events described in the novel. He is not a fictional character, but a man whose guilt gnaws at him constantly. He tortures himself with thoughts that if he had stayed in the country after the assassination, his testimony might have saved his mother's life.

Anyone who is interested in historical fiction will find this to be an incredible book. It is a fast-paced read and can be completed in one or two sittings. Even though the outcome is known, the

tension as the dates in Surratt's diary approach April 14 is almost unbearable.

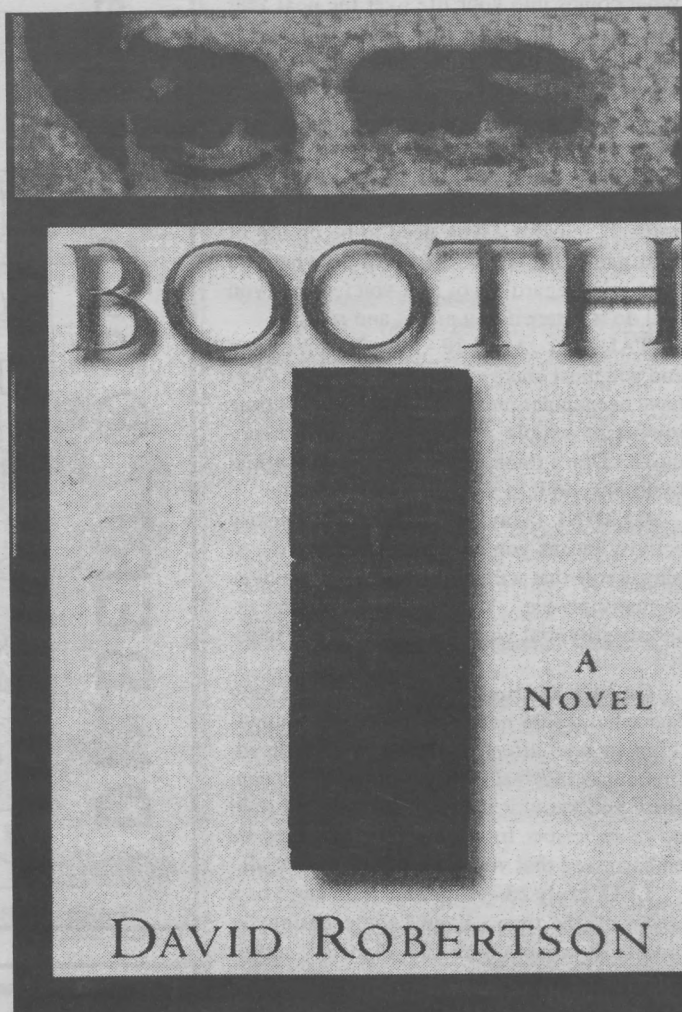
Despite the novel's subject and title, this is Surratt's story.

Surratt is presented as a sympathetic character who was hoodwinked by Booth, who has a mesmerizing effect on everyone he meets. To Surratt, he presents an enigma. He knows Booth well enough to call him by his middle name, Wilkes, which only Booth's closest friends do. At the same time, he is horrified by the lengths to which his friend will go to support his political views.

Sometimes Surratt admires the great actor, while others he reviles him for deceiving those around him. The reader never gets a sense that Surratt has resolved this dilemma, even in his later years. Given the apparent dichotomy that existed in Booth, this is not surprising.

While Robertson has written a biography of former U.S. Secretary of State

James F. Byrnes and publishes his poetry periodically in the *Sewanee Review*, "Booth" is his first attempt at a novel. The result is encouraging, and one would hope he aspires to write more historical fiction in the future.



• At Spotlight

Latest Bond film tinkers with formula, succeeds

By Ryan Robbins
Maine Campus staff

"Tomorrow Never Dies," the 18th film in the James Bond series, isn't your typical Bond film. First, it doesn't follow the formula. Second, the Bond girl packs a lot more punch than her predecessors and she doesn't succumb to Bond's romantic prowess — if you will — until the end. And, at 1 hour, 59 minutes, it's one of the shortest Bonds. Don't worry, though, there's plenty of action to go around.

The villain this time out is British media mogul Elliot Carver (Jonathan Pryce, "Evita"), head of the Carver Media Network Group, with holdings in newspaper, radio, television and a new satellite news network. Hungry for worldwide ratings, Carver devises a plan to bring Britain and China to the brink of war in the South China Sea.

The HMS Devonshire, a British Naval frigate on routine patrol in the international waters of the South China Sea, is mysteriously sunk shortly after being warned by two Chinese fighter planes that it has encroached upon Chinese territorial waters. The British Naval admiral orders an immediate recovery mission, but Bond's boss, M (Dame Judi Dench, "Her Majesty Mrs. Brown"), urges caution. Shortly be-

fore the Devonshire's sinking the British Secret Service had detected a mysterious signal from one of Carver's satellites. Bond has 48 hours to investigate Carver before the British fleet will reach the South China Sea.

Conveniently enough, Bond won't have to do much espionage to get into a party Carver is holding to launch his new satellite TV network — Carver's wife, Paris (Teri Hatcher), is an old flame of Bond's.

