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• New division

GSS approves VPSE

Blue Ribbon panelists seek student input

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

After several hours of debate, the General Student Senate amended its constitution to make student entertainment a division of student government and not a branch.

Next month University of Maine students will have the opportunity to vote on approving the division in a special election. If approved, the division would be entered into the student government constitution.

Senate was forced to vote on the issue in one night because a decision had to be made in time for the

executive budget committee to consider the division of student entertainment as a part of its new budget.

"If we don't do it tonight there won't be a vice president for student entertainment," said Scott Morelli, vice president of student government.

Although the student entertainment division will be a part of student government by-laws and EBC's budget, if students vote against the division it will not be a part of student government's constitution. The division will remain a part of student government by-laws.

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• CFO

Candidates to visit UM

By Andrea Page
Maine Campus staff

University officials won't comment on the sudden withdrawal of an applicant for the chief financial officer's position.

Craig Carmichel, currently the senior director of finance and controller at Cornell University Medical College in New York, was scheduled to visit campus March 26 and 27, but withdrew his application yesterday.

Prior to the announcement of his withdrawal, Carmichel had said he was looking forward to visiting UMaine.

"I feel I have the concepts Maine is looking for. I'm creative and hope to bring different points of view to this job," he said in a phone interview on Monday.

Rebecca Eilers, dean of the Col-

lege of Liberal Arts and Sciences and head of the CFO search committee, would not comment on Carmichel for confidentiality reasons.

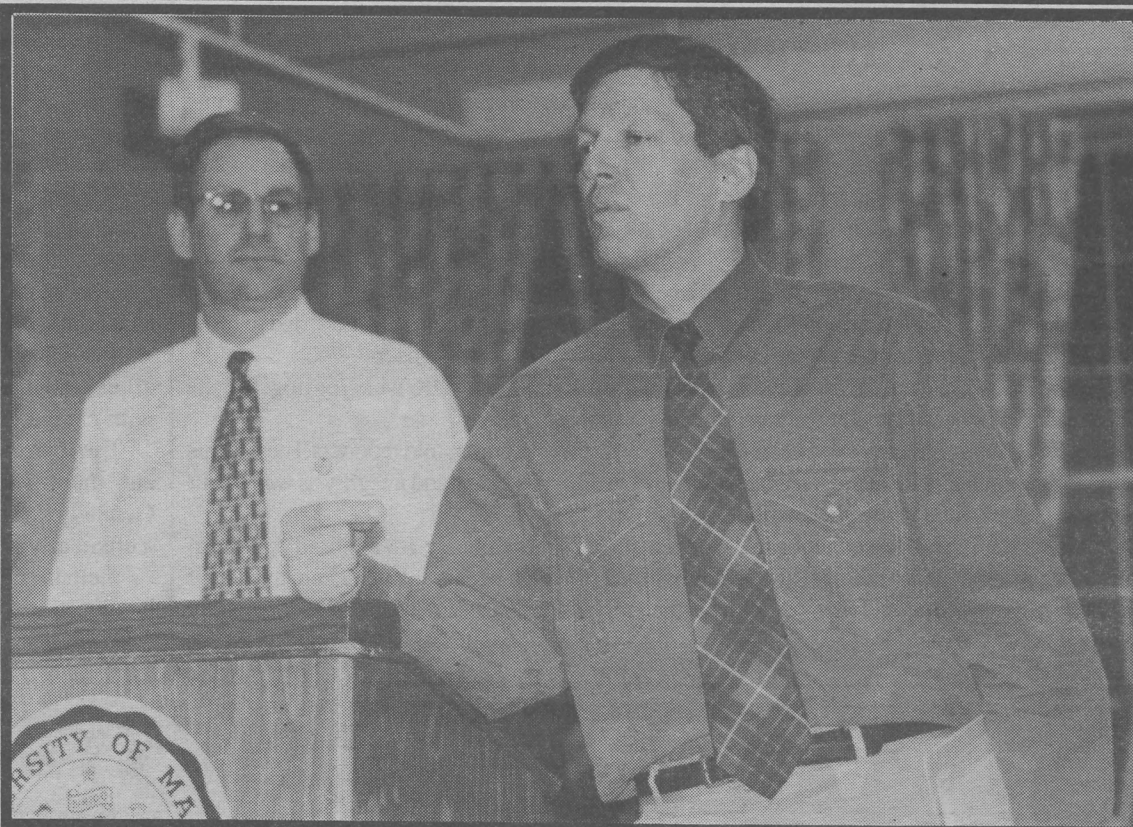
He was not available for comment yesterday.

The two remaining candidates are due for visits next month.

The CFO search committee, consisting of representatives from all parts of campus and chosen by President Peter Hoff, began the search in the fall of 1997. Now, the CFO committee and the UMaine campus will get to meet the candidates from Oregon and Georgia. The finalists will be involved with committee interviews, various council meetings and open campus forums during their visits to UMaine.

The CFO committee had specific qualities they were looking for in the

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Steven Ballard, member of Blue Ribbon Panel (right) responds to a senator's question while Matthew Moen, panel chair, looks on. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Free speech

Self-proclaimed prophet preaches against homosexuality at Union

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

James McCusker says he has been instructed by God to sit in the Memorial Union today to stop what he regards as the "sin" of homosexuality.

"We're not personally attacking them. We're attacking their sin and lifestyle that we know God is against," the Farmington man said from his booth. "We want everyone to go to Heaven."

McCusker set up shop in the Union yesterday with two other

members of the Friends of Jesus Christ, adorning his booth with the questions "What is wrong with Homosexuality?" and "What is wrong with Fornication?" and providing answers to students' questions.

Given no notice of the booth's presence, members of the campus Wilde-Stein organization hastily threw together their own booth to refute McCusker's. By mid-afternoon, their table was adorned with marker-drawn signs reading "We're All God's Children," informational hand-outs and books

from the Wilde-Stein library.

"It's really disturbing," said Kathleen Worcester, co-chair of Wilde-Stein. "I know a lot of queer people who have not gone to class because they're upset."

She left her introduction to lesbian studies class when someone told her about McCusker's table. Drawing off a cigarette outside the Union doors, she wondered why the university would allow an outside group to spread propaganda

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• Education

Graduate program earns national ranking

By Judy Williams
Maine Campus staff

The U.S. News & World Report's 1998 Guide to America's Best Graduate Schools rated UMaine's graduate program in secondary education 21st in the country.

"The other institutions on the list are primarily research universities, which are far larger and better resourced than the University of Maine. It's a special honor to be among these elite institutions," said Robert Cobb, dean of the College of Education and Human Development.

This is the first time the graduate program in secondary education has been ranked. It shares the position with University of California-Berkeley.

"I never used to pay attention to the rankings because we were never included in them. It's nice to see they

have changed their criteria," Cobb said.

The criteria used by the U.S. News & World Report are the selectivity of students in the program, institutional reputation and the amount of external funds the program receives, he said.

The graduate program in secondary education receives applications from students all over the country. There are more applicants than the school can accept, Cobb said.

Two dimensions contributed to the rank: the Masters of Art and Teaching program and the communications specialist program, Cobb said.

"The M.A.T. program attracts individuals at the graduate level who have completed an undergraduate degree in the liberal arts. It is a 13-month program in secondary education as well as licensing for teaching," Cobb said.

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Robert A. Cobb, Dean of the College of Education. (Jason Canniff photo.)

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WORLD BRIEFS

• Numbers game

GTECH in uncomfortable position

1 LONDON (AP) — U.S. lottery operator GTECH Corp. rolled out the big guns — its entire board of directors — to plead its case Tuesday to stay in the British numbers game.

Lottery regulator John Stoker has raised questions about whether GTECH is fit to maintain its role in the National Lottery, and the company sought to calm his concerns in a private session lasting nearly four hours.

GTECH has come under fire in Britain since its former chairman, Guy Snowden, lost a libel suit last month to London tycoon Richard Branson. Branson contended Snowden tried to bribe him to abandon a bid for the lottery contract, and a jury sided with Branson.

Snowden quickly quit GTECH and its British subsidiary, GTECH UK, which put together the consortium known as Camelot that runs Britain's National Lottery.

GTECH's new chairman and chief executive, William O'Connor, told reporters Tuesday his message to regulators included "our commitment to GTECH's ethics and integrity as well as our value to Camelot and to the National Lottery."

The company showcased its board, which includes Emmett Paige Jr., a retired American three-star general, and Anthony Ruys, vice chairman of Dutch beer giant Heineken, to show it is run by responsible people who wouldn't put their reputations on the line for a shoddy operation.

• Political future

No clear choice on candidates yet

2 MOSCOW (AP) — While Russia awaits a new government, the larger question looms of who will replace President Boris Yeltsin when his term ends in 2000.

The political turmoil created this week by Yeltsin's surprise government shakeup has spurred the speculation. At least five men appear likely contenders, but all have major weaknesses. Yeltsin, wary of becoming a lame duck, coyly declines to say whom he favors.

"As of today, nobody can play the role of official heir to the throne," said Boris Makarenko, a political analyst with the Center for Political Technologies.

It is widely expected that the "party of power" — a term encompassing Yeltsin, his allies, and the country's business elite — will settle on a single candidate and lavish him with campaign resources.

But if an election were held now, opinion polls indicate it would be a wide-open affair and the "party of power" candidate might not be the favorite. Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, ex-general Alexander Lebed and Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, a Yeltsin ally, all could be in the race.

Yeltsin, 67, has made contradictory comments about his plans in 2000, but his age, his questionable health and the Russian constitution all appear to rule out a third term.

• Laurel and Hardy

Comedy duo makes a return to the pictures

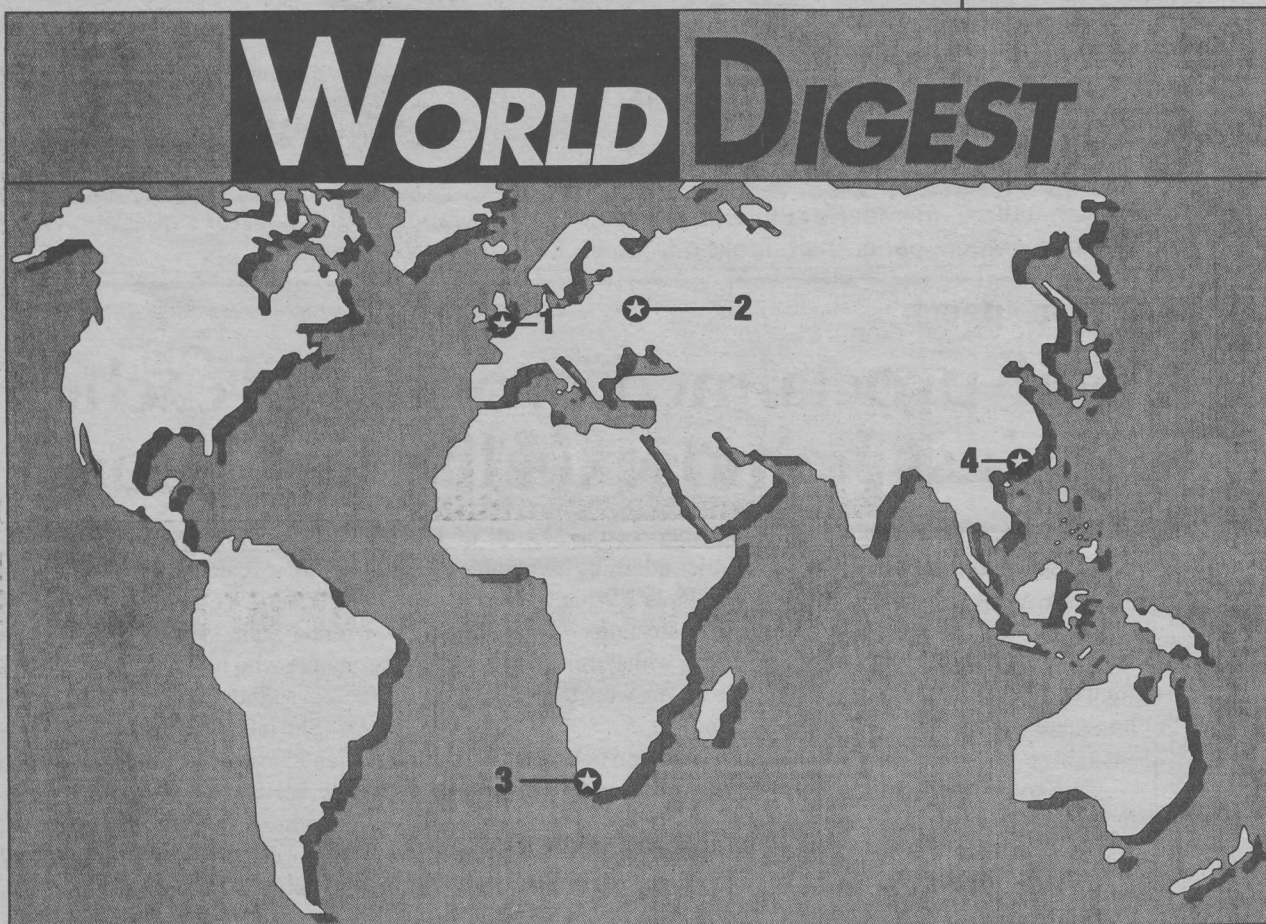
3 CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Unmistakable even after a 47-year absence, two familiar figures bumble along Cape Town's harbor. One is fat, the other skinny. Both wear bowler hats and ill-fitting suits. Laurel and Hardy are back.

A new film being shot in South Africa is set in the 1990s with an outrageous plot entangling Stan and Ollie — screen nephews of Stanley Laurel and Oliver Hardy's legendary characters of the same names — in another fine mess involving an Egyptian mummy.

For producer Larry Harmon, the film called "For Love Or Mummy" fulfills a promise made long ago to British-born Laurel, a close friend who died in 1965. Hardy died in 1957.

Harmon, who bought the rights to the classic characters, was a business partner with Laurel in the 1960s. Harmon vowed to one day rekindle the slapstick style Laurel and Hardy made famous in more than 100 films and shorts from the silent era until 1951.

"I promised Stanley if I ever found the right time, I would do it," he said. "He is probably looking down at me and saying, 'It took you 40 years and now you are shooting in Africa.'"



• Economies

Drop in Asian market linked to lost confidence

4 HONG KONG (AP) — Investors who poured money into Asia before its economies collapsed are likely to cut back this year, but a good global economy and the right government policies can help limit the damage, the World Bank says.

In presenting their annual Global Development Finance Survey, officials said the sheer size of private investment in Asian economies was one factor that distinguished Asia's crisis from previous regional turmoil.

They traced the Asian crisis to a mix of factors, including poor regulation and a lack of openness, that encouraged risky investments.

Although Asia's debt level is high, the region has compensated with strong exports and high savings rates.

