

Spring 3-20-1998

# Maine Campus March 20 1998

Maine Campus Staff

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

---

## Repository Citation

Staff, Maine Campus, "Maine Campus March 20 1998" (1998). *Maine Campus Archives*. 4540.  
<https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mainecampus/4540>

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

• Lecture

## Feminist pursues balance

By Kathryn Ritchie  
Maine Campus staff

Powerful, humorous and sporting a shaved head, Rebecca Walker took the "patriarchal pulpit" last night at Wells Common to flesh out feminism.

The founder of the Third Wave Foundation and a contributing writer at a number of magazines, Walker read essays from "To Be Real: Telling the Truth and Changing the Face of Feminism," a book she recently edited.

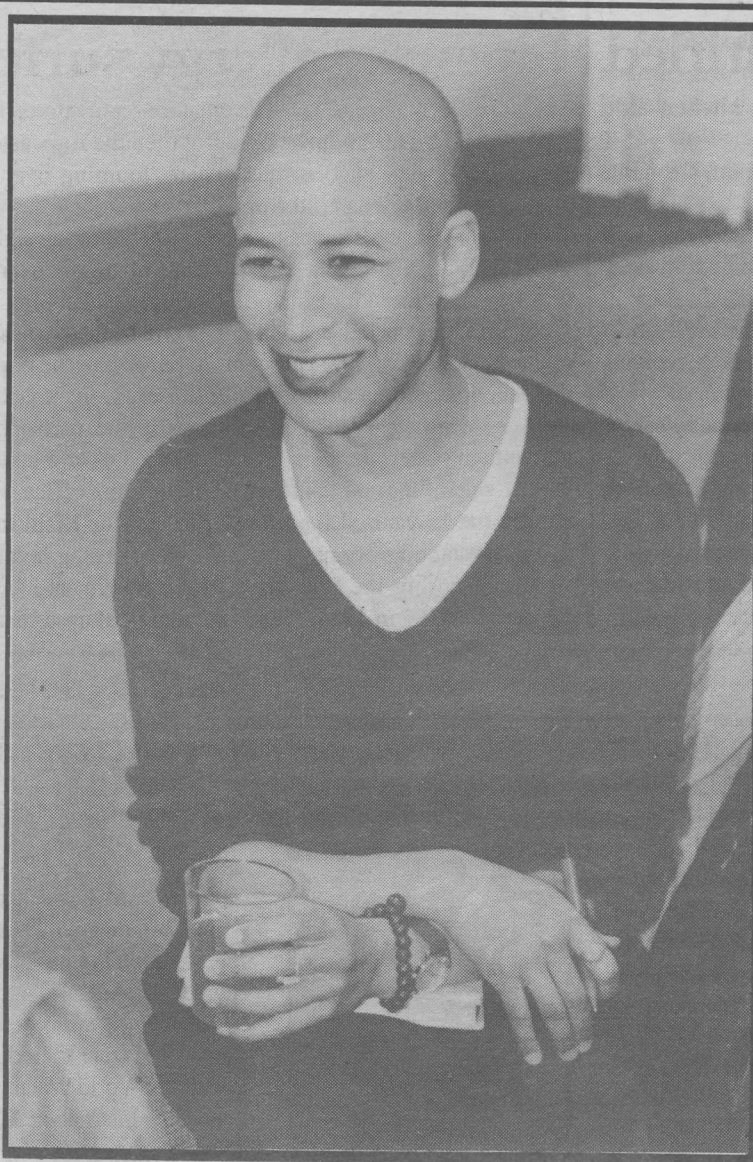
The introduction dealt with her own struggle to find a balance between feminist ideals and the life she wanted to lead. Other essays, written by both men and women, dealt with their own problems with the movement, one of which was the perceived link between feminism and lesbianism.

"That shouldn't be a problem, but since we're living in a homophobic world it really is a way for people to dissuade women from being affiliated [with feminism]," Walker said.

She said she helps to deconstruct that stereotype when she does public appearances by reading heterosexual essays first.

An hour into the reading Walker stepped out from behind the podium to field audience comments and questions.

Bridget Madden, a UMaine sophomore, said she could identify with one author's dilemma of wanting to feel "girlie," with make-up and Spice



Rebecca Walker participates in a post-lecture talk with the audience over cookies and punch. (Chris Taggart photo.)

Girls albums, yet remain a feminist at the same time.

"It's nice to know I'm not the only one thinking about it," Madden said.

Another audience member asked Walker how she dealt with people, particularly men, who claim sexism no longer exists.

"Sometimes I refer people to the nightly news," she answered. "Sometimes I'm just downright bitchy, but I

try to avoid that."

Walker's Third Wave Foundation is aimed at getting her generation, twenty-somethings, involved in the feminist movement. The foundation works at raising money and awareness and offers grants for young women who need abortions, women starting their own businesses, women continu-

See WALKER on page 3

• Equal Opportunity

## OEO interviews possible candidates

By Kristen Dobler  
Maine Campus staff

After reviewing 70 applications, the university's equal opportunity search committee have invited four candidates to visit the university.

"They all come from very different backgrounds and yet what they hold in common is their equal opportunity experience," said Sandra Caron, associate professor of family relationships.

E. Shelton Burden, Florence Ledwitz-Rigby, Maria Medina Santos and Evelyn Stern Silver are the four selected applicants and will be visiting the university over the next two weeks.

Caron said each candidate has a strong background and an understanding of the university environment, as well as a strong knowledge of civil rights law. All four candidates are women.

Each candidate will spend two days at the university in which they will meet with numerous university groups, councils and committees.

Students will be able to meet the candidates in their own session and open sessions will also be held for the university community.

Burden is currently the owner of the Burden and Burden Consultancy in Nashville, Tenn.

As UMaine's director of equal opportunity Burden said she would make sure there is equity at the university and use her expertise from having previous experience as a director at two separate institutions.

In the past Burden was the direc-

tor of affirmative action for Smith College and Auburn University and the assistant director/affirmative action officer of the Commission on the Status of Women for the state of Nebraska.

Burden will visit the university on March 23 and 24. Students can meet with her between 1 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. at a student meeting in the Alumni Conference Room in Alumni Hall. The university community can also meet with her between 3 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. at an open meeting in the Bangor Lounge of the Memorial Union.

Ledwitz-Rigby is currently an adjunct professor in the biology department at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and was its former director of affirmative action. She was also an advisor to the president of the University of British Columbia on women and gender relations.

According to her biographical sketch, Ledwitz-Rigby said she believes that an entire university campus and local community need to work together to create an environment where equal opportunity can flourish and everyone can have positive education, work and living experiences.

Ledwitz-Rigby will visit the university on March 30 and 31. Students can meet with her between 1 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. in the Totman Lounge of the Memorial Union. The university community can also meet with her between 3 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. at an open meeting also in

See OEO on page 4

• Continuing Education

## Hatha yoga promotes peace through meditation

By Misty Edgcomb  
Maine Campus staff



Yoga student Margo Lukens practices a position to relax and rejuvenate her body and mind. (Eric Weisz photo.)

backs and upturned faces of a beginner yoga class as it silently moves through the ancient postures of Hatha yoga to quiet the mind and tone the body.

"The mind has all these directions to go in, but there's no end to that stuff. Why not take some time for meditation and make an end to it?" instructor Barbara Lyon said.

Lyon's current classes, which take place on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at 4 p.m. in the Dexter Lounge at Alford Arena, represent an 18-year relationship with the University of Maine. Her non-credit community yoga courses were among the first offered through the Community Extension Division.

"I'm one of the old-timers here," she said.

Enrollment in local yoga courses has remained steady for nearly two

decades, with students ranging in age from 4 to 86 enrolled in Lyon's private seminars and classes offered through the YWCA, Continuing Education Division and Employee Assistance Program.

Each semester, 30 to 40 participants at UMaine benefit from Lyon's love affair with the Eastern philosophy.

"Yoga has always been my avocation and my passion," she said. "It's my way of connecting spiritually."

In fact, four years ago, Lyon made the difficult choice of abandoning a career in social services and special education to devote herself full time to the Yoga Studio of Greater Bangor, which she founded in 1980.

"There aren't a lot of real, ongoing programs in this area. I wanted to make myself more available for students," she said.

Lyon discovered yoga about 24 years ago as a recent college graduate

in Illinois.

"I thought I should have felt better as a 23-year-old woman and decided to do something about it," she said. "My first experience with yoga was so profoundly moving that I knew I was on to something good."

Class member Karen Mack, a research associate at the Quaternary Institute, claims that yoga has helped her increase her strength, flexibility and freedom of movement, as well as grant her significant emotional benefits.

"It gives you a positive outlook on each day," Mack said.

Lyon described the philosophy of yoga as a "beautiful gift" from ancient Indian culture, dating back nearly 5,000 years. All its various forms are based on the premise that a metaphysical relationship exists between the mind and the physical body. One

See YOGA on page 4

## INSIDE

• Local

Sandra Caron answers questions. page 4

• Editorial

UMS' future may depend on legislative bills. page 11

• Style

OCB gearing up for Bumstock. page 14

• Sports

Black Bear hockey to play at the Fleet Center. page 17

## WEATHER



Overcast and cold.



# WORLD BRIEFS

## • Culinary arts

### A star is lost and a chef is mystified

**1** PARIS (AP) — Chef Louis Grondard watches intently as a kitchen aide delicately places small, square wedges of raw potato into a terrine.

These days, there is reason for the extra scrutiny. His Paris restaurant, Drouant, has just lost one of its two coveted Michelin stars.

Grondard, 49, is among several chefs going through the annual French ritual of figuring out what prompted Michelin's anonymous inspectors to demote their restaurant. "I don't know what went wrong, and I'll never know for sure," Grondard said.

Famous for its 1920s decor and cozy salons, Drouant was downgraded in the 1988 guide published this month from its two-star rating, which in Michelin parlance means "excellent cooking, worth a detour," to one star, "a very good restaurant in its category."

Grondard knows that losing a star wasn't just the result of an off day. Too many of the 55,000 meals served in 1997 didn't make the grade.

Michelin inspectors make several visits before rendering their verdict. They also make spot checks of kitchens and toilets.

Bernard Naegellen, publisher of the guide and a former inspector himself, says a famous Paris restaurant was once stripped of its third star after 17 visits and many hours of deliberation.

## • The Ides of March

### Japanese allergy sufferers warned

**2** TOKYO (AP) — The weather report starts off happily enough, with a prediction of bright and sunny skies. But then the forecaster's voice turns ominous. He points to a darkly shaded map. There, looming over the capital, is something far more dreaded than a cold front.

For millions of Japanese, spring isn't about the sight of cherry blossoms and the sweet smell of flowers filling the air. It's a time of huge and largely invisible clouds of cedar pollen that will send them into fits of sneezing, eye-rubbing and nose-blowing.

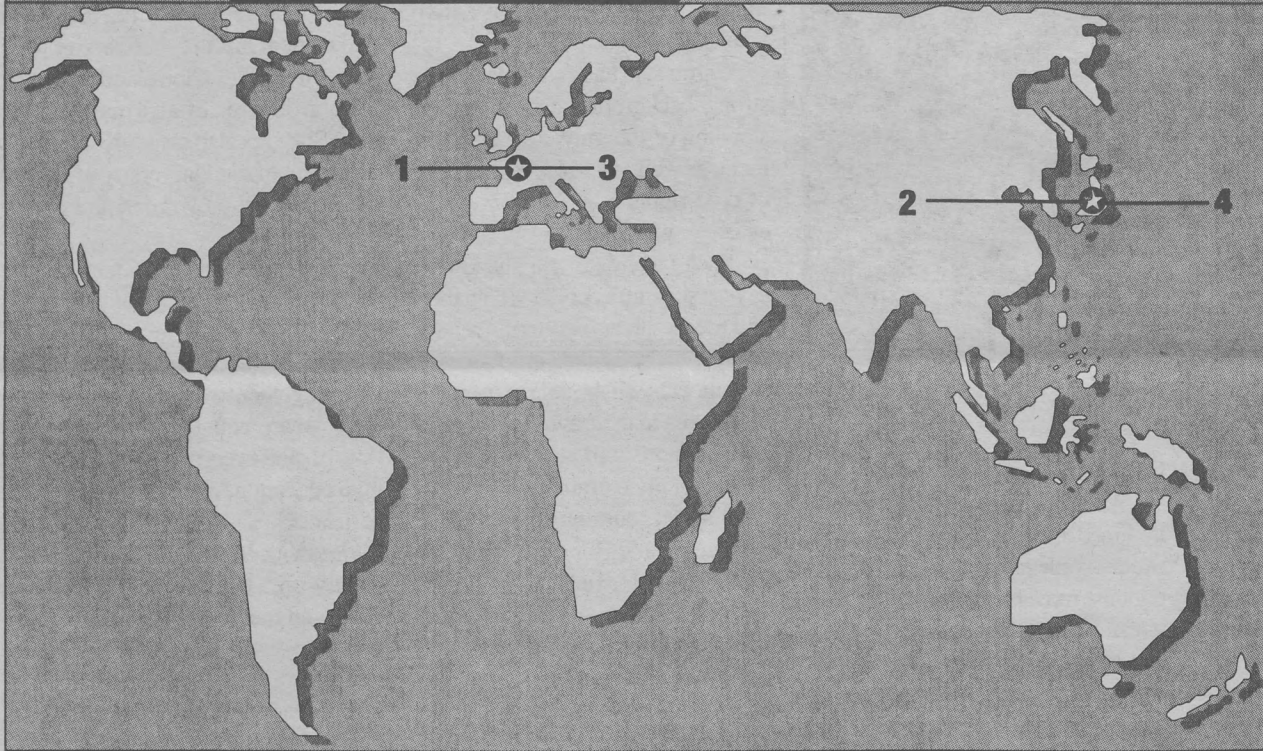
Health experts believe Japan has one of the highest incidences of cedar pollen allergy in the world, affecting 10 percent-20 percent of the population. In Tokyo, where about one in every five people suffer from the allergy, the problem is tantamount to an epidemic.

According to a study conducted by the metropolitan government in October, the percentage of people affected has doubled over the last decade and continues to rise.

"It's painful," said Satoko Kishi, a young office worker who has endured bouts of the allergy for 10 years. Like most sufferers, for Kishi the arrival of spring's pollen clouds means nasal congestion, sneezing and a nagging fever that can last until May.

Underscoring the breadth of the problem, the Japan Weather Association began a "pollen watch" in 1987, when the allergy started to gain national attention.

# WORLD DIGEST



## • U.N. conference

### 1 billion people lack access to clean water

**3** PARIS (AP) — At least 5 million people die each year as a result of filthy drinking water — and the suffering will only increase unless steps are taken to improve water purity, an international conference was told Thursday.

"Fresh water needed for human needs is rapidly getting scarce ... It is rare to find pristine water anywhere," Abu Zeid, head of the World Water Council, told delegates on the first day of the U.N. International Conference on Water and Sustainable Development.

About 1.2 billion people lack access to clean water now, Zeid said. Five to 10 million people die each year from water-borne diseases, and most of the victims are poor women and children.

Already, up to 300 million people in twenty-six countries face severe water shortages, and by 2050 two-thirds of the world's population could face water shortages, Zeid said.

The problem is aggravated by massive amounts of pollutants, including sewage, industrial wastes and hazardous fertilizers, being dumped into the world's lakes and rivers, he said.

The three-day conference at the Paris headquarters of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization aims to work out strategies to improve water quality and use the vanishing resource more efficiently.

## • Cnidarians

### Japanese pet owners find relaxation in jellyfish

**4** TOKYO (AP) — Move over, Rover. Trendy pet owners in Tokyo have found a new companion — the jellyfish.

They don't slobber or bark. They don't leave claw marks on the sofa. And they exude calm.

"It relaxes me to watch them float," Miki Koyama, a 28-year-old office worker, said of two doughnut-sized jellyfish floating in a tank at her Tokyo apartment.

The pet jellyfish craze has been the topic of specials on nearly all major TV networks in Japan. Jellyfish have even squished their way onto the pages of the Nihon Keizai Shimbun, the country's leading economic newspaper.

As is often the case here, single women in their 20s and 30s appear to be fueling the fad.

Many cite the creatures' slow, soothing movement in the water as their main attraction. Like living lava lamps, jellyfish are a kind of relaxation-inducing objet d'art.

They aren't a lot of trouble to take care of. And their sting is harmless to humans.

"Jellyfish never disturb you," said Hironobu Fujii, an employee at a Tokyo pet shop. "If you leave the house for a week, it doesn't matter to them. I think that's why they are popular with women who live alone and want to keep a pet."

# Weather

## The Local Forecast

### Today's Weather

Variable clouds and cold.  
Highs in the upper 30s.



