

Spring 2-25-1998

Maine Campus February 25 1998

Maine Campus Staff

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mainecampus>

Repository Citation

Staff, Maine Campus, "Maine Campus February 25 1998" (1998). *Maine Campus Archives*. 4536.
<https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mainecampus/4536>

This Other is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@UMaine. It has been accepted for inclusion in Maine Campus Archives by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UMaine. For more information, please contact um.library.technical.services@maine.edu.

• Retirement

Agreement gives classified employees parity

By Paul Livingstone
Maine Campus staff

After more than year of negotiations, classified employees at the University of Maine have finally reached an agreement with the administration that would give them a major boost in retirement benefits. If the plan receives University of Maine System board of trustees approval, classified employees could receive one of the best retirement plans of its kind in New England.

"Tremendous," said UMaine custodian and negotiator Chris McEvoy. "This is real move forward."

A concord was reached quickly Friday between UMaine and the Labor Management Committee, a group of classified employees representing employees for all state universities. The committee was led by Suzanne Moulton, an administrative assistant at UMaine and chief negotiator for the Labor Management Committee.

"The classified employees were the only group who did not have a contributory retirement plan, one that would have opportunities for investment," Moulton said.

Instead of a defined benefit program that was the norm prior to the agreement, a contributory retirement plan was requested by the Labor Management Committee. The committee was composed of representatives from four unions, and others from employee groups not represented by unions.

"I think it's a wonderful improvement," said Tracy Bigney, executive director of Human Resources for the UMS and negotiator for the university.

The limitations of the defined benefit plan spurred Moulton to start a grass-roots employee movement in late 1996.

As a classified employee, if she were to retire, she would only receive \$7,000. Another employee now at 43 years of age would only get \$7,100 at time of retirement, she said.

"We needed to go for more," she said. "Initially, they offered a half percent. It was time to wage a battle. Inch by inch we worked our way up."

Classified employees already shared medical and dental benefits with the rest of university person-

See **PARITY** on page 7



Suzanne Moulton is all smiles after the classified employees' triumph. (Chris Taggart photo.)

• Student government

Senate creates new VP position

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

A new vice president position in Student Government was created by the General Student Senate last night. A resolution sponsored by Student Government Vice President Scott Morelli called for the creation of a vice president for student entertainment to oversee a variety of campus events.

Programming event funding given to representative bodies such as Residents On Campus, Off Campus Board and the Interfraternity

Council will be taken away from the bodies and combined for use by committees operating under the VPSE. The new arrangement will consist of the VPSE, assistant VPSE, chief security officer and chief advertising officer. The executive position will oversee three committees: Guest Lecture Series, Maine Day and Senior Council.

A cabinet will be formed representing all Student Government representative boards along with the Student Government president, Student Government vice president, VPSE board members, and

senators that would represent the university as a whole.

Morelli said the purpose of the resolution was to give representative boards more time to do what they exist to do, represent students. The groups will not have to take up much of their time planning events and relying on small funds to bring in large acts.

"You've got this one board that will have it all," Morelli said. "This would benefit Student Government and represent all of Student Gov-

See **GSS** on page 8

• BearWorks

Hoff invites comment

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

Many students have noticed a new folder on their FirstClass accounts, BearWorks, a new action plan that lists the priorities, goals and objectives of the university and allows the university commu-

introductory letter. "I invite everyone to comment, suggest, debate, and participate in moving to a shared understanding and commitment to action."

BearWorks' main objective is to have the university community communicate with each other, Scott Anchors, executive assistant to the president, said.

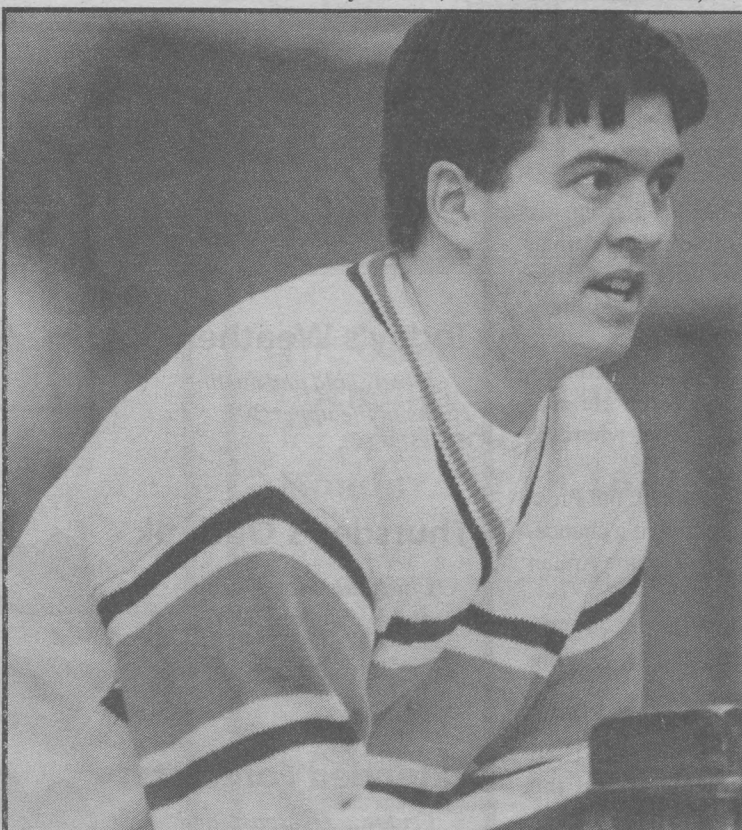
Hoff said the BearWorks action plan has four fundamental goals: being a land-grant university with a Maine focus and a human scale, a strong and dynamic university, a collegial community of learners and Maine's college of choice. Hoff said the fourth goal will be achieved once the other three are.

Subject matter in the plan spans the interests of the entire university community and includes issues such as enrollment, academic quality, student life, diversity and equal opportunity, athletics, alumni, university leadership and fiscal health.

BearWorks consists of more than just its FirstClass folder, Anchors said.

Comment cards that can be sent to the president are available around campus. Anchors said the president has received 12 to 14 responses.

See **BEARWORKS** on page 7



GSS President Scott Morelli sponsored the formation of an executive board to schedule events and conduct entertainment programming on campus. (Caleb Raynor photo.)



UMaine President Peter Hoff. (File photo.)

nity to have their say.

"This plan is offered as a draft; one full of concrete suggestions that the University of Maine community can discuss immediately; one open to alternatives and new ideas as appropriate," President Peter Hoff said in a BearWorks

INSIDE

• Local

Officials anticipate black studies minor.

page 5

• Editorial

An open student government benefits all.

page 11

• Style

Writer-producer looks to make film history.

page 14

• Sports

First of a two-part Blodgett profile.

page 17

WEATHER



Misting and cold.

WORLD BRIEFS

• Diplomacy

Giffin right at home in Canadian post

1 OTTAWA (AP) — He's a rookie diplomat, but Gordon Giffin has the right stuff to be U.S. ambassador to Canada: close ties to the White House and a lifelong passion for ice hockey.

Still new on the job, he squared off against a prominent Quebec politician, Gilles Duceppe, in a Montreal Canadiens trivia contest.

"He won," Giffin said. "But I came darn close."

Whether it's hockey lore or Canadian history, Giffin, who assumed his duties in September, has a familiarity with his posting rivaled by few ambassadors anywhere.

He moved to Montreal from Massachusetts in 1950 when just a few months old, and spent 17 of his next 18 years in Canada, where his father worked for an insurance company.

He graduated from high school in Toronto, attended Duke University, became a prominent lawyer in Atlanta and helped run President Clinton's election campaigns in 1992 and 1996. His friendship with the president could have won him any number of federal jobs, but only one interested him.

"I never felt anything in my young life other than American," Giffin said in an interview at his spacious office overlooking Canada's Parliament. "But I feel a closeness to and affinity for Canada. I feel special when I hear 'O Canada.'"

• Dubbing

Sir Elton John honored by crown

2 LONDON (AP) — He's had more than a dozen hits, started his own AIDS charity, mixed with fellow stars in the celebrity firmament and played at Princess Diana's funeral. But for Elton John, receiving a knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II on Tuesday was the pinnacle of his 33-year career.

"They don't come much bigger than this," a beaming Sir Elton told reporters. Often flamboyant — he arrived at the palace in a green turbo-charged Bentley — he was wearing a sober suit and accompanied by his parents and his partner, David Furnish.

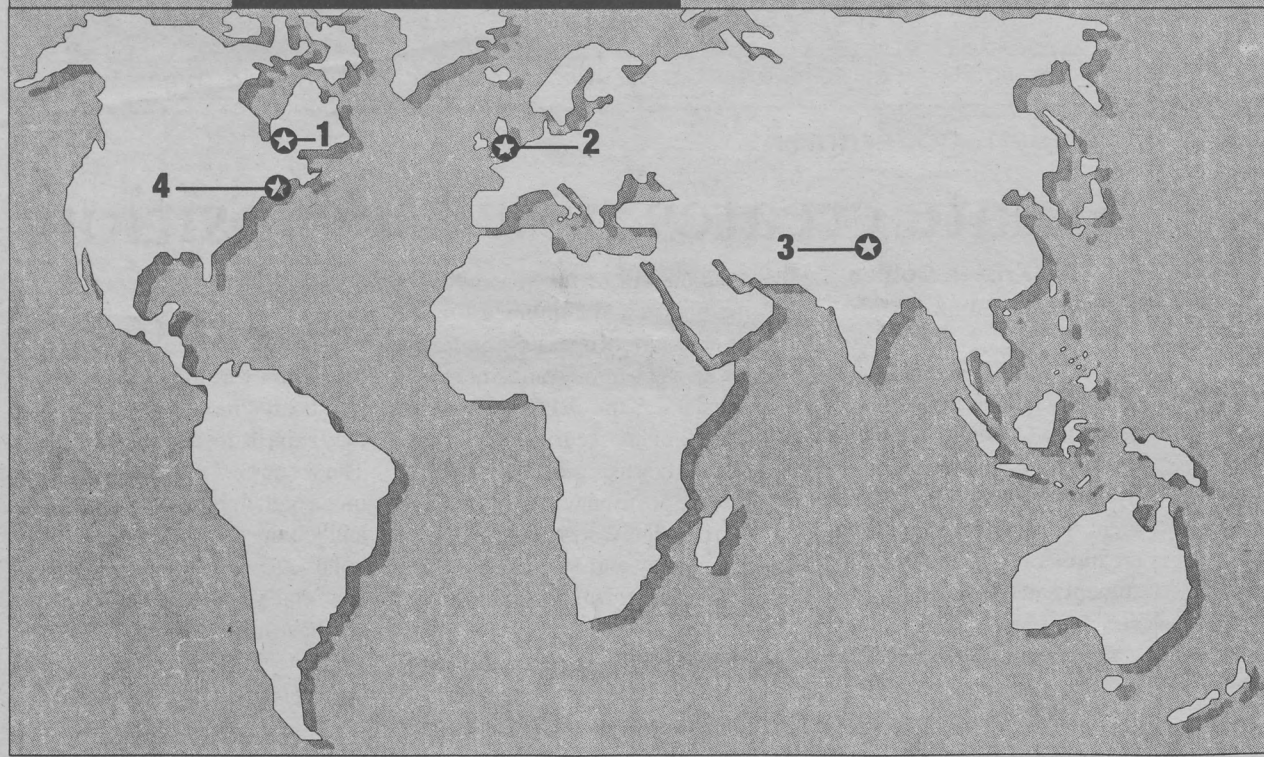
Not everyone is familiar with the rock icon, it seems. "Sir John Elton," intoned Lord Camoys, who as Lord Chamberlain represents the royal household, as John approached the royal presence.

John, who moved the world when he sang a reworked version of his hit "Candle in the Wind" at Diana's funeral in September, knelt in traditional fashion before the queen so she could tap him on each shoulder with the investiture sword.

"I've had a long career and worked hard," the 50-year-old singer said outside the palace, before heading off for a celebratory lunch after the private ceremony.

"But I think the turning point came in 1990 when I got sober and started to do some charity work, particularly for the AIDS problem. A knighthood is the icing on the cake."

WORLD DIGEST



• Assassination

Latest attack leaves five dead; elections continue

3 PATNA, India (AP) — A candidate for India's parliament and four of his supporters were gunned down today in a state notorious for its lawlessness, raising India's election-related death toll to 62.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack shortly after midnight on Devendranath Dubey, a candidate of the socialist Samajwadi Party.

All five victims were found dead in a jeep at Sangrampur village, 115 miles north of Bihar's capital Patna, said police officer T.P. Sinha.

The nationwide parliamentary election has focused attention on the pressures on India's democracy, and violence has been fiercest in northern Bihar state. Dubey himself was under investigation for murder.

The vote was called three years ahead of schedule after no party won a majority in the last balloting in 1996, and the rivalries that kept politicians from forming a stable government over the last two years are echoed in the current unrest.

In three days of balloting, voting has been completed for three-fourths of the 543 districts at stake. Voting was staggered over a total of six days to allow security forces time to move to different trouble spots.

• Resolution

Annan to speak with U.N. security council

4 UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Fresh from his biggest diplomatic feat as U.N. chief, Kofi Annan will now try to persuade the Security Council to back his agreement with Iraq to avert a U.S.-led military strike over the issue of weapons inspections.

Annan left Baghdad after signing the accord Monday with Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz. He was stopping briefly in Paris en route to New York, where he was to brief the council later today.

The council still must approve the agreement, but President Clinton said Monday he is willing to give it a chance. U.N. employees were invited to turn out to welcome Annan back from a "successful" diplomatic mission.

"It is a good agreement and I am hopeful the council will accept it," Annan told reporters before leaving Baghdad.

Under the accord, a copy of which was obtained Monday by The Associated Press, Iraq would give the U.N. Special Commission that oversees inspections and the International Atomic Energy Agency "immediate, unconditional and unrestricted access" to suspected weapons sites as required by past U.N. resolutions.

However, the two-page memo stipulated that senior diplomats appointed by Annan carry out inspections at the eight presidential palaces at the heart of the dispute.

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather

Mostly cold and misting.
Highs in the upper 30s.



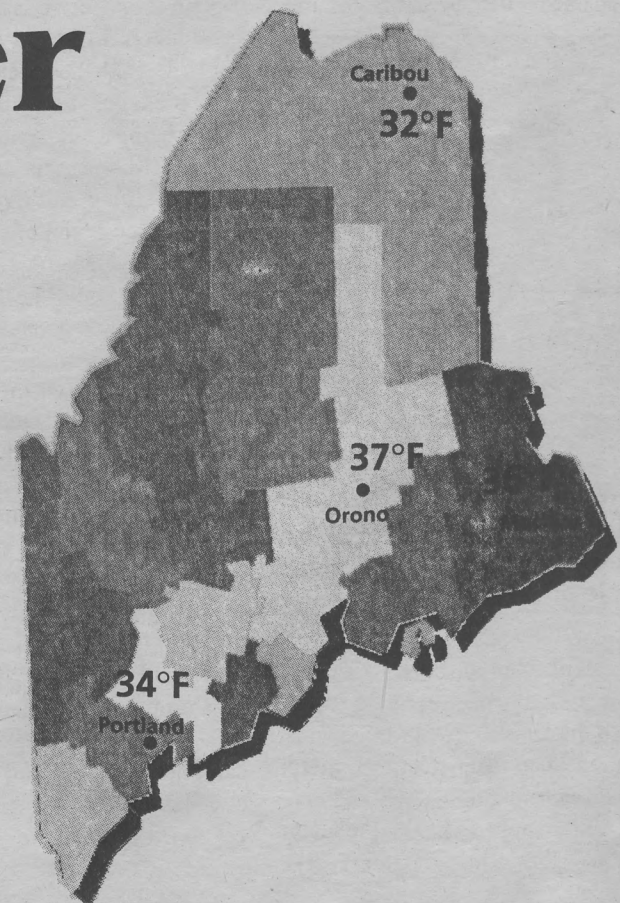
Thursday's Outlook

Chilly and cloudy. Temperatures climbing to 40.



Extended Forecast

Friday... Overcast and chilly. Saturday... More clouds and cold. Sunday... Expect continued clouds and cold.



• Academics

Timber professor brings new life to forestry department

By Don Bristol
Special to the Campus

Nutting Hall is a study in contrast. Stark, white newness co-exists with the warmth and texture of abiding wood grain. The office of Andrew Egan, Ph.D. is no different. From its second-floor perch it overlooks the wildlife wing, where rooftop workers are still clearing ice from January's fateful storm. The painted walls that brighten the room with reflected sunshine are bare. Paneling between the windows anchor only a few framed certificates of achievement.

