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• GSS

OCB continues search for Bumstock bands

Portion of room and board increase to go to union construction

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

Bumstock will be returning to its original format, Chris Barstow announced at the General Student Senate meeting last night, to a mixed reaction from senators.

"The so-called big name bands everybody's been hearing about sort of fell through," the Off Campus Board president said.

Toad the Wet Sprocket, the Foo Fighters and the Mighty Mighty Bosstones had all been under consideration for the event, along with a number of other bands. Barstow

said OCB is now seeking well-known, "high quality bands at a really cheap price" to play Friday and Saturday nights.

At its weekly meeting this Thursday at 8 p.m., OCB will sort through 41 demo tapes and select the rest of the Bumstock lineup.

In other business, GSS President Scott Morelli said he had been unaware that a portion of the 5 percent room and board increase would go toward debts incurred by the new union.

"I was under the impression this money was coming from the reserve fund," he said.

The increase means seniors living on campus next year may be paying for a building they will likely never use.

Morelli and Residents On Campus President Jon Duke both referred to the practice as the "double-dipping" of on-campus students, who will have to pay for the new union through both a tuition and room and board increase. The matter will be further looked into by the senate.

GSS also learned of a possible conflict with a society for the blind. The society was apparently granted the profits from State House vend-

ing machines a few years ago. The legislation has been stretched to include the profits from other public buildings. Through what Duke deemed a "twist of interpretational fate," it could be extended to include University of Maine buildings, which are public buildings.

The money raised from UMaine vending machines totals about \$32,000 a year and is turned over to Campus Living, who indirectly funds ROC with it. Any changes would not affect next year's ROC funding, but could affect the year after that.

"It would hurt us badly," Duke said. "We have a lot to lose from this."

Members of various student groups are meeting on the issue soon to discuss solutions, which could include asking the governor to issue an executive order for exemption.

Dwight Rideout, assistant vice president and dean of student services, addressed GSS, quelling a few concerns about the new union. Presently, the plans call for a 150-seat pub in the basement, with another 325-multipurpose perfor-

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• Alternative Spring Break

Volunteers build homes and spirits

By Judy Williams
Maine Campus staff

The LET'S Volunteer Alternative Spring Break group had a successful and gratifying spring break, according to group members.

"I couldn't ask for a better group. They came together and worked well together," Muffy Eastman, the ASB adviser, said.

Group member Anne Donovan agreed.

"I gained more trust in myself for skills I was unsure or unaware that I had, and I found myself enjoying cohabiting with 19 other persons. I came home very tired, but pleased with myself," Donovan said.

ASB went to the low country of South Carolina and repaired hous-

es for families who couldn't afford the repairs themselves. They worked with the United Methodist Relief Center, which works with the poorest families in the area.

The repairs the group did included roofing, painting, dry wall, and other various repairs, said Eastman.

The families the ASB worked with were very thankful, Jen Courtney said.

"The mother and grandmother kept thanking us and the kids really appreciated it," Courtney said.

ASB worked in McClellensville, a town that hurricane Hugo hit very badly. The group worked on a trailer in McClellensville that was in livable condition but still needed repairs, said Eastman.

"I did skirting on the house to

keep the house from flooding, and I also built steps for the trailer," said Courtney.

Doing the repairs was an emotional experience.

"When you first walked into the house it was messy, and when you left it was better. It was very gratifying," Cory Williams said.

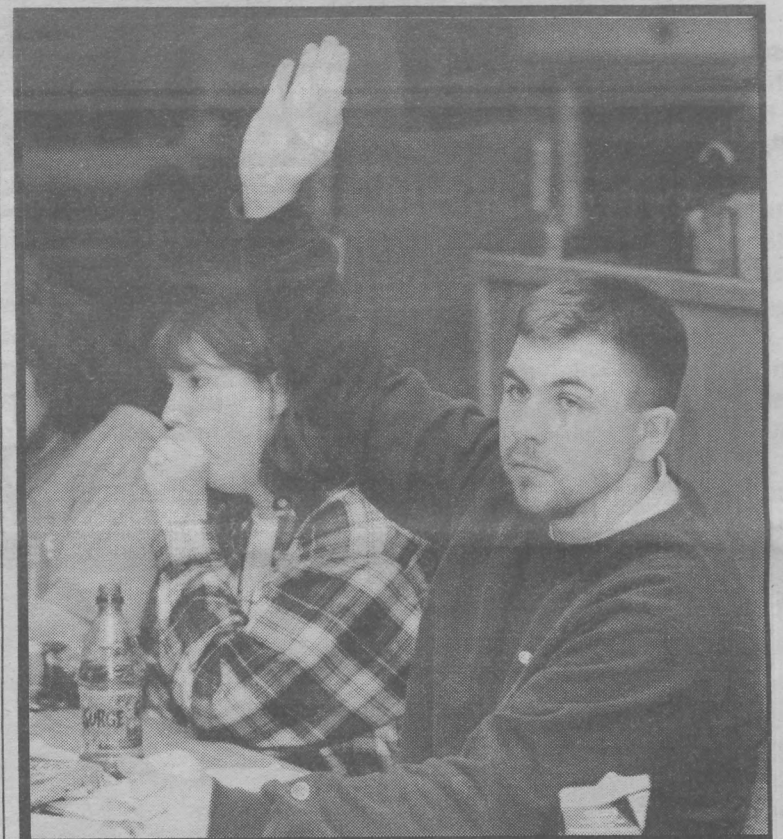
Paul Isabelle also believes he made a difference.

"The resident was truly amazed about the difference made in her house," Isabelle said.

The efforts of ASB not only affected the families of the houses, but it affected the community as well.

"Each day at the site, neighbors passed us in cars, honking their

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OCB President Chris Barstow, poses a question to the GSS. He announced at last night's meeting that negotiations with some possible Bumstock bands have ended. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Brain Food

Professors see commons as site of student contact



Beth Carlson, associate director for Resident Dining, explains Brain Food, the new faculty/student dining program. (Eric Weisz photo.)

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

A new dining service program is using food to foster academics.

The Brain Food program, which started on Monday, encourages professors to eat in the dining commons for free one day a month, with the stipulation that they sit and chat with two students.

Beth Carlson, the associate director for resident dining and one of the Brain Food organizers, said there have been programs in the past in which students could invite faculty to lunch, but often felt embarrassed approaching them.

"This way the students don't have to worry about initiating anything," Carlson said.

The program has seen little participation at the dining commons so far, with several people citing

the lack of advertising and awareness of Brain Food's existence.

"I haven't seen much response," said Sandy Donahue, the dining service manager at York. "It's like anything new — it takes a while to catch on."

Brain Food works by assigning each department on campus a different day of the month. On that day, meal tickets, in a number roughly the size of the office, are sent over and disbursed. The tickets are good for any meal at any commons only on that day. The program runs up to finals week and includes weekends.

"I don't think we'll have crowds of people," said David Bremer, the dining commons manager at Stewart Commons. "But if they get two or three professors here or there, it'll be worth it," he added.

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Chilly and partly sunny.

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WORLD BRIEFS

• Archaeology

Scientists discover dinosaur bones

1 BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Brazilian scientists have discovered the bones of three dinosaurs they say lived 220 million years ago, one of the oldest ever found. The bones were discovered in the southern city of Santa Maria, about 1,400 miles south of Brasilia. The first was unearthed in January and the other two in February, paleontologist Martha Richter said Tuesday in a telephone interview.

The plant-eating dinosaurs were known as prosauropods and date from the Triassic period, Richter said.

Professor Luiz Eduardo Analli of the Geosciences Institute in Sao Paulo called the find "extremely important."

"Due to its characteristics and the Triassic Period to which it belonged, the fossils must be very close to the first organisms called dinosaurs and will be decisive in the study of the group's origin," Analli said.

The bones are now at the Museum of Science and Technology of the Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul. Richter said they will be sent to Bristol University in England for examination by professor Max Cardoso Langert.

Richter said her team's discovery was the second in the region. In 1936, an American researcher found a post-Triassic dinosaur skeleton that is now at Harvard University.

• Space station

Top official criticizes U.S. for delays

2 MOSCOW (AP) — Responding to U.S. criticism of Russian construction delays, Russia's space agency chief claimed Tuesday that the United States was facing similar difficulties on parts it is building for the international space station.

Agency director Yuri Koptev also said Russia wants to increase the number of foreign satellite launches between now and 2000 from 23 to 32 and abolish launch limits in the future, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

During talks last week between Vice President Al Gore and Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, U.S. officials reiterated their concern that Russia is lagging behind on its contribution to the international space station.

They suggested that Moscow be allowed to launch more foreign commercial satellites to help its cash-strapped space program, but said that in return Russia should keep its promise to stop assisting Iran's weapons program.

Koptev, trying to turn the tables on the United States, said NASA was trying to "concentrate attention entirely on Russia's difficulties" even though it was "three months behind" in constructing a laboratory module.

The space station is a joint project of Russia, the United States, the European Space Agency, Canada and Japan.

• Break in tradition

Catholics celebrate St. Patrick's in Belfast

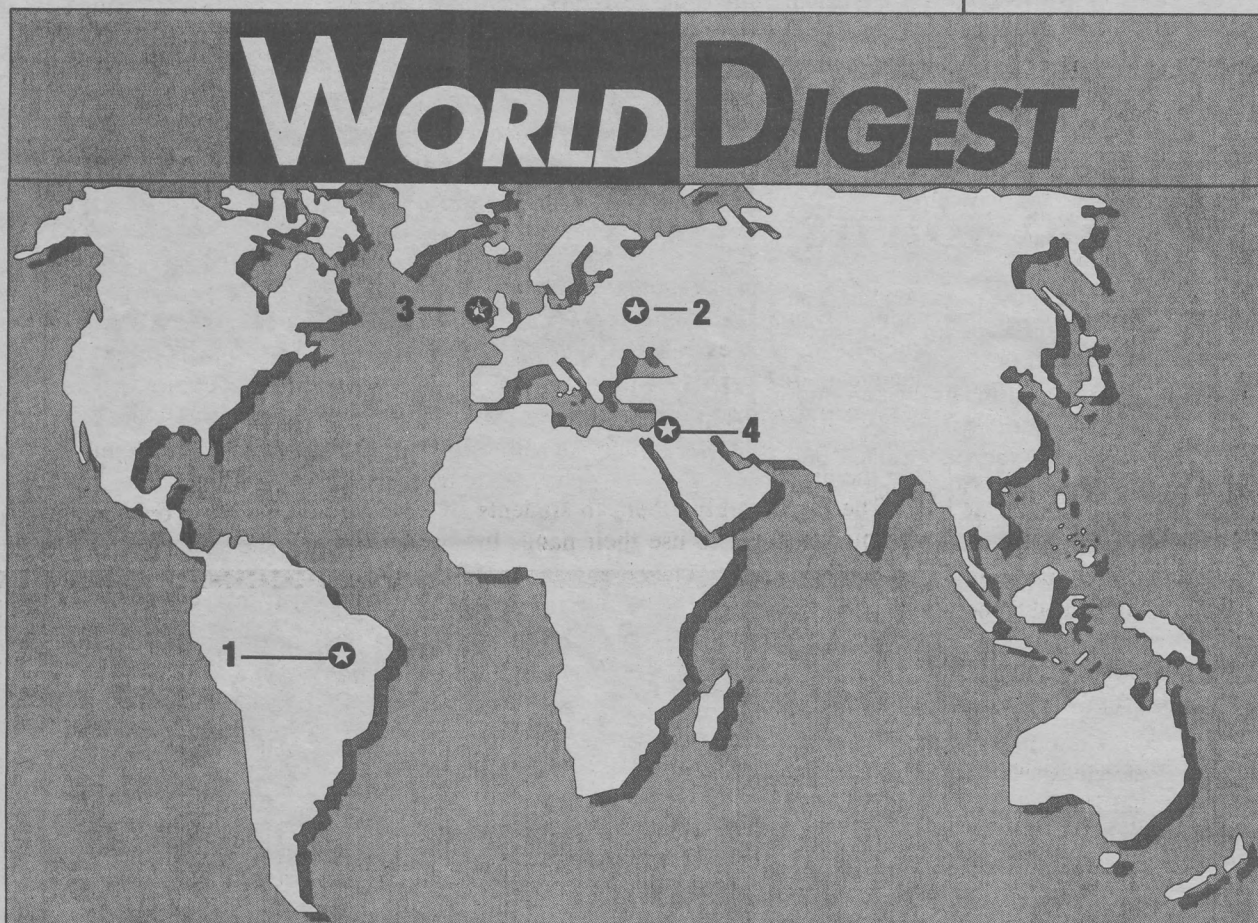
3 BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Defying convention in this traditionally pro-British Protestant city, more than 10,000 Catholics marched into the center of Belfast on Tuesday in the city's first-ever St. Patrick's Day parade.

Celebrants strolled peacefully to the tunes of local reggae singers and a visiting Brazilian salsa band. But — despite written invitations — there was little participation from Protestants, whose favored patriotic color is orange and who fly the British flag.

"We're putting St. Patrick's Day on the main Belfast," said the parade's organizer, Catriona Ruane, who in hopes of achieving Protestant involvement had required marchers to avoid political-party banners and told fife-and-drum bands to skip overtly anti-British tunes.

The parade featured children with painted faces and shamrocks on their heads, Viking-costumed warriors, and a 30-foot-long fake snake. But the Irish-language banners and green, white and orange Irish flags would have been enough to dissuade many Protestants.

That kind of overt Irishness traditionally has been suppressed in Northern Ireland, where pro-British Protestant marches dominate life each summer.



• Snubbing

Netanyahu says Israel will build new housing

4 JERUSALEM (AP) — Touching a raw nerve in Israel, Britain's foreign secretary was greeted by taunts of "Anti-Semite!" as he visited the site of a new Jewish housing project in Jerusalem and insisted that Mideast peace hinged on a halt to Jewish settlement expansion.

A furious Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu lashed back, vowing to build "thousands of homes" on disputed land in east Jerusalem and canceling a dinner and even a traditional handshake with the diplomat, Robin Cook.

Cook ignited deep Israeli enmity by meeting with a Palestinian official at the divisive housing project known in Hebrew as Har Homa and in Arabic as Jabal Abu Ghneim.

Ignoring the driving rain, Israeli protesters jeered Cook at the 6,500-unit construction site, banging pots and pans and chanting "Anti-Semite!" and "Robin, go home!"

Netanyahu's snub capped days of wrangling between Israel and Britain over the symbolism of Cook's visit to east Jerusalem, the sector claimed by the Palestinians as a future capital.

"The issue of Jerusalem is a cardinal one in our eyes and it is important for us to inform any guest in Jerusalem and anyone who wants to contribute to the peace process that Israel is sovereign in Jerusalem and will remain so," a stern-faced Netanyahu told reporters.

Weather

The Local Forecast

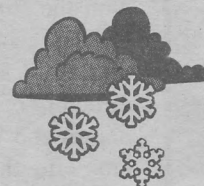
Today's Weather

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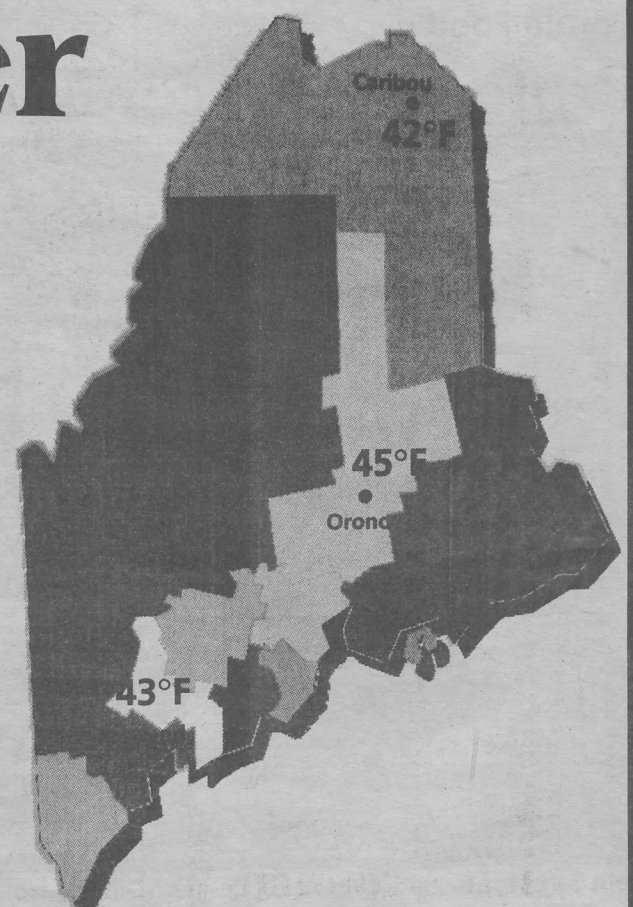
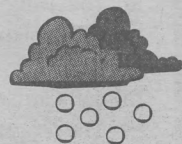
Thursday's Outlook

Cold, Overcast, Moderate snow.