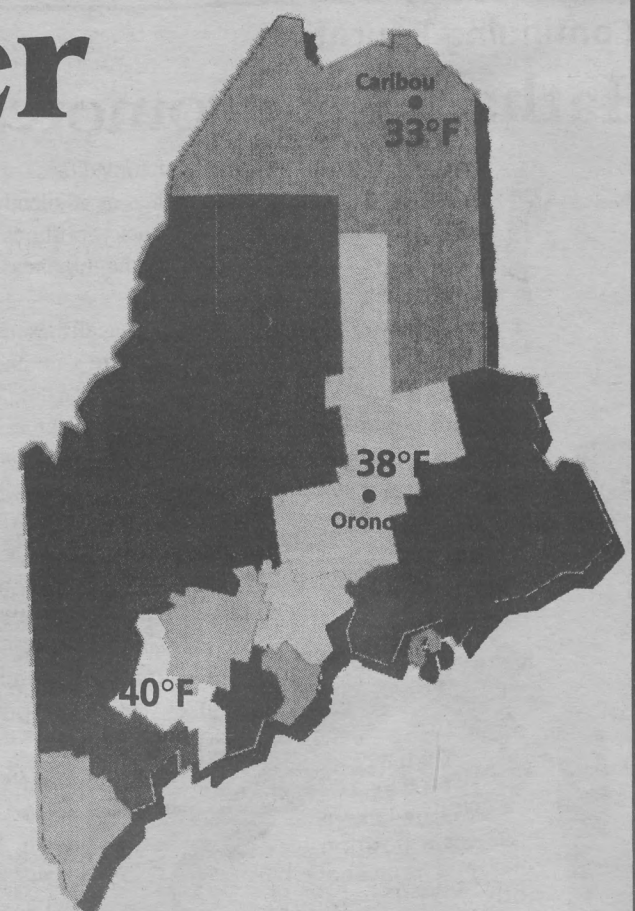
### Saturday's Outlook

Cloudy, overcast and cold.  
Highs in the lower 30s.



### Extended Forecast

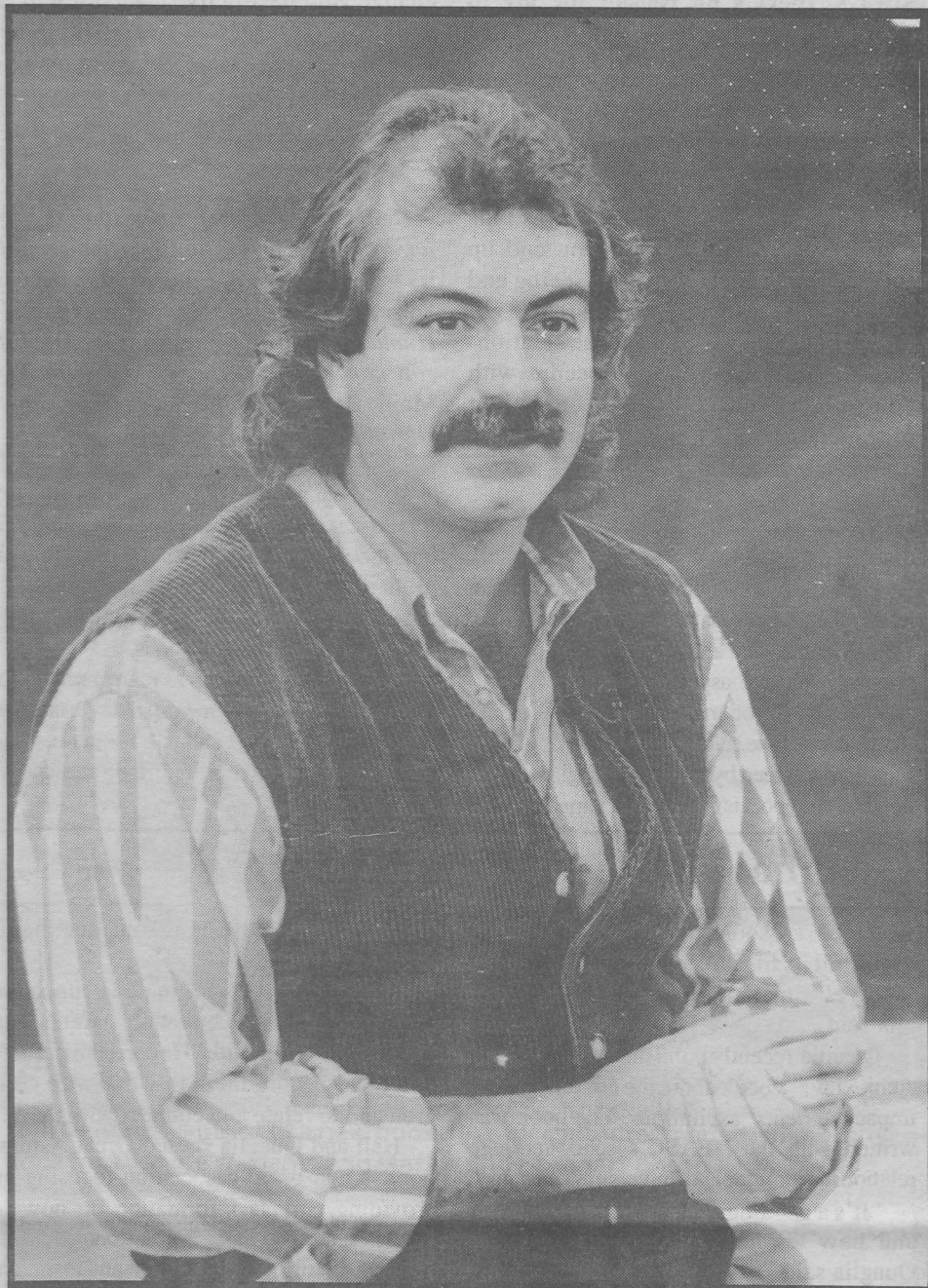
Sunday...Cloudy with sleet. Monday...Cloudy with sleet. Tuesday...Chilly, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 40s.





## • Great Aspirations

# Professor founds association to inspire students



Russell Quaglia, director of the National Center for Student Aspirations. (Courtesy photo.)

By Kristen Dobler  
Maine Campus staff

Students all over the country are being encouraged to follow their aspirations, largely because of the work of a professor at the University of Maine.

"I want to make a difference for kids in this world," Russell Quaglia, director of the National Center for Student Aspirations at the University of Maine, said.

Quaglia was recently named to the board of trustees of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Inc. and is the chair of the association's committee on school/college relations.

The association accredits over 1,700 public and independent schools, colleges and universities in the New England region and 70 American international schools worldwide.

Quaglia said the committee on school/college relations is a diverse board made up of educators, business people and others, which brings many different perspectives.

"The fact that they invited me to serve on this board is a great honor in itself," Quaglia said.

Eva Kampits, director of the office of school/college relations, said Quaglia is ideal for the chair of the board because of the knowledge he has about all levels of schooling.

"It's very hard to find someone with all different levels of knowledge, and he has this," Kampits said.

Quaglia has the ability to work on numerous projects and give each one equal

attention, Kampits said.

"What's nice about working with him is that he never sees any boundaries," Kampits said. "He sees the connection outside of things."

NEASC's accreditation process entails looking at the standards of colleges and kindergarten-through-grade-12 schools, along with their faculty, student resources and facilities. Quaglia said the group has a set of criteria that schools must meet. The group also helps schools to improve their standards.

Accreditation is especially important for high schools because it gives college admissions staffs an idea of what type of high school a student is coming from. Students also need to learn of a college's accreditation status.

"Being from an accredited institution is very important," Quaglia said.

Quaglia said the BOT talks about budget issues and reviews schools and colleges that are up for accreditation.

Three years ago, Quaglia formed the National Center for Student Aspirations at the University of Maine, the only center of its type in the country.

Quaglia said the center works to get kids excited about learning and develops programs for kids and teachers. The center works to bring together all the groups that influence student aspirations, such as teachers, parents and coaches, and teach them all to speak a common language.

Quaglia hopes to make the center self-

See QUAGLIA on page 4

## Walker

from page 1

ing their education and general purposes.

"These are the ways in which for me tangible work is still done," she said.

Walker stopped for a moment in the lecture to criticize UMaine for its lack of women of color on campus. Earlier, she had learned that only nine black women attend the university.

"Out of 10,000 students, I just think that is tragic, painful and horrific," she said to applause.

She was almost equally disappointed when audience members admitted they weren't fa-

miliar with "hip hop."

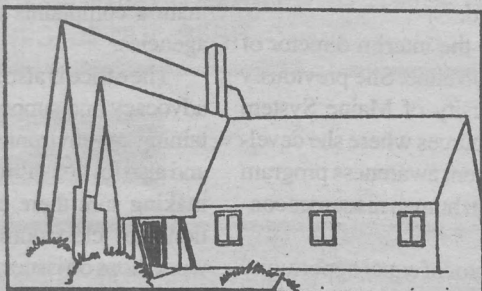
Walker's reading was the keynote for UMaine's History Celebration.

Sophomore Shontay Delaloue introduced Walker, proclaiming her admiration.

"She's very direct, that's something I strive for myself—to be real," she said at the end of the evening.

The reading opened with a skit by United Sisters members Kristyn Nordfors and Abby Thibreau. The two recited Cathy Plourde's poem "Too Girls."

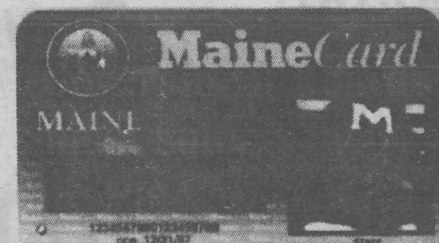
## Worship this Sunday at the



Wilson Protestant Student Center  
67 College Avenue, Orono  
11 a.m.

Come and worship with us this Sunday and enjoy the warmth and beauty of the cathedral room at the Wilson Center. Arrive any time after 10 a.m. and you will be served a delicious brunch! Make time for the God who calls us all to give praise.

## IT'S TIME FOR A NEW LOOK!



The MaineCard office will be issuing the  
**New Maine Card!**

**March 30th through April 3rd  
8:00a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**At the new MaineCard Office  
Second Floor, Memorial Union**

From March 30 through April 3, the MaineCard office will begin re-carding all current MaineCard cardholders. Additional equipment supplied by AT&T and a combined effort between employees and student volunteers will minimize waiting time. All current cardholders are encouraged to get their new MaineCard during this week.

**Your New Maine Card will be  
No Cost to You!**

**New feature!** The new Mainecard will also serve as your AT&T calling card. AT&T is offering students, faculty and staff a special rate for this service. Check it out!

**A Great Cause!** For each new card that is issued during the week of March 30 through April 3, TKE will raise money for the Special Olympics.

**SO DON'T DELAY!**

**You will need to bring your current  
MaineCard or some other form of ID  
when you come to get your new  
MaineCard**



# Sex Matters

By Sandra L. Caron, Ph.D

**Q: I have this thing I do whenever I date someone. It's like a game. I always want some kind of reassurance that I am attractive and lovable. I always seem to need some kind of proof that the guys I date really care for me and want to make me happy. Sometimes I create little "tests" for them, just so I can feel confident that they really do care. Is this normal? - Female, Junior**

**A: I think that we all look for indications that the person we are seeing cares about us. However, dating is not supposed to be a game — it includes honest and direct communication. What you're**

doing doesn't sound "normal" in a healthy dating relationship. I would guess that any guy you date is going to realize that you are testing him, and while he may try to pass the first few tests, eventually he is going to get tired of this game and move on. I would suggest you talk to someone about your own issues of needing reassurance. Learning to find the confidence within yourself — rather than depending on someone else — will be a useful tool for dealing with many of life's situations.

**Q: I am a very jealous guy. When I am dating someone I want to be the only thing she needs. I can't stand the thought that she might find someone**

else attractive or interesting. Almost always, there's no reason for me to think this way, but I can't help it. I end up driving her away. What now? - Male, Sophomore

**A: Hey, we all feel a bit protective of the person we love, but what you describe is a bit of an extreme. As you have found out in your past relationships, this can be very destructive — you end up suffocating the person you're seeing and driving them away. So what's really going on? Do you really want the relationship to end? Are you so insecure with yourself that you have to hold on so tight to another person? I think an honest look**

inward will be very useful. Working to change your destructive behavior will be to your advantage. Can you talk to someone about this? Please consider making an appointment to talk with someone at the Counseling Center (x-1392). Best wishes!

*Sandra L. Caron is an associate professor of family relations/human sexuality in the College of Education & Human Development; she teaches CHF 351: Human Sexuality. Questions for Dr. Caron can be sent directly to her at The Maine Campus, Chadbourne Hall. Copyright Sandra L. Caron 1998.*

## Yoga

aspect of health cannot be attained without holistic wellness.

"Yoga is actually a vast system of study for connecting the mind, body and spirit," Lyon said.

Students of yoga practice a combination of physical exercises called "asanas" and breathing exercises called "pranayama" to relieve stress and release tension.

"Aggravating events, big or small, build up in the body and are stored in the muscles and joints," Lyon said.

With slow-motion twisting and stretching exercises, yoga practitioners shed physical strain and release the underlying emotional anxiety through mindful attention to the movements and how they feel.

"It's kind of like being an athlete in an intellectual way," Lyon said.

Yoga's dual focus appealed to class member Christine Chadwick, a local resident and mother of two.

"I was looking for an activity to help with relaxation and stress, and I've really loved it," she said. "It's a really nice hour each week to look forward to."

Beginners looking to relieve the daily pressures of school and work can get a taste of Hatha yoga with a simple exercise called a standing body scan.

"Stand up well-balanced, and just be for a several minutes," Lyon said.

Most beginners to yoga find it difficult to quiet their mental activity. But in her classes, Lyon stresses the importance of leaving the intellectual realm and allowing the body to lead.

"You need to listen to your body stories and allow how you're feeling to percolate up to the

mind," Lyon said.

Hatha yoga concentrates on reducing stress, while other major forms like Bhakti yoga, Raja yoga, Mantra yoga and Karma yoga focus on primarily spiritual aspects such as philosophical thought, devotional practices and selfless work service, she said.

Although seen by some as a religious experience, yoga appeals to people of varied cultural

backgrounds seeking a peaceful oasis in their hectic daily lives. Interest in yoga for stress reduction is growing in America, particularly among corporate organizations.

"Yoga is concrete stress management. Instead of a seminar where you sit down to drink coffee and eat donuts and talk about relieving stress, we get down on the floor and do it," Lyon said.

from page 1

## Quaglia

from page 3

sustained as soon as possible so it can devote all its time to developing programs.

"We're making huge progress," Quaglia said.

Quaglia recently published "Believing in Achieving," a book about the conditions that impact students' aspirations. The book was written with the NEASC's school/college relations committee and university colleagues.

"It's a genuine look at kid's aspirations and how teachers can influence them," Quaglia said.

The book is filled with stories about kids and acts as an aid in helping teachers to positively influence the development of student aspirations.

Doug Hall, UMaine alumnus, founder and CEO of Eureka! Ranch and founder of Great Aspirations, said not only is Quaglia

smart academically, he is someone that is easy to relate to.

"He has an ability to create a connection not just with kids, but with parents and volunteers," Hall said. "He can take a crusty adult and inspire them to work with children and to relate and connect with them."

Hall and Quaglia started Great Aspirations, a non-profit association focusing on providing parents information on how to inspire kids. The association donates all its funds to charities for education and research.

"The program has been a phenomenal success," Hall said.

Hall said Quaglia was a genius with kids.

"I think he could be Santa Claus," Hall said. "He knows how to motivate kids more than anyone in the world."

## OEO

from page 1

the Totman Lounge.

Ledwitz-Rigby was not available for comment.

Santos is currently the senior director of employment practices at the California State University Office of the Chancellor.

As UMaine's director of equal opportunity Santos said she would get a broad consensus from the university community about what its definition of equal opportunity problems are.

"Solutions flow from the definitions of problems," Santos said.

Silver is currently the interim director of equal opportunity at UMaine. She previously worked in the University of Maine System Office of Human Resources where she developed a sexual harassment awareness program and was an independent human resources consultant.

As UMaine's director of equal opportunity Silver said she would like to try several new strategies.

Silver said there are some particular challenges for the director of equal opportunity because Maine is such a homogeneous state.

"It's a growing experience for all of us to work with and learn with people who are different from ourselves," she said.

Silver will be at the university on March 25 and 26. Students can meet with her between 1 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. at a student meeting in the President's Conference Room in Alumni Hall.

The university community can also meet with her between 3 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. at an open meeting also in the President's Conference Room.

The university's Office of Equal Opportunity is responsible for responding to discrimination complaints or inquiries, assuring reasonable accommodation to people with disabilities, consulting, mediating or intervening in possible discrimination situations and coordinating the university's response to discrimination complaints or reviews from outside agencies.

The office is also responsible for providing advocacy and support for creating and maintaining an environment promoting diversity and also for consulting with the university and making sure there are educational presentations for classroom lectures, seminars and workshops on issues relating to equal opportunity and affirmative action.

"It's a challenging position," said Suzanne Estler, former director of equal opportunity and associate professor of education. "It's a job that requires strong legal knowledge, strong interpersonal skills and sensitivity."

Estler has returned to teaching after 11 years as the director of equal opportunity and said she had confidence in each of the four candidates.

"They look like a very strong pool with very appropriate qualifications," Estler said.

