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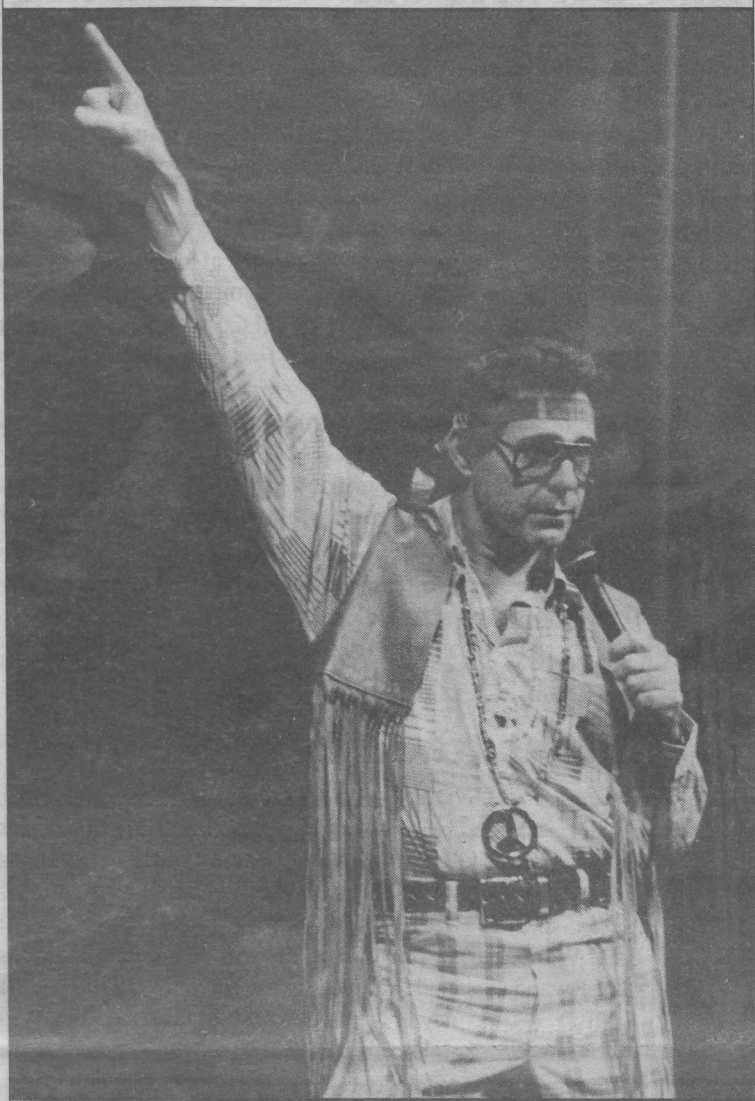
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BRADY NIGHT FEVER



Barry Williams, a.k.a. Greg Brady, a.k.a. Johnny Bravo, shakes his booty at the MCA. See story page 11. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Police

Partygoer leaps out of window to evade police

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

One UMaine partygoer took a desperate leap to avoid getting caught with a beer last weekend—and it didn't work.

Officer Cherie Phelps stopped by York Village last Saturday night to break up a party and asked everyone to leave. Spotting one student with a beer in his hand, she told him to dump it out. Travis Barton, 18, went back into the York apartment, jumped out a first-floor window and ran. Officers later found him and summoned him for possession of alcohol by a minor.

In other police business:

•On Thursday, Feb. 19 at 2:10 p.m., officers were called to Doris Twitchell Allen Village to break up a fight in a room between two men. Neither wanted to press charges, so both were sent to judicial affairs.

•On Friday, Feb. 20 at 12:40 a.m., Officer Chris Hashey was on patrol in the Hilltop Quad when he noticed a group of people sitting on a picnic table, passing something around. Anthony Castellani, 19, was summoned for possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana,

and another student was sent to judicial affairs.

•On Saturday, Feb. 21 at 12:05 p.m., a two-car accident occurred near the credit union when Robert Mcnerney, 37, pulled onto Rangley Road in front of Christopher Reilly, 22. He swerved to avoid Mcnerney and struck a light pole. Reilly, whose car was totaled, was summoned for imprudent speeding and Mcnerney was summoned for failing to yield. Both were sent to the hospital for minor injuries.

•On Saturday at 6:30 p.m., Officer Michael Burgess made a traffic stop and discovered the smell of marijuana. Driver Jeffrey Hanning, 19, was summoned for possession of marijuana and passenger Constance Look, 18, was summoned for possession of drug paraphernalia.

•On Saturday at 10:40 p.m., police broke up a verbal fight between two groups in front of Gannett Hall.

•On Sunday, Feb. 22 at 12:30 a.m., someone reported the theft of their Wyoming license plate.

•On Sunday at 3:30 a.m., Hashey was driving down Long See POLICE on page 4

• City council

Candidate cites favoritism

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

Since the time of the Civil War, Orono has held its annual town council election on the second Tuesday of March. For the last two decades, that date has fallen during the University of Maine's spring break, keeping students who flee to warm sunny beaches out of the governmental process.

The practice has drawn mixed reactions from this year's four candidates, from mildly concerned to furious.

Maha Sabawi believes the town purposely does not want the students involved in town affairs.

"The only thing they want from the students is to make money off them," Sabawi, a UMaine graduate, said recently. "They want them only as a milk-

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Maha Sabawi, candidate for Orono City Council, appeals to GSS for student involvement in municipal elections. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Personality

Baker prepares for solo expedition

By Al Edwards
Special to the Campus

It is 1:30 a.m. The alarm goes off and it's time for Paul McCann to begin his daily exercises with free weights, which help keep him fit for the solo sailing trip he plans to take after he retires from his job

as a baker at the UMaine Coffee Shop.

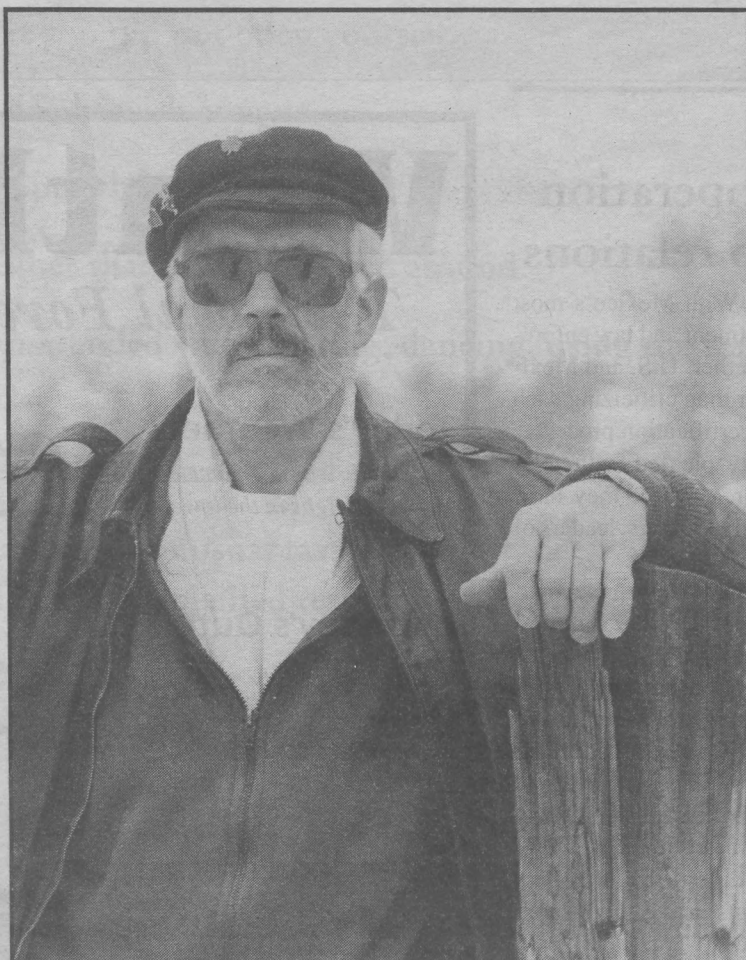
"If you expect to stay away from the states for six to eight months at a time, there's no doctors around, so you must stay in shape," he said.

McCann has been a baker at the University of Maine for nearly

24 years, starting at Wells Commons. Before beginning at the university, McCann had been enjoying a life on the high seas, making his job at the Coffee Shop only one of his many adventures since graduating from John Baptist High School of Bangor in 1960.

A native of Brewer, McCann has always enjoyed traveling and learning from his experiences.

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Paul McCann, University of Maine baker and former Merchant Marine, plans for a successful voyage around Cape Horn when he retires and sells his bakery. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

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Cloudy with a chance of showers.

WORLD BRIEFS

• Re-election

Castro vows socialism will outlive him

1 MEXICO CITY (AP) — Elected to a fifth term as president, Fidel Castro vowed socialism in Cuba will outlive him and denounced a U.S. aid proposal for the island. Castro's seven-hour speech to the opening of a new session of parliament ended shortly after midnight Wednesday — its marathon length reminiscent of his speeches in the early years after his 1959 revolution.

The 601-member parliament, elected in January, opened its five-year term Tuesday by re-electing Castro and other top members of the Council of State, or Cabinet. Castro was the only presidential candidate, and all the deputies were elected unchallenged.

In his wide-ranging speech, Castro, 71, declared Cuba's single-party communist system "untouchable" and said those who predict a "post-Castro transformation" are wrong.

"To suppose that the death of one individual could liquidate the work of a people ... is really ridiculous," Castro said. His remarks were reported by the Cuban government's Prensa Latina news agency, monitored in Mexico City.

Castro also denounced a proposal before the U.S. Congress to distribute limited aid through U.S. charitable organization as "humiliating."

"We accept with dignity that any country wants to help us," he said. "But we are not disposed to play the role of beggars."

• Toxic waste

Convention debates ban on dumping

2 KUCHING, Malaysia (AP) — Environmentalists and the United Nations urged rich countries Thursday to ratify a ban on dumping their toxic waste on the developing world.

"It's endangering the oceans, poisoning the soil and air and especially causing acute health problems," Klaus Topfer, executive director of the U.N. Environment Program, told a conference on waste management.

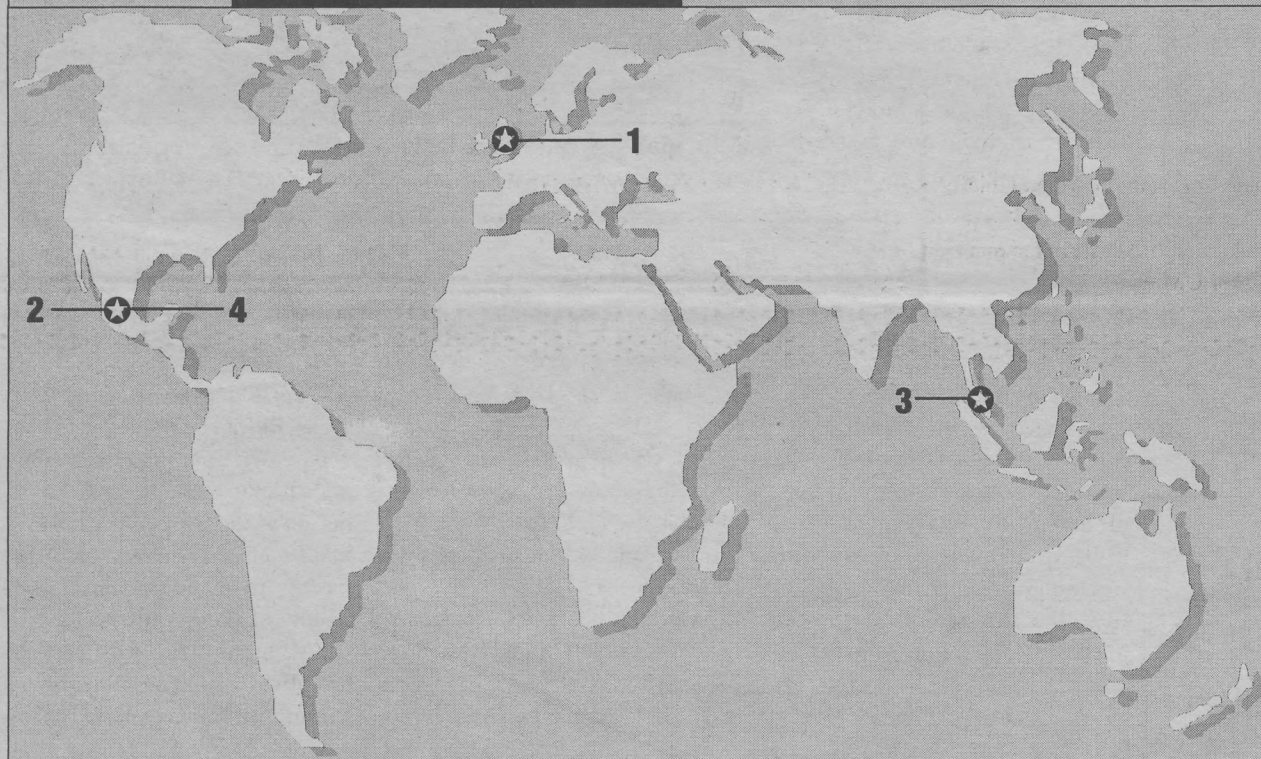
Topfer called on the more than 300 delegates from 117 countries to show solidarity in ratifying a 1995 agreement that bans the export of toxic waste from industrialized nations to the developing world. The five-day meeting ends Friday.