Extended Forecast

Friday Chilly, Overcast, Sleet. Saturday Chilly, Overcast, Light rain. Sunday, Overcast, Rain.



• Community

Students take stand against violence with mural



Renate Klein, instructor of family studies in the College of Education and Human Development. (Eric Weisz photo.)

By Brad Morin
Maine Campus staff

University of Maine students are invited to help create a mural in a campaign against violence today at the Memorial Union.

"The intention of the campaign is to draw attention to the problem of domestic violence, and really pledge people to non-violence," Renate Klein, UMaine instructor of family studies, said.

To participate in the Hands Are Not for Hitting Campaign, students will trace their hands on the mural and sign it, pledging "My hand will never commit violence." Volunteers will be in the union from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will also have information on domestic violence available.

The campaign has another part that is aimed at elementary students in grades K-8 in the Bangor and Brewer area. It involves entry forms instead of a mural. Students trace their hands, color them and sign the pledge.

"The teachers give them to students who pledge never to use their hands to

hit," Robin Soucy, director of the campaign, said.

Entry forms will be randomly drawn for donated prizes.

"There was a lot of support from the community as far as donating prizes and money," Klein said.

The campaign is put on by the Bangor Domestic Violence Task Force. The task force is a network of community members organized by Spruce Run, a non-profit organization helping domestic violence victims.

Soucy, who heads the campaign, is a graduate student at UMaine in the college of education and human development,

and is a caseworker at the Department of Human Services.

"Under the guidance of Robin, this campaign took form," Klein said.

Soucy heard of the campaign about four years ago when she attended a National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference in

Minnesota. This is the first time that the campaign has been run in Maine.

"If we can just reach one person, that will be great," she said.



• Domestic violence

Advocacy services carry victims through testimony

By Brad Morin
Maine Campus staff

For victims of domestic violence, prosecution in court can be an agonizing experience. Victim/Witness Services at the Penobscot District Attorney's office offers them special help.

"I offer support, explain any questions they may have, and can be in the courtroom with them when they testify — if they have to," Marcy Ouellette, a victim/witness advocate specializing in domestic violence, said.

Domestic violence cases involving celebrities such as Nicole Brown Simpson, and most recently Pamela Anderson Lee, have led to an increased public awareness and intolerance of domestic violence. But victims are still faced with intimidation and fear when confronting the offender in the courtroom, and many are unwilling to cooperate with investigators. Uncooperative victims can be a major problem for prosecutors in domestic violence cases.

"If there's not enough to prosecute without the victim's testimony, and she doesn't

come, that's an obstacle," Ouellette said. "That's not as important as the message it sends to the perpetrator. If the case is dismissed, what message does it send to him? It gives him a license to batter."

Ouellette said victims often fear reprisals and do not want the responsibility of putting a husband or boyfriend in jail.

"I explain to them that it's the state who presses charges, not the individual," she said. "Our goal is to prevent this from happening again. It's not the victim's fault that something like this happens or when someone goes to jail."

Other factors work to discourage victims from cooperating with the prosecution. Often the victim is emotionally or financially dependent on the partner, especially when children are involved.

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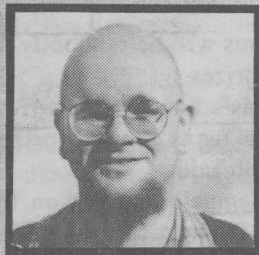
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Q&A of the week

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What did you do over spring break?



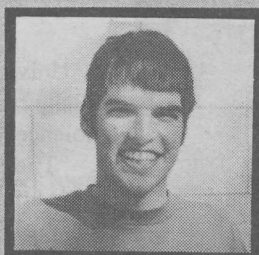
Joe Preston
Fourth-year student
from Austin, Texas

"I went home to Texas and sat around and ate my parents' food."



Kate Tableman
Second-year student
from Bangor, Maine

"I went to Utah and went snowboarding."



Tim Simons
Second-year student
from Readfield, Maine

"I went to New York City and saw 'Rent.'"



Diana Duane
First-year student from
Etna, Maine

"I visited my grandmother and I liked it so much I moved in with her."



Chris Mockler
Second-year student
from Orrington, Maine

"I taught my girlfriend to ski."

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"How are you going to pay for food or the phone bill?" Ouellette said. "We do try really hard to take every case for what it is — we're dealing with human beings. We work to determine what's best for the victim, the children and the community."

In addition to assisting victims when they have to appear in court, Ouellette's office refers victims to groups which may offer other sorts of help. One such group is the Penquis Law Project. It gives victims legal assistance in civil matters such as divorce and protection-from-abuse orders.

Another important organization is Spruce Run, a non-profit organization that provides a 24-hour hotline, support and education groups, and training for the community.

Jan Blake, Spruce Run's legal response coordinator, said that Ouellette's office often refers victims to her organization.

"A lot of times, she is the first one to really talk to them. She can hook them up with a lot of resources, one of them being Spruce Run," Blake said.

Ouellette, Blake, Assistant District Attorney Alice Clifford and officers of the Bangor Police Department have done training sessions with local police to help them respond better to domestic violence. They had a session with the University of Maine's Public Safety Department in January.

"We talked about effective prosecution and how to approach the scene," Blake said.

U.S. crime statistics show that there were more than half a million violent crimes committed against spouses or ex-spouses in 1995. These included rapes or sexual assaults, robberies, aggravated assaults and simple assaults. Ouellette said that cases involving celebrities have increased public awareness of the problem.

"O.J. had a big thing to do with it; just look at the funds that are available now," she said.

In February, another high-profile case was brought to light when Tommy Lee was arrested for assaulting his wife, Pamela Anderson Lee. Officers reported that she had a small hand wound and redness on her back. She has since obtained an emergency order against him and filed for divorce.

Ouellette is a former police officer and knows how the situation has changed.

"Twenty years ago, if you went on a domestic complaint and it didn't happen in the officer's presence, you couldn't do anything," she said.

Ouellette said now 911 tapes and photographs can be used to prosecute offenders, even if the victim is uncooperative. Another development that discourages repeat offenses is enhancement statutes. Ouellette said the law causes anyone convicted twice for assault in the previous 10 years to be charged with a felony on the next offense. The law used to apply to domestic cases only, but was changed in September 1997

to include any assault.

"Our statutes are such that an assault is an assault. There's no difference between laws for strangers and domestic partners," she said.

Anne-Marie Tausef, administrative co-

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horns and waving their hands at us," Isabelle said.

Many people in the group said they definitely will do ASB next year.

"I highly recommend this trip for anyone. It's good to get out of your own skin and help someone else," Donovan said.

"It was such a good experience. I love

ordinator of Spruce Run, said that Ouellette's office helps victims by explaining legal information and other options to them.

"Marcy plays a very important role and it's very important for women to have her available," she said.

doing service for others, and it's a really good way to spend spring break," said Courtney.

Overall, the trip was a success.

"I feel especially pleased that we pulled it off. It took every single person in the group to pull it off, and I think ASB will be around for a long time," said Eastman.

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mance room; a tiered dining area/lounge off the Damn Yankee on the first floor, which will open onto a balcony; student organizations and offices will be housed on the second floor; and the third floor may contain a chapel, climbing wall and one of the larger student groups, such as WMEB.

There are a few drawbacks in the current design, however.

"It appears that we're asking to put more in the building than it will hold," Rideout said.

The price tag is currently \$8.8 million for the renovation and addition construction for the Memorial Union.

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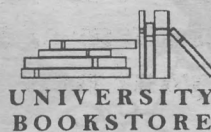
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• Environmental

Student group encourages switch to chlorine-free paper

Rebecca Zaner
Special to the Campus

A subgroup of SONaR, the Student Organization of Natural Resources, is organizing the Chlorine Free For ME campaign to encourage the use of chlorine-free processed paper on campus.

"I think the current university policy encourages students to think it is socially acceptable to use processed materials," said SONaR member Chris Moody. "The biggest thing is stereotypes; they don't think it's good quality paper."

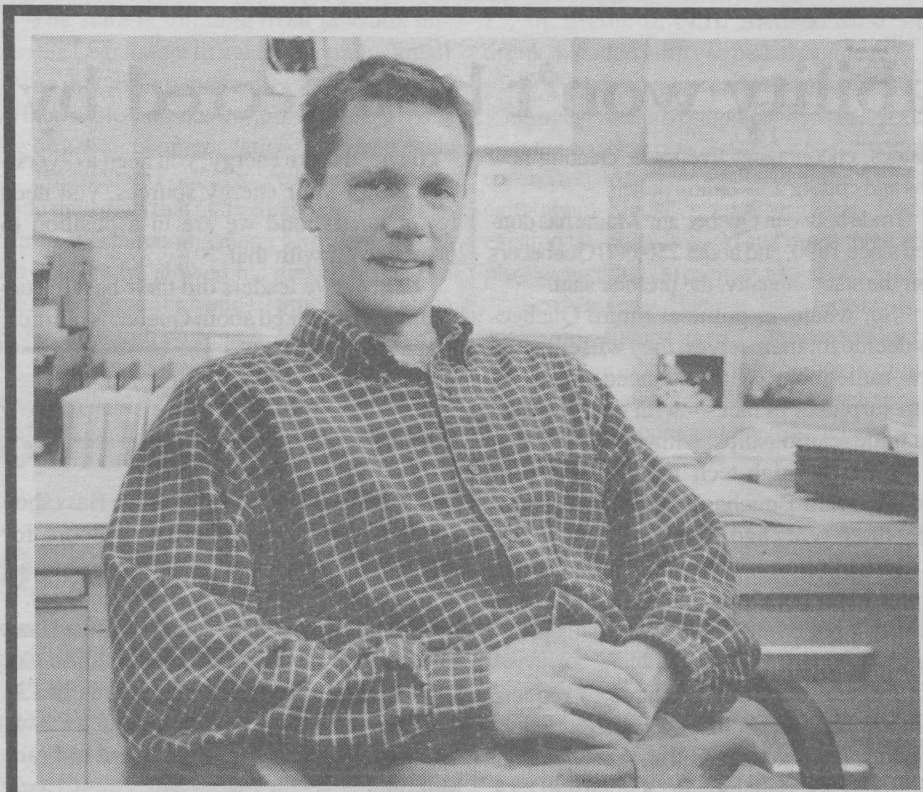
Chlorine-free processed paper is recycled paper processed without the use of chlorine so that it does not release dioxin into the environment.

"By purchasing it, they would be making a consumer choice to say that they don't want chlorine processing used to make paper," said SONaR member Pamela Werner. "They are making a statement that they don't want dioxin in the environment."

Dioxin is the toxic contaminant that was used in Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. It is produced through the use of chlorine gas to bleach paper in paper mills that then release the dioxin into the water and air. Dioxin accumulates in the environment and becomes more concentrated as it travels up the food chain.

"It's close to home with the paper mill in Old Town," Werner said. "Everyone has different views, but I think everyone should be conscious of it, at least aware of the issues."

Dioxin can cause reproductive disor-



Andrew Plantinga, assistant professor of resource economics and policy, studies environmental issues related to natural resource industries. (Eric Weisz photo.)

ders such as decreased fertility, lower sperm count and testicular cancer, as well as birth defects and spontaneous abortions. Dioxin can also have a negative impact on the immune system, thyroid and hormonal functioning.

The Environmental Protection Agency stated that there are no safe levels of dioxin exposure. However, 100 percent of the United States population has dioxin present

in their body tissue acquired mainly through eating fish, meat and dairy products.

Although the university does purchase recycled chlorine-free paper, it also buys non-recycled paper manufactured without the use of elemental chlorine. Although the non-recycled paper is less harmful than the use of chlorine gas to bleach paper, it still produces dioxin.

The university is required to spend 50

percent of paper and paper products purchasing funds to buy products containing recycled paper that meet or exceed the state's standards, said Anne-Marie Nadeau, a buyer for the university, said.

"Our goal is to buy what we need at the best price," she said.

Nadeau said if purchasing production chlorine-free paper was more cost efficient, "the university would buy a higher percentage, although some departments may still request non-recycled elemental chlorine-free paper."

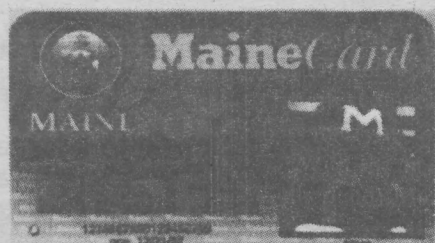
Andrew Plantinga, assistant professor of resource economics and policy, said for day-to-day university purposes, using chlorine-free processed paper is perfectly adequate.

The SONaR subgroup is creating a flier to distribute to the university departments on why dioxin is harmful and what alternatives to chlorine-bleached paper are available. Information tables will be located in the union to help spread awareness to the student body.

"We're a society, and if we don't act as a society, we will deteriorate as such and lose sight of what's really important," Moody said.



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STATE NEWS

• Quebec

Premier says stability won't be affected by independence

AUGUSTA (AP) — Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard sought to assure Maine legislators Tuesday that strong trade and cultural ties with their state would continue, regardless of the outcome of his province's independence struggle.

"I feel there must be a way to keep what works — the economic relationship, the commercial and monetary union — and do away with what clearly does not — the political arrangement," Bouchard told a joint session of the Legislature.

"But that is an issue for Quebecers to sort out, at the ballot box," he said. "What is beyond debate is our decision to increase our economic ties with all our neighbors."

Quebec is the leading market for Maine exports. In 1996, Quebec purchased \$216.8 million worth of goods from Maine. Total trade between the two was \$568.6 million, according to the Canadian Consulate General.

Bouchard used much of his 25-minute speech to emphasize the close ties between Quebec and Maine. He also highlighted the progress his province has made in developing high-tech in-

dustries, encouraging free trade, creating new jobs and cutting a \$4 billion deficit.

Trade between Quebec and Maine has doubled since 1990, and about 250,000 Quebecers visit the state annually, the premier said.

"So, whatever political future Quebecers decide for themselves, they will enter the new millennium with balanced books — with surpluses in fact — with ever increasing trade relationships, with metropolis that is taking the high-tech road with a vengeance," said Bouchard, who became premier three years ago.

Later, during a press conference in the Senate chamber, Bouchard denied he was making a pitch for Maine to back his province's separatist struggle.

"I don't think that we have to request political support. What we need is understanding," he said, reiterating that whatever solution is decided upon in Quebec will be a democratic one.

What he did want, Bouchard said, was more investment and tourism. Alluding to Quebec's hydro-electric resources, he said,

"You need more energy, you need a diversification of your energy sources, you need lower tariffs, and we are in a position to provide you with that."

Legislative leaders did their best to stay neutral when asked about Quebec's politics.

"This is a Canadian issue which will be decided by the people of Canada, just as I would hope that Canada would respect our differences here in America as we make choices as well," House Speaker Elizabeth Mitchell, D-Vassalboro, said.

• Shoes

Future bright for Maine factories

FARMINGTON (AP) — The Bass shoe company will close its factory doors for good this summer, but the outlook is brighter for at least three Maine shoe factories.

Franklin Shoe in Farmington, Cole Haan in Livermore Falls, and Dexter Shoe Co. each expect a long and prosperous life in Maine. "We're pretty excited about what we do," said David Nectow, president of Franklin Shoe.

