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• Defense

Navy awards money for sensor research

By Paul Livingstone
Maine Campus staff

Taking the opportunity to criticize the state for its grant cutbacks, several University of Maine professors and Maine scientists publicly accepted a \$1.8 million federal grant at the Sawyer Environmental Research Center Friday.

Home of the Laboratory for Surface Science and Technology, the center has positioned itself at the forefront of its science, attracting the grant from the Office of Naval Research. The endowment will be used to develop portable sensors capable of detecting toxic agents.

"We are very proud to have received this \$1.8 million grant," said Robert Lad, director of LASST and professor of physics. "This is a very exciting time for us. This is an

avenue to retain the brightest the students. We are now provided a place for students to stay and vie for federal contracts."

John Vetelino, professor of electrical and computer engineering, was disappointed in the state for its lack of fiscal commitment to the university's research endeavors.

"UMaine offers that economic base that is so essential and it's made possible by just a small investment," said Vetelino. "The failure of this initiative does not speak well of the state of Maine."

"It troubles me what the legislature has done—they don't realize the role of research," said Jeff Handel of BIOD, Inc. in Hermon.

Sensor Research Corporation

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Old Town high school senior Chen Sirois in her high school's library. The library computer cluster will be receiving new software as a result of the recent Microsoft grant distributed through Upward Bound. See story on page 3. (Jason A. Canniff photo.)

• Computers

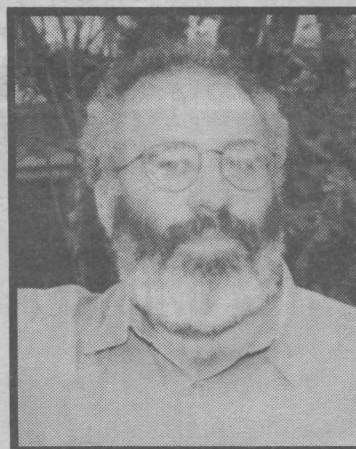
Technology fee money obtainable

By Misty Edgecomb
Maine Campus staff

The Academic Computer Advising Committee controls more than \$100,000 for technological improvements for the University of Maine, and is looking to the campus community for innovative suggestions on how the funds should be spent.

"You can always spend money on a computer," ACAC Chair George Criner said.

All computer resources on campus are supported by the \$3-per-credit-hour technology fee paid by UMaine students. The technology



Former ACAC chair Charlie Slavin. (File photo.)

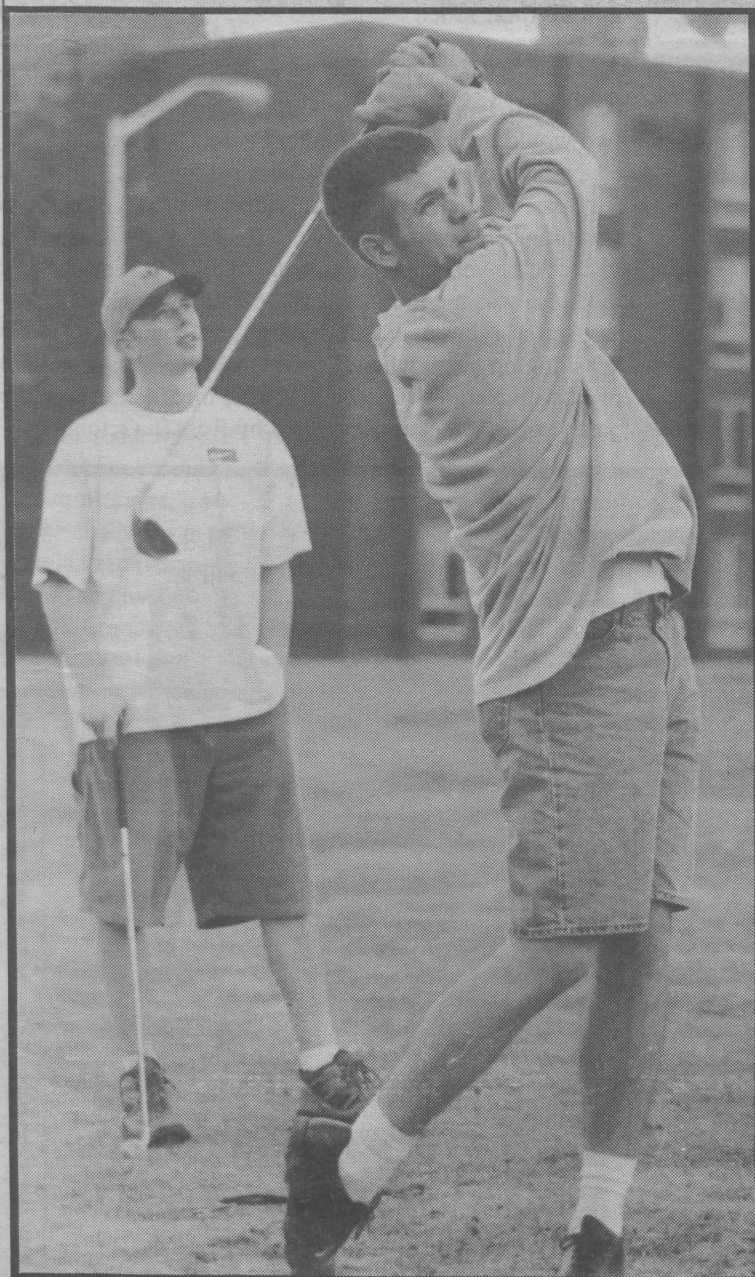
fee totals more than \$600,000 each year, with a majority allocated to upgrades and maintenance of existing resources, said former ACAC chair Charlie Slavin.

Each year, a sizable portion of the fund is available for Instructional Technology Grants — relatively small endowments for specific projects proposed by the campus community.

To qualify for ACAC funding, a project must provide technology that would not otherwise be available. The funds cannot be used to pay salaries, and the project must

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It's in da hole



Senior Toby Pinneo watches his shot fall near the Bumstock stage as sophomore Nate Warser (left) looks on. Other students took advantage of the warm weather this past weekend. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Maine Day

Tradition and creativity mark 73rd spring festival

By Andrea Page
Maine Campus staff

Maine Day is being held on Wednesday, April 29 this year, and while some students would rather sleep in and do homework, many organizations on campus are urging University of Maine students to take part in the day's activities.

"What most people don't understand about Maine Day is you can do anything for the campus," Kate Mealey, vice president of the Student Alumni Association, said Thursday. "Any project that benefits UMaine is game for Maine Day."

Maine Day is a day held each year for students and groups to

beautify the campus and participate in fun activities held during the day. The day was almost changed to Thursday this year due to the Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes missed during the ice storm.

The Student Alumni Association takes part in assigning students and teachers to certain service projects.

"We sent out Maine Day letters and have gotten responses telling us how many students to expect," Mealey said. "We do the wake-up parade at 7:30 and hold the service projects from 8:30 to 11:30."

The SAA is also trying to organize a Stephen King movie marathon the night before Maine Day.

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Partially sunny and in the 40s.

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WORLD BRIEFS

• El Niño

Nature's fury takes toll on highway

1 ON THE PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY, Peru (AP) — The self-styled preacher storms down the aisle of the moving bus, haranguing passengers to prepare for the fury of El Niño.

His face lined from long days in the sun, he tells dozing passengers he knows why the El Niño weather phenomenon has pounded Peru harder than any other country — the wrath of God.

"He may be right. I'm waiting for the earth to open up and swallow Peru. It's the only thing that hasn't happened," says a fellow passenger, Javier Chavez, who lost most of his farm to El Niño-driven floods.

A drama of biblical dimensions is unfolding in Peru, where deadly floods and mudslides caused by El Niño deluges have killed 300 people, driven hundreds of thousands from their homes, washed away vast swaths of farmland and paralyzed the country's highways.

Torrential rains that began in December have turned dozens of normally bone-dry river beds and ravines in Peru's northern desert into raging rivers that have swept away villages and bridges and cut highways into ribbons.

Traveling the Pan American highway, the lifeline of Peruvian commerce running the length of its Pacific coast, has become a bruising odyssey across a ravaged landscape — requiring travel by bus, boat, donkey and foot.

• Security leak

Authorities launch investigation

2 LONDON (AP) — The government ordered an investigation Sunday after a London newspaper obtained documents outlining security arrangements at Prime Minister Tony Blair's private home, including a secret escape route in case terrorists attacked.

The Sunday Times of London said a reporter paid a \$20-fee to inspect house plans in the Sedgefield Council's public records office in northern England.

The Blairs have a home in Trimdon Colliery, 250 miles north of London, in the Sedgefield parliamentary district that Blair represents in Parliament. They live mainly in London.

The newspaper said the files showed the precise location of infrared security cameras, types of locks, and an escape route, and also contained an outline of security arrangements at a house next door that has been taken over as a police operations center.

Brian Stephens, leader of the Sedgefield Council, said the Home Office — the government department responsible for police and security — had not told his officials to keep the Blair house records secret.

"We are not responsible for the safety of the prime minister," said Stephens. "Mr. Blair's home in Trimdon is like Fort Knox, but it is up to the Home Office to consider if it is now less secure."

• Peace summit

Arafat welcomes plans; mediators extend talks

3 GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat welcomed on Sunday what he said was an American proposal for a peace summit in Washington to be attended by a number of world leaders.

And in a move that could signal either deadlock or possible progress in the stalled Middle East peace process, U.S. mediator Dennis Ross and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reportedly decided to extend their talks.

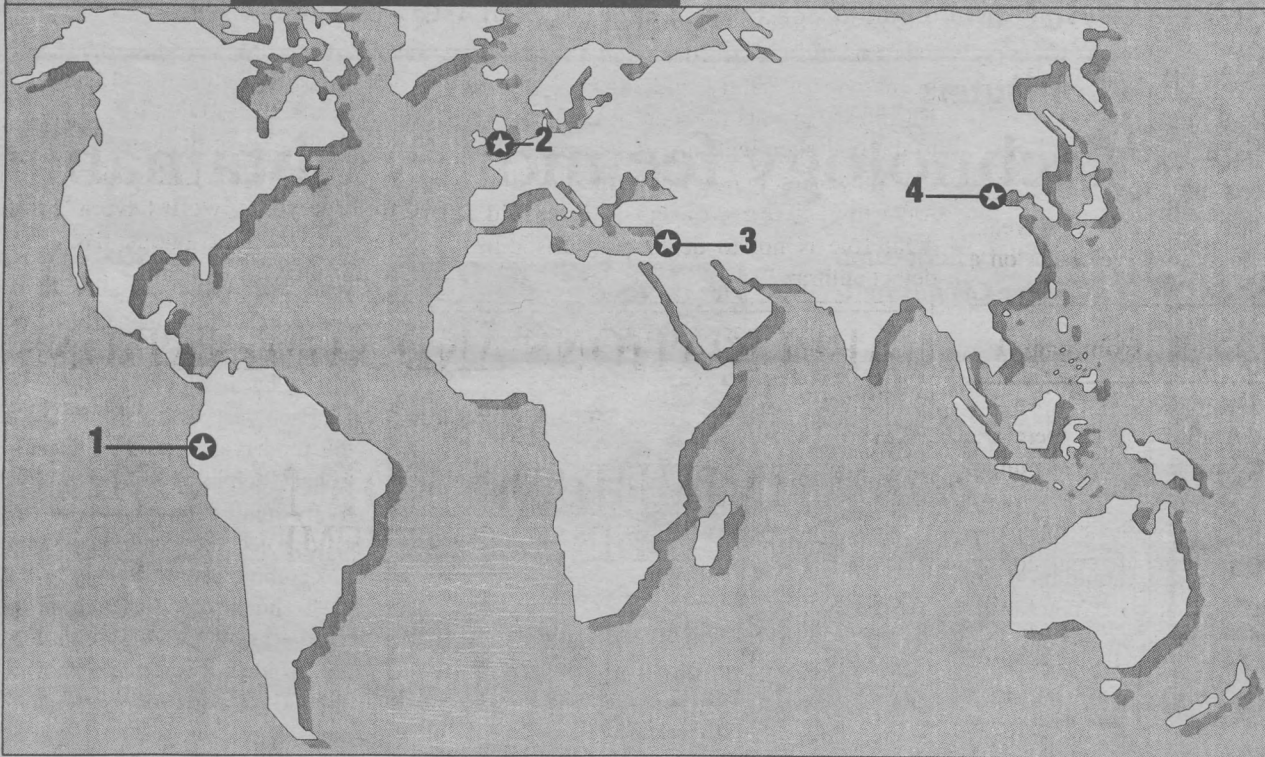
Ross and Netanyahu met for two hours Sunday night for a third, and what was to have been final, session. Afterward, Israel radio, without citing its sources, said the two would meet again Monday.

Neither commented after the meeting.

Ross, who arrived in the region Thursday, has been shuttling back and forth between the two sides in an effort to break the yearlong impasse in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. He was meeting Arafat late Sunday in Gaza.

Arafat's comment that he would welcome a summit in Washington came when he was asked if he was ready to meet with Netanyahu. The two have met just once in the past year, in a meeting arranged by Ross in October.

WORLD DIGEST



• Exposed

Photos of imprisoned farmer printed in paper

4 BEIJING (AP) — Police in southern China have imprisoned a farmer without trial for 10 years, at least five of them in a tiny cage where reporters found him naked and hungry.

The official Yangcheng Evening News published two photos showing Deng Qilu staring out from his cage, which is just slightly larger than a coffin and too small to stand up in.

Deng, said by the newspaper to be in his 40s, had a beard, no clothes, and what appeared to be iron shackles on his legs.

He gulped down food given to him by reporters who found him in the cage earlier this month, saying he hadn't eaten in two to three days, the newspaper said in its Saturday edition.

China has been the frequent target of criticism by human rights groups overseas for detaining people for long periods without trial. But Deng's case was particularly unusual.

Also unusual was the story's appearance in a state-run newspaper. In recent years, China's state-run media have been more aggressive in covering stories that are potentially embarrassing to authorities, but critical news accounts are still rare.

The newspaper said Deng was detained 10 years ago after he stabbed and wounded a police officer in southern Guangdong province. Officials did not hand him over for trial because they thought him mentally unstable, it said.