## 1998 Summer Employment Interview Day

### ATTENTION STUDENTS

**Employers will be on campus to hand out applications, collect resumes or conduct on site interviews to fill their summer positions.**

**Where: FFA & Lown Rooms  
Memorial Union**

**When: Monday, March 23rd**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

### Employers That Will Be On Campus:

Cottage Street Bakery  
Arbortech Landscape  
Linekin Bay Resort  
Sherwin Williams  
Wilderness Expeditions  
Camp Four Winds

Penobscot Valley Country Club  
MBNA  
Maine State YMCA  
Kathadin Area Boy Scouts Council  
American Red Cross  
Steak-N-Rib

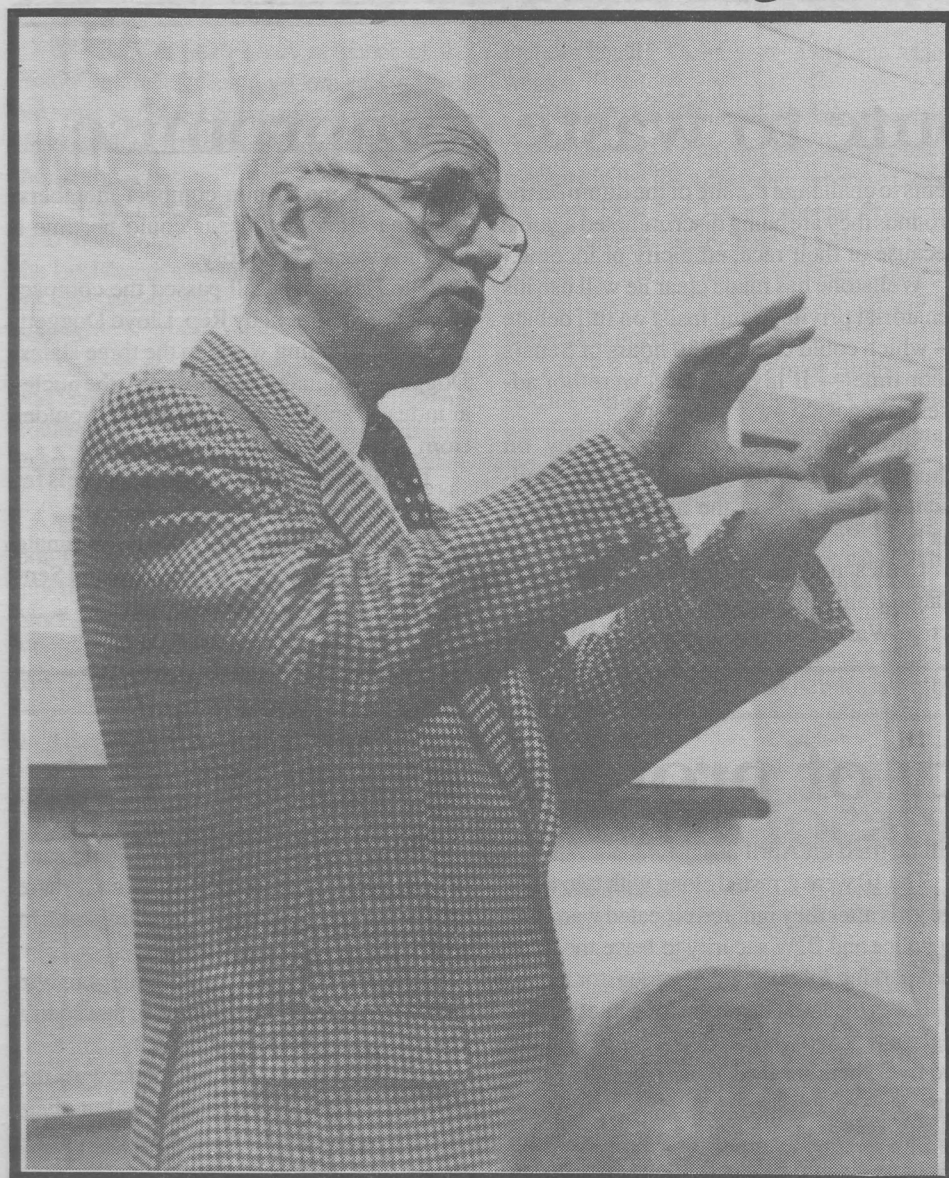
**Don't miss out on this great opportunity to locate your summer job before the summer rush**

**THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF STUDENT EMPLOYMENT,  
229 ALUMNI HALL, UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, ORONO, MAINE 04469  
Telephone: 207-581-1349  
THE DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS**



## • Business

## People skills and listening beneficial to corporate management



Tom DeMarco, author of a new book, upends computer management conventions for UMaine students and staff. (Chris Taggart photo.)

By Stan Dankoski  
Maine Campus staff

The "stuff" students or workers learn about management is either useless or wrong, said a software analyst and international author.

Tom DeMarco, one of seven principals of the Atlantic Systems Guild, Inc., gave a presentation, "Management: The Stuff They Don't Teach You Anywhere," to faculty and a Computer Science class Wednesday in 100 Neville Hall.

DeMarco showed four pictures to the audience: an angry manager, Eve, his own drawing of middle-management, and a charismatic manager. The first picture on the overhead projector was a painting of Eve.

"This is an example of the first person that is going to work for you," said DeMarco. "She has no use for authority."

She did not care that God, an arbitrary authority, said, "Don't eat those apples because I say so, I'm the boss."

Eve is like a child who either ignores authority or finds someone else to trust, DeMarco said. Behold, a snake comes slithering along and tells her that she'll know more than she could imagine.

DeMarco said there are three things to know to become a successful manager: saying thank you, giving praise, and listening. Eve, he said, will work better once she gets these things down pat.

When a manager says "Thank you," he must get to the person's heart of needing one. Many managers misunderstand the individual worker's need to receive a thank you.

Managers also cannot simply say, "You did a good job," because they would inadvertently set themselves up as judges.

DeMarco said "I statements" such as "You make my job easier," makes employees and managers feel better.

Listening is a tool that eases both the manager and the employee into a happy relationship, DeMarco said.

He recommends reading *People Skills*, by Robert Bolton. Although it is hard to master, he said that it helps people learn communication and other skills.

DeMarco's next picture was of the angry manager, which came from an ad for personal day-planners.

"The American culture seems to think that the Angry Manager is the most efficient manager. Most people don't realize how grotesque this picture is," DeMarco said.

The picture showed an angry manager glaring at an unseen person, while two other personnel beside the manager have their heads down.

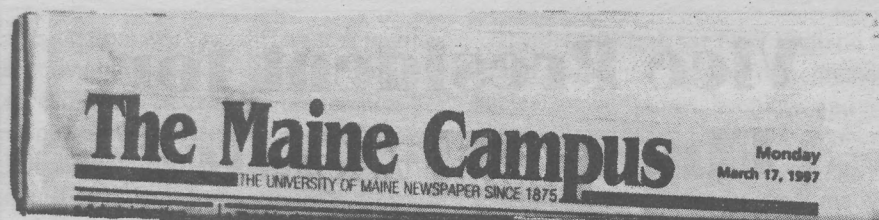
"Fear is not okay in the American workplace," said DeMarco. "They can't show it, so they show anger, a surrogate emotion. Anger is Fear."

DeMarco then showed his own drawing of the "Big Cheese" on top of the hierarchy, with several middle managers beneath him, and dozens of "lowly" workers on the bottom. On the side of the graphic he pointed out the middle managers and wrote "What the hell are these guys here for anyway?"

"When I was promoted to be a middle manager," DeMarco said, "I thought the

See MANAGEMENT on page 7

## Help Wanted



### in Ads Production

Position available for a production artist at the Maine Campus. Apply now to get acquainted with the job and meet the members of our staff.

#### Requirements

- Must have Knowledge of PageMaker 6.5 and Adobe Photoshop.
- Be available to work on a flexible schedule.
- Knowledge of Adobe Illustrator is a plus.

This position could qualify as an internship if interested.

For more information contact Erin at 581-1273

Student Government is now accepting applications for the position of:



## Vice President of STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT



This individual will be responsible for providing programming events to the student body.

This is a paid position.

Please pick up an application at the Student Government office, 3rd floor Memorial Union.

Deadline for applications will be March 25, 1998



# STATE NEWS

## • Radioactive waste

### Sens. Snowe, Collins contribute to waste compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the Senate considers a controversial agreement between Texas, Maine and Vermont regulating the disposal of low-level radioactive waste, the bill will contain amendments ensuring that only material from those three states could be trucked to the proposed West Texas dump.

Faced with legislative obstacles posed by Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., who opposes the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact, key senators have agreed to modify the original legislation to address Wellstone's concerns.

The breakthrough occurred during talks

between Wellstone and three key compact supporters — GOP Sens. Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins of Maine, and Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas, Wellstone said in an interview this week.

"I have said from the word go with this compact that there were two amendments that had to be on this bill," he said.

Wellstone, who blocked consideration of similar legislation in 1995, wants language that would protect Texas from having to take waste from other states at its proposed dump in Sierra Blanca, some 90 miles southeast of El Paso.

He also wants to make it easier for resi-

dents to challenge the site of the dump on the grounds they are being discriminated against because of their race, ethnicity or income.

Wellstone has made clear he will use his senatorial privilege and insist on full debate — which could chew up 30 hours of Senate floor time — if his concerns were not addressed.

Snowe spokesman Dave Lackey on Thursday confirmed Wellstone's amendments will be part of the bill sponsored by his boss.

Critics note the original compact language grants the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority leeway to

open the dump to non-compact members, sparking fears that Texas could become a national waste repository.

The House last fall passed the compact with an amendment by Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, limiting waste to the three states. Doggett's language is opposed by the nuclear industry and has met with a cold shoulder from Texas, Maine and Vermont.

The fight over the Doggett measure is far from over.

Asked if Snowe will seek to eliminate the Doggett language when House and Sen-

See COMPROMISE on page 7

## • Bath Iron Works

### Frustrated judge says novelty of protests wearing off

WEST BATH (AP) — A judge told the latest peace activists to come before him after getting arrested at Bath Iron Works that his patience is beginning to wear thin.

"The novelty's kind of worn off," District Judge Joseph Field said as he scolded 10 activists who were arrested Feb. 28 during a demonstration outside the Bath shipyard.

Field said the expense was beginning to add up and that protesters can expect stiffer penalties if they don't curtail their activities.

Five were sentenced Wednesday to 25

hours of community service after pleading no contest: Elizabeth King, 69, of Woolwich; Sean Donovan, 67, of Woolwich; Jane Van Landingham, 53, of Barrington, N.H.; Brian Cina, 22, of Hanover, N.H.; and Daniel Dodd, 28, of Portland.

Five others who pleaded innocent will be tried April 30: Sean Donahue, 23, of Durham, N.H.; Matthew Ensner, 19, of Lewiston; David Diamond, 55, of Dover, N.H.; Thomas Feagley, 51, of Beverly, Mass.; and Justin Kenaway, 18, of North Kingstown, R.I. They

will be tried on April 30.

The 10 were arrested along with two teenage girls after they ignored repeated warnings by police and BIW security to leave the shipyard parking lot during the demonstration.

It was the latest in a string of activities that began a year ago when activist Philip Berrigan and five others sneaked aboard the USS Sullivans, an Aegis destroyer at BIW.

Since then, others have been arrested chaining themselves to BIW's Portland yard, and in another ship boarding.

"Look folks, here's the deal," Field said. "If you want to stand on the sidewalk, where you have every right to be, I have no problem with that."

"It is not BIW that is arresting you," he said. "I am seeing enough of you so that I don't want to see any more of you back."

Field said he was sympathetic with the protesters' right to free speech, but their methods were beginning to hurt the wrong people and, therefore, future punishments may increase.

## Off Campus Students

Residential Life offers walk-in service for students who wish to live in campus for Fall 1998.

If you currently live Off-campus and are interested in living on-campus for the 1998-99 academic year, there is still time to apply for Fall.

Most options are available, and you will receive an assignment when you turn in your completed housing application.

No deposit is required and you don't have to wait to receive notification of your room assignment over the summer.

Housing applications are available at  
103 Hilltop Commons

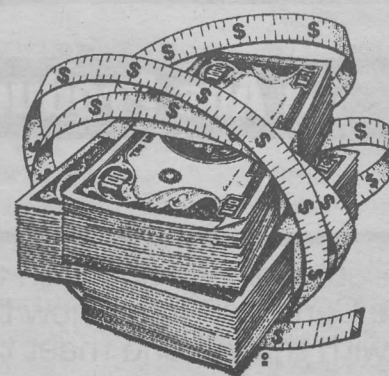
Hours:

8:00AM - 4:30PM, Monday-Friday

## Residents on Campus

Has Applications available for the position of:

### Vice President for Financial Affairs



Applicants must have at least one year of school remaining and completed or currently taking BUA 201 and 202.

Applications are available in the ROC Office on the 3rd floor of the Memorial Union or you can call ROC at 1-1760.

The application deadline is March 5 1st.



## • Environment

# Legislature urged to crack down on mercury pollution

AUGUSTA (AP) — A neighbor of the HoltraChem Manufacturing Corp. said she does not want to put the company out of business. She just wants it to stop releasing mercury into the air and water.

"We are not trying to put people out of work or to shut a company down," Patricia Judd told the Legislature's Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday. "But when is enough, enough?"

The company said going out of business, and leaving 68 people jobless, is exactly what could happen if a bill to curb mercury emissions is approved by lawmakers and signed by Gov. Angus S. King.

The bill, introduced by King, doesn't mention HoltraChem by name. Instead, it requires any firm discharging mercury by an industrial process to phase out its mercury releases into Maine waters by 2004. Thanks to an exemption to a 1971 law, HoltraChem is the only industry

that can legally discharge mercury into Maine waters.

The bill also sets deadlines for cutting mercury releases to the air, together with the use of mercury in the manufacturing processes. Also, the state Board of Environmental Protection would have to verify that an industry using mercury is in compliance with state environmental laws, or the industry would not be allowed to operate.

Bruce R. Davis, president of HoltraChem, said the company has already spent \$3.5 million on environmental improvements since it bought the plant in 1994. He also said there is no technology available that can eliminate mercury discharges in the company's wastewater.

"We have made progress," he said. "It has not been spectacular progress, and it hasn't been easy, but we've done it."

Davis also suggested that paper mills or municipal sewage plants may be releasing more

mercury than HoltraChem, and that the bill could force them to spend huge amounts of money to cut their discharges to rivers.

Sen. Richard P. Ruhlin, D-Brewer, the bill's sponsor, said Maine has some of the nation's highest environmental mercury levels.

One of the bill's co-sponsors, independent Sen. Jill D. Goldthwait of Bar Harbor, noted that the state has posted consumption warnings on freshwater fish, lobsters and other seafood because of toxic contamination. She said a spill today means unsafe fish for years to come.

## • York County

# Clock minder keeps schedule

BIDDEFORD (AP) — It started with the clock above City Hall.

"The clock always used to be wrong," Leroy McDonald said. "I asked them if I could set it."

City officials wanted to know how much. "Nothing," he told them. "I wanted to do it for civic pride."

That was 1980.

Today, at age 73, McDonald is an official clock minder of sorts, having taken on the 100-year-old clock atop Pepperell Mill and the steeple clock at First Parish Congregational Church in Saco.

Each week McDonald climbs 10 flights up the mill tower to wind the clock. If he didn't, its weight would reach the tower floor and the clock would stop. "I appear to be the only one left here who knows anything about these clocks," he said.

McDonald used to crank the clock by hand, as he would an old-fashioned alarm clock. Later he rigged up an electric motor and a car's fan belt around the shaft of the clock. It used to take him 13 1/2 minutes to wind the clock by hand. The motor cut that down to 3 1/2 minutes.

"See, watch it," he said, as he eyed the cluster of gears, pulleys and chains that make up the clockworks.

The City Hall clock is electric and easier to tend than the system of weights and pulleys at the mill. The mill clock is more of a challenge, which is fine with him.

"It's a tough job to keep something 100 years old going," McDonald said.

McDonald's interest in clocks began in 1948 when he fixed up an old cuckoo clock from his mother's attic. Today, 28 cuckoo clocks tick away in one room of his Saco home, where they keep perfect time.

The mill clock had been stopped for nearly 20 years when McDonald got it going again in 1984. Much of the work involved carting away pigeon droppings and sealing off the tower to keep pigeons out.

Carved into the wooden beams of the octagonal tower rooms are notes from people who kept the clock running in the past — among them, G.J. Donahue on Aug. 30, 1912, and Pat Cooney on March 24, 1948.

The mill now houses a woodworking shop. One of the owners said he pays McDonald "just a whisker" of a fee, less than \$15 a week.

## • Maine Yankee

# Landfill discussed by locals

WISCASSET (AP) — The president of Maine Yankee nuclear power plant plans to meet soon with residents who live near the town landfill where radioactive waste may have been dumped.

Michael Meisner said there is a "moral obligation" to those people if investigations by the state, Maine Yankee and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission determine dangerous material was dumped there.

"This particular issue surprised me," Meisner said, referring to the reported dumping.

The meeting could come as early as next week, when test results of water taken from monitoring wells at the landfill are due back,

said Maureen Brown, a spokeswoman for the plant.

Reports of dumping were first made public by Pat Dostie, who used to work at the plant and is now a state nuclear safety inspector.

Paul Grover Sr., who lives about 300 yards from the landfill, said he is concerned about the safety of his three grandchildren next door. Also, he is worried whether the value of his home will drop.

Water samples from a handful of wells throughout three-acres of the capped landfill have been sent to the state's health laboratory for analysis. State geologists collected the samples Tuesday.

## Compromise

from page 6

ate negotiators work out differences in their respective bills, Lackey said: "The amendment will be an issue in the conference."

Compact supporters contend any change to the agreement, already ratified by the three states' legislatures, would force a lengthy reratification process.

Wellstone is worried that compact backers will attempt a "dark of night" maneuver to knock out his amendments in conference committee.

"This is a fine victory that the Senate now is going to support these amendments," he said. "But then we are going to have to deal with the tricky back-room stuff."

Under the deal, the New England states would ship their waste from dismantled nuclear power plants, hospitals and industries to Texas in exchange for payments to Texas of \$25 million apiece.