If ratified, the agreement — an extension of the 1989 Basel Convention regulating the international traffic of hazardous waste — would be the first global ban, although there are regional pacts against trafficking in hazardous waste.

Although the United States signed the Basel Convention in 1989, it has not signed on to the ban.

The European Community and seven other countries have ratified the ban, but that's nowhere near the three-fourths majority of votes needed from the 117-member body to pass.

WORLD DIGEST



• Black market

Ape Alliance formed to fight trade in gorilla meat

3 LONDON (AP) — Animal protection groups, alarmed by the number of gorillas and chimpanzees being killed in the tropical forests of Africa, joined forces Thursday to fight commercial hunting of the threatened species.

While tourists photograph the remote mountain gorillas of Rwanda — made famous by the movie "Gorillas in the Mist" — the newly created Ape Alliance says lowland gorillas from neighboring countries are being served up for dinner, not just in mud huts but on china plates in restaurants.

"It's my firm belief that if action is not taken now, there will be no viable populations of great apes living in the wild within 50 years," said Jane Goodall, the world's leading expert on chimpanzees, who has joined the London-based campaign.

Goodall appeared with representatives of some of the 34 wildlife conservation groups at a news conference to open their campaign against hunting apes.

Figures in this illegal trade are not readily available, the alliance said, but one estimate in the north of Congo is that up to 600 lowland gorillas are killed each year for the market.

The total gorilla population in West and central Africa is estimated at 115,000.

• Drug trade

U.S.-Mexican cooperation lends new tone to relations

4 MEXICO CITY (AP) — With Mexico's most violent drug lords under indictment and law enforcers working more closely together, U.S. and Mexican authorities are cooperating rather than criticizing each other on the eve of this year's drug certification process.

The two countries are especially pleased with their success in the Tijuana-San Diego area, where they have turned up the heat on the Arellano Felix brothers, leaders of Mexico's most violent drug gang.

Attorney General Janet Reno praised Mexican law enforcement officials Tuesday for sending more fugitives back to the United States for prosecution.

"There is now a good working relationship between the two nations," Reno told a Senate hearing in Washington on the Justice Department's \$20.9 billion budget request for the 1999 fiscal year.

Not so last year, when U.S. lawmakers waged a noisy debate over whether Mexico should be certified as a U.S. ally in the war against drugs. To be decertified means not only a public slap in the face, but cuts in U.S.-sponsored economic benefits and other sanctions.

Successes include the February 1997 arrest of Mexican drug czar Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, who was charged with being on the payroll of Amado Carrillo Fuentes, the head of the Juarez cocaine cartel.

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather

Cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in the lower 40s.



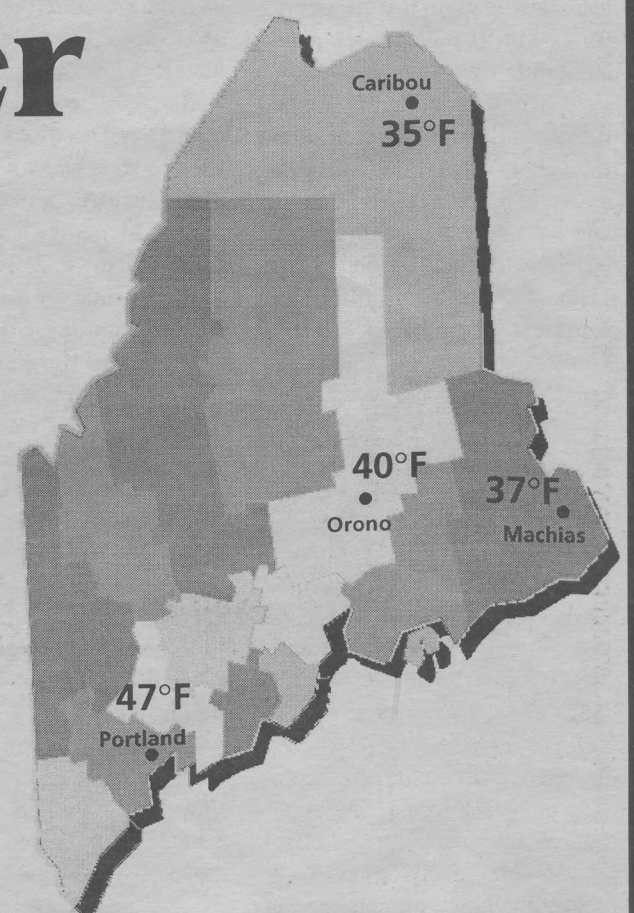
Saturday's Outlook

Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in the mid 40s.



Extended Forecast

Sunday... Fair.
Monday... Rain or snow likely. Highs 35 to 40.
Tuesday... Chance of showers. Highs around 40.



• Faculty Senate

'Vision 2000' resolution meets resistance from senators

By Paul Livingstone
Maine Campus staff

Aside from a short BearWorks presentation, much of the time spent in the Faculty Senate was in deciding how to support Vision 2000. Namely, the language contained within an Academic Affairs Committee's proposed resolution was at contention.

Vision 2000, a plan conceived by the students, faculty, and staff of the New England Council of Land-Grant University Women, is meant to achieve equitable participation by women in land grant universities throughout the Northeast.

Academic Affairs Committee Chairman Richard Brucher presented the resolution.

Chairman of Geological Sciences Stephen Norton was the first to put forth an amendment to change the Faculty Senate's statement of support for Vision 2000 by including the nine recommendations outlined in the plan.

"In this situation, I'd rather us come out and say what we are for," Norton said.

The nine recommendations would follow the statement "The Faculty Senate endorses in principle the nine recommendations presented in 'Vision 2000'."

Other senators, such as Steve Barken, expressed support for changing the wording of the resolution, but Gloria Vollmer thought the original statement was fine.

"I think most of us felt comfortable with those visions in the first place," she said.

"This issue shouldn't rise and fall on a technicality," Brucher said, in defending the resolution's original language.

"Listing the nine recommendations would have been sufficient," Brucher said.

Barken introduced an amendment eliminating some language from the resolution, but this failed. Professor of English Virginia Nees-Hatlen introduced another modification, but this also failed to pass.

The senate finally voted for Norton's original amendment, which also included a proposal from the Environment Committee that read: "The Faculty Senate requests that the President of the University report annually to the Faculty Senate and university community on the University's progress toward achieving gender equity."

Board of Trustees Representative Ivan Fernandez reported that "things were going very well" with regards to the research and development bill being considered at the State House in Augusta. A package of recommendations amounting to \$30 million is being considered, most of which will go to UMaine. He credited the Faculty Five for initiating the urge for increased funding.

"This would be the biggest one-time allocation of money to the University of Maine," Fernandez said.

Provost John Alexander spoke a few words in presentation of the BearWorks project from President Peter Hoff's office.

Some senators questioned how much external input would affect plans already in progress.

"The things we've started we doubt anyone would take exception to," Alexander said. "I think we can move on most of these without system approval."

Also, candidates for the new UMaine Chief Financial Officer will arrive for interviews in early April and late March. Mark Anderson is the Interim CFO for UMaine.



Richard Brucher, senator and professor of English, explains the language contained in a resolution supporting the recommendations of the "Vision 2000" plan. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

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Stay Safe on Spring Break!!!

Due to the prevalence of "date rape" drugs like Rohypnol and GHB in many of the Spring Break "hot spots", here are some tips brought to you by the Center for Students and Community Life, Substance Abuse Services, and the Rape and Sexual Assault Awareness Committee to help you stay safe on Spring Break.

- Don't drink beverages that you did not open yourself.
- Don't share or exchange drinks with anyone.
- Don't take a drink from a punch bowl.
- Don't drink from a container that is being passed around.
- Don't leave your drink unattended while talking, dancing, using the restroom, or making a phone call.
- If you realize your drink has been unattended, discard it.
- Don't drink anything that has an unusual taste or appearance.
(e.g., salty taste, excessive foam, unexplained residue)
- Watch out for friends by designating a "sober" person when you go to parties, clubs, or bars. Have a plan to periodically check on each other, and have a fun and safe Spring Break.

Sponsored by Substance Abuse Services, Center for Students and Community Life, and the Rape and Sexual Assault Awareness Committee.


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Sex Matters

By Sandra L. Caron, Ph.D

Q: I have been in a monogamous relationship with my boyfriend for almost 2 1/2 years and we plan to marry in the future. Although our sex life is fine, I have never had an orgasm with him during intercourse and have faked one every time because he wants me to have one and be sexually satisfied. I'm not the type of woman that can have one that way and want to come clean with him. If I tell him that I've faked my orgasms during sex, he'll be really hurt. The few times that I don't want to fake and don't, he gets frustrated and wonders what is wrong (since he thinks he easily makes me have one all the other times). I don't want to lie anymore and this isn't fair to either him or myself. What should I do? Female, Junior

A: I believe your question reflects a situation other women have found themselves in.

Please know that you're not the only one in this boat. Let me begin by saying you're right about needing to "come clean" with him — he needs to know the kind of pressure you have felt and that your intent was never to hurt him, but to protect him from what you thought would be disappointing. You need to have an honest talk about how you feel and how you two need to learn what does need to happen to allow you to reach orgasm. For example, he needs to be educated on the fact that most women do not reach orgasm simply from "penis-in-vagina" activity — there needs to be extra stimulation. Some women even prefer to orgasm through manual stimulation only or oral sex or with a vibrator — not during intercourse.

You're right about thinking he's going to be hurt — expect that and let him be hurt. He has a right to his feelings. But you'll find that, if you

can work through this, your relationship will be stronger in the long run. As you know, dishonesty makes for a very weak relationship. It's like a table with one leg — not very sturdy. Best wishes.

Q: What do you do if you carry strong feelings for an ex-lover, but you have lost contact due to distance? I'm afraid she may be mad because I haven't called, but it was too hard to hear her voice. Can you make any suggestion of how to open the relationship again? Male, Junior

A: I would suggest writing her a letter, rather than calling her. That way she isn't put on the spot or taken by surprise. It gives her the chance to think about what happened and decide how she wants to respond. Since you said she may be mad, I would suggest including an explanation of why you haven't called (i.e., it

was too hard to hear her voice). You might also explain your current interest in re-connecting with her. Is it to rekindle a love relationship, to develop a friendship, or to just check out if she's alive? You don't indicate how long ago you were involved with her. Please be prepared to hear that she may have "moved on." She may not share your feelings. She may even be involved in another relationship. It does sound like you need some type of "closure" — I hope you can find it with your letter. Good luck!

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Police

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Road when he had to swerve to avoid hitting a car coming straight at him. Charles Gitonga, 28, was arrested and charged with OUI.

•On Monday, Feb. 23 at 10:20 p.m., officers were called to Hart Hall to break up a fight between two men. Neither wanted to press charges, so both were sent to judicial affairs.

•On Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 11:52 p.m., officers were called to Penobscot Hall to clear a room with a party in it. The resident, Richard Hardy, 19, was charged with possession of alcohol by a minor.

•On Wednesday, Feb. 25, the theft of a Sony Playstation and games were reported in Hart Hall.

•Noise complaints were reported this week in Cumberland Hall, DTAV, Hilltop,

Kennebec Hall, Gannett Hall, Penobscot Hall, Knox Hall and the Hilltop Quad. Investigator Chris Gardner attributed the rise in complaints to the stress level and lack of tolerance among students eager for spring break.

•There were three reports of people being passed out around campus. Two men were spotted in a snow bank near Stevens Lot. Another man was found drunk in a Somerset bathroom, and a person was reported to be passed out in a dorm stairwell.

Public Safety Tip of the Week:

Since spring brings more outdoor activity, and a rise in criminal mischief, police would like people to report any suspicious activity.

Elections

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ing cow."

She favors putting a voting booth on campus, placing two student seats on the council and moving the election date to November.

"I think the town has to play a little bit friendly to the students," Sabawi said.

In the past, several people have attempted to change the election date to no avail. According to Council Chair Philip Brown, even if the town were to change its charter to another date, there is no assurance that the university wouldn't change the date of spring break, making the whole process futile.

Nick Houtman, a science writer for UMaine's public affairs, said he would not be opposed to discussing a change in date.

"I realize it's an issue and a concern for people," he said.

Another candidate had a different take on the issue. Devereux Eaton said students may not vote because they aren't interested. They spend the school year

hitting the books instead of getting involved.

"Not that they shouldn't have the right to vote," Eaton said. "I think they should know who they're voting for. I just sometimes think that the students don't get involved enough to make a decision."

None of the four candidates running for the two three-year terms are incumbents, though both Sabawi and Eaton have made unsuccessful council bids in the past. With the weather keeping citizens and candidates alike indoors, it may boil down to a race of name recognition.

"I'm not going to campaign. There's only four candidates. I think people either know me or they don't," engineering Professor Bryan Pearce said. "I don't really have any causes. I just thought it was time to learn about Orono."

Brown predicted this year's voter turnout may be further hurt by a lack of issues, which drives elections.

"The town is basically running rather smoothly," he said.

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
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• Community life

Campus hotlines offer wide variety of information

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

Students at the university can find out anything — from what's happening Friday night to what their grade point average is — all by picking up the phone.

New to the university is 581-4HOT, a line providing the university community information about what is happening on campus.

Kim Yerxa, administrative associate for the Center for Students and Community Life, said there was a similar line several years ago, and it was reactivated this semester to provide the university with another way to promote events on campus.

"Individuals can hear campus events by category or by day," she said. "We've had positive reaction from people."