In one corner, near the windows, is a computer. It resides alone on the long table abutting Egan's desk, which holds little more. Neither surface has had as much time to collect the inevitable clutter of papers, books and knickknacks as those of Egan's colleagues. In the corner directly opposite, two narrow, overburdened bookshelves serve as background to a disordered pile of cardboard boxes, their contents jutting from the tops, the carpet littered with overflow. More bookcases are ordered, but have yet to arrive.

"It's like this at home, too," Egan said, leaning back in his desk chair with an air of resigned acceptance. This is his first semester at the University of Maine, and while barely half-way through it, he gives the impression he is comfortable with his new position.

Egan's official title is assistant professor

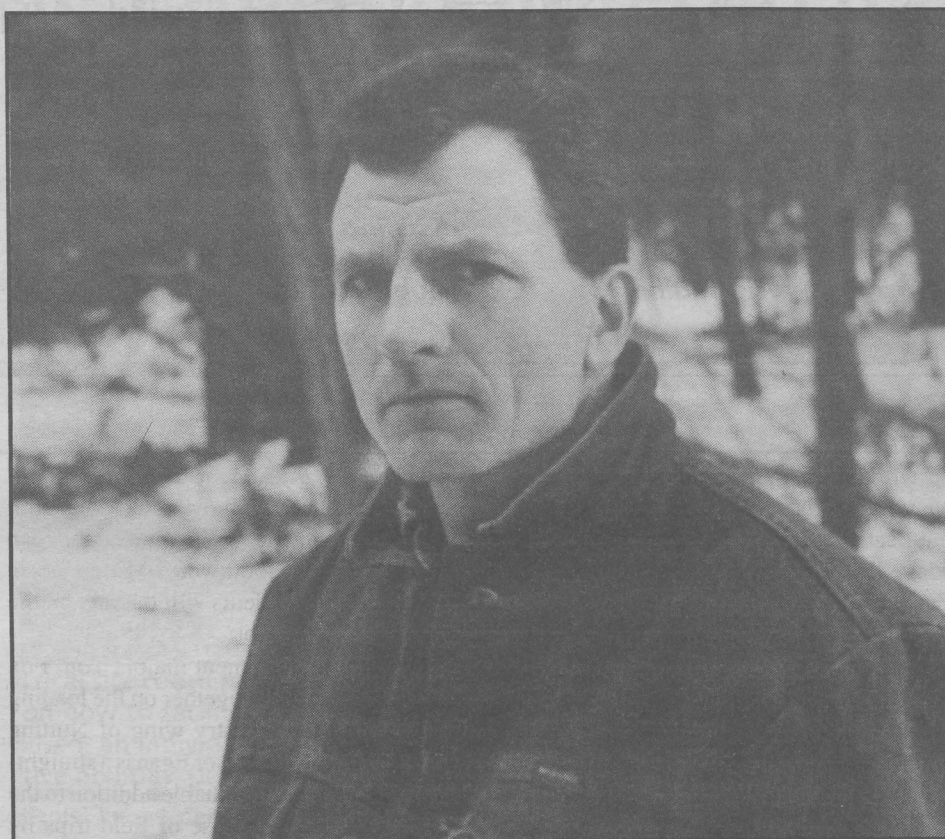
of forest resources and co-administrator of the forest engineering program. If it sounds like a heavy burden for a new guy to bear, he takes it with unassuming confidence. Only those privy to Professor Egan's resume understand that life experience has put him up to the task.

He comes to UMaine from West Virginia University. As assistant professor of forest harvesting, Egan performed many of the same duties as he will now at the Orono campus: teaching, research and service in forest harvesting. He teaches Timber Management and Timber Harvesting. Although Egan has yet to initiate a research project under the auspices of the University of Maine, he remains involved with several research projects begun at West Virginia. This involves overseeing graduate students in Morgantown who continue to study soil samples after timber harvest and compare various logging systems.

From May 1993 to June 1994, Egan was assistant professor of forest resources at Mississippi State University. Prior to getting his doctorate at Pennsylvania State University, he filled a similar position at Paul Smith's College in upstate New York.

The list goes on. Egan received his master's degree in forest resources at the University of New Hampshire in 1981. After that

See EGAN on page 4



Forest Management professor Andrew Egan. (Jason Canniff photo.)

the maine campus
is now
ONLINE
check us out at:
www.umemec.maine.edu

ANNOUNCEMENT

The MaineCard Office is moving!
The office will be more centrally
located for the convenience of
the campus community.

WHEN: During March Break -- 3/1-14/98

WHERE: South Lown Room, Memorial Union

PHONE NUMBERS: 581-CARD (2273)

HOURS: 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM, Monday - Friday (starting 3/16/98)

The current MaineCard Office will remain open during the move. The anticipated day for opening of the new MaineCard Office is **Monday, March 16, 1998.**

Be sure to check us out at our new location when you return from break.

REMEMBER - we will be located in the South Lown Room in the Memorial Union building.



• Diversity

Black studies program born

By T.L.Church
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine System is often accused of not being diverse enough. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is trying to help clean up this image by offering Introduction to Black Studies.

"Part of our educational mission is to expose students to different world views," said Rebecca Eilers, dean of liberal arts and sciences, in a recent press release. "Learning about other cultures and other ethnic and racial groups is an important part of being an educated person."

Though an actual black studies major is not officially on the books, it is definitely a work in progress.

"We do not have a black studies major, but we do want to start offering classes,

which will hopefully lead to a minor in black studies and then a major. These new courses will bring an additional perspective to the campus," Eilers said.

The professor behind these new courses is Leonard Gadzekpo, who wants to give students a basic understanding of the African culture through his teachings.

"The first step toward a black studies major has already been taken by offering the introductory course, BLS 101: Introduction to Black Studies. I have also made contact with several professors on campus who will be offering courses in the next step of offering a minor in black studies," Gadzekpo said.

The courses that will eventually be an option for students to select are African

See PROGRAM on page 7

"And The Award Goes To...."

Congratulations to the winners of the University of Maine General Alumni Association Spring 1998 Student Academic Travel Awards:

Dawn Cameron
Micheal Chadwick
Wai Ki Chung
Daniel DenDanto
Janet Eckoff
April Erwin
Silvia Fernandez
Kathleen Hardy
Sheri Lydick

Patricio Moreno
Ziqin Pan
Jeremy Rich
Thomas Woodcock
Entomology Grad Students
UM Food Club
Junior Nursing Students
UM Geological Society
Staneck Lab Students

LET'S - Volunteer Alternative Spring Break

Over \$5,000 in academic travel awards is granted annually by the General Alumni Association. For Information on 1998-99 awards, please call 581-Alum

Q&A of the week

Editor's note: photos were unavailable this week

Do you think the UN should have struck a deal with Saddam Hussein?

"Yes, we don't need to get into another war right now. More money should be spent in the states."

Chris Richard
Sixth-year student
Norridgewock, Maine

"No, actually. I still see war in the future."

Kristina Dube
Second-year student
Auburn, Maine

"Yes, I think they should have. If they didn't, I think there would have been lots of casualties."

Jake Nelson
Third-year student
Kingston, N.H.

"Yes, I think that's a good idea. I think someone should assassinate the guy."

Jason Dixon
Second-year student
Kittery, Maine

Egan

from page 3

he worked as logger and forester for five New England timber companies. His list of publications is just as impressive. If the adage "publish or perish" is an indication, Egan will be around for a long time.

The head of the forestry department certainly hopes so.

"We stole him from West Virginia," said David Field, professor of forest resources and chairperson of the forestry department. "They didn't want to let him go."

Egan's arrival signals the resolution of a glitch in the system. Due to university retirement policies, the forest operations and timber harvesting areas of instruction have been in limbo since the retirement of Ben Hoffman.

"Teachers were spliced into the program to keep it going," Field said, but at the expense of student education. In hiring Egan, Field was able to rearrange schedules and free up a teaching position to get the program back on track.

What does this mean to forestry stu-

dents? Egan has taken the three-credit Timber Harvesting class and given it a lab with one more credit. He has negotiated the loan of a skidder from Southworth-Milton Inc. in Brewer, which students will operate on the university's wood lot.

Forestry management majors Tom Fox and Matt Smith talk together on the loading dock behind the forestry wing of Nutting Hall. Both think Professor Egan is a straightforward teacher and valuable addition to the staff. Fox praises the use of field trips by which Egan provides first-hand experience in culling estimates and scaling logs. Smith feels the instructional format is superior under Egan's design.

"I know one thing," Smith said. "I took the harvesting class last year, and wish he was here then. His teaching is very hands-on. I work better that way."

"He got people out in the woods," Field said.

Outdoors is, after all, what forestry is all about. That is what got young Andy Egan

interested in forestry in the first place. It has a lot to do with why he has come to UMaine.

At the time of his birth and childhood, Garden City, New York, still had a suburban flavor to it. Egan remained on Long Island through high school. It was at this time he first entertained the idea of working in the woods. His grandfather ran a farm in Vermont, and Andy came to enjoy the rural environment. It would be several years, however, before these feelings suggested a career path.

In fact, he entered Fairfield University in Connecticut as a pre-med student. He earned his bachelor of science degree in psychology in 1975. Not until this time, however, had Egan decided to follow his schoolboy dream of becoming a logger.

The persona of an outdoorsman fits him well. His athletic physique can be attributed to years of participating in triathlon at Paul Smith's College and 13 seasons of rugby, beginning at UNH. His forestry career be-

gan in Vermont, marking and cruising timber for Glastenbury Timberlands in Bennington. Later jobs and education took Egan to New Hampshire, and from there all over the eastern U.S. He was happy in West Virginia. He met Martha there. But the lure of returning to the rural nature of New England proved too much temptation.

He and wife Martha moved to Maine at the end of the fall semester, taking up residence on Forest Avenue in Orono. Egan distributes his time between home, teaching forestry classes, finishing up research projects at West Virginia and setting up sites in UMaine's forest to demonstrate the best management practices to community loggers. In the meantime Egan will continue to develop the Timber Management classes.

"The Timber Management classes will evolve over time," Egan said. "I hope the changes will benefit the students, prepare them for their careers."

Did You Know?

The University of Maine General Alumni Association provides many different services to the students of the University of Maine through our Student Connections Program.

Academic Scholarships:

UMGAA helps established and coordinated fund raising for an array of alumni funded scholarships, including class scholarships designated to help the descendants of class members.

Student Career Services Program:

UMGAA financially supports the Career Center and helps connect UM alumni with current students through the Maine Mentor Program

Student Academic Travel Awards:

UMGAA awards grants to help defray the costs of students who wish to attend academically related conferences, organizational meetings, and other meetings of an academic nature.

Distinguished Maine Professors:

UMGAA joins the class of 1942 to annually recognize an outstanding faculty member.

Advocacy:

With the help of Alumni for Continued Excellence (A.C.E.) volunteers, UMGAA works to build support for the University of Maine.

For information in these and other Student Connections Programs, Call 581-ALUM.

• Survey

UMaine to represent New England in test data

By Elizabeth Beaulieu
Maine Campus staff

Just what is "normal"? University of Maine students are helping a standardized intelligence and ability test-publisher find out by participating in a new test to establish a national norm.

"It's interesting for the university to see firsthand what tests are all about," said Janet Spector, an assistant professor of special education who is also serving as the local site coordinator. "The students can see that the norm is really made up of people just like them."

The 40 to 50 UMaine students are only a small portion of a larger pool of students nationwide being tested to update the norm, Spector said. A total of 1,000 college students will be chosen as a representative sample for the newest version of the Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-Educational Battery published by Riverside Publishers, a Houghton Mifflin Company. An additional 6,000 individuals from preschool age to adulthood will also be tested to comprise the norm.

A national norm is needed so the test publisher can assess a test-taker's ability, Spector said.

"Many tests are norm-referenced," Spector said. "A person is compared to other people in the country."

UMaine was chosen as the testing site to represent a New England public university, Spector said.

"We are supposed to select students to mirror those at a New England public university," Spector said. "There needs to be a certain

percentage of students across several categories such as grade, major, sex and race."

Spector said announcements were made in a couple of large lecture classes where a diversity of students were likely to be present.

"We selected the Human Sexuality class because it is a very popular class and is often taken as an elective, so there are people from all different majors," Spector said. "And you could be a first-year student or a senior taking that class."

An announcement was also made in the Educational Psychology class, and forms were distributed to the resident directors of various dorms, Spector said.

Spector said she has had some difficulty getting students from some of the categories to volunteer.

"It's important to get students from all backgrounds so the norms will be representative," Spector said.

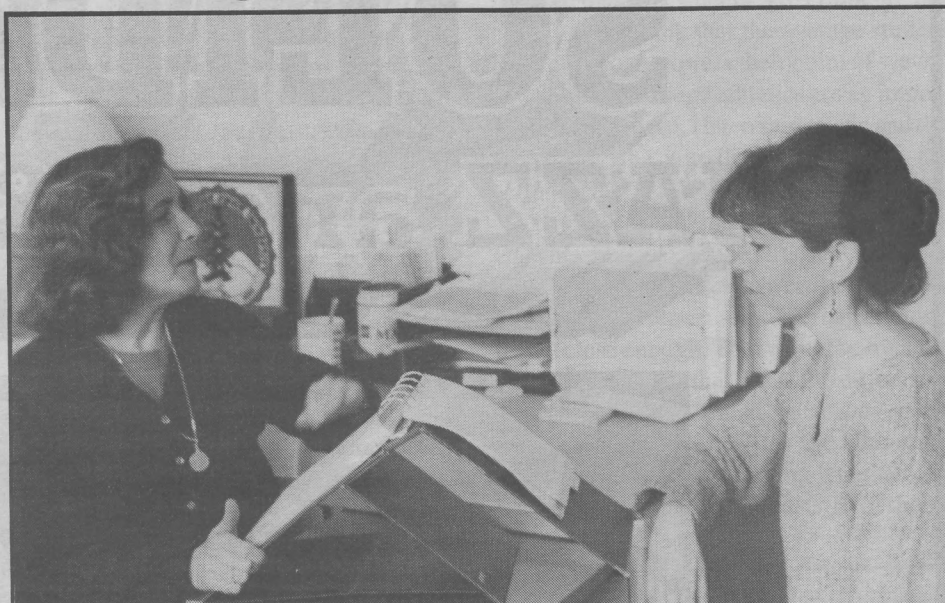
Three graduate students in special education have been trained by the test publishers to administer the tests, Spector said.

"It's an excellent learning experience," said Nancy Heyer, one of the test administrators. "Because it's quite a difficult test to administer, and since it is widely used in schools, it's good to get experience with it now."

Students are paid for taking the standard parts of the battery, which is a two-and-a-half-hour commitment, and given more money per hour for any additional commitment up to five hours.

Spector said students are tested on their achievement and cognitive abilities.

"The achievement portion tests stu-



Local site coordinator Janet Spectre instructs graduate student Valerie Smith on how to facilitate the Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-Educational Battery Revised, an individually administered test of academic achievement and cognitive abilities. (Jason Canniff photo.)

dents' knowledge in certain subject matter such as reading, math and spelling," Spector said. "The cognitive portion demands that the students perform a variety of tasks such as identifying pictures and solving analogies."

A big advantage of the test is that it is individually administered, Spector said.

"It's useful anytime you can look at someone individually," Spector said. "The test can assess how individuals approach tasks and help them understand themselves better."

Spectersaidtheschoolhasbeenapproached to participate in similar projects, but was most

interested in this project and test.

"This test is used very often in Maine for possible learning problems," Spector said. "And we train a lot of students in the education program to use this test."

Spector also said the test is unique in one important way.

"It is virtually the only test that has norms for both achievement and cognition for individuals from preschool to adulthood," Spector said.

As a testing site, the university is earning credits toward the future purchase of test material.

Off Campus Board

is looking for the following:

Programming Chair:

Paid position (8-10 hrs/week, additional hours as necessary); primary duties to head the Bumstock Planning Comm. and to plan and direct other events throughout the year.

Members:

On and Off campus students are welcome to attend our meetings on Mondays at 4:00 pm in the Bangor Lounge, the Union.

**OFF CAMPUS
BOARD**

You can reach us at 581-1840
or stop by the office, 3rd Floor of the Union.

Deadline

All approved Student Government Boards, Clubs, Committees must submit their completed budgets to the UMSG, Inc.