Anti-nuclear activists and many Sierra Blanca residents are fighting the dump tooth-and-nail, challenging the selection on environmental, diplomatic and geological grounds. Texas officials defend the site as a safe one.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush and other officials contend Texas could be forced to accept waste from many other states without a compact.

## DeMarco

from page 5

best way to work was lead by example. It was the correct way to do it, but it was doing the easy way out of a hard job. I continued doing what I had done as a regular worker as well as being a manager. A manager is supposed to manage. This is called over-functioning. I wish I knew then what I know now. My manager peers were also not good to get along with."

The manager must be charismatic, DeMarco said. Bad managers care about "the people" while charismatic managers care about people.

"There is a big difference," said DeMarco. "You also need sensible judgment."

DeMarco worked with two Japanese companies and never saw any anger. He also saw this while working for the French company and the Swedish company. He saw more respect for and from management at

all these places.

It is hard to realize whether a company has this management problem or not, and when someone is first applying to the company, the only way to tell is to trust your first instinct, he said.

"I didn't trust my feelings when I started," DeMarco said.

Computer Science professor George Markowsky, who introduced DeMarco, said it is important for computer science majors, who were most of the audience, to understand management.

DeMarco was at the Memorial Union earlier Wednesday signing his latest book, *The Deadline: A Novel About Project Management*, which is available at the University Bookstore. DeMarco was the winner of the 1986 Warnier Prize for "lifetime contribution to the field of computing."

## On Campus Residents

Haven't Signed up for a room for Fall 1998 and would like to live on campus again next year?

**Most options are still available.**

Walk in service is available at  
103 Hilltop Commons,  
Monday - Friday  
8:00AM - 4:30 PM.

Stop in, fill out a housing application, and walk away with a room assignment for Fall 1998.

**First come, first-served.**



# Finally, you won't mind being carded.



Now when you use your Visa® card,  
you'll save big at these places.



It's everywhere you want to be.®

© 1998 Visa U.S.A. Inc.

## Save 10% on tires or service at any Firestone Tire & Service Center.

Use your Visa® card and save 10% on the regular retail price of automotive service or any Firestone or Bridgestone tires (including performance or pickup/S.U.V. radials) at your nearest Firestone Tire & Service Center or participating Affiliated Dealer. To redeem this special offer, mention code: P100 #24813 for service and code: P100 #24805 for tires. Offer valid 1/1/98 - 6/30/98.

**Terms and Conditions:** Certificate redemption is solely the responsibility of participating Firestone Tire & Service Centers. Offer valid January 1, 1998, through June 30, 1998. Good only for tires or service indicated at company-owned Firestone Tire & Service Centers and participating Affiliated Dealers. Not valid with any other offer and cannot be used to reduce outstanding debt. Any other use constitutes fraud. Void where prohibited, taxed, or restricted by law. Valid only when you use your Visa card and present this certificate. Applicable taxes must be paid by bearer. Only redeemable in the U.S. Cash value 1/100 cent. Visa Rewards is a service mark of Visa International Service Association. © 1998 Visa U.S.A. Inc.



**BRIDGESTONE**  
**Firestone**



## Save 2<sup>00</sup> on any purchase of \$10 or more.

Use your Visa® card and save \$2 on any purchase of \$10 or more at any participating Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory location. Enjoy the intense flavor and generous portions of our nutty clusters, chewy caramels, exotic truffles, and crisp butter-toffees. Choose from among a variety of gift baskets and boxed chocolates, perfect for any occasion. For the participating store nearest you, call 1-800-344-9630 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. MST). To redeem this special offer, present this certificate at the cashier at time of purchase. Offer valid 1/1/98 - 6/30/98.

**Terms and Conditions:** Certificate redemption is solely the responsibility of participating Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory locations. Offer valid January 1, 1998, through June 30, 1998. Any other use constitutes fraud. Void where prohibited, taxed, or restricted by law. Valid only when you use your Visa card. Applicable taxes must be paid by bearer. Only redeemable in the U.S. Cash value 1/100 cent. Visa Rewards is a service mark of Visa International Service Association. © 1998 Visa U.S.A. Inc.



## Save 15% on any purchase at Fashion Bug.

Check it out! Fashion Bug now has a new junior shop in most stores. Come in and save 15% on the coolest junior sportswear when you pay with your Visa® card. Fashion Bug has over 1,100 stores nationwide, so check your local white pages for the store nearest you. To redeem this special offer, present this certificate at time of purchase. Offer valid 1/1/98 - 6/30/98.

**Terms and Conditions:** Certificate redemption is solely the responsibility of participating Fashion Bug locations. Offer valid January 1, 1998, through June 30, 1998. Good only for purchase of products indicated. Valid on regularly priced items only. Any other use constitutes fraud. Cannot be combined with any other offer or used as payment on your Fashion Bug charge. Offer excludes prior purchases, layaways, and gift certificates. Void where prohibited, taxed, or restricted by law. Valid only when you use your Visa card. Applicable taxes must be paid by bearer. Only redeemable in the U.S. Cash value 1/100 cent. Visa Rewards is a service mark of Visa International Service Association. © 1998 Visa U.S.A. Inc. Cashier Key #: 775042005

**FASHION BUG.**



## Save 15% on any purchase of \$75 or more at American Eagle Outfitters.

Use your Visa® card and save 15% on any purchase of \$75 or more at any one of the more than 330 American Eagle Outfitters stores nationwide. Get great deals on fashions from our new collection. To redeem this special offer, present this certificate to the cashier at time of purchase. Offer valid 1/1/98 - 6/30/98.

**Terms and Conditions:** Certificate redemption is solely the responsibility of participating American Eagle Outfitters locations. Offer valid January 1, 1998, through June 30, 1998. This certificate may not be used in conjunction with any other certificate, discount, and/or special in-store offer(s). Certificate is not valid towards previously purchased merchandise. "Buy-one-get-one-free" promotions, layaway, purchase of merchandise certificate, or redline merchandise. Any other use constitutes fraud. Void where prohibited, taxed, or restricted by law. Valid only when you use your Visa card and present this certificate. Applicable taxes must be paid by bearer. Only redeemable in the U.S. Cash value 1/100 cent. Visa Rewards is a service mark of Visa International Service Association. © 1998 Visa U.S.A. Inc. Authorization Code #: 25





# NATIONAL NEWS

## • Spring Break

### Search for sun, fun and suds may be career boost

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Spring break, and the college students who descended on this beach found a sculpture that bore no resemblance to the elaborate castles that typically emerge from the sugar-white sands.

A huge IBM ThinkPad laptop com-

puter had sprouted, encouraging the young crowd to think "Big Blue," the company's nickname, as they sip margaritas and catch the rays.

A booming economy and low jobless rate has employers as diverse as IBM and the Atlanta Police Department hitting

the beach to recruit college students at the two-day Spring Break Career Expo '98 that began Thursday.

"The competition for college students has really heated up, especially for technical degrees," said IBM recruiter Ralph Mobley. "Spring break is an opportunity to get in front of a big audience of college students."

IBM hired two Tampa sand sculptors to carve its ThinkPad and a plane overhead pulled a banner with the company's logo, Web site and the slogan, "Don't get burned, Blue is better."

"We fight a little bit of an image battle in terms of being thought of as a conservative company, kind of old-line IBM," Mobley said. "Beach recruiting ... is just to create interest among this age group that IBM is a cool company."

Twenty-eight employers set up booths in a Ramada Inn ballroom as rain fell outside. Some moved to a tent on the beach when the sun made a brief appearance in this Florida Panhandle resort city.

"You don't have your resume here, you're unprepared for this sort of thing, wearing shorts and a T-shirt and sandals," said David Snider, 21, of Oskaloosa, Iowa. "It feels a little strange. It's a little different, laid back."

The junior economics and religious studies major from Grinnell College at-

tracted the attention of Jean Schmitt and Kevin Clark, recruiters for Omaha, Neb.-based Inacom.

They were on the Grinnell campus a couple weeks ago but didn't see Snider there. His immediate interest is in an internship, and they told him Inacom had just what he was looking for.

At the Ramada Inn, students found representatives of 3 Com Corp., Compuserve, the Darden Restaurant Group, First Union National Bank, Lockheed Martin, Lucent Technology, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital, Nationwide Insurance, Navistar International, Raytheon Corp., State Farm Insurance, Unisys Corp. and Visa International.

Recruiters handed out T-shirts, drinking cups and other items emblazoned with company logos and asked students to fill out forms with names, addresses, career goals and other information that will go into computer databanks so they can be contacted later.

Not all students came unprepared.

"Looking for a job, that's our first priority these days, spring break or not," said Irum Siddiqui, 29, of Quetta, Pakistan, who expects to graduate in May from Arkansas State University with a master's in business administration. "That's why we were carrying our resumes with us."

## • Astronomy

### Scientists recant predictions

HOUSTON (AP) — A week after coming off like Chicken Little with a Ph.D., some astronomers have resolved to make sure they're right the next time they announce the sky might be falling.

At a meeting this week in Houston, 15 astronomers from around the country agreed to form a committee that will use its combined expertise to calculate the risks to Earth when an asteroid looks like a threat.

"This group would be charged with assessing the threat and reaching a consensus and a clearer plan for defining the nature of the threat," said Donald Yeomans, a scientist with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"We don't cry wolf. If it's a real threat, the announcement will be made and steps will be taken to mitigate the threat."

Last week, it appeared a group of astronomers, the International Astronomical Union, had cried wolf when they issued an alert saying that an asteroid would pass within 30,000 miles of Earth — and might even collide with it — on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2028, around 1:30 p.m. EST. The next day, Yeomans — citing new data — said the asteroid would pass no closer than 600,000 miles and had no chance whatsoever of hitting the planet.

All parties seem to agree that the gaffe could have been avoided had the International Astronomical Union and NASA communicated earlier.

"It's in our best interest to try to get harmonious again," said Brian Marsden, the distinguished Harvard astronomer who made the IAU calculations.

Marsden and Yeomans were among the astronomers who met Tuesday at Houston and decided to form the peer

review committee.

When an astronomer discovers that an asteroid could threaten the Earth, the committee will review the data and do its own calculations to determine how serious the threat is.

"Within a matter of a day or two, the situation will become far more clear and it will either become a nonevent or some appropriate announcement will be made — but not until this committee's had a chance to chew on it for a bit," Yeomans said.

The committee members have not yet been selected, but they are likely to include both Marsden and Yeomans.

Marsden admitted the entire asteroid episode "left a nasty taste in my mouth."

Marsden said he made his calculations based on all the data available at the time. In Marsden's 40 years of tracking asteroids, the space rock was the first with the potential of coming so close to the Earth. He said he decided to make an announcement to try to obtain additional data.

Eleanor Helin of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory immediately called Marsden and said that based upon his data, she had found 1990 telescopic images of the asteroid that could be helpful.

Using those pictures and recent observations, Ms. Helin's group calculated the asteroid's new position and forwarded the information to Marsden and her colleague, Yeomans. Yeomans simply beat Marsden to the punch by releasing the information, she said.

"I'm very disappointed in how this unfolded," Ms. Helin said. "It appears that people are trying to pit (Marsden's group) against NASA and vice versa when, really, we're all friends."

The biggest threat  
to depression is your  
awareness of it.

#1 Cause of Suicide

UNTREATED  
DEPRESSION

<http://www.save.org>

R-Rated Hypnotist / Comedian

FRANK  
SANTOS

R-adically Different R-ichly Entertaining R-eculously Funny R-ecklessly Risqué

"Spellbinding Hysterics ..."

The show will go on!

Appearing in place of the  
unfortunately ill-stricken  
Mr. Santos will be:

Julie Dano  
Gerroll Bennet

&

Paul Nardizzi  
from Framingham, MA.

Mr. Nardizzi has entertained more than  
400 colleges  
Appeared on the Conan O'Brien show twice  
Is a winner of the San Francisco Comedy  
Competition  
and frequently does shows at Comedy  
Connections in Boston, Providence and  
Portland.

Still Free!  
(with Maine Card)  
Fri. March 20

9pm in Memorial Gym  
(Part of Rec Sports Fun Night)

Sponsored by:  
ROC, OCB & Rec Sports



# EDITORIAL

## Internet bill unnecessary

After having the U.S. Supreme Court throw out their Internet Decency Act two years ago, Congress is trying yet again to impose its morals on society.

Introduced by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the Safe Schools Internet Act would "require the installation of a system for filtering or blocking matter on the Internet on computers in schools and libraries with Internet access, and for other purposes."

Schools and libraries receiving federal assistance would have to block access to Internet Web sites containing matter "deemed inappropriate" for minors. The determination of what's inappropriate would be made by schools, school boards or libraries. A provision in the bill would prohibit the federal government from second-guessing the appropriateness of material.

The last provision is a nice try by the bill's sponsors to avoid violating the First Amendment, but not nice enough. The bill goes too far by appealing to the lowest common denominator. Filtering out material that is inappropriate for children would filter out

material that is, on the other hand, appropriate for adults. Filtering would also render the Internet useless for research, as filtering programs are often too restrictive or fooled.

For example, instructing a filtering program to block access to Web pages containing the word "breast" would prevent people from doing research on breast cancer. On the other end of the spectrum, a search for "White House" would pull up [www.whitehouse.com](http://www.whitehouse.com), a site that has material quite different from that of [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov).

Attempting to block access to specific sites is futile. There are an estimated 30,000 sexually explicit sites on the Web, and the number is growing, with creative Web sites using innocuous names such as "White House."

A federal mandate is not the answer to keeping sexually explicit material from children; common sense is. Librarians and parents should be allowed to exercise their own judgment, and adult patrons of public libraries should be allowed to look at what they want. Congress has no business mandating restrictions to free speech, no matter how good its intentions may be.

## Sampling no solution for census

Arguing that the Constitution requires an actual head count for the census, Republicans in Congress have introduced a bill that would block the Census Bureau's plans to use statistical sampling in 2000. Republicans fear that inaccurate sampling could inflate minority figures and cost them a majority in Congress.

Citing the high cost of conducting an actual head count, President Clinton has promised to veto the bill. He should reconsider.

Figures generated during the census have a major impact on federal aid to cities and states, and on districting for the House of Representatives.

The Census Bureau estimates that 269,358,983 people currently reside in the United States. However, if a 1992 Congressional investigation is any indication, your guess may be as accurate as the bureau's.

The 1990 census apparently undercounted by approximately 4 million people. Most belonged to minority groups. To account for this glaring error, the Census Bureau says statistical sampling methods for the April 1, 2000, count would be more accurate.

The bureau claims costs for an accurate

survey of every American would be prohibitive, at more than \$25 per person. Officials suggest that a survey of 750,000 total households, balanced by state, would be less expensive and actually increase the Census' accuracy.

The inaccuracy and cost increase in 1990 were blamed partially on a decline in the percentage of households that returned census questionnaires, necessitating an army of hastily trained census workers to follow up with door-to-door interviews.

Additional error was introduced when the Census failed to count America's migrant laborers and homeless. A statistical sample would, if anything, likely increase error regarding indigent populations.

A statistical sampling would no doubt be cheaper and easier, but with the government's advanced computer technology, is it really necessary? After all, if the United States can universally tax, it can put out the effort to count its citizenry.

Smart use of available technology and a cooperative effort within government's structure would bring about a Census 2000 of unparalleled ease and accuracy. The Census Bureau just needs to put in a little effort.

## The Maine Campus

THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE NEWSPAPER SINCE 1875

**Editor-in-Chief:** Paul B. Livingstone

**Business Manager:** Judy Crockett

**City Editor:** Kathryn Ritchie

**Production Manager:** John R. Brookhouse

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

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

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



• Guest column

## Binge drinking's consequences

By Jodi Sokolowski

Many students attend institutions of higher education not only to obtain a degree but also to experience college for those highlights not outlined in the brochure. They see their college years as the time to release all inhibitions and enjoy the wild days of youth while the disapproving eyes of parents are blinded by the miles of distance.

To fully experience this partying stage in life, students use alcohol or illegal drugs to illuminate the exciting lifestyle of college. Most often, binge drinking is the activity of choice for entertainment and social recreation. Students do not view this as alcohol abuse but as a "rite of passage."

According to recent studies, almost half of college students binge drink. Binge drinking is defined as drinking alcohol to get drunk. For men it is five or more drinks in a sitting and for women it is four or more.

Students spend \$55 billion a year on alcohol, mostly beer. This is more than they spend on books, soda, coffee, juice and milk. An average student's spending budget for alcohol is \$466 a year.

Alcohol can have a negative effect on athletic and academic performance, driving a vehicle and on a person's health. Physical and sexual assault, and impaired sleep and study times are just a few of the problems tangled up with alcohol abuse.

Alcohol has been a determinant in 90 percent of all reported rapes - either the victim or the assailant was intoxicated. It was a related factor in two of the three actual rapes reported at the University of Maine in 1996.

Universities may offer prevention and alcohol awareness programs, but students must compete with happy hours, bar crawls, keg parties and drinking games. Many students relish in their drinking abilities, bragging how much and often they drink.

Living with more people tends to encourage more drinking. Students in fraternities and sororities drink three times as many drinks as non-Greek students per week. On-campus students drink three times more drinks per week than off-campus students. In these two environments, underage students can easily find someone to buy for them.

For me, living on campus was a more conducive atmosphere to drinking. Many people armed and ready in a co-ed dorm make for a quick party. Traveling from party

to party on campus was simple and fun. By walking, it helped us burn off some calories and made us thirst for more.