In his travels to get to the bottom of Carver's ratings game, Bond crosses paths with Wai Lin (Michelle Yeoh), a Chinese secret agent.

The film's first half is reminiscent of the early Bonds. The signature pre-title sequence features outstanding cinematography as a British cruise missile winds through the French Pyrenees, on course for a terrorists' arms bazaar. Although there is no grand stunt for Bond's escape, the end is humorously satisfying without insulting the audience.

Pierce Brosnan, in his second outing as 007, is more at ease than he was in "GoldenEye." Although his emotional encounter with Paris in a hotel room is too brief for moviegoers to get involved, he does a fine job giving Bond what few emotions the script allows him.

Desmond Llewelyn returns for his 16th outing as the lovable Q, this time issuing

a remote-controlled BMW, equipped with all the "usual refinements" to Bond, setting the stage for a classic car chase through a car park, which reaches speeds up to 60 mph.

As Lin, Yeoh nearly steals the stage from Brosnan. An experienced martial arts actress who has appeared in Jackie Chan movies, she does an outstanding job dispatching goons at her Saigon outpost in well-choreographed hand-to-hand combat. However, her wielding two machine guns in slow motion at the film's climax is too much for a Bond film. Yeoh is emotionally detached in her performance, but then so is her character. Lin is not your typical Bond girl: she doesn't scream and nearly resists Bond's allure.

As Elliot Carver, Pryce is delicious, bubbling on the verge of insanity. However, constant re-writing of the script (which lasted throughout filming) may have sapped Carver of his full evilness. A Bond villain is supposed to have his fair share of one-liners, but Carver has few opportunities to banter with Bond, save for their brief encounters at the satellite network's premiere and again at Carver's Saigon bureau.

Carver's right-hand man, Stamper (Gotz Otto, "Schindler's List") — whose name sounds like that of a reindeer who didn't make Santa's cut — is weak. Like

with Pryce, the script doesn't give Otto much to work with, dropping a perfect opportunity in Saigon for Stamper to practice his favorite hobby: Chinese torture.

However, although the script is scant on dialogue in the film's second half, it does have a number of clever double entendres and innuendoes in the first half, such as when Moneypenny (Samantha Bond) tells Bond she always knew he was a "cunning linguist." More memorable, though, is the exchange between Bond and M during his briefing on the way to the airport.

"Your job is to find out whether Carver or someone in his organization set that ship off course, and why," M says. "Use your relationship with Mrs. Carver if necessary."

"I doubt if she will remember me," Bond replies.

"Remind her. Then pump her for information."

"You'll just have to find out how much pumping is needed, James," Moneypenny chimes.

Bond fans of old may be disappointed at the direction the franchise has taken toward more explosions in the last two films. Rest assured, though, Brosnan's Bond retains the character's style and wit without going overboard, making "Tomorrow Never Dies" pure fun.

• Coffee House Series

Singer to make return performance to UMaine

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

Singer-guitarist Les Sampou spent 12 years the rounds on the club and coffee house scene in Boston before she was able to make a living from her music. Despite the time she has spent in the region, her songs aren't necessarily about the Northeast.

"I write a lot about the South. I don't know why," she said the last time she was here last September. "I guess I just have an affinity for Southern literature and people."

The audience at the Sept. 9 Coffee House Series, the first of the 1997-98 season, was exceptionally large. If you plan on going Tuesday night, get there early.

Sampou is an energetic musician who never stops playing, even between songs. She tunes, strums and sings fragments of songs.

The common theme in Sampou's eclectic style is her storytelling. She prefaces

her songs with tales that are somehow related to the song itself. Her stories are almost as entertaining as the songs they precede.

If you go to the show, be prepared to speak. Sampou says the thing she likes most about performing is audience participation. She encourages people to speak up between songs and is more than accessible during intermission.

The subjects of Sampou's heartfelt, bluesy songs range from Van Gogh, who she says was "very good at sharing his pain," to her grandmother Lou, who showed Sampou the virtues of growing old.

Sampou has released two CDs, with a third due out in March. She likens the title track from her latest, "Sweet Perfume," to Keats' "Ode on a Grecian Urn," calling it a "Missouri hick version" of the poem.

The Boston Globe called her first CD, "Fall From Grace," a "heartfelt blend of acoustic blues and folk music and a highly literate lyricism."



Singer Les Sampou returns to the Coffee House Series after a successful performance last semester. (File photo.)



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• In theaters

'Amistad' tells us only what we already know

By Hunter Tzovarras
Maine Campus staff

Steven Spielberg is one of the most revered directors working today, deservedly so. He has made one of the most beloved movies of all time, as well as the most critically acclaimed film since "Raging Bull." "E.T." and "Schindler's List" are two films that will be remembered and watched for as long as people still watch movies. In 1997, Spielberg gave us two new films, "The Lost World" and "Amistad." While the former was merely a retread of "Jurassic Park," the latter is a return to more earnest filmmaking along the lines of "Schindler's List."

I imagine Spielberg approached "Amistad" as an important historical story that needed to be told. It is, but the problem is the story doesn't lend itself to great movie material.