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather

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



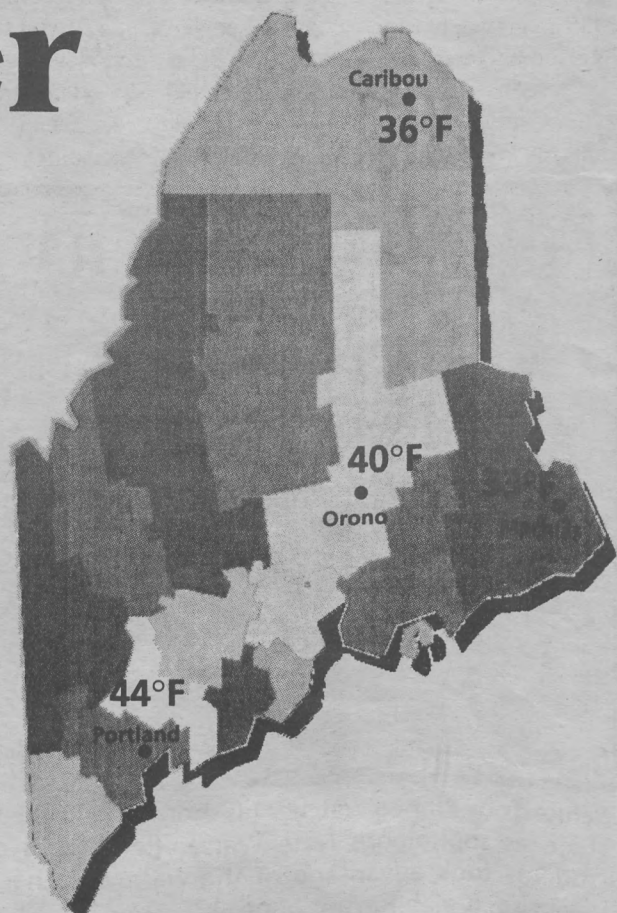
Tuesday's Outlook

Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper to mid 40s.



Extended Forecast

Wednesday...Fair.
Thursday...Cloudy and breezy. Friday...Fair.



• Upward Bound

Area schools call software donation a 'big step'

By Elizabeth Beaulieu
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine Upward Bound Program is teaming up with Microsoft to provide New England high schools with \$2.7 million worth of the most recent computer software, according to the UMaine Upward Bound director.

"The donation speaks highly of Microsoft," Linda Ives said. "Of course, part of it is public relations, but in addition they are helping so many students and that is the wonderful thing."

The donation includes software for both IBM and Macintosh computers. PC titles include Windows '95, Office Professional '97, Encarta '98 Reference Suite, Front Page '98 and Picture It 2.0. Macintosh software

includes Office 4.21, Bookshelf '98, Encarta Encyclopedia '98 and Frontpage 1.1.

Ives said this is the second year Upward Bound has worked with Microsoft, which works with Upward Bound programs all over the country distributing free software. She said she heard the donation given to New England schools this year was the largest in the nation.

"For a small amount of administrative time, there are a lot of students benefiting," Ives said.

UMaine Upward Bound representatives survey the 34 high schools they work with and determine what the schools need for computer software, Ives said. Any school with Upward Bound students is eligible for receiving the free software.

"We like what the donation says to the

schools," Ives said. "Because they have students in the Upward Bound Program, they get free software."

Ives said Upward Bound is an educational opportunity program that works with economically disadvantaged students and first-generation college students. The students attend a six-week summer program at the university where they work on math, science and other areas.

She said both students and the school benefit from the donation.

"The donation gives recognition to Upward Bound students within the school and helps the Upward Bound program give back to the school," Ives said. "They give us a lot of time with the students."

The software donation is important because most schools cannot afford to upgrade

their computers, Ives said.

"Before we received the donation we were looking into prices for upgrades, and it is unbelievable how fortuitous it is," said Ken Dow, the education technology coordinator of the Bangor school system. Bangor High School is one of the schools receiving software.

In the past, the software has been used in computer classes, for special projects and presentations, and for research purposes, Ives said.

Dow said he is excited to install and start using the software. He said the donation is key because it will provide students with software for both IBM and Macintosh computers and give students access to software currently being used.

"It's very important and a very big step for the school," Dow said.

Research

employee Josh Caron concurred with Vetelino's concerns.

"As a kid growing up in Maine, I always wanted to stay. But I wasn't able to do that," Caron said, who did return after graduating to work in Orono.

"The average Joe might think that this kind of funding allows mad scientists to play in the laboratory, but this federal grant is an absolutely great investment," Caron said.

"The value of this research can't be overstated," Handel said.

Handel said that the direct result of similar research done at UMaine brought

"As a kid growing up in Maine, I always wanted to stay. But I wasn't able to do that,"
— Josh Caron

about a \$100 million savings over 10 years in the cleanup of radioactive waste on a

national level.

The applications for sensors developed at UMaine are immediate, said Lad. With new technology, the portable and lightweight sensors will detect dangerous chemicals long before they are inhaled. The research doesn't involve the chemicals the sensors are designed to detect, primarily for safety and legal reasons. Harmless variants that can be correlated to the real chemicals are used instead.

"We currently don't have the facilities for testing active nerve agents," Caron said. "Our role is not to develop a sensor to detect anthrax."

However, he said, the center will develop an analogous sensor, about the size of a credit card, that can be easily adapted to use against dangerous chemicals. About 99 percent of the work will be done by the University of Maine; the military will finish the job.

In addition, said Vetelino, the sensors can detect industrial agents and even make improvements in food quality.

"The Department of Defense is very worried about this," Lad said. "Within two to three years, we'll have a prototype tested in the field against live agents by the military."

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Maine Day

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"We're trying to make it a tradition," Mealey said. "Last year we had the Alford parking lot where we set up a huge screen. This year we're trying to get Stephen King to come."

Angela Shea is co-chair of the student government board, which is also involved in Maine Day. The board has been working on organizing various groups to hold activities.

"We're right now looking for entertainment for the night," Shea said. "We're looking for some free stuff for students."

This is the 63rd year Maine Day has taken place at UMaine. It was started in 1935 and is one of a kind among other New England universities.

"They used to do so many weird things like a Campus Mayor contest, and people would swallow goldfish," Shea said. "They

also used to do a carnival and a midway."

Besides the service projects, there are many fun activities planned for the community.

"There's a barbecue at the steam plant parking lot and an oozeball competition benefiting Operation Liftoff," Mealey said. "Oozeball is mud volleyball, and groups can pay something like \$25 for their group to participate."

For those who don't know how to get involved on Maine Day, Mealey suggests talking to people around you and seeing what's going on.

"If you live in a dorm, you can join the crew with your dorm or maybe ask one of your teachers," Mealey said. "Even if you're with faculty, it's on a different level — you can know your teachers are human, too."

IMPORTANT REMINDER

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR
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Completed applications should be returned to the Office of Student Financial Aid.

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Application forms can be picked up and returned together with a letter of nomination or endorsement to the Center for Students and Community Life,
Attn. Mr. Dwight Rideout,
Dean of Students and Community Life,
Third Floor, Memorial Union
or call 581-1406.





LEGAL affairs

BY TED CURTIS

Q. I belonged to a music club and canceled my membership last September. I am still receiving letters and invoices from them saying that I have a balance of \$21.00 due for one CD. I did receive a CD from them after I canceled my membership, but I sent the disc back to the club through the mail. Now, I am getting letters saying I must pay for the CD or my "bill" will be turned over to a collection agency. I do not want to give in to them, but I don't want this placed on a credit reporting agency's records, either. Help!

A. I have written frequently on the topic of debt and collection agencies, so I know this is an area of frequent problems for students. My first suggestion to prevent future problems is that you do business locally with a merchant you can see face to face.

Music and book clubs are in the business of selling by mail and can be very reluctant to let members withdraw.

Some basic rules may help.

- 1) Correspond in writing, so that you have a record.
- 2) Be definite and firm in your positions.
- 3) If a collection agency does get your debt, you may respond that you will only deal with the club, not a collection agency.
- 4) Although the collection agency

has the right to commence a suit, it is very unlikely to do so because the "debt" is so small and the costs of litigation so large.

Assistant Attorney General Jim McKenna, of the Public Protection Unit of Maine's attorney general's office, pointed out that a problem with the music and book clubs is that the initial contract may require the purchase of six offerings at regular prices. The CDs and tapes of greatest interest will usually be offered "on sale" and do not qualify toward the minimum requirement. He also reminds us that if the purchaser is a minor, the contract can be canceled with no questions asked because contracts with minors are usually unenforceable.

5) Finally, if you need assistance, the Maine Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection at 1-800-332-8529 will investigate certain complaints and help enforce credit rights.

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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be directed at students to enhance their educational experience at UMaine.

All student groups, faculty groups and academic departments qualify for the funds, and grant amounts can range from a few hundred dollars' worth of software to a \$1,000 scanner.

"The dollar value can't be too small," Criner said.

The committee is seeking more student involvement in ACAC matters this year because proposals have traditionally come from academic departments and faculty, Criner said.

Despite their overwhelming use of technology on the campus, students have proposed only a handful of the projects in recent memory, he said.

"Some number are from students, but certainly by far, the most represented group would be faculty," Slavin said.

Problems can arise because faculty members tend to propose projects that may not best meet students' needs, Criner said. Student proposals designed to impact a wide audience receive ACAC preference.

"If a professor comes in and says, 'I need a big computer for my research,' it might get a low priority," he said.

Criner and ACAC hope to increase student involvement in the dispersion of technology fee funds by naming an undergraduate member to the committee.

"Mainly, we're looking for someone to get involved," Criner said. "We have people that can explain the technology to us. Primarily, we want someone that's interested."

Last year's successful proposals included a notebook computer for the sociology department that can transmit data from the field via telephone lines, an upgrade for all of the Barrows Hall computers and hardware for a graduate students' resource center in Estabrooke Hall.

"We didn't refuse any proposals last year because we didn't receive very many," Slavin said.

Instructional Technology grants have been available to the community since the technology fee was approved.

"The student technology fee has existed

somewhere on the order of eight years now," Slavin said.

Most of the technology fee money awarded in that time has been dedicated to large infrastructure initiatives, like dormitory Internet wiring projects and maintenance of public clusters.

"It's always a trade-off. I think the committee spreads the money between ongoing support that is needed for public clusters and funding for specific projects."

Most recent technological advances on campus, such as FirstClass, have been fueled by technology fee endowments.

Now that ACAC has accomplished many of its goals, Criner is looking to the future.

"There are some distinct advantages to technology," Criner said.

As computer technology becomes essential in daily life, UMaine is considering to what degree the campus will be connected.

"We are moving toward a more technology-oriented education. Requiring each student to have access to a microcomputer is a real possibility," Criner said.

Some have proposed the use of infrared systems to allow students to tie into a computer network with laptops from anywhere on campus, without the need of cords or cables.

"It's been discussed but not seriously considered at this point," Criner said.

Criner proposes an alternate solution where technology fee funds would be used to purchase personal computers for the student body.

"It's so expensive to go to school already," Criner said. "Even if a computer can be listed on financial aid packages, it will still be a burden for some students."

These UMaine-owned machines could be leased to students who need them — providing resources but avoiding a campus that is overly dependent on technology.

"Personally, I don't think technology substitutes for teaching — the machines won't think for us," Criner said.

This year's grant proposals should be turned in to George Criner, 302 Winslow Hall, by 4 p.m. Friday, April 3.

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• Volunteer

Fraternities collect 2,000 pounds of clothing for needy

By Jason Canniff
Maine Campus staff

Early Saturday morning, members of various Greek fraternities left behind complimentary breakfasts at McDonald's and Burger King in Old Town and headed to the suburban outskirts of Bangor, where they went door to door collecting clothes for the Salvation Army.

By the end of the day, 50 members of Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternities had collected more than 2,000 pounds of clothes for the needy.

"It was a lot of fun," said Josh Waltz of Lambda Chi Alpha. "[The Salvation Army] was impressed and very pleased."

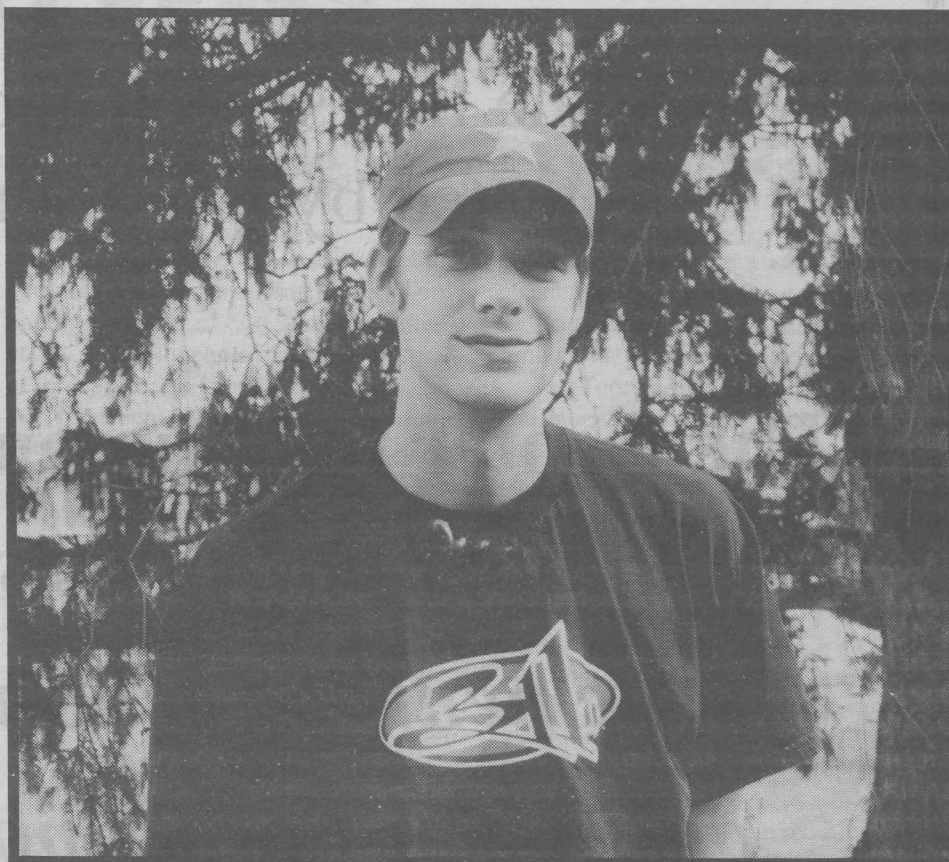
The weekend event grew from a solo Lambda Chi Alpha drive last year.