Even though binge drinking is still prevalent in college communities, the percentage has decreased from 80.3 percent in 1985 to 74.5 percent in 1990. The decline of the number of students going to bars may be for several reasons, such as the increase in tuition, a larger number of students who work instead of party, and alcohol awareness education.

Even though the number of students drinking is decreasing, it is still a significant number to be a problem. As one bartender explained the bar scene, "It's a necessary evil."

Once students start going to bars, or one like Geddy's, they can't stop. Every Thursday night 21-and-over and \$1.25 drafts becomes a tradition for students. An early excuse to a long weekend can alter students' schedules or become such a problem that they start missing science labs.

"Going to Geddy's sucks you in," one student said.

Students often go drinking to get partying out of their system in a safe environment of a college before venturing into the working world. One friend picked a two-year community college in Hicksville, N.Y., for that purpose alone. Because the school was known for its partying reputation, my friend wanted to get partying out of her system before settling down into a responsible adult lifestyle.

But is this really effective? She continues to visit bars on week nights, drinking and driving home for the next workday.

On one occasion, she began socially drinking at her workplace and the party continued at a bar with co-workers. The next thing she remembered was waking up in her own bed the next morning. She had to call a co-worker to be sure everything was in order at work because she blacked out and couldn't remember.

Drinking and drugs affects the work environment and people's habits and ability. By abusing mind-altering substances, people lose in their work performance abilities and maybe even their job. Does binge drinking in college really help get the partying stage out of a person's system or does it increase the desire to party?

Jodi Sokolowski is a senior journalism major and is a staff writer for The Maine Campus.



## OP/ED



Column

## Sports tickets – use ‘em or lose them

By Bill Stewart

Cindy Blodgett is a legend in this state. The women's basketball team has ventured into the NCAA Tournament for four consecutive years. The men's hockey team has established itself on a national level and has played for – and won – the national championship.

The football team turned a sharp corner two years ago and is moving toward the upper echelon within the Atlantic 10 Football Conference and is positioning itself on a plateau of respectability.

And these are just three varsity programs – out of 20 – at the University of Maine that don't receive enough support from students. Students who do show up, and believe me they are few and far between, are quieter than a crowd assembled to watch a crucial putt in a playoff hole with a Master's championship on the line.

Why is this?

Well, it's quite simple, really. No one cares.

Take the men's hockey team, for example. Students are allotted 1,500 tickets a game, but really only need about half of those to accommodate the ones who actually show up. Don't think the university is noticing? Think again. Should this trend continue, count on a large chunk of those student tickets to be plucked away from the students and make their way into the hands of eagerly-anticipating season-ticket holders. There is a waiting list for Black Bear men's hockey season tickets longer than it will take the Boston Red Sox to win another

World Series.

Who will benefit from this? Those booster clubs that are tucked away in a building that you have to get lost to find. If you dish out an unspecified amount of cash to join one of those clubs, you could get first crack at some of those season tickets, which are actually student tickets.

But why bother complain when no one bothers to show? Can you really blame the university? The people who make these decisions see things in dollar signs – like that Staples commercial. When 700 or so tickets aren't picked up, that translates into thousands of dollars not being raked in. And the university can't have that happen, folks.

As for basketball – both men and women – the turnout is even more ridiculously low. The women are averaging in the low-hundred range for student pick-up, with the men down there as well. The best student-athlete ever to hail from the Pine Tree State in Blodgett just closed out a brilliant career, and most of the students who attended UMaine during her four years will look back 20 years from now sitting in their cushioned chairs inside the friendly confines of the Betty Ford Clinic and say, "Didn't she use to be our alcohol connection?"

Apparently the same old song and dance routine harmoniously played out on a Saturday night isn't boring anyone. Why go to a basketball game when you can get drunk for the 12th time this week?

As for many of the other varsity sports here? Ask a typical student here how many varsity

sports programs UMaine has, and three-quarters won't even look to the other hand to count. It's a joke.

But it's not like that everywhere. Go to the University of New Hampshire when school is in session and take in a men's hockey game. The students sound like a Jerry Springer audience on a fifth of whiskey when one of those love triangles gets bent into a parallelogram.

They come out in force – and granted at UNH they have designated student sections, which are sorely lacking here – and they come out in style. If you don't think it makes a difference in a game, just ask former Maine hockey coach Greg Cronin about those annual trips to Durham, N.H.

What makes this student apathy issue so sad is that all of the coaches here appeal to students. Football coach Jack Cosgrove even says he wishes tailgating would make its way to the Orono parking lots before his team hits the grid iron. This is not to say one of the most underrated coaches here endorses binge drinking, but rather student involvement. Cosgrove isn't the only coach here who wants the students to emerge from their sheltered worlds of blindness.

And for the bandwagoners out there, I refer to the infamous Napoleon, who once said, "Without the Revolution I am nothing."

And without the students, this makes our athletics teams just that – nothing.

*Bill Stewart is a senior journalism major, and is the sports editor for The Maine Campus.*

## Bills could revive university system

The University of Maine's need to raise enrollment and its retention rate, and its need for funding seem to be three of the hottest topics for its administration and most of its students these days. This necessity has been made evident by the university's raising tuition along with its on-going efforts to bring funds to the university.

Two bills the Legislature is about to consider would benefit the University of Maine System if passed and are needed to allow the system and, in particular UMaine, to improve its ability to educate students attending its universities and colleges.

Rep. Tina Baker of Bangor is

sential to the education of students in this era.

If both bills pass, it would be the best thing the Legislature has done in several years. This is highly unlikely because of the state's own lack of funds, according to Rep. Kathleen Stevens, D-Orono, in a Bangor Daily News article.

Although these bills would benefit UMaine, the university still has to reconsider, as it is doing now, how to improve itself. Difficulties in enrollment and retention have hit the university like the plague and have been hard to get rid of.

By Kristen Dobler



sponsoring a bill that would create an endowment fund to provide student scholarships and funds for teaching positions at all of Maine's public colleges and universities. The state would match up to \$7 million of private donations.

The endowment could provide 1,000 students with scholarships for \$1,000.

House Speaker Elizabeth Mitchell is sponsoring a bill that would provide recent Maine high school graduates tuition assistance if they go on to higher education in the state. It would give qualified students up to \$3,600 to put toward tuition at Maine's public schools. Students attending a private school would receive up to \$3,000 for tuition.

Mitchell's \$14 million plan would be spent in one year and help 4,000 Maine students.

Both bills would bring \$14 million to Maine's colleges and universities, and their students. Both bills would encourage Maine students to attend college in the state. Baker's bill was more popular with the Legislature's Education Committee when its members were asked to rank the bills.

UMaine has been forced to make drastic cuts to its budget because of the flat level funding the state has been giving the university system for several years, amounting to a decline of about 2 percent since 1990. If the Legislature chooses to ignore bills such as these, it will impair the level of education students will receive from the university system. UMaine might be forced to continue cutting its budget along with programs and access that are es-

In the past, the university has aimed its recruiting efforts at upper echelon students and disregarded the needs of the average Maine student. Last year's move to allow each valedictorian from Maine high schools to attend UMaine for free was positive, but only a few benefited. This is a group of students who are more than likely to receive numerous scholarships from other organizations and who probably won't go to a state school in the first place.

Instead, the university should give its attention to the state's prospective college students who can't afford higher education. Access for Maine's students to attend college should be the main goal for the state and the university system. Both bills would aid this type of student and would encourage the incorporation of similar ideas.

The state should also consider doing other things to bring more funds to the university system and look to other states for examples in doing so. Georgia uses funds from its state lottery to raise funds for its college students to attend school for free in the state as long as they maintain a "B" average. This is an idea Maine lawmakers should consider.

By providing funds to the university system, the Legislature will not only be helping it provide a proper education for Maine's students, it will be preparing the future leaders of the state.

*Kristen Dobler is a sophomore English and journalism major, and is the assistant city editor for The Maine Campus.*

Your opinion matters

Write a letter to the editor.

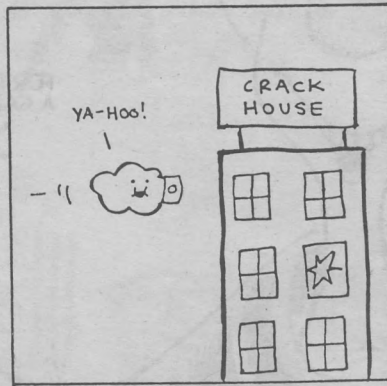
UMaine's thrice-weekly newspaper

The Maine Campus



# ENTERTAINMENT

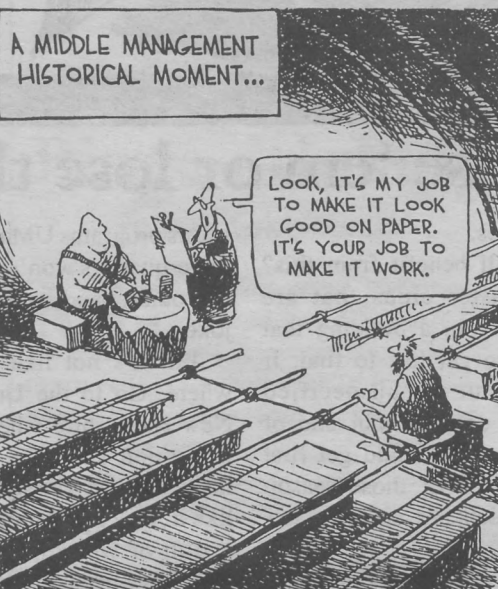
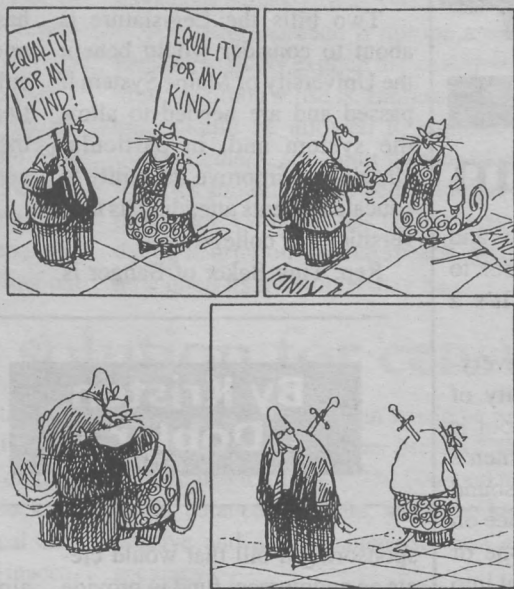
## Mr. GNU



By Travis Dandro

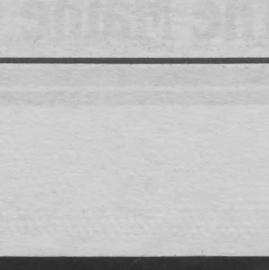
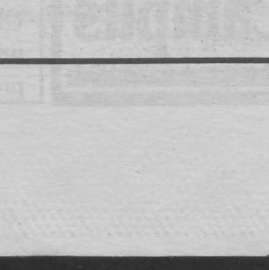
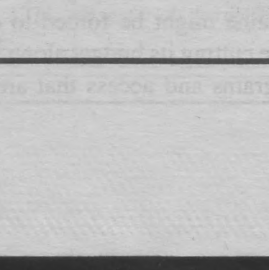
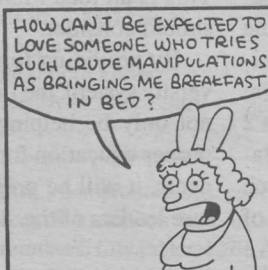
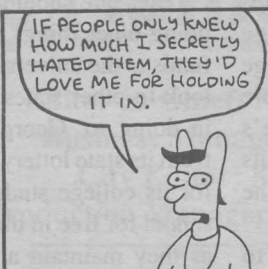
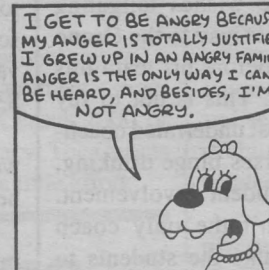
## NON SEQUITUR

BY VIEV



## LIFE IN HELL

THE SWEET REVENGE OF  
**WHAT'S YOUR DEAL?**



©1998  
BY MATT  
GROENING

## Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Friday, March 20

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** Pluto, planet of transformation, plays a big part in your birthday chart this year, which can only mean that your life is due for a radical shake-up. Does that thought inspire you or terrify you? If it's the latter, you are due for a pleasant surprise.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** You may be adventurous, but are you open-minded? If something someone says today offends you, don't try to censor it. There are as many ways of thinking as there are people in the world. If you try to outlaw ideas you don't agree with, you will only make them more popular.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Possessions mean a lot to you. But with Pluto causing upheavals in the area of joint resources, you are coming to understand that possessions come way down on the list of things that really matter. What matters today is written on your heart, not your bank balance.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** If you get the feeling you have been down this road before and that the situations you find yourself in look vaguely familiar, it is because they are. The major themes of your life always repeat themselves, not because fate is unkind, but because it wants you to get them right.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** New demands are being made on your time, and because they are unexpected you may find it hard to cope. But if you are honest, you will admit that you have been going through the motions and working well within your limits. You need to be pushed so you can rediscover how much more you are capable of.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** Are you following a certain path through life because you know it is right for you or because it has become a habit? Current aspects are undermining the way you look at responsibility. Don't shackle yourself to a life of monotony and drudgery; break free and enjoy yourself.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** Mercury, your ruler, forms a powerful but disruptive aspect to Pluto, planet of transformation, today. What this suggests is that meaningful communications with family members will be difficult, if not impossible. There is nothing you can do about this but let it pass. By Sunday the world will be a friendlier place.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** You won't agree with everything that you hear today, but you will be grateful that a friend or relative decides to be honest with you, even though you may disagree. It is better to disagree and know why you disagree than for differences to fester and grow in silence.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** Someone seems to depend on you too much, and you would be wise to put a little more distance between you — in fact, the more the better. If you suspect that that person appreciates your generosity rather than you, it is hardly the basis of an ideal relationship.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** You have so many plans, but you don't seem to have time to take any of them seriously. The reason for this, of course, is that certain areas of your life are massively overcrowded and need a thorough spring cleaning. Chuck out the junk and you will create plenty of room.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Do you spend the day thinking about the meaning of life, or do you spend the day in riotous self-expression? It seems such a silly question, but behind that carefree facade lurks a serious soul. Enjoy yourself but don't be surprised if all seems a bit trivial today.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** The old must always give way to the new, but it rarely happens without a struggle. Something in your life is changing, and deep down you know you can't stand in the way of progress. But why would you want to when the future has so much more to offer than the past? Changes are good for you today.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** It may feel as if you are at the mercy of earth-shattering events and, to a certain extent, you are. But don't forget that just a little while ago you were praying for your life to change. If current developments are uncomfortable, it can only be because they are doing you good.



# Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Saturday, March 21

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** Don't feel bad because you haven't done all the things you would like to in your life. Think of all the wonderful things you can still achieve if you really put your mind to it. All you lack is confidence — acquire it and you can't go wrong.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Know your limitations this weekend. You may be tempted to put too much effort into an activity that really doesn't need it. Why exhaust yourself for no extra gain? Come to think of it why exhaust yourself at all?

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Proceed with caution, but for goodness sake proceed! Planetary activity gives you the green light to push ahead with a project that means a lot to you, but you appear reluctant to take the plunge. You have nothing to worry about and everything to hope for.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** There may be an ocean of difference between your way of doing things and the way a partner or colleague chooses to do them, but that doesn't mean you can't operate as a team. Provided you each know the other's strengths, you can avoid any obvious weaknesses in your relationship today.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Don't limit yourself by past experiences. You know that a certain ambition is well within your capabilities, so why do you hesitate? You have as much chance of success as anyone else and more so than most, but it is unlikely to happen if you don't have confidence in yourself.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** The answer to your prayers — or at least your financial prayers — is close at hand. All you have to do is reach out and grab it. You seem reluctant to try, most likely because you have had your fingers burned before. Don't worry, you can afford to take a risk this weekend.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** Forget about pleasing other people — do what pleases you this weekend. You are urged to go on the attack, not in an aggressive sense but in a way that lets others know you can no longer be taken for granted. How long has it been since you called the shots? Too long.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** Someone who has been undermining you behind the scenes will be revealed this weekend, and you will heave a sigh of relief because this is someone you know you can deal with, no matter how big he/she happens to be. Now you can relax and stop worrying about the unknown.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** If you disagree with a certain person's point of view, say so. If you keep your thoughts to yourself, that person will think you support him/her and do something that makes the situation worse. A small disagreement now is preferable to a major one later on. You must be honest this weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Others may be hostile to your ambitions this weekend but only because they envy your courage and confidence. If you know what you want, go for it. The more people criticize, the more likely it is you are on the right track — the one that leads to true fulfillment.

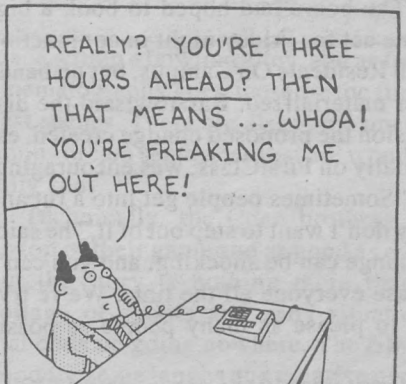
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Trust your instincts this weekend, even when they point you in a different direction to everyone else. Capricorns are noted for their patience and common sense, but you're a bit of a dreamer too. If you find a way to combine reality and fantasy, no one can beat you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You never give up, even when the odds appear impossible. This weekend's challenge stands like a mountain before you, but with courage, confidence and with the knowledge that others have been there before you, you will reach the summit.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Don't draw back from a fight simply for the sake of a peaceful life. A disagreement has been brewing for quite some time and must be brought into the open where it can be dealt with. Only one thing is certain this weekend: If you don't stick up for your rights, you will lose them.