"If East Asian borrowers had invested the funds in diversified, high-productivity investments, the deficits would have been sustainable," the report said. Much of the money was poured into real estate and other "risky, low-productivity investments."

Citing market sources, it said bad loans ranged from 13 percent in the Philippines to 19 percent in Indonesia.

Even so, the report said, the crisis would not have been nearly as bad had Asia not experienced a crucial loss of confidence.

Weather

The Local Forecast

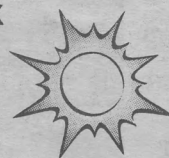
Today's Weather

Variable clouds with mixed clouds. Highs in the mid 30s to lower 40s.



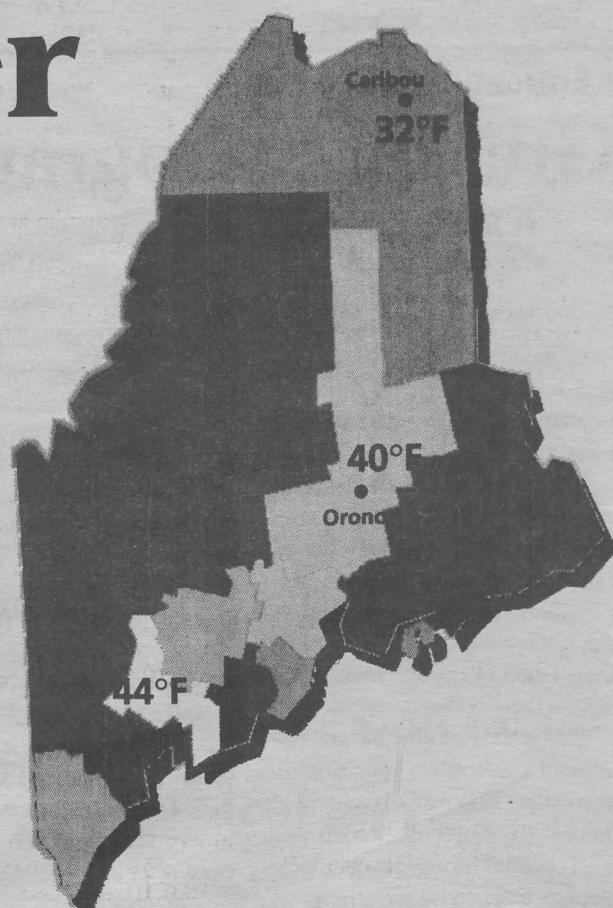
Thursday's Outlook

Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 20s to mid 30s.



Extended Forecast

Friday...Fair.
Saturday...Chance of flurries north and mountains...And fair south. Sunday...Fair.



• Identification

MaineCard exchange to benefit Special Olympics

By Brad Morin
Maine Campus staff

The familiar white MaineCards students have carried since the early nineties will soon be replaced with new, more durable ones.

The old MaineCard system is pretty much obsolete," said Benny Veenhof, computer systems coordinator for Dining Services.

The new MaineCard has a blue background and features a color photograph of the owner. In addition, AT&T is offering students, faculty and staff a calling card service on their MaineCards.

Veenhof said the university is not involved with the calling card feature — it will be the responsibility of AT&T. The service will only be added on if the student applies and is accepted.

"All we'll do is tell the students it's available," Veenhof said.

The social security number does not appear on the new cards, as it does on the current ones.

"We felt it was a confidentiality issue, and we didn't feel it was necessary," Veenhof said.

Old cards can be exchanged for the new ones 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., March 30 through April 3, in the North Lown Room of the Memorial Union. Students must bring their old MaineCards or other forms of identification to receive the new cards. Five stations will be set up to move everyone along faster.

Veenhof said the old MaineCards were originally meant to be temporary. The new ones are more expensive since they are made of plastic instead of laminated paper. The calling card feature will help defray some of the cost.

"AT&T is helping supply us with some of the stock as part of the calling card contract we have with them," he said.

Veenhof said students will not have to pay any more than they currently do to replace lost cards, at least for this semester. The current cost to replace a lost card is \$7.50.

Veenhof said that the old cards will still work until the summer, and students can get their new cards at any time. However, Dining Services would prefer that students get the new card next week in order to avoid congestion.

During the exchange week, members of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity will help guide the lines and distribute cards. Each card that gets exchanged will help Special Olympics.

Jason Spearin, philanthropy chair of TKE, said Special Olympics is his national fraternity's main charitable organization. Past projects have included TKE's annual haunted house. He said with this project, the fraternity is hoping to raise around \$1,000.

"We were approached by Campus Living and were asked if we wanted to help distrib-

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Benny Veenhof, computer assistance coordinator for dining services. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

ute the cards," he said. "We're putting in almost 200 hours of work, and they're saying that we'll do 5,000 to 5,500 cards."

Spearin said that the fraternity will make 20 cents per card for Special Olympics.

The MaineCard office itself moved from Alumni Hall to the South Lown Room of the Memorial Union during spring break. Veenhof said that the office needed to be in a more central location. He said that the office will be taking over the other functions of the MaineCard, such as meal plans and campus funds, which are currently done in other locations.

"We do want to focus on a centralized location," he said. "What we're trying to do is create a one-stop shop so people don't have to run around."

Veenhof said the old office's location often had problems with congestion since it was near the business office. He feels that students will prefer the new office in the union.

"We feel it's going to be more friendly to students," he said.

The new MaineCard has been announced on FirstClass, and posters are supposed to be going up around campus. Many students do not know about the new cards yet.

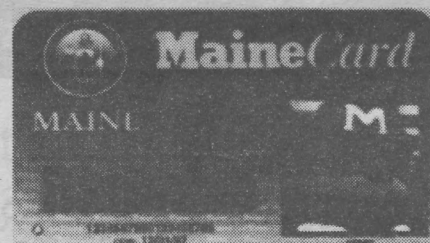
"This is all news to me," said David Roach, a third-year, off-campus student. "If everyone needs to get a new MaineCard, they should mail them or something."

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CFO

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new chief financial officer.

"The CFO must be a very good communicator — being able to represent the university's point of view to the public and to the system," Eilers said. "He must also meet the needs of faculty, students and staff, be a team player and be able to work with others because this affects everyone."

Robert Durringer, the director of business affairs at Oregon State University, will be visiting UMaine April 13-14. Durringer, with many years of Army experience and professional positions, received his MBA from Indiana State University.

Durringer said he enjoys working at Oregon State University, partially because it is a land, sea, space and urban grant university, and he sees Maine as the same exciting environment.

"I'm also excited about UMaine because of the great reputation President Peter Hoff has — he is a reformer and a forward thinker," Durringer said. "I'm excited about his new Bear Works

program and look forward to bringing my enthusiasm and patience to Maine."

The open campus forum for Durringer will be held on April 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the North and South Bangor lounges at the Memorial Union.

Daniel Stephens, the director of finance and treasury at Savannah College of Art, will make his visit to UMaine April 16-17. Stephens is a CPA and received his MBA from the University of North Florida. Stephens was unavailable for comment this week.

The open campus forum meeting for Stephens will be on April 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the North and South Bangor lounges at the Memorial Union.

Eilers said the CFO committee hopes everyone in the UMaine community will participate in the activities when each finalist visits.

"The committee has really been one that represented the whole campus," she said. "This is an opportunity to ask questions about our system and voice views."

Graduate

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The College of Education also has many institutes and centers, such as The Middle Level Institute, which is a summer institute that focuses on working with adolescent kids. This institute attracts teachers and administrators from all around the country and outside of the country.

The communications coordinator, Kay Hyatt, has also contributed to the reputation of the secondary education graduate program, according to Cobb.

"Our faculty is linked to the national news media, and it is becoming routine for the university to be quoted in The Wall Street Journal, L.A. Times and other papers in the nation," Cobb said.

This national ranking and reputation is motivation for the faculty to continue with their excellence, Hyatt said.

"I'm always looking for opportunities and timely issues for our faculty to be included in," Hyatt said.

Using the media is a way for the faculty to expand their expertise and educate a much broader audience, she said.

One UMaine faculty member recently did an interview with Parent magazine and Good Housekeeping on human development. These are national issues faculty can provide information about, Hyatt said.

"Our faculty are seen as experts, and working with the media helps them to educate the country on popular issues. Also, by using the media we can let people know that we are doing important work," Hyatt said.

Extended Deadline for Student Government Club/ Committee/ Board Budgets

Pick up budget packets in the UMSG, Inc Financial Affairs Office, 3rd floor Memorial Union. Return the completed forms by 3:00pm Thursday, March 26, 1998.

Your organization must have funding approval and the president must be an undergraduate student. Each president or treasurer must meet with the VPFA to go over your budget. Appointments are being scheduled through March 27, 1998. An appointment schedule is posted outside the UM Student Government, Inc. Office. If all the appointments have been assigned, please e-mail BrookeJellison or call X1780.



LEGAL affairs

BY TED CURTIS

One of the goals of the legal services for students is to promote the use of negotiation, mediation and other alternative dispute resolution techniques. Sometimes, however, no matter how hard we try to bring a case to a satisfactory conclusion without resorting to litigation, it is necessary to file suit in order to obtain a fair resolution for a student.

The following story is such a case.

In January 1997, a 39-year-old male student was driving his 13-year-old Pontiac onto I-95 at the northbound Hammond Street entrance. Road conditions were icy. Right at the on-ramp entrance to the interstate, the student stopped to wait for truck traffic to clear and describes what happened:

"While still on the ramp, I observed a tractor trailer coming closer to my vehicle from the left side of the highway. I heard a sliding sound, saw the tractor trailer sliding across the lanes toward my car, finally smashing into the left side of my car."

The semi-trailer truck driver had a different version and convinced the police officer investigating the incident that the student was not stopped, but was traveling in the breakdown lane when the semi braked to avoid an "unknown" vehicle, causing the semi's trailer to skid sideways, striking the student's vehicle.

The student, very upset at the police officer's version of the incident, appealed to the police chief, who reportedly told the student that the student's version of the incident would be received and filed, but that "no one will listen, no one will care and there is nothing you can do."

In addition to damage to his vehicle, the student suffered headaches and other injuries requiring some, but not extensive, medical care.

When the student asked for my assistance, I knew this case would be a challenge. My first request to the truck driver's insurance company resulted in the following response:

"Three of our staff people evaluated this claim and all concluded to deny your client's claim. The police pretty much concur that your client did not yield at the stop sign and ran into the rear of our trailer."

In a second letter, I reminded the insurance adjuster that the policeman was not present, his version does not have evidentiary value, and that a disinterested witness driving the vehicle behind my client reported that the student was stopped on the ramp when the out-of-control semi swerved, hitting the Pontiac. I suggested arbitration.

The insurance company's response: "I don't feel this company has to spend money for an arbitration when I know what the outcome will be. If you feel a suit is your recourse, then let it be."

The student paid \$100 for the court filing fee and other disbursements and authorized suit, which was commenced in District Court in Bangor last May. Our office agreed to take the case on a contingent fee basis. Eight months later, the case came up for pretrial conference. After some additional delay, the insurance company and its attorney finally reconsidered their position and agreed to payment of a satisfactory settlement.

Last week the suit was dismissed and a very grateful student, who said there was no way he could have received justice without our help, received a check.

We represent many students who have received personal injuries in automobile collisions. Most of those cases are settled by working with insurance companies. But sometimes there is no choice but to seek recourse through litigation. Every person has a right to have a satisfactory resolution or a day in court.

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

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Homosexuality

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against a segment of the university community.

"The big question is would they allow someone to come here with the question 'What is wrong with the Jewish lifestyle?'" she said.

Not wanting to be taken by surprise a second day, Wilde-Stein plans to have a larger informational booth today and will also host a large public display of affection at noon around McCusker's table.

McCusker and his wife frequent the University of Maine at Farmington every Thursday evening to host a similar booth. When asked what brought his group to UMaine, McCusker said, "We just try to follow the spirit of God as he leads us, where to go and when."

He said they last visited UMaine two years ago, when there was an effort to establish a homosexual dorm wing. The group received more verbal violence at that visit compared to this one. He estimated he had the support of 50 percent of the people who stopped by.

McCusker, who paints houses for a living, said he speaks about homosexuality from experience. He said his wife was a lesbian before she was converted by God. The two will celebrate 22 years of marriage next month.

He said homosexuals don't understand that he is not "out to get them," but merely to get them to stop their "risky behavior."

"We love people and we don't want to see people get hurt," he said. "Ultimately, we are out here to save souls. That's our main mission."

He is against homosexuality for several reasons, one of which is that the Bible condemns it. Another reason he cited was anatomy, saying men and women were built for each other.

"I think it's nice they have their opinions on things, but I don't think they have any right to force them on other people," Kris Broski, the other co-chair of Wilde-Stein, said. "How are we not supposed to take it personally when they tell us who we are is wrong?"

He said reaction to his group's table had



James McCusker of Farmington believes that he has been instructed by God to make the University aware of the "evils of homosexuality." (Caleb Raynor photo.)

been positive, with a few people donating money and others taking away buttons to wear.

"It surprises me that groups like that can come onto campus and spread hate information," Broski said.

Reaction in the Union crowd seemed mixed, with most people stopping to peer at both booths.

"I don't agree with what they're saying, actually, especially for a college campus," said senior Barbi Nason of McCusker's booth. "We all know that the only reason for sex is not procreation."

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Q&A of the week

Photos by Caleb Raynor

Do you believe communities should be notified if sex offenders are going to move in?



Jenn Reny
Fourth-year student
from Lewiston, Maine

"Yes, so they can notify the schools for the sake of the children."



Michael Martell
Fourth-year student
from Lewiston, Maine

Yes, they should for the safety of the community."



Danielle Burke
Second-year student
from Skowhegan, Maine

"Yes, I think they should, especially if there's a school zone in the area."



Shannon Clifford
Second-year student
from Tabernacle, N.J.

"Definitely. People in the community should be made aware if sex offenders are living there, just so they can protect themselves and their families."



Andy Macarena
First-year student
from York, Maine

"No, because if they're getting a second chance, they deserve a fair second chance."

GSS

from page 1

"Adding it to the constitution gives it more stability in the future," Morelli said.

If students overwhelmingly disagree with the new division, Morelli said, GSS will return to its previous system of running student entertainment.

Originally, the vice president for student entertainment would have to go to student government's cabinet for approval of an event that the VPSE's committee had recommended. Morelli said the amendment makes the process more efficient by having cabinet members on the committee.

"The original proposal was a more cumbersome process than the new system," Morelli said.

"There'll be more likelihood of an agreeable event coming to the campus as opposed to the old system."

Sen. Jonathan Duke opposed the resolution because he felt the cabinet should be making final decisions on student entertainment matters.

"It's a fair representation of students on campus," Duke said.

Any of the new student entertainment committee's decisions can be vetoed by the cabinet. Three members of cabinet have six hours after the committee's meeting to call a cabinet meeting and 48 hours to veto a decision by the student entertainment committee. During the six hours and once a meeting is called the VPSE cannot

sign a contract until cabinet members approve it.