Their optimism is in sharp contrast to the bleak outlook for G.H. Bass Co. in Wilton, which announced earlier this year it was shutting down and moving the operation to the Caribbean. Executives said the company could no longer afford to make shoes in Maine because of the labor market and high manufacturing costs.

At Franklin Shoe, the hundreds of employees appear to have better job security. Nectow said the product that Franklin Shoe makes can only be produced in the United

States. The company makes 100 different styles of one product: women's dyeable shoes. Nectow said his company has cornered 50 percent of the market, making the plant the world's largest producers of dyeable footwear.

"These shoes are worn primarily for weddings, proms, and other special occasions," said Nectow.

Dexter has four shoe factories in Maine — in Dexter, Milo, Skowhegan and Newport — and produces 25,000 shoes a day, a company spokeswoman said Tuesday. It also has a plant in Puerto Rico, but has no current plans to move Maine jobs to the Caribbean, she said.

Don Blodgett, manager of the Cole Haan plant, said the Livermore Falls operation is an integral part of the international manufacturing and marketing system.

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Brain

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Sign-up sheets at each commons will be sent to Carlson at the end of each week to measure the number of people taking advantage of the program.

"This is like the pilot for this," she said.

"Any details we have to work on, we have all summer to take care of."

Carlson is not yet worried about the expense of the free meals.

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Wednesday, March 25, 12:15 pm
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Wednesday, March 25, 3:30 pm
100 Neville Hall

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• Investigation

Backers of compensation for crash survivor shift strategy

AUGUSTA (AP) — In a change of strategy, lawmakers seeking compensation for a young boy who survived a crash that killed his mother and sister will ask the Legislature to allow his family to sue the state.

Supporters of legislation seeking \$275,000 to compensate Allan Leech said Monday they are dropping their call for a cash payment, which was rejected by the Senate before winning favor in the House.

Sen. Mary Small, R-Bath, hopes to change the measure to allow Leech's family to sue the state for \$300,000 and let a jury or judge decide if he should get it.

The state is immune from lawsuits unless the Legislature lifts that immunity. Small hopes that giving the family the right to sue will be more popular politically than giving the boy direct compensation without a trial.

Maine State Police ignored warnings from three motorists that Gary Sledzik of Webster, Mass., was careening along 42 miles of highway before he plowed his pickup truck into the rear of a car at a Maine Turnpike toll plaza in Scarborough on March 23, 1997.

Leech, who was 3 at the time, has recovered from injuries in the crash that killed Barbara Maxfield, 36, and Brooke Willis,

13, of Bradford, N.H. Sledzik, who was drunk, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and is serving a seven-year prison term.

An internal investigation by state police after the accident concluded that two dispatchers and a state trooper mishandled the warning calls about Sledzik's erratic driving. Under existing law, Leech could sue those three employees for \$10,000 each, or a total of \$30,000.

Sen. Beverly Daggett, D-Augusta, who spoke out against direct compensation for Leech, also opposes giving the boy's family the right to sue the state. She said Leech should first sue the trooper and the dispatchers.

"They already have remedies that they should have applied first before they came to us," Daggett said of Rick Leech of Bowdoinham and his son. "You could bring back a bill at any time asking for the (state's) immunity to be lifted."

Small indicated that the maximum of \$30,000 the boy could win by such a lawsuit falls far short of what he deserves.

"I've been surprised at the reluctance" in the Senate to compensate the boy or even to let him sue the state, Small said. "What would those people think was right and just and proper if it was their family?"

• Scam

Inventor accused of deceiving investors pleads guilty

ALFRED (AP) — What prosecutors say was a shameless \$1 million scam, Renald A. Poisson says was a dream that stumbled when he failed to sell his football board game.

Poisson, a former concession stand owner in Old Orchard Beach and restaurateur in Saco, pleaded guilty Monday to unlicensed sales of securities, misrepresenting to investors that he was authorized to sell securities in Maine and tax evasion.

Under the plea agreement, Poisson would serve up to 3 1/2 years in prison, followed by four years' probation. Defense counsel Richard S. Berne plans to argue for a lighter sentence when the case comes back before Superior Court Justice G. Arthur Brennan in a few months.

The Attorney General's Office says Poisson,

50, enticed investors with false claims that NFL players were poised to endorse "Clutch Football" and that toy maker Mattel was ready to sign.

Although about 125 investors, most from York County, lost money investing in Poisson's game, the complaint deals only with two cases that arose after state officials warned Poisson in 1988 that he was not licensed to sell shares in his company.

In one of the cases, Waterboro farmer and longtime legislator Willis Lord trusted Poisson enough to give him more than \$280,000.

"Most of my savings, most of my retirement," said Lord, 79. "That's what makes me so damn mad."

In the other case, Acton woodworker Robert Learned Jr. invested \$4,000 in the game.

Beginning in 1985, Poisson began selling shares for "Clutch Football," said Assistant Attorney General Linda Conti. Word spread around the county that Poisson was selling shares and promising \$3.50 for every \$1 invested.

"He never followed through with anything to market the game," Conti said. "He just got the money and spent it on himself."

Berne denies that Poisson set up the board-game business in a deliberate effort to live lavishly. Instead, Berne said, his client felt desperate when the business failed to take off and he continued to seek more investments.

"He should have thrown in the towel much earlier," Berne said. "To characterize him as a flim-flam man is just not fair. It's a guy who had a dream who stumbled."

State officials said Poisson continued to sell stock even after he agreed both orally and in writing that he would no longer do so. More than half of the \$1 million he raised came after he signed the agreement with the state, Conti said.

Much of the money at issue cannot be accounted for, Conti said. Investigators say Poisson wrote \$98,000 in checks to himself, \$35,000 to his then-wife, \$41,000 to three exotic dancers and \$20,000 for credit-card bills.

The agreement Monday calls for \$100,000 in restitution, but Lord, who left public office in 1996, is not hopeful of getting back any of what he lost.

But he wants the rights to the game to be given to the investors so they can market it.

"It did seem like a good game," Lord said.

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• Election

Races take shape in congressional, gubernatorial arenas

AUGUSTA (AP) — Scarborough Downs race track owner Joseph Ricci met the filing deadline to become a candidate for governor, but quickly put off until next month a final decision on whether he will run.

That leaves in question whether Portland lawyer Thomas Connolly will face a challenger in the June 9 Democratic primary for the highest elective state office.

Monday was the last day for state-office and congressional candidates to file nominating petitions to appear on their parties' primary ballots.

Unenrolled or "independent" candidates like incumbent Gov. Angus King have until June 1 to file petitions to appear on the November ballot. King and at least three other independents are running for governor.

In the Republican gubernatorial race, former state Education Commissioner Leo

Martin of Kennebunkport met the filing deadline Monday, assuring a three-way GOP primary.

Martin will face third-term state Rep. Henry Joy of the small Aroostook County town of Crystal, and James Longley Jr. of Portland, a former single-term congressman and son of an independent governor during the '70s.

But the Democratic filings were the most closely watched because two of the three who had set out to gather enough voters' signatures to compete in the primary had not submitted their petitions as Monday's deadline loomed.

Ricci, who finished last among five in the 1986 Democratic gubernatorial primary, said after filing his petitions Monday that he would keep his options open to withdraw from the race until early April.

In the meantime, he is asking Democrat-

ic legislative leaders to evaluate his seven-point platform of priorities, which include reducing the 6 percent sales tax to 5 percent and relieving congestion without widening the Maine Turnpike.

Bowers, state Democratic Party treasurer and a former legislator, was about three dozen signatures short of the 2,000 needed to get on the primary ballot.

For congressional seats, David Ott, a four-term state representative from York, submitted his petitions Monday to run in southern Maine's 1st District GOP primary.

Ott will face Biddeford businessman Ross Connelly, who filed his papers last Wednesday to run in the GOP primary.

On the Democratic side, incumbent U.S.

Rep. Tom Allen of Portland is unchallenged.

In the 2nd District, Jon Reisman of Cooper filed Monday to become the Republican candidate. He will be unchallenged in the primary, as is two-term Democratic incumbent Rep. John Baldacci of Bangor.

In legislative districts, majority Democrats fielded candidates for 34 of the 35 Senate seats, opting to not to seek a challenger to independent Sen. Jill Goldthwait of Bar Harbor. Senate Republicans have candidates in 31 districts, said Minority Leader Jane Amero of Cape Elizabeth.

According to unofficial totals for the 151 House seats, Democrats had representatives filed in 144 seats, and Republicans in only 129, said House Clerk Joseph Mayo.

• Maine Yankee

Wiscasset hires outside consultant

WISCASSET (AP) — The town of Wiscasset has hired its own consultant to tell them how much the Maine Yankee nuclear power plant is worth.

A firm hired by Maine Yankee says the shut-down reactor is worth \$41 million. Wiscasset officials Monday hired former Maine Public Utilities Commissioner Peter Bradford, who they hope comes up with a higher estimate.

How much the plant is worth will be used to determine how much it pays the town in taxes.

"I don't think there's any doubt the figures will be different," said Selectman Robert Blagden.

The \$41 million valuation of Maine Yankee was released last month by a Boston-based engineering firm, Stone & Webster.

Plant officials say they believe that valuation is fair.

Maine Yankee's owners voted last summer to permanently close the plant, dealing a serious blow to Wiscasset, which depended on it for 90 percent of its taxes.

Shoes

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"We do have a great work force here," Blodgett said of the 285 company employees. "They're very flexible and highly skilled, and very adaptable to the products we manufacture."

Cole Haan employs 26 hand-sewers and the factory turns out 7,500 pairs of shoes a week, about 20 percent of the company's total business.

But the plant does have some extra costs

that make production more expensive, said Ray Johnston, controller at Cole Haan. "We're at the tail end of a long transportation line. We have costs that don't exist elsewhere, heat, for example."

But, he said, "We have tremendous people here, and a work ethic you just don't find in a lot of other places. That's what we have to count on to overcome the inherent disadvantages of being up here."

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NATIONAL NEWS

• Sovereignty

Public gets first-hand look at old separatist spy agency

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The secretive files of Mississippi's white supremacist Sovereignty Commission, sealed in state vaults for two decades, were opened to the public today under federal court order.

The inner workings of the discredited

racial watchdog agency were of prime interest to the family of Vernon Dahmer, a black Hattiesburg merchant killed in 1966 when Ku Klux Klan members firebombed his home and store.

"We have waited for a long time for this opportunity," said his son, Vernon

Dahmer Jr., as the family arrived to collect files relating to his father. He said the family wanted to see if there was any evidence to support an investigation.

"Whatever is in there we want to see it," said Vernon Dahmer's widow, Ellie. "We have a right to know what they said about him, what they wrote about him."

Dahmer was targeted by the Klan for collecting poll taxes at his store to help register blacks to vote. Three Klansmen were convicted and sentenced to life in prison. A fourth pleaded guilty and testified that Imperial Wizard Sam Bowers masterminded the firebombing, but two mistrials set Bowers free.

The Sovereignty Commission outwardly promoted the virtues of a segregated Mississippi to the rest of the country. Secretly, it spent tax dollars spying on those who dared challenge the separation of the races and white supremacy.

The agency went out of business in 1977. Lawmakers wanted its documents sealed until 2027, but a federal judge in 1989 ordered them opened to the public. He first gave living victims of the agency's espionage the opportunity to keep their names from public view.

The state Department of Archives and History provided three computer terminals for viewing the 132,000 pages of documents, one for journalists and two

for the public.

Among the first to search the files today was state Sen. David Jordan, who said his computer search for his own name turned up newspaper clippings mentioning his civil rights work in the Mississippi Delta in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

"It's more disappointing than angering. It's disgraceful to have been spied on for doing your duty and trying to become first-class citizens," Jordan said.

Many members of the Sovereignty Commission believed they were protecting the state from an invasion.

"We were under the threat of being overrun by an alien force led by the communists," Horace Harned of Starkville, a former state lawmaker and two-term member of the commission, told The Associated Press.

"This was a time when the Freedom Riders were marching and burning things from New Jersey to California. They threatened to march through Mississippi," Harned said.

Harned believes the agency did what it had to.

"Whether it was legal or not ... never bothered me," he said. "We needed to have those spies who told us what they were doing. ... We kept the radicals and communist-led marchers from taking over Mississippi."

• Medicine

Cloning debate moves to states

NEW YORK (AP) — Having blocked anti-cloning legislation in Congress, drug makers are now scrambling to do the same with bills that would make the creation of carbon-copy humans illegal in 24 states.

Pharmaceutical companies say they agree with lawmakers who want to bar fringe scientists from turning out made-to-order humans.

But they argue that the anti-cloning bills are so broadly worded they could also prevent researchers from using routine techniques for developing new drugs.

Two trade groups have launched a state-by-state campaign to fight 50 anti-cloning bills being taken up this year in legislatures from California to Connecticut.

The bills, which emerged after Chicago scientist Richard Seed pledged in January to clone a human, ended drug makers' celebration over the decision by U.S. Senate leaders to put an anti-cloning bill on hold.

A patchwork of state laws would be "an absolute disaster for medical research," said Jeff Trewhitt, a spokesman for Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America.

Scientists already use cloning techniques to test how identical cells react to different substances. Researchers hope one day to grow new skin for burn victims and overcome the need for liver and kidney donors by cloning whole organs. Cloning-related research has already led to heart attack, cystic fibrosis and stroke drugs.

"This is not the movie 'Gattaca.' This is not 'Star Wars,'" Trewhitt said. "This is well-accepted biomedical research."

These states have taken up anti-cloning bills this year: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Is-

land, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin.

"I've got my walking boots on," Trewhitt said.

President Clinton has called for a federal ban on human cloning, but drug researchers point out that the Food and Drug Administration already requires anyone performing such research to file for permission.

If there has to be a law, industry groups prefer a federal ban forbidding only the cloning of a whole human being.

Anti-abortion activists fear cloned fetuses would be used as lab animals.

"Don't be mistaken. They're going to abort until they find a workable form" of clone, said Delaware state Sen. Donna Reed, a Republican. "I don't want that done with humans."

Drug makers were too late to block the first state anti-cloning law. On Oct. 4, California Gov. Pete Wilson signed a bill making it a crime to clone a human or to buy fetal cells to do so. Fines range up to \$1 million.

"The bill is not the worst one we've seen," said Carl Feldbaum, president of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, based in Washington. "But it creates a precedent that is hard if not impossible to contend with."

Worse, he said, is a Florida bill that would forbid even the DNA fingerprinting used in the O.J. Simpson case.

In New Jersey — home of a half-dozen major drug companies — opponents of the legislation acted in time. Charlotte Vandervalk, chairwoman of the committee that reviews cloning bills, shelved a measure that would have carried a maximum 20-year prison term for cloning.

"There's a lot of medical research that can benefit humanity down the road" using cloning, she said. "I don't think we can take the simplistic view and say we're going to ban it."

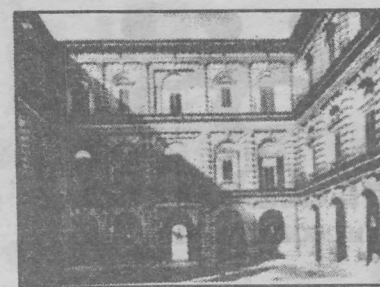
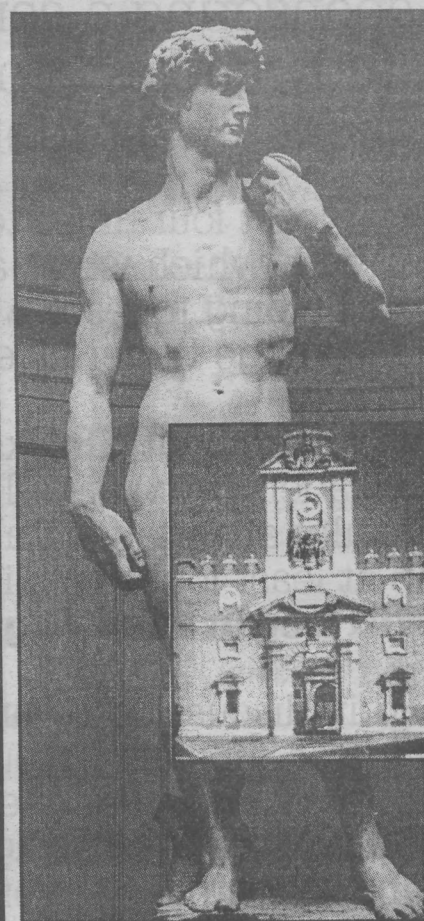
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• Racism

Dethroned Miss Colorado sues to regain pageant title

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Pageant officials were proud when Regina Flores became the first Hispanic to be crowned Miss Colorado. They said the bilingual beauty had the talent and poise to become Miss America.