# ENTERTAINMENT

DILBERT® by Scott Adams



## New York Times Daily Crossword

No. 1224

### ACROSS

- 1 They're found on gift tags
- 6 Telephone device
- 10 Killer whale
- 14 Unanimously
- 15 Mine, to Manet
- 16 What some vacationers do
- 17 Seasonal accomplishment #1
- 20 Duration
- 21 Med students' studies
- 22 Sports event
- 24 "Inside Politics" broadcaster
- 25 Seasonal accomplishment #2
- 33 Book before Joel: Abbr.

- 34 One of the Churchills
- 35 Medicinal plant
- 36 Musical composition suffix
- 38 Gibbs of country music
- 40 Geom. shape
- 41 Loamy soil deposit
- 43 Long times
- 45 Small: Suffix
- 46 Seasonal accomplishment #3
- 49 Harvardite's rival
- 50 "That's a —!"
- 51 Dives
- 56 Blazing
- 60 Advice to the accomplisher

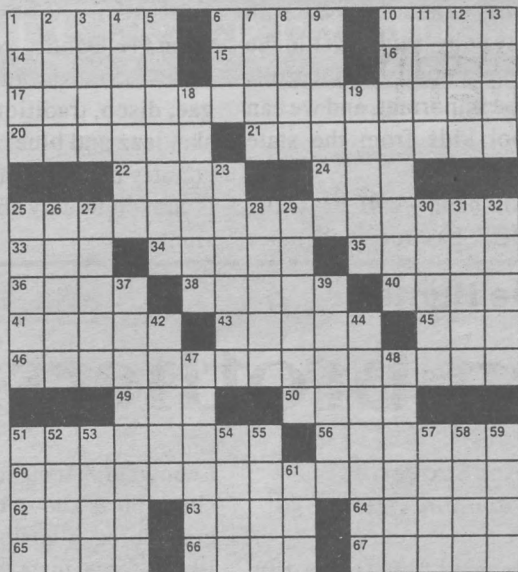
- 62 Seed covering
- 63 View from Taormina
- 64 Wife of two Forsytes, in "The Forsyte Saga"
- 65 Yarn
- 66 NCO
- 67 Bus subordinates

### DOWN

- 1 Salt
- 2 1975 Wimbledon winner
- 3 Literary time of day
- 4 Elgar's "Variations"
- 5 Sonnet endings
- 6 Gridlock
- 7 "It's — world": Dickens
- 8 "— fan tutte"
- 9 Cousin of camp
- 10 Showy-flowered shrub
- 11 Shad delicacies
- 12 Help for Nancy Drew
- 13 Locale of the world's longest road tunnel
- 18 Locale in a Dr. Seuss title
- 19 Descartes and Magritte
- 23 Pawed
- 25 Have puppies
- 26 Kind of blade
- 27 Launder of cosmetics

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AZORES	SHOW	CAL
BODEGA	LAME	ARE
COSTAR	IVAN	RIG
ANAR	MANDA	LEG
SAKI	EEN	EASY
CLANTON	ALBS	
RIB	AMAN	AROMAS
ABUSHEL	LANDA	PECK
PILEON	HALS	THU
REST	FESTOON	
MOLT	EAT	ROOK
AYEAR	ANDADAY	
BVD	ALPO	AVOIDA
EEG	SLIP	NOUGAT
LYE	PANT	ANTONY



Puzzle by Nancy S. Ross

- 28 Nostrils
- 29 Cast
- 30 Get the better of
- 31 Sibling of a mère or père
- 32 Ranked
- 37 Make a crowd
- 39 Encroachment
- 42 Center of a 1965 voter registration drive
- 44 Iced drink
- 47 Clan members
- 48 Gondoliers
- 51 Academic rite of passage: Abbr.
- 52 Bit of Euromoney
- 53 Monopoly purchase: Abbr.
- 54 Times Square sign
- 55 Caroled
- 57 Pub quaffs
- 58 Fly off the handle
- 59 Donald and Ivana, e.g.
- 61 Cole who sang "The Christmas Song"

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

## Corrections

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

## Personal Astrology Consultations by Telephone

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

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



# Style and the Arts

## • Bumstock

# OCB looks to make festival 'family oriented'

By Derek Rice  
Maine Campus staff

The proposed change in format may have fallen through for this year's Bumstock, but the Off-Campus Board still has some changes in mind for the festival.

"I think this will be the best Bumstock ever," OCB President Chris Barstow said. "I know that's a bold statement, but by the time it's all done, I hope others will agree with me."

The board had hoped to book a big-name act for Friday night in conjunction with Residents On Campus, but no bands ever materialized. Barstow said the discussion the proposed change created, especially on FirstClass, was encouraging.

"Sometimes people get into a rut and they don't want to step out of it," he said. "Change can be shocking, and you can't please everyone all the time. We're trying to please as many people as possible."

Barstow said the group would like to make the two-day event more family- and community-oriented than in the past. This would encourage more members of the campus community, especially those who have children, to attend.

Although he said he's "not 100 percent sure," Barstow said OCB may look to advertise Bumstock statewide for the first time.

"We can use this as a recruitment tool for the university," he said. "With the new funding formula coming up, enrollment is going to be important, and we can show high school kids from the state what we have to offer."

The variety of bands will be wide, Barstow said. OCB has received tapes



By tinkering with the formula, OCB hopes to avoid scenes like this at next month's Bumstock. (File photo.)

from 41 bands, comprising nearly all styles of music, including hip hop, reggae, disco, traditional rock, cover bands, ska, jazz and blues. OCB is looking for a country band, he said, because that genre is conspicuously absent from the submissions.

"We could have a good old-fashioned country hoe-down on Saturday afternoon," he said.

Because of the number of bands interested, Barstow said there probably won't be enough slots to fit all of them in on either of the two main stages, but those

who don't make the cut will be invited to play in the coffee tent.

"We want to try to get as many bands involved as possible," he said.

As part of the advertising for Bumstock, see BUMSTOCK on page 16

## • The Movie Hunter

# Coen brothers' latest nothing but a lark

By Hunter Tzovarras  
Maine Campus staff

"The Big Lebowski," the latest film from Joel and Ethan Coen, is all about style, wacky characters and inadvertent plot negation. Anyone looking to find a plot in this film will be unsuccessful, for the Coen brothers never intended for there to be one, something that's established right from the start.

The film opens with voice-over narration by Sam Elliot, who quickly loses his train of thought and forgets what it was he wanted to say, and that is basically what happens to the film's plot. Something happens and the characters are supposed to react in a certain way, but in the processes of doing so they're distracted, led astray and end up doing something irrelevant to their previous situation.

"The Big Lebowski" is the follow-up to "Fargo," a film that I loved and consider one of the ten best films of the decade. The thing that made "Fargo" work so well was that its cast of peculiar and strange characters existed in a plausible world; that is not the case with "The Big

Lebowski." Instead, everyone and each situation is too caricatured to ever be considered plausible, so the film plays like a farce instead of a clever take on reality. But that's not necessarily a bad thing. The film is enjoyable and funny. In style, it is very similar to "Raising Arizona," but in the end falls short of its energy and wit.

The Coen brothers' films have always been saturated with goofy and bizarre characters, and "The Big Lebowski" is no departure. We have Jesus (John Turturro), a convicted pedophile and avid bowler; Walter (John Goodman), a fanatic, violent bowler and Vietnam vet who's still obsessed with the war; and Danny (Steve Buscemi), the inquisitive tag-along who never gets to finish a sentence and is forced to wait in the car while his friends take care of business.

Then there are the Lebowskis. Maude (Julianne Moore) is first introduced swinging naked from the ceiling and splashing paint on a canvas below. Bunny (Tara Reid), who's married to millionaire Big Lebowski (David Huddleston), is a porn actress starring in such

films as "Log Jammin'."

One common feature in Coen brothers' films is that of the anti-hero character. In "Fargo," it was Marge the pregnant police officer; in "The Big Leb-

owski" it's the Dude (Jeff Bridges), an unemployed hippie devoted to pot, bowling and "taking it easy." The Dude, whose

See COENS on page 15

## From the home office at Beta Theta Pi

### Top Ten signs that you had a bad spring break.

- 10) You found out that they charge for those 900 numbers.
- 9) You actually missed the commons food.
- 8) You actually missed the commons workers.
- 7) You hit a parked car. (Also one of the top ten signs that you didn't have good brakes.)
- 6) Your break coincided with your town's annual sponge festival.
- 5) You spent your entire break trying to beat "the winter-time blues."
- 4) Your mother insists that you stop calling it "the winter time blues" and cut it out before you go blind.
- 3) It was your bail bondsman's spring break as well.
- 2) You didn't travel across the country in the back of a VW fox.
- 1) You passed out and accidentally got locked inside Geddy's and have spent the last two weeks trying to survive until you could be rescued. (On the bright side, it was the best time you have ever had there.)

By Eric Simonds



## • Oscars

# More reserved awards show towers over others

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Oscar, marking his 70th year Monday, has barely changed a lick since his 1953 network television debut.

And that's a problem.

Hidebound by history, custom and, to be fair, a worthy dedication to the movie industry it celebrates, the Academy Awards broadcast lacks the punch and gleeful spontaneity of other award shows.

Think Golden Globes and the image is Jack Nicholson giving a modified mooning during this year's broadcast. Think Oscars and its dignified producer Saul Zaentz accepting the top award last year for "The English Patient."

The difference is largely the setting and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' adherence to its awards protocol, industry members and observers say. And, let's face it, a touch of deserved self-importance.

As an honor, the Oscar statuette towers above all, and the ceremony remains the No. 1 awards show on television. The 9 p.m. EST Monday ceremony on ABC is likely to draw 75 million or more U.S. viewers for at least part of its three-plus hours.

As a production, the Academy Awards suffer by comparison with those freer to respond to the changing role of such ceremonies.

"Awards shows, of which there are now some 35 in prime time, have become the variety show of the '90s," said Thomas O'Neil, author of award show books for the trade publication Variety and an Oscar host for E! Entertainment and Fox.

"Ed Sullivan's gone, 'Sonny and Cher' are gone. Awards shows have to be entertaining. It's more than just giving away trophies," O'Neil said.

For the Grammys, that means having an equal number of awards and musical performances. For the Golden Globes, given by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association at a Beverly Hills hotel, it means relaxed fun.

"People there have a good time. They're in table settings, not theater seating. They've had a glass of wine with their friends and

they're surrounded by people they've known or have worked with or admired," said Gene Weed, the show's director-producer. "It's a party we'd all like to attend."

The Oscars take place in an auditorium, with the cavernous Shrine Auditorium this year's site. That tends to make for a more formal atmosphere.

"As long as it's a theater setting, it will always be thus at the Academy Awards," said Robert Osborne, an Oscar historian and host of Turner Classics Movies. His book, "70 Years of the Oscar," is soon to be released.

That's not to say it always was, Osborne says. The Academy Awards ceremony was first held at the Roosevelt Hotel in the Hollywood area and remained an intimate affair until the 1940s.

"The only reason they moved it into a theater was because of World War II," Osborne said. "They felt that having a party, where everybody dressed up and was drinking and having a good time, would send a message that Hollywood was being glib" about wartime suffering.

It's unlikely the Oscars will forsake an auditorium, given the musical numbers staged for nominated songs. It's also doubtful that the awards categories will be tailored to suit public tastes.

At the Golden Globes, most awards are star-oriented. The motion picture academy gives just four such awards out of two dozen: best actor and actress and best supporting actor and actress.

That means much time is devoted to technical and behind-the-camera categories.

"They're all extremely important to the production of motion pictures and they deserve the limelight," said academy spokesman John Pavlik.

O'Neil suggests watching all the awards this year, including lighting and sound effects, because of the record-tying 14 nominations that "Titanic" received. "If it hits 12 (wins), it beats 'Ben Hur' as the biggest Oscar winner of all time," he said.

The academy is negotiating a move from its traditional Monday night berth to Sun-

day, increasing viewers and ad revenue, and to an earlier hour, so that the show could wrap up before midnight on the East Coast.

"We have every intention of making it (the switch) happen," Pavlik said, although agreement has to be reached with ABC and with the Shrine or the Music Center, another Oscar site.

Ask Oscar producer Gil Cates how else Oscar can compete in a crowded marketplace and he has a quick answer.

"I don't think Oscar does compete. I think Oscar's Oscar. You notice there are no (film) awards shows after Oscar. All the other shows are piggybacking off of interest in the Oscars," Cates said.

The Academy Awards ceremony has fought to hold its ground with viewers. After

a record high 38 average rating in 1983, the show has slumped to between 27.3 and 32.5 since then. Each ratings point is 1 percent of the nation's TV households as measured by Nielsen Media Research; one point currently represents 980,000 households.

On Monday, Cates plans to give viewers what only this show can, including the snappy Billy Crystal as host, a reunion of dozens of previous Oscar winners and a celebration of Oscar's history.

It's clear that "Titanic," with its record box-office take, could prove a monster draw. When popular films and stars are well-represented in the nominations, the audience swells; In 1995, the year of blockbuster

See OSCARS on page 16

## Coens

from page 14

last name is also Lebowsky, is mistaken for the Big Lebowski by a group of thugs looking to collect Bunny's debts. The thugs realize they have the wrong Lebowski, but not before one of them has urinated on a rug. The Dude is irked — "That rug really tied the room together" — so he pays the Big Lebowski a visit, hoping to be reimbursed for the damaged rug. From here on out, the Dude is dragged into a web of kidnapping, ransom, double crossing and German nihilism.

The Coen brothers have always been great technical filmmakers, constantly placing the camera on display. "The Big Lebowski" is laden with spectacular and unique cinematography, including the first-ever shot from the point of view of a bowling ball. A lot of the movie takes

place within a bowling alley, and as far as cinematography goes, these are the film's best scenes. There are also some unconscious dream sequences that are wonderfully shot.

Technically, the Coen brothers are on top of their game and as good as ever, but the story is nothing more than a collage of spoofs and zany situations that ends up going nowhere. The film is good for some laughs and creative use of cinematography, but not for much more. For less proven filmmakers, "The Big Lebowski" would be the type of film to build a career around. But for the Coen brothers, it can't be considered anything more than a lark.

Rating: ★★★

## MAINE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

*James Galway, Flutist*  
and the  
*Tokyo String Quartet*

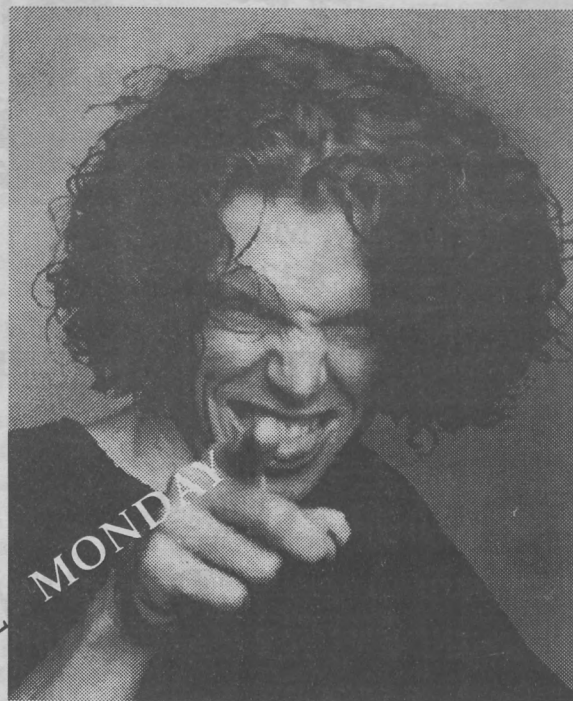
Friday, March 20 at 8:00 PM

This once-in-a-lifetime combination comes to Maine. The Tokyo String Quartet is one of the supreme chamber ensembles of the world. Flutist James Galway is internationally regarded as one of the finest classical performers and a consummate entertainer.

\$5 Student Rush Tickets on Sale Today

Bring your Maine Card and get your tickets at the Box Office today. Open M-F 9am to 4pm. Rush tickets can be purchased during regular hours and 90 minutes before the performance.

## MAINE CENTER FOR THE ARTS



## Carrot Top

Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 PM

UMaine Students \$13.00

General Public \$18.00

Four tickets per I.D.

ONE I.D. per student

No phone orders

Box Office Hours: M - F 9am - 4pm



## • People

# Reiser, Hunt want more money; Knotts honorees

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Already bidding goodbye to "Seinfeld," NBC is desperately trying to keep its best-known TV spouses around for another season — and it turns out the "Mad About You" stars are mad about money.

Paul Reiser and Helen Hunt are demanding \$1 million apiece per episode, the New York Post reported today, citing a source close to the negotiations. The newspaper and Daily Variety both said the network's top offer so far is \$750,000.

Both sides have said they'd like to see the show about Paul and Jamie Buchman return, though it no longer has the strong ratings that appeared after its 1992 debut. The matter is crucial for NBC, which already is losing the highly rated "Seinfeld" from its powerhouse Thursday night lineup.

Miss Hunt, a best-actress Academy Award nominee for "As Good As It Gets," is fielding offers for other film

work and her asking price has increased, Variety said. Reiser, who co-created the series, has a contract guarantee that his salary will match hers.