Instead of appearing to be a combined effort, piling into buses and emptying out in large masses in Bangor, members went solo and in small groups to such assigned areas as Fairmont Park and Essex Street. Making sure not to pressure the Bangor

residents into helping, they simply dropped off a bag and an informational letter, offering a short discussion of their mission to those who would listen. With the promise of a direct drop-off to the Bangor chapter of the Salvation Army, citizens were eager to participate.

Headed up by Lambda Chi Alpha Vice President Jason C. Libby, the drive surpassed last year's mark by 600 pounds, proving the event as successful as last semester's food drive. With the optimistic addition of more fraternities next year, Libby wants to make the clothes drive an annual event of civic philanthropy.

Although Libby couldn't deny that the event did improve the Greeks' image, he said that was not the goal. While the food drive was sponsored and run by the national chapter of the respective fraternities, Saturday's event was completely voluntary, autonomous of any outside influence. It turned out to be more of an individual crusade for some members. Libby said it was more of a laid back and relaxing day, and that they "just had a good time doing it."



Jason C. Libby, vice president of Lambda Chi Alpha, ran the successful clothing drive last Saturday. (Jason A. Canniff photo.)

• State news

Secret squadron gets new leader

BRUNSWICK (AP) — David Ricker sometimes leaves the house without telling his wife where he's going or when he'll be back. Sometimes he's gone for a day, sometimes a week or even a month.

His wife doesn't mind. She's used to it. "This is our job," Cmdr. Ricker said Thursday, just hours after taking command of Brunswick Naval Air Station's secret squadron, nicknamed the "Old Buzzards."

"To our families we're just going to work," he said.

For the past year, Ricker has been the second-in-command of the Buzzards, whose proper name is Special Projects Squadron 1, or VPU-1.

In a Navy ceremony replete with a boat-swain's whistle, ringing bells and dress uniforms with white gloves and swords, he took command of the secret squadron. He replaces Cmdr. Robert Hibbert.

The ceremony was a surprisingly public show for a group often referred to as "the ghost squadron."

VPU-1 flies the same planes as most of base's groups, P-3C Orions. But what's inside the gray, bubble-nose aircraft is a

carefully-guarded secret.

Ricker describes his group, consisting of four planes and about 200 people, merely as "testers" for the rest of the P-3 community. New types of equipment, electronics and surveillance gear are used by this squadron and its West Coast sister, VPU-2, before going to the remaining 12 active duty P-3 units.

The Buzzards fly more hours than any other squadron in the Navy, spending about 7 percent more time overseas than their regular P-3 counterparts. They must always be ready to go at a moments notice.

Ricker said he currently has one of his four crews deployed. He won't say where because it's classified.

The squadron is sent to all the so-called "hot-spots," where the U.S. is involved in a conflict, or might be. "If you want to know where VPU-1 deploys, just read the newspaper," said Capt. Patrick Hovatter, who commands all the Atlantic's P-3s.

Ricker said the crazy schedule forces all family plans to be tentative. "When I leave," he said, "I might say I'll be back in three days or I might say it'll be a while."

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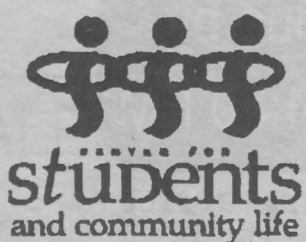
A note to the University of Maine Community in light of the recent statement in the Memorial Union, "What is Wrong with Homosexuality:"

While the free speech and right to assemble of all is protected by law at the University of Maine,

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Although there was a community response to this statement, the Center would like to provide everyone an opportunity to attend an open forum to discuss the hurt it may have generated, issues which arose, free speech and assembly rights, or personal viewpoints.

We therefore extend an invitation to all members of the University of Maine Community to come to the **Damn Yankee on Tuesday, March 31st, 4:00 p.m.** to share in this open forum.



The Center for Students and Community Life

STATE NEWS

• Environment

Forestry debate continues despite end of session

AUGUSTA (AP) — A forest bill that passed overwhelmingly in the Maine House ran into a buzz saw Friday when representatives refused to accept an amended version sent over by the Senate.

The industry-backed bill, which has been condemned by environmentalists as ineffective, could die if senators do not remove the amendment. Another option in the event of an impasse is for legislative leaders to agree to convene a conference committee to reconcile the differences.

The Senate adjourned Friday night for the weekend without taking further action on the bill.

Sen. Vinton Cassidy, R-Calais, whose amendment would limit clearcuts on large parcels to 75 acres, said he was willing to do whatever the majority wanted. The Senate adopted it Thursday night, 22-12.

"I think the amendment was the right thing to do, but I'm willing to listen," he said.

Rep. George Bunker, D-Kossuth Township, urged the House to turn down the amendment because it would take away the flexibility the bill gives the Maine Forest Service to design balanced policy and limit clearcutting.

Bunker, co-chair of the forestry commit-

tee that designed the bill, also warned that because Cassidy's amendment would only apply to parcels of 500 acres or more, it could create a loophole for owners of smaller lots to clearcut them.

"It is micro-management," said another committee member, Rep. Walter Gooley, R-Farmington.

A second part of Cassidy's amendment requires the Department of Conservation to hold 14 seminars a year throughout the state to educate landowners, loggers and the general public regarding forest practices.

Foes of the bill who wanted stronger action taken to stem clearcutting expressed little sorrow over the prospect of its death.

"It was such a minimal bill anyhow," said Rep. David Shiah, D-Bowdoinham, a forestry committee member. "Most of that stuff can be done by the Forest Service right now."

Supporters of the 75-acre limit, which was a key element of the Compact for Maine's Forests, wondered why it should encounter such opposition, especially since the Legislature helped put the Compact together. Also, the industry has announced it is voluntarily abiding with Compact's

clearcutting limits, and says the average clearcut today is only about 35 acres.

Under Forest Service rules, the current limit on the size of a clearcut is 250 acres.

Jeff Toorish, president of the Maine Pulp and Paper Association, pointed out the Compact has lost twice at the polls, most recently last November.

"We're not going to do anything that looks like we're making some kind of deal in any way, shape or form that goes against the wishes of the voters," Toorish said. "Remember, we're the ones who lost that last time."

The bill passed by the House earlier this week directs the Bureau of Forestry to collect data and produce several reports on the state of the forest.

It also puts into statute requirements for buffer zones around clearcuts and gives the state conservation commissioner the power to set more stringent standards for zones around clearcuts greater than 35 acres.

The forest service would have to establish a process "to assess forest sustainability," including the development of standards and a monitoring system.

• Telemarketing

Company to bring 160 jobs to Lewiston

LEWISTON (AP) — An Oregon-based company plans to create 160 jobs when it moves into the Bates Mill complex in June, officials said.

TeleMark has leased 7,000 square feet of space during a five-year lease, and has an option for another 10,000 square feet and an additional five years, said City Administrator Robert Mulready.

Mark Fairbanks, vice president of TeleMark, suggested Thursday that the company will be around for a while. "It

doesn't make any sense to come in and build a call center, train people and then hit the road," he said.

About 140 of the jobs will be entry-level positions paying between \$6 and \$7 an hour to start, Fairbanks said. The other 20 jobs will pay higher wages and positions will include supervisors, he said.

TeleMark employs 2,200 people at five call centers, three in Washington state and two in Oregon. The sixth center will be in Lewiston.

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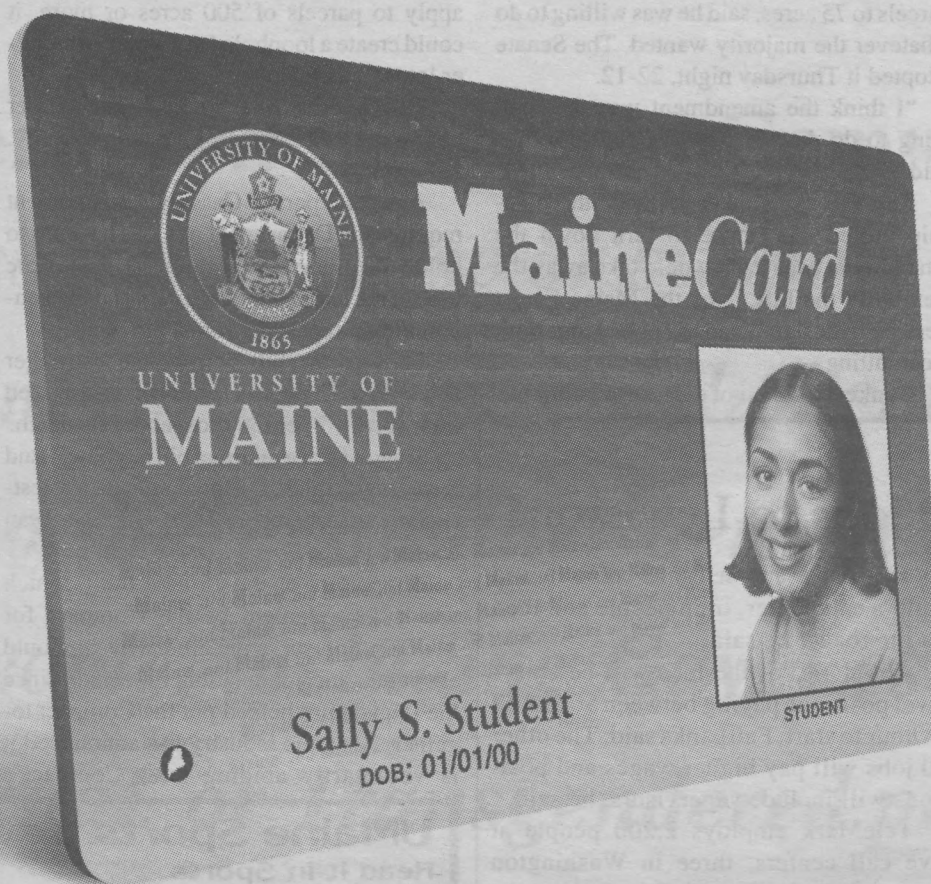
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• BIW

Latest destroyer named after POW submarine commander

BATH (AP) — A submarine commander for whom Bath Iron Works' latest destroyer is named displayed real heroism, not the stuff heralded by many people today, said Rep. Tom Allen.

Rear Adm. Richard O'Kane was one of nine survivors after the USS Tang was destroyed by one of its own torpedoes. The submarine had just sunk 11 enemy ships during a fierce World War II battle.

O'Kane spent the remainder of the war in Japanese prison camps and weighed only 88 pounds upon his release.

"We have devalued terms like 'hero' and 'courage,' applying them loosely to athletes with multimillion dollar contracts and movie stars whose feats are no more than celluloid fantasies," Allen said. "The destroyer we launch today honors Richard O'Kane, a genuine hero from an age when heroism truly meant something."

Two survivors from the Tang, William Leibold of California and Floyd Caverly of Oregon, were on hand Saturday as the Aegis destroyer bearing O'Kane's name was launched at Bath Iron Works.

O'Kane's wife, Mrs. Ernestine O'Kane, 85, of Sebastopol, Calif., watched as their granddaughter, Leslie Allen Berry, 36, smashed a red, white and blue bottle of champagne with a "clang!" on the metal hull.

The Aegis destroyer then slid into the Kennebec River.

Outside, nine protesters who blocked a gate while people were trying to enter the shipyard for the ceremony were charged with obstructing a public way and trespass-

ing, said Bath Police Sgt. Michael Field.

They were part of a group of about 35 to 40 people demonstrating against the nation's military. They beat drums and held banners, including one that said "USA, No. 1 maker of weapons of mass destruction."

Mrs. O'Kane, the ship's matron of honor, lived next door to her future husband in Durham, N.H.

When war broke out on Dec. 7, 1941, Mrs. O'Kane was living at Pearl Harbor and her husband was on the first of three different submarines he would serve aboard during World War II.

The USS Argonaut was sunk four months after O'Kane left to become executive officer of the USS Wahoo. That vessel, too, was sunk after O'Kane left to command his own submarine, the USS Tang.

The Tang sank 33 ships — more than any other American submarine — before O'Kane's luck ran out.

On Oct. 25, 1944, O'Kane's submarine was credited with sinking 11 ships during one battle while attacking a Japanese convoy in the Formosa Strait off the coast of China.

But USS Tang's last torpedo turned out to be faulty. It turned around and struck the submarine.

O'Kane did not talk much about the war, including the 10 months he spent in Japanese prison camps after he and eight other survivors were plucked from the water by a Japanese destroyer, she said.

"The hardest thing for him the rest of his life was that he came home and his men didn't," Mrs. O'Kane said.

Mrs. O'Kane said she considered her husband a homebody, the father of her children, a man who knew how to cook. She said he did not have much interest in the medals and honors that befell him after the war.

The O'Kane, which is 505 feet long, displaces 8,300 tons and will one day carry 300 sailors, is the 16th Aegis destroyer to be launched at Bath Iron Works. It is scheduled for delivery next May.

• Religion

Episcopal bishop makes history

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Chilton R. Knudsen is making history as she begins her mission as Maine's first female Episcopal bishop, taking the lead of a flock that includes 17,000 people across the state.

Knudsen comes to the job from Chicago, where she spent the last 10 years as canon for pastoral care in the Diocese of Chicago. She was ordained Saturday.

The Most Rev. Frank Griswold, the nation's Episcopal leader and the man to whom Knudsen reported in Chicago, performed the ceremony, which was followed by Holy Communion and a reception at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke. Nearly 1,000 people attended.

"I'm in a state of awe and wonder," said Knudsen, who was elected from among five candidates last November by church leaders and members in Maine.

Knudsen's first job is to restore a sense of leadership after the post was vacant for two years after Bishop Edward C. Chal-

fant resigned in 1996 after the diocese accused him of sexual misconduct.

"They're now coming out of it and looking forward to a new era of growth and rebuilding," the new bishop said. "Quite honestly, I'm honored to be a part of that."