Nine months later, things have gotten ugly.

Miss Flores has been stripped of the crown in a dispute over her public appearances, a furor that has led to allegations of racism. The beauty queen, who finished out of the running at the Miss America pageant last September, is now

suing to get her crown back.

"It probably would have been a lot easier for me if I just went quietly, and I'm sure that's what they wanted me to do," she said. "But I know what they did was wrong and I wasn't going to stand for it, especially when I go into classrooms and I tell kids all the time never to give up and to go for their dreams. I would be a hypocrite if I gave up."

Pageant officials dethroned the 22-year-old Miss Flores in December because, they said, she booked her own appearances, missed appearances and

took a part-time job at a department store without approval.

"This contract is as serious as someone signing a contract to buy a house or lease an apartment. It only takes one violation," pageant director Vonnice Pederson said. "We don't have time to spend bickering and arguing. We absolutely could not do it anymore."

Miss Flores, a University of Colorado senior studying music education, denied violating her contract.

An arbitrator is scheduled to hear the dispute on April 23.

Miss Flores impressed the judges at the Miss Colorado pageant by singing "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina" in English and Spanish and by saying that Americans should be multilingual but that English should be the nation's main language.

"I can see her going all the way. She has everything. She has a beautiful attitude and is very focused," Mrs. Pederson said shortly after Miss Flores won.

About a month into her reign, Miss

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• Scandal

Minister, church worker plead innocent to racketeering

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — For the first time since he was accused of misusing church funds, the president of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc. appeared with his alleged co-conspirator.

The Rev. Henry J. Lyons and convicted embezzler Bernice Edwards pleaded innocent Monday to racketeering charges. Lyons also pleaded innocent to grand theft, and a Jan. 4 trial date was scheduled.

The pair avoided eye contact and did not speak to each other during the brief court hearing. They sat in front-row benches on opposite sides of the courtroom, Lyons surrounded by family and supporters and Ms. Edwards seated next to her attorneys.

Lyons is accused of misusing more than \$4 million in funds from the Anti-

Defamation League and from corporations that had marketing deals with the convention, one of the largest black religious organizations in the country.

Lyons' finances became the target of investigators last year after his wife set fire to an expensive waterfront house he bought with Ms. Edwards, the church's corporate relations director.

At the time, Deborah Lyons told sheriff's deputies she believed the two were having an affair. Lyons has denied having an affair with Ms. Edwards or misusing funds.

His wife has admitted setting the fire but said she now believed her husband had been faithful to her and she would support him. She blamed the arson on her drinking problem.

But a series of reports followed, accusing Lyons of using church funds to buy real estate, cars and jewelry for Ms. Edwards.

State investigators began looking into his finances. A federal grand jury did the same but hasn't reached a finding.

An 82-page arrest affidavit issued by state prosecutors last month accuses Lyons of inflating convention membership from as little as 500,000 to 8.5 million in a scheme to defraud corporations making marketing deals with the group.

The affidavit also said Lyons took funds donated by the Anti-Defamation League to rebuild Southern churches hit by arson; spent church money on himself, his fam-

ily and an employee described as a "paramour"; maintained a secret bank account; and sold a list of phony church members to a company.

For Lyons, the charges came after a 27-year career in St. Petersburg, where he is pastor of Bethel Metropolitan Church. He rose to the presidency of the convention in 1994 as a reformer who hoped to turn the church into a powerful political and social force.

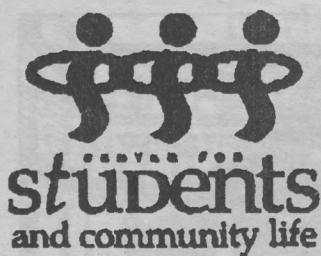
Lyons briefly was the target of a move to oust him as president of the Nashville, Tenn.-based group. But he survived a vote at the group's annual meeting and has staunchly refused to give up his five-year term.

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Groups will begin meeting in the week of March 22nd.

The groups will be lead in discussion by any interested leaders who volunteer, and are coordinated by the Office of Substance Abuse Services. If you are interested in joining a group and/ or being a group leader, please **call 581-4031** or **contact Gregory Shambarger or Shannetta Mennenga or Michael Johnson**, via First Class.

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• Military

VMI's first coed class endures difficult rite of passage

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) — Members of Virginia Military Institute's first coed class talked for the first time today about the grueling seven-month initiation period that ended with a demanding climb up a muddy hillside.

"It was one of the hardest things I've ever done in my life," Kelly Sullivan of Jackson, Ga., said with broad smile. Miss Sullivan and 22 other women completed the rigorous physical and mental conditioning Monday, climbing the hill in frigid conditions to become full-fledged VMI cadets.

The freshmen said they were so focused on survival that they didn't think

about the history they were making. Some said they thought about quitting during the year, and were discouraged when fellow "rats" dropped out.

Six of the 30 women who enrolled in August dropped out, along with 69 of the 430 male "rats," as VMI freshman are known.

"You just sit there sometimes in your room and say, 'I can't make it another day,'" Miss Sullivan said. "Any time we lost a brother rat, I thought, 'That could be me.'"

The freshmen got up early Monday for a 15-mile pre-dawn march. By the time they finished climbing the slippery 20-foot hill

for the ritual known as breakout, the 361 men and 23 women were caked with mud.

"We've been hearing all year that it all washes off with the mud," Angelia Pickett of Glasgow, Ky., said of the harassment the rats endure all year from upperclassmen.

Miss Pickett said the same upperclassman that gave her the most grief this year gave her a hand up the hill and a hug of congratulations.

"He really didn't hate me that much. That was just his job," she said.

To reach the top, the freshmen had to rely on each other. When Angela Myers became

stuck in a rut halfway up, one of her 161 male classmates pushed her from behind with his shoulder. Then she returned the favor for the classmate above her, and they made their way like tadpoles emerging from pond mud.

It's a tradition that began in 1981, but it's similar to the preceding ritual in which freshmen were forced to climb the four flights of stairs in the VMI barracks while running through a gauntlet of upperclassmen.

Although the freshmen still face an austere life by most college standards, the breakout means their treatment improves.

• Crime

Authorities nab mountain man after a decade of mysterious thefts

DARRINGTON, Wash. (AP) — For years, someone had broken into homes in this rural town and swapped dirty clothes for clean ones, slept in beds, eaten food and taken batteries and flashlights instead of cash.

Authorities think they have solved the decade-long spree that looked like "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" with a criminal twist. They have captured a real mountain

man — Mincio Vasilev Donciev, 67, who has a long criminal record that includes murder.

He is suspected of at least 75 break-ins in two housing developments and charged with two of them. Victims said he sometimes ate their food and slept in their beds before vanishing into the wooded foothills of the North Cascades, about 55 miles northeast of Seattle.

Doors were left wide open, food was spilled and clothes were strewn across rooms.

"He was big and rugged and strong," said Lowell Lambert, a caretaker at the 60-home Stillaguamish Country Club. "And he was reasonably smart."

The thief only broke into unoccupied homes, Lambert said — first cutting diamond-shaped holes in doors to reach the locks and later simply breaking windows and prying doors open.

The mysterious intruder took mostly

canned food, frozen juices and sodas. Once, he ate some ice cream. Another time, he drank half a can of beer.

After authorities identified Donciev by fingerprints left in a home in 1988, fearful homeowners called him "The Bulgarian" because it was easier than pronouncing his name.

Finally, last fall, the sheriff's office enlisted professional trackers led by Joel Har-

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Flores said, she complained about confusion over appearances and communication problems with the pageant booking agent. Mrs. Pederson and two other officials suggested that her mother, Ruth Flores, take over booking duties, Miss Flores said.

Mrs. Pederson denied agreeing to that.

During the dispute, a pageant official said she was called a racist by one of Miss Flores' relatives.

Miss Flores denied that, but said, "I certainly can't discard the possibility" that racism was involved. "Some racism is not something that people are aware of," she said.

Mrs. Pederson, who is also Hispanic, denied any racism.

The controversy has prompted at least four directors of various city pageants to resign, and has triggered the cancellation

of several other city-level beauty contests. Organizers of one event canceled the appearance of runner-up Gina Waegle, who replaced Miss Flores as queen.

Miss Flores is not the first beauty queen to lose her crown. In 1996, Helen Goldsby was fired as Miss New York because she took a role in a Broadway play.

Miss Colorado 1991 Colleen Walker was reprimanded when she began booking her own appearances. She has said she now understands that bookings need to be handled by pageant officials for consistency.

Either way the arbitrator rules, a new Miss Colorado will be crowned on June 13.

"If I get my title back," Miss Flores said, "I will at least have it for a month and it'll help restore my reputation and it will prove that what they did was wrong."

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din, a retired U.S. Border Patrol agent.

Within days, they determined Donciev's favorite routes through nearby mountains. They installed infrared sensors along his trails, and sheriff's deputies nabbed him on March 2.

The bearded fugitive was armed with a heavy pronged stick, three knives and two handguns and was carrying a 70-pound pack of gear and stolen provisions. Authorities said he resisted violently but was finally subdued by a police dog.

On Monday, he was recovering in a

Seattle hospital with bites on his legs. His bail is set at \$10,000.

"He was going up and down that mountain range like he was a billy goat," said Hardin, whose company, Universal Tracking Service, trains police, search-and-rescue teams and military units.

"The man wasn't surviving in the woods. He lived there."

The trackers figure he had one main shelter — an underground 4-by-6-foot lair, supported with hewn timber and covered with brush — and probably several smaller ones to shelter him from the

20-degree temperatures common in the winter here.

Clearly, Donciev knows how to hide out.

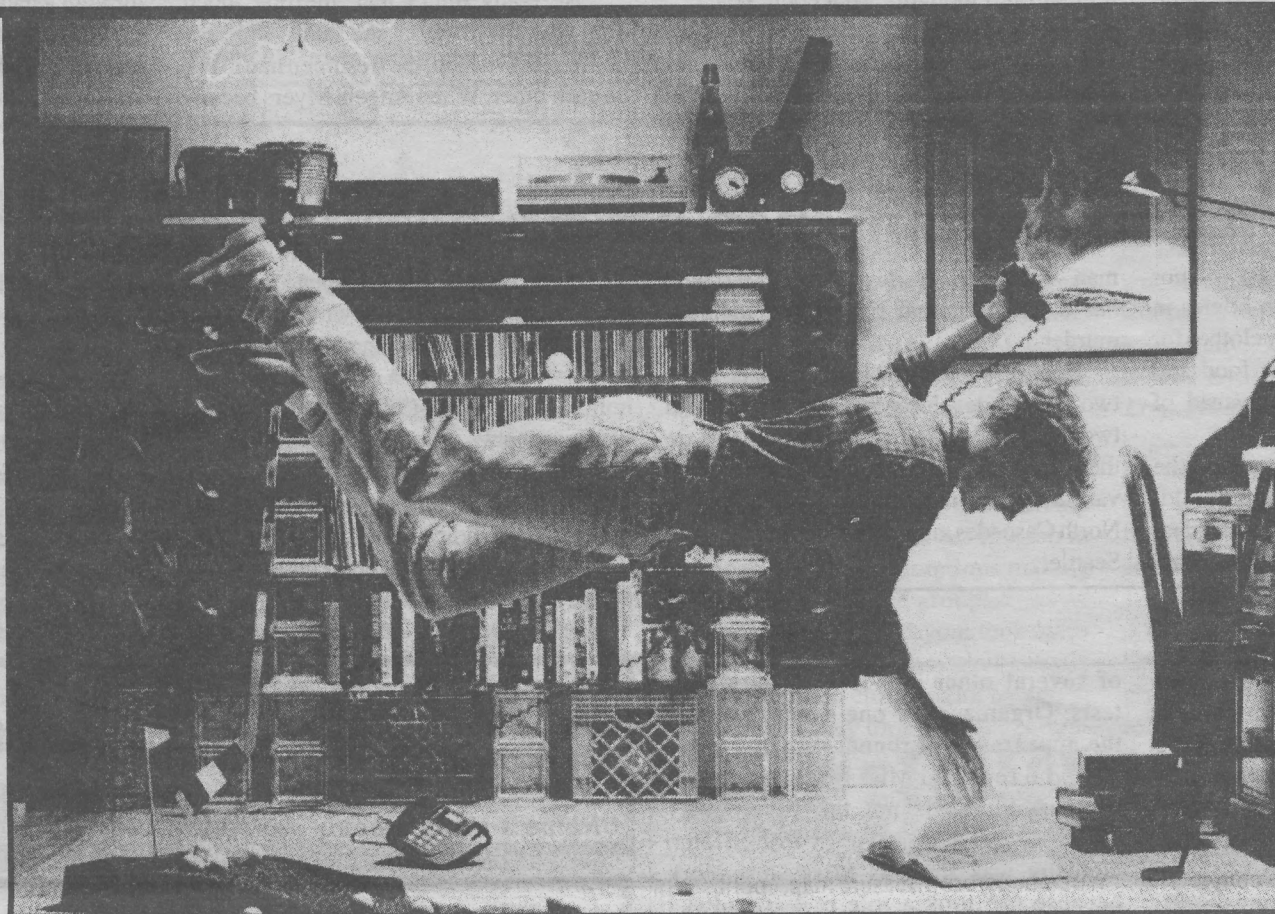
In 1954, he was convicted of attempted homicide in his native Bulgaria and served five years in prison, said Andy Laine of the U.S. State Department's Diplomatic Security Service.

In 1970, after serving four years of a 20-year sentence for murder, Donciev escaped. He is no longer sought in Bulgaria because the statute of limitations has expired.

It's not clear what he did next, but somehow he got a valid resident permit and entered the United States in 1982. He lived with a woman in Seattle, until he allegedly tried to blow up her house when she asked him to leave.

Donciev pleaded guilty to making an incendiary device and was sentenced to nine months in prison. He never served the time. A warrant from March 1986 is still pending.

There are outstanding warrants for him from 1992 and 1996 for two counts of residential burglary.



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• Death

Teacher mixes chemicals to make poison gas for suicide

CEDARTOWN, Ga. (AP) — A high school biology teacher apparently committed suicide Tuesday with a batch of hydrogen cyanide gas he mixed, placing a sign that read "Do Not Enter. Poisonous Gas." on the door of a classroom storage closet where his body was found.

Rodney Green, 43, a popular teacher at Cedartown High School for 15 years, left a suicide note that referred to "personal problems," police Lt. Scott Mears said, refusing to reveal more.

Before students arrived, a fellow teacher found Green's body in the closet where

chemicals are stored between two science classrooms. Cyanide gas, once used for executions, isn't usually stored at the school. Investigators were trying to determine whether Green brought the substance in for an experiment or specifically to kill himself, Mears said.

"Evidently he did not want to injure anyone else," he said. "It appears to be a ... suicide. It looks like he went in the room, breathed the gas and ... then died."

It took six hours for a hazardous materials team to clear the gas so the body could be removed. Hydrogen cyanide gas is colorless

and has a faint, bitter, almond-like odor.

About 600 students at the school and an adjacent elementary school were evacuated and classes were canceled for the day. No other injuries were reported.

Students clustered in parking lots around town to trade stories and memories of Green, who placed a computer-generated sign on the closet door that read: "Do Not Enter. Poisonous Gas."

Green, who lived with his parents in Centre, Ala., about 25 miles west of Cedartown in northwest Georgia, sponsored the chess club and held meetings in his classroom.