The season's last episode must be filmed by early April for a May air date, and the show's writers are working on both season and series finales to be prepared for either outcome.

Tim Allen will be paid \$1.25 million per episode of "Home Improvement" next season, while Jerry Seinfeld has been paid \$1 million for each show.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Don Knotts is getting his own boulevard, a hometown tribute that some people think doesn't do him justice.

State lawmakers have passed a resolution to rename a part of University Avenue in the comedic actor's honor. New signs proclaiming Don Knotts Boulevard will go up in about a month, state Highways Commissioner Sam Beverage

said Wednesday.

Some residents grumbled about the idea early on and The Dominion Post of Morgantown opposed the boulevard plan in a 1996 editorial that called Knotts "one of the comic greats."

A more fitting tribute for Knotts, best

known as the bumbling but earnest sheriff's Deputy Barney Fife on "The Andy Griffith Show," might be the renaming of a theater, the Post said.

"That's a name that should be up in lights, not on a light post," the newspaper said.

## Bumstock

from page 14

stock, Barstow said, OCB is working in conjunction with coordinators of other events on campus the weekend of April 17 and 18.

"It's going to be more than just a music festival," he said. "We want to have something for every student on campus."

Saturday will feature volleyball, softball and ultimate Frisbee tournaments. As for vendors, those who are affiliated with the university community will receive first priority, Barstow said.

"We'd rather have someone from the university than an outsider who's just here to make a buck off UMaine students," he said.

Campus Living will also be involved, providing a barbecue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Those who have a meal plan or campus funds will be able to apply them to the all-you-can-eat feast on the Hilltop quad. For those who have neither, Barstow said, the cost will be \$2.

OCB is sending out the message that alcohol will not be tolerated, Barstow said. In addition to the volunteer security, the board is hiring professional security guards to help crack down on some of the problems the festival has seen in the past.

"We hope there will be more people coming this year than ever before," he said.

In the past, Barstow said, OCB has

maintained a beer tent backstage, where performers and festival volunteers could partake of the keg. That, he said, will change this year.

"I just felt it was kind of hypocritical



OCB President Chris Barstow says this year's Bumstock will be "the best ever." (Raynor file photo.)

to say, 'No alcohol is allowed,' but have a place where staff could drink," he said. "Not having it not only saves student money, but it sets a policy for the future. I don't want to come across as sounding like a prude, but you can have fun without drinking."

Barstow said OCB is looking for anyone who wants to get involved with any aspect of Bumstock. For more information or to volunteer, he can be reached at 581-1840 or on FirstClass.

"We could really use the help," he said.

## Oscars

from page 15

"Forest Gump," the ceremony posted a 32.5 rating.

Will audiences get a memorable ceremony?

Producer Gene Weed replies: "Nothing is like having an Oscar. And when you're sitting out there as one of those five nomi-

nees and you know that your whole life will change forever if you win that thing, that's important."

Adds O'Neil: "Jack Nicholson is not going to moon anybody Monday night. There is a kind of respect and awe Oscar commands that the others do not."

## Your opinion matters

Write a letter to the editor.

UMaine's thrice-weekly newspaper

The Maine Campus



**BATTLE**  
of the  
**BANDS**



Friday, March 20  
8-12

Wells Commons

Proceeds Benefit THE SHAW HOUSE

\$4 with UMaine ID

\$5 Without

Cash Bar with ID

**BILLINGS BREW**

**OCTANE**

**STRANGE PLEASURE**

**THE GROOVE DIGGERS**



Sponsored By:  
**THE SOPHOMORE**  
**OWLS**  
**ROC AND OCB**



**Margarita's**

March 20th

**Fat**  
**Friday**  
In the Lounge

**MEX**  
to the  
**MAX**



**Fat Margaritas**  
& **Fat Elvis Shots**

Mar. 22  
**Howie Day**  
Sunday  
in the lounge

NOW OPEN FOR LUNCH  
Friday at 11:30 am  
Saturday & Sunday at 12:00 noon

Friday

**El Cheapos**

Saturday

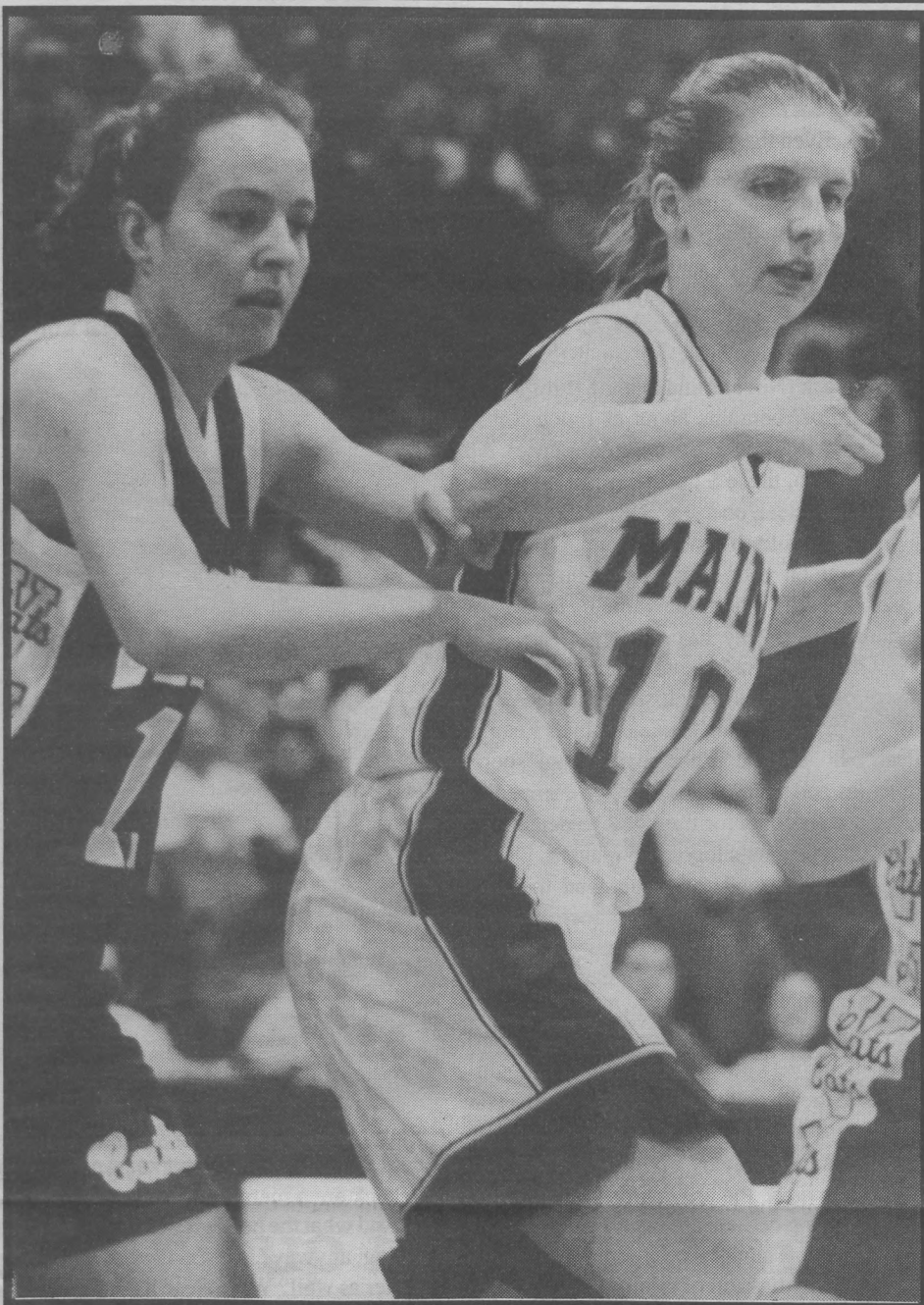
**Groove**  
**Diggers**

Featuring:





# SPORTS PAGE



Maine forward Klara Danes has left the team opening more questions for next year's team. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

## • Men's hockey

### Maine travels to FleetCenter

By Bill Stewart  
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine men's hockey team will look to keep its season — and NCAA playoff hopes — alive this weekend when they travel to Boston to face the University of Massachusetts-Lowell in the Hockey East Championships.

The Bears, after sweeping the University of New Hampshire last weekend, will be in the Hockey East semifinals for the 10th time in 12 years.

The River Hawks of Lowell are no strangers to the Hockey East Final Four either, as they advanced for the sixth consecutive year.

"They're a talented, confident team," Maine coach Shawn Walsh said. "We're going to put our emphasis on defense."

That's something the Bears have fine-tuned of late. In their last nine games they have allowed 22 goals for an average of a little more than two goals per game. Walsh credits the play of freshman forward-turned-defenseman Anders Lundback for the boost behind the blue line.

"He's added a jump start without sacrificing his defensive integrity," Walsh said.

The native of Lulea, Sweden is tied for fifth on the team in scoring with 21 points, including six goals. He also adds an intangible that previously only David Cullen

had offered this year: generating offense.

Black Bear goalie Alfie Michaud, who will be playing in the FleetCenter for his first time Friday night, has also been hot lately. The sophomore from Selkirk, Manitoba, has a 2.43 goals against average in his last 16 games.

Michaud says he has felt good lately and is regaining some of his confidence, which was lacking at times this year.

"I felt pretty good going into New Hampshire," he said. "It's playoffs — it's all you have to say about it."

Although the Bears have witnessed a season of ups and downs, Michaud also said the team has weathered that storm.

"Every guy needed to take it to the next level and everyone is doing it," Michaud said. "It's been an up-and-down season, but we knew we were playing good hockey down the stretch."

The same can be said for the River Hawks. UMass-Lowell enters the weekend having won seven of its last 11, including two over the No. 4 seed Northeastern Huskies in last weekend's quarterfinal series.

The Black Bears went 2-0-1 against the River Hawks this season, and are an unblemished 7-0 against them in the Hockey East Tournament. However, that doesn't mean a thing to Walsh.

See HOCKEY on page 19

## • Women's basketball

### Looking toward next year

By Josh Nason  
Maine Campus staff

Question: How exactly do you replace one of the best players in the country, one of the gutsiest, and one of your club's best inside players?

Answer: Tune in next season to find out.

Maine, who finished the year at 21-9, earned its fourth straight conference tournament title but failed to earn its fifth consecutive regular season title in one of their most up-and-down seasons in recent memory.

"It was an interesting season, and we learned a great deal. We're pretty excited for next year as well," coach Joanne Palombo-McCallie said.

With their loss to No. 10 N.C. State in the NCAA tourney still fresh in their minds, Palombo's players must focus on next season and the challenges that lie ahead.

Perhaps the biggest task of all is finding someone to step in leadership-wise and production-wise for Cindy Blodgett and Sandi Carver.

Third-team All-American Blodgett leaves the university as the fourth woman in NCAA history to score 3,000 points, and as arguably the most well-known athlete in state history.

Her 27.1 ppg, 4.8 rebounds, 114 assists and 58 steals, along with her ability to take and make the big shot, is nearly irreplaceable.

While Carver was a 15-point scorer at best, she was also one of the most underrated players in the conference.

Klara Danes' departure, however, is somewhat of a surprise, as she was expected to be one of the Black Bears' main post players next season.

The junior has enough credits to graduate, and will head back to Canada for graduate school where she can advance in her field, kinesiology.

Also, whereas Danes would only have one year of eligibility in the United States, she has two years left north of the border.

Palombo said that she and Danes had discussed the situation, and were looking into options that would allow Danes to play her final season.

After finding out there were no academic offerings at Maine that would help Danes, they decided to go public with the announcement.

"We're going to miss her terribly. She has great basketball yet to be played, and we're sorry she won't be playing at UMaine," Palombo said.

While Palombo said there will not be

any major philosophy changes, the emphasis will be on rebounding and defense, two aspects that Maine struggled with most of the season.

"We need to be a lot better than we were last year," Palombo said. "I think our team needs to be more mentally tough, and that comes from hard work."

With the national letter of intent day already passed, there is a better idea of exactly who might fill some of the aforementioned roles.

**The recruits:** Maine currently has signed three players and will have some local products try to walk on.

The big guard trend across the country is apparent in Lacey Stone and Ellen Geraghty. Stone is a 5'10" shooting guard from Wisconsin, and Geraghty is a 5'8" point guard out of Connecticut.

"Lacey is a good shooter and has the knack for shooting the basketball, especially from 3-point range," Palombo said. "Ellen is a great leader, a pure point guard who can do a lot of different things. She passes very well and can score also. They complement each other."

The lone new frontcourt face will be Raquel Burke, a 6'1" forward from Ottawa, who Palombo said can play either small or power forward.

"Raquel is very talented, has a lot of potential and is an athletic inside-outside player," Palombo said.

The coach, however, could not comment on published reports that Old Town's Andrea Pardilla and Wisdom High School's Tracy Guerette will walk-on with the club.

**The backcourt:** The leader of the troupe will be Amy Vachon, heading into her junior season. The Cony High School product set a school record with 194 assists and will be expected to be the court leader for the 1998 Black Bears.

Kristen McCormick provided some clutch threes off the bench and will need to make her offense as consistent as her defense. Freshman swingman Kizzy Lopez came on strong at the end of the season and will have an impact if she gets the minutes.

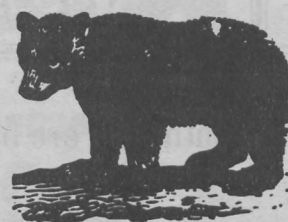
Chantal MacCream played sparingly and walk-on Kelly Dow never saw any game time.

**The frontcourt:** With Blodgett gone, Jamie Cassidy inherits the role of go-to player, as her 17.6 ppg and 7.9 rpg were good enough to be among the league leaders. Her game-winning basket against Vermont in the league title game cemented her status.

See HOOPS on page 20

## FROM THE DEN

The University of Maine softball team became the first team to win the ECAC Championship twice. They accomplished that feat in 1987 when they defeated Long Island University 9-0 to claim the title. The Black Bears had previously won the title in 1984.





## • Column

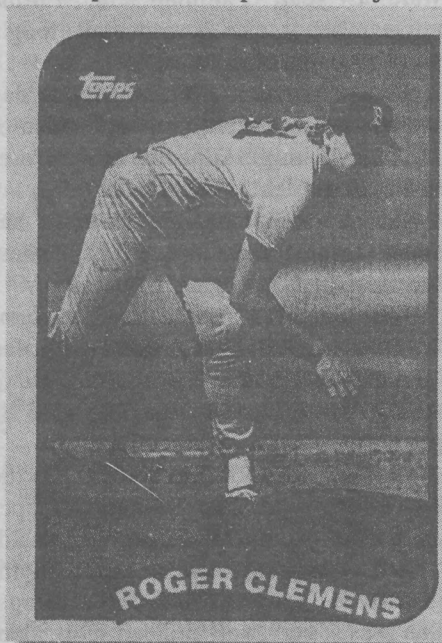
# The decline and fall of the baseball card

By Dave Bailey  
Maine Campus staff

When I was a tyke of about 12 or so, the world of sports cards was a very simple place in which to frolic.

There were just three baseball sets to choose from -Topps, Donruss, and Fleer — plus one set each for basketball, football, and hockey.

The price was simple as well -just two



*What was...*

quarters got you in the game.

Also, the sets themselves were as comprehensive as the Manhattan phone book, containing every player from Pete Rose to Pete Stanicek (Looking back, it's hard to believe I ever actually got thrilled over finding a Mike Greenwell card in a wax pack).

But alas, paradise doesn't last forever, and the Fantasy Island that was sports cards certainly didn't. By the mid-1990s, card collecting had become about as fun as an IRS audit or an anal probe.

It didn't look to be that way at first. A fourth baseball set, Score, came along in 1988. I could deal with this; the price was still cheap, and the cards even had nifty color photos on the back.

But then Upper Deck arrived in 1989, and it has been a rich person's hobby ever since.

## The price is(n't) right

Not just did these babies have holograms stamped on the backs, there were extra-big pictures there as well.

Oh, yeah, I almost forgot: the price was extra-big as well — up to two bucks a pack.

Mind you, the only disposable income I had to spend as a lad was any extra lunch money I had saved up from the previous week, combined with whatever I could mooch off of my parents.

Since this rarely totaled more than three dollars per week, the times I bought Upper Deck cards during the spring and summer of 1989 were few and far between (five packs, to be precise).

Soon, the other companies decided they, too, needed an Upper Deck-style set as well,

equipped with an Upper Deck-style price, of course. Stadium Club, Leaf, Studio, Fleer Metal, Zenith, Topps D-III — new sets were pouring out faster than lies out of Joe Izuzu's mouth. Even the glitzy Upper Deck released a dump truck's worth of spin-off sets.

According to one recent trade rag, there were 42 baseball sets churned out in 1997 at an average cost of about \$170 per set and \$4.00 per pack. Ooooh boy.

What was once 50 cents for a 15-card "wax" pack was now \$5 for a three-card "foil" pack (Never mind that the flimsy plastic wrapper contains about as much foil in them as Mo Vaughn has common sense). All of a sudden, those \$2 packs from 1989 look like a real steal, eh?

You shouldn't have to take out a second mortgage on your house just to buy a lousy pack of cards where the value of the pasteboard itself is only 12 cents or so.

Granted, it would be unfair to single out the card companies as the selfish ones here. Much of this price-gouging is due to Major League Baseball and the other professional sports leagues and unions charging the companies obscene amounts for the rights to depict that particular league's logos and players.