Set in 1839, the film revolves around a court case involving the fate of Africans who have rebelled aboard the Spanish slave ship *Le Amistad*. After the mutiny, the *Amistad* sails into New Haven, Conn., whereupon the mutineers are arrested. The Spanish government claims the Africans should be returned to Spain, and cite a 1795 treaty on sea cargo as precedent. Local abolitionist Theodore Joadson (Morgan Freeman) advocates their freedom, and hires a lawyer (Mathew McConaughey) to argue their case. The case will eventually go to the Supreme Court, where former President John Quincy Adams (Anthony Hopkins) will argue for Africans' freedom.

Honestly, I found many of the court scenes to be a bit dry, and that is not auspicious for a film based on a court case. The case is not a matter of guilt or innocence. It is inexorably clear which side has the just argument so there won't be any shocking revelations. There is really not much to think about or mull over in these scenes, other than the prevalence of a loathsome ideology that tries to defend slavery. By far, the most interesting court scene is Adams' summation before the Supreme Court. Still it doesn't give us any new insight into the matter (for it is so black and white to begin with), and only eloquently restates our views.

The movie's most memorable scenes take place outside the court room. The film opens aboard the *Amistad* with Cinque (Djimon Hounsou) freeing himself from chains and starting the mutiny in which the ship's crew is violently murdered. The scene comes off as graphically brutal. A later scene, in which we see the atrocious iniquities the Africans were subjected to, is even more disturbing and difficult to watch. In retrospect, it gives the opening scene a feel of redemption. There are also some lighter scenes in which Cinque and his friends make some amusing observations about Western culture and its court system.

Hopkins is probably the best character actor working today and is a pleasure to watch. I have seen him in countless films and each time he hits the performance with the perfect note. Watching him in "Amistad," I don't think to myself, "There's Anthony Hopkins playing John Quincy Adams," but, "There's John Quincy Adams."

Hopkins, unlike many Hollywood stars, is able to transcend his persona to become the character.

The film does work well as a historical piece. It does a good job in recreating the zeitgeist of 1839. There are scenes with President Martin Van Buren, showing the ever increasing dichotomy of Northern and Southern politics. Van Buren is pressured by prominent Southern politicians to not allow the Africans to go free, for fear it will strengthen the abolition movement. The *Amistad* case foreshadowed the polariza-

tion between north and south that will eventually lead to Civil War.

"Amistad" is a film that tells an important and relatively unknown story in American history. Yet it doesn't have that alluring quality of a great film. Maybe that's because it doesn't teach us anything new. We know slavery was egregiously unjust and inhumane and that it was laden with iniquities, and "Amistad" only reaffirms what we already know.

Rating: ★★★

• Homecoming

Brits want Pooh back

NEW YORK (AP) — Oh bother.

The British want Winnie the Pooh and his four friends to come home.

A member of Parliament says the original stuffed animals on which A.A. Milne's beloved stories are based should be taken from a display case at the New York Public Library and returned to England.

"I saw them recently and they look very unhappy indeed," Labor Party legislator Gwyneth Dunwoody said. "I am not surprised, considering they have been incarcerated in a glass case in a foreign country for all these years."

Pooh, Tigger, Kanga, Eeyore and Piglet could be in for another adventure — and this one wouldn't be in the Hundred-Acre Wood. "Oh bother," Pooh might say of this tempest in a honey pot. "Oh dear, oh dear," Piglet would add.

Mrs. Dunwoody is asking what plans Britain's culture secretary has to arrange for the stuffed animals' repatriation after half a century.

"Just like the Greeks want their Elgin Marbles back — so we want our Winnie the Pooh back, along with all his splendid friends," Mrs. Dunwoody said, referring to the ancient sculptures from the Parthenon that Britain's Lord Elgin brought to England nearly two centuries ago.

The New York Public Library is treating the sticky issue very cautiously. "Until we get a specific request, we're not commenting," spokeswoman Caroline Oyama said.

A more combative Diane Powers, associate chief librarian at the Donnell Library Center, the branch where the stuffed toys are on display, said Wednesday: "If England returns the Elgin Marbles to Greece, we might consider returning Pooh."

Mrs. Dunwoody's comments — a day before Prime Minister Tony Blair's visit to Washington on Wednesday — posed no threat to relations between the two countries. The British Consulate in New York called The Associated Press to insist the prime minister's office knew nothing about Mrs. Dunwoody's proposal.

And Blair himself, on ABC's "Good Morning America" today, didn't sound too interested in pursuing the matter.

"I think it will come slightly down the agenda, if you don't mind me saying so," Blair said.

"I'm sure they are perfectly well-looked after where they are," he said. Asked whether the stuffed animals are unhappy in their New York home, he said, "I seem to remember from the old stories they always did look a bit unhappy."

The Winnie the Pooh Five, along with early editions of their books, have resided in a large display case in the Children's Room of the Donnell Library Center since 1987.

Their sojourn to the United States began in 1947 when American publisher E.P. Dutton and Co. invited them for a national tour to promote Milne's books, said Tim Moses, publicity director at Dutton Children's Books, an imprint of Penguin, Putnam Inc.

Insured for \$50,000, Pooh and friends toured the United States for about 10 years, Moses said. The publisher then held onto the animals, turning them over to the library in 1987.

Moses said Milne had given the toys to Dutton permanently as a gift.