"I was just in his classroom yesterday after school. It didn't look like anything was wrong," said Michael Beck, 18. "Yesterday, talking to him, you never would have thought he was going to doing something like that."

Green always told students to be careful of the chemicals, said Christy Dunn, one of his former students.

"He would make you wear the gloves and goggles. He wanted to make sure nobody got hurt. That was a pretty big deal to him," said Mrs. Dunn, 19. "You wouldn't think he would kill himself like that."

• Black market

Dealer pleads guilty to selling remains of endangered species

NEW YORK (AP) — The owner of a shop dealing in everything from butterflies and fossils to human skulls has pleaded guilty to selling the bones of American Indians and smuggling body parts of endangered species.

Shop owner William Stevens, 49, faces a maximum of 11 years in prison when he is sentenced on May 21.

A sign inside his Evolution: Natural History store in the popular Soho district said everything for sale had been obtained legally.

Law enforcement officials said it was one of the largest operations in the Northeast smuggling the remains of endangered species, The New York Times reported today.

Federal prosecutors said Stevens sold remains of Seminole and Peoria Indians, including six skulls, along with a variety of endangered species bones including bald eagle skulls and gorilla feet turned into ashtrays.

The sale of properly obtained human

bones is legal in New York state, but federal law bars the sale of all Indian remains.

Edward Grace, a special agent with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Stevens smuggled some of the animals remains into the country by mislabeling them "clothing."

Stevens' lawyer, Michael Golden, told the Times that most of the items in the store

were perfectly legal.

"Of the innumerable sales of lawful items during that time, the store unfortunately engaged in the attempted sale, and sale, of approximately \$10,000 worth of illegal items."

Golden said Stevens will not say where he got the illegal specimens.

• Drugs

Police dig up \$2.8 million at home

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Police used a "treasure map" to find \$2.8 million buried in plastic containers in the yard of a couple suspected of being major marijuana dealers.

Charles Hicks, 46, and his wife, Donna, 44, were arrested on drug charges and jailed on \$500,000 bail each.

On Friday, after seeing people leave the Hickses' Nashville home with boxes of marijuana, officers searched the place and found 120 pounds of the drug, \$100,000 in the attic, and, in a dresser, a piece of paper

indicating where money was buried at another Hicks home, in Lebanon.

"We came across a treasure map," police spokesman Don Aaron said. "It told us where to dig."

Police used a backhoe to dig up the money over the weekend.

Investigators said they also found \$1 million in a commercial storage center.

Police said Hicks and his wife were responsible for the delivery of thousands of pounds of marijuana into the Nashville area.

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EDITORIAL

Puerto Ricans deserve a voice

In 1898, at the end of the Spanish-American War, the United States took possession of the island of Puerto Rico. In 1917, Congress granted U.S. citizenship to Puerto Ricans. In 1952, Congress revisited the issue to make Puerto Rico a commonwealth under the United States' protection.

For the last 56 years, the people of Puerto Rico have been subject to the laws of the United States. As a commonwealth, however, its people cannot vote in presidential elections.

Since they fell under United States rule 100 years ago, Puerto Ricans have never been involved in the decision-making about their island's future. They elect a resident commissioner, who is essentially a non-voting member of the House of Representatives. This is their only voice in Washington.

Earlier this month, the House approved a bill that would give Puerto Ricans a voice in their future. If the Senate passes a similar bill, residents of the island would be allowed to vote to remain a commonwealth, become the 51st state or become indepen-

dent of the United States.

One obstacle that may stand in the way is an "English-only" amendment, which would force all official business in Puerto Rico to be conducted in English. The bill made it out of the House without such an amendment, but the Senate may not extend the island's residents the same courtesy. This would almost surely doom the statehood movement, as Spanish is the most widely-spoken language on the island.

The bill, as passed by the House, is the fairest question to put to Puerto Ricans. It authorizes the commonwealth to hold a referendum by the end of the year. Should Puerto Ricans approve statehood, it would commence a 10-year transition period.

Regardless of personal feelings, this is not a matter for Congress to decide. Whether Puerto Rico becomes the 51st state is not for anyone but Puerto Ricans to decide. They have been left out of the process for 100 years. It is time we ask its residents what they want instead of imposing upon them what we want.

Consumers lose in phone wars

Though constantly promoted as the easy thing to do, there are fewer things more frustrating than attempting to save money on telephone calls. The options are immense, the charges are numerous and the savings are often marginal or non-existent. The 1996 Telephone Deregulation Act was supposed to do a number of things, the most significant of which was give in-state startup phone companies the chance to compete with large companies.

And it did, but at no benefit to consumers.

Sensing a good opportunity, 192 independent in-state toll providers stepped in to do business. Bell Atlantic, however, charges them 23 cents per minute for the use of Bell Atlantic's lines. Bell Atlantic offers in-state rates at about 10 cents a minute, forcing these companies to operate at a huge loss; most of them are now out of business.

The government finally stepped in to force Bell Atlantic to reduce its 23-cent access charge by 1999, allowing competitors to hold tight until the change.

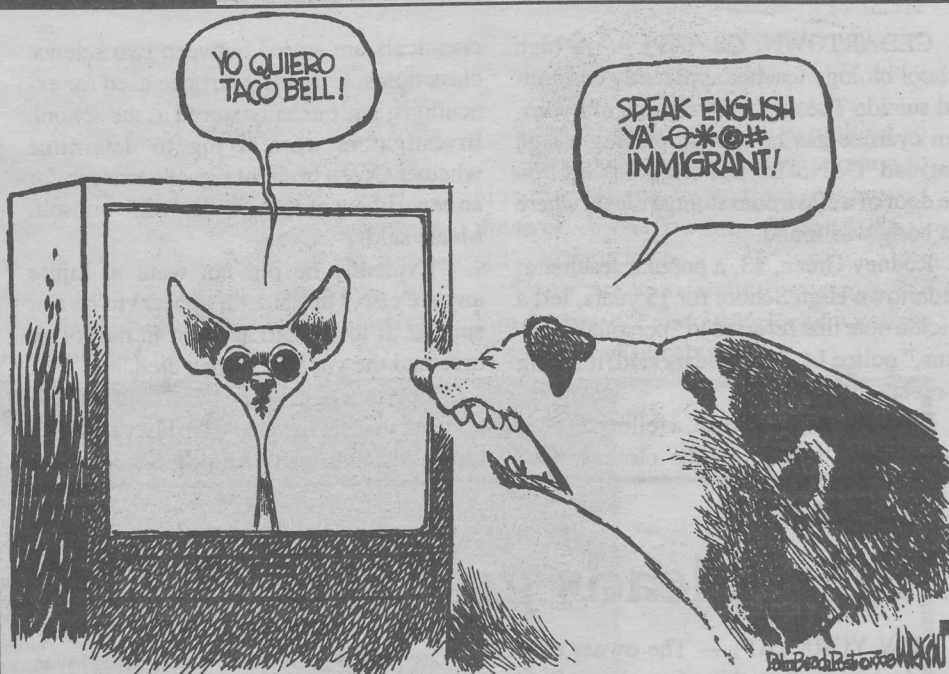
All of this competition should be adding up to savings for customers. However, it probably won't. Bell Atlantic still owns the network of 480,000 residential phone lines,

which means that whatever company the customer selects for service will continue to bill for "basic rate" charges, including connection fees and call-waiting service.

Because Bell Atlantic is being required to lower its access charges, it will compensate for this lost profit by tacking on \$3.50 to the monthly charges. The Public Utilities Commission approved the increase, likely granted as a peace maker, to offset the 70 percent reduction in access charges.

The raise should be causing Bell Atlantic customers to take umbrage. After all, charging several dozen companies access charges not only stifled competition, but gave Bell Atlantic an added revenue source. Now it wants to parlay the charge from the competition to the customer.

Not only that, but customers can't possibly avoid this charge by switching in-state providers or altering calling habits. Bangor Hydro's 9.87 percent increase in rates made front page news, but Bell Atlantic is so far succeeding in putting through a much more substantial increase statewide without much attention. Instead of reaping the rewards of deregulation, customers and businesses alike will foot the costs.



• Letters

• Public Safety ticketing practices unfair

To the Editor:

This past Sunday the university hosted a sportsmen's show in the field house of the Memorial Gym. I'm sure it was a great show and many people attended this exhibition, as noted by the lines of cars parked on sidewalks and in loading zones.

These cars all shared one common denominator: none of them were ticketed by Public Safety! Not one!

Now, I'm not one to suggest pissing off UMaine community members by ticketing their vehicles for visiting our institution, but as I approached my car on Monday afternoon I noticed a stack of tickets on my windshield - oops, I forgot to refill the parking meter with a quarter!

It would be nice if Public Safety would show some consistency in its ticketing practices and realize that student are just as important to this university, if not more so, than the visitors are.

This practice of ticketing the decal-paying college students while wearing blinders to these "non-students" is nothing more than selective discrimination and is not an acceptable policy to the students.

It is an affront to the entire student

body to continue this inconsistent and unfair practice that Public Safety has developed. Had this been the only time myself or others have noticed this selective ticketing practice, it would be one thing. However, this has been a procedure which Public Safety has followed since I arrived in 1994.

Don't get me wrong, I deserve all of the tickets I get. So do most students. Public Safety is just doing its job by ticketing illegally parked vehicles and I do respect that. But treating us like third-class citizens has got to stop. If you're not going to ticket "them," don't ticket "us"; it really should be a no-brainer.

I can only dream of the day when Public Safety values the importance of tuition-paying and tax-paying students just as much as it does the importance of the visitors to our university. If this is an institution truly committed to serving the interests of the students and recognizing the importance of the students, then this selective ticketing practice has to go.

Scott Morelli
Vice President
Student Government

• Out-of-state students get a raw deal

To the Editor:

Isn't it illegal to refuse services to someone just because they come from another state? Isn't this a form of discrimination?

I am refused services from stores because I am from New Jersey and do not have a valid Maine ID. I do have a valid New Jersey ID and can provide many back-ups, but this is not good enough for them.

To put my argument into perspective,

my ID is good enough for any state trooper to give me a speeding ticket, but I am not allowed to sit in a bar with my friends?

The state feels it has the power to deny me of my rights as a United States citizen and refuse to serve me simply because I am from a different state. What is your opinion?

Christopher Brune
New Jersey

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• Column

Raise standards for good writing

Judging from the writing of supposedly highly educated people in government and the professional workplace, America's teachers are doing a miserable job.

If you pick up a memo written by a bureaucrat, chances are you'll find it laced with long-winded sentences that amount to little more than drivel. For example, University of Maine President Peter Hoff's Bear-Works plan includes the following goal for the university:

Who decided to discontinue the project?

Bureaucrats especially like to use words such as "facilitate" and "utilize."

Instead of saying, "George will facilitate the discussion," why not say, "George will lead the discussion"?

The key to good writing is using simple words that are easy

you will want to browse through the publication. You will note a Table of Contents and Index..."

Why are any of those words — except for "University of Maine" — capitalized? No grammar book that I have read justifies such reckless abandon.

Which brings me to my fascism theory.

Almost all university publications capitalize "university" when it stands alone.

Why? Do we attend a fascist school? Is the President our fearless leader, and the Chancellor the emperor?

Although some people might say incorrect capitalization and prose laden with jargon aren't big deals, they are. They distract readers. Have you ever noticed how easy it is to read a newspaper?

How you write plays a big part in how others perceive you. It may even determine whether you get a job. In 1991, a Harris poll of educators and employers found that only 18 percent of educators and 12 percent of employers thought that high school graduates had learned to write well.

That same year, only 2 percent of 11th-graders who took the National Assessment of Educational Progress writing exam wrote satisfactorily or better.

The key to better writing is more writing and more reading of good writing. The Harris poll found that more than 60 percent of high school seniors wrote less than once a month.

Teachers of all disciplines need to teach and reward good writing by challenging their students. As Ernest Hemingway once said, all good writers need a built-in, shock-proof shit detector.

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By Ryan Robbins

"Without sacrificing academic quality, make progress toward restoring an optimal enrollment level, one that facilitates the offering of a full array of appropriate programs and allows the University to maintain enough programmatic and budgetary flexibility to be able to adjust quickly to address new priorities as they emerge, therefore maximizing the potential, resourcefulness, and quality of the learning environment."

Bureaucrats love using long-winded sentences such as the above example.

They also love using pompous phrases, jargon and unnecessary capitalization. For some reason, they think such a writing style makes what they have to say more important:

"The systemized digital projection system will be disassembled at this time, as it was decided to discontinue the project."

Say what?

Chances are most bureaucrats don't see anything wrong with the above fictitious example.

What is a "systemized digital projection" system? Why say "at this time" when "now" will do?

to understand. What's the point of saying "utilize" when "use" will do? I doubt your colleagues would think less of you for doing so.

Police are also some of the worst writers and communicators. I remember a television interview a state trooper gave a few years ago in which he described the shooting of a gunman: "We had to neutralize Mr. Pisini."

Why didn't the trooper just say, "We had to shoot Mr. Pisini?"

Death is another subject people like to pussyfoot around.

"George was a good man," a typical condolence card might say. "We were sorry to hear that he passed away."

George is dead. Deal with it.

Capitalization is another chronic problem bureaucrats and others seem to have. A lot of people think they should capitalize words that are important, such as in this example from the university's summer course catalog:

"If you are a new or visiting student at the University of Maine and its Summer Programs,

Sexual harassment coverage nauseating

Tucked between a patriotic account of Desert Storm and the overrated turning of the century, a condensed version of the 1990s will soon make its debut in recorded history. The 1960s developed civil rights, the 1970s furthered social activism ... we distinguish our generation for all time with sexual harassment.

The terminology didn't even exist until the U.S. Navy's Tailhook sex scandal and Anita Hill's graphic revelations about Clarence Thomas came into the limelight in 1991. Suddenly, news organizations embraced "sexual harassment" with a gusto I haven't seen since they discovered the word "surreal" and used it 30 times each day during

"don't ask, don't tell" has earned a well-deserved reputation for philandering.

His countless accusers might as well file a class action suit. Gennifer Flowers, Paula Jones, Monica Lewinsky, Kathleen Willey — at this point, I don't think anyone would be surprised if Janet Reno, George Stephanopoulos and a quorum of Arkansas state legislators joined the club. Hillary should end her humiliation and enlist the support of the National Organization for Women to argue the harassment cases for the plaintiffs. After all, can who better attest to Bill's intimate habits?



By Misty Edgecomb

the Gulf War.

Of course, harassment was consistently pronounced in the pinched, nasal accent of pretentious socialites to give the coverage a shaky air of respectability by avoiding the "her-assment" preferred by the rest of America.

And so Chapter 25: "The 1990s: Sex, Lies and Audio Tape" continues...

Sen. Bob Packwood, the distinguished gentleman from Oregon, faced 29 counts of sexual harassment in 1993. He resigned two years later when an investigation by the Senate's ethics committee revealed diaries kept by Packwood in which the allegations were supported.

The Army's Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland was rocked by scandal in 1997, which resulted in the appointment of thousands of harassment officers within the military and this week's demotion of Gen. McKinney, formerly the Army's highest-ranked enlisted man.

In a recent ruling, the Supreme Court held that sexual harassment charges are legally valid regardless of the genders of the parties involved. And our fearless leader, President Clinton, deserves a subchapter of his very own to fully discuss the harassment charges sprouting from his past.

Americans have been so inundated with sex scandals in the last few years that the accusations have ceased to shock us. President Clinton has behaved like a man released from prison after serving 20 years in solitary confinement. His credibility was destroyed thanks to an ill-conceived laissez faire approach to the scandals.

Through his silence, our king of

Like much of the population, I couldn't care less whether Clinton committed perjury, and I have no desire to hear about his, shall we say, adventures. It has no bearing on my life.

Either send Bill back to the Southland or allow him to complete what's left of his term in peace.

Despite political genius and frighteningly high approval ratings, one fact is certain: Clinton may be able to do his job, but he no longer deserves the respect afforded his position.

The media's satirical coverage of Clinton's escapades has turned the serious issue of sexual harassment into little more than fodder for Letterman and Leno.