Along with the Guest Lecture Series, Senior Council and Maine Day, the new amendment will allow the Bumstock committee to be a subsidiary body and will have specific funds earmarked for them.

Four representatives from the Blue Ribbon Panel addressed the GSS and asked them their views about important student issues.

"We want to try to get a handle on things that are working well for students outside of the classroom as well as what's not going well," Matthew Moen, head of the panel and chair of political sciences.

The board is made up of 16 people in charge of finding what is important to students and giving a report to the university president by the middle of May.

Subjects such as campus parking, lighting, tenure, after hours activities, and out-of-state tuition were discussed.

The panelists encouraged all students to take full advantage of the Blue Ribbon Panel and assured the

senate all suggestions would be treated equally.

The senate voted to send a letter to the president of the university supporting Mark Anderson, interim chief financial officer, as one of the three finalists for the position.

There is now a third opening because one of the three finalists withdrew.

Anderson has been the best CFO Morelli had ever seen at the university.

"He's been a hands on person, he knows his stuff and he's student friendly," Morelli said.

Sen. Chris Barstow announced that the Off Campus Board has already sent a similar letter to the president.

The senate passed a resolution to give at least \$500 and up to \$1,000 to the Student Organization of Natural Resources to bring Paul Watson, founder of Greenpeace International, to campus.

Sen. Jerome Graffam said he was disappointed in the number of senators by the end of the meeting. Final roll call included 15 senators and two proxies out of 34 senators currently holding seats.

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• State news

House passes forestry measure

AUGUSTA (AP) — The Maine House passed a forestry bill Tuesday that has been derided by some environmental groups as a "do nothing" plan that lets clearcutting continue unhampered.

By a preliminary vote of 119-26, representatives expressed their preference for a bill that takes a less severe approach to clearcuts than one they soundly defeated Monday night.

"A quick fix is not something we should be doing," said Rep. Walter Gooley, R-Farmington, who was among the majority on the forest committee that recommended the latest bill pass. "We need to move slowly in this regard."

Supporters say the bill would significantly increase the buffer zones around 80 percent of the clearcuts being done in Maine, while allowing the state conservation commissioner to establish more stringent standards for clearcuts greater than 35 acres.

Additionally, forest management plans would have to be written for clearcuts of 35 acres or greater; currently, the threshold is 50 acres. Those plans must state the purpose of the clearcut.

The Maine Forest Service would also be required to produce several reports and studies, including an annual report summarizing clearcutting activities. The bureau would have to establish a process "to assess forest sustainability," including the development of standards and a monitoring system.

Anti-clearcutting activist Jonathan Carter, the Natural Resources Council of Maine, the Sierra Club and the Maine Audubon Society say the bill does nothing to prevent clearcutting from being overused. But Gov. Angus King and the pulp and paper industry support it.

"This bill sounds good, it's good election-year cover," said Rep. Paul Volenik, D-Brooklin, who preferred a tougher anti-clearcutting proposal that failed 100-39 Monday night.

Rep. David Shiah, D-Bowdoinham, who like Volenik serves on the forestry committee, called the bill "tepid." "I only wish we could have done a lot more," he said.

The bill they backed would have reduced the maximum size of clearcuts and limited the total amount of acreage Maine's 15 largest landowners could clear in a given year.

Permits also would have been required for clearcutting, and it would have to be proven the cuts are necessary and would not cause ecological damage. Large landowners also would have to prove they are growing more trees than they are cutting and submit to a mandatory audit.

Rep. George Bunker, co-chair of the forestry committee, defended his panel's majority bill. The Kossuth Township Democrat called the proposal "a clear plan of action" to move Maine away from the costly cycle of petitions and referenda that has marked the forestry debate since 1995.

• BOT

Trustees approve new formula

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

The new funding formula, a room and board increase and a new employee retirement plan were all approved without discussion at Monday's meeting of the board of trustees.

Though none of the board members spoke at the time about the funding formula, one student representative addressed the board on the matter. Valerie Collins, of the University of Maine at Augusta, also presented a letter from a UMA student concerned about the new formula, which is due for a review in three years.

"Three years is a long time I believe in academia," Collins said. "No one can be absolutely certain this will work."

She encouraged the board to monitor the formula's success from "day one" and received assurance that it would be.

The board also took steps on the University of Maine System diversity initiative, "Diversity for the Twenty-First Century: A Strategy for the University of Maine System and a Call for Action." Each of the seven campuses is charged with presenting to the board an action plan for diversity by Nov. 1. The initiative, however, does not force universities to set number goals for diversity.

Earlier in the day, BOT members and representatives toured campus research and development laboratories. The bottom line in all research and development done on campus, according to University of Maine President Peter Hoff, is the creation of jobs.

"We're focusing on matters that are relevant to the Maine economy," Hoff told the group. "That helps develop new technologies and new products, and which promotes business growth in Maine."

He called the \$20 million bond and \$10 million annual appropriation that may come out of the legislature this year rays of hope and stressed the need for both measures, not one or the other.

At the end of the hour-long session, thirty-four faculty were approved for tenure in the University of Maine system. At the University of Maine, Carolyn Ball, Sandra Butler, Nathan Godfried, Michael Grillo, Robert Gundersen, Margaret Lukens, Kurt Maasch, Michael Montgomery, Bruce Segee, Stephen Shaler, Kristin Sobolik, Claire Sullivan, Sydney Thomas, Gloria Vollmers, Stephen Woods, Janice Zeman were all given promotions and approved for tenure.

The BOT's next meetin will take place at the University of Maine in Augusta on May 17 and 18.

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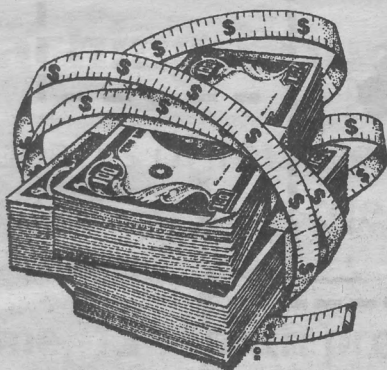
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STATE NEWS

• Standard of Living

Study says Maine welfare recipients worse off

AUGUSTA (AP) — Many of Maine's welfare recipients have left public assistance for paying jobs, but they are not necessarily any better off, according to a new survey.

"The data indicate parents' jobs do not provide enough income to meet their families' needs," said University of Vermont professor Stephanie Seguino. "If anything the contrary is true."

Before state and federal welfare-to-work policies took effect, Seguino headed a 1994 study of Maine welfare recipients. Three years later, she and University of Maine social work professor Sandra Butler con-

ducted a follow-up study of 112 people from the original survey.

According to Seguino's study, about 22 percent of those responding said they were better off working than on welfare.

"In general, they're worse off, and I'm not just referring to wage data, but also psychological stressors," Seguino said.

"Families don't have the resources, they don't have health care available, and they spend more time away from their children and juggling home and work," she said.

Between 1994 and 1997, nearly half the participants in the original study left welfare

for jobs. About 96 percent of the participants in both surveys were women.

Seguino said women moving into jobs from welfare had little hope of finding jobs in which they would earn enough to support their families adequately and provide benefits like health insurance. The women also had little hope of advancing to better jobs.

"I'm a single parent and I can't imagine anything more difficult than raising a child and not knowing where your income will come from," Seguino said.

Many of the people studied found themselves in low-wage, low-skill and part-time jobs.

About 20 percent of both welfare recipients and former welfare recipients surveyed in the new study reported having to skip a meal for a day or more because they had no money to buy food.

Judy Williams, director of the state's welfare programs, cautioned that Seguino's results may be skewed by the relatively small number of people surveyed.

Williams said her department's experience has been that only a few people who complete state-sponsored training return to welfare, suggesting more success than Seguino's study indicates.

• Fear

Rapist in jail after uproar caused by notification law

LEWISTON (AP) — A child rapist was back in jail three days after his release from prison because he chose not to move to a town where his impending arrival caused an uproar.

Michael Groves, 47, was arrested Monday after he failed to notify corrections officials that he decided against moving to Bradley as he was supposed to, said probation officer Steven Onacki.

Groves, who was considered the first test case of the state's sex offender law in Penobscot County, was arrested outside a pros-

ecutor's office in District Court in Lewiston, Onacki said.

He spent Monday night in the Androscoggin County Jail, where he remained this morning, a jail official said.

Groves indicated "in an indirect way" that publicity surrounding his case in the town of 1,100 in Penobscot County played a role in his decision not to go there, Onacki said.

"I'm not totally surprised that somebody who has this kind of publicity placed upon them might not want to move to a

community," Onacki said. "But this is going to happen everywhere. These guys have to live somewhere."

Groves now faces up to eight years in

prison, the suspended portion of his sentence, for the probation violation. He already served two years for raping a 9-year-old Portland girl in 1996.

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Judge OKs lawsuit alleging misuse of assets

PORTLAND (AP) — A federal judge Tuesday approved a U.S. Department of Labor lawsuit settlement which requires that more than \$1 million be restored to a trust that benefits more than 6,000 retail employees in Maine.

The Maine Merchants Association, as well as the administrator and four trustees of the association's insurance trust, had been charged by the department with violating the federal law that protects private pension and employee welfare benefit plans.

The government's civil suit alleged that a large share of trust assets had been used to buy land and construct and operate a building in Augusta, an investment that benefited the association rather than the trust's beneficiaries.

The Liscomb Building, named for the late association president Robie Liscomb, is the organization's headquarters.

The lawsuit also alleged that the five individual defendants misused more than \$800,000 of the trust's assets in transactions which helped the association rather than the employee beneficiaries.

The department's complaint never alleged that any trust beneficiaries were deprived of any welfare plan benefits.

In a statement issued through its lawyers, the merchants' group said it had cooperated fully with the government in uncovering and correcting the violations and was pleased that the settlement resolves all issues regarding the trust.

"We relied on professional advice in operating the trust and we are certain that all members of the trust received excellent service and benefits through the trust," said the association, which has sued its former lawyers to recover losses to the trust.

As part of the consent agreement and order signed by U.S. District Judge Morton Brody, trust administrator Kenneth Quirion was barred for 10 years from serving as a fiduciary to any employee benefit plan covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

The four trustees — William J. Haeefe,

Donald Hastings, John M. Kelsey and Joyce Cote — were permanently enjoined from violating ERISA.

The order also requires the association to restore \$585,000 to its insurance trust and purchase or have a third party purchase the Liscomb Building, with at least \$600,000 of the proceeds to be returned to the trust.

Finally, the defendants must move to dissolve the trust, identify the various employee benefit plans that participated in it between Jan. 1, 1991, and Aug. 31, 1992, and equitably distribute the proceeds to those plans or their beneficiaries.

• Tapping

Snow saps maple business

GARLAND (AP) — Traffic to Maine's sugarhouses slowed down to a trickle on Maine Maple Sunday as syrup-samplers were kept at home by blustery, snowy weather that dropped wind chills to near zero in some areas.

"It's too early for central and northern Maine," said Camilla Smith of Smitty's Maine Maple Syrup in Garland, about 25 miles northeast of Bangor. Starting next year, Smitty's will hold its open house in early April, she said.

While York County got away with 2-4 inches of snow, accumulations were at least twice that inland and 10 inches to a foot in

western and northern parts of the state as sugarhouses opened their doors for the official start of the maple sugaring season.

Baked beans, cookies and cakes were ready as Gail Littlefield welcomed the first of her customers to Lucerne Maple Products in East Holden on Sunday, but the 5 inches of snow that had fallen by mid-morning cooled off business.

"We've had a few calls from people to say they're coming," said Littlefield, "but I'm not encouraging them to come out in this."

If January's ice storms hadn't done

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• Jackson Brook

Hospital financial problems continue

AUGUSTA (AP) — Pressure mounted Tuesday for swift action to resolve financial difficulties at Jackson Brook Institute, a psychiatric hospital in South Portland.

A group of legislators said new information given to the Health and Human Resources Committee shows that patient care is at risk because of the financial crisis at Jackson Brook.

The attorney general's office went to Kennebec County Superior Court a day earlier to seek appointment of a receiver to manage the hospital. The complaint requires

that a hearing be held within 10 days.

Officials at the South Portland psychiatric hospital have also been ordered by Human Services Commissioner Kevin Conannon to provide details of the hospital's financial predicament.

Over the past five months, JBI's financial troubles have led to bounced payroll checks, layoffs, closing of mental-health beds, missing contributions to employee benefits funds and unpaid bills.

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Hospital

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Concannon wants to know how much of the state's weekly contribution of \$186,000 in Medicaid money winds up at the hospital's parent company, Community Care Systems Inc. of Wellesley, Mass.

Jackson Brook's shaky finances have prompted the state to prepare an emergency plan, which includes \$200,000 to keep the hospital operating for 10 days.

"It is not our intention to take over the hospital," Rep. J. Elizabeth Mitchell, D-Portland, said Tuesday as she and other members of the Health and Human Resources panel spoke to reporters at the State House. Mitchell is the committee's co-chair.

Rep. Thomas J. Kane, D-Saco, said anxiety of hospital employees caused by the crisis is interfering with care of patients.

On Monday, Concannon rejected a proposal by Jackson Brook's lawyers to appoint a manager who would run the 76-bed facility but answer to both the state and the hospital's owners.

Gov. Angus King signed a new law last week that gives the state power to take over control of troubled psychiatric hospitals. And with Monday's filing in Kennebec County Superior Court, Concannon seems poised to use it.

Previously, state officials had been hesitant to intervene in the private, for-profit hospital's affairs.

Jackson Brook's lawyers attended a hearing Monday before the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee. They urged the state not to take legal action, but to work with Jackson Brook's owners to guarantee the facility remains open.

Maple

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enough to sap the life from Maine's maple syrup season, Sunday's early-spring snowstorm started things off on a sour note.

"I've got drifts here a foot high," said Nolan Gibbs, who had only one visitor at his Monroe operation by mid-morning.

"I've had so much damage to my trees from the ice storm. It's a poor year anyway," said Gibbs, whose operation taps 300 to 600 trees.

Whether the sap was running, the farms planned to host the traditional pancake breakfasts Sunday with syrup, syrup over ice cream, tours and exhibits. Many producers saved some sap to demonstrate the evaporating process Sunday.

The best conditions for flowing sap are freezing temperatures at night and warm days in the 40s. This year the season started early, but quickly slowed to a crawl as warm nights

stopped the sap. When it got going again for a few days last week, a cold spell arrived, once again stopping up the flow.

By Wednesday, it was flowing again — slowly.

"The weather has been very strange," said Ramona Snell of Snell's Family Farm in Buxton.

"The weather hasn't cooperated," said Elton Smith of Hollis Center, who normally boils up 75 or more gallons of syrup every spring. So far this year he has made about 30 gallons.

The erratic weather isn't the only problem.