Financial Affairs Office, 3rd Floor
Memorial Union, by 3:00 pm

March 24, 1998

If you missed our previous advertisements
Please contact us immediately @ x1778

Requirements:

Your club must have funding approval and the president must be an undergraduate student. Each president or treasurer of the club/board/committee must meet with the VPFA to go over your budget.

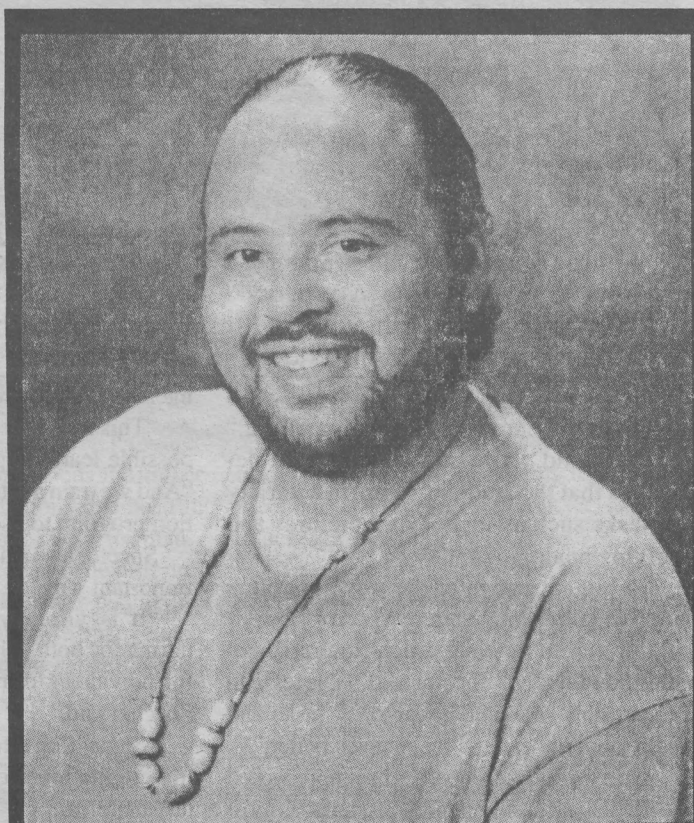
Appointments are being scheduled through
March 27, 1998



Black History Month

SOLIDARITY

JAZZ and R&B CONCERT



Thursday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m.
University of Maine
Center for the Arts

FREE!

Sponsored by the U.M. Human Rights Coalition and the Greater Bangor Area NAACP, with support from U.M.'s Office of Multicultural Affairs, Comprehensive Fees, MPAC, ROC, the IFC, PANHEL and Others.



Produced by Jim Varner, Sr.

Diverse Jazz and Rhythm & Blues, featuring JIMMY VARNER on keyboard and vocals. Jimmy has his own studio in Los Angeles and has performed with Bill Withers, Sinbad, and *The Temptations*, as well as fronting his own group, *By All Means*. His CDs will be available for purchase.

LET YOUR PRESENCE MAKE A STATEMENT FOR DIVERSITY, TOGETHERNESS, AND LOVE FOR OTHERS REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, CREED OR LIFE STYLE.

"We Challenge the whole University staff to be present with the student body since they too have a stake and responsibility to increase diversity and improve race relations on campus and throughout the State of Maine."

Matthew Hunter, Co Chair U.M. Human Rights Coalition
 James Varner, Pres. Greater Bangor Area NAACP

Videos of the concert will be available for purchase through GBA - NAACP. PO Box 477, Old Town ME 04468, \$25.00 & postage.

BearWorks

from page 1

es ranging from questions such as, "What is your dog's name?" to comments about parking and the intellectual atmosphere on campus.

Anchors said many of the folders holding the cards have been empty and he expects a large response once students return from spring break.

There will be two dialogue sessions — one held on March 30 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and another on April 3 from noon to 1:30 p.m. — for students to talk with Hoff about issues on campus.

Hoff said there were many ways for the university to form a strategic plan to improve itself, but he didn't want to take the university back to square one.

"We thought it would try the patience of the university," he said.

Instead of starting over, Hoff said ideas from the AFFIRM plan and from the recent presidential search were used.

From all of the listening and from the ideas of the administration, students and

other groups, the BearWorks action plan was drafted. Hoff said the university community can now comment on the plan so it will suit the university best, and people will be able to express how they feel about issues or whether they think something was left out.

"I hope we have a set of actions that are both achievable and desirable," he said.

Hoff said he wants the plan to be grassroots-based and accessible to everyone.

"We're trying to grow a strategic plan organically," he said. "Everyone's opinion is valued."

Hoff said he hopes for all, or at least a large percentage, of the BearWorks goals to be achieved in the next two to three years.

Although there are many goals that could be taken care of first, the most important one is for the university to grow and to attract a high-caliber group of students to the university.

Jaimie Moores, a computer science major, said she liked the new plan and that the university is finally thinking about what

students feel.

"It will probably bring student input with university matters because most of it has to do with students, such as enrollment, student life, financial aid, etc.," she said.

Debra Hatch, a journalism major, said she thought the plan was needed to let students know what the administration is doing with their money, and that it had a lot of good points.

"For the students to know exactly what the president and the UMaine administration is doing is something that has been needed for a while. I think that a lot of people don't know most of the time what they are paying for and what is trying to be accomplished," Hatch said.

Hatch said she hoped the plan would bring student input into university matters.

"Since we are paying a lot of money to the school, I think that we as students need

to be able to express opinions about the things that we want and need, or that just need to be expressed," she said. "I recognize that we have a student government, but often I don't think that the average student has a chance to express their point of view."

Although college athletics are an important part of school, Hatch said music and the arts should be equally considered in the action plan.

"I know that President Hoff supports UMaine music and the arts, but I cannot understand why athletics were added to the list of things," Hatch said. "Perhaps I didn't read it close enough. That would be my fault then, but I think that as a music person, something should be added to cover, for example, tour expenses for the University singers and the pep/marching band, etc., to help alleviate some of their costs. Both should be as equal as can be."

Parity

from page 1

nel, but no parity existed with regards to retirement.

"Last May, we held a rally at the board of trustees meeting. We'd also sent letters to BOT members and legislators," Moulton said. "We even obtained 267 signatures from UMaine faculty supporting a move toward parity."

Modern retirement plans are complex, said Bigney. All parties involved needed time to understand all the factors that affected the proposal. A contributory retirement plan works much differently than a defined benefit plan. While the defined plan gives a set percentage, the contributory plan varies.

For university faculty, the plan gives 10 percent of salary to the retirement plan. Faculty members can also contribute up to 4 percent of their own salary to the plan, which the university matches.

UMaine originally offered only half a percent contribution to classified employees, but after Friday's agreement the limit grew to 4 percent, in addition to the basic 6 percent posted by the university. Also, the faculty's plan is mandatory, while the classified employee's plan will be optional.

"The plan will be phased in a half percent yearly by 2003," Moulton said. "[UMaine] will build it in to the budget to get us where we need to be."

Bigney said the transition should be fairly smooth fiscally.

"The non-contributory plan has earned \$7 million in interest; it was well above what was needed. This will fund to a great degree," she said.

"Having [UMS] Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart made a big difference here," McEvoy said. "Until he became involved, we didn't really get traction on the issue."

As to the actual increase of classified employees' benefits, the amounts are uncertain, but the prospects look good.

"We do have projected numbers, but

they will depend on individual contributions, where investments are placed, and what the investments will do," Bigney said.

Although both Moulton and McEvoy agree that those closer to retirement won't benefit as much as those who will stay, they are excited that their economic future is more secure.

"Like myself, anyone who has 20 years or more at the university will benefit greatly from this plan," McEvoy said.

SUPPORT RESEARCH.

It Works Wonders.

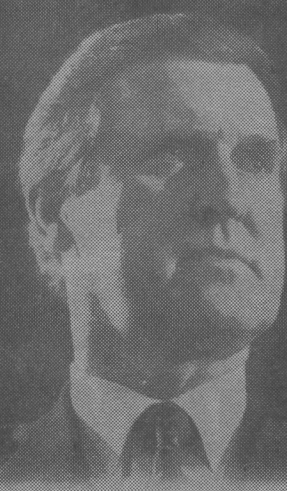
American
Heart
Association



UNIVERSITY OF MAINE WILLIAM S. COHEN CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL POLICY AND COMMERCE

*President Peter S. Hoff
invites you and your guest
to attend a lecture presented by*

**THE HONORABLE
WILLIAM S. COHEN**
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE



Friday, March 20, 1998 • 3:00 PM

Maine Center for the Arts • University of Maine • Orono, Maine

An informal reception will follow the lecture in the lobby of the Maine Center for the Arts

This event is open to the public. However, due to limited seating, those wishing to attend should call (207) 581-1512 to receive ticket(s) necessary for entrance to this event. Please let us know if you or your guest require special accommodations.

The William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce harnesses the robust and unique resources of the University of Maine to enhance the international competitiveness of U.S. businesses, foster understanding of international policy issues, and accelerate the economic development of Maine and the nation through undergraduate and graduate education, research and outreach activities.

UNIVERSITY OF
MAINE

This lecture is a program of the William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce, a public nonprofit entity of the University of Maine, organized to support international research and academic initiatives. It is not affiliated with the Department of Defense or any other element of the United States government.

BURN VICTIM.



ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES.

A Public Service of the USDA Forest Service and your State Forester.

GSS

from page 1

ernment, not just one group."

Bringing these funds together, Morelli said, will make a bigger programming base possible and allow for lower ticket costs. The board's programming will also increase visibility and liability to the university.

Sen. Jonathan Duke, also president of ROC, supported the resolution and said it would take weight off the shoulders of representative boards to provide programming.

"We're going to be able to represent our constituents even better than we have before," Duke said. "We're not losing a voice."

Duke said programming funds would be lost, but it would still have funds for representation and would be able to use other funds to provide programming.

"ROC would lose a lot of money from this, but it doesn't mean programming is going to go away," he said.

Morelli said it would take over all programming activities including Bumstock.

"If we're going to be fair and say big programming will go through this committee we can't give exceptions," he said.

Sen. Kathleen Burke, vice president of ROC, disagreed with the resolution and said too much money has been taken away from the board.

"You're taking more power out of the hands of the students and into a select few," Burke said.

Sen. Charity Munson said the resolution would prevent groups like OCB from getting publicity and making their constituents aware of who they are.

"On-campus students will have easy access to ROC, but off-campus students are being pushed further away from the university," Munson said.

Several senators addressed the senate about their meeting last week.

Sen. Anthony Kvedar, a member of the Fair Elections Practice Committee, said that everything in the meeting was inconsistent, sketchy and was a bad representation of the whole system.

"Had the senate known what they were doing late Thursday night none of this would have happened," he said.

Kvedar admitted to blatantly disregarding FEPC regulations and cited several examples, noting he was not tried for any of them.

Sen. Chris Barstow apologized on behalf of the senate for the mistakes it made and encouraged the senate to change things.

"We make mistakes, we're all students," Barstow said. "You're a senators, you're in here, change it. Use what you have in here and try to change things."

Sen. Kevin Stevens said he was disgusted by the comments made by senators after executive session and voting at the previous

meeting and he asked them to stop debating an issue after it had been voted on.

"We've destroyed the big picture," he said. "How the hell are you going to do this if we can't unite?"

The senate unanimously passed a new resolution to have all boards and committees contribute to the public relations newsletters and serve the constituencies they represent.

"This is so we can prove to our constituency that we are actually doing something here," Sen. Jerome Graffam said.

A resolution was passed to allocate \$258 to the ROC budget to cover the salary for ROC's president for the remainder of the 1998 spring semester.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Brooke Jellison said the past president worked for no salary and it was not fair to deny the new president a salary. The president of ROC will be paid \$35.71 a week.

A new resolution to allocate up to \$1,000 to the College Republicans to host Oliver North Jr. as the keynote speaker at its state convention was passed.

Sen. Justin Kelleher said the College Republicans have the opportunity to have North speak at a discounted price through a grant from the Young American's Foundation.

North has brought considerable portions

of student populations to college campuses where he has spoken, Kelleher said.

The university's yearbook Prism's by-laws were approved by the senate along with the contract for the secretary of Student Government.

Jellison chose Amy Hall as Student Government treasurer and Chris Washburn as assistant treasurer.

The senate passed a motion to allow Student Government President Lyn McLaughlin and Morelli to present a resolution to Faculty Senate that academic books should cost \$75 or less from the publishers, academic books should be in use for two years and professors should be responsible to get book requests in one time so book costs will be cheaper.

Maha Sabawi, who is running for Orono Town Council, addressed the senate and encouraged them to fill out absentee ballots and vote for the Mar. 10 election.

Sen. Mellisa Williams Paradis announced the official results of the 1998 Student Government Elections:

- Student Government president:
 - Lyn McLaughlin: 238
 - Ryan Eslinger: 206
- Student Government vice president:
 - Scott Morelli: 392
- Residents on Campus president:
 - Jonathan Duke: 406
- Residents on Campus vice president:
 - Kathleen Burke: 238
 - William Flender: 102
- Off Campus Board president:
 - Chris Barstow: 85
- Off Campus Board vice president:
 - Chris Moody: 6

Although Moody was on the ballot he announced he would not be able hold the position because of a constraint in time, Paradis said. Jason Libby is the vice president of OCB.

• State news

Activists win

AUGUSTA(AP) — Activists seeking to force a statewide vote on a proposal to legalize marijuana for limited medical use won a court victory Tuesday that could pave the way for a November referendum.

Superior Court Justice Donald Alexander ordered Secretary of State Dan Gwadosky to accept 2,516 certified petition signatures collected in Portland by Mainers for Medical Rights.

Because city officials were late in certifying those signatures, the citizens' group failed to submit its petitions to election officials prior to the Feb. 2 deadline set by law.

Mainers for Medical Rights, which submitted the petitions to Portland on Jan. 23, maintained that it should not be penalized for someone else's tardiness.

"This is a big victory for fairness," Stephanie Hart, director of Mainers for Medical Rights, said after Alexander's ruling. "When citizens petition their government for change and meet all the constitutional requirements, then the government must also follow the rules."

Gwadosky could not be reached for comment on the court ruling or on whether he may appeal it to the Supreme Judicial Court.

Mainers for Medical Rights indicated that while the Portland signatures would put it over the 51,131 required, it has virtually no cushion in the event Gwadosky's office finds some of the names invalid.

"We're confident that we're over the number," said Craig Brown, a strategist for the group. "The secretary of state still may find some mistakes on petitions, so until he goes through them, we're not on the ballot."



SUMMER SCHOOL FOR PEOPLE ON THEIR WAY TO THE TOP.

If you didn't sign up for ROTC as a freshman or sophomore, you can catch up this summer by attending Army ROTC Camp Challenge, a paid five-week summer course in leadership.

Apply now! You'll develop the leadership skills and self-confidence you need to succeed in college and beyond. And you may qualify for advanced officer training when you return to campus next fall.



ARMY ROTC

THE SMARTEST COLLEGE COURSE YOU CAN TAKE

For details, visit Rm. 114, Armory, Memorial Gym Field House or call 581-1121

NATIONAL NEWS

• Lewinsky

Prosecution strike at white house, ex-boss called

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a legal subplot to the escalating Monica Lewinsky story, Whitewater prosecutors Tuesday summoned a White House aide and a private investigator for questioning about how negative information about Kenneth Starr's office was fed to news reporters.

The surprising turn in the case prompted an outcry from the White House over subpoenas that brought presidential aide Sidney Blumenthal and private investigator Terry F. Lenzner to the federal courthouse. Prosecutors postponed Blumenthal's appearance and he was to return Thursday, but Lenzner went before the grand jury. Starr's staff even tried to subpoena Clinton lawyer Mickey Kantor but relented when his law firm raised objections.

"It's us today and probably you tomorrow," presidential spokesman Mike McCurry told reporters. White House spokesman Joe Lockhart called the subpoenas "a clear abuse of power that we haven't seen in this town in a long time. The use of subpoenas to silence criticism is outrageous and

over the line." The prosecutor's office "has received repeated press inquiries indicating that misinformation is being spread about personnel involved in this investigation," Starr said.

"We are using traditional and appropriate techniques to find out who is responsible and whether their actions are intended to intimidate prosecutors and investigators, impede the work of the grand jury, or otherwise obstruct justice," Starr added.