The 4HOT line is run cooperatively between the Union Board and the Center for Students and Community Life.

The line's main source for event information is the Union Board. Other sources include the university's master calendar. People wanting to have an event announced on the line can fill out an application, Yerxa said.

The line also gives Memorial Union operating hours.

One of the most popular phone numbers on campus is 581-MAIN, an interactive voice response system that gives students access to their grades and course schedules, and allows them to register for courses and request printed grade reports or schedules.

Peter Reed, associate director of student records, said the MAIN number is used by almost every student on campus.

"Use has been increasing each semester, and for the most part students have been happy with it," said Linda Brownell, staff assistant/programmer for the office of student records.

Brownell said the MAIN number was originally 581-TEST. In order for students to obtain information, they must dial their social security and pin number, Reed said.

While it may take hours to get through to the line on course registration nights, there are 32 lines available. Reed said this problem will potentially be avoided once students are able to register on-line on the DSIS system. This capability should be available by the 1998 fall semester.

The MAIN number is a joint effort between the office of student records and UNet, formerly CAPS.

A phone number that has gained popu-

larity since the ice storm is 581-SNOW.

"It became a critical tool during the ice storm situation," said Joe Carr, UMaine spokesperson. "Not only to say whether or not the university was open, but also to give important information about other aspects of the operations of the university."

Students can call the line when they think classes might be canceled because of inclement weather.

"Our goal is to have a message on there by 6 a.m. any day there is questionable weather," Carr said. "It's certainly a valuable tool."

Carr said most of the messages are ones saying school is still on and warning students to drive carefully.

"It's better to put something on there than to leave a general message so people won't wonder if we forgot to update it," he said.

McCann

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"The best education a person can get is traveling," he says, and traveling is exactly what he has done.

After graduating, McCann worked at Frank's Bakery in Bangor before heading to New York to join the Merchant Marines as the second cook aboard a Swedish ship. During his stint with the marines he visited many places in Asia — Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Japan. While Hong Kong and Japan were nice places to visit, Saudi Arabia and the Philippines were less than desirable to him.

"They [Saudi Arabia and the Philippines] make the United States look good. They don't have anything, and [the workers] were lucky if they made \$.50 a week back then."

McCann used the Merchant Marines to help fuel his desire for traveling. Not only did he get to visit exotic places like Japan and Hong Kong, but he was also able to travel up and down the eastern seaboard of the United States.

McCann's other sailing adventures include working as a baker at Maine Maritime Academy in Castine. For six months out of the year, the academy takes their cadets on

sailing trips to South America.

Sailing has been something that McCann has enjoyed for 30 years, but not all of his sailing experiences have been so enjoyable.

"A Nor'easter made the 390-foot ship I was on seem awful small. The green waters were over 40 feet high, and the white caps on top of them added another ten feet." When asked if that was a scary moment for him, he said, smiling, "I was 22, so I was too young and foolish to get scared."

McCann has also had some silly experiences, such as the time when he was still in the Merchant Marines, and he and a few friends decided they would leave the ship and go to the capital of Malaysia. When they got back to the port, the boat had already left for Singapore.

"That was quite an experience. The police were looking for us because we were in the country illegally because our visas had run out," he said.

Luckily for him and his friends, the agents of the ship found them first and transported them by train to Singapore.

McCann does not sail much these days

because he is too busy working at the Coffee Shop in the Memorial Union and tending to Paul's Bakery, which he owns with his wife, Marjorie McCann, in Brewer.

McCann plans to buy a North Sea 27 sailboat with the money that he makes from his bakery shop. He would like to sail to South America during his trips.

"I plan to sail to the countries of the people I have met throughout the years."

"Who knows what'll happen? I'd like to make a trip around the world, but that's a two-year commitment, so that might be out of the question. But I want to make at least one trans-Atlantic crossing," McCann said.

Paul's Bakery is not the only entrepreneurial adventure that he has taken. While working for MMA, McCann owned and operated a sno-cone and cotton candy business out of a van. He sold these items during parades and festivals throughout the state.

Although the bakery is named after him, he admits that his wife helps him a lot.

"When a person has their own [business], it is a 28-hour-a-day job," says Marjorie McCann. "It's a lot of work."

McCann credited his wife for helping with the business.

"If it weren't for her, I would have an awful hard time running this place."

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

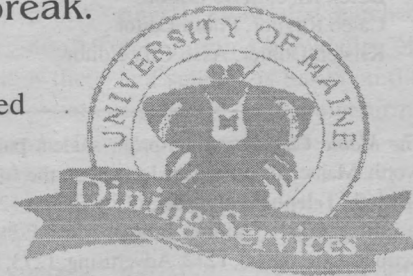
PHONE NUMBERS: 581-CARD (2237)

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.



• State news

Beating linked to hate crime

FALMOUTH (AP) — The recent daylight beating of a Portland doctor near Falmouth High School may have been spurred by his sexual orientation, the Maine Attorney General's Office says.

Dr. Charles Mitchell's van has stickers depicting symbols of the gay community, such as a pink triangle and a rainbow.

Although his identity was withheld by police, the Portland psychiatrist described the attack in a WFSH-TV interview Thursday. The assault took place as Mitchell returned to his car after jogging on roads near the high school.

"I didn't see anything before or after I was hit," said Mitchell, who had no

recollection of his attacker. But he said a red pickup truck drove past him three times during his run, and pulled over once.

Steve Wessler, chief of the attorney general's civil rights unit, said a hate crime "is a possibility, that's all." Police Chief Ed Tolan said there is no evidence that the attack was motivated by the victim's sexual orientation. However, it's unlikely the assault was random.

"When was the last time you saw a male jogger randomly beaten up?" Tolan said. "It would be totally out of character with the neighborhood."

Mitchell suffered a concussion, broken bones in his face, and a fractured jaw.

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EDITORIAL

Fogler's double standards

Stolen and overdue books are serious business for libraries. Last week an Old Town woman was arrested when she failed to appear in court to answer theft charges. She had borrowed three books and an audiotape from the Old Town Public Library, but never returned them. A few years ago the FBI arrested a man who stole books from the University of Maine's Fogler Library and other libraries, according to Dean of Cultural Affairs and Libraries Elaine Albright.

Albright estimates that about \$100,000 worth of books from Fogler have been stolen or lost in the last 10 years.

When it comes to forcing patrons to return books or pay up, Fogler has double standards. Students who fail to return books on time incur a 10-cent fine for each day a book is late, but faculty members do not.

Officials at Fogler Library should get as tough with faculty members as they are with students.

According to Albright, the library is lenient toward the faculty because the library is not so much interested in collecting fines as it is in recovering unreturned books.

So if Joe Student doesn't return a book, the university's business office nails him with a charge and withholds his diploma until he pays up. But if Joanne Faculty fails to return "The Analysis and Cognition of Melodic Complexity: The Implication-realization model," the most the library is likely to do is send overdue notices and revoke borrowing privileges.

Professors have been known, however, to get around having their privileges suspended by getting their graduate students to take books out for them.

And if push comes to shove and a faculty member loses a book but doesn't pay up?

"They cannot leave the university," Albright said. "They accrue a debt to us."

Don Corleone would be proud.

Sending patrons to jail or expelling them from school – as was the case with one UMaine student years ago – for failing to return books or pay fines may sound extreme, but such measures are necessary. Theft is theft. However, Fogler should apply the same rules to the faculty as it does to students.

Secession no answer for Quebec

Like a petulant child, Quebec has spent the last 15 years bemoaning its fate but taking little action. The province's 82-percent French population possesses a unique cultural identity and nationalism that is lacking in the rest of Canada, but does not provide the necessary ideological conflicts that would validate a forcible move toward independence. Yet, countless young Quebecois are now demanding a secession that would split Canada in two and have negative consequences for all of North America.

The quest for French sovereignty in Canada began in 1980 when 60 percent of Quebec voted down a proposal for greater independence. Secessionist momentum has continued to build with each Bastille Day celebration. In 1993, a formidable Quebec bloc was elected to the Canadian government. The separatists, constituting the largest opposition party in Parliament, pledged to force a vote on the issue.

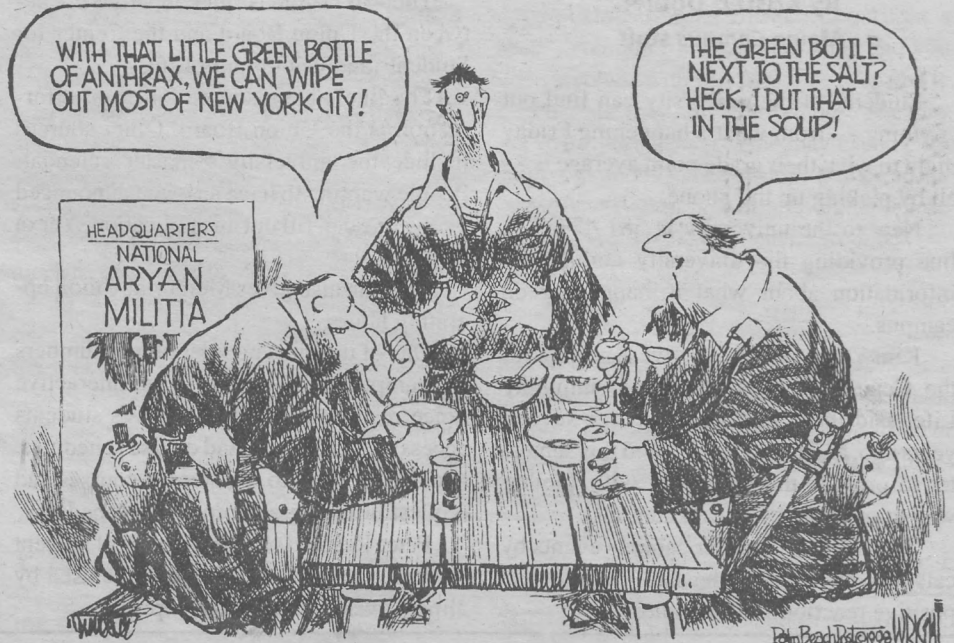
In October 1995, the province narrowly defeated a second independence referendum, with 49 percent of the voters favoring

secession and 51 percent in opposition.

For Canadian officials in Ottawa, the situation is urgent. Separatist leader Lucien Bouchard predicts an "all-out assault" and a definitive vote by 2000. There is little doubt that the next vote, if it is permitted to occur, will found a sovereign Quebec.

An independent Quebec could disrupt American trade relations, as the new nation need not comply with NAFTA provisions. The massive national public debt, which Quebec seeks to evade with secession, would likely cause hardship for the remaining Canadians forced to bear the financial burden. Finally, Quebec is in a position to control the St. Lawrence Seaway. American national security could be compromised should our enemies seek allegiances with Quebec.

The petty squabbles between Quebec and Canada do not warrant independence. Canada is hardly an oppressive force. Quebec has sufficient power in Parliament to attend to the needs of its Francophones as a Canadian province.



• Letters

• Blodgett profile grasps at straws

To the Editor:

I have been to many women's basketball games since I came to the University of Maine two years ago. I have witnessed the unbelievable talent that Cindy Blodgett possesses, and it is a great experience to be at the games and see the enthusiasm that this local hero has brought out in her Maine fans.

However, I think Josh Nason is grasping at straws when he takes note of Blodgett's birthday: "Born... on Dec. 23, 1975, some Mainers might even look at the closeness of her birthday to the cele-

bration of Christ's as a reason for her immortal status in the state."

What does that statement have to do with anything?

Are we saying that Blodgett is an amazing basketball player because she almost shares her birthday with Christ's?

Although it is true that God gave her a very special talent, I think her birthday had very little to do with it.

David Bridges
Gannett Hall

• Jesus came back to kick some ass

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the recent column "Passing the Bottle" by Scott Labby. I would first like to thank Labby for taking the opportunity to discuss Jesus in the campus newspaper. I am fairly sure that this wasn't the intent of the article, but that's one of the cool things about Jesus: He always finds a way to emphasize the good things in our lives. If that was the intent, that's cool, too. Keep up the good work.

I have come to know a different Jesus than the column depicted, though. I am sorry, Scott, that your opinion of Jesus isn't higher. I would personally like to apologize to you and the campus community for any bad experiences you've ever had with Christians. All Christians are human with human faults and areas where growth and maturity are needed. Not everyone walks the walk and talks the talk all the time, me included. Many Christians are kind of preachy or "holier than thou," and that sucks, but Christianity has nothing to do with rules and Christianity is love. God's love for us and our love for each other. What could be cooler or simpler than that? Whether you believe in God or not, love is what

we all want isn't it?

The Jesus I know loves you and me the same. He knows that my mind and my heart are filled with crap and he loves me anyway. To twist a phrase from Larry Flint of Hustler Magazine: "If God can forgive a scumbag like me, then he can forgive all of you, because I am the worst."

Jesus didn't come to hang out with the good people of the Earth and point fingers. He came to kick some ass and show you and I that he loves us and will do anything to save us. If Jesus showed up right now, he probably would hang out at the Brew Pub and party with the best of us. His reasons would be different, though. He would be there because he wants to hang out with the people that need him the most: you and me. That's what makes Jesus so cool. No catch.

I wish I could somehow share with you the love, peace and joy that Jesus shares with me every day. Jesus is consistent and real. If you're interested in learning the truth about who Jesus is and how much he loves you, drop me a note on FirstClass. I'd love to share the good news.