Knudsen said she wants to restore unity among the 68 congregations, to work keep ministers at the smaller churches, and to bring a fresh sense of joy and pride to the church's work.

She said she hopes to plant three to six new churches and to revive and strengthen some established churches.

Knudsen downplayed the fact she was the first woman to lead the Episcopal church in Maine. She is the eighth woman to be appointed bishop across the country by the church.

"Maine has a tradition of women in leadership in politics, local government, academic life," she said. "So it doesn't surprise me that Episcopalians from Maine would elect a woman."

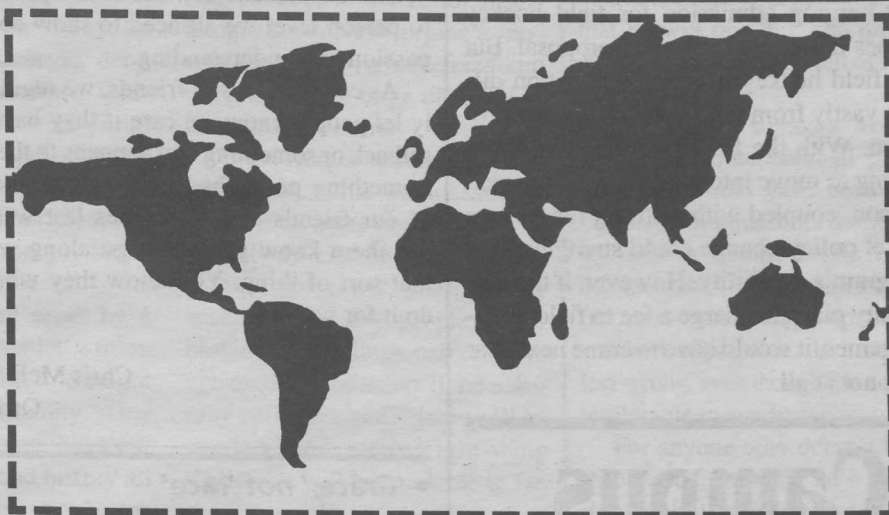
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EDITORIAL

OCB's loss is students' gain

The General Student Senate made the right decision last week when it voted to form the new Student Entertainment Committee as a division of itself. The move effectively pulls programming entities from all over campus onto a common board and also allows much needed student input.

The committee will operate with a budget between \$50,000 and \$75,000, with three-quarters of it earmarked for the boards it will oversee: Guest Lecture Series, Maine Day, Senior Council and the planned Bumstock Board. The remaining money will be used to bring outside programming onto campus.

While this may seem like a large sum, Student Government has wisely budgeted enough money to take a loss if a show is not a success. Any profits from successful shows will be used to cut student ticket prices, as well as attract other acts.

Committee seats will also be distributed democratically. While past program

heavy-hitters such as Residents On Campus and the Off Campus Board will each have a seat, so will students with no Student Government ties. Express an interest and you're in.

Past programming efforts by student groups on campus have been successful, but that success has often come at the cost of competing with one another. Removing programming duties from both ROC and OCB will allow both bodies to focus more on serving their constituents than bringing in performers. While the nights of entertainment were surely enjoyed by the people fortunate enough to have tickets, most ROC and OCB events didn't deal with the larger campus issues both bodies should be more concerned with.

And while it may seem the end of an era to yank Bumstock from OCB, perhaps the time has come. The new vice president of student entertainment has the opportunity to make Bumstock a better experience, taking it in new directions.

Ticket policy needs more thought

There is talk among University of Maine officials to alter their course on admission of two athletics events that previously had been free for both students and the general public to attend.

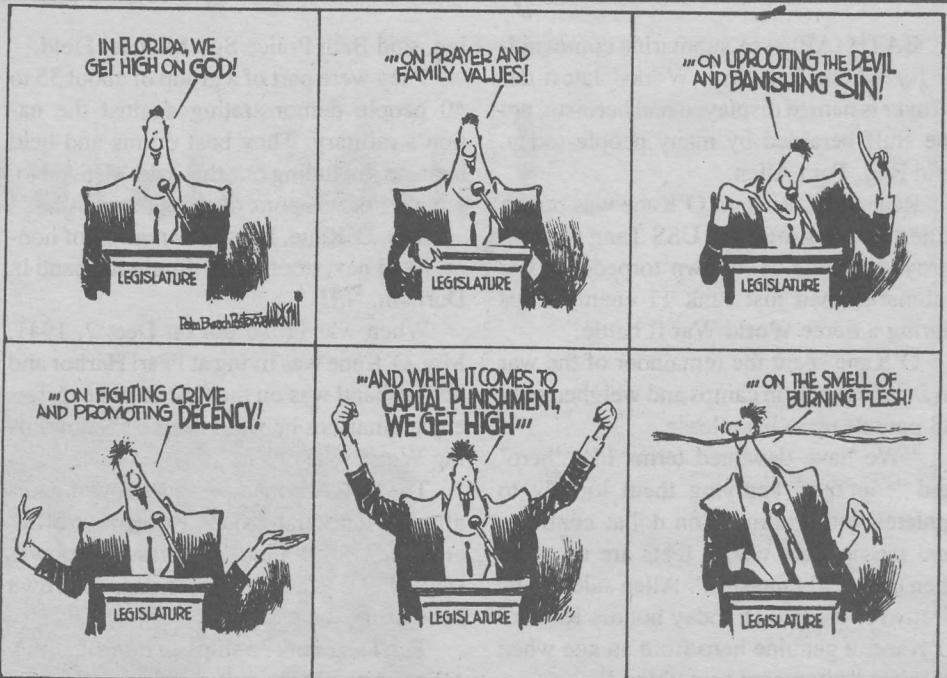
Of the 20 varsity athletics teams here, only five – baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's hockey, and football – require a fee to gain admission. However, the university is thinking about adding women's ice hockey and field hockey to that list in a move that could prove costly – at least for one sport.

The women's ice hockey team just completed its inaugural season as a varsity sport and next year will make the jump to the Division I ECAC conference. It competed as a Division III school this year in the ECAC Alliance. The university's stance on charging admission is an attempt to place a value on women's hockey – like the men's hockey program. Students would go through a ticket distribution much like the way it is done for men's and women's basketball and men's hockey

now.

However, unlike the men's hockey program, the women have yet to reach a respectable fan-base, with attendance figures at an average of 139 for home games. Although it is tough to successfully market something that ultimately is free, it is tougher to imagine a higher turnout once a price is assessed for a game. The women also played three games in Brewer's Bouchard Arena last season. If the university wants to charge admission, all home games would have to be played in Alford Arena, a much more attractive facility.

Charging admission for field hockey games is another university proposal. But the field hockey program's situation differs vastly from the women's hockey program. With the field hockey team's preparing to move into Alumni Stadium next season, coupled with a strong fan-base, a ticket policy change could strengthen the program's durability. However, if the university plans to charge a fee to field hockey games, it would have to come next year – or not at all.



• Letters

• Stick up for your friends

To the Editor:

Last week I, like many others, saw James McCusker's anti-homosexual road show in the Memorial Union. Quite frankly, I just walked on by, not really wanting to dignify such a crass display. However, after speaking with a friend on the staff and listening to some of the students involved, I realize that this was not only a wrongheaded presentation but very hurtful to those persons in our community who are homosexual.

As an individual, I thought Mr. McCusker to be appalling. As a member of the Classified Employee Advisory Council, I would like remind us all that some of our co-workers (classified, professional and faculty) found the McCusker message to be hurtful, to be disturbing and to be threatening. Sexuality is an uncomfortable topic to discuss, and some of us hold strong beliefs on this subject, but at the person-to-person level we all need to show compassion and understanding.

As co-workers and friends, we regularly let people know we care if they have a setback or something bad happens to them. Something pretty bad happened to some of our friends and colleagues last week. Let them know you don't go along with that sort of thing. You know they would do it for you.

Chris McEvoy
Orono

• 'Grace,' not 'race'

To the Editor:

I was pleased Mr. Bailey of *The Maine Campus* staff attended my lecture "What's Beautiful About Baseball" last Thursday. The resulting article, "Baseball and its beauty," on Page 18 of Friday's edition, has a significant error, however, which I hope you will correct.

Mr. Bailey claims that I "pointed out how race, balance, form, and movement show the correlation between sports and art." Surely he meant to use the word "grace" instead of "race." Although I do have an interest in critical race theory, that was not the subject of my talk last week. I would appreciate a correction.

Christa Davis Acampora
Assistant Professor
Philosophy

• Out of context

To the Editor:

I'd like to bring your attention to an error in the March 20 story "Feminist pursues balance," about Rebecca Walker's recent talk at the University of Maine.

I asked a question after her readings ("another audience member" – that was me) about Walker's response to young women who deny that sexism still exists in the 1990s. I never once mentioned men, yet Kathryn Ritchie indicated that my question referred to the cluelessness of men in particular. I hope that in the future your staff will take care to be completely accurate in its reporting.

I enjoyed Walker's talk very much, and hope that her readings and comments will inspire the young women of this campus community to identify with feminism, to be more aware of the world around them, and to work toward equality for all people.

Sheri J. Emerson
Old Town

• People are not mere objects

To the Editor:

May those legislative lovers of pain and suffering, who would religiously forbid competent adults from the right to contractual obligations to bring about their own end, spend their last months and years in the flesh in agony, begging for death daily to cut short their discomfort.

Those lovers of pain and suffering are so emotionally blinded that they can't or won't distinguish between murder and suicide.

Those theocratic fascists know that the real God wants people to suffer as much and as long as possible while their medical cohorts wring every last penny out of their "patients" with their confiscating ways.

The message of the lovers of pain and suffering is that people are mere objects in commerce, owned by the state, controlled by the whims of man and without the liberty to decide the most intimate details in their personal lifetime... The concepts of these champions of pain and suffering are repugnant to the fundamental precepts of liberty and justice.

Edward J. Swift
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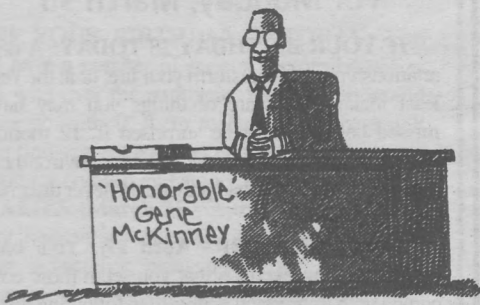
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• Guest column

Free-speech policy needs revising

By Margaret Cruikshank

My article is prompted by the display of anti-gay material by a Christian sect in the Memorial Union March 24 and 25. Over the tables were two large banners asking, "What is Wrong with Homosexuality?" and, "What is Wrong with Fornication?"

Members of Wilde-Stein responded quickly and creatively with a display of their own, and the next day they demonstrated. But no gay or lesbian or bisexual student at the University of Maine should ever be insulted or demeaned by such a public display of bigotry.

The First Amendment probably allows outsiders to pass out leaflets advocating any position they choose, or nearly any position, but I do not believe that we have to put up with a banner whose message verges on hate speech.

Therefore, I call on the administration to clarify its policy on renting tables in the Union to outside groups. May anyone come in with any message? Where do we draw the line?

We would not allow a banner insulting feminists, Hispanics, blacks or Native Americans. So when we allow a slur against gay

men and lesbians, we are suggesting that they do not deserve the same kind of respect readily given to other minority groups.

Ironically, the offensive banner appeared on campus on the same day the Bangor Daily News ran an article about UMaine's attempts to address diversity issues more effectively. If outsiders want to put homophobic banners in the student union, just say no.

The invasion of our campus by the misnamed "Friends of Jesus Christ," who never heard apparently that their friend preached "love thy neighbor," typifies the homophobia that will be documented when the diversity archives at the University of Southern Maine open.

In the pamphlets passed out by the Friends, they repeatedly deny they are gay bashers. Their fore-runners in the 1970s were proud to hate gay people and advocate violence against us. After 25 years of lesbian and gay liberation, opponents know that the gay bashing label is undesirable.

The Friends were upset by a peer education pamphlet written by Amanda Blake titled "Straight Talk About Homosexuality." One of their responses was that "science and medicine and history all testify that homosexuality brings the likelihood of an early death."

This is a dangerous lie. Having survived to the amazing age of 58 as a homosexual, I can assure the Friends that science, medicine and history do not support their contention. Furthermore, even with AIDS — one cause of early death among heterosexuals as well as homosexuals — we find that many people who die of the disease are more than 50 years old.

The Friends go on to complain that it is politically incorrect to speak against homosexuality. If that were true, they'd be kept off campus. The truth is that while organized opposition to homophobia exists in a few liberal campus communities in the United States

and in a few large cities, condemning gay people is still widely accepted across the country. Unfortunately for Maine's reputation as a progressive place, condemnations of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals were so widespread and virulent in February that the gay-rights law was vetoed.

The Friends are wrong, too, when they claim that traditional Christianity has always been opposed to homosexuals. It's true that the Inquisition burned a number of us, but scholars and theologians have found some fascinating examples of acceptance, most notably outlined in John Boswell's book "Christianity, Homosexuality, and Social Tolerance." In February, letters to the editor in the Bangor Daily News urging a "no" vote on the gay-rights referendum were signed by large numbers of Christian ministers.

The Friends' pamphlet says, "We expect that homosexuality will prevail more and more."

Nobody can be sure that the coming years will bring greater acceptance of gay people, fewer bashings and killings, or more laws against discrimination. If the economy collapses, scapegoats will be needed, and many right-wing Christians will be available to fan the flames of hate.

The struggle for gay liberation will be won not in places like San Francisco, Minneapolis, or Provincetown, but in the towns and villages of America, where creating social change is a very daunting task. The Wilde-Stein students are doing their part to bring change. Will our administrators and our faculty do theirs?

Margaret Cruikshank is a lecturer in women's studies and in social work. She taught one of the first gay and lesbian literature courses at City College of San Francisco beginning in 1982. Her book "The Gay and Lesbian Liberation Movement" won a human rights award in 1993.

Media exhibit double standards in coverage

Last Thursday a nationally-recognized figure, one who has become the standard against which others in his profession are measured, said some nasty things about gays, whites, Asians, Hispanics and American Indians. Racism rears its ugly head again.

This person is an ordained minister (on top of the profession for which he is nationally known) and was giving a sermon to a group of lawmakers in Wisconsin. His stereotype-laden remarks made the legislators nervous and were an embarrassment to himself and to both of his professions.