For the first time in 20 years, Carolyn and Dean Wood of Woods Sugar House in Baldwin will not be tapping any of their maple trees. The ice storms damaged their trees and tapping them for sap would put too much stress on them.

Snell lucked out in January's ice storms. There wasn't as much damage as she expected. But like most producers, she cut back on the number of taps she placed on each tree to collect sap, from about 350 to 250.

Syrup producers hope the season will only be slightly down from last spring.

"Overall it's looking like an average or just under average season," she said. "But you can't tell until it's done. You never know if this is going to be your last boil or not."

The state's 260 licensed syrup producers made about 180,000 gallons last year, the third highest producing state in the United States, behind Vermont and New York. Quebec produces even more — about half the world's maple syrup. About 90 percent of Maine's syrup is made in Somerset County.

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NATIONAL NEWS

• Ambush

Police arrest Arkansas school boys in quadruple killing

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — Two boys in camouflage lay in wait in the woods behind their school, then opened fire with rifles on classmates and teachers when they came out during a false fire alarm Tuesday. Four girls were killed and 11 other people were wounded, including two teachers.

An 11-year-old and a 13-year-old were caught trying to run away shortly after the midday ambush at the Westside Middle School, police said. A third boy who allegedly pulled the fire alarm was being sought.

Authorities said as many as 27 shots were fired. Youngsters ran screaming back

inside the school as their classmates fell bleeding, then cried as they waited for emergency workers.

"Someone pulled the fire alarm inside and they went outside, and two people in camouflage clothing started shooting," said Connie Tolbert, a secretary.

"We thought it was just firecrackers," said one student, Brandy George. "I saw one of my teachers get shot. I started running towards the gym."

Said paramedic Charles Jones: "We had children lying everywhere. They had all been shot."

Sheriff Dale Haas cried as he recounted the shootings.

Two of the dead girls were 12 and another was 11, state police spokesman Bill Sandler said. He did not know the age of the fourth victim.

Seven of the wounded were hospitalized, including the two teachers who required surgery. The other four were treated and released. No identities were immediately released.

The school has about 250 students in sixth and seventh grades. Jonesboro is a city of 46,000 about 130 miles northeast

of Little Rock.

The two boys, wearing camouflage shirts, pants and hats, were caught near the school with handguns and rifles. Officer Terry McNatt said they offered no resistance and said little. The boys, both students at the school, were being held at the county jail.

Investigators said the boys were running in the direction of a white van found about a half-mile away from the school with more guns and ammunition in it. It wasn't immediately certain if the vehicle was related to

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• Washington

Offices of Senators Glenn, Jeffords receive mysterious packages

WASHINGTON (AP) - A package mailed to Sen. John Glenn contained racist rhetoric and a mysterious powder that discolored and numbed the hands of three workers. A similar package was sent to Sen. James Jeffords, but the suspicious substance was noticed before it hurt anyone.

The packages, mailed from Vermont, arrived Monday at Glenn's office in Columbus, Ohio, and Jeffords' in Burlington, Vt. A spokesman for Jeffords in Washington said the same person apparently sent the two packages and the letters containing racial and ethnic slurs.

In Columbus, the incident also forced evacuation of the downtown federal building. Glenn's office was back open today and the three employees were expected to return to work later in the day. They were treated at a hospital and released Monday.

Erik Smulson, Jeffords' spokesman in Washington, said staff noticed a "questionable black material" when the package sent to the Vermont Republican's office was opened. The inner package containing the material was not opened; the material instead was turned over the police for investigation, he said.

"It is our understanding that the letters are the same and are from the same person," Smulson said.

Vicki Butland, spokeswoman for Glenn's Columbus office, called the 12-page hand-

written letter that accompanied the package "a militia type."

Deputy Fire Chief Ned Pettus said the unidentified substance turned the Glenn aides' hands a purplish color and made them numb for several hours.

The federal building in downtown Columbus was evacuated from 5:30 p.m. to about 10 p.m. so firefighters and hazardous materials crews could examine the substance, Pettus said. Glenn was in Washington.

"The package was addressed to Glenn and contained a sweater," he said. "Inside the package was a plastic bag with the substance. It spilled onto one employee's hands when the package was opened, and other employees came in contact with it when they tried to sweep it up."

The letter was angry and rambling but the intentions of the package were perfectly clear, fire Battalion Chief Howard White said.

"Someone's trying to make a statement,"

White said. "It wasn't meant to explode, it was meant to harm."

A sample of the substance was sent to Battelle Laboratories for identification. The rest will remain in a drum until the substance is identified.

The Columbus federal building also houses the offices of Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, Rep. Deborah Pryce, R-Ohio, several other federal agencies and the main downtown post office.

• Methodists

Opponents of gay marriage hold separate service

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — About 300 disgruntled members of a Methodist church held their own service to protest the return of their minister after his acquittal in a church court on charges of performing a lesbian unity ceremony.

The Rev. Jimmy Creech received a standing ovation from about 600 parishioners when he returned to the pulpit of First United Methodist Church on March 15.

Most of Creech's opponents were absent that day, and Sunday, an estimated 300 of them attended a "laity rally" at Westside High School.

Tad Freeburg, 40, said it felt good to reunite with his fellow church members.

"It's kind of nice seeing people that I haven't seen in months because of this

situation," Freeburg said. "It gives me hope just seeing that other people feel the same way I do."

Many signed petitions outside the high school asking Nebraska United Methodist Bishop Joel Martinez to discontinue Creech's appointment.

Creech had been suspended from his post at Omaha's largest United Methodist church since Nov. 10. On March 13, a jury of Methodist ministers from across Nebraska acquitted him of charges that he broke church rules by performing the lesbian unity ceremony in September.

The case was the first challenge to United Methodist policy on homosexual marriage. The jury's decision could shape how the 9.5 million-member denomina-

tion interprets rules governing its treatment of gays.

In the audience Sunday was Marvin Koelling, superintendent of the church's Northeast District in Norfolk, who oversaw the congregation during Creech's suspension.

Koelling said he was there to let members know that the church still cared about them. "I think these people needed a time together, and the message wasn't divisive," he said.

Koelling said he hoped Creech's opponents and supporters will reconcile.

"If they follow the message they heard this morning, they will try to reach out," Koelling said. "They are good people and good United Methodists."

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• Diversity

Harvard unable to fill professorship in Holocaust studies

BOSTON (AP)—More than three years after Harvard received a \$3 million pledge to create a chairmanship in Holocaust studies, the university has been unable to agree on a candidate, and about half of the gift has been quietly diverted to the medical school.

The impasse apparently resulted from academic infighting over how to teach the Holocaust: as a study of Jewish victims and Judaic culture, or as a historical analysis of the Nazi perpetrators.

The candidacy of Daniel J. Goldhagen, an associate Harvard professor, also disturbed some members of the search committee.

Goldhagen's controversial 1996 best-selling book, "Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust," contends that ordinary Germans, not just the Nazis, were responsible for the killing of 6 million Jews. He attributes the Holocaust to deep-seated German anti-Semitism.

By failing to appoint a professor, some

say, Harvard missed an opportunity to take the lead as a center of Holocaust scholarship. Although many universities teach the Holocaust through history, religion or literature courses, few of the country's top schools have Holocaust specialists.

"I think it's appalling that Harvard is not endorsing this field of study and is not standing behind it," Deborah Dwork, who runs the new Center for Holocaust Studies at Clark University in Worcester, said Tuesday.

In 1994, Kenneth Lipper, a philanthropist, businessman and former New York deputy mayor, endowed the Helen Zelaznik Chair in Holocaust and Cognate Studies to honor a family member who was killed in the Holocaust. Lipper's only condition was that the professor be hired with tenure.

Harvard would not have offered a degree in Holocaust studies. But students would have been able to take courses specifically on the Nazi annihilation of 6 million Jews.

Currently, Harvard has no courses that focus exclusively on the Holocaust.

A committee of Harvard professors began interviewing scholars in 1995 but could not recommend a candidate, said Harvard spokesman Alex Huppe.

Goldhagen was said to be Lipper's top choice, but Harvard officials said that would have had no bearing on the selection.

The candidates also included Christopher Browning of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash.; Dan Diner, a history professor at German and Israeli universities; Samuel Kassow, a professor at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.; Omer Bartov, a professor at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.; and Saul Friedlander, a Holocaust scholar who teaches at the University of California at Los Angeles.

A few months ago, Lipper decided he didn't want his gift to remain in limbo. He shifted \$1 million plus interest to the Lipper Foundation, a fund he had already estab-

lished at Harvard's medical school, Huppe said.

Both Harvard and Lipper still hope to establish the Holocaust chairmanship, the spokesman said. But the search has been put on hold.

Lipper did not return several calls for comment, but a friend said Lipper has been frustrated by Harvard's indecision.

"It breaks his heart what's happening at Harvard," said Michael Berenbaum, president of director Steven Spielberg's Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

Harvard's problems highlight the difficulty academia has had in finding a place for the Holocaust in the curriculum.

Instead of treating it as a separate discipline, hundreds of American universities teach the Holocaust as part of other fields, such as European history, Jewish studies, sociology or comparative literature. Yeshiva University in New York, for example, integrates it into its Jewish history department.

Clark University this week became the first U.S. college to have two full-time endowed tenured professorships in Holocaust history. The university launched a Holocaust studies program for undergraduates last year and will admit its first graduate students in September.

• Stunt

English says junk tax code

ERIE, Pa. (AP)—Cutting taxes is harder than it looks.

To call attention to his proposal that the entire tax structure be junked, Rep. Phil English on Monday tried to cut through the 5,000-page U.S. tax code with a chainsaw.

The chainsaw knocked the book off the table. The congressman tried again and knocked it onto the floor again.

Then he put the book on the sidewalk in front of the federal courthouse where he was holding a news conference.

Still no luck. He made only a nick.

English then joked about how tough it is to enact tax reform.

"The tax code is 1 million words and 5,000 pages," the Republican said. "America needs a tax code that is simpler and fairer. One that spurs economic growth."

English wants to repeal the current tax code and start over by the end of 2001.

Pride Month

Educating about Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues

April 1998

Monday, March 30

Rainbow Flag Raising

Kick off Pride Month a few days early with the raising of the rainbow flag. Sponsored by the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Concerns Committee (GLBCC). 12:00 noon to 12:15, In Front of Folger Library

Wednesday, April 1

Film - "Paris Was a Woman"

Paris in the 1920's is known as the birthplace of many artistic and literary movements and talents. "Paris Was a Woman" is a documentary about the "company of Amazons" who were crucial to the creative ferment of that time. Part of the Not at the Mall Film Series. 6:30 & 9:00 p.m., 100 D.P. Corbett \$1.00 donation requested

Thursday, April 2

Wilde-Stein Open House

Come by for refreshments and to see what Wilde-Stein is all about. Sponsored by Wilde-Stein: Alliance for Sexual Diversity. 7:00 p.m., Peabody Lounge, Memorial Union

Thursday, April 9

Kevin Jennings

Creating Schools That Are Safer for All of Our Students: Addressing Homophobia in Our Schools. Kevin is the executive director of the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN) and the author of "One Teacher in Ten: Gay and Lesbian Educators Tell Their Stories." Kevin's presentation will be followed by a presentation by local GLSEN members and the short film, "It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in Schools." Sponsored by GLBCC, The College of Education & Human Development, Maine Peace Action Committee, and Comprehensive Fee. 7:00 - 9:00 pm, 100 D.P. Corbett, free and open to the public

Saturday, April 11

Diversity Semi-Formal Dinner and Dance

An event for everyone who wants to celebrate the joys of difference.

7:00 pm: appetizers, cash bar with ID

8:00 pm: buffet (dinner music by Katherine Walsh)

9:00 pm: dance with JMC entertainment

\$9 students, \$12 all others, reservations must be made by April 7.

Students with a meal plan may forfeit their April 11 evening meal to attend at no additional cost.

Wells Conference Center

For reservations or for more information, call 581-1210.

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Even more Events Later in April:

Monday, April 13: Two Independent Films - "Tongues Untied" & "Kiev Blue" 100 Neville Hall, 6:30 & 9:00 pm, free and open to the public

Monday, April 20: Craig Dean, Same-Sex Marriage: A Civil Right 8:00 pm, 100 D.P. Corbett, free and open to the public

Tuesday, April 21: Panel - Being Gay on Campus 12:15 pm, Totman Lounge, Memorial Union

Friday, April 24: Drag Show & Dance 9:00 pm, Damn Yankee, Memorial Union, \$3.00 admission

Wednesday, April 29: Film - Love, Valour & Compassion! 6:30 & 9:00 p.m., 100 D.P. Corbett, \$1.00 donation requested

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• Crime

Catholic priest pleads guilty to sexual abuse charges

DALLAS (AP) — A suspended Roman Catholic priest who lost a \$119.6 million lawsuit over molestation allegations pleaded guilty today to three counts of sexually abusing altar boys.

Rudolph Kos, 52, entered the plea at the start of his criminal trial on eight counts.

Prosecutors then began opening statements in the trial on the remaining five counts. All eight counts involve four young men who told police they were molested about 1,350 times.

Kos could be sentenced to two to 20 years in prison for pleading guilty to two counts of sexual assault of a child and one count of indecency with a child.

Defense attorney Brad Lollar said the pleas "do reflect the facts of the matter. He believes he is guilty of three of the eight indictments." He would not say why the pleas were changed from innocent, but he said the change had been planned.

In his opening statement, prosecutor

Howard Blackman told jurors that Kos abused the power of the priesthood to prey on the altar boys.

"He assumed control of the altar servers and turned this program into a flesh pool into which he recruited his victims," Blackman said. "Evidence will show how this man, who was supposed to be their spiritual guide, used them for his own selfish sexual gratification."

The \$119.6 million verdict returned against the Catholic Diocese of Dallas and

Kos after the civil trial last summer was the largest monetary judgment of any clergy sex-abuse case in U.S. history.

The lawsuit alleged that Kos molested altar boys over more than a decade and that church officials knew about the problem and covered it up.

According to testimony during the 11-week civil trial, Kos sexually abused boys during a period from 1981 to 1992 at churches in Dallas, Ennis and Irving.

• Capital punishment

Man who challenged electric chair executed

STARKE, Fla. (AP) — A killer who challenged the use of Florida's electric chair as cruel and unusual punishment after a malfunction caused flames to shoot from a condemned man's head went to his death in the chair Monday.

There were no flames when Leo Jones, 47, was electrocuted for killing a police officer.

It was the second of four Florida executions scheduled over a nine-day period.

Jones' lawyers raised objections to the 75-year-old chair after the malfunction occurred during an execution in March 1997. The problem led to a yearlong halt in executions in Florida that ended Monday.

The Florida Supreme Court determined that use of the electric chair was not cruel and unusual punishment.

Jones was condemned for the 1981 slaying of Thomas Szafranski, who was shot in the head while sitting in his patrol car in Jacksonville in 1981.