Thomas W. Hinchliffe
Old Town

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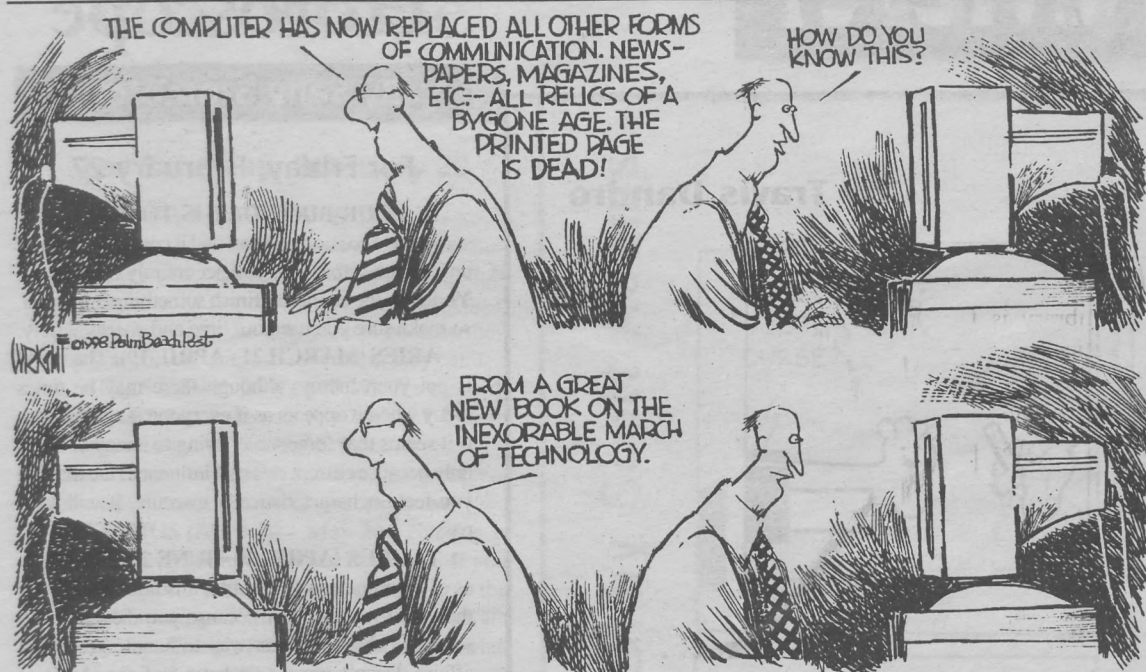
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Correction

Due to printing limitations, the Page 4 story "Black studies program born" in Wednesday's edition did not jump to Page 7 as was intended. The full story is available upon request.

OP/ED



• Guest column

GSS turns back on constituents

By C. Ryan Eslinger

Tuesday night, in the latest attempt to secure more power, the General Student Senate passed a major by-law change that created the position of vice president of student entertainment. This resolution was proposed by Student Government Vice President Scott Morelli, and passed 16-6-3. The resolution does not take effect until July 1, 1998. However, in the rush to pass this resolution, senators seemed to forget why the senate exists: to represent students.

During the passage of this resolution, senators made a bunch of assumptions. We all know what happens when we assume, but apparently 16 senators did not. They assumed that the upcoming budget meeting would be affected by the passage of this resolution. They assumed that no one would care that they passed what should be a constitutional amendment. They assumed that students will pass such an amendment. Maybe all of these assumptions are correct, but then senators made the biggest assumption of all: that students don't care.

The resolution, in the terms of Vice President Morelli, allows the representative boards of Residents On Campus, Off Campus Board, the Panhellenic Council and the Inter Fraternity Council to be "more representative." Even the newly elected president of ROC, Jon Duke, said during debate, "If all of the programming ROC does is interfering with my

ability to represent students, then I don't want to do it."

Chris Barstow, the chair of this portion of the meeting, and coincidentally also a sponsor, decided to completely give up Bumstock to Student Government by not opposing the resolution.

Well, President Duke, I used to sit in your chair, and looking from the outside in, I see that the biggest part of ROC and what gets people involved in it is programming. I never felt a greater sense of pride for both the University of Maine and ROC as when I got to meet 110 on- and off-campus student volunteers for the Wallflowers show. That made me be proud to be a president.

Students care about Bumstock; students care about events that happen on this campus. For you to stand up and say you can't do your job with all this programming around you, maybe you should re-evaluate what your job is. And President Barstow, how can you be willing to give up 27 years of tradition without a word? OCB has put on Bumstock for as long as I can remember, and in a period of 30 minutes OCB gave it up. Shame on both of you. Or should I say shame on students for enjoying entertainment and getting in the way of your jobs?

I don't mean to say that Presidents Duke and Barstow are not representing their constituency. But how do they know that programming is not what students want them to accomplish? They didn't even take the time to ask.

ROC has a rule — an unwritten rule, but still a rule: Anything that wants to be passed has to wait a week to be taken back to individual residence halls for students to give their opinion on the idea. This gives every student the ability to comment on the proposed change. In the time it took me to write this column, every senator — with the exception of one (thank you, Sen. Justin Kelleher) — allowed this major change to occur without consulting one person, or even thinking to postpone one week so students could be consulted. In a period of a half hour, the senate introduced, debated and passed this change, without so much as a glance to the outside, and whether students care. Not one non-senate voice was consulted. Doesn't sound very representative? It is not.

Student Government has made a decision to allow representative boards to be more representative. They decided that all of this "programming" wouldn't let them do what they were intended to accomplish. It seems to me that if programming interferes with representation, then the very last body I want to take it over is a group that will "reform Student Government" without asking students.

But who am I to say? I am just a student, somebody who doesn't have a voice, and somebody who apparently doesn't care.

C. Ryan Eslinger is a former member of the General Student Senate and former president of ROC.

Improving math and science programs

The results reported this week from the third International Math and Science Study are a shame to American society and its school systems and are proof drastic changes are needed to strengthen the nation's math and science programs.

The study ranked U.S. high school seniors' scores among the lowest of the 21 countries that participated. The United States was ahead of only South Africa and Cyprus in math rankings and was 16th in the science rankings.

American school systems are allowing their students to enter an era that depends on technological advancement without a core

school, but I was always willing to work hard in them. I was lucky to have several math teachers who made their courses interesting and encouraged me to do well. Unfortunately, I ran into two science teachers whose idea of America's future scientists were middle-class Caucasian males just like themselves. These teachers could care a less about a girl who wanted to become a writer. There were many times I asked them for assistance, but I was either ignored or told I wouldn't understand what was going on. These men's views were

By Kristen Dobler



knowledge of its basis — science and math. This lack of knowledge discourages companies from employing Americans and lowers the number of jobs that will be available to these students in the future. In the midst of worrying about today's technological advances, Americans have forgotten to think about their future ones.

Things are looking up, though. The scores for fourth- and eighth-graders, released in 1996, show improvement. Eighth-graders ranked in the middle of the 21 countries for both math and science, and fourth-graders ranked above average in math and close to the top in science. These rankings bring hope that science and math curriculums are being improved. They also indicate that America's students are being encouraged to participate in science and math classes.

Much of the blame for these problems can be put on school systems and their science and math teachers. U.S. Department of Education Secretary Richard Riley blames the low rankings on the lack of education that high school teachers have in their subjects, the low participation rate of students in advanced math and science courses, and the low number of high schools that actually offer them. Riley said this week that more than half of the nation's physics teachers don't have a major or a minor in the subject, 25 percent of high school graduates take physics and 10 percent of high school graduates take calculus.

I'm living proof of what Riley said. Math and science courses were never my cup of tea in high

school, but I was always willing to work hard in them. I was lucky to have several math teachers who made their courses interesting and encouraged me to do well. Unfortunately, I ran into two science teachers whose idea of America's future scientists were middle-class Caucasian males just like themselves. These teachers could care a less about a girl who wanted to become a writer. There were many times I asked them for assistance, but I was either ignored or told I wouldn't understand what was going on. These men's views were

distorted and biased and were the definition of the "old school" science teachers. These types of professors are the reason high school seniors scored so low on the exam and why others have in the past. They don't challenge their students, they discourage many from finding interest in math and science, and act as if they are all knowing. If my biology or my chemistry teacher had reached out and encouraged me and my classmates, it may have prompted us to seek further interest in the sciences. Instead, many of us chose not to take science courses our senior year in high school and are doing our best to avoid them in college. Fortunately, these teachers both retired and were replaced with open minded teachers, but their impact on my class and the ones before it will be with us throughout our secondary education.

American society has come to the realization that its math and science programs need improvement. President Clinton's budget proposal includes \$60 million to improve math teaching. Schools are introducing new ways of teaching and avoiding outdated ones.

Although measures to improve math and science education are being taken, it's upsetting to know that much of our generation's knowledge of math and science is based on the education of such uninspiring and ignorant teachers.

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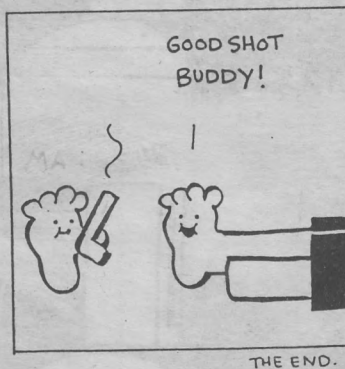
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ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. GNU

By Travis Dandro



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My mother and I went to this big flower shop.

They were giving away 2,000 geraniums. The place was completely jammed. My mother kept saying, "Hold my hand tight."

I let go or my mother let go. I ended up going home with a different woman.

After a while it all worked out.

I call her "mom."
She calls me "Leold."

At least this is the way I remember it. If she's not my geranium mother, at least she's doing a real good job. However, in general I don't go to flower shops anymore.... at least, not with my dad.



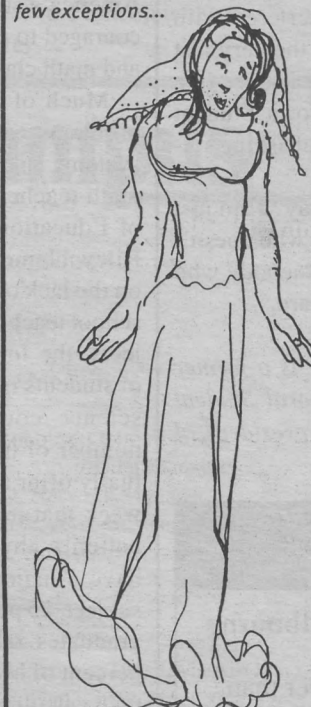
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I went to a wedding last Saturday. It was my first wedding.

The bride was dressed in floor length cream colored chiffon and the groom was in a rimmed delicate eyelet and his dress was also floor length. The satin bow was large and matched his beard. Colors were complimentary.

The first dance had a special look to it.

At my wedding I would like much of the same feel with a few exceptions...



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My dad's always on the edge of being broke with no money, but he does have plans.

He said about 10 years ago he went to this (real good) fortune teller who told him that he would have serious knee problems and would be unbelievably wealthy.

I was riding in the car with him. Dad slapped his left knee and boasted, "Well this one really hurts and the other one is on its way."

Then he said, "The future is bright, son, we're very lucky people."

He slapped his other knee, and hit the gas. We sped down the road. He had a big smile on his face.

Now that's a plan.



Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Friday, February 27

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: This is sure to be a passionate year, and it could be a year of unforeseen setbacks if you act entirely on impulse. You have the chance to finish something important, so make sure you use your time and energy wisely.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 19): The world is not your enemy, although there may be times today when it appears as if everyone is against you. If it seems that someone is trying to annoy you it is only because current celestial influences are making you feel uncharacteristically insecure. It will soon pass.

TAURUS (APRIL 20 - JUNE 20): Differences of opinion are a fact of life; it is how you handle them that matters. Just because you disagree with someone about the best way to handle your joint affairs doesn't mean you have to fight. A bit of tension can be creative today — if you listen as well as talk.

GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUNE 20): If your feelings for someone close alternate between love and hate today it might not be wise not to make any important decisions about the future of your relationship. What you say and what you mean one minute you will want to take back the next — by which time it could be far too late.

CANCER (JUNE 21 - JULY 22): Be extra careful if you are on the move today. You may well find that trains and planes fail to run according to schedule and that the roads are jammed. You don't have to stay indoors, but ask yourself if your journey is really necessary.

LEO (JULY 23 - AUG. 22): That "sure thing" which looks so attractive isn't as foolproof as you would like to believe. You should know by now that there are no shortcuts to making a fortune. Today's challenging aspect has a simple message for you: You can't afford to take chances with money.

VIRGO (AUG. 23 - SEPT. 22): Because you are in an aggressive mood today you could easily say something that hurts someone more than is necessary. Even if you feel you are justified in your criticism, tomorrow you may feel you overreacted and wish you had kept your feelings to yourself.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23 - OCT. 22): The reason you feel so hostile toward certain people is because you feel insecure. The reason you feel insecure is because your sixth sense tells you someone is working against you. Even if someone is, it is not necessarily the person you suspect. Make sure you don't alienate your friends.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23 - NOV. 21): Your critics may have a point, but do they have to be so open about it? Yes, they do, otherwise you would probably ignore them. Certain issues must be acknowledged and discussed or you may never be able to resolve them. A bit of plain speaking is needed.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22 - DEC. 21): You may find yourself forced into areas into which you would rather not venture alone today, not because they cause you anxiety but because you suspect they will lead to duties you don't enjoy. You may be right, but is that really such a burden? More to the point, can you afford to keep saying no?