The story made all the newspapers, but few people knew about it. They didn't see it. It wasn't on the

securing that job. While a CBS Sports spokeswoman wouldn't say whether his speech would affect his chances, it's probably a good bet that networks won't be in any hurry to sign White to their broadcast teams.

So what did White say that was so bad? Here's a sampling:

- Blacks are gifted at worship and celebration.

- Whites do a good job building business and "know how to tap into the money."

- Hispanics are gifted at "family structure" and can fit 20 to 30 people in one home.

- Asians, especially the Japanese, are inventive and "can turn a television into a watch."

- American Indians are gifted in spirituality and were never enslaved because they knew the territory and "how to sneak up on people."

- On the subject of homosexuality, White said the Bible speaks against the practice, but "we've allowed this sin to run rampant in our nation, and because it has run rampant in our nation, our nation is in the condition it's in today."

White the football player is someone children look up to. As a preacher, his message should be one of love and acceptance, not one of hatred and stereotype.

What's done is done. White said those things and can't take them back. He can apologize, but that doesn't change the fact that he revealed himself as a bigot.

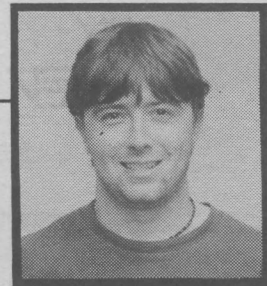
What's surprising is that if anyone knows anything about racism, it should be White. His church was burned to the ground two years ago in a racially-motivated attack. After the incident, White talked about forgiving and loving the perpetrators.

Perhaps in time White will find the same forgiveness he was so willing to dole out to others. To do so, he must first apologize, and there is no indication that White believes he said anything wrong.

For White, it would appear that racial stereotyping, like the Chunky Soup he hawks, hit the spot.

Derek Rice is an English graduate student from Bath, Maine, and is the style editor for The Maine Campus.

By Derek Rice



front page, where it should have been, but buried on the fourth page of the sports section, at least in the Portland Press Herald.

Why is that? Because the speaker, Reggie White, who is black, has a Super Bowl ring. He's an all-pro defensive end for the Green Bay Packers. He is the all-time National Football League leader in quarterback sacks. It's almost a lock that he will one day find himself enshrined in the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Had it been someone like Cal Ripken, a white baseball player, the story would have been Page One without a question. Somehow, we seem to tolerate racism a little, but not much — more when it comes from a member of a group that has suffered oppression. It just feels less wrong, even though it is equally intolerable in any instance.

For anyone who doesn't know much about football, he's the big guy with the raspy voice who hawks Chunky Soup on TV.

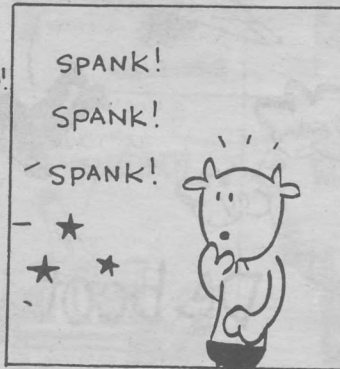
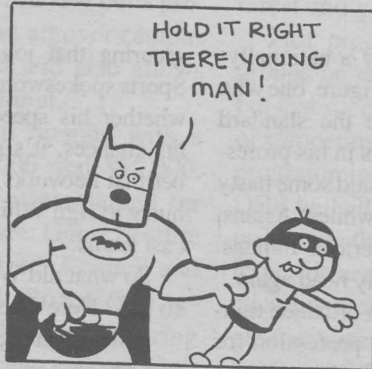
White has always been well-liked as both a player and a person, kind of like Ripken in baseball. Some of his teammates said they were happiest for White after the Packers won Super Bowl XXXI. He had paid his dues as a player and had finally reaped the ultimate reward.

In the year after that win, White became more of a national presence. More people than John Madden could identify him. Many thought White would make a good TV football analyst. This was a job White himself has said he would like to do.

White may have jeopardized any chance he may have had at

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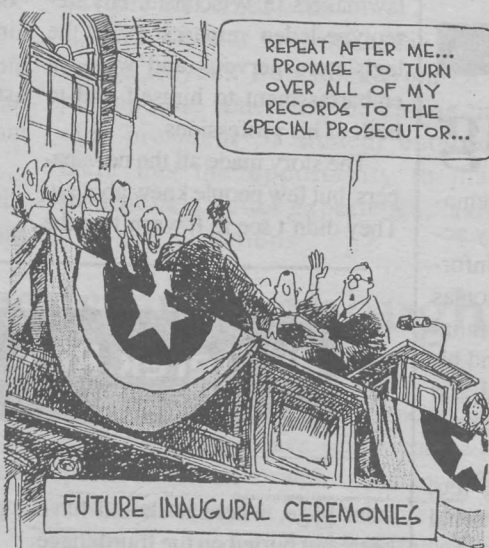


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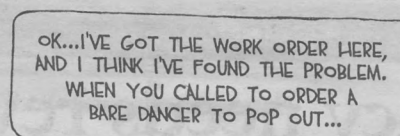
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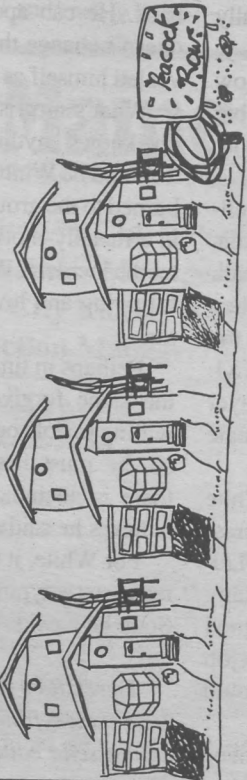
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Language is an ever changing river.

In Shakespeare's time the words moist and tummy were profane.

In our more mundane times... the word "rubbers" used to refer to water proof covers men would put over their dress shoes to avoid rain and wet.

Nowadays, the word means condominiums.



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I'll give you a beautiful, fresh, clear, crystal raindrop for your birthday.

The next time it rains, go outside, stand in the rain, and sing Happy Birthday.

Love,
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Geez, guys get heart attacks a lot.

Maybe, it's stress or unhealthy eating or something like that. All of my aunts have outlived my uncles. I miss my uncles.

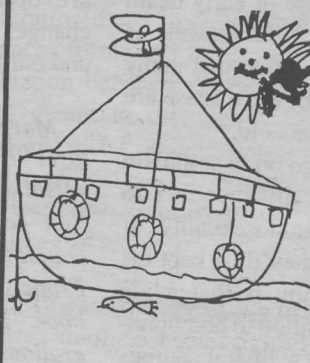
I still have one uncle who is a ferry man. He takes people back and forth across the river. Maybe the water is good for him.

I think it boils down to this: Who wins?.....

the guy who has the most stuff when he dies?

or the guy who lives the longest?

Or is it the guy who can't remember where he left all of his stuff?



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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Monday, March 30

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: A new relationship could transform your life, or at the very least make you aware of things you may have missed before. Don't be surprised if, 12 months from now, you find yourself in a new environment doing something you had previously never dreamed about.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Your only problem this weekend is that you seem more concerned with impressing people than following up on ideas and plans that need to be acted on immediately. It doesn't matter if others approve of what you are doing; when you are a success you can do what you like.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Change is never easy for the typical Taurus: You are too much a creature of habit to enjoy surprises. But although what happens next may be unexpected, it won't be unwelcome. In fact, you will be secretly delighted. Not all change is negative, so don't be negative about change.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): New sights and sounds beckon this weekend. Although it may take effort to get up and get involved, it will be worth it. Venus, planet of love, aspects Uranus, planet of the bizarre, today. You don't need an astrologer to spell out what that could mean to you on a personal level.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Charm your way into others' confidence. Show them you aren't at all the shy Cancerian you are so often mistaken for. You have a talent for humor — you can find something amusing in the most unexpected of situations. Make others laugh today, and you will make them yours forever.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Go where the action is hottest and the music is loudest today. If friends and relatives don't approve of what you are doing, so much the better — you're probably in the mood to shock. Tomorrow's planetary link may bring you down to earth, but today you can follow your instincts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): The most important things in life aren't love nor money, but attitude. With the right attitude, the world is always a wonderful place. Everyone has something to worry about, but not everyone has the ability to put the worries in perspective. You do; use it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): If you feel like doing something outrageous today, do it and risk the consequences. Whatever course of action you take, you are sure to regret it around Monday. You might as well feel guilty for having fun as for denying yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Be ready to abandon today's plans if something unexpected arises. The more you try to stick to a routine, the more your routine will be disrupted; the more your routine is disrupted, the more interesting the day will be. Don't complain too loudly if your plans are foiled.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Someone you meet on your travels this weekend will tug at your heartstrings in a big way. There is little doubt that this is the start of a wonderful relationship, but exactly what kind of relationship won't be apparent until Monday, when reality comes calling.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Because you expect so much of yourself, you expect it of others too and can be disappointed when friends and family let you down. What you must learn today is that everyone must be free to follow his/her own path through life, regardless of whether it is the one you would have chosen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Interesting people will come into your life today — so interesting in fact that you may forget what it was you had planned to do. Whether or not they are destined to play a major role in your life won't be clear for a week or two, so enjoy their company but don't make any plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): If you spend too much money today, you will undoubtedly regret it come Monday. This warning may fall on deaf ears if you have developed a taste for luxury you may not be able to afford. Still, life is short and tomorrow is another day. If you are going to do it, do it in style.

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Tuesday, March 31

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You will have a number of serious responsibilities to deal with over the next year. Even if you would rather do without them to begin with, you will soon find you actually enjoy it when others come to you for comfort and advice.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): There is no point in admitting something if there is little chance of an indiscretion being discovered. It's best to cover up mistakes with little white lies rather than blow them up into major confrontations. This could be the occasion when honesty is not the best policy.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Life is easy when you know what you want out of it. When, however, you haven't a clue, even the little things seem to conspire against you. By Wednesday, your confidence will come flooding back. Today, you may find yourself worrying for no good reason.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Even Geminis have off days, and because you are quieter and less boisterous than usual others may think there is something wrong. Not necessarily: You just need to be on your own for a while. There is something you need to think deeply about, and it must be now while you are in the mood.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): The Cancerian sense of humor can be offbeat at times, and there is certainly something zany about the way you feel today. Not everyone will appreciate your jokes, but you will probably say them and play them anyway. Just don't be surprised if no one seems amused.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): There are some things you are serious about and many things that you can take or leave depending on your mood. Today, you must focus on the serious things, especially concerning your love life. If you have been taking someone for granted, this is the moment to make it up to that person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Never let work or money worries affect your relationships. Nothing is so important that it can be allowed to interfere with the way you feel for another person. Love makes the world go around, and your world will be a more loving place if you keep that thought in mind today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Planetary activity makes it unlikely that the love of your life is in a frivolous or forgiving mood. If you really don't want his/her company, make your excuses and take a temporary leave of absence. A short spell apart could do you good.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Because you are a person who gets things done and who hates to waste time, you could find yourself at odds with someone who does not share your remarkable intensity. Neither one of you is better or worse than the other, just different. Bear that in mind and you can still be friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): There is no such thing as something for nothing. What you appear to get free of charge today will at some stage in the future have to be paid for, with interest added. It may be difficult to turn it down but, unless you are convinced it is what you need, there is no other sensible option.

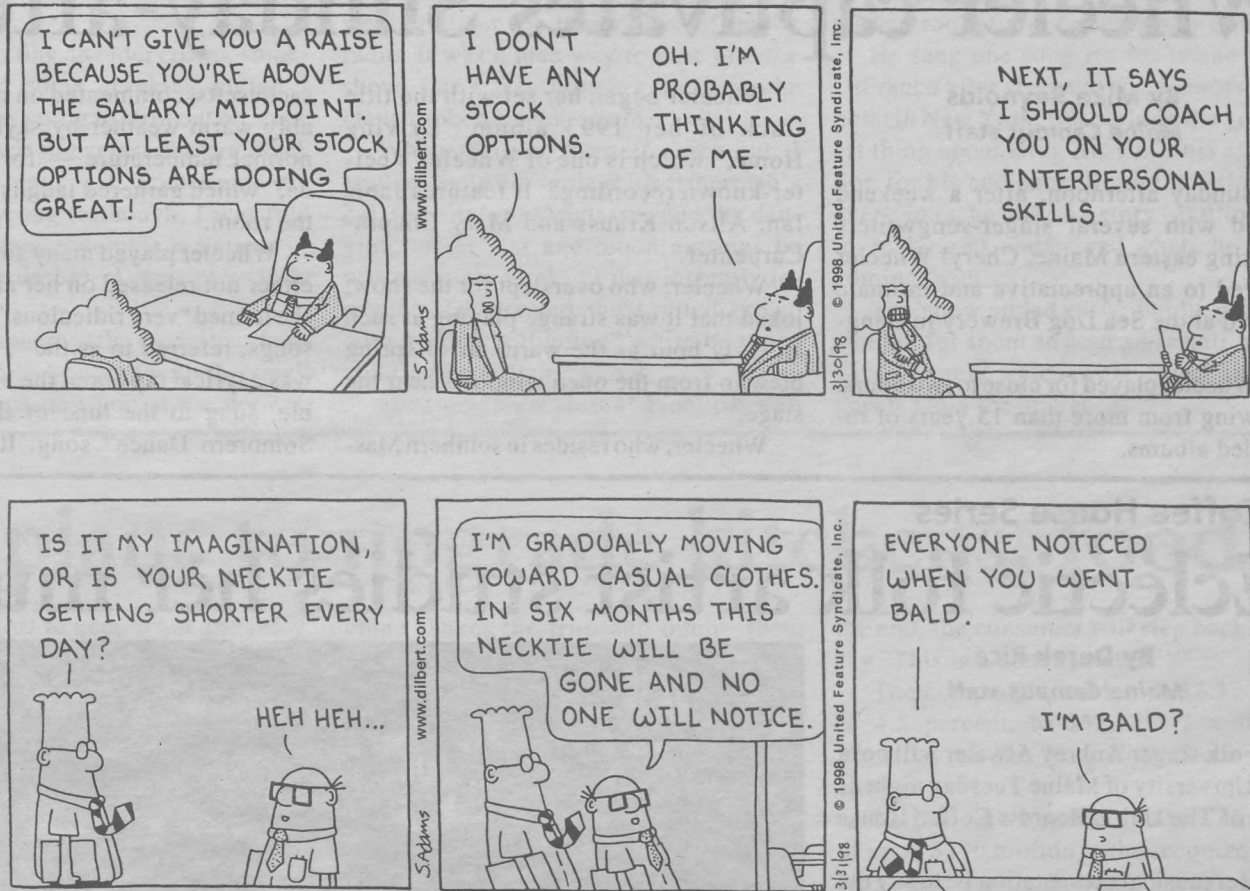
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): If you devote your time to other people's problems today, you will have more time for yourself later in the week. You will also make a friend — maybe more than one — who will be immensely useful to you in the future. Virtue is its own reward, but sometimes you get a little extra.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): No matter what you say today, no matter how reasonable your opinions or beliefs you will not get the support you deserve. Look for your own answers and create your own happiness. Do not doubt your own usefulness to yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Either you have to come to a landmark decision concerning your financial affairs or someone you do business with is about to force your hand. Either way, the result is the same: What you took for granted in the past cannot be taken for granted in the future.