"I find this total disregard for other people's livelihood and rights and lives just to be absolutely horrible," Blumenthal's lawyer, Jo Marsh, told reporters outside the federal courthouse. "This is all so Mr. Starr can just find out which one of you guys Sidney has been talking to lately."

On the main track of Starr's investigation into an alleged presidential affair and cover-up, the grand jury summoned:

—Ms. Lewinsky's former White House boss, Jocelyn Jolley, who testified to the grand jury for 1 1/2 hours — as prosecutors delved into the still-unanswered question of

why Ms. Lewinsky and Ms. Jolley were both abruptly transferred out of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs simultaneously in April 1996.

—Jennifer Palmieri, deputy director of the White House scheduling office. Her lawyer, Richard Sauber, said she has no information about any impropriety and he has no idea why she was called to testify.

—Clinton friend Marsha Scott, who waited outside the grand jury room, but did not testify. Scott is deputy assistant to the president and chief of staff of presidential personnel.

The appearances of Blumenthal and Lenzner at the U.S. Courthouse were the focus of attention.

Starr's subpoena to Blumenthal is "very

broad," said his lawyer, Ms. Marsh.

"We view it as an assault on the First Amendment" and "I think this is obviously intended to ... intimidate the press," Ms. Marsh added.

Blumenthal was directed by grand jury subpoena to produce all records of his conversations with reporters about Starr's investigation.

Both Blumenthal and Lenzner met in separate closed-door sessions with U.S. District Court Judge Norma Holloway Johnson to contest Starr's effort to make them testify. Lenzner appeared twice before the grand jury, saying in between sessions that he would raise objections of attorney-client privilege in challenging the subpoena.

• Health

Drug resistant bacteria surfaces

CHICAGO (AP) — An antibiotic-resistant strain of staph infection that was once largely confined to hospitals is spreading to communities, a study found.

The strain has been treated with penicillin and other common antibiotics for so long that it can now withstand them. Even vancomycin, a potent antibiotic of last resort, sometimes fails against the germ.

A co-author of the study, Dr. Robert S. Daum, director of pediatric infectious diseases at the University of Chicago Children's Hospital, said the finding underscores the need to stop prescribing so many antibiotics.

"Colds and flu and stuff go away by themselves the vast majority of times, and it's very rare that it needs an antibiotic," he said.

"We should regard antibiotics as the precious resource that they are. They may not be here forever to help us, and they are for special circumstances, not to be used in everyday life or everyday diseases."

Staph bacteria are the No. 1 cause of hospital-acquired infections in the United States, blamed for 13 percent of the 2 million hospital infections annually. The 2 million infections kill 60,000 to 80,000 people.

In the study, the number of children admitted to the University of Chicago Children's Hospital with methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus infections that were acquired outside the hospital rose from eight in 1988 to 35 in 1995.

"This same experience is being seen at many other centers around the country," Daum said. "A lot of centers are seeing this and talking about it."

The study was reported in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. John M. Boyce of Miriam Hospital and Brown University in Providence, R.I., cautioned that some of these infections may have actually originated in health-care facilities.

• Mardi Gras

Traditional ribaldry in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Despite threats of a police crackdown, bared bosoms and barely there costumes flourished Tuesday in the French Quarter on Mardi Gras.

The currency of the day was strings of cheap plastic beads, which men dispensed by the handful in exchange for flashes of breasts.

With the weather a sunny 70 degrees, police said the crowds could top 1 million, which would be a Fat Tuesday record. Police said spectators were 15 rows deep in spots, and 60,000 to 70,000 people gathered along eight blocks of Bourbon Street alone. Parades ran several hours late because a float on Zulu — the traditional black spoof that rolls first — broke down. That delayed the float of Rex, king of Carnival, and the many floats that followed.

Civic leaders had complained that New Orleans' Mardi Gras was getting a reputation elsewhere around the country as an orgy in the streets. And police spokesman Lt. Marlon Defillo said the department would take a harder line against lewd behavior this year.

But there was little sign of any crack-down in the French Quarter.

"I stop it if I see it, but so far I haven't really seen any," said a policeman standing beneath a balcony where women drew cheers for raising their shirts. "This group isn't complaining."

Crowds of men with cameras surrounded Dorothy McGee, a 26-year-old secretary from Boston, as she repeatedly raised her cut-off T-shirt while her husband, Doug, looked on.

"This is really fun," she said, heavily laden with beads. "I wouldn't do it at home, but what the heck."

Her husband added: "It's OK with me, as long as she shares the beads."

Religious groups walked amid the revelers with signs warning of damnation. They handed out fliers calling for repentance and harangued the crowd over loudspeakers.

"We believe these people will go from Mardi Gras to hell," said Fred Sutton of Mobile, Ala. "Is a string of beads worth eternal damnation?"



The Maine Campus recycles.

Share it with a friend.

The Maine Campus

UMaine's thrice weekly newspaper

Tell mom most of what
you're up to.

1-800-COLLECT

EDITORIAL

Bass closing a sign of the times

Famous for a convoluted tax code with plenty of loopholes, the United States should normally be criticized for giving tax breaks to corporations. However, the government will soon be revoking a tax loophole that favors the development of industry in Puerto Rico.

This tax break is upsetting because it has contributed to the reason G.H. Bass' manufacturing plant in Wilton, Maine, recently closed, eliminating 350 jobs. However, its removal will cause the same problem for workers at the Bass plant in Manati, Puerto Rico. Bass operates a manufacturing plant in the Dominican Republic, where wages for workers are a third of even Puerto Rican wages, which are lower than any U.S. state. It's an easy assumption that Bass will soon expand in the Dominican Republic than in Puerto Rico, which relies heavily on manufacturing.

However, the prospects for Bass returning manufacturing operations to Maine now seem impossible – because Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory, companies can manufacture there cheaply without damaging their public image. This is in addition to the beefed-up profit margin. The

wage level in Puerto Rico has allowed many U.S. companies to expand operations there, but as many other companies have moved out.

While Puerto Rico seems to be holding its own, manufacturing in Maine is losing ground. All that is left of the "traditional" Maine company is a distributing plant featuring unskilled jobs and an operations base in Portland filled with service personnel and CEOs. The retreat of Bass is a failure the people of Maine have to absorb; the management in Portland has done a disservice to Maine. Instead of supporting the people who buy its products, Bass has taken the easy way out.

The U.S. government is continuing its disservice by promoting the move of manufacturing jobs to Central and South America – Bass is only one of many companies to do the same thing. However, by giving companies the further opportunity to move to poor countries with few wage restrictions, the United States will damage the economy of a territory that is still working toward equity with the rest of the country. This loss will be all the more acute for its presence on two fronts: Maine and Puerto Rico.

Proceed with caution in the Gulf

For now, there will be no military strike against Iraq. Earlier this week, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan struck a deal with Iraq that calls for unlimited United Nations access to all sites suspected of harboring weapons of mass destruction, thus keeping American forces at bay. Annan has said the plan needs more definition, and several members of the Security Council have agreed.

President Clinton and his top advisers have initially given the plan a favorable review, but there are no plans to remove troops from the Persian Gulf. If the past is any indication, this is the smartest move. Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein has a long track record of unfulfilled promises.

In March 1991, he signed a cease-fire agreement that called for the destruction of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. Evidence suggested he hid many of them instead. In April that year, he agreed to full and open inspections of suspected

weapons sites. Five months later, witnesses saw nuclear weapons components being taken out the back of a factory while an inspection team was delayed at the front entrance.

In April 1995, Iraq claimed a building that inspectors wanted to enter was used only for medical purposes. In July, the doctor in charge of that building was revealed to be the mastermind behind Iraq's germ warfare and the site was destroyed.

Last November, Iraq agreed to stop blocking weapons inspection teams. Two months later, an American on one of those teams was kicked out of a site.

The new deal averts a war in which innocent Iraqis would be killed. The U.N. Security Council would be wise to accept this latest deal with cautious optimism and skepticism. Saddam hasn't always been honest and forthcoming, and has given the world no reason to believe this time is different.

The Maine Campus

THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE NEWSPAPER SINCE 1875

Editor-in-Chief: Paul B. Livingstone

Business Manager: Judy Crockett

City Editor: Kathryn Ritchie

Production Manager: John R. Brookhouse

Misty Edgecomb, News Editor
William Stewart, Sports Editor
Derek Rice, Style Editor
Caleb Raynor, Photo Editor
Kristen Dobler, Asst. City Editor

Ryan R. Robbins, Opinion Editor
Erin Smith, Advertising Manager
Kraig King, Network Manager
Kurtis Marsh, Asst. Business Mgr.
Jeff Strout, Adviser

The Maine Campus, a non-profit student publication, is printed at *The Ellsworth American*, Ellsworth, Maine. Its offices are located on the fourth floor of Chadbourne Hall, UMaine, Orono, ME 04469. **Telephone numbers:** City Editor, 1270; Sports, 1268; Photo, 3059; Production, 1267; Style Editor, 3061; Opinion Editor, 1269; Editor, 1271; News Editor, 1275; Business Manager (subscriptions/accounts), 1272; Advertising, 1273; Fax, 1274. All materials herein ©1998 The Maine Campus, unless otherwise noted. All rights reserved.



• Guest column

The bookstore's monopoly

By Erika Hoxie

On Friday, a representative for the bookstore submitted a letter to the editor that was supposed to explain away the bookstore's pricing policies. Pardon me for saying that it didn't explain anything.

I am quite sure that we are all aware that when we buy something part of the cost covers operational expenses – we're in college, we're not completely stupid.

My question is not whether the bookstore needs to mark up textbooks and other items in order to continue to operate; my question lies in the amount that they are marked up.

It is reasonable to assume that a business is going to try to make a profit. It is the customer's job to shop around and make wise decisions. However, the customer cannot shop around when it is virtually impossible to purchase the product anywhere else. Where are we going to get that textbook for class, the one that our professor wrote and Borders says isn't in its computer?

We have to start questioning the ethics of a business when it becomes obvious that we are being taken advantage of. We have to start considering alternatives when we are getting nickel-and-dimed to death by the business that is supposed to be a service to us. If it weren't for the students there would be no bookstore. For that matter, there would be no university. It is our money that pays the bills here, the salaries, the taxes, the light bill. Shouldn't we get at least a little respect? I'm sure the bookstore compares prices when it is ordering stock – it doesn't want to pay 10 cents more for an item than it has to.

Why, then, should we be subjected to different standards?

As of May 1997, the bookstore had \$422,856 in its auxiliary account – that's almost half a million dollars that it had to overcharge us so it could operate. At the end of the 1996-97 fiscal year, it had a net total of \$134,877 in profits from things it sold to us. And just how many loans does the bookstore currently have out to the university? How much has the bookstore already made off us? A million? Two? When will it stop? Don't forget that not only are we paying back loans to the bookstore, we're also paying interest on those loans.

Why doesn't the bookstore take into consideration how much profit it's making? Why doesn't it change its policy? It could mark textbooks up 10 percent or 12 percent – would that not be sufficient funds with which to cover its operational costs? Or is the bookstore simply too comfortable lining its employees' pockets with our hard-earned money? Maybe it just doesn't give a damn.

Implementing a price increase under the guise of it being necessary and collecting gross amounts of profit is bad business – plain and simple. We are further being wronged by having to pay back its money that it originally stole from us, plus interest.

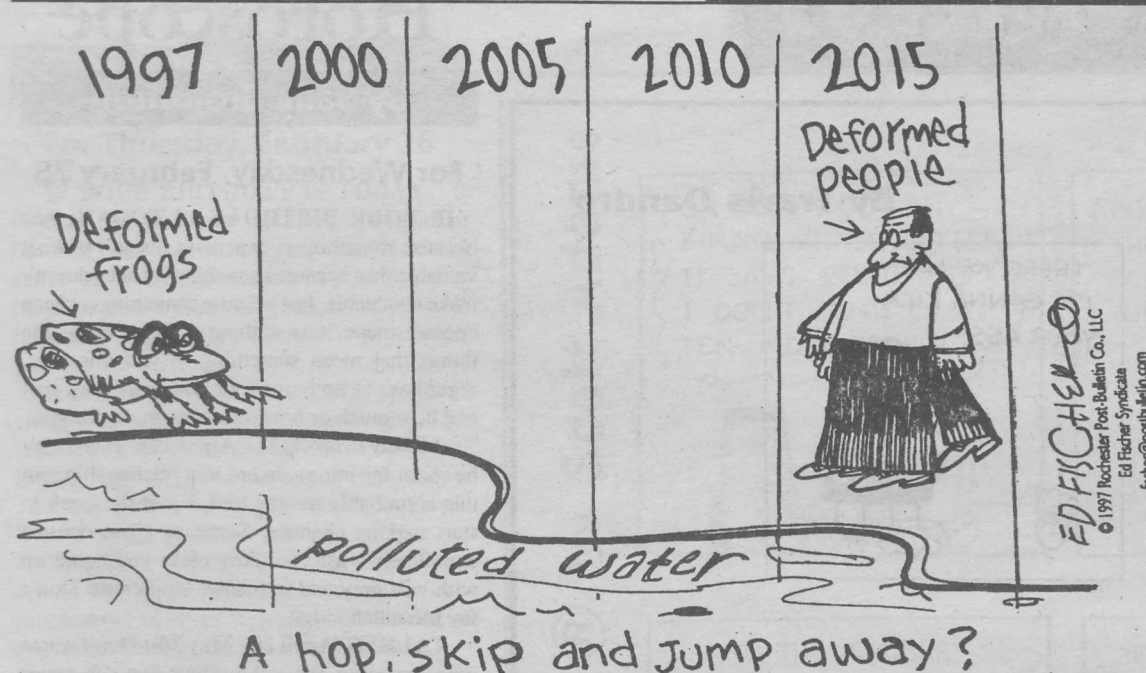
So please, bookstore personnel, give us an explanation – a good one this time. Tell us why you operate the way you do. And while you're at it, maybe you could donate some of our money to a charity that I'm starting. I was thinking of calling it Save the Students.

Erika Hoxie lives in Orono.

Editorial Policy

Letters to the editor can be sent to The Maine Campus, 4th Floor, Chadbourne Hall, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469; via e-mail: to _the_editor@umit.maine.edu; or by fax: 581-1274. Letters must be fewer than 250 words in length. Letters must include full name, address and telephone number. Anonymous letters will not be published without proper identification. Inquiries can be directed at the opinion editor, at 581-1269.

OP/ED



• Column

GSS should hold itself accountable

Students do not care for Student Government, and after last week's installment of the General Student Circus, it's no wonder.

Seeking refuge behind "Robert's Rules of Order," the parliamentary code of the GSS, GSS President Scott Morelli announced 24 hours prior to last week's meeting that a portion of the meeting would be held in executive session to deal with complaints lodged by Ryan Eslinger

plining, among others.

However, as senators and Morelli are so quick to point out, Student Government is not a public body, per se. It is, in fact, an incorporated business separate from the university, save for the university system's authority to collect the student activity fee, which funds Student Government-sponsored programs and

senate's cavalier attitude toward informing the public is that senators routinely criticize the media for supposed inaccurate reporting. However, if meetings are held behind closed doors, how can the senate expect the media to be accurate?

In regard to last week's marathon session, the senate's rationale for closing its doors hinged on a clause in "Robert's Rules" that requires trials of members to be held in executive session. However, senators were not on trial in their capacity as senators, but in their capacity as members of the FEPC. Not only that, Eslinger had given a copy of his complaints to the media. What else was there to keep secret, except accusations on FirstClass from senators who alluded to a chaos-ridden spectacle that lacked only a court jester?

Maine's right-to-know law requires a governing body to announce the "precise nature" of business to be conducted. The senate did no such thing last week. The state's right-to-know law also states that deliberations may be held in executive session, with no mention that "trials" may be held behind closed doors.

In December, I challenged the GSS on FirstClass to pass a constitutional amendment that would require Student Government to follow Maine's right-to-know law. Apparently no senators are up for the challenge because nobody has presented such a resolution. If senators truly care for what their constituents want, they will introduce a constitutional amendment that would require Student Government to follow state law. If no amendment is in the offering come the end of semester break, senators will reveal themselves as cowards.

Ryan Robbins is a senior journalism and psychology major, and is the opinion editor for The Maine Campus.



By Ryan Robbins

against the Fair Election Practices Commission.

Closing a meeting to the public is a serious matter that should not be taken lightly. However, the GSS appears to relish secrecy and keeping the media and public in the dark. The senate has held two executive sessions this year – the first time to discuss the unauthorized making of personal long-distance telephone calls from the Student Government office by an unnamed senator, and last week's fiasco.