Government scandals have existed for years, with gossip about FDR's mistress, J. Edgar Hoover's sexual orientation and Kennedy's infidelity flying mouth to mouth with greater speed than fiber optics could hope to reach. But the media has historically retained a sense of good taste.

Taste has been utterly abandoned in the Clinton affairs, and we've all been dragged into the gutter with him. Last week, my sweet little Baptist Republican grandmother was cracking jokes about the "oral office" that she had heard on a news program. Each time Dan Rather and Tom Brokaw stoically discuss the president's semen on the nightly news, our society tumbles a little further from its peak.

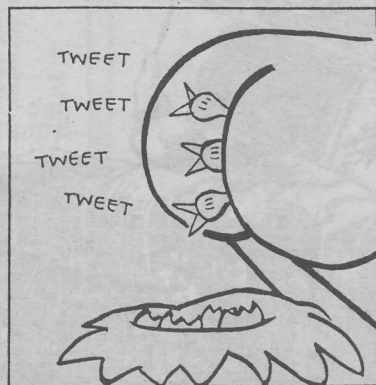
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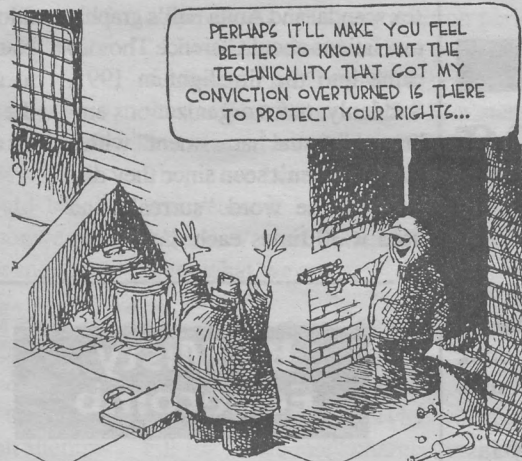


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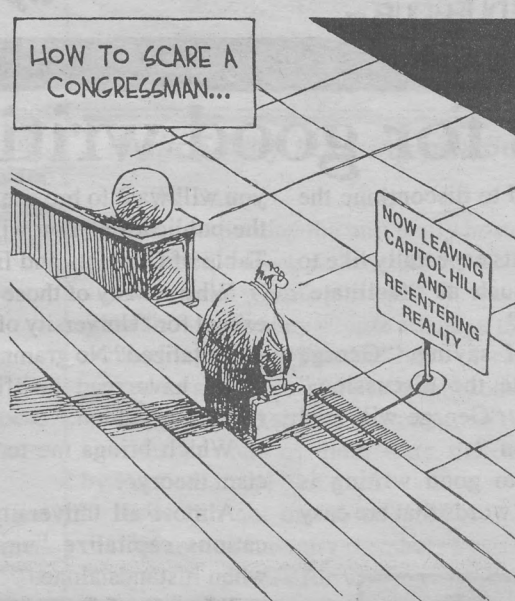
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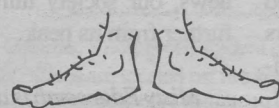


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My grandfather's feet used to hurt him when he was 72. He had to stop playing tennis.

Now he's 82 and his feet don't hurt him anymore.

Probably because he can't find them.



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Well, my voice went up again today at 3 o'clock. The same as yesterday.

Maybe it's the lack of oxygen inside the beaver suit I've been wearing.

I need to enjoy life more.

I'm miserable.

I have to learn how to pick the fruits of life.

Do you have any ideas where I could find some fruit?



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My friend Chris is pretty depressed. He can't get a job.

Every place he goes they tell him he needs experience.

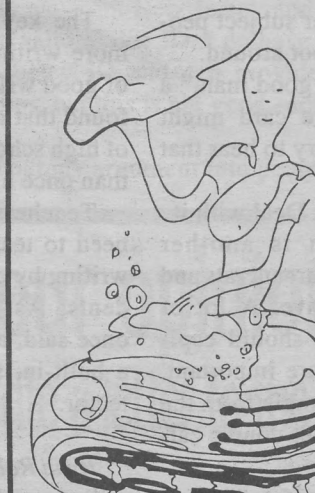
Finally, he went to a car wash. The guy asked him if he had experience. He said, "I wash my car every Sunday if the weather is good."

The guy said, "That's not enough."

So Chris told me he's gonna wash his car every Sunday no matter what the weather is like... then he'll go back.

He went to a pizza place too. This guy said he needed ten years experience making pizzas.

Maybe Chris should've thought about that when he was Seven.



Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Wednesday, March 18

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You may be ambitious, but what are you ambitious for? There must be a positive reason behind what you do this year, or you will not feel satisfied, however much you achieve. In everything you do, ask yourself this question: How does it make the world a better place?

ARIES (March 21-April 19): There may be times today when you wish you had never started something you once had high hopes for but now seems to be nothing but trouble. If it really is that bad, put it aside for a few days and come back to it when you are less frustrated. It's not as bad as you think.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): As you think, so you are. If you think someone is going to let you down today, the chances are he/she will—your own negative attitude will somehow make it happen. You may find it hard to think positive thoughts today, but you can do it if you try, with outstanding results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You don't have to get along with a certain person. If your personalities are so different that you find it hard to agree on anything, then you should at least be able to agree to keep out of each other's way. It takes all sorts to make a world—there is room enough for everyone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you are feeling uncertain in one area of your life, then it's natural that you should look for certainty in another. But that doesn't mean you should grab the first decent offer that comes along. Others can sense your eagerness for change and may take advantage of it if you let them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Something will worry you intensely today. By this time tomorrow, however, you will have forgotten why it seemed so important; it is such a minor matter it is a wonder you even noticed it. Neptune is playing tricks on you today—your fear is an illusion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't commit yourself to any new purchases. By Sunday what seemed like such a wonderful bargain may look like a complete waste of money. You don't need more possessions to make you happy, you just need to be happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The next 48 hours may be rather tense as the planets form difficult angles to your birth sign. The important thing to remember is that nothing can hurt you—it is only your imagination working overtime that makes it feel as if you are in some sort of danger. You're not; stop worrying.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you find it hard to put thoughts into words today, don't bother. This is one of those occasions when it is better to say nothing than to be misunderstood. By Sunday you can explain why you felt it was best to keep your mouth shut.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You aren't in the best of bargaining positions, especially where financial and business issues are concerned, so try not to upset anyone whose assistance you may need in the near future. If you must say something controversial, at least say it in a lighthearted manner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have nothing to prove, either to yourself or to the world at large. You have got it into your head that you need to be better than everyone else, both in your personal life and at work. You don't; you just need to be yourself. Respect comes from who you are, not from what you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your mind will be working overtime today—ideas come to you as if from worlds where anything is possible. That is fine as far as it goes but don't let it go too far. The practical consequences of what you propose may not occur to you until well into the weekend. Don't get carried away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Neptune, your ruler, forms a powerful aspect to the Sun this weekend, and Pisceans everywhere will feel a surge of compassion. Devote yourself to some kind of charitable cause. Someone, somewhere needs to feel the touch of your healing hands.

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, March 19

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: This will be a pivotal year for you, a year when your life starts to visibly swing in a new direction. You may not think much of this to begin with; you may even wish you could stop it from happening. But over time you will warm to the idea — you may even be headed for warmer climes.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): What you are told and what you believe may be two different things today — but are you entitled to be so suspicious? The answer to that question is likely to be "yes." If your instincts tell you that someone is having a joke at your expense, you know better than to ignore them.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Yesterday's worries are almost forgotten and should be out of your mind by this evening. Mercury moves into your birth sign today and remains there, except for a few short days, until the early part of June, so you are far less likely to worry about things of no importance.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): A difficult aspect means you must keep your imagination under control. Part of the problem could be that you have a guilty conscience and fear having your secrets exposed. Tomorrow it will all seem less important.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): No one is perfect, and you know it isn't fair to expect someone you live or work with to behave in a way that doesn't suit his/her personality. There is no right way of being human — just the way that is right for each individual. If you remember that, this should be a wonderful day.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): One part of you wants to relax and watch the world go by; another part knows there is a stack of work to get through before it gets too high. Most of all, however, you know you must make a good impression on some important people. So it looks like the work will have to come first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You've got a wonderful new idea. Why didn't you think of it before? The answer, of course, is that it may not be as wonderful as you think it is: In fact, there could be something about it that renders the whole idea impractical. If you can't see what it is, wait a few days and you will.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): You may say something today that you regret — not because what you say is not true, but because you feel you could have said it better. Maybe you could, but does it matter? There is little doubt your words will have the desired effect, though maybe not in the way you expected.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Nothing is what it seems to be today. On the surface everything appears to be ticking along nicely, but you sense that something is wrong, something you can't quite put your finger on. By this evening, you will know what that something is. Thankfully, it won't be too dramatic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): It seems that you can't make up your mind whether to spend your money or save it. If you make an immediate decision, there is at least a 50-50 chance that you may get it wrong. Wait a day or two, and you will know what to do. Money doesn't really burn holes in pockets.

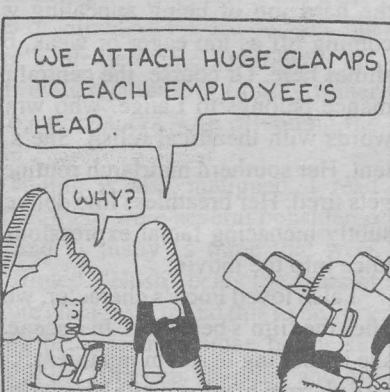
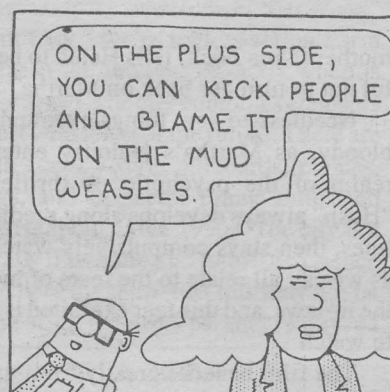
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Take what you are told today with a massive pinch of salt, especially if it comes from someone you naturally distrust. Your instincts know what your conscious mind has yet to discover. Don't ignore the warning just because your sense of fair play keeps getting in the way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A lot of thought doesn't necessarily translate into a lot of action, especially when you have a feeling that the thoughts you've been having aren't worth the effort. You are right to be suspicious: Something does not add up. Ask around and you will find out where your sums are going wrong.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Today's planetary influences suggest you would be wise not to take anything or anyone at face value. It isn't so much that people will be trying to deceive you; it is that your judgment will be confused. Delay decisions for a day or two.

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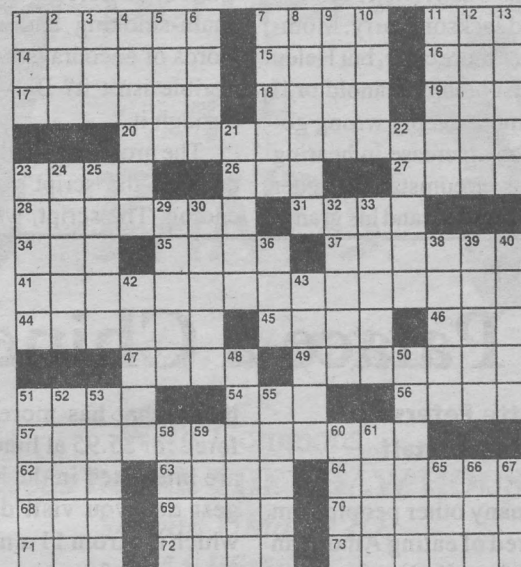
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- 23 H. H. Munro, pseudonymously
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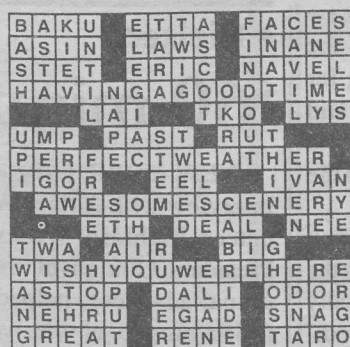
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- 7 Gunk
- 8 Harbor where the Maine blew up
- 9 Mideast land
- 10 Proceed
- 11 "Cheers" waitress
- 12 80's Dodge
- 13 Having attractive games
- 21 Of the kidneys
- 22 Ancient moralist
- 23 Dump into a Dumpster
- 24 "I ran out of gas," e.g.
- 25 Afghan capital
- 29 Sierra Nevada lake



Puzzle by Fred Piscop

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- 30 Future signs
- 32 Serve, as stew
- 33 Chutzpah
- 36 Slangy refusal
- 38 Copycat's words
- 39 Allergy season sound
- 40 — cabbage
- 42 Sealy rival
- 43 1993 treaty, briefly
- 48 Tough pickup for some bowlers
- 50 Audition
- 51 Old-time actress Normand
- 52 Hand-wringer's words
- 53 Rock shelf
- 55 Vote to accept to Extremes
- 59 Milan's Teatro Scala
- 60 "Two Years Before the Mast" writer
- 61 (Ding-dong) " — calling"
- 65 Billy Joel's " — to Extremes"
- 66 Dapper fellow?
- 67 Piggery

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Style and the Arts

• In theaters

Thriller bears scars of last-minute changes

By Greg Dowling
Maine Campus staff

"Hush" is another installment in an unofficial genre of films known as the "Fill-in-the-blank from Hell" thrillers. Such movies have included the nanny from hell in "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle," the cop from hell in "Unlawful Entry" and the tenant from hell in "Pacific Heights." "Hush" features the mother-in-law from hell, Martha Baring (Jessica Lange), terrorizing her new daughter-in-law, Helen (Gwyneth Paltrow).

"Hush" begins broodingly with a soft-lit, miniature merry-go-round swirling gently as Christopher Young's creepy score plays "Hush Little Baby." The story involves a young stud named Jackson (Jonathan Schaech of "That Thing You Do") bringing his new love (Paltrow) home to meet mother (Lange). Kilonan, his mother's estate, is the epitome of the southern plantation, with the white columns and grassy hills. Things start off nicely with meeting Martha, who upon appearance is warm and inviting. Helen's parents died when she was young, so she welcomes this new mother with open arms. However, it's clear that Jackson and mother have an odd relationship as she fawns over him almost obsessively, as if he were made of glass.

The trouble begins when Helen becomes pregnant and she and Jackson marry. Mother's jealousy becomes more clear, but Helen isn't sure if she's just being paranoid or if there is something more deeply wrong going on. Her suspicions increase in hearing about the mysterious circumstances under which Jackson's father died, and his grand-

mother (Nina Foch) tells Helen to be careful not to turn her back on Martha.

Needless to say, things eventually get bloody, as Martha's jealousy enters the realm of the psychotic. A thriller like "Hush" always develops along predictable lines, then stays compulsively watchable, as we can all relate to the fears of meeting the in-laws, and this fear exploited is a hoot to watch.

The film benefits greatly from the acting. Paltrow and Schaech make a convincing and sympathetic couple. Paltrow has the hard job of being appealing without coming off as too eager or weak, but she shines here. Of course, the central performance belongs to Lange, who wraps her words with theatrical relish. She's excellent. Her southern matriarch routine never gets tired. Her breathless line delivery and subtly menacing facial expressions surge juice into the movie.

I also loved Foch's character, who supplies the film's best lines. In a scene where she is soaking in steam treatment, covered by a thermal blanket while Martha is telling her to stay away from her family, Foch responds, "You have my answer to that one, you just can't see my finger."

The film's best scene is the birth sequence, where Helen, stranded and separated from her husband who is out of town on business, must give birth in the house without doctors or drugs, but just mother chain-smoking and whispering chilling words of encouragement like "The pain is terrible isn't it? But you just have to go through it."

The problems I had with "Hush" have to do with the script's unevenness and the ending. The script, while well-written for



Martha (Jessica Lange) shows signs that her relationship with her daughter-in-law (Gwyneth Paltrow) may not be as nice as it once seemed. (Courtesy photo.)

the most part, doesn't flesh out the characters enough. I wanted to know more about the relationship between Jackson and his mother. While we are teased with a couple of scenes of exposition and some odd interactions between them, I felt they served the

needs of the plot more than character development. It needed more of an Oedipal ickiness, which would have been a lot more interesting. It's clear from the scenes with

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• Out to lunch

Asian Palace a Chinese restaurant without the Orient

By Minzette Peterson
Maine Campus staff

If you are like many other people, I'm sure that you get tired of eating American food all the time. After all, there are only so many different ways to cook hamburgers. To alleviate this boredom, you might have gone out to eat food from a different country, such as China, India or even Japan.