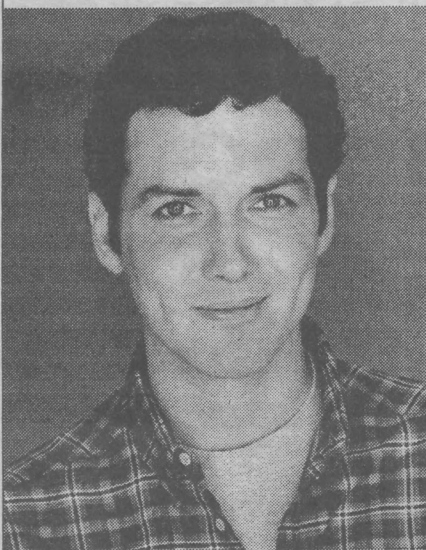
"There isn't any question about the legal ownership of Winnie and his friends," Moses said.

The hugely successful books center on the adventures of Pooh, the honey-loving bear of little brain, and his friends: the gloomy donkey Eeyore, the excitable Piglet, bouncy Tigger and maternal Kanga (with her baby, Roo). Milne began the series in 1926 for his son, Christopher Robin, who figures prominently in the stories.

The stuffed animals, which Milne bought for his son at Harrods, were the basis for the books' original line drawings, by Ernest Howard Shepard.

"They are part of our heritage and they want to come home," Mrs. Dunwoody said. "And it is about time we got them back. This is where they belong. They plainly want to come home."

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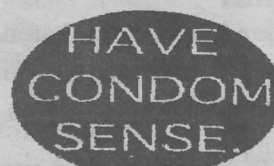
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• Women's basketball

Black Bears blow out conference rivals

Cassidy leads Maine over Towson

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

ORONO - Any doubters of the Maine women's team's future after Cindy Blodgett's departure need look no further than Friday night to be proved wrong.

The sophomore class accounted for 44 points and 18 rebounds, as the 14-5, 9-3 America East, Black Bears snapped a two-game losing streak against Towson University 84-58 in conference action in Orono.

Jamie Cassidy led the way with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Amy Vachon scored 16 points, had seven assists and a season-best seven rebounds.

Kristen McCormick scored eight points, and junior Klara Danes had 11 points.

"The past couple games, we haven't been moving the ball very well. The past couple games, we haven't been having fun, and that's been hard," Vachon said.

"Tonight, we just wanted to come out, have fun, and get everyone involved."

LaTonya Joyner led 12-9, 8-5 conference, Towson with 12 points. Shniece Perry followed with 10 points and four steals.

Cindy Blodgett, the nation's third-leading scorer, struggled throughout the night and forced most of her shots. The senior had just 13 points on three-of-12 shooting with no 3-pointers.

Maine coach Joanne Palombo-McCallie wanted to focus on Blodgett's rebounding (seven on the game) instead of her poor shooting.

"I think Cindy's the kind of person who is going to do whatever it takes to get the job done. Obviously, there were a couple of shots that normally go in, but to me, Cindy played a good game," Palombo said.

For almost two weeks, Cassidy has been coming off the bench, but got the start against the Tigers and came out firing.

The 6'4" center had a block to go with 10 points in the first seven minutes of the half, including two three-point plays within 14 seconds of each other.