Under Maine's right-to-know law, executive sessions can be held only under rare circumstances, which include discussion or consideration of employment, appointment, assignment, duties, promotion, demotion, or disciplining.

salaries of Student Government officers.

Even so, it is an affront to students, who are shareholders in Student Government, for Student Government not to adhere to the principles of democracy and open government. No wonder students are apathetic – the people they elect to govern their affairs and spend their money make Student Government a closed, elitist society.

It's about time Student Government acts like a real government and stops hiding behind its incorporated status. Students should have a right to know who is making unauthorized telephone calls – calls that they are paying for. Students should have a right to know how the GSS is handling their affairs. Democracy's value lies in its built-in system of checks and balances, the most important of which involves the power of the represented to throw out their representatives. Would you reelect a senator who, in essence, stole your money or tried to steal your money? Shouldn't the public have the right to know what discipline, if any, the senate meted out?

What's laughable about the

Phish spectacle worth an encore

From the corner of my eye, I caught a blurred vision of long, tangled brunette curls and ragged strips of mismatched calico. I instinctively turned my head toward the flash of motion and came face to face with a giant cluster of soap bubbles plummeting through the cloudless blue sky. I tipped my face up and, squinting away the glaring sunlight, watched the skirt-clad apparition scale the outer wall of the soap-bubble house.

I focused my camera on the quivering plywood building just as the athlete reached the top and, with one energetic motion, slipped into a smooth back flip. The dingy skirt billowed on a gentle wind and, just for an instant, exposed a healthy

stage that dwarfed the B-52 hangar, hung with enough electrics to power Limestone for six months. Once the concert ground was built, the fans came ... and came and came.

Many straggled into town on Saturday to replenish their stocks of waterproof tarps and alcohol, attired in the Colvin Hall uniform and appearing stereotypically grungy after a few days without showers. Phish followers have a pleasant, if chemically-induced, easygoing attitude toward life. Fans endured downpours that flooded the low-lying tent city, but were ex-



By Misty Edgecomb

young man in all his glory, silhouetted against the dusky Aroostook hills. Phish had arrived.

Now the little band from Vermont which managed to draw 70,000 people to the Loring Commerce Center last summer plans to return in mid-August for an encore. As a self-appointed representative of Aroostook, I welcome them wholeheartedly. We don't have traffic lights or Wal-Mart in Limestone, but during The Great Went we were the largest population center in the state of Maine. There was an excitement in the air that I had never experienced in my hometown, building as the bass echoed over the fields.

The Spud's Speedway demolition derby was deserted for one weekend as my friends and neighbors instead lined Main Street, perched on ratty plastic lawn chairs, to marvel at the 48-hour traffic jam. Station wagons, Winnebagos and Volkswagen buses filled with fans making the five-mile trek from downtown to the base occupied officers in our sole police cruiser for three days as they directed traffic at the single intersection. The whole experience was surreal.

When rumors of a major concert on the flight line began leaking out of the Loring Development Authority at this time last year, I assumed that if the scheme was ever realized it would be another "Spudstock"-style fiasco. (In case you missed the premier event of 1995, "Spudstock" was a rockin' music festival in a muddy potato field in Fort Fairfield that drew crowds approaching a dozen people.) But a week before The Great Went, tractor-trailers barreled into town and workers erected a steel

ceedingly polite to local residents, even leaving a note of thanks at the local grocery store. In three days at the concert grounds, there was no violence or crime to speak of.

Youthful Phish disciples have been criticized for trying to recreate the utopian attitude of the 1970s, minus the social activism. Fans face the label of Generation Xers working desperately to recreate an image from their parents' glory days and attempting to lose adult responsibility in drug and alcohol binges. It's no secret that local police were warned away from the concert grounds, or that the tent city was known as a buyer's market for any stimulant one could desire.

Motivation aside, irresponsibility at The Great Went was no more extensive than you'd find at the University of Maine on any given Friday night. Drug use is a matter of fact at rock concerts and it always has been. Personally, I didn't partake of the Jell-O shots and marijuana offered by friendly concertgoers, but at least those who did were in a contained environment where they couldn't endanger anyone. How was the drug use any different from the officially-sanctioned beer gardens manned by senior citizens from our local Rotary Club?

Phish fans dropped \$25 million in the area and were considerate guests. We should welcome them back and not criticize their way of life. An annual concert event is a real possibility and could guarantee a bright future for Loring.

Misty Edgecomb is a senior journalism and natural resources major, and is the news editor for The Maine Campus.

Your opinion matters

Write a letter to the editor.

The Maine Campus
UMaine's thrice-weekly newspaper

ENTERTAINMENT

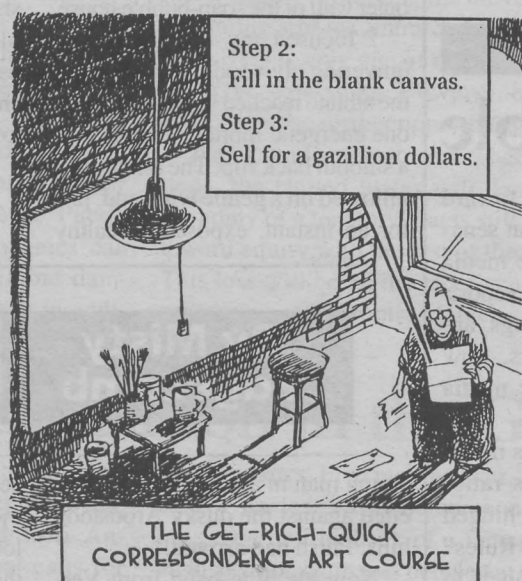
Mr. GNU

By Travis Dandro



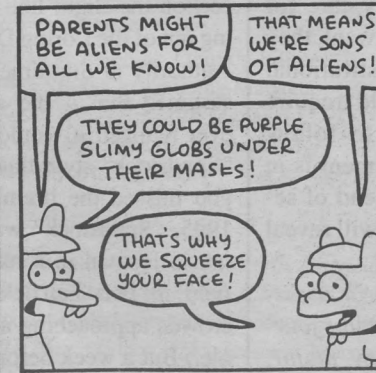
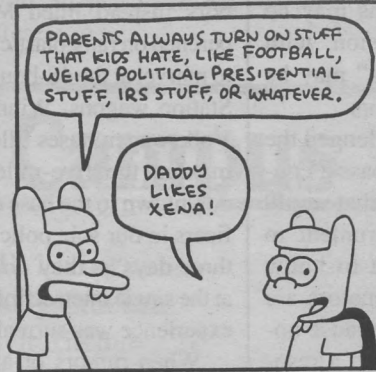
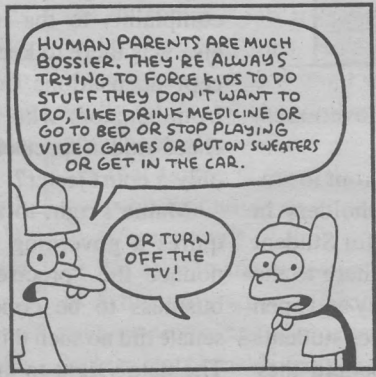
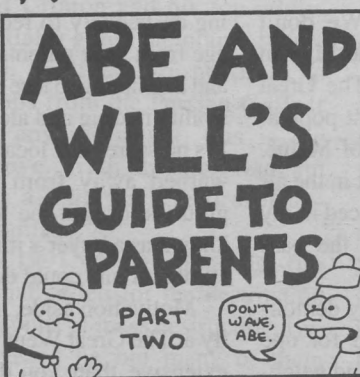
NON SEQUITUR

BY VIEV



LIFE IN HELL

©1998
BY MATT
GROENING



Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Wednesday, February 25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, February 26

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: It is essential that you maintain a confident outlook over the next 12 months. If others sense that you are uncertain of your position they may lose faith in you. A bit of self-hypnosis might help. Keep telling yourself you are the best.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You can't change the world, but you can change yourself. If you are lucky enough to find yourself in the right place at the right time today, your efforts will have a positive effect on the lives of many people.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): What seems like a setback now will appear in a much more positive light toward the end of the week. Don't lose your temper and don't pick an argument with someone you suspect has been plotting against you. Even if that is true, there is not a lot you can do about it — yet.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Although your thoughts may be far away you still have responsibilities close to home, responsibilities that will take on an extra dimension on Friday. Enjoy your dreams, but don't lose touch with reality.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You have the power to change many things, but the things you really want to change are out of your control. You don't really need to change that much. It could be that it is only your perspective that is wrong. If it is, then it will change for the better very soon.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): If you want something badly enough today you will find a way to get it. Once you get it, however, you may decide it isn't as wonderful as you thought it would be. The excitement is in the chase, so keep the chase going for as long as you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Because you have been working so hard in recent weeks, partners and loved ones feel neglected. Soon you will be able to reassure them that they mean more to you than anything else in the world. Today, however, you must continue to work hard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): This is a fortunate time for you. Almost anything you choose to do will be a success if you put your mind to it and refuse to go off at a tangent every time something new and exciting catches your eye.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Communication is important. Keep your long-term aims to yourself, by all means, but on a day-to-day level you must let those you are working with know what you expect. Misunderstandings could be expensive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Even if you are totally exhausted you must push yourself a little bit harder today. One final effort could be all it takes to open a door that has remained closed for too long.

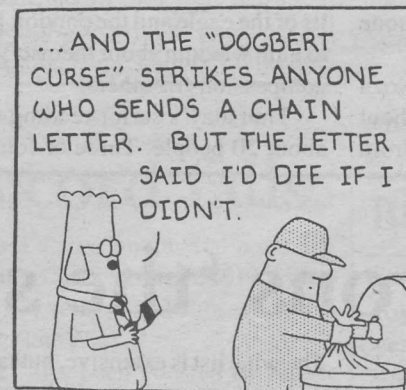
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The odds are heavily in your favor now. You don't have to take unnecessary risks, but you do have to realize that the opportunity you are about to be offered won't be around for long. Take advantage of it today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Give partners and colleagues the benefit of the doubt today, even if you suspect they are taking advantage of your easygoing nature. If they help themselves to something that is technically yours, pretend not to notice. It is nothing to get angry about so you may as well let them have it.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): There is an air of anticipation in your life, as if you know something important is about to happen but you don't have the first idea what it might be. You are in for a surprise. Don't try to anticipate it or it won't be much of a surprise.

ENTERTAINMENT

DILBERT® by Scott Adams



New York Times Daily Crossword

No. 1219

ACROSS

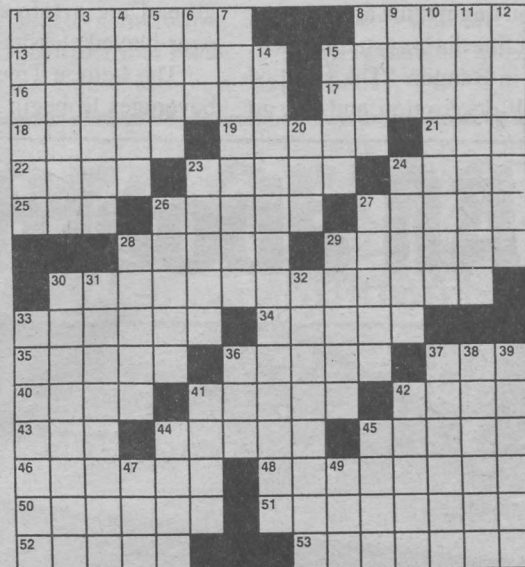
- 1 Bribe
- 8 Duties
- 13 Library transactions
- 15 Barbecue's supply
- 16 Feelers
- 17 Admittance
- 18 Alters course
- 19 Sugar —
- 21 Perceive
- 22 Break bread
- 23 Philip Morris brand
- 24 Carpenter's groove
- 25 Explain further
- 26 Carter Secretary of State

- 27 Japanese-American
- 28 Dry out
- 29 Unpolished leather
- 30 Interrogation technique
- 33 Slips
- 34 Hot-tempered, energetic type
- 35 Doing things
- 36 Beams
- 37 Demon —
- 40 Tiny isthmus
- 41 Tiler's need
- 42 Not-so-powerful currency
- 43 Close (in)
- 44 — point
- 45 Entire spectrum
- 46 Electronics groundbreaker

- 48 "Gentlemen, you are welcome to —": Hamlet
- 50 Bush whackers?
- 51 0, in some measures
- 52 Wasn't vigilant
- 53 Salon supplies

DOWN

- 1 Newspaper founded in 1912
- 2 Epic of a wanderer
- 3 Have in view
- 4 Moline, Ill., manufacturer
- 5 Acknowledges
- 6 Car engine component
- 7 Guitar genre
- 8 Ignore, with "out"
- 9 Envelope abbr.
- 10 Sea in a Jean Rhys title
- 11 Like awful mud
- 12 End of a boss's order
- 14 Police groups
- 15 Big shot at a bar?
- 20 It has a shell
- 23 1991 Grammy-winner Cohn et al.

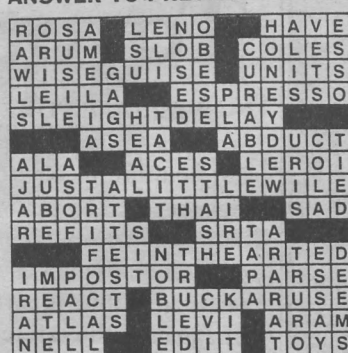


Puzzle by John Wolting

- 24 Tiddlywinks, e.g.
- 26 Skywalker foe
- 27 "David" and others
- 28 Propose
- 29 Inclement
- 30 Step on it
- 31 Make the best of
- 32 Less flexible
- 33 They raise crops
- 36 Instinctive
- 37 Doff
- 38 One making a big return
- 39 Parts of chains
- 41 Composes
- 42 Discussion group
- 44 What's left
- 45 Quarter pint
- 47 Be all wet
- 49 — Miguel (largest of the Azores)

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Corrections

To bring a correction to our attention, contact the Editor at 581-1271 between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon, or stop by the office on the fourth floor of Chadbourne Hall.

Personal Astrology Consultations by Telephone

Call 1-900-726-3063 to talk 1-on-1 with a professional astrologer about your personal concerns — love and compatability, work, money, career, relationships, family.

Not a tape or computer message! Astrologers are available seven days a week, morning through evening, at a cost of \$2.99 per minute, which is billed to your telephone. The first minute is FREE. You must be 18 or older. Call today — 1-900-726-3036.

Style and the Arts

• Screenplay

Film would culminate vision, make history

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

Thursday night, members of the University of Maine community will have a chance to share in writer Robert Mendoza's dream.

The UMaine student's screenplay, "The Eagle and the Condor," will be read at 7:30 p.m. in the Cyrus Pavilion Theatre. This is Mendoza's third screenplay, but he has written and produced short films and documentaries.

The feature-length 16mm film would be a historical production, Mendoza said. Few Native Americans have ever written and produced their own feature-length films.

"This would be about the third in the country, but it would definitely be the first in Maine," he said.

While Mendoza said he would like to start filming the feature-length 16mm film late this summer, the project needs capital before then.

"We're still in the process of trying to raise money," he said. "[The start date for filming] all depends on how much we raise and when."

The project recently benefited from a \$3,000 starter grant, which will cover phone bills and other start-up costs.

The screenplay has taken Mendoza about five years to complete and runs about an hour and a half. The story is taken from

Mendoza's experiences of reservation life in Maine. Set in the future, a Native American family struggles with poverty, alcoholism and white racism while the United States is at war with Mexico.

Most of Mendoza's previous works deal mainly with Native American issues, he said. The first was the only exception.

The main characters, a teen-age boy, his Peruvian-American girlfriend and his father, face violence, death, fear and their own weaknesses. With the help of the spirits of the eagle and the condor, they are able to gain wisdom about themselves and learn compassion for others.

Thursday's script-reading will involve about 20 people. Three of four people are

involved in the project for the long-term.

"We're still looking for people," Mendoza said.

Anyone who is interested in working on the film as a crew member, production assistant, fundraiser or related positions can contact Mendoza by phone at 866-3984 or by e-mail at Robert_Mendoza@umit.maine.edu. There will be no pay involved unless enough money is raised or if the film makes more than its costs.

While Mendoza is looking for those who have experience, he said interest and enthusiasm are just as important. He encourages Native Americans, people of color and women to get involved.