Jones confessed to the shooting but claimed he did so because of police beatings. In his appeals, Jones noted that a dozen people had said another man confessed to killing Szafranski.

Jones' execution was the 41st in Florida since the U.S. Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976.

Serial killer Gerald Stano was put to death Monday for the murder of a 17-year-old girl. Judy Buenoano, death row's 54-year-old "Black Widow," is to be executed next Monday for murdering her husband. Twenty-four hours later, Daniel Remeta, 40, is set to die for the 1985 killing of a store clerk.

Arkansas

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the shootings.

Karen Pate, a parent volunteer, was in the school gym when the fire alarm went off just after sixth-graders had finished lunch and returned to their classrooms. She fled outside and "saw girls falling to the ground."

"I helped one teacher who had been shot in the abdomen get out of there where she could lay down and we could start medical attention," Mrs. Pate said. "Another student had got shot in the leg. As soon as she got hit, she couldn't walk and she fell into the doorway."

Mrs. Pate and her sixth-grade daughter were not hurt.

President Clinton, on a visit to Kampala, Uganda, said in a statement that he and the first lady were "deeply shocked and heartbroken."

"We don't know now and we may never

fully understand what could have driven two youths to deliberately shoot into a crowd," he said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families and the entire Jonesboro community."

Gov. Mike Huckabee said he was angry, as a parent, that such a tragedy could happen at a public school.

"It makes me angry not so much at individual children that have done it as much as angry at a world in which such a thing can happen," he said.

Arkansas law does not prohibit minors from possessing shotguns or rifles, but it does bar people younger than 21 from possessing handguns. Other laws prohibit anyone from possessing a gun on public property or with criminal intent.

It was at least the third fatal shooting rampage in a school in the past five months.



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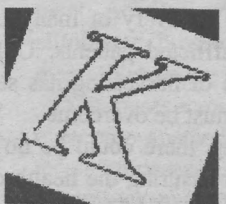
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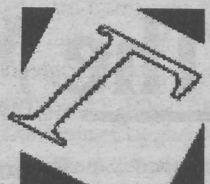
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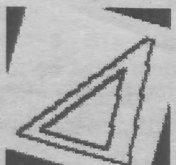
She formed C.H.U.C.K., an acronym for the Committee to Hault Useless College Killings. The organizations goal: to bring about an awareness of hazing practices, to research and document deaths and injuries related to hazing and to bring about an awareness of the problems of hazing so that others can learn from past tragedies, such as the one that affected her life..



Wednesday, March 25th

7:00 pm MCA

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EDITORIAL

New funding formula suspect

More than a year ago, students at the University of Maine at Augusta complained that they weren't receiving their fair share of state funding for University of Maine System campuses. They hinted that they might take their case to court if they didn't see some changes.

The University of Maine currently receives 50 percent of the university system's funding, the University of Southern Maine receives 28 percent and the remaining five campuses share the remaining 22 percent.

Monday, the board of trustees adopted a plan to alter that formula. The fixed-percent-age plan, in place since 1968, is now gone. UMA will receive an additional \$600,000 and the University of Maine at Farmington will receive \$300,000 more. These parity adjustments would be paid over the next three years.

Also included in the plan is an enrollment component, which provides a 0.8 percent increase in state funding for every 1 percent enrollment increase, along with a 0.4 percent decrease in funding for every 1 percent decrease in enrollment. The board will review enrollment every three years to ensure proper weighting.

The board offered few specifics as to how the new formula would affect the individual campuses. The new formula simply takes into

account raw enrollment data, ignoring the costs associated with educating full-time vs. part-time students or undergraduate vs. graduate students.

According to an independent consultant's report the university system commissioned last year, juniors and seniors cost 50 percent to 100 percent more to educate than first-year students and sophomores. Graduate and professional students cost three to eight times more to educate.

Given these considerations, the new formula could hurt the UMaine, as most of the graduate and professional programs in the system are located at the Orono campus. UMA, for the most part, awards only associate degrees. USM's enrollment numbers are similar to UMaine's. The numbers don't reflect USM's having a larger population of part-time students.

Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart admits that the straight funding formula may encourage campuses not to maintain buildings, choosing instead to put the money toward other programs.

The formula focuses on increasing enrollment but does not work to increase the standards of the education students will receive. What good is a campus of more than 12,000 students if that campus lacks adequate resources for those students?

Death row inmates could save lives

Recently, a bill was put before the Missouri Legislature that suggests inmates on death row be put to a unique use. If it passes, those awaiting execution in the state's prisons would have the option of donating bone marrow or an organ in return for a commuted death row sentence.

Death row inmates have been almost invariably convicted for taking a life, prompting the argument that they should be repaying society by donating organs. Hundreds of livers and kidneys could be made available, allowing for the recovery of many of the most critically afflicted patients. Unfortunately, this form of harvesting has several drawbacks that must be overcome.

In many cases, there could be no fool-proof method of ensuring the health of organs taken from inmates. There may not be any way to guarantee the accuracy of health records or especially the assurance of the inmate.

As for solving the ever-present problem of

obtaining organs for every person waiting in the hospital, this proposal couldn't hope to fill the gap. While 3,700 Americans are currently facing the death penalty, over 30,000 patients are now waiting for transplants.

The organ value of someone facing the death penalty could be a factor in the sentencing process, and could be open to abuse by those seeking organs. Certainly, if a death row inmate faces a choice of whether to relinquish an organ and survive, or choose to keep the second kidney and die, the choice would be simple. The death penalty, if considered by judges, could then be seen as the more humane sentence, subverting the purpose of capital punishment.

The effects of the death row donation bill can't be gauged accurately, but the problems could easily be even more significant. If the plan is put into action, there must be safeguards in place to ensure the system doesn't hurt the ones it is supposed to help: the organ recipients.

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• Guest column

Multicultural policy hypocritical

By Chris Charles

Three people cannot run an undergraduate program. Professor James Troiano's class enrollment for intermediate Spanish with 50 students divided into two classes of 25 indicate that there is a demand for Spanish instruction.

Maxillion Berlitz, the founder of modern language instruction, asserted the ideal class size for language instruction should not exceed 10 people. Due to high student enrollment and lack of funding, Troiano and Professor Kathleen March are over-burdened and much of the language equipment is outdated.

According to Troiano, the modern language department had seven full-time Spanish teachers in 1975. Now the department has only three.

The great irony in this equation is that now more than ever we need to be pushing for Spanish instruction and other modern language instruction. According to The World Almanac and Book of Facts, in 1995, an estimated 23 million Americans, or 8.8 percent of the population, were foreign-born, the highest level since prior to World War II. Of those 23 million American immigrants, a notable 7.8 million came from Mexico, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic. Shouldn't we make an effort to learn another language in the spirit of multiculturalism here at the University of Maine?

The campus administration doesn't seem to think so.

Unfortunately, there exists the narrow-minded in the United States who seem to pride themselves on living in a monolingual society of English only. In our hegemonic ego-centric view of the world, we believe arrogantly that foreigners should speak our language. We must remember that linguistic diversity

and bilingualism are the norm, not the exception, among countries worldwide. India, for example, represents a truly polylinguistic society with 19 other official languages spoken, other than Hindi.

Outside of the United States, the study of foreign languages is taken more seriously. Our European and Asian counterparts begin language instruction in elementary and middle school, whereas here in the United States instruction typically begins in 10th grade with only two mandatory years of foreign language study. Historically, the school doctrine in America has been to discourage language diversity and emphasize English in order to assimilate immigrants into Wonder Bread culture of the United States. As a result, many minorities felt a loss of their ethnic identity, feeling torn between two different communities.

Language can separate us into an "us" versus "them" mentality. If we are to break the chains of isolationism and xenophobia and truly make atonement for the past lack of cultural sensitivity, we must practice what we preach, and take a grassroots approach toward understanding a different culture by learning another language or, at the very least, give support to those who do.

Unfortunately, the campus administration doesn't value foreign languages, and it seems it would rather prostitute words like "multiculturalism" and "diversity" for its own ends while ripping off international students by forcing them to pay for on-campus housing even after they've moved off campus.

Meanwhile, Spanish is being phased out as a major at the university next year.

My retort to the administrators responsible is, "Hypocrites, go f—k yourselves!"

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OP/ED



• Column

Making UMaine a better place

President Peter Hoff's BearWorks discussion groups on FirstClass are a step in the right direction for making UMaine a better school. However, without action BearWorks will mean nothing. Here are a few things that could make UMaine a better school.

- Administrators should make themselves more visible to students. Alumni Hall is, for the most part, a windowless black hole for too many students. Administra-

stead of whining about not being told of certain policies, students should read the student handbook and course catalog, where they will find many of the answers to their questions. Students shouldn't be afraid of sending an e-mail to an administrator. By the same token, administrators should monitor their e-mail and respond as soon as possible to mail from students.



By Ryan Robbins

tors need to see first hand the struggles students face in today's world. That may mean sitting in on a few classes, arranging time for open office hours, eating meals in public areas – without the suit and tie or the dress.

- Administrators need to realize that students are, for the most part, honest. "The customer is always right" maxim should apply on campus. Students should not have to return to take more classes after "graduating" because their adviser didn't know anything. Workers at the business and financial aid offices should not talk down to students. They should give students the benefit of the doubt.

- Students need to take more responsibility for themselves. In-

stead of whining about not being told of certain policies, students should read the student handbook and course catalog, where they will find many of the answers to their questions. Students shouldn't be afraid of sending an e-mail to an administrator. By the same token, administrators should monitor their e-mail and respond as soon as possible to mail from students.

- Dining Services should charge fair prices. It is ludicrous for the Bear's Den to charge students \$1 for a 20-ounce bottle of soda when students can walk 60 feet down the hall and buy the same soda for \$0.80 at the bookstore. Dining Services claims it can't lower prices because of costs. Why, then, is the bookstore – which doesn't buy nearly as much soda – able to sell for 20 percent less? If the Bear's Den sold soda at the real price, it would sell more soda and not lose money.

- Dining Services should also eliminate its policy of prohibiting students from taking food from the commons. According to Dining Services Director Jon Lewis, students are prohibited from taking their food with them because the university needs to "keep overall costs down." Actually, the university is afraid that students might use more of their allotted meals or take more food than they normally would, which would cause Dining Services to go bankrupt.

- Students who think they should be able to dial into Instructional Technologies or UNet without getting a busy signal or two every time they try are dreaming. Getting a busy signal on the modem is akin to waiting in a line. It's a part of life. However, the university should pay attention to use and increase the number of modems if necessary.

- Campus Living should stop trying to shove community pride down students' throats. Community pride is nice to have, but it has to come naturally.

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Disprove UMaine apathy

Thirty years ago, the University of Maine was steeped in social conscience. The 1970 archives of *The Maine Campus* recount a student sit-in to protest tuition raises at a board of trustees meeting; female students demanding and earning the right to live off campus; men defending Stodder Hall's identity as the last bastion of maleness at UMaine; an environmentalist "teach-in" and Earth Day demonstration; a prolonged strike to protest Nixon's actions in the Vietnam conflict; and a 200-student march to memorialize the Kent State killings. UMaine was alive.

Student activism was the order of the day for our parents' genera-

this unique time of our lives, we're tired.

As a result, youthful idealism is in dire need of resurrection. Despite MTV's embarrassing efforts to the contrary, turnout in presidential races among voters ages 18 to 24 rarely surpasses 20 percent.

In 1970, UMaine Student Government officials called the turnout "disgusting" when 2,721 students voted to elect the student senate president. Fewer than 500 students participated in this winter's election of our current senate president.

Political advocacy groups at UMaine are all but silent. The stu-

By Misty Edgecomb



tion. Every issue evoked passion, and this idealistic dedication catalyzed progress. Compared to our predecessors, the complacency of today's students is depressing. We are apolitical, apathetic and afraid.

Our generation has learned the lessons of responsibility and restraint. We designate that driver. We practice safe sex. But as we discard naivete at increasingly younger ages, we lose the accompanying sense of invincibility that has historically granted youth the confidence to effect massive social change.

Last Friday, a small but dedicated group of pacifists interrupted Secretary of Defense William Cohen's address at the Maine Center for the Arts, shouting accusations from the balcony as he spoke, and preaching the virtues of peace in the Middle East to bemused students exiting the building. To many at UMaine, the protesters' deep beliefs were incomprehensible, even humorous.

We cannot practice idealism unless we educate ourselves to form definite ideals about our world and how we hope to impact it. But we don't involve ourselves in the issues, so we avoid taking strong stands. This personal development has long been viewed as the "deeper purpose" of a college education, but many of today's students matriculate already committed to one narrow viewpoint.

Thrust into an adult world before we are prepared to deal with it, our generation is worldly in junior high school and cynical by the time we are legal to drive. Once we reach graduation, we've seen and done it all. We are resigned to the status quo long before we enter college. Instead of being reactionary during

dent handbook lists more than 110 clubs and societies, but only a handful of these are sporadically active on campus. Even mainstream Democratic and Republican organizations at UMaine maintain a low profile.

Why the deafening silence? Our social ills are by no means resolved. Discrimination abounds on this campus, manifesting itself in the multiple civil rights suits investigated by the attorney general's office this year. Tuition increases by the moment. Academic restructuring has eliminated programs and departments. Yet we are not stirred.

Campuses across the nation have overcome apathetic attitudes with recent student-led initiatives. Two weeks ago students at Cornell University sponsored a week of speakers and a "sleep in" attended by more than 250 students to protest New York Gov. George Pataki's proposed cuts to university budgets. I honestly can't imagine this scenario at UMaine.

I challenge the campus community to prove me wrong. Once upon a time, *The Maine Campus* was peppered with letters debating the serious ethical issues of the day. Now, a letter about the philosophy of "Mr. Gnu" is cause for celebration around the newsroom. Prove to me that UMaine students give a damn.