Chinese is the type of cuisine that is most often ventured, and one place that serves such food is the Asian Palace. Located on Stillwater Avenue just beyond Hogan Road, it sits right behind the Bangor Mall, right near several other Chinese restaurants. While the food is definitely Chinese, the atmosphere is not. Other than two or three paintings that might be considered from the Orient, and the authentic cooks sitting in the dining room eating, there is almost nothing to remind you of the land where this food originated. The Asian Palace presents a truly American eating experience with a slightly different menu.

The menu itself is very reasonable, including luncheon specials available until 3 p.m. There is also an all-you-can-eat

buffet that has more than 25 items offered for \$5.95 at lunch. However, if you are interested in the buffet, I would suggest that you visit during prime hours, which are from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., or between 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. While a buffet allows one to sample many new and different foods, there is always the danger that the food has been sitting far too long if you eat later, and you may end up with chicken fingers too hard to bite into or General Tso's chicken stuck to the bottom of the pan.

If you know what you like, at least if you order it off the menu, you can be sure that the food is cooked specifically to order (a really good idea if you are sensitive to monosodium glutamate — MSG — a flavor enhancer and preservative used in almost all Chinese food unless requested without it). Most of the entrees include some description of the ingredients, but here is a brief guide to interpreting the menu.

In Chinese, two of the most basic terms are "gai," which means chicken, and "mein," which are noodles. "Kung bo" or "kung pao" or even "gon bo" are spicy sauces with peanuts, and szechwan is a type of sauce, almost always spicy as well. "Din" or "ding" tells you that the

vegetables are cut in small squares, and "subgum" added to any item means that there are more vegetables than normal, as well as being larger in size. "Hon sue" means that the chicken, pork or beef has been breaded (like chicken fingers), then

mixed with vegetables. Of course, if you are scared to try something new, you can always order a pupu platter, which is a combination of different appetizers for

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• Nielsens

'60 minutes' puts CBS on top

NEW YORK (AP) — Ed Bradley's interview with former White House volunteer Kathleen Willey, who accused President Clinton of making unwanted sexual advances, helped "60 Minutes" finish on top of the week's television ratings for the first time in four years.

The venerable CBS newsmagazine last topped the ratings in January 1994, when it was helped by an NFL football playoff preceding it.

NBC won the prime-time crown in a week where TV viewership was down with a 9.2 rating and 15 share, Nielsen Media Research said Tuesday. CBS was second with an 8.8 rating and 15 share, followed by ABC's 8.4 rating and 14 share and Fox's 7.1 rating and 12 share.

"60 Minutes" average audience of

28.7 million people on Sunday easily outdrew its nearest competitor last week, a "Seinfeld" rerun. It was the newsmagazine's second high-profile interview in two weeks, following a talk with Latrell Sprewell, the NBA star suspended for choking his coach.

Some critics, however, accused CBS of going easy on Willey during the interview.

The premier of "Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place" gave ABC some much-needed good news and Fox, which rejected the show, some heartburn. It finished 11th for the week, the highest-rated series premier this year except for "Veronica's Closet" and "Union Square," on

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• The Movie Hunter

Darkness key in director's vision of film

By Hunter Tzovarras
Maine Campus staff

From its opening frame right through to the final credits, "Dark City" fills the screen with sublime and original visions unlike anything I've seen before. The film is a visual feast with cinematography, art and set design, lighting and special effects creating a world beyond our own imaginations. It is a film that's more about the experience than the story, more about creating a sense of wonder than suspense. And in the end it gives us

possibly the most thoroughly imaginative film since "2001: A Space Odyssey."

"Batman," and more recently "The Fifth Element," have teased us with images of ominous and futuristic cities, but "Dark City" far exceeds either of those films in both visionary scope and story. The Gotham City of the first and second Batman films hint at a city of darkness and shadows, but with "Dark City," director Alex Proyas goes so much further. Each scene is blanketed with darkness and shadows, with only key figures and images being illuminated. Unlike

most films saturated with special effects and expensive sets, "Dark City" is not limited to static shots, but instead the camera seems to be unrestricted, and moves freely across the surreal settings. The film also gives us the most original space vessel since "Star Wars."

"Dark City," we're told, is set on Earth sometime in the future — exactly when is never disclosed. The city combines elements of the past with those of the future. There are still 20th century-style billboards, phones, buildings, and Inspector Frank Bumstead could be right out of the 1950s. The city is a mix of '50s film noir and futuristic science fiction. There's a sense that this may not be the future at all, but just a parallel reality, an

idea that is further stoked after a spectacular pull-back shot late in the film.

As the title suggests, humans live in a city of perpetual darkness, and no one can remember the last time they saw the sun. The city is also inhabited by aliens, who have come to earth because their world is dying. The aliens are human-like in appearance; they're hairless with an uncanny pallor, and are draped in black overcoats. They have mind power that enables them to stop time and freeze all human activity. Freezing human time allows them to "shape change," the power to change the form of the environ-

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any number of people. These sell for \$7.95 for one person, then just add \$7 for each additional person.

The Asian Palace offers a great variety of Chinese foods, but it is really the same variety that can be found at any one of a dozen Chinese restaurants in Bangor. Currently, the only reason to go here would be to visit a Chinese restaurant after leaving the mall for a taste of something other than American, or maybe a relatively inexpensive exotic drink or two (\$3.50 - \$4.95).

There is really nothing distinctive, un-

usual, praiseworthy or even condemning about this restaurant. The owners might want to consider changing their brand new non-Chinese building to open a different type of eating establishment, something that cannot already be found in a two-mile radius. If they decide to remain a pseudo-Chinese restaurant, they should call Sing's Chinese restaurant after they close on March 29 and arrange to buy all the Oriental decorations they can afford. Otherwise, for a truly Chinese experience, I suggest going to any one of the numerous other such restaurants in Bangor.

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Martha and Jackson that Martha has a certain level of attraction toward her son, but it's never addressed. The filmmakers approached their relationship timidly rather than take any chances with offending the audience.

The ending is also maligned. I read reports that there were several considered endings and as many as three that were actually filmed. "Hush" bears the scars of last-minute changes. I found this to be very frustrating because the climax builds superbly, and the film gets fired up, and my pulse was pounding to see what would happen next, and then the film ends abruptly without reaching a satisfying conclusion. It's a trademark of thrillers like this that the characters have a bloody duel to the

death, but director Jonathan Darby chose to spare us this fight. I'm not certain that he made the right decision. The film deserves a more exciting conclusion. As it is, the ending leaves too many question marks, and it betrays the darker stuff that comes before it.

I still recommend "Hush" for its amusing, almost satirical, take on the anxieties toward the dreaded in-laws and its excellent performances, but its ending will probably disappoint many who expect the manic intensity of films like "The Hand that Rocks the Cradle" and "Fatal Attraction." I guess I'll just have to hope that the video version is released as a "director's cut."

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• Academy Awards

Nominee looking forward to her date with Oscar

LONDON (AP) — After four decades winning acclaim and applause on the London stage, Dame Judi Dench has shown movie audiences that she is a class act on screen as well.

She is nominated for an Academy Award for her portrayal of a lonely Queen Victoria in "Mrs. Brown."

"Lots and lots of people who've never heard of me have written to me," the actress said one recent afternoon, her inimitably husky voice bearing traces of a lingering cold and cough.

"I get a huge amount of stuff from America saying, 'I've never heard of you; will you send me a biography? I only knew of you in 'Goldeneye' and 'Mrs. Brown.' And now," she adds mischievously, "'Tomorrow Never Dies,' if they're lucky and quick and don't blink too much."

While contemporaries such as Vanessa Redgrave, Glenda Jackson and Maggie Smith were regularly traveling to Hollywood, picking up Oscars along the way, the Yorkshire-born Dench was making her name as a brilliant actress whose physique somewhat belies her success on stage.

"She's 5-foot nothing, and yet she's got sex and wit, wit and sex," said Sir Peter Hall, who directed her bravura performance as Cleopatra to Anthony Hopkins' Antony in the Shakespeare tragedy at the National Theater in 1987.

They subsequently worked together in Peter Shaffer's 1992 play, "The Gift of the Gorgon," with Dench as the distraught wife to Michael Pennington's masochistic writer.

As he prepares to direct Dench once more next fall in a West End revival of Eduardo de Filippo's "Filumena," Hall said Dench was the latest in a grand tradition of British actresses dating back

to the late Peggy Ashcroft, an Oscar-winner herself in 1984 for "A Passage to India," and, before that, to Edith Evans and Ellen Terry.

"She can be anything," Hall said. "She can find the humor in anything, and that's terribly seductive. Her range is colossal when you think what she's played."

Dench has performed Shakespeare, Ibsen, Chekhov and Oscar Wilde, as well as new plays such as David Hare's "Amy's View," in which she currently stars at the Aldwych Theater on the West End.

So beloved is she in English theater circles that one scribe once wrote that to pan Dench in a play was "like strangling a dog."

Away from straight plays, she led London's first "Cabaret" in 1968, playing a Sally Bowles who by all accounts was light years removed from Liza Minnelli in the film version. Two seasons ago, she made a definitively moving and barbed Desiree Armfeldt in "A Little Night Music," delivering a rueful "Send in the Clowns" that sent listeners into states of rapture.

In the early 1980s, producer Cameron Mackintosh, composer Andrew Lloyd Webber and director Trevor Nunn tapped her to be the first Grizabella in a then-iffy project called "Cats." Injury forced Dench to leave the production before it opened, only to find the role reconceived as a vehicle for belters like Elaine Paige and Tony-winner Betty Buckley.

"Who would have known," Mackintosh says now, "what a big difference it made Judi Dench not playing Grizabella, having a singer (Paige) as opposed to an actress who sings?"

If Dench missed out on mega-musical

stardom, she long ago earned the producer's devotion. Mackintosh's foundation backed the Royal National Theater's acclaimed "Night Music" revival. Of her Oscar prospects, Mackintosh says, "She can win everything under the sun, as far as I'm concerned."

Not that Dench ever had anything so lofty as an Oscar in mind when she and co-star Billy Connolly set out for Scotland to make a small-scale love story in which passion is communicated by glances and feeling rather than by shedding clothes.

The movie was originally intended for the BBC. "It's very surreal," Dench said. "This is a film that was going to be done on TV." Now it has two Oscar nods, one for makeup design.

Making movies, with its multiple takes and and final cuts, is so different from stage work, she said.

"I never ever hankered after doing movies at all... Even now, when I see 'Mrs. Brown,' there are lots of things I want to change. It irritates me that it's immovable," she continued.

"In the theater, you're always working towards something, towards telling the tale better for the author. But in the film, there's the terrible sense that it's not anything to do with you, in a way."

"Mrs. Brown" is Dench's largest screen role to date, even if the movie has been seen by a fraction of those who caught her in the last two James Bond films.

The actress has been a regular supporting player in English movies for years, whether in the corset-laden Tuscan landscape of "A Room With a View," the film that paired her with fellow Oscar nominee Helena Bonham Carter, or the bookish, musty London of "84 Charing Cross Road," again with Hopkins.

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ment around them. The aliens mix and match human memories in the hope of finding out what it is that makes us human and separates us from them. They are moribund and most find what it is that allows us to survive on this planet.

As the film opens, John Murdoch (Rufus Sewell) awakens to find himself in a bathtub of blood and water. He is frightened and can't remember why he's there. The phone rings and the voice on the other end urgently warns him to leave — someone is coming for him. And so begins Murdoch's flight into the city.

Murdoch soon discovers that he, too, possesses the same mind power as the aliens, and that this is the reason they are after him. Bumstead (William Hurt) is also looking for Murdoch, who is wanted for the murder of six prostitutes. Is he guilty of the crime? He can't remember. He also has a wife, Emma (Jennifer Connelly), whom he never remembers marrying.

With the help of Dr. Schreiber (Kiefer Sutherland), Murdoch tries to piece his mem-

ory together, but is never sure if his memories are his own or someone else's that have been implanted in his mind. The film constantly plays with the idea that a person is nothing more than the sum of his or her memory.

This film is more about vision than story, but as a bonus, the story turns out to be quite interesting, too. The characters, especially Emma, give the film a humane feel that is absent in many science-fiction films. There are plenty of surprises and a pleasantly ambiguous ending that can be construed many ways.

Is this film just for science-fiction buffs? Not at all. It's a film for anyone with a vivid imagination looking to be intrigued and dazzled with original and spectacular visions. Unfortunately, "Dark City" was poorly marketed and is not enjoying much box-office success, and that's too bad, because it's not often that such a wonderfully chimerical film comes along.

Rating: ★★★★★

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NBC's powerhouse Thursday schedule.

By contrast, Fox's new "Significant Others" tied for 85th place in its premier. Fox's freshman "Ally McBeal" was the network's highest-rated show of the week at 19th and scored its best ratings ever.

USA Network reported that the Sunday premier of its miniseries, "Moby Dick," delivered the biggest audience ever — 10.9 million — for an original entertainment show on cable television.

Among the emerging networks, the WB had a 3.2 rating and 5 share last week and UPN had a 2.7 rating and 4 share.

A rating point represents 980,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's estimated 98 million TV homes. Share is

the percentage of in-use televisions tuned to a given show.

The "NBC Nightly News" won the evening news competition with an 8.7 rating and 17 share. ABC's "World News Tonight" was second with an 8.5 rating and 17 share, followed by the "CBS Evening News" at 8.0 and 16.

For the week of March 9-15, the top 10 shows, their networks and ratings were:

"60 Minutes," CBS, 19.4; "Seinfeld," NBC, 17.2; "Friends," NBC, 14.9; "Just Shoot Me," NBC, 14.7; "ER," NBC, 14.4; "Touched By an Angel," CBS, 14.4; "Veronica's Closet," NBC, 14.3; "The Drew Carey Show," ABC, 14.0; "Home Improvement," ABC, 12.5; "PrimeTime Live," ABC, 12.5.

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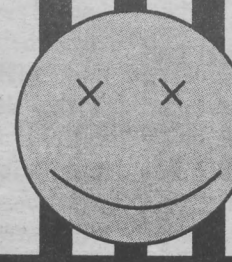

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SPORTS PAGE

• Men's hockey

The field is open for the NCAA Tournament

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

It happens every March. They originate as whispers, blossom into murmurs and then erupt into discourse.

With the NCAA Tournament slated to explode in a little more than a week, the talk about who is in, who is out and who could be in is vibrating towns across the country from Orono to Colorado Springs, Colo.

Maine (16-14-4), with its two-game sweep over the University of New Hampshire in the Hockey East Quarterfinals, is now on the fringe of the exclusive national tournament, looking in from the outside.

The Black Bears will meet the River Hawks of the University of Massachusetts-Lowell in the Hockey East Semifinals, which kick off Friday night in the FleetCenter. Merrimack College, which upset Boston University, will square off against Boston College in the other semifinal.

The winner of the tournament will receive an automatic bid to college hockey's "Big Dance."

So where do the Bears stack up?

"We have to win Friday night," Maine coach Shawn Walsh said. "We have to worry about Lowell."

Although they are on that fluctuating "bubble," Walsh indicated that his team could sneak in with a win Friday night, regardless of what happens the following evening.



Maine forward Bobby Stewart says the team is peaking at the right time, just in time for a run at a possible NCAA Tournament appearance. (File photo.)

And he may be right. The 1997-98 Pairwise Rankings (PWR), which ranks schools based on a variety of factors including record in last 20 games, head-to-head competition and record against other opponents at or above .500, is an influential tool the NCAA looks heavily

upon come selection time. Maine is ranked 15th. 12 teams will go.

The Black Bears are 6-3-1 in their last 10 games, excluding the Nebraska-Omaha series, which the NCAA doesn't recognize.