• Out to lunch

Restaurant offers patrons 'the spirit of dining'

By Minzette Peterson
Maine Campus staff

Hey, are you looking for somewhere to dine out over spring break? Maybe the parents are coming to town and offering to take you out to dinner. Perhaps you got your income tax refund back earlier than the rest of us and want to celebrate. Or maybe you just want to take your significant other out for a night of magic and romance.

In any case, you might think about trying the Lemon Tree, a fine dining establishment on Center Street in Bangor. "The spirit of dining" is their self-description, and they go

to great extremes to capture this essence.

Located in a large older building, the first floor has been tastefully decorated to enhance the restaurant's unique presentation. Stenciled grape vines adorn the high tin ceilings, and the archway over the entrance adds to the feeling of spaciousness. The restaurant even provides a gallery of sorts for local paintings, telling a brief history of the artist and giving discreet prices underneath. Blues and jazz music in the background are a refreshing change from the over-played classical symphony.

The Lemon Tree has a great variety of beverages to begin the dining experience.

The wine list is extensive, but lacking in any description — one would have to be a true wine connoisseur to know more than a few listed. Unfortunately, very few are available by the glass, but they are well chosen.

The beer choices also provide a great variety, but limited actual selection. They do include a few imports and microbrews, but you may have to ask what they actually serve, because it remains unlisted.

The fascinating part was the martini list — there is an entire separate menu full of choices, more than 20 of them, all from the top shelf, of course. Needless to say, the martini list lacked any prices.

The menu is a unique combination of Italian, Cajun and vegetarian food, all of which is excellently cooked and aesthetically prepared. Here one can order fresh mako shark, salmon chowder, Cajun chicken, Nicaraguan steak, cappellini with marsala or wine sauce, or maybe something a little more sedate, such as Caesar salad, pizza and sandwiches. Each dish is complete with a description of ingredients, which is a good thing because many of the ingredients could

be considered quite exotic — capers, artichoke hearts, jimbala, habanero peppers, feta and brie cheeses, as well as many others.

The meals are served in generous portions, and could easily feed two people — something the restaurant obviously anticipates; it includes a \$5 plate fee for merely splitting an entree.

The spirit of dining comes with a price — and in this case, it is quite a price. The sandwiches range from \$7.95 to \$9.95, and the entrees are \$9.95 to \$14.95. The restaurant staff guarantees a wonderful dining experience, and they gladly ensure that this is the case. Reservations are recommended simply because it is quite a well-known place around Bangor. Rumor has it that there is even a small jazz combo that plays on Friday and Saturday nights. The Lemon Tree is something you might consider checking out, even if it is just for the entertainment and one of their fabulous martinis. This is just one of those places everyone ought to try at least once in their lifetime — if not many more.

• Goodwill gesture

Toyota donates books

WILLIAMSPORT, Md. (AP) — To workers at Garden State Tanning, Japanese culture means timely delivery and rigorous quality testing.

To their children, it may mean the tale of Momotaro the Peach Boy, whose fantastic adventure is part of a treasure trove of Japanese literature that's been added to the small town's library as a gift from Toyota Motor Co.

Toyota donated about 90 volumes of Japanese literature — in English translations — as a goodwill gesture to Williamsport, a Potomac River town of about 2,100 people in the mountains of western Maryland.

The town's biggest employer is the tannery, which is the sole supplier of seating leather for the carmaker's luxury Lexus line. The plant's 915 workers tan, finish, cut, package and ship more than a million pieces of leather each month to

Toyota for its Lexus, Camry and other car lines, said Glenn Thornley, vice president for operations.

The business is worth more than \$100 million a year to Garden State's parent, U.S. Industries Inc., of Iselin, N.J.

In the decade since Garden State won a contract to produce seating leather at the century-old tanner, things didn't always go so well.

The partnership got off to a rocky start when Garden State had trouble meeting Toyota's exacting delivery and quality standards. In 1991, the tannery adopted Japanese manufacturing techniques that are constantly refined through an employee exchange program, Thornley said.

Garden State executives stood up for Toyota when a U.S.-Japan trade dispute

All aboard!



The group boards the bus that will carry them from Los Angeles to Washington D. C., where they will attend the Million Man March. (Courtesy photo.)

The Not at the Mall Film Series, sponsored by Multicultural Student Affairs and the Center for Students and Community Life, takes a ride to our nation's capitol this week. Spike Lee's film "Get on the Bus" tells the story of a group of men from South Central Los Angeles riding across the United States to attend the Million Man March. The men board

the bus as strangers but emerge three days and 2,000 miles later as brothers. The cast includes Ossie Davis, Andre Braugher and Charles S. Dutton. The film will be shown tonight at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. in 100 Donald P. Corbett Business Building. The cost is \$1 for University of Maine students and \$3 for all others.

• Litigation

'Sound of Music' family feuding over funds

STOWE, Vt. (AP) - Sixty years after they escaped Nazi-occupied Austria, the family whose charm and courage were immortalized in "The Sound of Music" are fighting among themselves — divided over \$3 million that one branch of the family claims it's owed by the other.

This week, the dispute made its way to Vermont's highest court.

At issue is the value of stock held by about 20 dissenting shareholders.

The von Trapps' finances have been incorporated since 1962, when the Trapp Family Lodge Inc. was formed to bring the family holdings together, according to court documents. The holdings include the Trapp Family Lodge hotel, 2,200 acres of land in Stowe, and some of the royalties to "The Sound of Music."

Maria von Trapp, played by Julie An-

draws in the movie, died in 1987. Johannes von Trapp, Maria's youngest son who lives in a house on the property, told the Burlington Free Press that tensions surfaced after that, leading to a 1993 "blow-up" that resulted in family members ousting him as president of the corporation running Trapp Family Lodge.

Von Trapp won back control the next year and reorganized the company, he told the Free Press. Minority shareholders — including his sister and the children of two brothers — objected and cashed in their shares.

The business paid the dissenting family members about \$2.5 million. They challenged the payment in Lamoille County Superior Court, saying they were due about twice as much. A three-judge panel agreed in May, ordering Trapp Family Lodge Inc.

to pay the higher value — with interest, about \$3 million.

Johannes von Trapp has appealed to the state Supreme Court. Lawyers for both sides argued their cases before the court this week. Neither von Trapp nor a lawyer for the dissenting family members returned calls Friday.

Hans von Wees, the general manager of the Trapp Family Lodge, insisted that the battle going on in Montpelier wouldn't affect the lodge, which on Friday was wreathed in fog on an unseasonably warm day, and busy with visitors from out of state.

"This has been going on for a few years. I don't think there's anything out of the ordinary for us to be worried about," von Wees said.

The von Trapp family fled Austria in 1938, on the eve of World War II, eventually settling in the hills above Stowe and building an Austrian-style lodge. The lodge burned

down in 1980 and was rebuilt as a 93-room hotel with 100 additional time share units. The development also includes about 45 miles of mountaintop trails for walking and cross-country skiing.

There's no question the family immortalized in the 1965 film version of "The Sound of Music" is what attracts many of the lodge's 150,000 visitors a year. But Tom Kaiden, the executive director of the Stowe Area Association, said he wasn't worried that news of the family feud would tarnish the image of one of Stowe's principal attractions.

"The mystique of the family is very important, both to the Trapp family lodge and to Stowe," Kaiden said. "But my sense is that the lawsuit is essentially a private matter... to those of us in town, it's not news; nor does it really affect us."

A revival of "The Sound of Music" is opening March 12 at the Martin Beck Theater in New York City.

• Titanic

Global box-office record falls

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Late Monday night, at a theater somewhere in the world, "Titanic" became the biggest moneymaker in movie history, breaking the global box-office record set by "Jurassic Park."

20th Century Fox said Tuesday the disaster epic has grossed more than \$919.8 million worldwide, vs. \$913.1 million for "Jurassic Park." And "Titanic" did it in just 10 weeks.

This from a movie in which you know the boat's going to sink, the hero's going to die and it will take more than three hours for the story to be told.

Yet hundreds of millions of moviegoers are saying, "So what? We want more!"

The movie's appeal cannot be measured in ticket sales alone. "Titanic" cuts a far wider swath than just film: It's a pop culture phenomenon reaching into music, tourism, teen-age obsession and the very essence of what it means to be swept away.

Starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet as young lovers on the doomed ship, "Titanic" could end up selling more than \$1.2 billion in tickets, analysts say.

The movie also is on track to break the domestic box-office record of \$461 million set by the 1977 release and subsequent re-releases of "Star Wars."

"Titanic" has been boosted by higher ticket prices, yet undercut by the movie's long running time, which allows many theaters only one showing a night.

A large percentage of patrons are teenage girls, some of whom have seen the movie several times. Yet, the record could not have been reached without a broad demographic mix.

"It's a movie that's defying every pattern," Bill Mechanic, chairman of Fox Filmed Entertainment, said Tuesday.

Fox produced the film, which cost an estimated \$200 million, with Paramount Pictures. Each company is expected to enjoy profits of at least \$200 million, industry experts say.

"Titanic" soon will be shown on some 200 screens in China, believed the widest release for a Western film in that country. President Jiang Zemin reportedly enjoyed a private screening so much he asked for another showing for friends.

Books

from page 14

threatened to shut down the plant in 1995. Toyota's gift of books and \$5,000 cash were the company's way of saying "domo arigato," or thank-you, said Martha Voss, a Toyota spokeswoman in Washington.

"We thought it would be a neat idea that there would be a cultural exchange so that they would understand a little more about the Japanese people, and we would have better friendship with the people of Williamsport," she said.

The paperbacks span subjects from folklore to sumo wrestling, haiku to Zen Buddhism. There are classic works, novels by 20th century masters including Yukio Mishima and Ogai Mori, and modern fiction anthologies like "Monkey

Brain Sushi."

It is by far the largest collection of international literature in the two-story, red-brick Williamsport Memorial Library.

"This, to me, is one of the nicest things that's ever happened to us," library board member Richard Burger said. "I think every child should have the opportunity to be exposed to it."

Library users were eager for the books to be cataloged and made available for circulation.

"I think it's fantastic," said Cynthia Miller, who said she's an avid reader. "Think what the kids can learn from those books."

Margarita's

Wednesday
February 25th

• 2 for 1 •
Mexican Entrees
with ID

Student ID night

• Margaritas \$2 •

Thursday
February 26th

Ladies Night

• 40% Off •
Mexican Menu
in the lounge

Margaritas' Sangria
• \$3/glass or \$6/pitcher •



Friday
February 27th

Open at Noon!

MEX to the MAX

• Fat Margaritas •
• Fat Elvis Shots •

FAT
Friday

El Cheapos

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

D.J. JEFF
&
THE FRESH LANCE

No Cover

"Crazy Larry"
Brings his
Wild & Crazy
Karaoke Show

Flash Back
LIVE 70's
Dance Music

Saturday
D.J. JEFF
DANCE PARTY

No Cover

The Herbal Tea & Tobacco Co.

76 Columbia St. Bangor • Open 12th to 8:00 p.m.

WATER PIPES
HAND PIPES
FINE TOBACCOS

BLOWN GLASS
METAL
WOOD



All pipes are strictly intended for tobacco use. Must be 18. Must Have Photo I.D.

Student Discounts!

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

Mon. thru Thurs. 7am to 11pm
Fri. & Sat. 8am to 7pm
Sun. 10am to 6pm



Sunsations
Tanning Spa

ALL NEW

Wolf Star Beds!
(A longer and wider bed)

ONE FREE
Tanning Session
Per Person

942-4-TAN • MAINE SQUARE MALL • HOGAN ROAD

• Actor's killing

News blackout ordered in gang members' trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge ordered a news "blackout" and reporters were temporarily banned from the trial of three reputed gang members accused of killing Oscar-winning actor Haing Ngor.

Superior Court Judge J.D. Smith told the reporters to leave Monday after they refused to comply with his order to withhold information.

Because three separate juries will be hearing evidence for the individual defendants, Smith said the blackout was necessary to shield jurors from hearing evidence that may never come before them in court.

Ngor, 55, a Cambodian activist who won an Oscar for his role in "The Killing Fields," was shot to death during a robbery near his home in February 1996.

Smith's ban on news coverage came moments before prosecutor Craig Hum was to begin delivering three separate opening statements to the juries. When reporters refused to agree not to report on the first two opening statements, the judge banned them until the last address.

Hum told jurors the tragic story of

Ngor's life in Cambodia, his torture by the Khmer Rouge and the death of his pregnant wife and unborn child due to the lack of medical facilities.

Ngor, a gynecologist, escaped from Cambodia with one photo of his dead wife which he had mounted in a gold locket and attached to a 24-karat gold chain, Hum said.

"Ultimately, this photo, which meant more to Dr. Haing Ngor than life itself, is the reason why he died," Hum said.

"He refused to surrender that photo to these three gang members," Hum said, referring to the defendants. Only one of them, Tak Sun Tan, was in court at that point.

Some of the defendants gave statements to police after they were arrested, and the judge's concern about media coverage related to those statements. Smith is seeking to protect jurors from information if it does not apply to their defendant and has forbidden members of each jury from talking to members of the other two juries.

Attorney Kelli Sager, representing

the AP and other news organizations, appeared in court and sought a hearing on the ouster of the reporters, but the judge refused to hear arguments. Ms. Sager said she would seek immediate appellate review of the issue.

There was early speculation Ngor was killed for political reasons, but police eventually arrested three young, alleged gang members and said they killed him during a street robbery.

Attorneys for the defendants say police arrested the wrong people.

Tak Sun Tan, 21; Indra Lim, 20, and Jason Chan, 20, were ordered to stand trial together, but the case became complicated when they gave separate statements to police. Their lawyers asked

for three trials. The judge, trying to streamline the process, ordered three juries instead — a procedure used only once before in California.

In his third opening statement, the prosecutor said that the three young men were high on cocaine and desperate to buy more when they encountered Ngor, spotted his Rolex watch and gold chain. When Ngor refused to surrender the locket, he said, Chan shot him to death.

"And Dr. Ngor, who survived the killing fields of Cambodia, dies on the cold pavement of a carport in Chinatown, gunned down by this defendant and his fellow gang members for a few lousy rocks of cocaine," Hum said.

• Pillsbury Bake-off

Seattle woman takes cake

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — "Salsa Couscous Chicken" was a winning title for fiction writer Ellie Mathews. The Seattle woman won the \$1 million grand prize for her dish in the 38th Pillsbury Bake-off Contest on Tuesday.

She was among 99 cooks who competed in the contest, which is held every other year.

For the first time, Pillsbury asked for quick and easy recipes with limited preparation time or ingredients.

Mathews created a North African style dish but used a prepared salsa to shorten preparation and cooking time.

Mathews' recipe also was the top award winner in the 30-Minute Main Dishes category.

Three other category winners each won \$10,000 and a new range:

—Betty Schroedl, Jefferson, Wis., won the Simple Side Dish category with Texas Two-Step Slaw.

—Richard McHargue, Richmond, Ky., won the Quick Snacks & Appetizers category with Tex-Mex Appetizer Tart.

—Edwina Gadsby, Great Falls, Mont., won the Fast & Easy Treats with her Brownie Souffle Cake with Mint Cream.

EXERCISE

Does Your Heart Good.