Because, whether by intelligent, well-conceived action, or a voluntary ignorance and paralysis, our generation will change the world.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Wednesday, March 25

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: This will be a fortunate year for you but not in the sense that good things happen while you just sit back and do nothing special. If you are determined to realize your ambitions then the right opportunities will come along at just the right time. The rest is up to you.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Push yourself to the front of the line and demand to be treated with the respect you deserve. Of course, you might come up against another Aries who is being equally forceful as you but nine times out of 10 your assertive attitude will pay off, although not everyone will love you for it.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Try not to be quite so serious today. You may be the kind of person whose moods change slowly but your solar chart indicates there are very good reasons why you should adopt a lighter attitude over the next 48 hours. If you think lucky you will be lucky, it's as simple as that.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Anyone can be suspicious. Anyone can blame unseen forces when things go wrong. You, however, are a Gemini, which means you look on the bright side of life no matter how dark it gets. Not that it will get dark today. On the contrary, you will need to carry your sunglasses with you.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You expect a great deal of yourself but sometimes you expect too much. For some strange reason you have got it into your head that being good is not good enough — you must be perfect. Stop and think a minute: isn't that a ridiculous assumption? Of course it is. No one is ever perfect.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): If it is true that your life is following some kind of plan then it stands to reason that whatever happens to you, both good and bad, is part of that plan. So don't get too upset if things don't go 100 percent your way today. Believe it or not, your plan is progressing nicely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): With Jupiter transiting your opposite sign of Pisces you should never be reluctant to ask partners and loved ones for help and advice. Today, especially, they will go out of their way to make life easier for you, although that is not an excuse to take liberties with their affections.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): You should be in a happy-go-lucky mood today as Venus in Aquarius takes away your cares and makes you realize there are more important things in life than making money or making a name for yourself. Hold on to that feeling: the longer you can make it last the happier you will be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Everyone is good at something. Everyone has a talent they were born with. Do you know what your talent is? If not, don't worry, you will soon find out. If you do know what it is, ask yourself if you are making the best possible use of it. What more could you be doing?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Where would you really like to be right now? Where would you choose to go if money, time and distance were no object? Start thinking seriously about making that trip because your solar chart suggests you will get the chance to travel sooner than you expected. Make sure you're prepared.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): If you want to achieve something worthwhile today you will have to work through your fear of failure. Fear of failure? You, a Capricorn? Well, yes, your tough exterior is just that, an exterior — inside you worry more than most. But you cannot afford to let worry hold you back today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You deserve success and it would appear you are about to get it. It may only be a minor piece of good fortune but it will do your spirits a power of good: you know you are on the right track and you know it is only a matter of time before the big rewards come your way.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Whatever tensions there are in your life you can expect them to ease today as Jupiter in your birth sign brings unexpected good fortune your way. Don't waste time wondering what you have done to deserve it: there may not be a reason but that doesn't mean you should not enjoy it.

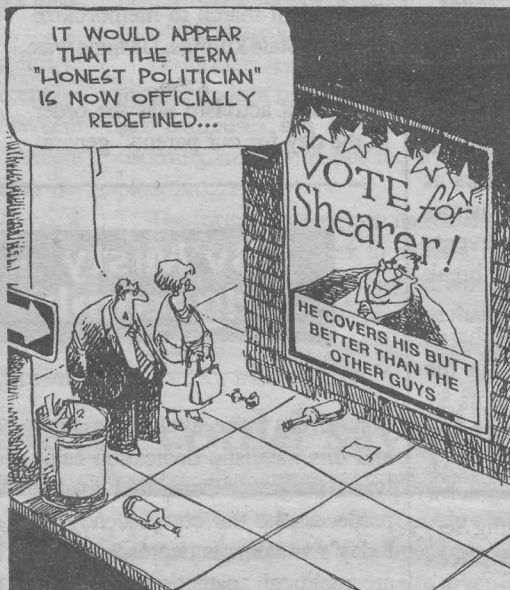
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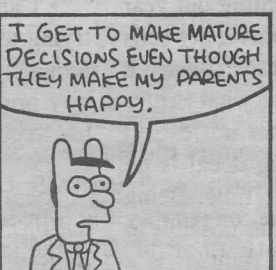
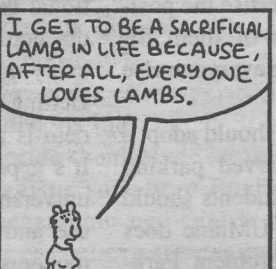
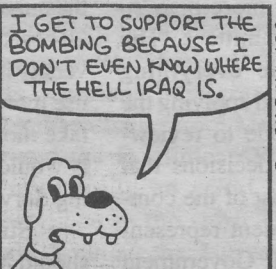
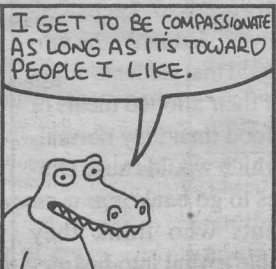
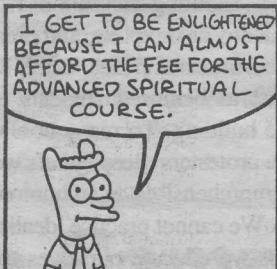
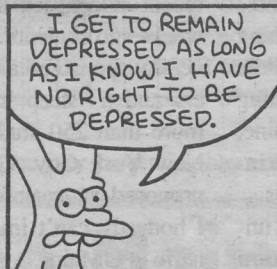
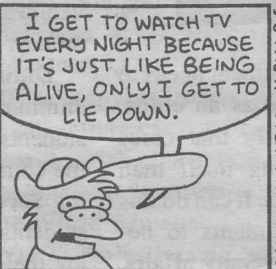
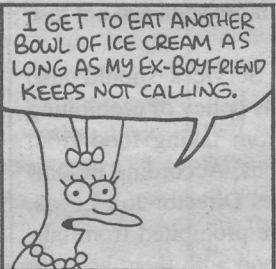
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Thursday, March 26

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You want to make a difference. You want to do something more than live from day to day. There are many ways you can help those less fortunate than you but there is one way in particular you can benefit your fellow man. You don't know what that is? You are about to find out.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You may be reluctant to start something today because you sense it is going to be tougher than you expected. That may be the case but you can be sure that once you have started you will quickly get into the swing of things. The only problem then is you won't want to stop.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): How many times have you been told to think positive? And how many times have you stubbornly stuck to your less than positive point of view? Probably far too often. Today's aspects are crying out for you to look on the bright side of life. Are you going to listen?

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Don't follow something just because it is fashionable. From the look of your chart today it appears you have an urgent need to feel accepted - and that could lead to you doing things that are simply not right for you. The best way to impress people is to be yourself.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You have a tendency to attach importance to things that are simply not worth worrying about. In fact, you have developed it into an art form. What you are currently upset about means nothing in the greater scheme of things. Forget it and move on to something else.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Because Leo is the only sign of the Zodiac ruled by the Sun your willpower is awesome. What others think of as impossible you do for the fun of it. If you focus your energy in one particular direction today you will achieve something that amazes everyone - except yourself, of course.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): If your temper gets the better of you today put it down to experience and don't dwell on it too long. Even a Virgo is entitled to lose it once in a while and there is every likelihood that the person on the receiving end deserves to feel the edge of your tongue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): You have energy to burn today and as a great deal of it is emotional energy it is essential that you focus on something that involves you on every level of your being. Put your heart into what you are doing and you will do it better than it has ever been done before.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): No matter how much work you have to do today you won't feel happy unless you can focus on something of an artistic, creative or even romantic nature. Jupiter in Pisces is urging you, tempting you, begging you to have a good time. And if the work doesn't get done - too bad.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): It doesn't matter if you don't enjoy what you have to do today - what matters is that you do it to the best of your abilities and give others the impression that you enjoy it. You can bet your bottom dollar that if you show you're not too happy they won't make life any easier for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Take off into the wide blue yonder today. Go somewhere you have never been before. Do something even your closest friends would not believe. The planets are urging you to put all the serious things in your life behind you for a day and take time out to enjoy yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A social invitation will come your way today and although there are numerous other things you should be doing you will be tempted to respond. Good for you. Life is too short to waste on things of little importance. Besides, what could be more important than having fun with friends?

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Power struggles and petty politics mean nothing to you now and with luck will never mean anything to you again. Life is full of joys and wonders that you have no intention of ignoring. Focus on the good things in life - and the things you are good at - and ignore everything else.

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- 1 Afghan's cover
- 10 Patient remarks
- 13 Secretaries
- 15 Hold on
- 17 19 years, roughly
- 18 Director Kenton
- 19 Made a comeback?
- 21 Nice attraction
- 22 References, often
- 25 Skip a dinner date
- 27 Ancient mount now called Psiloriti
- 28 Band member
- 31 Supplicant representations
- 32 Leg up
- 34 Copycat's request

- 36 One of Chekhov's Three Sisters
- 37 Half a TV duo
- 39 Marine food fish
- 41 Catch, in a way
- 42 1980 Chrysler debut
- 44 Epiphany figures
- 46 Records
- 48 Latin quarter word?
- 50 Howe'er
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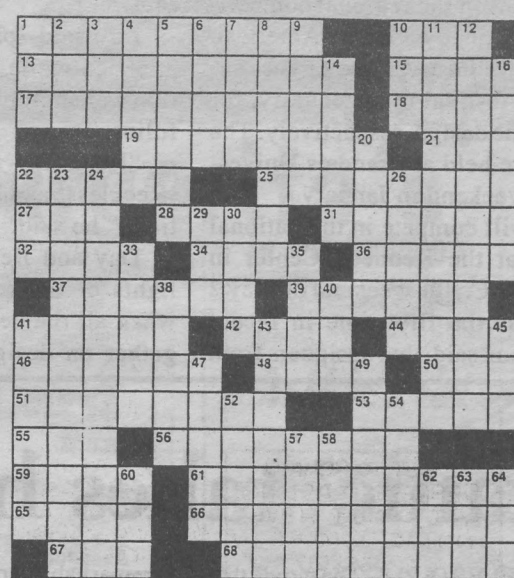
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- 61 Take it from the top?
- 65 Site of Theo. Roosevelt Natl. Park
- 66 Purges
- 67 Sign of caution
- 68 Play catch, with "around"

DOWN

- 1 Débutante's affair
- 2 Bird that lays dark green eggs
- 3 Martial arts degree
- 4 Take in
- 5 Least tainted
- 6 Prefix with angle
- 7 Greek war goddess
- 8 Really funny
- 9 It's found around the mouth
- 10 Bowl over
- 11 "Peg o' My Heart" hitmakers, 1947
- 12 Song that ends "Full of heavenly joy!"
- 14 Handle
- 16 Mother who's missed
- 20 Best New Artist of 1959
- 22 Link
- 23 Scraps
- 24 Authoritative

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Puzzle by Bob Sefick

- 26 Deacon Jones, notably
- 29 Walk all over
- 30 Illegal diamond delivery
- 33 Scene of W.W. II aerial attacks
- 35 "Israel in the World" author
- 38 Text of 114 suras
- 40 Tulsa initials
- 41 Segue
- 43 Cordial place
- 45 One of the Cyclades
- 47 Kid's relative
- 49 "Touched by an Angel" angel
- 52 "The Ice Maiden"
- 54 Take — at
- 57 Many Little League coaches
- 58 Idol in Memphis
- 60 Match end, maybe
- 62 One-time link
- 63 Monthly bill: Abbr.
- 64 Subj. for new citizens

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Style and the Arts

• Set and costume design

UMaine students headed for national competition

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

Last semester's production of "Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love," which was graduate student Claude Giroux's thesis, was a true exercise in making do with what was lying around.

"It wasn't a budgeted show, so we did a lot of scavenging," Giroux said.

Set designer James Beer, a fourth-year student in the theatre department, used pieces that had already been built for the Maine Masque's production of "The Cherry Orchard."

"Those platforms needed to be back the Monday after the last show," Beer said.

Costume designer James Day, a first-year graduate student in the department, had the smallest budget at \$100, but found interesting ways to get around it.

"I was literally at the actors' houses, going through their closets," Day said.

From these inauspicious beginnings sprung a production that was so popular that they had to turn away dozens of people each night.

"We had hundreds of requests to go another weekend, but we couldn't do it because we needed the set pieces for 'Cherry Orchard,'" Giroux said.

For their work on "Human Remains," Beer and Day won the regional competition of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, the largest national theatre festival in the country, for set and costume design, respectively. The regionals were held at Brandeis University the last weekend in January.

The two will compete in the national competition at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the weekend of May 2 and 3. This is the first time in recent memory, Giroux said, that designers from

the University of Maine have gone to the nationals.

The set, a multi-level concept with pipes and scaffolding, had its beginnings in a "Mission: Impossible" dance number from last year's spring dance show, which Day also designed.

"The look [of that set] was what I wanted," Giroux said.

"Human Remains" was the first show Day ever designed, and the look was very different from "Reckless," the show Day, Beer, Giroux and stage manager Gary Brown, who all worked on "Human Remains," are now working on.

"It was very much a fashion show," he said. "It was like an MTV show."

"Reckless," written by Craig Lucas, is, in Giroux's words, "a more absurdist play" than "Human Remains."

For the show, which has 28 different scenes, Beer is working on a revolving stage, which will allow one scene to be set up backstage while another is being performed. The show will also feature two screens onto which images will be projected.

From the costume end, Day has a few more resources to work with than he did for "Human Remains," as "Reckless" is a budgeted show. He said he was excited about the variety in costuming.

"It's not every show you get to put a Santa Claus suit in the middle of," he said.

Day said some of the workshops he attended while at the regional competition were helpful, especially one on portfolios.

"I'm using some the techniques for 'Reckless' and I'm having a much easier time," he said.

Day and Beer said one of the highlights of the regional competition was when all the design entrants worked together on designing sets and costumes



James Beer, left, and James Day display their set and costume designs, respectively, from "Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love." The designs propelled them to the national competition in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. (Courtesy photo.)

for impromptu 10-minute plays put on as part of a play-writing competition.

"We were all sitting there on the floor with our colored pencils and the adjudicators

were looking over our shoulders," Beer said. "It was a great way to get people together."

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• Oscars

'Titanic' takes home record-tying 11 awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The movie that almost couldn't be made couldn't be stopped.

"Titanic" won a record-tying 11 Oscars Monday, including best picture, completing

a remarkable voyage for one of the most troubled but ultimately successful productions in Hollywood history.

Produced by two studios at a whopping

cost of \$200 million, "Titanic" came within one win of toppling 1959's "Ben-Hur" to become the most decorated film in Academy Award annals.

"I'm the king of the world!" "Titanic" writer-director-producer James Cameron yelled from the Oscar stage in accepting the best director trophy, repeating a line made famous by the film's young co-star, Leonardo DiCaprio. "I don't know about you, but I'm having a really great time."

The popularity of "Titanic" is not limited to the voting members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The 3-hour, 14-minute movie is also the highest-grossing in box-office history, holding both the domestic and worldwide marks.

It has been the nation's No. 1 film for a 14 consecutive weekends, longest since such records have been kept, and is likely to remain in first place next weekend. With the Oscar surge, the movie now could pass the once unthinkable \$600 million plateau at North American theaters.

The film's popularity translated into top

ratings, ABC said today. The network estimated that 87 million Americans tuned in to all or some of the show, which would make it the most-watched Oscarcast of all time in the United States.

"Titanic" won statuettes for picture, director, cinematography, costume design, editing, dramatic score, song, visual effects, sound, sound effects editing and art direction. The film dominated the evening so strongly no other film won more than two awards. Three managed that many: "As Good As It Gets," "Good Will Hunting" and "L.A. Confidential."

"This morning, I woke up and couldn't wait for the day to be over. Now I don't want it to stop," said "Titanic" co-producer Jon Landau.