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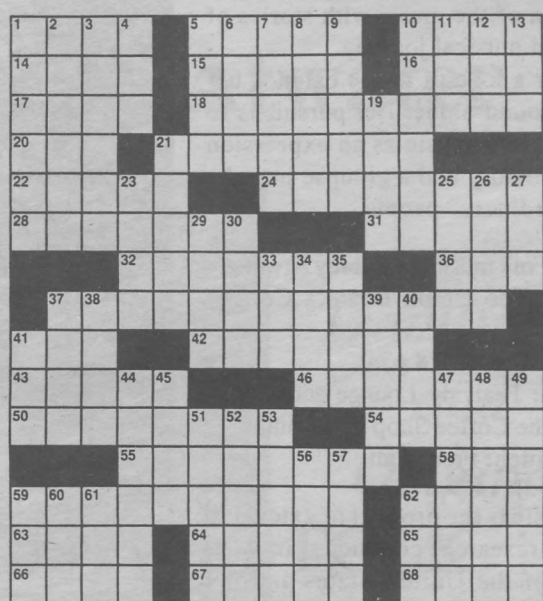


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No. 1230

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 - 5 — nova
 - 10 Japanese middle managers?
 - 14 Metallurgists' studies
 - 15 Perfume
 - 16 Zippo
 - 17 Meanie
 - 18 Old TV comic
 - 20 Blonde's secret, maybe
 - 21 Ladies' man
 - 22 Memorable name
 - 24 Holier-than-thou type
 - 28 Set boundaries
 - 31 Some soda pops
 - 32 Compunction
 - 36 Lyric poem
 - 37 "The Dunciad" writer
 - 41 Latin lady: Abbr.
 - 42 Keeps from escaping
 - 43 Zhou —
 - 46 They show the way
 - 50 Hip characters
 - 54 "— nous ..."
 - 55 Got off track
 - 58 "There you are!"
 - 59 1967 Pulitzer poet
 - 62 Kind of healing
 - 63 Kind of jet
 - 64 "— say more?"

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 - 2 Sock pattern
 - 3 "Get with it!"
 - 4 Atlanta-to-Tampa dir.
 - 5 California peninsula
 - 6 Western Indians
 - 7 Energy for Fulton
 - 8 Decline
 - 9 Leafy shelter
 - 10 Discounted
 - 11 Scrooge's cry
 - 12 Yes, at the altar
 - 13 Dupe
 - 19 "Terrible" czar
 - 21 One of the financial markets, for short
 - 23 Bog
 - 25 Hwy. eatery
 - 26 A or B, on a cassette
 - 27 Literary monogram
 - 29 "— helpless as a kitten up a tree ..."
 - 30 Dial sound
 - 33 Vitamin bottle abbr.
 - 34 Actress Ward
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 - 67 Supplemented
 - 68 Jekyll's counterpart



Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

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- 39 Stacked
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Style and the Arts

• Sea Dog

Wheeler captivates Sunday-afternoon crowd

By Mike Reynolds
Maine Campus staff

Sunday afternoon, after a weekend filled with several singer-songwriters visiting eastern Maine, Cheryl Wheeler played to an appreciative and intimate crowd at the Sea Dog Brewery in Bangor.

Wheeler played for close to two hours, drawing from more than 15 years of recorded albums.

Wheeler began her set with the title track of her 1993 album "Driving Home," which is one of Wheeler's better-known recordings. It features Janis Ian, Alison Krauss and Mary Chapin-Carpenter.

Wheeler, who overslept for the show, joked that it was strange playing at such an early hour as the warm air of spring blew in from the open windows near the stage.

Wheeler, who resides in southern Mas-

sachusetts, commented on the unseasonably warm weather by saying, "It's the normal temperature — for south Florida," which garnered laughs from around the room.

Wheeler played many songs that were either not released on her albums or that she termed "very ridiculous." One of these songs, referred to as the "Potato Song," was a lyrical rap about the Maine vegetable, sung to the tune of the "Mexican Sombrero Dance" song. It was indeed

quite funny.

Wheeler began her recording career in 1983 when she recorded "Newport Songs," an independent EP that gave birth to the regional hit "Headed For Home."

Wheeler recorded her first LP in 1988. The album featured back-up vocals by then-unknown Chapin-Carpenter. It also contained "Addicted," which later became a Grammy-nominated hit for country singer Dan Seals.

Later in 1988, she finished her second album, titled "Half A Book." This collection included "Emotional Response," a tune that climbed up adult contemporary charts.

By now, Wheeler was overwhelming critics and audiences with her live performances. Her ability to spark emotions from one extreme to the other became widespread. One minute audience members couldn't keep from laughing out loud, and in the next the atmosphere became somber, as Wheeler would sing of some haunting memory.

Wheeler definitely lived up to this on Sunday, as she belted tunes as heart-wrenching as "Boulder Hotel Room," about a 14-year relationship ending in divorce.

"Even though we could not get legally married," quipped Wheeler.

Other songs such as "Arrow" showed the true passion her lyrics can express.

Wheeler continued the show with many of her favorites, such as "Is it Peace or is it Prozac?" and "Mrs. Pinocci's Guitar." The set was filled with many unreleased songs, some of which were written as recently as Friday.

"Dead People's Houses" ended the set, and it was an excellent choice to end with.

Wheeler was met with a boisterous call for an encore and played an excellent version of "Howl Like the Moon." The song ended a great show.

Wheeler expects to have a new album out sometime this year and has a loyal fan base where one can find reviews, live tapes to trade and some sound clips. An excellent resource is <http://www.personal.psu.edu/faculty/w/r/wrp103/wheeler/home.htm>, which is a fan-run page and is extremely comprehensive. Wheeler will tour throughout the United States for the rest of the year, playing Halloween night in Ogunquit and playing at the Newport Folk Festival on August 9, which has announced other acts such as Dar Williams, Ani DiFranco and the Indigo Girls.

The Sea Dog also is a pleasant place to catch an acoustic show. It holds a capacity of 200, according to Bill Giggey, a manager at the brewery. Concerts like Cheryl Wheeler happen about once a month and are all ages, although alcohol laws are strictly enforced. The atmosphere is enjoyable — the sound system was top-notch and it isn't too hard to get good seats by arriving a bit early. The next show at the Sea Dog will be Son Seals on May 3.

• Coffee House Series

Eclectic folk artist studies her music

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

Folk singer Aubrey Atwater will be at the University of Maine Tuesday night as part of The Union Board's Coffee House Series.

Her musical presentation is, to say the least, diverse, encompassing many forms of music played on many different instruments.

Atwater presents a captivating program of original and traditional folk music performed on the guitar, Appalachian mountain dulcimer, Irish tin whistle and old-time banjo. She entwines a moving explanation of the music with stories of her life and musical journey.

Atwater's love of music extends beyond the sound alone. Her pursuit is to understand folk music as an expression of human history and a glimpse into the lives of "ordinary" people.

Who: Folk musician Aubrey Atwater.

What: The Union Board's Coffee House Series.

When: Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Where: Peabody Lounge across the hall from the Coffee Shop in the union.

How much: Free to all.

Her music is the product of extensive travel and research, conducted in various parts of the United States and the world.

Atwater has traveled to Ireland six times since 1984 to research Irish culture, history and music, as well as to perform. She has also traveled many times to eastern Kentucky, Arkansas and North Carolina to perform Appalachian and Ozark folk music. Other travels have taken her to Prince Edward Island, England and the Midwest to collect and perform folk music.

In May 1992, Atwater released her first solo recording, "Simple Sentences," on BCN Records. The 14 original songs on the album represent years of songwriting, influenced by her relationships with friends and family, her activism in women's and peace issues, travels and her six years of work as a literacy teacher in low-income neighborhoods of Providence, R.I.

Since its release, "Simple Sentences" has received good reviews from local and international critics. It has also been



Aubrey Atwater, whose name and instrumentation are varied, will be at the University of Maine Tuesday night. (Courtesy photo.)

played around the world on radio folk programs.

In April 1995, she released "Be Careful, Don't Walk Barefoot on my Kitchen Floor," a book of 96 poems. Since writing the book, she has incorporated spoken word into her shows.

Atwater started playing music at age five when she tapped out "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush" on the piano. Her formal musical training came in the form of seven years of classical piano lessons. She started to play popular folk songs on the guitar in high school, and played coffeehouses and campus rallies

while at Brown University.

She met her husband, Elwood Donnelly, in Providence. They formed the duo Atwater-Donnelly in the fall of 1987. The duo specializes in American and Celtic traditional folk music, as well as original songs.

The couple has gained regional and national recognition and popularity. They perform widely in New England and elsewhere for coffeehouses and concert series, festivals, radio stations, cable TV, colleges, libraries and other events. Their four recordings also receive international airplay.

• Performance

Misconceptions aside, Brown puts on a good show

By Elisabeth Gold
Maine Campus staff

There is a misconception surrounding Greg Brown. For those of us who have never heard him or experienced a performance, we are left to draw our own conclusions according to the tidbits of information gathered in passing conversation.

Talking with my friend Wendy the night before the show, I was trying to remember his sound (I had only heard him once, at her house, briefly).

"Isn't he a mix of Jim Croce, Tom Waits, and Bruce Springsteen?" I asked.

"Well, yeah. That's interesting," was her reply.

The next night we traveled to Ellsworth with another friend to check

him out at the Grand Auditorium. Wendy was the only one among us who had seen Greg Brown, so she knew what to expect. I on the other hand didn't know any of his music, much less his style, but figured from my friend's enthusiasm that he must be rocking.

I was expecting an older crowd, smokers, beer and some cranking guitar. I thought he was going to strut out on stage sporting a black sleeveless T-shirt, black pants and a black hat. Sometimes my visions are wrong (although, I was told later on the black ensemble is a staple of his stage wardrobe). I was pleasantly surprised.

The atmosphere at the Grand was laid-back and family-oriented with the smell of popcorn greeting you at the door. It

turned out the night was put on by the community radio station WERU (89.9 FM) as a fund-raiser. We were introduced to the volunteers and DJs, given a chance to win door prizes, and had the opportunity to listen to a talented duo singing about the importance of public radio. It was a nice way to ease into the show, but I was growing antsy in the claustrophobic auditorium.

When the man himself came out, I couldn't help but smile at his fisherman's hat, red-rimmed sunglasses and the dangling silver star and moon earrings he was sporting. Funky! I was instantly intrigued. He greeted the excited crowd with a "How's it going" while he tuned and fiddled with his guitar.

His songs were slow and mellow with

truthful, real lyrics talking about love and the adventures of life. His words were often ad-libbed, drawing attention to his free-spirit and subtle humor. He crooned about him and his baby being "no longer in alignment" and "love never made a fool of me; I always was one."

He sang one song for his friend Ani DiFranco after she gave him flowers at a hotel in New York. But perhaps the greatest thing about Greg Brown is his affection for his audience. Before practically every song, he told us a story—pulling us in, making us understand where he was coming from.

The show ended early, but he played straight for about an hour and a half, with two encores, which were filled by requests from the audience.

• Robots?

Fast-food chain plans to upgrade kitchens, food

CHICAGO (AP) — The Arch Deluxe didn't whet appetites. Neither did the McLean or pizza. Now McDonald's Corp. is trying to lure customers with its same old menu — only tastier.

The hamburger chain plans to install new computerized and partially robotic kitchens in all of its U.S. outlets by the end of next year that can deliver fresher, made-to-order Big Macs, Quarter Pounders and, yes, some new items that would slow down the old kitchens too much.

Heat lamps won't be needed.

Some franchises cook McDonald's burgers early in the day, then reheat them. Adding a couple of pickles or skipping the special sauce can mean waiting another 15 minutes.

With the new "Made for You" system, Oak Brook, Ill. — based McDonald's said Thursday it hopes to keep the "fast" in fast food while drawing new customers in and snaring old ones back from the competition.

McLean Deluxe, Arch Deluxe, last year's Campaign 55 and even pizza failed to bring in new customers and improve profits as complaints persisted about the quality of the food.

The new kitchens will remember, for instance, when the lunch rush starts at a particular store and whether Quarter Pounders with cheese have been particularly popular lately. The computer will alert the staff to start making burgers just before the rush usually starts.

McDonald's has set up computer-run holding bins that regulate temperatures

for cooked meat to keep it hot and juicy. By keeping track of the time meat was placed in each bin, store managers know exactly when 30 minutes have passed. At that point, McDonald's says restaurants should throw out the food, even if it remains hot.

The bins allow staff to wait for orders to appear on an overhead computer screen and make sandwiches quickly, no matter what the order. A digital clock tracks how long the preparation takes.

In plain sight of the customer, a computer-monitored machine dumps frozen fries into a basket that in turn is dunked into hot oil for cooking. Then the ma-

chine shakes the fries and dumps them into bins for serving. Robot machines elsewhere prepare drinks.

Analysts have said speed of delivery after preparing food is a key to keeping customers coming back, particularly in the drive-through lane, where some 60 percent of McDonald's business is done.