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22 - JAN. 19): You don't take kindly to criticism. Even the mildest rebuke could send you into a tailspin today. Why should that be when everything is going so well? Could it be that because it is going so well you fear something is sure to go wrong? Don't worry, it's all in your mind.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20 - FEB. 18): Whatever decisions you take today, make sure you take them for purely logical reasons. Planetary activity indicates you are inclined to be somewhat rash, which could prove costly on both personal and a financial level. Remember there is a fool born every minute: Make sure it's not you.

PISCES (FEB. 19 - MARCH 20): You may not like some of the things that are said today. Since they do not directly involve you, however, the best course of action is to pretend you did not hear. Your opinion of someone you had previously liked may take a nose-dive, but for now you should keep that knowledge to yourself.

Your Daily
Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Saturday, February 28

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Look for unusual solutions to practical problems this year. They will work better than you expected. If you can imagine something, you can do it. Those who say you can't are only jealous because they fear you will accomplish something they can't.

ARIES (March 21 – April 19): It's out with the old and in with the new this weekend. If there are changes you would like to make in your life, make them now. There is a cosmic guarantee that they will turn out better than you expected.

TAURUS (April 20 – May 20): Nothing is forever – everything is subject to change. If you can come to terms with that statement over the next 48 hours, you will find that what you are now being offered is far more valuable than what you are being asked to give up.

GEMINI (May 21 – June 20): Subtle changes in the way you think and feel are beginning to have an effect. Ideas you would have laughed at a few months ago have seeped into your subconscious, and you are not so sure what you believe any more. Don't fight it. You are about to make an amazing discovery.

CANCER (June 21 – July 22): Get your priorities right today. Focus on the one or two things you really do well and don't waste time on anything else. A helpful aspect indicates that you can change your life for the better – if you are calm, confident and, above all, self-disciplined.

LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22): A whole new way of life awaits you. All you have to do is decide to discard those negative emotions of anger and envy. People are who they are, you can't change them. You can change yourself. When you do, you will find that your relationships improve dramatically.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22): Changes in your working routine can't be postponed much longer. You are doing too much and, inevitably, doing it badly. Something will have to give, and it's better sooner than later. Make the changes you know are necessary while the planets are encouraging you to do so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22): Don't tie yourself down today – you aren't in the mood to be serious about anything, least of all relationships. Put yourself in situations where you can meet new people and experience new activities. You might just find the someone or something you have been looking for all your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21): Memories are wonderful things, but there is no point in trying to live them over again. People and places change. To expect otherwise is to invite disappointment. The past will be much on your mind this weekend. Come Monday morning, however, it is the future you will be thinking of.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21): What once inspired you now bores you. What once got you out of bed in the morning now sends you straight back to sleep. Does that mean you're getting older or wiser? Perhaps it just means that your tastes are changing. If so, you must expect them to change a little bit more this weekend.

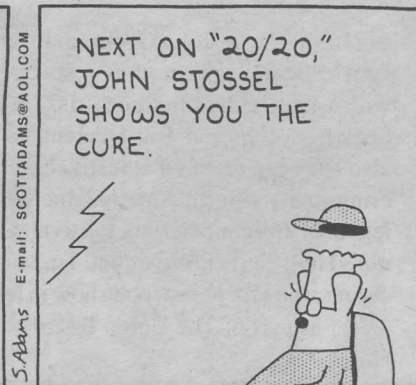
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19): Think of something you would like to do but you know is impossible. Now do it. It's not as silly as it sounds. Planetary influences suggest that the impossible thing you are thinking of is not impossible at all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18): The world around you is changing fast, but planetary activity indicates you are changing faster. It might be a good idea to slow down today, take note of your surroundings and make sure you are still heading in the right direction. If you are, you can speed up again.

PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20): The more you worry about something this weekend, the worse it will get – or, to be accurate, the worse it will appear to get. You have a marvelous imagination, but how you use it is up to you. Imagine that everything in your life is wonderful – you will be amazed to find it is.

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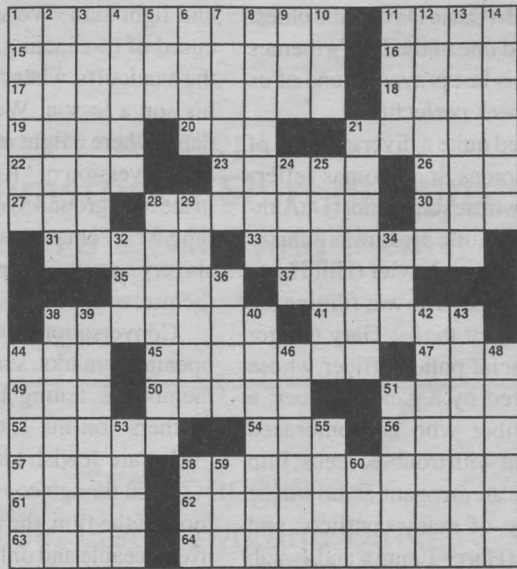
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- 19 Set down
- 20 Taste
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- 22 Mother's little one
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- 30 Primitive abode
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- 38 From that cause
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- 45 Grand Am competitor
- 47 Directed
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- 51 Guernsey, for one
- 52 Ill-gotten gains
- 54 "Die Meistersinger" soprano
- 56 Exclusive
- 57 Crackers
- 58 Figured out, in a way
- 61 Parrot
- 62 Better
- 63 It may be out on a limb
- 64 Good judgment

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- 1 "A ____ Face" (Joan Crawford film)
- 2 Curse
- 3 Actress Montgomery
- 4 Commercial name part meaning "shiny"
- 5 Alphabet sequence
- 6 Publisher Chandler
- 7 Apparition
- 8 Grins
- 9 Squeeze (out)
- 10 One of a cartoon duo
- 11 "____ Excited" (1984 hit)
- 12 Hunting cry
- 13 Deposit
- 14 Tribal leaders, maybe
- 21 Gets to
- 24 D. H. Lawrence ranch site



Puzzle by Rich Norris

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- 28 Fierce fighter
- 29 Parting words
- 32 Who blows that
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- 36 "Call It Sleep" novelist
- 38 Dinghy attachment, often
- 39 Spirals
- 40 Con man
- 42 Loser
- 43 Some ammunition
- 44 Topcoat
- 46 Shoemaking sites
- 48 One of rock's Ramones
- 51 Grenoble's department
- 53 Means of defense
- 55 "... baked in ____"
- 58 Long keystroke
- 59 First name in comedy
- 60 Laugh sounds

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Style and the Arts

• Coffee House Series

Wheeler is a recommended live performer

By Mike Reynolds
Maine Campus staff

Erica Wheeler lit up a stormy Tuesday night and provided many with a much-needed respite from the stress the week before spring break brings, as she performed a 90-minute set at Peabody Lounge.

Wheeler is a nationally touring singer-songwriter whose music is reminiscent of many of her folk contemporaries, such as

Christine Lavin, John Gorka and Dar Williams. She has appeared as a special guest with artists such as Indigo Girls, The Story, Shawn Colvin and Iris Dement. Wheeler also has been featured at festivals and gatherings across North America, including the legendary Winnipeg Folk Festival, California's High Sierra Festival, and Tuesday night she returned for her second show in less than a year as part of The Union Board's Coffee House Series.

Wheeler is not a newcomer to the Maine folk scene; she has played several venues, both on her own and opening for other contemporary artists like Gorka a few years ago.

Wheeler began songwriting in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C., during her high school years. She began performing more seriously after her graduation from Hampshire College, gravitating toward the famed Iron Horse Music Hall in nearby Northampton, where she currently is based and from where many themes of her music originate.

Wheeler played an inspiring set Tuesday night with a strong mix of songs from all three of her releases.

She played a newer song, titled "Nowhere to Go," the inspiration coming from a newspaper article her father sent her. Upon writing the song, which she pictured taking place in Nebraska, her father told her the economy, which had been devastated by major corporate agribusiness, was now on a rebound because of the growth of the computer industry.

Weather and the mild winter the

Northampton, Mass., area is experiencing were how she introduced her song "January Wind," which used the metaphor of the bitter cold to relate to the world. It was a fabulous tune.

Wheeler was also eclectic from the choices of her songs, playing a great deal of new material, much of it from her album "The Harvest." She performed songs like "Hot" and "Sober Harley Guys," with the only minor complaint being that the vocals seemed to be mixed a bit louder than preferable. But Wheeler shined in her live renditions of "Amanda Crazy Wolf," "Goodnight Moon" and the as yet unrecorded "Kitty Blues," which garnered a great deal of audience appreciation.

Wheeler played a wonderful song, titled "Beautiful Road," and ended the show with a rendition of a Maya Angelou poem. Speaking after the show, Wheeler said she was opening for Gorka three times this weekend and planned to record a new album this fall. Tuesday night's show was excellent. Wheeler is a recommended performer to catch live if one gets the chance, and be certain to catch the rest of The Union Board's Coffee House Series.

• Film

Tensions build on 'Bus' ride

By Elisabeth Gold
Maine Campus staff

An intense film that follows a group of black men on their cross-country voyage from Los Angeles to the Million Man March in Washington, D.C., Spike Lee's "Get on the Bus" cuts at severe prejudices with its striking dialogue and juxtaposed soundtrack. The issues being dealt with were coming out one after another as the hours rolled by and the passengers grew more acquainted.

Wednesday night, the film was shown as part of the Not at the Mall Film Series, sponsored by Multicultural Student Affairs and the Center for Students and Community Life.

"Pops" Jeremiah (Ossie Davis), the oldest on board, expressed one of the film's themes with a slice from his last prayer: "none of us is perfect, but we seek perfection."

The bus included quite a diverse group of travelers: Evan Thomas Sr. (Thomas Jefferson Byrd), a father whose son, Junior (DeAundre Bonds), was handcuffed to him as punishment for a misdemeanor; Xavier (Hill Harper), a UCLA film student who was filming the trip for a documentary thesis; Gary (Roger Guenveur), a bi-racial police officer whose father was murdered by a gang member; a former gang member who had embraced religion and worked with troubled teens; Flip (Andre Braugher), an arrogant actor whose mouth is the cause of many conflicts; and Randall and Kyle (Harry Lennix and Isaiah Washington), two gay men who were in the

midst of breaking up because of Kyle's lack of openness.

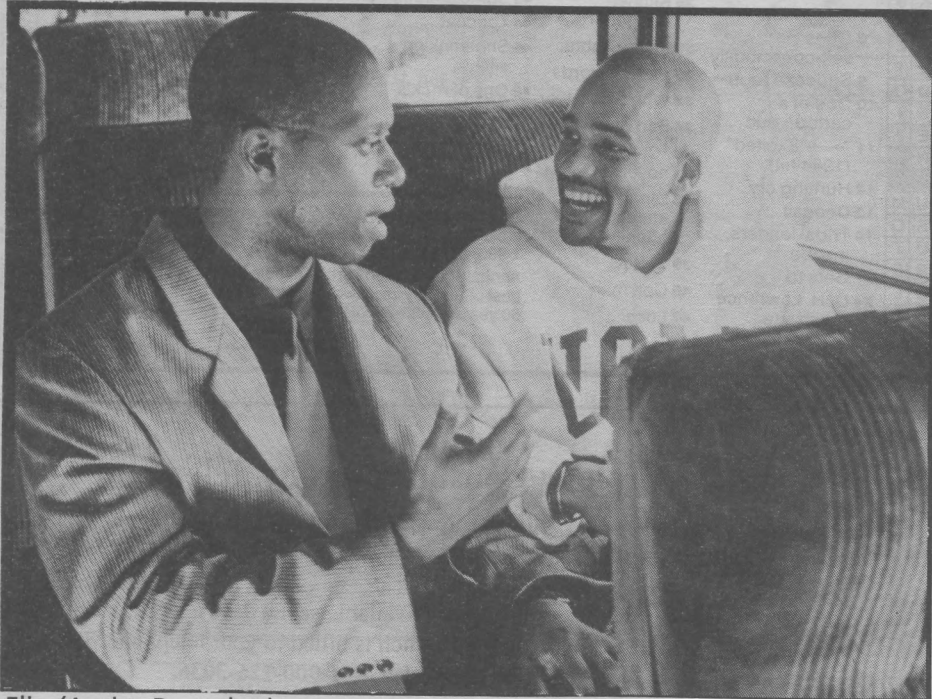
Along the way, the group picks up a greedy, obnoxious, cigar-smoking car salesman from Memphis who remarks, "racism is a figment of the black imagination." He is quickly thrown out as the passengers come together and discover he is only there to make contacts and money for his business.

The film has quite a few confrontations, and it is within these that we feel ourselves become intricately involved. As the UCLA student is filming on board, he explains how Hollywood has typecast black actors with "rap, rape, rob and riot" roles.

We see the police officer being deemed a "house slave" because of his white mother and light skin. We see the father being accused of re-enacting slavery with the use of the handcuffs, when all he wants to do is teach his son a lesson. We see gay-bashing incidents where a fight actually breaks out while a slow version of "Redemption Song" floats in the background. One can't ignore the throbbing lyric "emancipate yourself from mental slavery" as we see passengers fight among themselves.

Conversations were saturated with eye-opening remarks, such as when the ex-gang member is telling how he was "smoking brothers" on his 13th birthday and asking, "What are Jewish kids doing on theirs?"

Even though conflict weaves throughout most of the film, the men share a bond that is irreplaceable and unforgettable — being part of the Million Man March.



Flip (Andre Braugher), an actor, connects with Xavier (Hill Harper), a film student, during their bus ride. (Courtesy photo.)