And yet "Titanic" failed to win any acting awards. ("Titanic" also was not nominated for a screenplay award, becoming the first film since 1965's "The Sound of Music" to win best picture without being nom-

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Reviewers' results

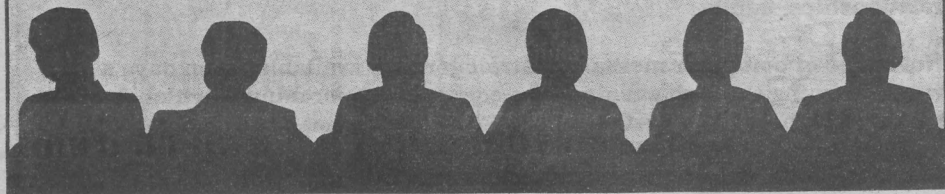
With the Oscar results in, it's time to tally up the results of The Maine Campus reviewers' predictions.

Greg Dowling fared slightly better, getting five right. Hunter Tzovarras got three right.

In the six "major" categories, both got Best Picture, Best Director and Best Supporting Actress right and missed Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor. They split on Best Actress, with Greg making the right guess.

As for their "bonus" picks, Greg was on the money in Best Visual Effects, while Hunter missed Best Adapted Screenplay.

Overall, Greg went 5-2, while Hunter went 3-4.



• Out to lunch

New Thai restaurant needs time to move in

By Minzette Peterson
Maine Campus staff

Did you know that there was a brand new restaurant right here in Orono? The Thai Orchid bought what used to be Jasmine's, across Mill Street from Margarita's. It is a sister restaurant to the Siam Garden in Bangor and the relationship is obvious. Considering they must have opened around the beginning of the month, many of the decorations have been borrowed from Bangor. The inside and take-out menus are also direct from the Siam Garden, with the new phone number handwritten along the margin.

It is obvious that the place just opened its doors to the public. From the Jasmine's sign still painted on the entrance to the empty kegs and bar of the past, it was apparently a hurried takeover. The ornaments and statues direct from Thailand adorning the walls are interspersed with melodramatic scenes from the Maine shore, creating an inconsistent appearance at best. Given time, however, and the raw potential of the authentic hangings and figurines, it could become a truly beautiful and exotic eating establishment.

The menu is an exciting assortment of unusual and flavorful foods, thankfully including detailed descriptions of the ingredients. The prices currently range (if eating in) from \$3.50 to \$4.50 for appetizers, \$2.50 for soups, \$8.95 for combination plates, and \$6.95 to \$13.95 for entrees. They do offer a few luncheon specials, however, so you might consider going to try the food during the daylight hours when there are more selections at lower prices to choose from. While it may

not be cheap, it is affordable for an occasional night out, especially if you watch what you order.

One disturbing thing I noticed, however, was that the prices were significantly higher on the eat-in menu than on the take-out one, possibly because the eat-in menus were newer. The changes were on almost every item, from 50 cents on the soups to a dollar on the entrees. Whether this was increased to charge for the atmosphere of eating there, to cover the costs of opening a new restaurant, or to take advantage of the gullible and nearby college students at the Orono location remains unknown.

Whatever the reasons for the price changes, there is no disputing the fact that the Thai Orchid offers many new and exciting foods, as well as several items that may as well have come straight out of a Chinese restaurant. The chicken wings, dumplings, lo mein, chow mein and chicken satay (alias: chicken teriyaki) seem amazingly familiar, while the selections including ingredients such as coconut, curry, ginger, lemon grass, basil leaves, peanuts and pineapple are refreshing in their unique combinations. However, be sure to take them seriously when they say something is spicy — the one-star soup had to be accompanied by several glasses of water. If you like spicy, this is a place you really must try. Thai food presents welcomed change from this area of Chinese and Mexican foods, and while this may not represent the absolute best Thailand has to offer in the way of dining, it certainly is a very admirable and tasty facsimile.

Unfortunately, this is a no-smoking, no-drinking establishment (other than a

wide selection of teas). It may be that the owners have not yet received their liquor license or that they do not intend to serve alcohol. Either way, it is conveniently located right in the Orono area, and it would

certainly make a great stopping place before a night on the town, especially if you might be headed to Margaritas or Gedy's. For a taste of something different and unusual, stop by.

• On stage

'Our Town' comes to life

By Kenny Volock
Special to the Campus

Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" opened at the Penobscot Theatre Company on March 19 and will run until April 5. The play won the Pulitzer Prize in 1938 and is generally regarded as one of the greatest 20th century American plays.

Wilder's play takes the audience on a trip through time in the small New Hampshire town of Grover's Corners, centering on two of its residents, George Gibbs and Emily Webb.

For those of you who did not have to read the play in eighth or ninth grade, the most striking aspect of the play is its simplicity. "Our Town" was written with the intention that virtually no props or set be used during its performance. In remaining true to Wilder's vision, the show uses lighting and live offstage sound effects along with on-stage miming to cleverly simulate things ranging from a push lawnmower to a refrigerator

door left open.

The show does have one distracting element in its radical time period-change between acts reflected in the costuming. The first act clearly takes place around the turn of the century, but in the second (supposedly three years later), we seem to be visiting the Cleavers and the third could happen today (if not for our most recent dose of snow). The change is most evident in the character of the Stage Manager, who first appears as a charismatic old storyteller, but ends the play looking like he might be bumming a ride up to Limestone for the Great Went.

The cast, though, does a great job of bringing the play to life. The University of Maine's own Mike Abernethy and Julia Tolstrup provide us with a little humor in the roles of Howie the milkman and Mrs. Soames. Charles Alexander, in his first show with PTC, does a nice job of guiding the audience through the story as the

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Design

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"It really broke down the barriers between the other designers," Day said.

The design competition is sponsored by Barbizon, who will reward the national winners with a week's paid vacation to New York City, where they will get to visit well-known designers.

Because of the scouting that will go on in Washington and the number of influential people who will attend the competition, just making it to the nationals is a thrill, Beer said.

"The main thing is that your name

gets dropped," he said.

The Kennedy Center event is not just about competition, but it is a lot more than that, Day said.

"It's a chance to showcase your work as well," he said.

One of the adjudicators at the national competition will be John Lee Beatty, a well-known scenic and costume designer who Day and Beer said they are looking forward to meeting.

"It's such a huge boom even to meet him," Beer said.

Our Town

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Stage Manager. Bob Field and Lily Christian, both seniors at John Bapst High School, are excellent as the young friends and lovers, George and Emily.

I have to admit I didn't think I would like this play. I figured I would be just as bored as when I was forced to read it all those years ago, but I was pleasantly surprised. It was amusing watching how all sorts of effects were accomplished and finding humor where I failed to way

back when, not to mention a pretty cool little story.

Due to an outstanding response from its subscribers and the community, many of the tickets throughout the intended run have been sold. Because of this, PTC has added shows on Sunday evenings. The best times to take advantage of \$3 student rush tickets are on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m. Call Penobscot Theatre Company at 942-3333 for details.

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Oscars

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inated for a writing Oscar.)

"Titanic" failed to collect prizes in three of its nominated categories — supporting actress, actress and makeup. Helen Hunt from "As Good As It Gets" beat "Titanic" star Kate Winslet for best actress, "L.A. Confidential's" Kim Basinger took supporting actress over Gloria Stuart, and "Men in Black" claimed the makeup prize.

The 11 awards were nevertheless a stunning achievement for a film once so behind schedule it missed its planned summer release date by five months. Tensions between co-producers Paramount and 20th Century Fox ran so high that senior executives nearly came to blows.

"What a year it's been," said the movie's Oscar-winning cinematographer, Russell Carpenter. "It's gone from being a ship of fools to being a ship of dreams."

Cameron declined to use the awards sweep to repudiate the film's many early critics, some of whom speculated before the film's debut that it couldn't possibly succeed.

"I feel happy. Vindicated has a negative connotation," Cameron said backstage. "There's nothing negative here, pure bliss."

"Titanic" was not the only former long-shot to claim a prize at the 70th annual awards ceremony. Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, the young actors who labored mightily to write and then star in "Good Will Hunting," took the Oscar for best original screenplay. The film's co-star, Robin Williams, was named best supporting actor for his depiction of a therapist.

"I just said to Matt, 'Losing would suck, and winning would be really scary,'" Affleck said in accepting the writing prize. "It's really, really scary."

Basinger, forced into bankruptcy after losing the "Boxing Helena" breach-of-contract lawsuit, returned to the Hollywood spotlight with her supporting actress win for

"L.A. Confidential."

"If anyone has a dream out there, I'm living proof that it can come true," the actress told the Shrine Auditorium audience.

The movie also collected a trophy for best adapted screenplay, while "The Full Monty" won the Oscar for original musical or comedy score.

Jack Nicholson, who won the best acting award for "As Good As It Gets," joined an elite group of only four performers to own three or more Oscars. His others are as best actor for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" in 1975 and supporting actor in "Terms of Endearment" in 1983. Katharine Hepburn won four Academy Awards, and Ingrid Bergman and Walter Brennan each won three.

"I'm honored to be on any list with you, Bobby, Dusty, and you and your father Mr. Damon, and my old bike pal, Fonda," Nicholson said, making the umpteenth joke of the night about fellow nominee Damon's age.

Ms. Hunt, the only American competing against four British actresses in her category, thanked her director, who was not even nominated.

"I'm here for one reason and that's Jim Brooks, one single reason, and that's the only reason really," Hunt said.

It was one of the longest Oscar ceremonies on record at 3 hours, 42 minutes. The record is held by the 1984 show, which timed out at 3:45.

Billy Crystal had the duty of keeping the show on course, kicking things off with a filmed sketch that put him in scenes of the best-picture nominees, much as he did last year.

It started with a spit in the face from "Titanic" star DiCaprio.

"What, give up show business?" Crystal deadpanned.



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SPORTS PAGE

• Football

State may drop Fein case

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

University of Maine quarterback Mickey Fein will most likely not be tried on the charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, according to Penobscot County Assistant District Attorney Jim Aucoin.

Fein, who was arrested last Homecoming weekend and later charged with OUI, filed a motion to suppress evidence last month in 3rd District Court. Judge Jeffrey Hjelm granted the motion last Tuesday, and all evidence obtained after Fein's stop by Orono police on Oct. 18 must be cleared.

"You can file a motion if the stop or arrest was improper," Aucoin said. "And the court can suppress the evidence."

Aucoin also said this leaves the state with two options: drop the charge or file an appeal, which is unlikely.

"There's no evidence left," Aucoin said. "It would be very hard to appeal. We couldn't go forward on a trial."

Fein, through his motion, challenged the constitutionality of his initial detention and arrest.

He also challenged the admissibility of the statements he made to the police.

The two officers who arrested Fein last year testified that they saw a jeep back out of its parking space on the side of Pond Street (in Orono).

The officers approached Fein and arrested him, but the evidence resulting from the stop can only be entered in court if the state can demonstrate that the stop was based on a suspicion of criminal activity.

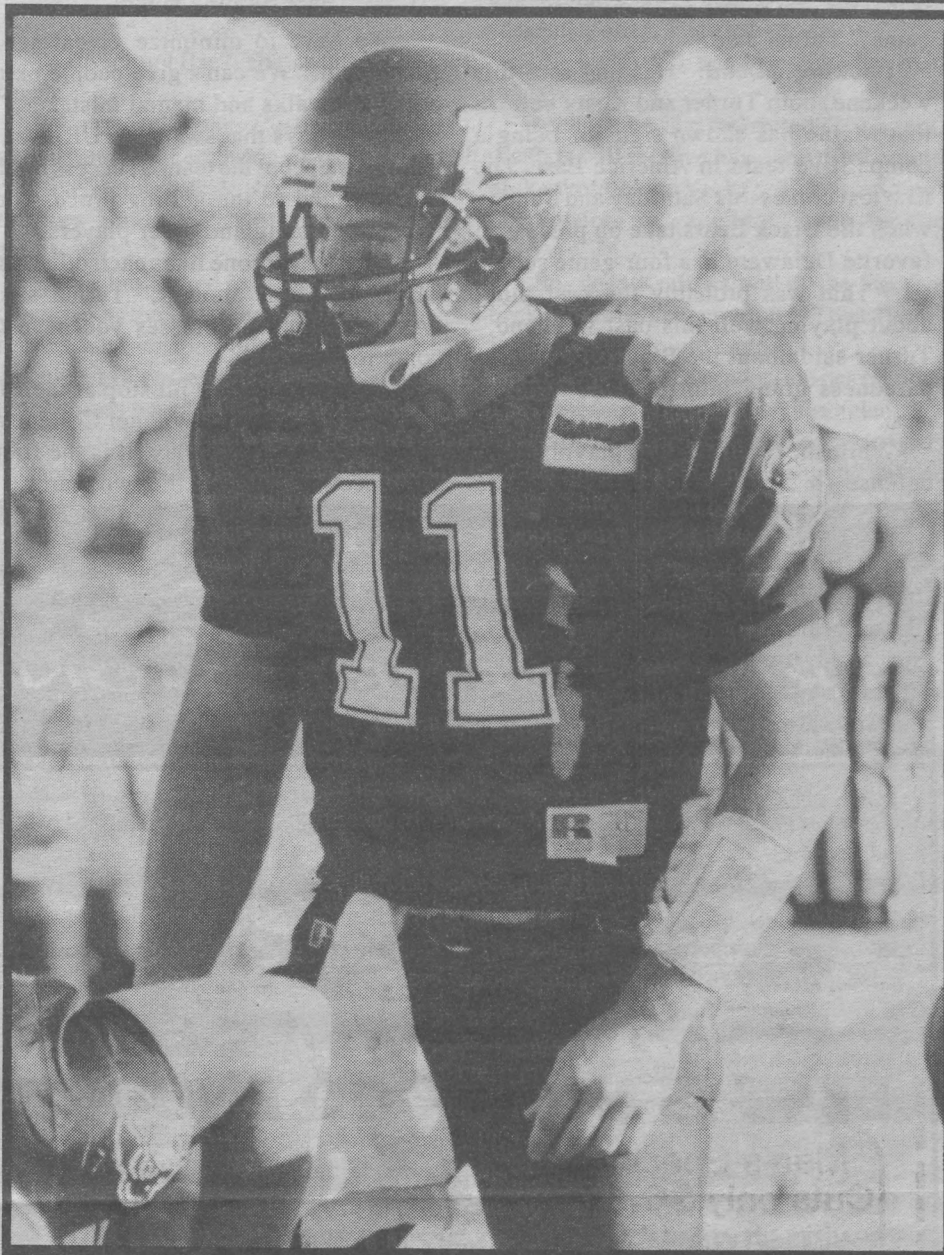
"The issue was that the officers had given during the testimony a different description of where the vehicle was," Fein's attorney Marvin Glazier said. "The judge just was not sure as to where it was located."

Fein and witness Todd Elwell — the punter on the UMaine football squad — both testified that Fein was parked behind another vehicle on Pond Street and neither drove the jeep. Officers Spencer and Day, however, testified that they witnessed the jeep back up 15 to 20 feet from the parking space.