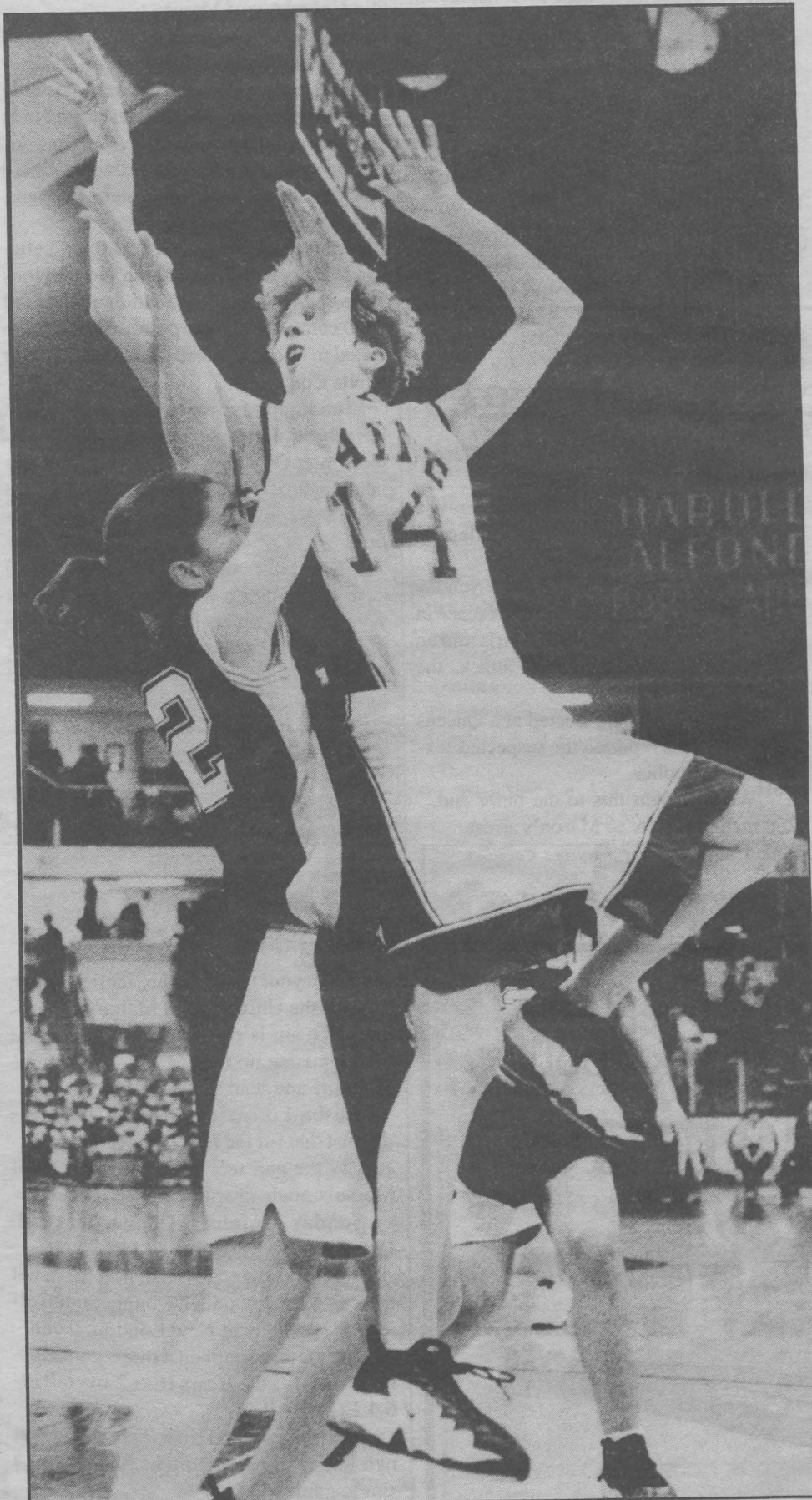
"I don't think it really mattered (about starting). I just wanted to come out and play hard either way," Cassidy said.

The teams played even early on through the first half, with a Sonia Keiner 3-pointer cutting the Black Bear lead to 16-14 with 12:24 left in the period.

Maine, though, went back to the fast break, defensive style of play that made them successful. Going on a 25-8 run to close the half, the Black Bears held Towson to 33 percent shooting on just nine field goals.

Vachon and McCormick combined for 14 points, including four 3-pointers, to give Maine a 41-22 lead at the break.

Vachon rediscovered a three-point stroke, connecting on three straight in a



Maine guard Cindy Blodgett is fouled by Towson guard Mylisa Pilione during the Black Bears' thrashing of the Tigers. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

three-minute first half stretch. The point guard's reasoning for shooting was simple: she was open.

"It's not anything I've gone away from. I guess I was open more, and I hit my first couple, so I was looking for it a little more," Vachon said.

The Black Bears controlled the tempo the entire second half, earning their biggest lead of 32 at 68-39 with 9:43 left to go. Towson closed the game with a 19-16 edge, but could not get any offensive flow to cut into the lead.

Game Notes: Maine has lost three conference games only three times in their history, 1985-86, 1986-87, and 1992-93, and had lost only three conference games in the past three seasons.

Vachon is on pace to break Julia Tread-

well's single-season assist mark of 191 set in 1993-94. She has 130 thus far...Blodgett missed her first conference free throw attempt in 44 chances on a three-point play opportunity with just over five minutes left in the first half.

Blodgett too much for Hens

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

ORONO - After suffering through one of her worst offensive performances in recent memory Friday night, Cindy Blodgett did not want a repeat performance Sunday afternoon against Delaware.

Any thoughts of a senior slump were quickly erased.

Blodgett hit her first shot and didn't stop, connecting for a season-best 43 points on 19-for-26 shooting, including 23 in the first half, to lead Maine to a 98-73 win over the Blue Hens at the Alford Arena.

"You never want to shoot 3-for-12 (like on Friday)," Blodgett said. "It happens and it happens to the best of them, so you just try to pick up and do other things."

Blodgett earned yet another record, as her 43 points was a regular season conference game scoring record.

"I hope at this point I don't have to come out and show what I can do. I just want to come out, play well, and have the team play well," Blodgett said.

Maine closed its five-game homestand with a 3-2 mark and upped its record to 15-5, 10-3 America East. They will take a much-needed rest before opening up a three-game road trip against Northeastern on Thursday.

"It was a long stretch of home games back-to-back, but it was fun. We got to play in front of our home crowd five games in a row," Amy Vachon said. "I guess we're a little bit tired, but nothing too bad."

Vachon continued her good play of late with 13 points and 11 assists. Jamie Cassidy scored 16 points to go with a team-high eight rebounds, and Klara Danes added 10.

Blodgett commented that the emergence of Vachon's offensive game is good for the team.

"She is quite capable of taking 3's and taking it to the hole like she has the past couple of games. It helps out the other guards, because they have to worry about her as an offensive threat as well," Blodgett said.