• Black History Month

Varner honors 'Solidarity'

By Mike Reynolds
Maine Campus staff

Thursday night, the University of Maine was led by James Varner in a celebration against discrimination of all forms as part of the "Solidarity Jazz and R&B concert."

The concert was sponsored by the Greater Bangor NAACP and the University of Maine Human Rights Coalition. Special patrons to the event were Fleet Bank and Eastern Maine Healthcare. The event was advertised throughout the state, reaching as far south as the Portland area.

The event started with a presentation by Varner, which included a music video that featured his son, Jimmy "Fingers" Varner.

Varner also used his speech to address the recent events surrounding the univer-

sity and racist and homophobic incidents.

Varner also called for tolerance throughout the state, a timely message given the recent repeal of the rights of persons based on sexual orientation.

"I believe love can solve a great deal of the world's problems," Varner said.

Varner's son was the main draw of the crowd, which numbered around 300. James Varner commented it was the first time he had ever shared the stage with his son.

Jimmy Varner has been playing piano since the age of eight, and studied at the French School of Music in Plainsfield, N.J. He is the recipient of the New Jersey Garden State Arts award as the "Best Jazz Piano Player in New Jersey."

Jimmy Varner continued his school-

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From the home office at Beta Theta Pi

Top Ten reasons Eric Simonds didn't write a Top Ten list this week

10. He finally got answer to his Sex Matters question about finding "just the right spot."
9. Saw the A-Ha video "Take on Me" and decided to cross over into the comics to give Mr. Gnu a piece of his mind.
8. Ask Wes. He knows. (But Hoagie doesn't have a clue.)
7. Would you pass up co-ed naked Schickle Fest?
6. Blame it on the Greek system; everyone else does.
5. The "Friends of Shibbles" finally tracked him down.
4. In a feeble attempt to get a 4.0, his roommate booby-trapped the room.
3. Spent the week in jail for breaking into President Hoff's house and claiming to be his illegitimate son.
2. Was standing in line for tickets to the pre-Bumstock concert featuring an as yet unnamed band.
1. Three words: Mardi Gras hangover.

Inspired by Eric Simonds

• Guest Lecture Series

Actor demonstrates TV show's longevity

By Terrence Gildred
Maine Campus staff

If TV history over the last three decades has taught us one thing, it is this: "The Brady Bunch" isn't going down without a good fight. This philosophy, along with cashing in on TV nostalgia seemed to be the sole purpose and inspiration to "Growing Up Brady: I Was a Teenage Greg," actor Barry Williams' comedic lecture chronicling the original Brady Bunch series and its many resurrections.

Better known for his character Greg Brady of the 1970s sitcom "The Brady Bunch," Williams performed his hour and a half multimedia show before a meager, yet receptive, crowd Wednesday night at the Maine Center for the Arts.

Most of the show involved clips from the original Brady Bunch show and its spin-offs, narrated by Williams. The value of attending the free show, which was presented by the Guest Lecture Series, was apparent mostly in the walk down memory lane than in Williams' particular comedy. During his appearance, Williams reminisced, dished a little dirt on his former cast members, and generally played himself up as the show's star. One got the impression that he was having a hard time letting the character go, an impression that Williams was quick to acknowledge.

"I'm often asked why I remain involved in these things," he said. "I think the answer is rather obvious: For the money."

It was obvious that the swollen head he got from Greg Brady's popularity still lingers.

However the show did have its highlights. Particularly when, dressed in vintage '70s platform shoes, plaid bell-bottoms, and leather fringe vest, he invited audience members onstage for a quick lesson in some choice Brady dance steps. Joking with the audience, he remarked, "Some of you should be having acid flashbacks right now." Even those of us who were in diapers during the '70s could appreciate the not so subtle humor.

Williams spent a good part of the evening relating his part in and impressions of the cult notoriety and many comebacks of "The Brady Bunch," which included several attempts at re-creations, books, a cartoon series, two big-screen movies, and television specials, such as "A Very Brady Christmas." Williams reminded the audience of

short-lived attempts to bring the cast back together in Brady Bunch spin-off series such as 1977's "The Brady Bunch Variety Hour," which included the entire original cast with the exception of Maureen McCormick, who played Marcia Brady. Although Williams seemed to belittle other cast members' attempts to distance themselves from the show, he did admit, "Ever since Maureen bailed from 'The Brady Bunch Hour,' my respect for her has grown."

During the presentation, Williams revealed that he and McCormick did in fact have a short-lived relationship, which he related to audience members with the air of a bragging adolescent. However, Williams admitted that his first big crush as a 15-year-old was Florence Henderson. He then went on to tell a comparatively cute story of how Henderson let him take her out on a "date." Although it seemed a big deal to him at the time, he said the evening ended simply with a hug and an innocent kiss.

"People immediately began to wonder what was going on," Williams said. "So I moved on from my TV mom to my TV sister. Which seemed a little strange even for the Bradys."

During a question-and-answer period, an audience member asked Williams if he or any of the cast became involved with drugs, as so many child actors have been known to do.

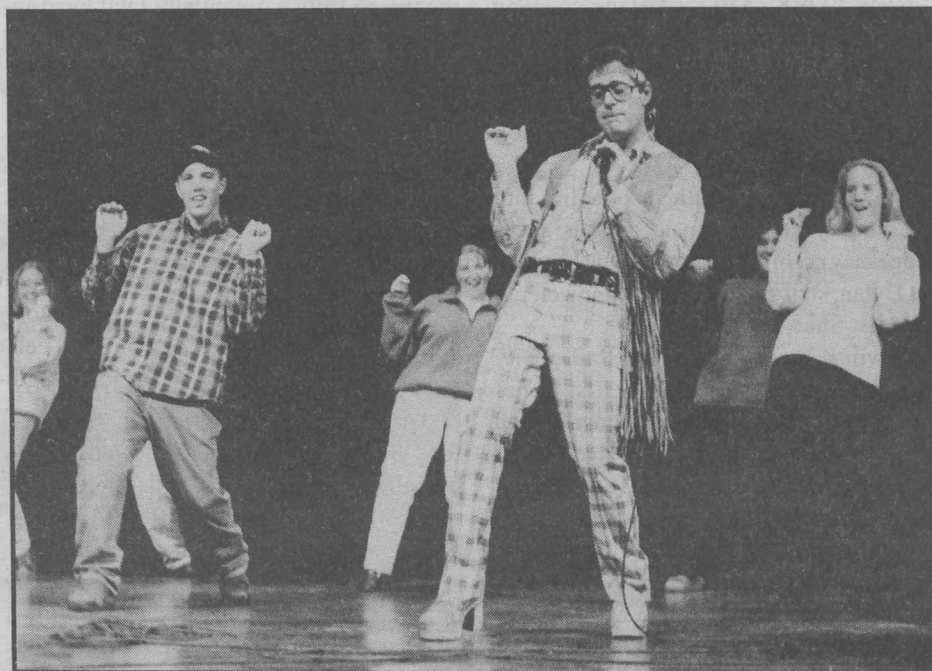
"Yes," Williams said point-blank, "With one important difference: We never got caught."

Although Williams' jokes sometimes tended to be more crude than witty, and his demeanor became at times arrogant, he remained deeply respectful of his experiences with "The Brady Bunch," and the career path that it led him on. Toward the presentation's end, he commented briefly on the death of Robert Reed, who played the Brady dad, Mike. It was one of the few times that the entire cast came together in recent years.

His comments on the sad reunion spoke volumes of what the show meant to him and to the other cast members.

"We were reminded of how much we loved him, and how much we loved each other," he said.

Although Williams is obviously cashing in on a vital piece of TV nostalgia, the end result of his performance came across as more of a tribute to a show that remains a classic of American entertainment.



Barry Williams, aka Greg Brady, leads a group of UMaine students in a series of '70s dance steps. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

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Varner

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ing at the Berkeley College of Music in Boston. He currently resides in Los Angeles and he has performed with Sinbad, Diana Ross, Bill Withers, and the Temptations, and has toured internationally.

Jimmy Varner played a strong 45-minute set of love songs and jazz tunes. He did take time to talk about the issues on a deep, personal note.

"I've grown up with a very unique perspective," he said, explaining that his mother was Swedish.

Varner is musically talented and his songs and arrangements are reminiscent of the works of Billy Ocean or Lionel

Ritchie. Many of his songs dealt with the love of his own family. One particular song, which looked at the world through the eyes of his daughter, was particularly moving.

The concert also highlighted many of Jimmy Varner's jazz abilities, playing over a studio tape of his band because they could not make the concert, it was easy to see that Varner was a technically skilled musician and the crowd definitely was appreciative. The show was an excellent end to Black History Month and a tribute to the pursuit of a society where all individuals are treated equally.

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• Grammys

Unexpected breathes life into 40-year-old awards

NEW YORK (AP) — A stage-crashing rapper, a painted mystery dancer, a 19-year-old soul singer who called Bob Dylan "Bill" and a series of surprise winners — did MTV take over the Grammy Awards and not tell anybody?

The unexpected breathed some life into the formerly stodgy music awards show Wednesday night, almost upstaging big winners Dylan, soul singer R. Kelly and veteran folk artist Shawn Colvin.

Colvin was walking to the Radio City Music Hall stage to accept the first of her two awards for "Sunny Came Home" when the microphone was hijacked by a red-shirted ODB of the rap group Wu-Tang Clan.

Apparently upset at losing the best rap album Grammy to Puff Daddy, he complained that he spent a lot of money for new clothes because he thought he was going to win. "Puffy is good, but Wu-Tang is the best," he said.

"I'm confused now," Colvin said when the microphone was recovered. ODB was later escorted from the building.

Later, when Dylan was performing his song "Love Sick," a shirtless man with the words "Soy Bomb" painted on his torso — who knows why? — jumped on stage to gyrate next to him.

Dylan's response? Quizzically raised eyebrows.

Perhaps flustered a few minutes later, the young singer Usher called Dylan "Bill" when reading names of the best album nominees.

"Everybody has a bad day," he said sheepishly afterward.

Dylan won that best album award for his critically praised "Time Out of Mind" disc. He also won a Grammy for best contemporary folk album and best rock performance, for "Cold Irons Bound." To cap his family's good night, son Jakob won two Grammys for "One Headlight," the song he wrote for his band, the Wallflowers.

Bob Dylan seemed moved by the best album award, saying that he felt the spirit of the late Buddy Holly watching over him as he made the record.

"In the words, you know, of the immortal Robert Johnson, 'the stuff we got will bust your brains out,'" said Dylan, who

recovered from a potentially fatal heart infection last year to play for the pope and receive Kennedy Center honors.

R. Kelly's inspirational ballad, "I Believe I Can Fly," brought him three Grammys: best male rhythm and blues performance, best rhythm and blues song and best song specifically for a motion picture. He performed the song backed by a gospel choir.

"'I Believe I Can Fly' is the type of song that God wrote," he said backstage. "I didn't have anything to do with it."

Colvin won song and record of the year for "Sunny Came Home." Together with best album and best new artist (Paula Cole), they're considered two of the four most prestigious Grammys.

"You never know what will strike the imagination of people," said Colvin, a 20-year veteran of the folk circuit who has enjoyed her biggest commercial success with the song. "If we knew, we'd write 15 more and buy a Winnebago and go around."

Country and bluegrass artist Alison Krauss won three awards. Puff Daddy, Lilith Fair founder Sarah McLachlan, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, soul newcomer Erykah Badu and the late newsman Charles Kuralt were also multiple winners in the 40th annual show that aired on CBS.

The late classical conductor, Sir Georg Solti, won his record 31st Grammy, for best opera recording.

First-time winners included former Creedence Clearwater Revival front man John Fogerty and the late John Denver, who won for best children's recording. "He really wanted one," said his 23-year-old son Zachary.

The least surprising win: Elton John's best male pop vocal performance award for "Candle in the Wind 1997," his eulogy to Princess Diana that became the best-selling single of all time.

Singer Aretha Franklin deserved a most versatile Grammy Award. A half-hour after singing her signature song, "Respect," she returned to sing the aria "Nessun Dorma" from Puccini's "Turandot" to fill in for an ailing Luciano Pavarotti. Barbra Streisand also backed out of an expected performance

with the flu.

The show also boasted some eyebrow-arching results. Veterans Van Morrison and John Hooker won for best pop collaboration, besting two Streisand duets and Grammy favorites like Babyface, Tony Bennett and Celine Dion.

British rockers Jamiroquai's "Virtual Insanity" won best pop performance by a

duo or group with vocals, beating venerable rockers the Rolling Stones, Fleetwood Mac and teen faves Hanson.

All the surprises, sanctioned or otherwise, impressed one singer backstage.

"I didn't believe the Grammys could be so volatile," said Shawn Stockman of the soul group Boyz II Men. "I didn't think the Grammys would be so crazy."

• Nielsen's

Low ratings mean CBS losses

NEW YORK (AP) — Here's the good news about the Winter Olympics for CBS — it's over.

Cursed by bad weather, time differences that made live coverage difficult and some lackluster competition, the prime-time Olympic coverage by CBS ended with the lowest ratings of any winter Games since 1968.

The Olympics drew an average 16.2 prime-time rating and 26 share, forcing CBS to give millions of dollars worth of free commercial time to advertisers because the coverage did not draw the audience that was expected. Live coverage was often delayed (for example, Nagano is 14 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time).