"This isn't the individual silver bullet," noted Merrill Lynch analyst Peter Oakes. "But it does go a long way toward addressing the perceived quality shortcomings of McDonald's food. In

the end, the consumer will step back and say 'This is a better product.'"

The company's stock rose \$2.37 1/2, or 4.5 percent, to \$55.37 1/2 a share Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange.

McDonald's expects to take a charge of up to \$190 million in the second quarter to pay for the rollout. Significantly for franchisees, the company also agreed to provide up to half the estimated \$25,000 cost of the new equipment, and more in special cases.

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• Nashville

Planned new complex forces Opryland closure

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The sights and sounds of rides, merchants and frolicking children at the Opryland USA theme park will be missing this summer for the first time in 26 years.

The park, which traditionally opened this last weekend of March each year, has been shut down to make way for a new Opry Mills entertainment and retail complex that won't open for another two years.

For Leisa Peek of Nashville, the Opryland closing means she must find other places to take her 8-year-old son and 6-

year-old daughter for fun. They have had season passes for five years.

"I watched them get tall enough to go on the big rides," she said.

Gaylord Entertainment Co., which owned the park, decided to close it because attendance dipped below 2 million in recent years, from a high of 2.4 million in the mid-1980s.

"There used to be a sense of anticipation about the park that built up this time of year. Now it's on something a little farther away," Gaylord spokesman Tom Adkinson said.

About 18 million visitors are projected for the \$200 million Opry Mills.

Since the park closed last fall, Gaylord sold 13 rides to other theme parks. The Opryland merchandise was discounted and sold to the public, with the leftovers donated to Goodwill Industries.

The Opryland carousel was left intact but will not be used this year.

"We wanted to hang on to it and plan to work around it and incorporate it into the new complex," Adkinson said.

The Grand Ole Opry country music show, presented at the park, continues unaffected.

State tourism commissioner John Wade said Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, at the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, may benefit with one less competitor.

Dollywood opens for its 13th season April 18. Attendance last year was 1.95 million, down from 2.1 million a year earlier.

"We certainly hope we'll see some increased attendance, but we won't know that until the season starts and we talk to the visitors and ask them," Dollywood spokeswoman Ellen Long said. "It's one less option for the people coming to Tennessee."

• Box office

The boat goes on: 'Titanic' on top for 15th week

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Titanic" was No. 1 for a record 15th week as "Grease" failed to slide the box office behemoth out of the top spot, according to industry estimates Sunday.

"Titanic" earned \$16 million to boost its North American tally to \$516 million — it passed the \$500 million mark on Thursday.

"Grease," another Paramount product, opened with \$13 million in receipts, according to Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. The musical starring Olivia Newton John and John Travolta was digitally remastered for its 20th anniversary release.

"The exit polls are great. People are singing and clapping and applauding. It's all

ages and demographics," studio spokesman Blaise Noto said.

Travolta also starred in the third-place film "Primary Colors," which grossed \$7.3 million in its second week of release.

"Titanic" star Leonardo DiCaprio also was in the No. 4 movie, "The Man in the Iron Mask," which grossed \$6.6 million in its third week.

"Titanic" had a mere 7 percent drop in business. Its record-tying 11 Academy Awards simply continued the movie's momentum rather than contributing to a surge, Noto said.

Other Oscar-winning films did get boosts. "As Good As It Gets" (Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt got acting

wins) and "Good Will Hunting" (writing awards went to Matt Damon and Ben Affleck) tied for sixth place with \$4.3 million each.

The gross for "As Good As It Gets" was up 32 percent over the previous weekend, while the take for "Good Will Hunting" jumped 7 percent.

Other than "Grease," new releases fared poorly.

"The Newton Boys," a drama about bank robbers starring Matthew McConaughey, grossed only \$4 million. "Ride," a comedy about inner-city New Yorkers traveling to Miami, earned \$2.6 million and Disney's "Meet the Deedles," about surfer brothers wreaking havoc at Yellow-

stone National Park, rang up \$2.2 million.

Official figures were to be released Monday.

Here are estimated grosses for the top movies at North American theaters for Friday through Sunday:

1. "Titanic," \$16 million.
2. "Grease," \$13 million.
3. "Primary Colors," \$7.3 million.
4. "The Man in the Iron Mask," \$6.6 million.
5. "Wild Things," \$5.8 million.
6. "As Good As It Gets," \$4.3 million (tie).
6. "Good Will Hunting," \$4.3 million (tie).
8. "U.S. Marshals," \$4.2 million.
9. "The Newton Boys," \$4 million.
10. "Ride," \$2.6 million (tie).
10. "Mr. Nice Guy," \$2.6 million (tie).

• Trends

Beetle mania hits Hollywood

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Beetle mania is sweeping Hollywood, where flashy luxury cars and sport utility vehicles have been the preferred mode of transportation.

Singer Lyle Lovett, actor Larry Hagman and Fleetwood Mac's John McVie couldn't wait to be the first celebrities with the new helmet-shaped \$15,000 Volkswagen Bug in their driveway.

"I've never had a Beetle before. But I saw this car and I really wanted it. It's so cute," Hagman said before driving off the lot in Ventura last week in his 1998 silver Bug.

"It's a little lower profile, which is what I want," Hagman said.

In Thousand Oaks, McVie picked up his new silver Volkswagen, while Lovett was the first person to rent a new Beetle on Friday at Beverly Hills Budget Rent A Car, where stars usually rent Mercedes-Benz M-Class sport utility vehicles, Corvette convertibles, BMW Z3s, Jaguar XK8s or Porsche Boxsters.

"We've received calls from half the stars in Hollywood who want to rent the

new Beetle. Even though they're all grown up and driving Mercedes and Ferraris, this car makes them feel young again," said Ken Kerzner, head of the rental-car office in Beverly Hills.

Besides bug-eyed celebrities, Southern Californians are lining up to buy the new VW. Waiting lists are growing and bidding wars are breaking out, dealers say.

"I'm telling people who want on my list now that they're probably looking at August before they'll get a car," said Mark White, sales manager at Volkswagen of Van Nuys.

The dealership has already taken \$500 deposits from 85 people.

The new versions of the 1960s transportation icon debuted at auto shows earlier this year. Volkswagen planned to sell 50,000 new Beetles in the United States the first year, but the target number is now 60,000. Only about 4,000 will have been shipped by Tuesday, which means only an average seven cars for each of the company's nearly 600 dealers nationwide.

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SPORTS PAGE

• Women's basketball

Blodgett shines for East

From staff reports

University of Maine senior Cindy Blodgett will have to find more room on the mantle to add another illustrious piece of hardware to her collection.

Blodgett, behind a 17-point effort Saturday afternoon, paced the East All-Stars to a 67-48 win in the inaugural WBCA/Honda All-Star Challenge held in Kansas City, Mo.

The game ran in conjunction with the NCAA Division One Women's Final Four and featured 20 of the nation's top seniors.

Blodgett nailed seven of her 10 shots from the field, including 3-of-5 from outside the three-point arc to take home MVP honors for the East squad.

Nikki Johnson earned MVP distinctions from the West team as she piled in 11 points — the only player to reach

double-digit numbers for the West.

With the East holding onto a slim four-point edge at halftime, Blodgett took control when the second half opened up. Blodgett poured in four field goals, including a clutch three-pointer, in the first six minutes of second stanza to fuel a crucial 16-4 run to bury the West.

The East out-rebounded the West 32-29 and outshot them after hitting 51.9 percent from the floor, compared to the West's 30.8 percent.

The East featured four players in double-digits, compared to the West's one.

The top scorers for the All-Star game are as follows:

Name	Points
Cindy Blodgett	17
Murriel Page	13
Katrina Price	11
Nikki Johnson	10
Olympia Scott	10

• Column

1998: A possible dream...

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part column detailing the 1998 Boston Red Sox season. Part two will run Wednesday.

Opening day is here — finally. Another baseball season eases its way into the popular mainstream, providing a smooth transition from spring to summer.

The Boston Red Sox take the field Wednesday, unearthing a new promise on a new year that many are hopeful will not conclude with the fundamental adage "wait-til-next-year," which is a common staple in the Boston professional sports circuit.

The Bruins and Celtics, if not for just a week or two, are cooking on simmer while the Old Towne Team begins to boil the Bostonians' passion for baseball.

Like a volcanic eruption, the April clamor vibrates a town that assuredly focuses around one question: What about their chances?

So, while we're still ahead, here is a fictitious look back at a season anchored in realistic roots that will surely take its place somewhere between 1967 and 1975 on the extraordinary scale of memorable moments in Red Sox time.

Opening Day — Red Sox 5, A's 3

Pedro Martinez makes his Boston debut and hurls a seven-inning gem, striking out 13 while scattering six hits before giving way to Dennis Eckersley, who gives up all three runs to earn the save.

Game-high temperatures peaked at 75 degrees, and many of the sparse 19,000 fans who attended the game left wondering why they weren't at the beach like the rest of the sane Oakland residents.

April 5 — Mariners 7, Red Sox 5

Steve Avery gets the nod and pitches five-plus innings, allowing six runs on nine hits. Local talk-show callers demand an explanation on why he isn't anything like he was in Atlanta. Following the game, Avery complains about the way the organization treated Roger Clemens, Mike Green-

well and Rich Gedman, which baffles management.

April 7 — Red Sox 13, Angels 0

Tim Wakefield earns his first victory of the season, thanks in part to those dandy California breezes. Nomar Garciaparra hits for the cycle — twice — and the bullpen preserves the lead in the ninth. The fans, who grew restless for things to cheer about, demonstrate that progressive California creativity by pulling the "Margo, Margo, Margo" chants out of the treasure chest before the public address announcer politely informs them that Wade Boggs has since left the BoSox.

April 10 — Red Sox 4, Mariners 2

The Red Sox celebrate their 86th anniversary of opening day — 10 days early. When asked why the club didn't celebrate the momentous occasion on the actual date, April 20, 1912, Sox officials say they have something "big" planned for that day.

As for the game, Martinez gets the call on three days' rest for the Fenway opener, in a move that was criticized by the Boston media as a publicity stunt catered to the hoopla surrounding the home opener. Jimi Williams gets the last laugh, though, as his ace goes the distance in the win. The Sox open their season with a 7-2 record.

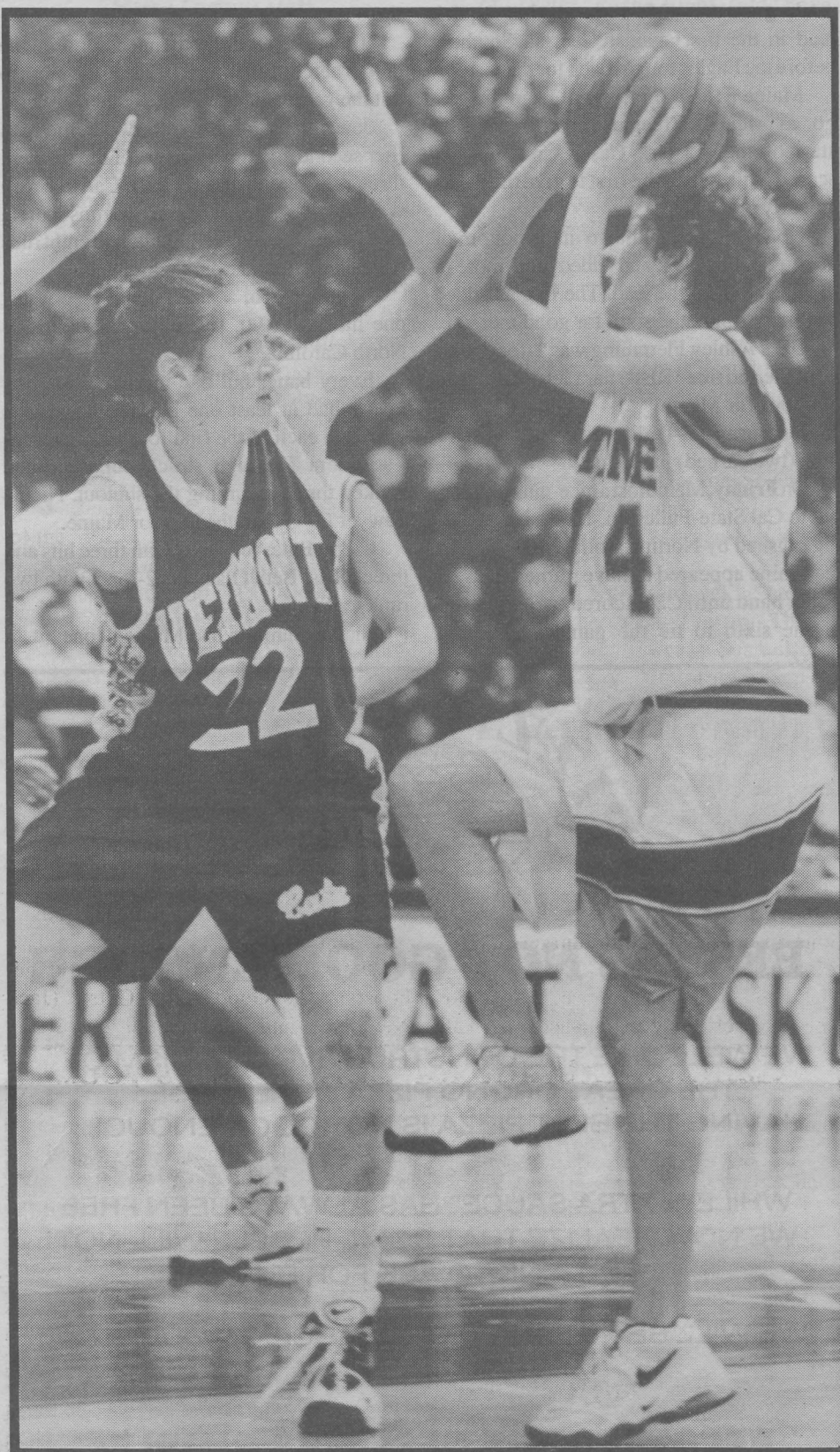
April 20 — Indians 8, Red Sox 3

Today is "inflatable Dan Duquette doll day," where the first 10,000 fans who enter the park get a free blow-up doll of the Sox general manager. A needle kit is also featured in the promotion, which was sponsored by all the good people at Citgo.