Freshman sensation Cindy Johnson ran her way to 23 points for 5-16, 2-12 conference, Delaware. Keisha McFadg-

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FROM THE DEN

In 1976 the University of Maine implemented women's track as a varsity sport. Indoor track was allowed at first with an increasing hope to elevate the outdoor track to varsity status as well. At that time, however, the status of outdoor track depended on how successful the indoor track program would be.



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ion had 17 points and Suzanne Street netted 16.

Blodgett had Maine's first 12 points of the first half, as the club jumped out to a 12-4 lead. But McFadgion, Street and Shanda Piggot paced the Blue Hens and battled back to get within five at 20-15.

But Blodgett's hot hand, along with a strong Maine defense led by Danes and Vachon, kept the Blue Hens at bay and at a 51-38 disadvantage going into the locker room.

Delaware head coach Tina Martin said she had a feeling the senior guard would have a good day after seeing her shoot around almost an hour-and-a-half before game time.

"I turned to my assistant coach and said, 'Watch out, Cindy's going to light it up today,' and she lit us up. Maine

played Maine basketball today, and that's why they were victorious," Martin said.

Cassidy took control in the second half, hitting for 14 points in the period, to complement an offensively untouchable Blodgett.

With 12:35 left in the second, Blodgett scored 10 straight Maine points on two three-point plays, a coast-to-coast layup, and a short jumper in a span of 2:10.

Game Notes: After failing to score 80 points in a game since the first week of January, Maine had gone over that number the last two games...Maine shot almost 68 percent in the second half, and near 63 percent for the game...The Black Bears are still 1/2 game behind No. 1 Vermont in the conference race, depending on the outcome of Sunday's Catamounts game against Boston University.

• NBA

Mason to face rape charges

NEW YORK (AP) — Anthony Mason of the Charlotte Hornets was arrested late Saturday on two counts of third-degree rape of two teen-age girls.

His lawyer, Frank Rothman, anticipating the arrest all day, insisted his client was innocent. Mason was arrested after five hours of questioning by detectives.

"There will be scientific evidence that will vindicate Anthony," Rothman said. "He's a target for people like this," Rothman said. Mason, 31, and a friend, William Duggins, 24, were each charged with two counts of statutory rape in the attack on two girls, 14 and 15, on Friday night, said Mary

DeBourbon, a spokeswoman for Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown.

Mason and his friend met the sisters at a charity basketball game at York College in Queens, said the spokeswoman.

The Daily News reported in its Sunday editions that the alleged attack took place in a limousine after the game. The girls told an older sister about the alleged attack, the paper said.

After the girls were treated at a Queens hospital, nurses reported the suspected sexual attack to police.

"We will fight this to the bitter end," Rothman said prior to Mason's arrest.

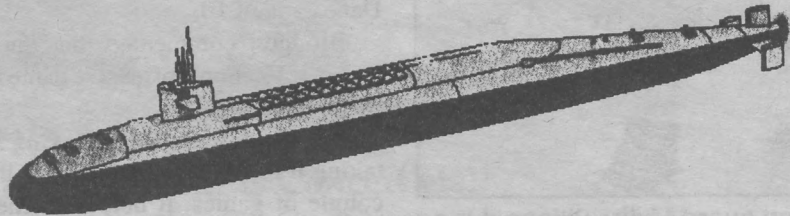
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• Academics

Honoring student-athletes

By Katie Kelly
Special to the Campus

It takes a great amount of dedication, determination and commitment to be a successful athlete at a Division I school like the University of Maine.

This weekend, family and friends gathered to support the 106 student-athletes who have demonstrated success not only on their respective playing surfaces, but in the classroom as well.

On Sunday, the Athletic Advisory Board held its annual Scholar-Athlete Recognition Awards Ceremony.

Athletes who earned a 3.0 or better grade point average for both the previous spring and fall semesters and/or maintained a 3.0 cumulative grade point average, were asked to attend the festivities that began at Wells Commons.

The timing for these awards could not have been more perfectly planned. With the winter Olympics just starting in Nagano, Japan, it seems only natural that the awards are given in the form of a medalion.

The bronze, silver and gold colors all have symbolic meaning to the number of years that the athlete has received the prestigious award. The bronze medal is for first-year, silver for second-year and gold for third- or fourth-year recipients.

While cross country and track garnered the greatest number of medals, 23, it was the men's soccer team and the women's basketball team who scored the highest academically.

The two teams each received the 1996-97 Team Scholastic Awards for the highest team grade point average. Football and women's swimming came in second for most awards with 12 apiece.

It was also a day for three athletes to stand out amongst their peers, as the Dean Smith award was handed out to signify the pinnacle of academic excellence.

Each year the award is handed out to an athlete who goes above and beyond academically and athletically. Ted Sherry of the men's soccer team took the Dean Smith award for the male honoree this year, while Johanna Riley of the track team and Cindy Blodgett of the women's basketball team tied for the female honor.

"I knew I was nominated, but still..." said Riley. "It is overwhelming; it's a great way to end my senior year."

The whole celebration came to a close with the medallion presentation at half-time of the UMaine women's basketball game versus the University of Delaware, where the athletes were not only recognized by their fans, but also by the academic community, which strongly supports them.