That figures. The leagues and their respective unions have always been good at spotting potential cash cows. And you thought the UMaine bookstore was greedy. Hah!

The lofty prices of cards in the late '90s has led to the virtual elimination of the retail card industry as we know it. The days of chuggin' down to the local Shop 'n Save to spend \$3 on the Topps 101-card Super Jumbo Pak are as extinct as Joe Kennedy's political aspirations.

These days, the only cards you'll find at the shopping centers are ones with greetings or scratch-off squares printed on them.

The only bastion of retail card collecting left is Wal-Mart, which doesn't please the collecting elite one bit (I recall one trade writer referring to them as "Evil-Marts" a few years back).

No, card collectors and dealers of the 1990s like to think of their beloved hobby as their own little country club where cards are meant to be museum artifacts encased under enough layers of glass and plastic to hold back even Kryptonite.

With retail, collectors actually have a fighting chance to buy cards at a suggested retail price, without dealers quadrupling the price of a new product 12 seconds after its release.

What fun is there in a "hobby" where you can't have fun with what you're collecting? Most people take this thing way too seriously.

The price and availability haven't been the only problems, however.

Not just are the prices outrageous, the sets aren't as big anymore. Instead of an entire 25-man roster, only about eight or nine "stars" from each team are highlighted now.

Part of the beauty and allure of the baseball card in the first place was its ability to place wannabees such as Glenn Hoffman on the same level with Hall-of-Famers like Carl Yastrzemski.

If you were good, like Yaz was, then you were rewarded with special All-Star, In Action, or Season Highlight cards, something that separated you from the scrubs.

Now, unfortunately, you have to be above average just to get your grinning mug on a card in the first place.

But the main reason I bailed out of card collecting was damn simple: The cards just plain sucked.

## Loss of simplicity

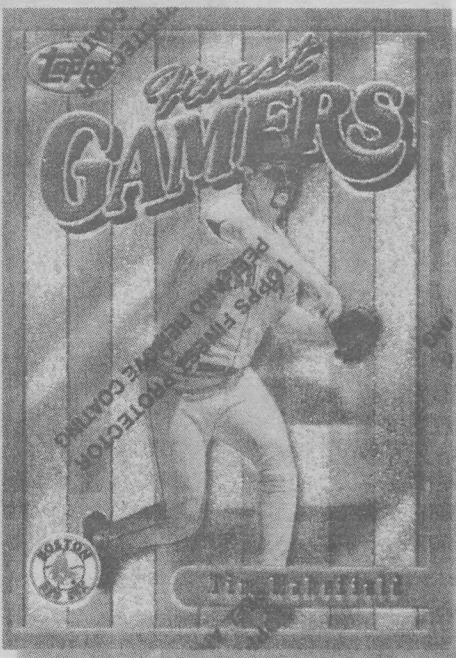
In olden times, a card had an action picture on the front and great googobs of statis-

tics on the back (occasionally augmented by a head shot that looked like something out of an FBI file), all printed on simple pasteboard. Just take a gander at the 1989 Roger Clemens card on the left for further proof.

In the '90s, however, the cards have morphed into bloated, UV-coated, refracted, gold-foil stamped monsters, as illustrated by the 1996 Tim Wakefield card on the right.

There's so much garbage slobbered on this thing that it's hard to tell if that's ol' Tim

*What is.*



tossing a knuckler or if it's a squashed double cheeseburger with the works. Any stats on the back are a mere accident.

And what the hell is it with this protective coating, anyway? Is it so I can use it as a beer coaster as well? Will it lose its value if I take it off? Probably.

Then there are the inserts. The card czars now feel obligated to supplement their gaudy sets with a ton of even gaudier inserts of an allegedly limited nature.

It's not uncommon for collectors to buy packs of cards, keep the inserts, and chuck the other cards into the garbage.

Some of these inserts trade for up to \$200 a head, such as the 1998 Donruss Production Line card of Junior Griffey.

For \$200, you can buy some nice furniture, a TV, some quality jewelry — but a silly baseball card? Get a life.

Oh, well, it could be worse. It could like the world of Beanie Babies, where geriatrics whoop it up after spending \$300 for Bubbles the Fish.

Finally, there is the flavor-of-the-month mentality that collectors often exhibit. Once a new set is released, collectors immediately go ga-ga over the new set, driving the price higher than one of Sterling Sharpe's collars on ESPN.

Anything previously released is only good for collecting dust. Who wants yesterday's papers, anyway?

Once again, trendiness rules here. Part of the original mystique of cards was the historical emphasis collectors used to place on them. It was easy to embrace the past while hoping that the best was yet to come.

Now the past is completely written out, as if George Orwell's 1984 had descended upon the sports landscape.

Old cards (and I don't mean anything from before six months ago, either — I'm talking about disco ball old) can be had for mere fractions of what they were five years ago.

If only the same could be said for the newer cards as well.

So tell me, how much is that Yaz in the window?

## Deadline

All approved Student Government Boards,  
Clubs, Committees must submit their  
completed budgets to the UMSG, Inc.  
Financial Affairs Office, 3rd Floor  
Memorial Union, by 3:00 pm  
**March 24, 1998**

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

## Requirements:

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

Appointments are being scheduled through  
**March 27, 1998**





## Hockey

from page 17



Freshman Anders Lundback's move to defense has paid dividends for Maine this year. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

## • Softball

## Tuning up for invitational

By Dave Bailey  
Maine Campus staff

## Consistency.

University of Maine softball coach Janet Anderson will preach it endlessly to her team this weekend when the Black Bears trek to Rock Hill, S.C., for the Winthrop University Invitational.

Maine is coming off an 8-12 record in the Florida Rebel Games over spring break, a record Anderson will look to improve this weekend.

"I expected to come out of there with a reversed record," Anderson said. "We found that there were a few little trouble spots that we needed to take care of."

"Of course that's why we go [on these trips] — to fine-tune things."

Defense will be the first priority for the Bears. Maine has gone error-free in just five games this season, going 4-1.

"We found that we needed to do a little work in terms of our defensive production," Anderson said. "We had too many errors."

Anderson is also looking for a solid pitching staff as well, particularly from ace Jen Burton. The 1997 America East All-Tournament selection has gone just 1-4 in 1998.

"Jen's still struggling a little bit, but she's working very, very hard to take care of that," Anderson said.

"We need a little more consistency within the circle for our pitchers. Hopefully, with what we've been able to accomplish since

we got back to practice, we'll be able to take care of those things."

Not all was gloomy for Maine, however, as its highly touted quartet of freshmen — outfielder Katie Fraser, first baseman Karyn McMullin, and pitchers Carrie Green and Alice Bishop — stood out during the trip.

Green rang up a 3-2 mark with two complete games.

Bishop went 1-1 while contributing some fine performances out of the bullpen, including one save.

McMullin made just two errors in the field, while Fraser made her defensive contributions off the bench.

Elsewhere, shortstop Michelle Puls hit .442 with two home runs, but she will look to improve as well.

"[Puls] started out kind of shaky, too," Anderson said, referring to the six errors she made in her first three games.

"She's the type of individual who will work very hard at taking care of that kind of thing."

## Broken Bats:

\* The Bears will need to win the close ones this weekend. Maine is 1-5 in one-run games this season, though it is 2-0 in two-run games.

\* During their stay in Rock Hill, the Bears will face Akron, Eastern Kentucky, UNC-Charlotte and Radford University in round-robin play on Friday and Saturday before playing in a single-elimination tournament on Saturday.

"They are a very different Lowell and we are a very different Maine," Walsh said. "Two totally different teams (from when they last played)."

The Hawks are led by former Hockey East Rookie of the Year recipient Greg Koehler, who has registered 36 points, including 19 goals. Lowell has spread its scoring around, too, as nine players have eclipsed the 20-point plateau this season.

In net, they are carried by a capable Martin Fillion, who has posted a 12-9-1

record this season to go along with an .889 save percentage.

## Paw Prints

UNH held Maine's leading scorer, Steve Kariya, pointless last weekend. Kariya still leads the team, however, with 48 points.

The Black Bears lead the all-time series with a 36-20-2 mark.

Shawn Wansborough, Corey Larose and Steve Kariya have each scored six points against Lowell this season.

Maine is 2-0-4 in overtime this year.

## PREVIEW

What: Maine vs. UMass-Lowell, Hockey East Semifinals.

Where: The FleetCenter, Boston, Mass.

When: Friday night, 8:00 p.m.

Common non-league opponents: University of Vermont. Maine won 3-1, Lowell lost 4-0.

Key Players: Maine — Forward Steve Kariya, 23 goals, 25 assists, 48 points; F Corey Larose, 14-25-39; F Shawn Wansborough, 15-17-32; D David Cullen, 10-27-37; D Anders Lundback, 6-15-21; G Alfie Michaud, 14-11-4, 3.19 GAA. Lowell — F Greg Koehler, 19-17-36; F Chris Bell, 17-13-30; F Shannon Basaraba, 11-18-29; D Mike Nicholishen, 8-20-28; D Kevin Bertram, 3-18-21; G Martin Fillion, 12-9-1, 3.14 GAA.

Outlook: Both team's seasons are on the line tonight with the first step toward the automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament under way. The winner will play for the Hockey East Championship the following night. Maine has strengthened its defense in recent weeks and will need to come up big again this weekend. Lowell will play a tight, physical game and will look to cause problems with its dangerous forecheck. In order for Maine to pull out a win it will have to be more physical, especially along the boards, and step up its transition game.

## • Baseball

## Maine to face Rhode Island

By Jim Davis  
Maine Campus staff

After a week of tune-ups, the University of Maine baseball team will attempt to break its four-game losing streak as it heads south for a non-conference double-header with the University of Rhode Island Saturday.

Maine (5-9) owns the all-time series 53-48-2, but hasn't matched mitts with the Rams since the 1992 season when the teams played to a 9-9 stalemate.

Black Bear leftfielder Rex Turner says the goal this weekend is simple: win.

"I don't really know anything about their team, but we go into every game thinking we can win."

Some success this weekend is just what the team needs, as head coach Paul Kostacopoulos has mixed feelings about the two-week southern expedition his team embarked on over spring break.

"I thought we had a very productive trip," Kosty said. "Obviously, 5-9 is not

where we want to be."

Kosty says he believes that the trip gave the team a sense of competition and valuable experience.

"What is significant is that we compete to win and the southern trip taught us that," Kosty said.

The pitching staff has struggled for consistency so far, posting a 9.39 ERA in 116 innings. Five players have ERAs over 10.00.

While the staff has yet to hit a groove heading into this weekend, Kosty is not surprised considering six out of the eleven hurlers who have seen action are freshmen.

"I think learning is experience," Kosty said. "They've got to continue to work hard and maintain their confidence."

Tom Koutrouba, a junior college All-American, leads the Black Bears in appearances (3), innings pitched (19.7) and strikeouts (15). Koutrouba has struggled

See BASEBALL on page 20

Tipping Required

PARTY HOURS

TUES - SAT  
6 PM - 2 AM

Diva's

AND THE BIKINI LOUNGE

Girls Rule  
Boys Drool

Home of The Bod Squad

Ages 18 and Up

65 State Street • Downtown • Bangor

(207) 942-6969



UMaine Sports: the victory, the defeat, the pride.  
Read it in Sports.

UMaine's thrice-weekly newspaper

The Maine Campus



## Baseball

from page 19

with his control though, which has resulted in a 10.05 ERA.

"I think Tom is still learning how to pitch. He needs to keep his pitches down in the zone," Kosty said.

Offensively, Maine is getting welcomed production from the top of the order, where third baseman Brian Poire has put up big numbers in just his first season since transferring from UNH.

Poire, who is hitting a Ted Williams-like .400, leads the team in every offensive category except home runs (Turner).

Ron Coombs has also come ready to

play this spring, hitting .362 in the number three spot with 12 runs batted in. Coombs' production has meant a great deal to the Black Bears. The rightfielder batted .297 while starting 42 games last season, but his improvement this year has everyone excited.

"I'm so happy for Ron because he works so hard and he's so competitive at the plate," Kosty said.

Turner is also impressed by Coombs' performance. "He's a really good guy to have on the team and he competes very well at the plate."

EXERCISE

Does Your Heart Good.

American Heart Association



## CLASSIFIEDS

## HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

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

Summer Employment at Crab Apple Whitewater, Inc. HC 63 Box 25 The Forks ME 04985 1-800-553-7238 (RAFT) Innkeeper positions available May- September. Hiring self-motivated, responsible persons who enjoy dealing with guests and all phases of innkeeping. Duties may include light food preparation, food inventory, cleaning, etc. Experience not necessary, owners will train. We need hardworking, people oriented staff persons to join in providing memorable experiences for guests. If you would like to be part of our top-notch team, please send resume and call us for interview appointments. Reservations/Guest Services position available May-September. Hiring courteous, conscientious, enthusiastic person to join our guest-services team. Duties revolve around intense, high-volume phone work, using a computerized reservation, guest check-ins, retail store sales, etc. Experience not necessary, owners will train. We need a hardworking, responsible person with superior people skills. If you are this person, please send resume and call for interview appointment.

**Money talks...**I'm very serious. Question is are you? Move 1 unit profit 259/wk x 52 weeks= 13,468/yr Call Mike 990-0486

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

Summer help needed for days & evenings. Please apply @ LaBree's Bakery 184 Gilman Falls Ave Old Town ME

**Year job or more.** \$250 to start, for more info, look @ my new webpage @ <http://www.umcs.maine.edu/~captainp/jobs/yearjob.html>

**Summer Jobs for the Environment \$2500-\$4000 Summer.** Campaign for clean air and water. Protect endangered species. **Make A Difference.** Offices in 70 cities and 33 states. Campaign to Save the Environment. **1-800-75-EARTH**

## APARTMENTS

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

**Old Town, 4BR,** lg kitchen, lg yard, lg bath, dining room, washer/dryer, heat & hw incl. \$850 mo. 827-9468

3 bed house heated rural setting 2 car garage \$700 per month 6 miles Call David 947-4072

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

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

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

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

Leave the dorm but stay on campus save money, small co-ed building w/ free cable as low as \$179/month reserve for next semester Tim @ 866-0283

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

## Hoops

from page 17

However, she was benched earlier in the season and at times was a non-factor in games. Maine cannot afford that next season with relatively no proven offensive weapons other than Vachon.

Andrea Clark will get the chance to start at center in her senior year, and while her stats may not reflect it, she is constantly improving.

"Andie came out strong throughout the year, and that is just attributed to her maturity," Palombo said. "I am really excited for her, because there is no one that deserves it more."

Martina Tinklova became more of a factor in the latter part of the season, and she will be called upon for rebounding and to take some of the offensive load off of Cassidy.

Maine hopes to have their forwards

on the floor instead of in the training room all the time. Katie Clark underwent foot surgery and is expected to be back in October, along with Kelly Bowman (injured for much of the past two years) and Jess Lawson, a freshman who never got healthy the entire season.

**Running the break:** Blodgett was named Thursday to the GTE Academic All-America Team, University Division, along with Lisa Davies of Southwest Missouri State and Katrina Price of Stephen F. Austin. She compiled a 3.32 GPA in education.

Blodgett was also named a Kodak All-America District I finalist. Out of 48 finalists, 10 will be chosen to the Kodak All-America team. Voting will be done March 22-23 in Kansas City, Mo., at the Final Four.

**Bike, canoe, kayak, or walk to campus from your front door. 5 bedroom+2full bath townhouse close, safe, modern, dean. Call 827-6212.**

## MISC

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

**PSI CHI APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW!** Pick-up outside 301 LH. Due in psychology office by **March 23.**

**Basement sale at Repeat Performance.** Yard sale prices on clothes, housewares + more 10-5 this Fri- Sat DT Bangor

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

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

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

## TRAVEL

Mexico/Caribbean or Central America \$200 r.t. Europe \$179 o.w. Other world wide destinations cheap. **ONLY TERRORISTS GET YOU THERE CHEAPER!** Air-Tech (212) 219-7000. [www.airtech.com](http://www.airtech.com) e mail:

## LOST AND FOUND

Lost: one mighty beer drinking mug. My apologies and hopes for mercy are extended to the sss. Sprout.

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

**Old Town 1 br** apt heat water sew 375 **2 br** apt heat water sew 435 **4 br** apt heat water sew 750 827-7404

**Orono apts** close to campus June to May leases heat & hot water included call Lou at 866-4487

Orono, 5 **huge** brs, heated in town great location, big rooms, live cheap only **\$194 per person** 800-763-5601

Orono, 3 br apt, lr, dr, hw floor, best location in Orono. Aval. 9/1/98 Across from post office \$695 pm 800-763-5601

**Live independent and save more than \$2000. over dorm costs per year each or save \$10,000. per year total for a 5 br + 2 bath townhouse 1 mile to campus. Safe + cool. 827-6212.**

**Room for rent in modern, clean apt 1 mi to campus. Very safe. Short term or longer. \$175. mo. all 827-6212.**

**Save over \$2000. per year over campus housing by renting at Riverview Townhouses. Call 827-6212.**

Old Town, **owner will finance** \$595 per month 3 br, great location, asking less than recent appraisal. grg 800-763-5601

**5 bedroom 2 full bathroom townhouse close to UMO. Modern, dean, newly renovated. Decks ft. + rear tri-level river access. Safe neighborhood. 1 block to tennis courts, ballfield + post office. Privacy assured. Laundry rent \$875. mo. Heat, water, snow + trash removal incl. + more. 827-6212**

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