American Heart
Association



The **GROOVIEST** Brady of them **ALL**

GREG BRADY



Wednesday, February 25th
7:00pm

Maine Center for the Arts
FREE

Sponsored by
Guest Lecture Series

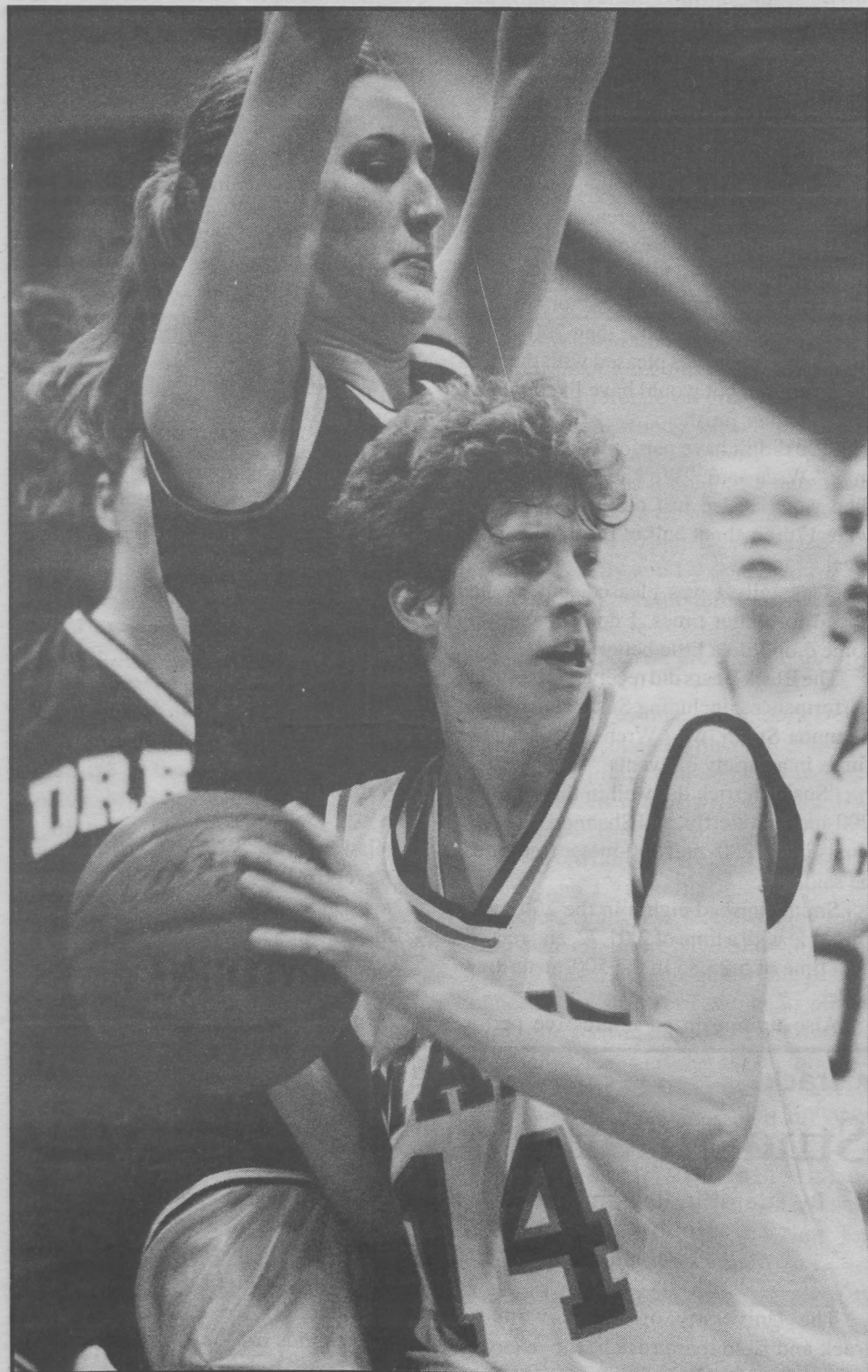
A Board of Student Government

(A.K.A. BARRY WILLIAMS)
IN A MULTI-MEDIA COMIC LECTURE/PERFORMANCE

SPORTS PAGE

• Women's basketball

Blodgett: a look back, a look ahead



Black Bear guard Cindy Blodgett rose to fame after starring at Lawrence High School. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part installment. The focus of Friday's finale will be Cindy Blodgett's college career and future.

When it comes to women's basketball, or just plain basketball, in the state of Maine, one name comes to mind above all others — Cindy Blodgett.

The 22-year-old from Clinton, Maine, has captured hearts, minds and even some resentment. This process began during her years in front of an audience of none in her backyard on Mutton Road, and continued to crowds of over 16,000 in Hartford, Conn.

She is a basketball prodigy, the object of public infatuation in elementary school and media obsession in high school and college.

Born to Thayer and Evelyn Blodgett on Dec. 23, 1975, some Mainers might even look at the closeness of her birthday to the celebration of Christ's as a reason for her near-immortal status in the state. Three-year old Cindy first grabbed a ball in 1978 when the family hoop was erected.

"I wasn't any different than any other kid when I first started out," Blodgett said. She added that her older brother and sister both played, fueling her interest.

The differences began to come out, though, when she got the opportunity to compete with the Clinton Cougars junior high team as a third-grader due to a lack of players.

Blodgett says she really wasn't intimidated by playing with girls four years her senior and just wanted to compete.

"I got an opportunity to play against bigger players, older players," Blodgett said. "I did understand at that time that it was putting me ahead of most people my age."

It was at this time Blodgett took on the familiar No. 14. Surprisingly, there was no significance to her selection — it was the only uniform that fit her 35-pound frame.

She had the opportunity to wear No. 32, but refused because it was Magic Johnson's number, the rival of her idol, Larry Bird.

Blodgett said she didn't receive much grief from the older players, and the only difference was the maturity level of a third-grader versus that of a sixth- or seventh-grader.

"But I was always pretty quiet anyway, so I observed, saw what they were doing, and just adapted," Blodgett said.

By the time Cindy's freshman season at Lawrence was set to begin, she had six years of basketball under her belt (869 points in her last four seasons of play), two straight Central Maine Junior High Championships and 31 straight wins.

The scenario was set as if it was a movie: Blodgett would act as the little-known local legend set to ride in and attempt to revitalize a Lawrence High School team who had finished at 9-9 the previous season.

No one could expect, though, what would

See BLODGETT on page 20

• Men's basketball

Tourney time for Maine

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

It's been a season featuring numerous road bumps for the University of Maine men's basketball team, but the players hope to smooth out the end of their 1997-98 schedule with a victory over Northeastern in the first round of the America East playoffs Friday.

"The guys are kind of frustrated right now and looking to take out their frustration on Northeastern," Black Bear guard Marcus Wills said.

That frustration stems from a weekend where Maine dropped two conference games to Drexel and Hofstra and earned the last-place seed in the America East tournament.

Heading into last weekend's action, Maine had a chance to move into the No. 7 slot if it had pulled out two victories. One win would have moved the

Black Bears to a matchup with UNH.

Wills says that it wouldn't have made much of a difference to face the Huskies or Wildcats Friday.

"They are both pretty similar and play similar styles, so it doesn't really matter to us," Wills said.

Northeastern head coach Rudy Keeling says his team will be ready for the game, but he feels a bit concerned with his team's inconsistencies within conference play.

"We've beaten everybody in the league, so we have some confidence and success," Keeling said. "On the other hand, we've lost to everyone, so it goes both ways."

Maine and Northeastern split the season series, with each team pulling out victories at home. Back on Feb. 14, the Black Bears closed out their home

See MEN'S HOOPS on page 19

• Women's hockey

Playoff hopes still alive

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine women's hockey team will look to close out its first varsity season in winning fashion when it journeys to Gorham tonight to face the University of Southern Maine.

The Black Bears (11-6-2 overall, 9-6-1 ECAC Alliance) have won six in a row and still harbor hopes of reaching the playoffs.

Maine closed out its Alliance schedule earlier this week, and forward Alison Lorenz said the Bears will have to rely on outside help in order to slip into the playoffs.

"We're hoping for some other teams to lose," she said. "We've done what we can do. It's out of our hands right now."

Of the four teams allowed into the playoffs, the two first-place teams are automatically given playoff berths. Two wild-card seeds

are selected based on several criteria in addition to each team's point total. The field will be selected March 2.

Maine is battling Wesleyan, Bowdoin, Rensselaer, RIT, and Vermont for playoff position.

As for the game itself, Maine coach Rick Filighera said he expects to empty out the bench.

"We're hoping to get all of our lines into the game before the third period this time," said Filighera, referring to his normal practice of not using bench players until late in the game.

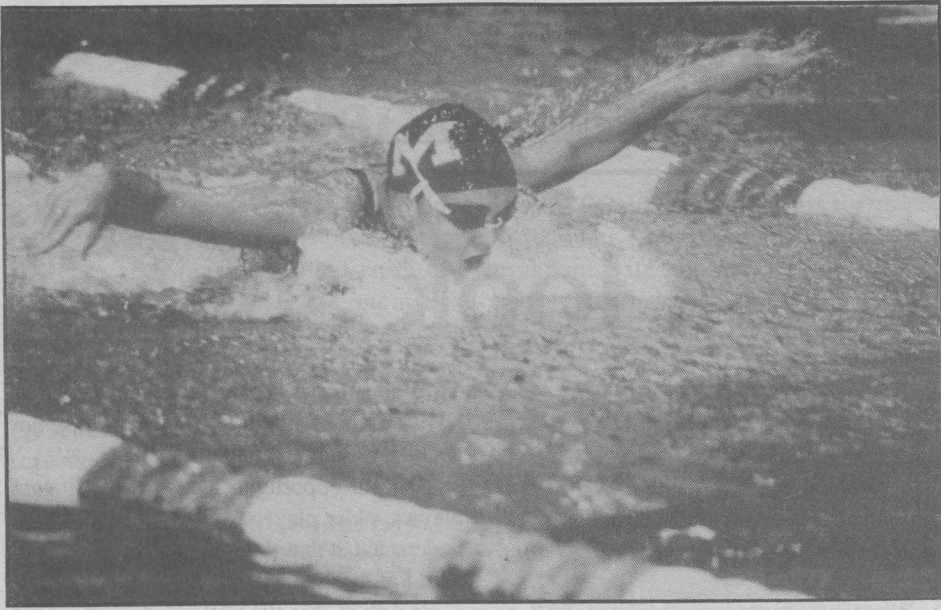
The big obstacle for Maine will be USM goaltender Samantha Whitman, whose 40-save effort in a 2-2 tie versus Maine Jan. 25 was the best by any netminder against the Bears all season.

See WOMEN'S HOCKEY on page 18

FROM THE DEN

University of Maine men's basketball coach John Giannini coached Nick Anderson—now of the Orlando Magic—when he served as an assistant coach at the University of Illinois in 1988-89. Giannini, while serving as head coach at Rowan College from 1989-96, guided his team to five NCAA Tournament appearances including the 1995-96 national championship.





Susie Herrick went to the finals in three meets at the American East Championships. (file photo.)

Women's hockey

from page 17

Maine will have to adjust to USM's Olympic-size rink as well. So far this season, the Bears have played exclusively at smaller, conventional rinks.

Despite any potential setbacks, Lorenz is hopeful that her team can get the job done.

"We've definitely come together as a team," Lorenz said. "We've jelled a lot. Hopefully, we can carry that into Wednesday's game."

More honors for Lorenz: Lorenz has been named ECAC Alliance player of the week for the second consecutive week. Lorenz had seven goals and an assist in Maine's two victories last weekend. This marks the third

time this season that Lorenz has been player of the week.

In addition to leading the Alliance with 37 goals and 56 points, Lorenz also leads the nation in points per game (2.95) and goals per game (1.95).

Lorenz's 48 league points also lead the Alliance. Linemates Christina Hedges (26) and Alicia Gilmore (24) rank seventh and ninth, respectively.

Elsewhere, goaltender Amy Oliver ranks fifth in the Alliance in overall goals-against average (2.15) and fourth in overall save percentage (.917).

Swimming and diving

Bears finish in sixth place

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine men's and women's swimming and diving teams tested the waters of the America East Championships this past weekend and dried off with a sixth-place finish in the three-day event.

"We had mixed results," UMaine coach Jeff Wren said. "We had people who did phenomenally, and some who were disappointing."

The University of Delaware hosted the event and its men's team successfully defended last year's conference championships by edging out Drexel.

The University of New Hampshire women's team easily cruised to victory, outdistancing everyone by more than 200 points.

Wren said he was pleased with the meet on the whole, but would have liked to have seen a higher finish.

"We didn't have particularly high seedings," Wren said. "We had a lot of people who were seeded just out of scoring. We were 17th in about half of the events in the meet."

"Generally I was pleased, but we had hoped for better times. I don't know why some didn't do a little better."

The Black Bears did receive some strong performances, including Susie Herrick and Shannon Smith, who Wren said made the finals in a variety of events.

"Susie Herrick did well in the 100- and 200-meter butterfly, and Shannon made the finals in the 200- and 500-meter freestyle," he said.

Smith finished eighth in the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 2:01.72, and recorded a time of 5:25.86 in the 500-meter freestyle.

Also turning in an impressive perfor-

mance was Black Bear Mimi Rosebush, who finished sixth in the women's 100-meter breaststroke.

On the men's side, it was the 200-meter fly in which the Bears finished strong as Chris Talbot (1:59.47) and Dana Barrows (1:59.79) placed sixth and seventh respectively.

"Our best event was the 200 butterfly," Wren said. "Two guys getting under two minutes is pretty good."

Jeff Small, who competed in his first America East Championships, said the competition impressed him.

"I was impressed with the level of swimming," Small said. "I was pretty pleased with my performance."

Small, along with Barrows, Adam Kipple and Jaret Lizzotte, finished sixth in the 400-meter freestyle relay.

"We didn't have a lot of people in the top eight," Small said. "We could have done a little more."

The overall standings for the America East Championships are as follows, with the total amount of points earned.

Women

1. New Hampshire (832.50)
2. Boston University (632)
3. Northeastern (541)
4. Drexel (396)
5. Delaware (374.50)
6. **Maine** (322)
7. Towson (284)
8. Vermont (123)

Men

1. Delaware (726.50)
2. Drexel (673)
3. New Hampshire (595)
4. Boston University (522)
5. Towson (424)
6. **Maine** (258.50)
7. Vermont (180)

Track

Student-athletes break records

By Eden Hindley and Steve Hedlund
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine women's track and field team rose to the occasion in the America East Championships by placing third and registering the most points (83) they have ever scored in the league championships.

Five UMaine records were broken including the pole vault, where Libby Moores soared to new heights with an 8'6" vault (third place). Standout Katie D'Entremont broke the weight throw record with her 50'4.75" toss (fifth place) and was second overall in the shot with a throw of 44'9.75".

Maegan Limoges rewrote the UMaine 200-meter record with her time of 25.87

(fifth place), as did Maggie Vandenberg in the 400-meter in a record 57.89 (second place).

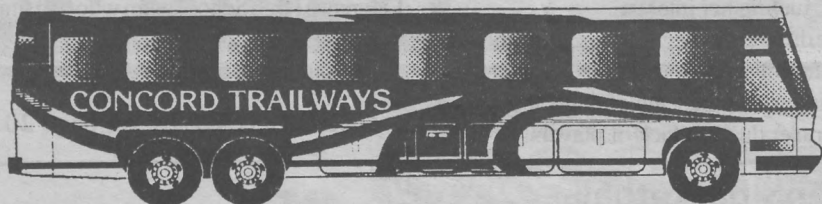
The 4x400-meter relay team (Limoges, Vandenberg, McGowan and Riley) sliced seconds off the school record and placed second in 3:51.03. Riley placed third in the high jump with a leap of 5'4.25".

Vanessa McGowan was crowned America East Champion in the 800-meter with a time of 2:15.06, which qualifies her for the ECAC meet in two weeks. Patty McCormick shined, finishing second in the 3k and the 5k as she qualified for New England's in both races and ECACs in the 5000-meter.

Freshman Danielle Donovan cruised

See TRACK on page 19

CONCORD TRAILWAYS



THE MAINE WAY TO BOSTON & LOGAN AIRPORT

Univ. of Maine - Bangor, ME - Portland, ME - Boston, MA - Logan Airport, MA

SOUTHBOUND	Daily	Daily	Daily	Friday and Sunday
Lv Orono, ME (Univ. of Me.)	—	10:45 am	—	2:45 pm
Lv Bangor, ME	7:15 am	11:15 am	3:15 pm	3:15 pm
Arr Portland, ME	9:25 am	1:25 pm	5:25 pm	5:25 pm
Arr Boston, MA	11:25 am	3:25 pm	7:25 pm	7:25 pm
Arr Logan Airport, MA	11:45 am	3:45 pm	7:45 pm	7:45 pm

Logan Airport, MA - Boston, MA - Portland, ME - Bangor, ME - Univ. of Maine

NORTH BOUND	Daily	Friday and Sunday	Daily	Daily	Sunday Only
Lv Logan Airport, MA	9:15 am	9:15 am	1:15 pm	5:15 pm	5:15 pm
Lv Boston, MA	10:00 am	10:00 am	2:15 pm	6:15 pm	6:15 pm
Lv Portland, ME	12:01 pm	12:01 pm	4:15 pm	8:15 pm	8:15 pm
Arr Bangor, ME	2:15 pm	(D) 2:15 pm	(D) 6:30 pm	10:30 pm	(D) 10:30 pm
Arr Orono, ME (Univ. of ME)	—	(D) 2:45 pm	(D) 7:00 pm	—	(D) 10:50 pm

(D) - Discharge Passengers only.