• Women's hockey

Maine snaps losing skid

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

When your team is approaching crunch time, as the University of Maine women's hockey team is right now, it's important that someone on the team is able to take the reins and lead the way.

Alison Lorenz and Christina Hedges did just that for the Black Bears this weekend, as the pair teamed up to score all of Maine's goals in splitting two games.

Sunday — Maine 6, Connecticut College 1

Lorenz and Hedges each notched a hat trick as Maine pounded Connecticut College 6-1 Sunday at New London, Conn.

The victory snapped a three-game losing streak for the Bears (6-6-2 overall, 4-6-1 ECAC Alliance).

It was the second time this season that two Maine players scored a hat trick in a single game.

Lorenz chipped in two assists in addition to her hat trick. Alicia Gilmore had three assists for the Black Bears.

The national anthem had barely ended before Lorenz scored the first goal for Maine just 18 seconds into the game.

Hedges made her presence felt with a goal of her own at 11:37. Lorenz's second goal at 17:43 made the score 3-0 Maine after one period.

After a scoreless second, the Bears came out firing again in the third. Lorenz snagged her hat trick 11 seconds into the period, her 23rd goal of the season.

Hedges scored her second goal at 12:45 and followed with the hat trick (her 12th goal of the season) at 16:21.

Maine goaltender Amy Oliver had 19 saves in 40 minutes for Maine, while backup Sarah Dolan made seven in 20 minutes of action.

Claudia Goodrich had 28 saves for the Camels (0-13-1, 0-8-0).

Saturday — Wesleyan 4, Maine 3

Wesleyan's Danielle Marchione scored a power play goal in the third to snap a 3-3 deadlock as the Cardinals downed the Bears at Middletown, Conn.

Lorenz notched two goals for Maine,

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while Susie Bellizzi tallied two of her own for Wesleyan.

Wesleyan (11-6-0, 7-2-0) opened the scoring at 9:20 on a goal by Heather Roberts. It took Maine only 28 seconds to fire back an answer, as Hedges' unassisted goal knotted the score at one.

Bellizzi then took charge for Wesleyan, scoring the next two goals for the Cards.

Down 3-1 late in the second, the Bears began to claw back. Lorenz scored two goals for Maine in the last five minutes to knot the score at three.

Things stayed that way until the 9:46 mark of the third, when Marchione slammed the door on any hopes for a Maine victory.

After a penalty on Maine's Allison Haley (the only one of the afternoon for

the Bears), Marchione deflected a point shot by teammate Kate Whitman past Maine goaltender Amy Oliver to put Wesleyan on top to stay.

Oliver made 36 saves for the Bears, while Kate Mileno had 17 for the Cards.

Loose pucks:

* Marchione's goal Saturday was only the fourth goal given up by Maine while short-handed, though it was the third in the last week of action.

* The more Lorenz scores for Maine, the better. Here's how Maine's won/loss record breaks down, depending on how often Lorenz scores:

# Goals	W-L-T
0	0-2-1
1	1-2-1
2	2-2-0
3+	3-0-0

• Men's basketball

Road trip ends in defeat

From staff reports

The University of Maine men's basketball team suffered two America East defeats this weekend, a 68-59 loss to Towson University on Friday and a 67-63 loss to the University of Delaware on Sunday.

Maine (6-16, 3-11 America East) has lost three out of its last four games and was defeated by the Tigers for the second time in six days.

Senior forward Ralph Biggs celebrated his 22nd birthday by leading Towson (6-16, 3-11) with 13 points and seven rebounds.

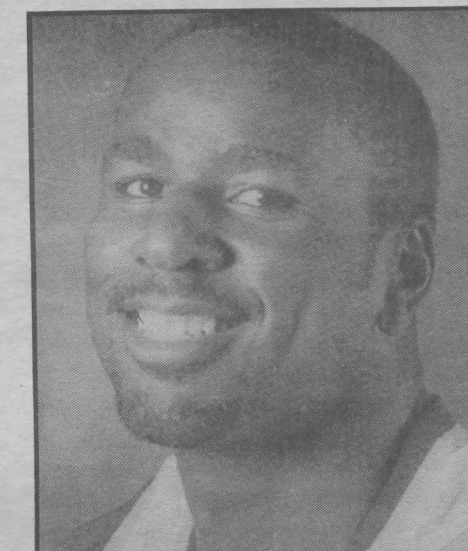
The Black Bears got off to a hot start in the first half, jumping out to a 12-1 lead, but could not shake the Tigers, who settled down and eventually took a 21-20 lead with 5:56 left in the first half. Towson led 34-29 at the half.

Allen Ledbetter led Maine with a game-high 16 points and 10 rebounds. Marcus Wills added 15 points for Maine while Fred Meeks was held to just five for the Black Bears.

Sunday: The Black Bears traveled to first-place Delaware where they played the Blue Hens tough but could not come up with a victory.

Delaware (15-7, 11-4) had four players in double figures in scoring led by Darryl Presley, who poured in a game-high 24 points and nine rebounds.

Maine was outscored 39-24 in the first half and hit just 3-for-9 three-pointers in the period, while the Blue Hens converted five



Maine forward Allen Ledbetter paced the Bears' offense this weekend. (file photo.)

long bombs.