The ratings were 42 percent lower than the Lillehammer Games of 1994 and 13 percent below Albertville in 1992. Nielsen Media Research has been tracking Olympic coverage since 1968, and only that year's Grenoble games scored lower than Nagano.

CBS President Leslie Moonves said the network would not lose any money on the Games.

"Overall, we're not thrilled," he said Tuesday. "I wouldn't deny that the numbers have been disappointing. But we're going to do just fine."

CBS easily won last week's prime-time race with a 15.8 rating and 25 share, Nielsen said. NBC was second with an 8.5 rating and 13 share, while ABC and Fox had identical 8.4 ratings and 13 shares.

While NBC and ABC essentially conceded defeat and scheduled a steady

stream of repeats during the Olympic period, Fox programmed aggressively and the strategy paid off with strong numbers.

Two of Fox's controversial "reality" specials — "Surviving the Moment of Impact" and "World's Scariest Police Chases" — finished among the week's top 20 shows.

ABC scored with the first part of its "Oprah Winfrey Presents" miniseries, "The Wedding." It was the week's most-watched non-Olympic broadcast, and it made up for the disappointing ratings of ABC's two-part Motown special.

The Olympics had two positive side benefits for CBS: It helped David Letterman beat Jay Leno in late-night ratings for the first time since 1995 and gave the "CBS Evening News" its first outright win in the ratings since February 1994, during the Lillehammer Olympics.

Last week, the CBS news program had a 9.3 rating and 18 share, the "NBC Nightly News" had a 9.1 rating and 17 share and ABC's "World News Tonight" had an 8.6 rating and 16 share.

For the week of Feb. 16-22, the top 10 shows, their networks and ratings were:

"Winter Olympics" (Friday), CBS, 23.2; "Winter Olympics" (Wednesday), CBS, 20.7; "Oprah Winfrey Presents: The Wedding, Part 1," ABC, 16.8; "Seinfeld," NBC, 15.0; "Winter Olympics" (Monday), CBS, 14.9; "60 Minutes," CBS, 14.0; "Winter Olympics" (Thursday), CBS, 13.9; "Winter Olympics" (Tuesday), CBS, 13.5; "Friends," NBC, 13.1; "ER," NBC, 12.8.

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• Henny Youngman

'King of the one-liners' dead at 91

NEW YORK (AP) — Henny Youngman, the Borscht Belt comic dubbed the king of one-liners for cracks like the immortal "Take my wife — please," died Tuesday. He was 91.

Youngman died of complications from the flu at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan, said Jackie Green, a friend and Friars Club Dean Emeritus.

Youngman became the quintessential Catskills comedian, developing a schtick unvaried through seven decades in show business: snappy one-liners and rapid-fire jokes as likely to bring a groan as a guffaw from his audience.

But his act played. Youngman appeared in countless clubs from the Catskills to the Palladium in London, from Atlantic City to Las Vegas and most points in between while working more than 200 shows per year into his 70s.

His quick, near-mechanical delivery became Youngman's trademark; in 60 seconds, he could unleash a half-dozen zingers. A typical Youngman joke: "A man says to another man, 'Can you tell me how to get to Central Park?' 'No.' 'All right, I'll mug you right here.'"

Columnist Walter Winchell, impressed with Youngman, dubbed Henny "the king of the one-liners" in the 1930s. Youngman most famous one-liner — "Take my wife — please" — was actually delivered by accident before an appearance on radio's "Kate Smith Show."

A frazzled Youngman was getting ready minutes before air time when his wife, Sadie, showed up with several friends to see the show. Youngman grabbed an usher and told him, "Take my wife, please." The comic was still using the line after his wife died in 1987 at age 82.

Oddly, the comedian who became an American institution was born in England on March 16, 1906. "I was so ugly when I was born, the doctor slapped my mother," Youngman once said.

He arrived in New York six months later. The family settled in Brooklyn, and he grew up there, learning to play the violin at his father's urging, attending the Brooklyn Vocational Trade School, and becoming a printer.

But he was bitten by the show biz bug while

working in his Manhattan print shop. Milton Berle, who was performing in a club nearby, would stop by the shop between shows to hang out with Henny. Youngman recalled in a 1991 interview with The Associated Press.

"I was a groupie for Berle," says Youngman. "I picked up a lot of stuff from him. Learned a lot."

His first shot at stardom came as a bandleader, the head of a group called Henny Youngman and the Swanee Syncopaters during the 1920s. Youngman's comedy career was the result of a tightwad club owner at the Swan Lake Inn in the Catskills.

Youngman was telling jokes between songs at the club. The owner fired the band and hired Henny as a comic, and the rest was hysteria.

"My whole life's an accident," he said in the interview. "I've never planned anything. It's just all happened."

What happened next was several years of doing the comedy circuit before Youngman's big break: a two-year stint with Smith's popular CBS network radio show.

SPORTS PAGE

• Women's basketball

Blodgett: a look back, a look ahead II

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

Editor's Note: This is the second part of a two-part installment. The first ran on Wednesday.

Traditionally, the best high school basketball players in the state look elsewhere to further their playing careers, with T.J. Caouette and Andy Bedard (now attending Maine) being the most recent Pine State products to attempt to ply their trade elsewhere.

Cindy Blodgett had the opportunity to do the same as the best women's basketball talent the state has ever produced.

With the likes of Notre Dame and Colorado in the forefront, how could a little-known basketball power in Orono possibly attract such a potential star?

"It's my home state, my family could watch me play, and I felt I could touch a lot of people's lives," Blodgett said.

Along with Maine's past success in the Rachel Bouchard years, she was impressed by head coach Joanne Palombo-McCallie's reluctance to put down other schools, something she said she got at other colleges.

Following a 20-7 season, Palombo brought in Blodgett and Jonesport-Beals graduate Sandi Carver, who had just come off Class D state titles in basketball and softball, as a foundation on which to build a national power.

All they did was lead the Black Bears to a 24-6 record, a conference title and their first-ever NCAA appearance, a 105-75 loss against eventual national champion UConn on the Huskies' home floor.



Cindy Blodgett is a popular figure amongst autograph seekers. (file photo.)

Blodgett earned North Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year, first-team All-Conference honors, and a Kodak District I All-American award for leading Maine in scoring (20.1 ppg), assists (3.8 apg), and steals (100).

However, just as quickly as success had come, previously unthinkable questions about how long Blodgett would stay began.

Following that year, rumors abounded as to whether Palombo would leave for a job at Long Beach State due to a lack of gender equity in Maine's athletic department.

Along with those rumors were the ones saying that Blodgett would follow her out there. She does not deny preparing to leave, but said she would have looked around at schools and not

necessarily followed Palombo.

"It wasn't the fact that she was leaving, but that she was leaving for a lack of support from the administration," Blodgett explained. "I wouldn't play for any university that didn't believe in women's athletics, because it directly affects me as well as all my teammates."

"It would have been a very easy choice."

With that threat passed, Blodgett's sophomore and junior seasons would be continuations of her first, with Cindy coming into national prominence after winning two straight NCAA scoring titles and Maine making the NCAA tournament twice, dropping both games in the first round.

She became the fastest player, male or female, to break the 2,000 point barrier in

the conference, and in her senior year she broke the conference and school scoring record of 2,405 points held by Bouchard.

Over the past four seasons, the Black Bears have gone 82-26 with three conference regular season and tournament titles, and with numerous individual, team, and attendance records broken in their wake.

But with Maine having a tougher go of it this season, Blodgett is not assured of making it to the NCAA tournament or earning her third straight scoring title.

The latter is due to a foot injury that she has been dealing with since the second part of her junior year.

In early January, the plantar fasciitis (inflammation of tissue under the foot) caught up with her as it snapped in a game against Boston University, forcing the superstar out for a few weeks.

"Something was going to have to be done, and had it not snapped, I would have played in pain the rest of the season and probably had surgery at the end of the year," Blodgett said.

Before the development of the WNBA and ABL pro women's leagues, the hope for female basketball players playing professionally was overseas. Blodgett said that she was prepared to go overseas, and doesn't plan on staying in Maine forever.

"I have done some traveling. My summers have been filled; I've been to Australia and a lot of places. Living somewhere else will be different. I don't intend to stay in Maine my entire life, and I will be making that break eventually," Blodgett said.

One of the recent attempts to get her

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• Men's hockey

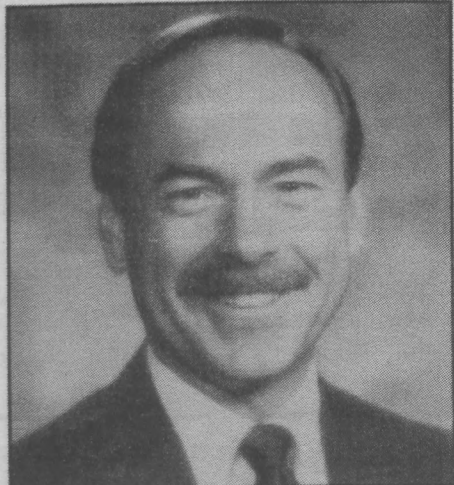
The making of a tradition will flavor Alfond

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

It took the University of Nebraska at Omaha roughly 50 years to implement varsity status to its hockey program.

The Omaha University club team competed in the Omaha Amateur Hockey League during the late 1940s, but the program sputtered when it failed to become a varsity sport.

In 1974, Nebraska-Omaha attempted to revitalize its hockey program by rein-



Nebraska-Omaha coach Mike Kemp. (file photo.)

stating it as a club sport with hopes of going varsity. After a couple of years, however, the plan was axed because the university couldn't afford the price-tag of a Division I program.

Now, almost a quarter of a century later, the blueprint for Mavericks hockey is now a solid foundation in the NCAA's warehouse of college hockey.

And it was worth the wait.

"It's been a riot," Nebraska-Omaha coach Mike Kemp said of his Mavericks' virgin season in college hockey. "First-year program, all young guys — it's been great."

"We're trying to develop traditions, develop our program and develop our players."

The Mavericks will be in town this weekend as the Black Bears close out the home portion of their regular season with a pair of non-league games. In order to gain national exposure, Kemp said the Mavericks planned their trip to Orono, their second tour of the east coast this season.

"We're all looking forward to making the trip to the east coast," Kemp said. "It was part of our plan to create wide-spread recognition of our program."

"We've also been looking forward to playing Maine, and this will provide us a benchmark of where we stand against an established program."

Amidst the whirlwind and hoopla of a first-year program are the players, who say they are excited about their forthcoming trip to the Pine Tree State.

"Right from the get-go there was a lot of excitement in Omaha and surrounding communities," Maverick co-leading scorer Jason Cupp said. "It's just something new."

The Mavericks' season journeys have whisked them around the country from as far west as Colorado to as far south as Alabama.

"We're excited to come up," Maverick goaltender Jason Mitchell said. "Everybody is excited about the new year and we planned trips all over the country."

The citizens of Omaha have also embraced the team, as crowds of more than 8,000 consistently stuff the Omaha Civic Auditorium.

"We have great fans," Mitchell said. "We get 8,000 fans for every home game and that is unbelievable."

Nebraska-Omaha enters the two-game set with a modest 11-16-2 record, including wins over the University of Denver,

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Former University of Maine softball pitcher (1991-94) and current assistant coach Deb Smith holds five team career records, including RBI (86), innings pitched (582.3), and victories (50).



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Mankato State and Air Force.

The Mavericks have also played some stiff competition around the country, including the University of New Hampshire, St. Cloud State and Wisconsin.

Kemp says he is more concerned with how his team develops, but the opportunity to play Maine doesn't go unnoticed.

"We're looking forward to playing Maine just like we were UNH," Kemp said. "Maine is a premier program in the

country and we respect them.

"However, eight months ago, no one had ever played together before, so we've spent most of the time concentrating on how we develop."

And if the Mavericks should upset the Black Bears this weekend?

"It would certainly be a highlight," Kemp added.

"It would build our confidence completely," Cupp said. "Maine is an established program."

Blodgett

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name on more of a national level was enacted this year in the Cindy Blodgett Scholarship program.

Announced last semester, it is the first of its kind in the country; proceeds from sales of Blodgett merchandise go toward this fund. Jerseys lead the list of items bearing the familiar number 14.

"I don't think a lot of people give back when they are able to. This isn't to the degree of what an NBA player or anyone like that can give, but this is at least something to give back and hopefully some people will benefit from it," Blodgett said.

Blodgett said she didn't want the money going into a general fund for the university, but rather toward women's basketball or women's programs in general.

She has control over where the money goes, and says she will likely make that

decision sometime after the season. Blodgett also said that the endowment will continue after she is gone, regenerating money and reducing the need for sponsors.

For the past eight years, Cindy Blodgett has been in the spotlight for being an athlete, not for academic achievements or community work, which have often been overlooked.

But she never asked for the attention; all she wanted to do was play the game she loved and to make her and her team successful in the process. In the end, though, Blodgett says athletes are like anyone else.

"There are expectations put on athletes that aren't put on the average, everyday Joe. They just work harder at a certain sport than ordinary people," Blodgett said. "That's what people identify (me) with."

• Women's hockey

Bears end season on high note

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

While Alana Ahearn may not compare scoring a goal in her last-ever hockey game to Ted Williams' home run in his last at-bat, she still considers the feat to be a storybook ending to her career.

"I saved the best for last," Maine's senior forward and captain said.

In addition to Ahearn's goal, Alicia Gilmore notched two more of her own as Maine topped Southern Maine 5-2 at USM Ice Arena in Gorham.