More importantly, however, the team

is playing its best hockey down the stretch, said junior forward Bobby Stewart.

"We proved it to everybody last weekend," Stewart said. "Right now, we're focusing on a national championship. You have to take it one game at a time, but everyone is thinking about a national championship."

The Bears have played a rugged schedule this season, including 13 games against teams currently ranked in the nation's top 10.

So will a win Friday night ensure Maine's ninth trip to the NCAA Tournament in the last 11 years?

Colorado College coach Don Lucia, whose team skated to a 6-6 tie with Maine earlier this year, doesn't think so.

"No question Maine has to win it (The Hockey East Tournament) in order to get in," Lucia said.

CC is also in position for a national tourney berth as the Tigers have reeled off nine consecutive wins and are ranked No. 9 in the country.

Although the Tigers appear to be on the inside track to a tourney berth, any surprises in the league playoffs — in particular Hockey East — could send them home early this year.

"Everyone out here is rooting for BC to win the Hockey East Tournament," Lucia said. "We're in decent shape, but what happens in Hockey East will affect the national tournament."

University of Wisconsin coach Jeff

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• Column

NBA's good and evil clash on the court

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

In the spirit of everything that has gone wrong in sports lately, here is a classic battle between good and evil.

Let me introduce the 1998 NBA All-Star Bad Boys team. Starting at guard is Mr. Misunderstood, Philadelphia 76er Allen Iverson. Also at guard for the Bad Boys is Portland Trailblazer Isaiah "Puff Puff Give" Rider.

Golden State's Latrell Sprewell has a choke hold on one of the forward spots, while the pride of Tennessee State, Anthony Mason, will seek refuge in the other.

No Bad Boy team would be complete without the services of the Bulls' half-naked Dennis Rodman manning the paint.

The team is coached by Chuck Daly, who, in his hey-day with the Pistons, tutored the baddest of them all, Bill Laimbeer. Chuck should be able to handle this squad.

The NBA Saints are the last hope to keep order and restore what the Birdman and Magician worked so hard to build. Carbon copy role models, the only thing this group demands is 100 percent effort and their market worth — if not more — in salary.

Kansas State and North Carolina alumni Mitch Richmond and Michael Jordan, respectively, will run the show for the good guys.

Some of you might have chosen Chris Webber or Glenn "Big Dog" Robinson over Richmond, but the man has a gold medal for crying out loud.

Utah's Karl Malone and Detroit's Grant Hill will showcase their skills at the forward positions. Sure, Malone drives a Harley and long-hauls freight in the off-season, but his 26.5 points per game are hard to pass up. Hill's a pretty good guy, I guess.

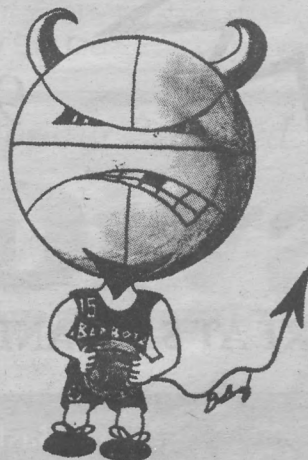
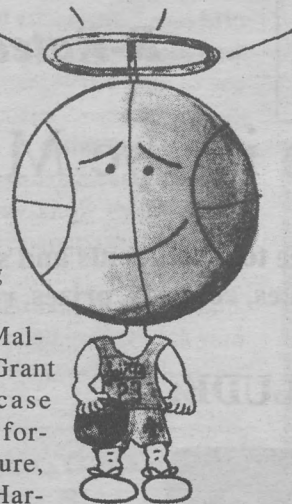
Navy's favorite son, David Robinson, will anchor the center spot. I was going to take Shaq here, but I can't handle watching him shoot free throws.

I will have to beg Red Auerbach to come out of retirement for this one, simply because Red is the perfect fit for this roster of legends. Plus it would be a riot to watch him pace the bench with

a fat cigar.

There are no reserves, simply because there are no other players worthy of suiting up for these respective teams.

The Game: A Rodman elbow on



the Admiral allowed the Bad Boys to win the tip and take an early 2-0 lead as Iverson blows by Jordan for the second time in his career on a sweet crossover.

With five minutes to play in the first, the Mailman, still angry with Kobe Bryant for turning down his pick offer in the All-Star game, decides to set up His Airness for a classic pick-and-roll.

Jordan dribbles left and dishes to Malone, who stuffs in an alley-oop over the outstretched arms of Rider, who is still woozy from a late night of partying. A Mason buzzer-beater falls short and the score is 30-30 at the end of the period.

2nd period: Auerbach goes ballistic after Rodman gets away with another

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FROM THE DEN

The University of Maine baseball team played its first official game in 1881 when it bombed a team of local players 26-7. Then known as Maine State College, The Black Bears were coached by students and competition was limited to the state but not the collegiate ranks.



The ace returns



Former Black Bear pitcher Garrett Quinn returns to the diamond as a volunteer coach this year. The Skowhegan, Maine native was the America East Pitcher of the Year last season with a 9-3 record. (File photo.)



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Column

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er elbow under the basket. Jordan lights up Sprewell for 14 points in a five-minute span, causing the disgruntled player to charge Daly with his hands locked in a choke position. After Rodman calms him down, Sprewell is booted from the game, leaving the Bad Boys undermanned.

The Saints, in the spirit of goodness, offer to sit one of their players to keep things even. The Bad Boy players agree, stubbornly, as the teams trade baskets and trash talk into the final minutes of the half.

Frustrated by the rebounding dominance of Rodman and Mason, Jordan and Malone each vow not to miss another shot. The tandem exit the arena on a 20-0 tear on 10 for 10 shooting in the final three minutes.

Halftime score: 70-45 Saints.

In the lockerroom, Auerbach gives a classic pep talk to the team and pleads for victory over the "criminals."

3rd period: Iverson comes out firing after Daly decrees at halftime that the team must give him the ball in order to

wear out the "old guys." Iverson sinks his first seven shots, including four treys, en route to a 20-point quarter.

Jordan huddles up the Saints and tells them to get their heads on straight. The tactic doesn't work, though, as Rider also joins in on the scoring spree by nailing 10 points in the last two minutes. Score: 90-90.

Final Period: The Jordan show. Michael, feeling dissed by the Bad Boys, enters a zone of unconsciousness. Malone, Richmond, Hill and Robinson move aside as the greatest player of all time makes 15 of the team's 20 shots down the stretch and saintfully leads the legends of the game to the promised land. Final: 128-119.

No one really knows what happened next. Maybe the Bad Boys learned their lesson and vowed to become role models for the league. Perhaps they went out for a couple of beers, got caught smoking marijuana, and busted for toting weapons and abusing women.

The way things have gone this season, it wouldn't surprise me.

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Hockey

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Sauer, whose Badgers are making a run in the WCHA playoffs and currently rank 11 in the PWR, says Maine will have to run the table in Hockey East in order to get in.

"There are several teams who have to play their way in," said Sauer. "Maine is certainly one of those teams."

As for his team?

"We're better than 50-50," Sauer said. "As a coach you look at all the scenarios, but we can't worry about what is out of our hands."

Although the top seeds in the CCHA and WCHA all advanced to the championship round, the east was a different

story.

Upsets were rampant in Hockey East, and the ECAC also witnessed some upsets in its first round of the playoffs.

Michigan State head coach Ron Mason, whose team is fighting for a No. 1 seed in the west regionals, says the fate of some of the "bubble" teams could be decided by the outcome of the ECAC and Hockey East Tournaments.

"The east is tipsy-turvy," said Mason. "Not as much out here, but there is a lot of balance in college hockey this year."

"Some 11 and 12 teams (in the PWR) could be knocked out should more upsets happen."

• NCAA

It's a party at Valpo

VALPARAISO, Ind. (AP)—Talk about jumping on the bandwagon.

Steve Menis started out with one buddy beside him in his blue-and-white pickup truck and a "Go VU!" sign on the grille. They drove through the Valparaiso campus Monday, honking the horn, howling and stopping to pick up anyone who wanted a ride.

It seemed everyone wanted to get in on the celebration of tiny Valparaiso's magical run toward the regional semifinals.

By the time the Crusaders rolled into campus, the back of Menis' truck was full, stereo speakers were blaring from atop the cab, and some of the guys in back had stripped off their shirts and painted their chests. About 1,500 people danced in the street in front of them. One student even clutched a sign touting coach Homer Drew for president.

It took five minutes to clear the crowd and get the door open. As the players got off, they slapped hands with anyone who could get a hand near them.

"We're a small team with big dreams. It's a Cinderella story," said Joel Guinane, a senior from Milwaukee and Menis' first passenger. "I can't believe we've done it yet."

Believe it, Valparaiso fans. And that's Val-puh-RAISE-oh, not Val-puh-RISE-oh.

Better learn how to pronounce it, because the tiny school (3,500 students) in northwest Indiana — 55 miles southeast of Chicago — with a feel-good father-son story is the talk of the NCAA tournament.

Rhode Island? No problem. People are already thinking Final Four.

"In the Cinderella story, the clock struck midnight," said Aaron Thomason, a sophomore forward. "It ain't struck midnight yet. We're still dancing."

The ride started Friday when Bryce Drew, son of coach Homer Drew and brother of assistant coach Scott Drew, hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to upset Ole Miss in the opening round. On Sunday, the Crusaders beat Flor-

ida State in overtime.

"People didn't even know who Valparaiso was," said Jamie Sykes, whose three-quarter court pass set up Drew's game-winning shot Friday. "Now everyone wants to be part of what we are."

And if you can't imagine this team winning it all, think back to the movie "Hoosiers," with Homer Drew as Gene Hackman and Bryce as Jimmy Chitwood. Against all odds, Hackman coaches Hickory High to the state championship.

It just so happens that "Hoosiers" is Bryce Drew's favorite movie.

"It's about a small school having a dream," he said at the raucous pep rally for the team Monday afternoon.

The younger Drew knows something about having a dream. As the 1994 Mr. Basketball in a state where basketball is practically a religion, he could have gone anywhere. Big-time schools like Stanford and Syracuse came calling.

So did his dad. And it just so happened that Bryce wanted to play in an NCAA tournament with his father on the bench. He also wanted to hit the game-winning shot that he'd been practicing in the back yard all his life and make a small school famous.

So he gave up the big names and the television time — the Mid-Continent Conference isn't exactly a big draw — and stayed in a place where loyalty and good deeds never go unrewarded.

"If you've ever talked to Bryce, he's the nicest guy you could ever meet," said Eric McMullan, a clerk at BRQ Quickprint near the town's main square. "It's nice to see them have some success."

This is, after all, an entire town's team. Everyone is on a first-name basis with the players, whether they know them or not. Drew's jersey is more popular than Michael Jordan's.

It's the kind of place that anyone who's ever dribbled a basketball in their back yard is embracing as their very own — at least for this week.

Closer Look



The NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet approved two automatic berths for each of the four college hockey leagues (ECAC, Hockey East, CCHA and WCHA.) The NCAA manual states the criteria for the automatic berths as follows: 1) postseason champion; 2) regular-season champion; or 3) by criteria if the post- and regular-season champion are the same. Twelve teams in total will compete for the national championship.

Here is a look at the teams already ticketed to the national tournament and those that are knocking on the door.

Boston University — The Terriers, after winning the Hockey East regular season title, are in. However, what remains at stake is their seed, which was put in question after Merrimack ousted them from the league playoffs last weekend.

Michigan State — The Spartans, ranked in the nation's top three for much of the season, received the automatic bid for winning the CCHA regular season.

North Dakota — The defending national champions are in after winning the WCHA regular season crown. The Fighting Sioux and Spartans are the front runners for the top two seeds in the west regionals.

Yale — Yale is in after finishing first in the ECAC. The Bulldogs have lost once in their last six games, but struggled against the Saints of St. Lawrence en route to the ECAC Final Five.

University of Michigan — The Wolverines are all but guaranteed an NCAA playoff berth. A second-place finish in the CCHA coupled with a Pairwise Ranking of four is more than enough for the maize.

Ohio State — An interesting story unfolded in Columbus, Ohio, this year as the Buckeyes nailed down a third-place finish in the CCHA, including key wins over Clarkson and Michigan State. OSU has won 15 of its last 17 games dating back to the beginning of January. After advancing to the CCHA semifinals, they appear to be in as well.

Clarkson — The Golden Knights were neck-and-neck with the Bulldogs of Yale for first-place in the ECAC regular season. Despite losing out, however, Clarkson is in good position barring any unforeseen surprises in its league tournament. Wins over Boston College and Yale help.

Boston College — The Eagles are all but in and could challenge BU for the No. 1 seed in the east regional with a strong showing in the Hockey East Championships this week-

end.

New Hampshire — Two weeks ago they were a lock, and most likely they still are. After getting swept by Maine last weekend, UNH was feeling a little nervous. However, the Wildcats were up there all year long and should get in.

University of Wisconsin — Head coach Jeff Sauer says he likes the chances of his team getting in, but stranger things have happened. They've beaten North Dakota and Colorado College, but their PWR ranking sits at 11. If major surprises arise in the ECAC or Hockey East Tournaments and the Badgers fail to win a game in the WCHA Final Five, anything could happen.

St. Cloud State — The Huskies need to defeat Minnesota-Duluth in the WCHA playoffs to keep their hopes alive. The loser of that game goes home.

Minnesota-Duluth — See St. Cloud State.

Colorado College — The Tigers are looking good and Lucia likes his chances, but they, too, could fall victim if surprises occur in other league tournaments. However, they have won nine straight games and are as healthy as they've been in several weeks.

Northern Michigan — Northern knocked Miami-Ohio out of the picture when they defeated them in the opening round of CCHA playoffs. They finished fourth in the CCHA, which is respectable, and its PWR stands at 14. However, Spartan head coach Ron Mason said he thinks Northern will have to win the CCHA Tournament to get in.

Maine — The Black Bears are playing their best hockey of the season when it really counts, but a win over UMass-Lowell might not be enough. A lot depends on what happens to other teams "on the bubble," which can be said for a couple of other schools as well.

*Note: Five schools — Merrimack College, UMass-Lowell, Harvard, Princeton and Cornell — are still alive in the league playoffs, but will need an automatic bid in order to go into the national tournament.

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• Sledding race

King on verge of claiming third title

NOME, Alaska (AP) — Jeff King neared his third title in the Iditarod Sled Dog Race today, setting out on his final 77-mile run to the finish line.

After taking his last mandatory lay-over at White Mountain, King was an hour and 35 minutes ahead of Dee Dee Jonrowe, a perennial top 10 finisher.

Mushers must take an eight-hour break at White Mountain before returning to the trail again.

King left White Mountain at 5:30 a.m. He checked out with eight dogs for the run to Nome.

Jonrowe left White Mountain at 7:05 a.m. with a nine-dog team.

Two other Alaskans, Charlie Bould-

ing and Mitch Seavey, were tied for third, pulling into White Mountain at 12:20 a.m.

Jonrowe lost precious time Monday after tearing her sled on the hazardous run across the ocean ice to Elim. She used wire, splints and string to patch the sled before heading toward White Mountain.

King led by a minute when the two left Koyuk, but Jonrowe skidded on sea ice and slammed her sled into driftwood. She arrived at Elim about an hour behind King and stayed nearly 20 minutes longer than he did at the remote checkpoint.

"It's not over yet," race marshal John Nordman said Monday night at Nome. "It's still a long way to Nome."

Race officials were preparing for a crowd of about 500 people along Nome's Front Street, where the winning team was expected in around noon today.

If Jonrowe overtakes King she would become the first woman to win since four-time champ Susan Butcher in 1990.

"People are ready to see a woman win again," said Siobhan Bradley, the race's Nome coordinator.

King took 10 days, 15 hours, to win in 1993 and pared that to just nine days, five

hours in 1996, the last time the Iditarod moved along the northern route being used this year.

King and Jonrowe have led the 1,100-mile race from Anchorage to Nome since Saturday after breaking away from a pack that included three-time winner and defending champion Martin Buser, 1995 winner Doug Swingley and the Iditarod's only five-time winner, Rick Swenson.

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