"Mickey Fein and his witness testified the car didn't leave the parking space, while the two officers say it did," Aucoin said.

As stated in the motion, Judge Hjelm ruled that, "If the vehicle remained parked on the side of the road, there would be no objective reason to suspect criminal activity. Consequently, the state has failed to prove that the stop was constitutionally sound."

Fein was chosen as one of the captains for the upcoming football season and is coming off an impressive 1997 campaign. The Centerville, Mass., resident threw for 2,885 yards and 22 touchdowns.



Maine quarterback Mickey Fein will probably have his OUI charge dismissed. (File photo.)

• Baseball

Pitching keys Maine's sweep

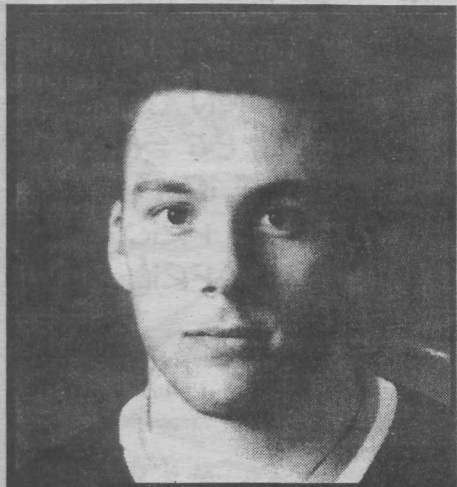
By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

After waiting two days for Mother Nature to cooperate, it was finally time to play baseball.

It was worth the wait, however, as the University of Maine baseball team stole a double-dip from the Rhode Island Rams (5-6) Monday afternoon.

"We had a day where we really didn't do anything to beat ourselves," Maine head coach Paul Kostacopoulos said.

In the first game, the Black Bears used six strong innings from Tom Koutrouba, who picked up his second win of the season, 8-3.



Rex Turner clouted a homerun for the Bears Monday afternoon. (File photo.)

Koutrouba gave up three hits and allowed three runs, all earned, while striking out ten of the 21 batters he faced. According to Kosty, the only glitch his lefty experienced was a trio of solo, wind-aided homeruns.

"Tom gave up three homeruns, but it wasn't like they were smoked or anything," Kosty said. "Ron (Coombs) had a good chance at those."

Black Bear co-captains T.J. Sheedy (2-for-3, 3 runs batted in, run scored) and Rex Turner (3-for-4, solo home run, 2 runs scored) led the offensive charge. Every Maine batter got on base via a hit or walk.

In game two, Maine received more of the same support as University of New Hampshire transfer Eric O'Brien settled down for his first win in a Black Bear uniform, 5-4.

After allowing three runs in the first inning, O'Brien cruised the rest of the way, giving up just one unearned run in the bottom of the seventh.

"Eric struggled in the first inning, but he made some adjustments and gave us a chance to win," Kosty said.

Gabe Memmert paced the Bears with a double, a two-run blast and two runs scored as the team improved its record to 7-9 on the season.

Maine trailed 3-1 heading into the top half of the sixth but, as Turner says,

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• Women's hockey

Transition year lies ahead

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

When one builds something, whether it's a house, a marriage, or a hockey team, it's always important to have a solid foundation in place.

In its first varsity season, the University of Maine women's hockey team was as solid as concrete, proving to be a dedicated unit that has laid a durable groundwork for the future.

"I think this team actually over-achieved," Maine head coach Rick Filighera said. "The players worked hard and brought everything to the table."

The Black Bears were arguably the best team to miss the playoffs in 1997-98, piling up a 12-6-2 record, good enough for third place in the ECAC Alliance's East division.

Maine did well despite having to make

what could have been a rocky transition from club to varsity status.

Next season the Bears will make a considerable leap to Division I from Division III.

"Another transition, which I said at my press conference way back in October, was that it wasn't going to be as hard a transition from going club to varsity as it was going from Division III to Division I," Filighera said. "I think there's going to be a lot of things to deal with then."

How will someone such as All-University forward Alison Lorenz (38-22-60) deal with the transition now that the stakes are higher?

"I think it's going to be [a transition] where it's going to take her a little while to get used to it," Filighera said. "I think

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FROM THE DEN

Last weekend marked the 11th anniversary of the men's hockey team's first appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Bears fell to the Spartans of Michigan State 6-2, 5-3.



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simply executed instead of hitting the panic button.

"One thing I think I've seen this year is that we don't give up at any time in the game," Turner said.

Looking Ahead: Heading into this weekend, both Turner and Kosty believe that Maine has shown signs of being a competitive team in America East. The first test comes this Saturday and Sunday when the Black Bears take on preseason favorite Delaware in a four-game series.

"That was probably the best thing about playing well this past weekend," Turner said about the Black Bear's preparedness going into the Delaware series.

While the team has been playing good defense (it committed one error in the

URI doubleheader) and hitting the ball with some consistency, Kosty says he believes that the key is to not beat themselves.

"We have to minimize giveaways," Kosty said. "We can't give people extra outs with walks and mental mistakes."

Turner says that sweeping URI was a positive step, but the team's success might be attributed to the gelling process between the young and older players.

"I think everyone likes each other and has faith in one another," Turner said. "As the season progresses you have to come together."

Maine will make a pit stop at the Big Apple in a game with Wagner College at Staten Island, NY, Friday. It is the first-ever meeting between the two teams.

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• Track and field

Maine races to third place

By Edén Hindley and Steve
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Maine Campus staff

In an aging, feeble bus nicknamed "the brown cow," the men's track and field squad struggled its way 750 miles south to open its spring season at the Naval Academy against Cornell, Colgate and Navy in Maryland's capital city, Annapolis, Saturday.

To little surprise, the frigid rain and a driving wind were the athletes' toughest competition. However, the Black Bears managed to battle the rough, yet familiar, conditions, just as "the brown cow" battled through its engine problems, to finish third. With the top four places scoring, Navy dominated through most of the meet, breaking the 100-point mark and nearly doubling second-place Cornell's score. UMaine gathered 41 total points.

Highlighting the meet for the Bears was the javelin throw and 800m run. Senior captains Andrew Oliver and Brenner Abbott hurled the spear for first (202'9") and second place (186'9"), respectively. Senior Derek Treadwell and junior Thinh Ly coasted through the 800m run for first (1:53.3) and second place (1:54.0), respectively.

Freshman Phil McGeaghan competed in his first meet as a Black Bear after transferring from BU and leaped to a first in the high jump (6'6"). Sprinter Josh Mishou completed his typical double, finishing second in the 100m dash (11.2) and third in the 200m dash (22.6).

In the field events, Rob Powell picked up a second in the shot put (40'6 3/4") and Chris Henninger snagged a third in hammer throw (134'3"). After a third place finish in the 110m high hurdles (15.8), Peter Phalen grabbed another third in the

triple jump (43'2 1/4"). In the long jump, Brian Bonser and Eric Hall captured third (21' 7 1/4") and fourth place (20'5"), respectively.

Near the close of the competition, UMaine scored two third-places in the 4x100m (43.3) and the 4x400m (3:29.5) relays. Captain Neil Willey caught the final point for UMaine in the discus throw with a fourth place (140'10"), after two fifth-places in the pole vault (13'1/4") and the shot put (39'3").

Women

The UMaine women's track and field team also competed at the Naval Academy and, like the men, took home a third-place finish.

Katie D'Entremont led the team, placing first in the shot put, as did teammate Tanya Dowding, who won the javelin. Jessica Sargent was second in the pole vault with an impressive 6'6" vault.

Maine's 4x100m relay (Ebony Laprocina, Maggie Vandenberg, Karen Noyes and Maegen Limoges) and 4x400m relay (Vandenberg, Danielle Donovan, Noyes and Limoges) both raced well and took second overall.

Limoges had strong performances — fifth in the 100m and third in the 200m. Vandenberg placed second in the 400m in a blazing time of 58.7.

Vanessa McGowan won the 100m hurdles in 15.7, while teammate Edén Hindley was fifth in the 100mHH and fifth in the 400m hurdles.

Nancy Towns had a strong sixth place finish in the 3,000m (11:09.1). Fellow distance runner Nichol Stevens finished fourth in the 5,000m (18:38), and Michelle Tolosky placed a respectable sixth in the time of 19:13.

This weekend the women are off to a meet at Rutgers, NJ.



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Hockey

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she'll be able to make it, no problem.

"For everybody that's coming back, it's going to be a situation where they're going to have to step it up a notch."

Last season, first-year coach Filighera was unsure as to how to properly distribute his players along the lines, as he had never seen his team skate until just two weeks before opening day.

After stumbling to a 1-2-1 start, Filighera moved defenseman Christina Hedges (16-17-33) up front, pairing her on Maine's top line with Lorenz and Alicia Gilmore (15-14-29).

It didn't take long for the troika to click together. To point: Lorenz averaged just one goal per game at the time of the shift. Once Hedges joined her, Lorenz rocketed to 2.3 goals per game.

"Maybe things would have been different if we had set our lines earlier," Filighera said. "But it's hard to say with a new coach and everything."

Filighera also had to deal with a shallow roster, as only ten of Maine's 19 players saw any significant playing time. Despite this, he squeezed the most out of what he had to work with.

"We can improve upon our depth," Filighera said. "That would have put us in a better position."

The lack of reliable snipers affected Maine's power-play unit, as the Bears were a mere 8-58 (13.8 percent) with the woman advantage.

Filighera was forced to put his first line in double duty, using it both on the power play and at even strength at times.

"Most of the time, coaches use the most skilled players on the power play,

and our problem was they were all on our first line," Filighera said. "When you have players like Alison Lorenz on your team, you're going to use them on the power play and they're going to be tired as a result."

"I put all my eggs in one basket."

During the rare instances when Maine's top line was given a breather, the second line of Alana Ahearn, Michelle Young and Jamie Schofield was able to hold down the fort.

Maine also had to cope with just three defenseman on the roster, as Allison Haley, Michelle Wheaton, and Stephanie Gabriele had to handle the defensive chores for all 60 minutes.

"The second line did a great job of making the other line have the success it did," Filighera said.

Despite the apparent disadvantage, the "D" proved to be an impeccable component of the team's makeup, allowing just 57 goals in 20 games.

"It definitely affected [our play]," Filighera said.

Maine also showed it could handle anything in its path either at home or on the road, going 7-2-1 at home while going 5-4-1 in front of hostile audiences.

"One factor was the distances that opposing teams had to travel," Filighera said.

The closest Alliance teams are more than 200 miles away.

"They had to deal with different sleep patterns," he added. "We had to do it too, but I think we handled it pretty well."

Filighera declined to comment on any potential recruits or transfers until they're "signed, sealed, and delivered."

• Column

Decision time for Pats

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

To flee or not flee? That is the question, Curtis.

For three seasons, Curtis Martin has oooed and ahhhed NFL crowds with a creative running style that has catapulted the New England Patriots back into elite status.

Martin has rushed for 3,799 yards and 32 touchdowns the last three years. He has also been a vital weapon out of the backfield, catching 114 passes for 825 yards and five touchdowns over that span. Not to mention two trips to Honolulu.

The 1995 Rookie of the Year certainly has nothing left to prove, with one exception.

A while back, the same man who claims to be a religious, down-to-earth family type, counting his lucky stars thanks to a run-in with death when he was younger, said that money means nothing to him.

Actually, he said that he wasn't worried about contract stuff because he knew that God would take care of everything.

With just a few weeks left until the NFL Draft, Martin has decided to listen to the *evil* negotiations of Bill Parcells' Jets.

Why shouldn't he? Martin has been playing for pennies under NFL terms during his entire career and remains one of the last stars on the team to be given a market-worth contract.

Then Parcells steps in, a man who has taken great pride in scooping up players from his ex-teams. The contract offer: five years, \$27 million with a club option for a sixth year worth another \$9 million.

The Patriots say that the offer sheet contains clauses they shouldn't be required to match.

Without getting into the non-understandable technicalities, the Pats have until Friday night at midnight to match the offer, which is being studied by the NFL Management Council.

If the offer is found acceptable by the league and New England decides not to match the offer, Martin is gone.

The team will not lose him for free, however.

Because he is a restricted free agent, the Pats will receive first- and third-round picks from New York, which would put the Patriots in excellent shape for the draft.

So, does Kraft let one of the top five backs in the league move on to Tuna Town? It appears that might happen.

Losing Martin's production has obvious consequences. The offense struggled dramatically in the postseason as an abdominal injury sidelined the back during the tail end of the year.

Fear not. With two first-round picks, two second-round picks, and a first-round pick in 1999 that the team received from Parcells' departure preceding the 1996 campaign, New England is in a position to trade up for Curtis Enis or Fred Taylor, two coveted backs.

Let us not forget the steal the Patriots and Broncos pulled off in the 1995 draft, with Parcells grabbing Martin in the third round and Denver taking a ho-hum chance on sixth-round pick Terrell Davis.

The free agent market has only one worthy warrior left, Seattle's Chris Warren. Warren is a proven 1,000-yard rusher and is one of the most underrated players in the NFL.

Do they swallow the pill and dish out \$36 million for Martin, or will Kraft swallow his safe key and gamble a playoff franchise's hopes on a college superstar?

Losing Curtis Martin won't be a lost cause, but it would be another example of a New England sports franchise being hoodwinked by the internal workings of free agency.

Martin's contributions have been instrumental in the success of the Pats. Thanks again, Bill.

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• Baseball

Williams takes in a Red Sox spring training game

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — Ted Williams took his hands off the walker and danced a little jig.

"I'm pretty good," said the Hall of Famer, attending his first spring training game in several years Tuesday. "I can't see as well as I like, so, as a result, I lose a little balance. That's why I have to use this."

Williams, who turns 80 on Aug. 30, made the 75-minute trip from his home in Hernando to watch his Boston Red Sox defeat the Philadelphia Phillies, 2-1.

Although he "watches on TV all I can," Williams said it was the first spring

training game he'd attended in three or four years.

Arthur "Buzz" Hamon, the director of Williams' museum and Hitters Hall of Fame in Citrus Hills, said it was probably more like five years since Williams had been to a spring training game.

Williams said he came to see the two players he had named the Ted Williams Rookies of the Year earlier this spring, Boston's Nomar Garciaparra and Philadelphia's Scott Rolen.

But Garciaparra, who played in an exhibition game in Tampa on Monday, returned to the Red Sox's spring training

home in Fort Myers after the game and didn't accompany the team to Clearwater.

Red Sox spokesman Kevin Shea said details of Williams' trip to Clearwater weren't clear.

"The Phillies called us late yesterday afternoon and said he (Williams) was

coming, but that he was coming to talk to Scott."

Shea added, "We wish it had been set up through us and we would have made sure Nomar was there."

Williams acknowledged he was disappointed at missing Garciaparra, but said he was eager to get his first glance at Rolen.

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