Timetable effective October 19, 1997

WHY WOULD ANYONE DRIVE? CONCORD TRAILWAYS

Tickets Available On Campus At:

HEWINS / Carlson Travel Network
Book Store Memorial Union • 581-1400



DUBAY AUTO PARTS
15 S. Water St.
Old Town, ME 04468
827-5593

"We Keep America Running."

10% off any purchases
with your student
I.D. or this ad.

(excluding sale items)

Hours:

Mon.-Fri. 7a.m.-5:30p.m.
Sat: 8a.m.-5p.m.
Sun: 9a.m.-3p.m.

Men's hoops

from page 17

schedule with a 73-66 win as Wills led Maine with 23 points.

Allen Ledbetter was a force in the paint, grabbing a game-high 10 rebounds while pouring in 21 points.

Keeling still feels that stopping Ledbetter Friday is essential to improving Northeastern's chance at advancing to a second-round battle with Boston University.

"Up at Maine, we came in a little bit down and we played our worst game of the year," Keeling said. "Ledbetter was the key to that one."

Northeastern's leading scorer, Ty Mack, is a question mark health-wise as the 6-foot-5 senior, who is averaging 16.5

points per game, was just taken off crutches for an injury he suffered recently.

Keeling said that Mack had been taken off the crutches earlier this week, and he will continue to recover and should see action this Friday.

Although the Black Bears have struggled through a turbulent season, the America East Tournament is an opportunity for the Black Bears to sneak up on a few opponents and end the year on a good note.

"You have to put everything into perspective and know that everything starts all over in the playoffs," Wills said. "We've got to take this one game at a time."

Track

from page 18

to second place in the 1000-meter in 2:59.61.

500-meter runners Karen Noyes (fifth place in 1:19.24), who became the third all-time leading performer, and Eden Hindley (seventh in 1:19.83), now the fifth all-time leading performer at Maine, both qualified for New Englands.

The 4x800-meter relay team (Noyes, Hindley, Donovan and Jackie Maurer) blazed to third place overall in the meet with a time of 9:53.98.

This weekend the Black Bears have New Englands at Smith College, and then on March 6-8, they have the ECAC Championships at the Reggie Lewis Track in Boston, Mass.

Men

After races divided by tenths of a second and throws and jumps separated by inches, the University of New Hampshire captured the America East Indoor Championships by edging out a strong Northeastern team by 14 points.

The University of Maine squad managed to score 47 points for a fifth-place finish in the conference.

Junior Josh Mishou highlighted the meet for the Black Bears with a first-place performance in the 200-meter dash (21.98) and a fifth-place finish in the 55-meter dash (6.62).

Mishou's all-conference 200-meter

sprint was a UMaine record and was four hundredths of a second shy of the America East conference record.

Junior Joe Moody kicked for a second-place in the 800-meter run (1:51.68), and junior Thin Ly held off competitors for a second-place finish — and personal best — in the 1000-meter run (2:28.60).

Both Moody and Ly qualified for the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America tournament, and Moody is an NCAA provisional qualifier.

In the field events, sophomore Derek Davis scored second with a 6' 9 3/4" leap in the high jump, and sophomore Peter Phelan placed fourth with a 45' 2 1/4" mark in the triple jump.

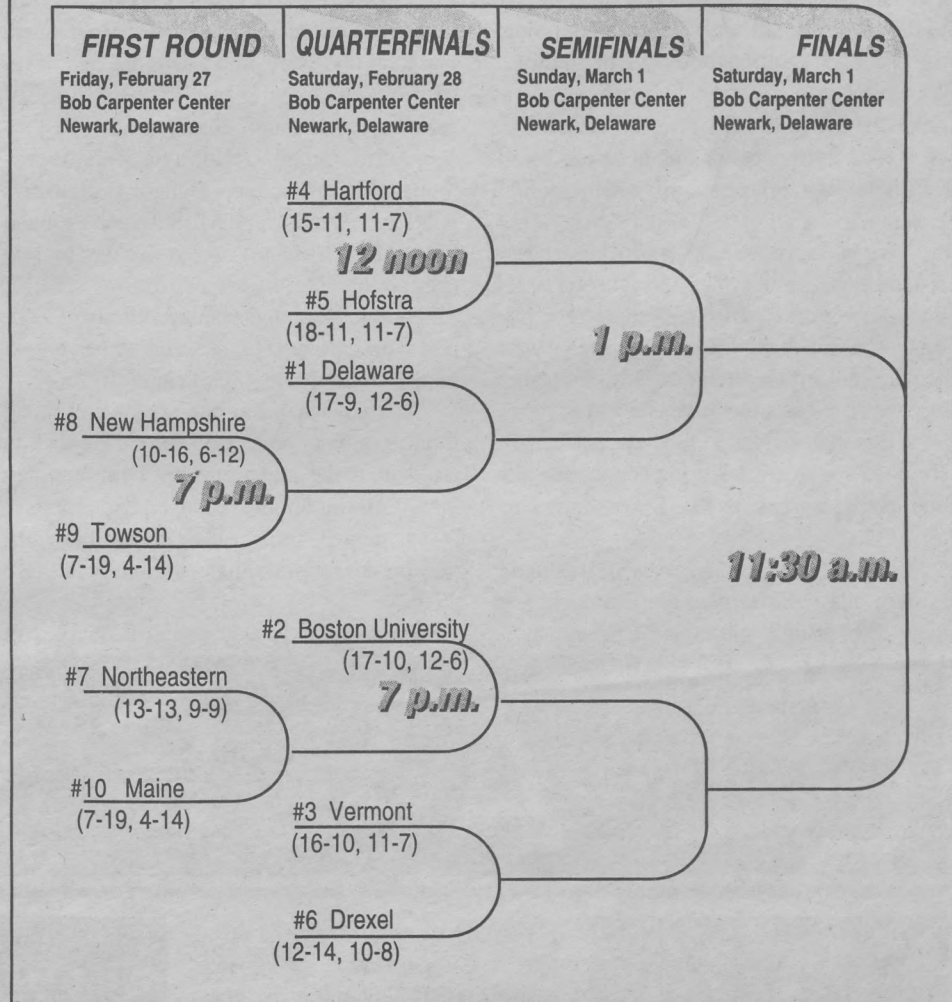
With Mishou, Kermit Brawner, Moody and Ly coming out of their respective events, the 4x400-meter relay team had an impressive showing. The 3:22.69 New England-qualifying performance in the slower of two heats placed third, one second ahead of Delaware.

The 4x800-meter relay squad of Patrick Larkin, Chris Frank, Steven Hedlund and P.J. Gorneault held off Vermont for a sixth-place finish.

The Black Bears travel to Boston University for the third straight weekend this Friday and Saturday for the New England Championships.



MEN'S BASKETBALL championship



TODAY'S
THE DAY

Stop Smoking.

American Heart
Association



The Off Campus Board

is accepting
Bumstock T-Shirt designs
with the following theme:

"It's Springtime,
Lets Get Down and Dirty!"

A \$50 prize will be given
to the First Place Winner.

Please contact OCB at 581-1840
or stop by the office, 3rd Floor of the Union.

UMaine Sports: the victory, the defeat, the pride.

Read it in Sports.

UMaine's thrice-weekly newspaper

The Maine Campus

\$\$ Need help with student loans? \$\$

Working two,
three, four
nights a week
and trying to
study too?



Call the **Maine Air National Guard** and ask about the
\$7,300.00 Montgomery G.I. Bill, **\$10,000.00** Student
Loan Repayment, working **two** days and getting paid
for **four!** And Much, Much, More!

Call 800-To GoANG or Bangor 990-7710

Must be qualified / Women & Minorities Encouraged to Apply

Blodgett

from page 17

happen next.

In four years of basketball at Lawrence, coach Bruce Cooper's club won four straight Class A Championships and Blodgett moved to the record books with 2,596 career points, the best ever — girls or boys — of all time.

Going into that first year, Blodgett was helped along with normal freshman fears by a type of support network that had been established through summer camps and junior high basketball.

"We had seven seniors, and when you are around them as much as you are, you get pulled into their group," Blodgett said. "I was a freshman, but all my friends on the team were older. I think my experience was different than anyone else's as a freshman."

Basketball began to fall into place, with Blodgett consistently getting better and complementing teammates like Dawn Anne Higgins.

Following a 66-53 win over Stearns in the Eastern Class A tourney, the Bulldogs won their 17th straight game, a 77-67 win over

Portland, to earn their first gold ball. Blodgett hit for 25 points and helped spur a 25-8 run with three steals.

"It was kind of like a storybook. We had seven seniors and they had never experienced that kind of season, and Lawrence had never won a tournament game in the history of women's basketball," Blodgett said.

Awards began to pour in as well: unanimous KVAC first team, Bangor Daily News All-Tourney team, and All-State and Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram first teams.

Blodgett has always talked kindly of Cooper, who can be seen at some of her bigger games at the University of Maine.

"It's not what you can do for him, but I think it is what he can do for us. He had an ability to make sure everyone on the team felt they were important," Blodgett explained.

"If players respect their coach, they will play harder for you. That's definitely the case there."

Just as quickly as a young Blodgett had

grasped success, however, that youthful spirit almost took it away.

Almost a week and a half after winning the title her freshman year, Blodgett and some friends were in the gym horsing around and jumping off one person's back to dunk a basketball.

Blodgett threw down three successful jams and was ready to call it quits. But the crowd wanted her to try one more. Never one to refuse a challenge, she took to the air once more.

The landing was not graceful, to say the least.

After dunking, Blodgett fell awkwardly and ended up breaking both of her wrists. Basketball, and normal life functions, were done for a while.

She was out of school for two months and was in a full-body splint, relying on tutors for her education. Evelyn took a leave of absence from work to care for Cindy, who could not even eat or dress on her own.

"(Basketball) was a thought, and it was

definitely something I was thinking about. When you're young, you have a different perspective on things," Blodgett said.

Her parents, whom she calls her favorite role models, were extremely influential in this exciting but challenging period. Blodgett recalled a conversation she had as a nine-year-old with Thayer regarding the move to the Cougars.

"I remember sitting on my dad's lap and asking him what I was supposed to do, and he said to do whatever I wanted to do — play with kids my own age or go up. I wanted to be good, so I went up.

"They didn't push me into it. They just took me to practices, and went to all the games. They were supportive without pushing me."

Blodgett believes her parents are rare in that despite their daughter's success, they never got a "Little League" parents mentality and are still not like that now.

Following the years for the Bulldogs, Cindy Blodgett was set to blaze new trails a couple of hours up the road at the University of Maine.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP
WANTED

Summer positions at private camp for girls in Vermont. Lochean Camp seeks counselors/activity instructors for studio/performing arts, field sports, gymnastics, tennis, water sports (LGT, WSI for swimming), English riding, hiking. Senior staff positions for leadership trainer, program coordinator, division heads, RN. Join our "community of goodness" for a rewarding summer! Drug, alcohol + smoke-free. Call 1-800-235-6659 or e-mail Lochern@aol.com

The Student conservation association, Inc. (SCA) is looking for crew leaders to supervise groups of 6-10 high school students while completing vital trail restoration projects in public and private lands across the country. Five-week programs begin in June and July and often involve trail maintenance and environmental restoration. For more info contact the Student Conservation Association at 603-543-1700, or on the web at www.sca-inc.org

P/T office help/collections. 6-9 evenings. casual dress. Start @ 5.25/hour. Call 942-4032

Summer camp counselors needed for Premiere Camps in Massachusetts. Positions for talented, energetic, and fun loving students as counselors in all team sports including roller hockey, all individuals sports such as tennis & golf, waterfront and pool activities and specialty activities including art, dance, theatre, gymnastics, newspapers & radio. Salaries, room, board and travel. June 20th- August 19th. Enjoy a great summer that promises to be unforgettable. Mah-Kee-Nac (Boys): 1-800-753-9118 Danbee (Girls): 1-800-392-3752. www.campkn.com

Have the best summer of your life. Be on staff @ Camp Beech Cliff on MDI. Counselors who love kids and mother nature 6-17--8-21 M-Email CampBeechCliff@acadia.net

Student Govt Tech Consultant needed. Responsible for updating Web pgs. call Chris @1780, pd pos. deadline: 3/19

FILM/VIDEO/JOURNALISM MAJORS Summer Videographer Positions. individuals wanted to shoot summer camp videos. Get a job, get experience, get paid! Get and application by calling, CAMP TV 800/284-8437

Casco bay Bartending. Student discounts call for information 1-800-467-2028

\$250 pr. week + room and board. also you can take a class if you want. The earliest you apply the better chance of getting the summer job! Call Bill Picard at 581-7170 as **soon as you can** for more information, and/or look at my **new** web page at <http://www.umcs.maine.edu/~captain/summer.html>

Hockey: Director & Instructors: Camp Canadensis. A Premier children's coed residential camp in PA seeks a director & instructors to teach hockey skills, set up & coach leagues & oversee hockey programs. Excellent facilities & salary. 6/20/98-- 8/17/98. 800-832-8228

500 Summer Jobs/ 50 camps/ YOU CHOSE NY, PA, New England. Instructors needed: Tennis, Roller-Hockey, Basketball, Lifeguards, WSI, Baseball, Gymnastics, Sailing, Outdoor Ed. Arlene Streisand 1-800-443-6428

APARTMENTS

Roommate wanted: 1 br in Orono house with wshr/dryer, backyard, deck. Grad student pref. \$220/mo. 866-0604

235 very lg room no lease. inc. all. very quiet no smoke. share lg kitchen with other grad st. 866-7706

Orono: Apartments for next fall, intown locations. No pets. Effic. 1-2-3-4-5 br. 866-2516.

Orono roommate wanted to share large apt, walk to UMO, parking, washer/dryer. \$250 includes all util's & HT 866-0611

Orono eff 1 2 3 4 Bed. Heat & H.W. inc. No pets. Starting at \$200/ mo. 827-7231

Old Town 1234 Bed Apts heat & hot water included. No pets. A 150 3 Bedroom house. 827-7231

3-4 Bedroom LARGE sunny rooms \$550 & electricity, wood floors, parking, nice neighborhood 469-7839

Old town furnished 1 bedroom apt. close to UMO, on Bus Route. Utilities included. No pets. Parking for 1 car. \$425 month plus security. Call 827-2592

5 bedroom house all utilities paid washer dryer dishwasher near campus. Call David 947-4072

Private rooms on campus. only 249/270/ month. all utilities incl. Tim @ 866-0283

3 bedroom apt. all utilities paid washer/dryer greenhouse. Call David 947-4072

LOST AND
FOUND

Lost: Silver coin chain necklace, somewhere between Lengyll Gym & Union. Small reward. call 866-0813

MISC

Erotic Sensations (formerly Exotica) Exotic Dancers male and female for any occasion call **990-0425**

Classic Rock n Roll Band **Ari zona** ready to book your party/wedding/six piece band reasonable rates 989-2254

He's coming are you? He's Elvis. He's Garth Brooks. **El Cheapo's Thursday 2/26**

Sex Matters Live! w/ Dr. Sandra Caron Wed 9-10 p.m. 91.9 WMEB 581-2333

Join **GAB** & chat w/an intl student 4 at least 1hr/wk over coffee, converse, activities, etc.. Call **OIP 1- 1585**

Casco bay Bartending. Student discounts call for information 1-800-467-2028

Billings Brew. Octane. Strange Pleasure. The Groove Diggers. **Battle of the Bands!** March 20 8-12.

PERSONALS

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Questioning? Confidential Discussion group, Mondays, 5:30-7:00 Honors Bldg.

UMaine Greens meet Wed. 4:30 in the Damned Yankee. Help US celebrate earth day & elect Maine's 1st Woman Gov.

Race Talk 2000, a call in show about difference. Mondays, 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. WMEB 91.9 FM, 581-2333

SPRING
BREAK

SPRING BREAK *DON'T GET BURNED***** Sun Splash Tours!! THE RELIABLE SPRING BREAK CO. 12 YEARS EXP. Hottest Destinations! LOWEST PRICES! FREE Trips, Parties- Drinks!!!! SunSplash 1-800-426-7710 www.sunsplashes.com

#1 SPRING BREAK!! PANAMA CITY/PADRE *U.S.- #1 DESTINATIONS* Best Western fr: \$89/Days Inn & Ramada fr: \$109 FREE TRIP/PARTIES SunSplash 1-800-426-7710 WWW.SUNSPASHES.COM

TO PLACE AN AD IN
THE MAINE CAMPUS
COME TO THE
FOURTH FLOOR OF
CHADBOURNE HALL