The 225 fans in attendance included what Ahearn referred to as "about 60 family members and friends," which means that Ahearn alone has more fans than some of Maine's opponents this season.

Alison Lorenz tallied a goal and three assists for the Black Bears, while Allison Haley chipped in with two more. Christina Hedges had a goal and two assists.

Despite a sluggish first period, Maine led 1-0 after one on a Gilmore goal.

"We were slow," Ahearn said. "We usually come out flying, but we couldn't get our feet out from under us. We were too busy trying to back-check through the middle so there would be no odd-man rushes."

USM took advantage of Maine's slow

start, tying the game 3:23 into the second on a goal by Heather Hill.

After that, however, Maine found a groove, taking back the lead on Lorenz's 38th goal of the season with just eight seconds left in the period, followed by Ahearn's goal 5:11 into the third, her first of the season.

"It was a textbook goal," Ahearn said. "It was a goal that coaches like to see."

"[Michelle] Young took a shot from the point and it just went wide of the net. It bounced back and I deked out [USM goaltender] Samantha Whitman. She went down, and so I went up high glove-side. If I hadn't gotten it in I would have been very disappointed with myself."

"It was definitely the note I wanted to go out on."

Christina Hedges followed with a goal two minutes later, her 16th of season.

After USM's Anne Lemire put the Huskies within two with a goal at 9:22, Gilmore put the game away for the Bears with her second goal of the game and her 15th of the season.

Amy Oliver and Sarah Dolan combined to make 20 saves for Maine, while Samantha Whitman and Molly Duer teamed up to make 29 saves for USM.

With the win, Maine ends its first varsity season 12-6-2 overall, 9-6-1 in the ECAC Alliance. USM is now 6-13-2.

• Women's hockey

Balancing three worlds

By Katie Kelly
Special to the Campus

Although the art of juggling isn't on her resume, Tori Freitas has mastered the skill and turned it into a way of life.

Freitas, a second-year member of the University of Maine women's ice hockey team, serves as a resident assistant and currently maintains a 3.75 overall grade point average.

"I had to become a much stronger person very fast," Freitas said. "I don't let everyday things get to me, otherwise it would stop me and I'm not going to be stopped."

That determination earned her a spot on the hockey team, which coach Rick Filighera says instilled a positive attitude within his team.

"One thing she teaches is courage," he said. "She doesn't complain and her attitude is key."

A senior pre-veterinary studies major with minors in microbiology and chemistry, Freitas began her hockey adventures her freshman year at UMaine. This was the first time she ever watched a hockey game.

When the popularity surrounding the women's hockey team began to grow, so did her interest. In January 1997, Freitas put skates on her feet for the first time.

"It looked like fun and I like trying new things," Freitas said. "It started out to be just for me, but then I needed to prove to everybody that I could do it."

"It turned out not only to be fun, but also a route for my temper and aggression."

Freitas says the support she received from her mother in Limestone, Maine, and her father in Saudi Arabia was vital.

"My mom has encouraged me to do well without telling me what to do," Freitas said. "She has congratulated me on every feat I've ever beaten, every challenge I've ever took."

"I couldn't have done half as much without them."

Originally from Sacramento, Calif., Freitas has had a lot to juggle in the past year including academics, which teammate Michelle Young says is a credit to her personality.

"She's always trying really hard," she said. "She maintains a positive attitude not only throughout games, but also practices."

Many people ask Freitas whom she could possibly look up to as a role model for her success. The answer: her father.

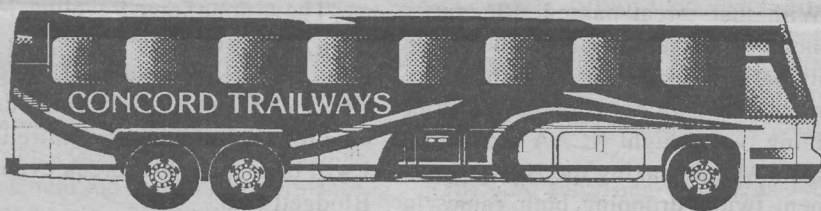
"It's because he stands for what he believes, he gets the job done right the first time, and he takes care of the people he loves, plain and simple," Freitas said.

While Freitas' future in women's hockey may seem out of reach, a future in doing research on humans surrounding infectious diseases is not.

Freitas plans on returning for a fifth year, but hockey is not in the cards. Her head down and eyes dark, she smirks when asked if she'll miss her sport.

"Yeah, I'll miss it. I'll miss it on the empty days," she said. "As soon as the season picks up next year, I'll miss it a lot. But mostly, I'll miss that feeling of being completely out of control."

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Black Bears venture to Florida to open new season

Anderson optimistic about season

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

It may be cold and clammy outside right now, but don't tell that to the University of Maine softball team.

The 1998 edition of the Black Bears open its season Sunday with the Florida Rebel Games at Ocoee, Florida, playing 20 games during their 14 days in the sunshine.

After more than six weeks of indoor practice, Maine coach Janet Anderson is just glad her team will escape to less confining surroundings.

"We're all looking forward to getting outside and seeing what we can do against somebody besides ourselves," Anderson said.

The Bears return 11 players and six starters from last season, when they posted a 23-19 overall record, 6-6 in America East play.

Expect this year's squad to be a mixture of youth and experience, as a strong nucleus of seniors is blended with a talented freshman class.

"We're going to be strong from top to bottom," Maine assistant coach Deb Smith said.

In the circle

The pitching staff is led by junior Jen Burton (14-7, 1.97 ERA), who was named to the All-America East Tournament squad last year.

"We put a lot of pressure on our pitchers, and Jen is certainly up to that," Anderson said. "She doesn't get rattled easily [and] she keeps her composure under pressure. She has the use of many pitches so she can keep the hitters off balance."

"She's very determined and she's a winner."

The staff also features junior Vicki Brenner (4-1, 3.03) and freshmen Carrie Green and Alice Bishop.

Behind the plate

Maine will welcome the return of sophomore catcher Sara Jewett, who pounded out a .354 average and a team-leading 33 RBI last season. She also hit all four of the Bears' home runs last season.

"We expect to see a lot from Sara in terms of leadership behind the plate," Anderson said. "She's got one more year under her belt, so we're hoping to see a little more maturity back there in terms of the way she's calling the games."

Around the horn



Rex Turner will co-captain the Black Bears this year. Maine will be in Florida over spring break to open its season. (file photo.)

The Bears will exhibit an experienced infield, led by seniors Melissa Creegan, Michelle Puls and Mary Wells.

Shortstop Puls was the 1997 America-East Co-Player of the Year, leading the league with a .406 average. She also led Maine in hits (52), doubles (16) and triples (5).

"She has a great deal of power, as well as [being] the anchor of the infield," Smith said. "She doesn't say a lot, but she does it on the field."

Wells hit .234 last season and was an All-America East second-team selection for the second consecutive season. Second baseman Creegan was 18-for-19 in stolen base attempts in 1997 and was also an all-conference second-team member. Freshman Karyn McMullin starts at first base.

Outfield duty

As the only starting outfielder returning from last season, centerfielder Kathryn Murphy will be counted on to lead Maine in the outfield. The senior hit .333 in 1997.

"We call her our field general, our leader," Smith said.

Murphy will be flanked by juniors Jill Cassie in left field and Stacey Sullivan in right.

While neither player has seen much playing time in previous seasons, Smith expects them to fit right in once the season starts.

"Sullivan is a very, very aggressive player," Smith said. "She'll go out for everything."

All-tournament selection Nicole

Gambin (.384) will handle the DH chores.

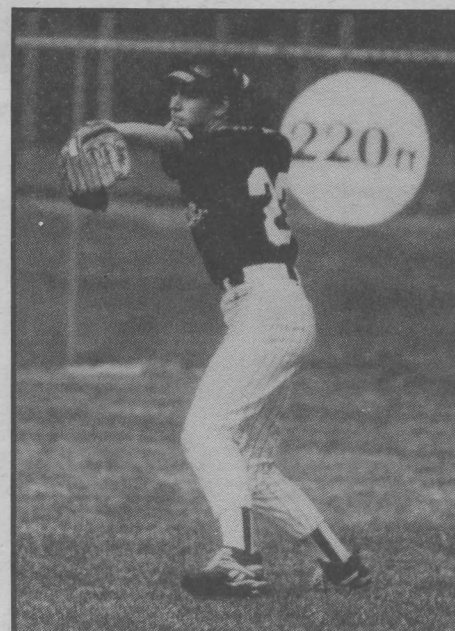
The crystal ball

With a talented blend of youth and experience, Smith firmly expects Maine to battle for the America East crown.

"We are really expecting a lot out of us this year," Smith said. "We'll be disappointed if we don't realize that."

Foul Balls

After Florida, the Bears trek to Rock Hill, S.C., for the Winthrop University invitational March 20-22. Maine then travels to Atlanta for the Georgia Tech Buzz Classic March 27-29. Maine's home opener is April 18 versus the University of Hartford.



Co-captain Kathryn Murphy returns to center field this year. (file photo.)

Kosty ready for opener

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

There may be a foot of snow and ice covering Mahaney Diamond, but that hasn't stopped the University of Maine baseball team from preparing for its season-opening, two-week trip to the Sunshine State this weekend.

In his second year as head coach, Paul Kostacopoulos feels that the Black Bears have some holes to fill due to the departure of seniors Nick Caiazzo, Jeff Longo, Dave Foran and Garrett Quinn. However, he feels they should be a competitive team in and out of the conference.

"With this year's group it is important for us to start off well," Kostacopoulos said.

"We have a lot of younger players, a very young pitching staff, we have some transfers, so there are a lot of new players, and I think to build on some momentum they need a good start."

Dating back to 1992, Maine has compiled a 19-91 record on the Florida trip, which includes a 5-11 mark last season.

This year the coaching staff put together a more favorable and realistic slate for the team as it heads south. That's not to say that Maine will play a group of pushovers for the next two weeks.

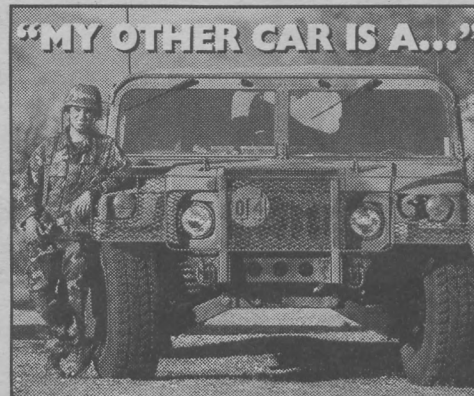
"The idea of anything in athletics is to be competitive," Kosty said.

"Clemson's 13th in the country — we're playing them three times — Florida Atlantic is 30th, Ball State's very good, Eastern Michigan's good, and Villanova — those are teams we can compete with."

Maine will also have to compete with a mixture of experience and a lack thereof that will challenge the bounds of continuity.

Besides All-America East leftfielder Rex Turner and fellow outfielder/co-captain T.J. Sheedy, Maine is shuffling

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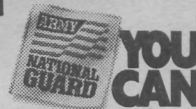
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in a group of newcomers who will attempt to fill the voids left by America East Pitcher of the Year Quinn (9-3, 3.28 ERA), starting catcher Caiazza (.314, 8 home runs, 53 RBI) and first baseman Longo (.332, 2 HR, 40 RBI).

With a pitching staff that consists of four freshmen, four sophomores, and one junior, the Black Bear coaching staff anticipates some growing pains.

"I am very excited about the pitching staff from the standpoint of ability," Kosty said. "I also know that it's tough to send a first-year player out there and expect the results that you may want, so we have to be patient. We have to be nurturing with these guys because I do believe in their ability."

The outfield will likely be the strength of the team with Turner, Sheedy and senior rightfielder Ron Coombs manning their respective positions.

The infield will showcase a group of transfers — 1B Gabe Memmert from McNeese State, shortstop Julian Bracali from Providence and 3B Brian Poiré from rival UNH. Keith Corteau returns as the starting second baseman and Gregg Jarvais will start behind the plate.

"Positionally, I think we have a lot of experience," Kosty said. "That could be our strength because we are starting a lot of freshmen."

Kosty said that while the older ballplayers will see most of the action early on this spring, the younger guys could be filtered in as the season progresses.

With Caiazza graduated and involved in pro baseball, Kosty is hoping to find a vocal leader with intensity comparative to that of his ex-star catcher.

"Although Gabe is older, he hasn't played much. Julian is a very quiet kid by nature and so is Brian," Kosty said. "I think Gregg Jarvais really could be that guy. I'm just going to kind of wait and see who emerges."

Kosty believes that one of the catalysts for an individual who chooses to become a leader is confidence, which becomes a product of consistency.

Maine is coming off an offensively productive 1997 season. It is anticipated this spring that Maine will be forced to manufacture its runs rather than rely on the power and potency of last year's class of players.

"We're going to have to scrap a little bit more for runs — I don't think they'll come as easy," Kosty said. "We had the potential last year to have big innings, and we had the potential to string hitters back-to-back-to-back."

"We're going to have to stay confi-

dent, steal a base or two, hit and run, bunt and run, and do some creative things to score some runs."

Maine was a conference power last season, finishing second to Delaware with a 16-8 mark. Kosty believes that his team can play with the best America East has to offer this spring, but still

feels the Blue Hens have set the standard for the rest.

"We're going to compete well with all those other teams, but to me that's not good enough," Kosty said. "We've got one big hurdle in front of us and they (Delaware) are definitely ahead of us, better than us, and we are chasing them."

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