Maine was once again led by Ledbetter, who scored 22 points. Meeks and Wills were held to 11 and four points, respectively.

The Blue Hens were also paced by Mike Pegues, Tyrone Perry and Greg Miller, who added 11, 10 and 10 points, respectively.

Maine outshot Delaware 46 percent to 43 percent in the game, but took fewer shots than the Blue Hens, which resulted in a 67-63 final outcome.

Maine returns to action for its final two home games of the season Thursday against Boston University and Saturday when Northeastern comes to Alfred.

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NBA: Time to dunk 2ball

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

There were no windmills, tomahawks, three-sixty pump jams, or alley-oop slams off the glass in Saturday night's NBA all-star festivities.

The WNBA's intrusion on all-star weekend resulted in the dismissal of the slam dunk competition, a staple of the gala since 1984.

Instead of gazing wide-eyed at marvels of athleticism as they perform innovative high-flying acts on the rims of Madison Square Garden, NBA fans were treated with the most unimpressive of all events ever conjured up, 2Ball.

This "pioneering" event matched up two stars, from respective NBA/WNBA cities, who were required to alternate shots from eight different spots on the floor, with eight being the highest score.

Not only was this competition boring, but it was confusing. If the pair makes one shot from each spot within the allotted one minute span, then the team is awarded a ten-point bonus. The reward seemed rational but it was often difficult to keep track of the shots made and where they were made from.

The other stumbling block that this exploration in basketball pageantry suffered from was a lack of execution by the players; well, mainly from the NBA players.

Besides the dynamic duo of Houston's Clyde Drexler and Cynthia Cooper, each team struggled to make shots, which

resulted in pitiful scores ranging in the thirties and forties. A good score was considered to be in the 70-80 range.

The Hollywood connection of Kobe Bryant and Lisa Leslie looked more like actors fumbling with lines than basketball players, as they combined for a star-studded 27 points in their one-minute pioneering episode.

Another problem that this event experienced was balance. While the smaller WNBA players ran around like chickens with their heads cut off, the NBA guys mainly stood at the three point line accepting feeds from the hard-working gals.

The bottom line, with no disrespect to the talents of professional women's basketball, is that the NBA's all-star weekend is a rare chance for some of the leagues most gifted individuals, but often overlooked, to showcase their mystifying gifts for one night.

The main reason that 2Ball was put onto the weekend's format was to promote women's basketball and prove that men and women can compete together at a high level.

This concept is supposed to make everyone who grew up watching the epic battles between Michael Jordan and Dominique Wilkins in the mid-to-late '80s forget about the electricity created from the classic conversion of a reverse pump dunk.

As far as the myth that the dunking appeal has drifted off onto the streets of West and 57th and been hit by a ticked-

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off yellow taxicab driver, forget about it.

Slam dunks are as important to basketball today as dressing is to salad. You can have one without the other, but that doesn't begin to scratch the surface of excitement, now does it?

So why mess with a good thing?

Basketball bureaucrats argue that 2Ball adds more flavor to the game.

The dunk competition has been lacking marquee names in recent years as many stars have opted to sit out of the competition, allowing younger, lesser-known players to strut their stuff.

Fans don't want "flava." They want to see broken backboards and routines of art performed in mid-air.

While it is admirable to lend the WNBA a helping hand by displaying

some of its greatest talent in front of a national forum, this attempt has taken away the most energized aspect of All-Star Weekend.

Change the format of the competition in some fashion that attracts the Shawn Kemp or the Eddie Jones' of the league to willingly compete each season, but don't replace this event with 2Ball.

Shaquille O'Neal once said, "Don't fake the funk on a nasty dunk." I'm not really sure what the big guy meant by that statement. Perhaps he meant don't hold back your emotions when you throw one down in somebody's face.

Maybe it was a prophetic blurb of outrage toward the NBA and its attempt to soften its image and promote teamwork between genders.

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No qualms over No. 1

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Peyton Manning says he doesn't care if Ryan Leaf goes No. 1 in the NFL draft.

Ditto for Leaf. There's just no rivalry between the two quarterbacks who should go 1-2 on April 18. In fact, they've become good buddies — just like John Elway, Brett Favre, Dan Marino and many of the other top NFL quarterbacks in one of sports' more exclusive cliques.

"People may try to create that, but that's not the case," Manning said. "I've gotten to know Ryan ... there is no question he is really a good player and a good person as well."

"It's great because we know that it doesn't matter who is first or second," he said. "His dream was to play professional football, and so is mine. I think a lot of that now gets distorted, with the money issue. We're not competing with each other until

we have to play each other."

The two have been talking regularly for months. "The media was starting to make Ryan vs. Peyton deals and I didn't want it to get put on a hostile level," Leaf said. "I called the University of Tennessee football office and left my number and he called me back that same night."

"We talked on the phone every week throughout the season. We know each other pretty well. ... The more we got to know each other, we realized we have a lot of things in common."

Both should be heading to the bank with big checks after they sign their first NFL contracts. In a league starving for new quarterback talent, scouts rate both far above any of the other NFL hopefuls at the combine.

AGS GRANTS WRITING WORK-SHOP Thursday, February 12 that 5:30 p.m. Graduate Center, Estabrook Hall

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