Martinez was scheduled to pitch, but back spasms put him on the shelf, opening the door to Robinson Checo, who gets bombed in his first Red Sox start. Ron Karkovice answers the critics' questions on why he is still in the game by launching a three-run homer in the top of the eighth to seal the game.

Troy O'Leary is caught looking at the scoreboard, where he sees the Yankees are down 6-2 to the Blue Jays, meaning the

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Maine senior Cindy Blodgett lit up Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City on Saturday and earned MVP honors in the annual East-West All-Star game. (file photo.)

• Softball

Tar Heels shut Bears down

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

0, and Georgia Southern, 6-3.

In game one, Butler scored early and often, tallying all five runs in the first two innings.

Butler's Melissa Garvey was 2-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs. Carolyn Stoddard was 2-for-3 with a run scored.

The University of Maine softball team didn't find any southern hospitality in Georgia, dropping all four games at the Georgia Tech Buzz Classic in Marietta, Ga.

On Saturday, Maine managed just seven hits on the day in getting swept by Butler, 5-

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FROM THE DEN

Today marks the three-year anniversary of the longest NCAA men's hockey playoff game ever played when the University of Maine knocked off the University of Michigan in triple-overtime, 4-3. Dan Shermerhorn scored the game-winner to propel the Black Bears to the NCAA Championship game.



Softball

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Jill Cassie, Michelle Puls and Nicole Gamblin ponied up the lone hits for the Black Bears.

Alice Bishop (1-3) took the loss, allowing five runs on four hits in two innings pitched.

In **game two**, Maine jumped to a quick lead in the first against Georgia Southern before the Eagles fought back for the victory.

Maine poured on the heat from the get-go, as Melissa Creegan (making her first start of the season), Cassie and Puls all scored in the top of the first to give the Bears an early 3-0 lead.

GS came back with two in the bottom of the frame, however, and added three more in the third to take the lead. The Eagles added one more run in the sixth for good measure.

GS's Ashley Flemming was 2-for-3 with a double and three RBIs. Sara Jewett drove in two runs for Maine.

Jen Burton (2-4) allowed six hits and five runs (two earned) in the loss.

On **Friday**, Maine lost a nine-inning shoot-out to Cal State-Fullerton, 12-10, before being crushed by North Carolina, 10-0.

Maine appeared to have **game one** well under hand until CSF scored two in the top of the sixth to tie the game at 5-5 and

warrant extra frames.

The game then turned into a seesaw slugfest as CSF scored three in the top of the seventh, only for Maine to answer back with three runs of its own.

The two teams exchanged runs in the eighth before CSF scored three in the ninth to put the game out of reach.

Jewett was 3-for-5 with two home runs (her second and third dingers of the season), three runs scored and six RBI. Carrie Green was 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored.

Green (4-3) allowed 17 hits and eight runs (five earned) in taking the loss.

In **game two**, Maine could eke out just one hit in a 10-0, five-inning smoking by North Carolina.

Every batter but one in UNC's starting lineup had at least one hit. The Tar Heels scored in each of the first four innings.

Lodora McHugh struck out three and walked three in earning the shutout. Nicole Sawyer (1-4) took the loss for Maine.

Carrie Bates led UNC with three hits and three RBIs. Beth Olan was 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

Nicole Gamblin had Maine's lone hit.

• Basketball

Utah to play for NCAA title

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — No gimmicks this time for Utah, just another win over a No. 1 seed.

One week after the Utes shocked the defending national champions in a 25-point laughter, they held on for a 65-59 upset of top-ranked North Carolina on Saturday, advancing to the national championship game for the second time in school history. Utah won the title in 1944.

On Monday night, the Utes will face Kentucky, which beat Stanford 86-85 in overtime in the other semifinal. Kentucky knocked Utah out of the tournament the last two seasons and also in 1993.

Against Arizona last Saturday in the West Regional final, Utah coach Rick Majerus went with a triangle-and-2 defense and held the Wildcats to 28 percent shooting.

Against North Carolina, the nation's top shooting team at 52 percent, the Utes went straight man-to-man and lived up to their title as the No. 2 field goal defensive team in the country. The Tar Heels shot just 39 percent (27-for-69), including 3-for-23 from 3-point range.

"I'm so proud of our defensive effort," Majerus said. "We got the great start early and got confidence. Then they gave a great effort and we countered. It was really a wonderful game."

The Tar Heels lost for the second straight year in the semifinal; they were knocked out by Arizona in Indianapolis. And the loss ended the great rookie season of 60-year-old Bill Guthridge, who replaced Dean Smith after sitting beside him for 30 years.

Guthridge took the Tar Heels (34-4) back to the Final Four, just the seventh time a first-year coach got his team to the semifinals. He also set the record for victories by a first-year coach, but it wasn't enough to get the Tar Heels to their eighth national championship game.

"I thought we were ready to play. Maybe we were too tight. We wanted it too much," Guthridge said.

Michael Doleac had 16 points for Utah, while Andre Miller, who had the first triple-double in school history against Arizona, had 16 points, 14 rebounds and six assists.

Vince Carter had 21 points for the Tar Heels on 10-for-16 shooting, the only Carolina player to shoot better than 50 percent, while Associated Press player of the year Antawn Jamison had 14 points on 7-for-19 shooting.

Shammond Williams, who was 1-for-13 in last season's 66-58 Final Four loss, went 2-for-12 this year, finishing with seven points.

It seemed like North Carolina was going to end its season as Arizona had — at the wrong end of a big score against Utah. The Tar Heels, however, had a different ending planned and almost got it.

Trailing by 15 points six times in the second half, North Carolina used an 8-2 run to get within 50-41 with 11:15 to play, the first time it was within single digits since the 11:35 mark of the first half.

Utah (30-3) starting coming up empty on possession after possession and the Tar Heels, though still struggling with their shooting, chipped away.

A 3-pointer by Carter made it 56-50 with 4:25 left; a 3 by Ademola Okulaja made it 57-53 with 34 to play; and a driving basket by Ed Cota had the Tar Heels within 57-55 with 2:02 left.

A layup by Miller gave Utah back a four-point lead with 1:51 left and the Utes made six of 10 free throws over the final 49 seconds to seal the victory.

Utah has won 10 of 11 games and the latest win was more like its first three in the NCAA tournament — close. The Utes won the first three games by an average of 8.6 points before blowing out Arizona.

North Carolina, on the other hand, had won its four tournament games by an average of 18 points in advancing to its fifth Final Four of the '90s.

The 13-point halftime deficit was North Carolina's biggest of the season. The Tar Heels trailed Wake Forest 48-36 after 20 minutes and rallied for a 79-73 victory.

The Tar Heels' shooting woes started right away and didn't disappear.

They missed eight of their first nine shots and 15 of their first 21, finishing the first half at 11-for-36 (31 percent), a very un-Carolina effort, especially as they missed all eight of their 3-point attempts.



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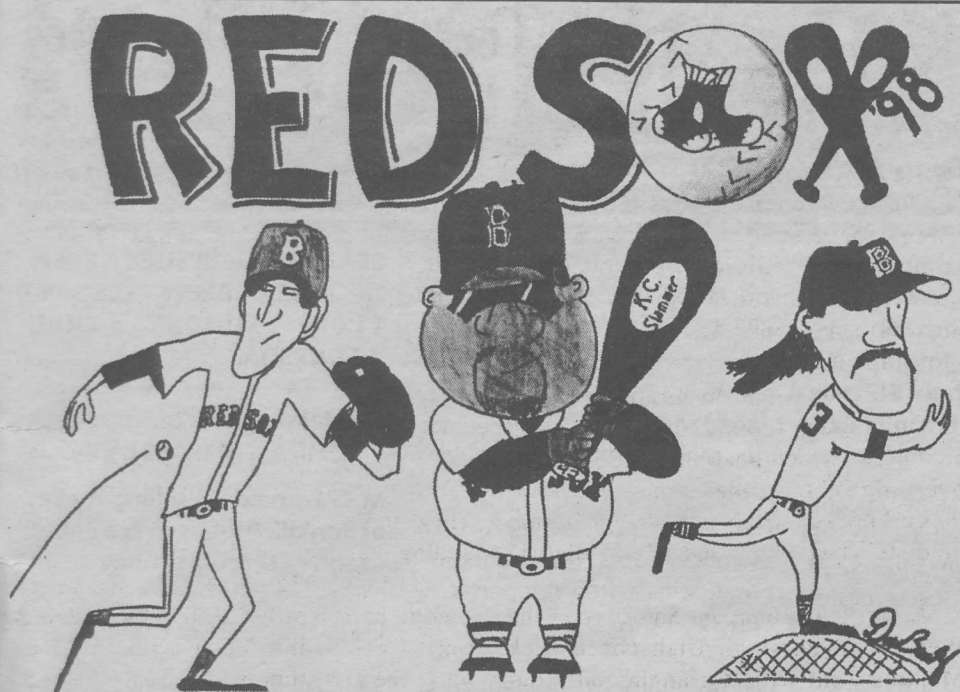


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Red Sox

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Orioles, with a win, could move into a three-way tie for first place.

May 2 — Rangers 5, Red Sox 0

Former Boston pitcher Aaron Sele pitches eight shutout innings while striking out 16 in by far his best performance in the big leagues. Mark Brandenburg throws a scoreless ninth to add further insult, which reached its pinnacle when Bill Haselman hit his second homer of the game in the seventh.

Prior to the contest, the Red Sox announced that Jim Leyritz would be sidelined for the rest of the year with an undisclosed injury, believed to be torn ligaments somewhere on his body.

May 22 — Red Sox 7, Yankees 3

With sole possession of first place on the line, the Red Sox, behind Brian Rose, take the first of a three-game set with the Yanks. The game is marred by countless Fenway fans who were ejected after charging Paul O'Neill from the right foul pole area. John Valentin ends a six-game error streak and Reggie Jefferson hits his first home run of the year.

May 25 — Red Sox 7, Blue Jays 5

Roger Clemens makes his 1998 Fenway debut and surrenders seven runs on seven hits while striking out seven with seven walks. When the Rocket is yanked in the seventh, an unidentified piece of fruit (later it is reported to be a piece of honeydew melon) is hurled onto the field, allegedly coming from Boston's administrative suites.

May 28 — Yankees 4, Red Sox 3

The series shifts to the Big Apple, and the rivalry reaches unbelievable proportions when, in the top of the eighth, Mariano Rivera plunks Scott Hatteberg in the chin with the high, inside heat. Hatteberg is the fourth hitter nailed in the last three innings. Two brawls ensue, six players get ejected, two face further disciplinary action by the league and the Yanks hold on for the win.

Following the game, Mo makes some

controversial statements to a New York tabloid, where he infers that Rivera better not pitch again in the series. Well he does, two more times, and the Yanks take three of four to push their lead in the American League East to three games.

June 7 — Red Sox 18, Mets 4

Everyone in the starting nine for the Sox gets at least two hits, and Bret Saberhagen earns his first win in six starts thus far. On a bad note, Garciaparra is removed from the game in the seventh inning with a pulled hamstring. The injury is listed as day-to-day, but the following day the Sox announce that Nomar is going on the 15-day disabled list. Williams shuffles his infield and moves Donnie Sadler to third and Valentin back to shortstop. Sadler becomes an instant hit with the Boston youth. Lemke's hitting streak reaches 10 games — the longest current streak in the majors.

The Sox, Orioles and Yankees are separated by mere percentage points, with the Sox holding an edge in the loss column.

June 30 — Expos 2, Red Sox 1

Carl Pavano outduels Martinez in a game that needed 12 innings to determine a winner. Pavano and Martinez both go the distance, and every Expo with a last name that needs four or more syllables to pronounce records a hit—including the game-winning homer by Mark Grudzielanek. However, more impressively, Lemke has now hit in 31 consecutive games after he doubles in the 11th inning.

July 5 — Red Sox 4, White Sox 1

In the last game before the All-Star break, the Red Sox finish off the first half of their season with an eye-turning 49-37 record and trail the Yankees and Orioles by one and two games, respectively. Martinez is 12-5 and is named to the All-Star squad. Garciaparra joins Martinez for the All-Star festivities. When he learned he wasn't chosen, Mo lashes out at the media, the players union, the owners, Dan Duquette, and even takes a shot at Alcoholics Anonymous.

• Column

Boston by the numbers

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

Is a uniform number just a piece of cloth or something to be treasured?

According to a list recently unearthed from the Internet (Now who says the Internet is useless?), there have been nearly 1,300 name-number combinations for the Boston Red Sox since 1931.

Here is one writer's opinion of the greatest players to wear every number ever issued by the Sox. For the full master list, check out this site: www.best.com/~kwoolner/redsox/unifnum.txt

1 - Bobby Doerr. Hall of Fame. Number retired 1988.

2 - Jerry Remy. We'll settle for the most visible one of the bunch.

3 - Jimmie Foxx. Hall of Fame slugger of the '30s.

4 - Joe Cronin. Sox manager and shortstop of the '30s and '40s. Also a Hall of Famer, Cronin's number was retired in 1984.

5 - Nomar Garciaparra. Though George Scott was also given serious consideration. After all, has Nomar ever strode the sod at Mahaney Diamond?

6 - Johnny Pesky. Has been associated with the Sox for over 50 years.

7 - Reggie Smith. Rick Burleson was also considered.

8 - Yaz. Ed Sadowski (1960) was the last player to wear 8 before Captain Carl took it. Retired 1989.

9 - Ted Williams. Ben Chapman (1938) was the previous caretaker of 9. Retired 1984.

10 - Lefty Grove. Some feel this 1930s hurler was the greatest pitcher ever.

11 - Luis Aparicio. All apologies to Tim Lincecum.

12 - Wes Ferrell. Played in the 1930s. Was probably the best-hitting pitcher of all-time.

13 - John Valentin. Only the fourth player to wear 13 for the Sox.

14 - Jim Rice.

15 - Earl Webb. Set single-season doubles record in 1931.

16 - Jim Lonborg. The Impossible Dream lives on 31 years later.

17 - Dick Radatz. The Monster.

18 - Reggie Jefferson..

19 - Fred Lynn.

20 - Tony Armas. HR champ.

21 - Roger Clemens.

22 - Moe Berg. Was a spy for the Allies in World War II.

23 - Luis Tiant. LOO-EE! LOO-EE!

24 - Dwight Evans. Eight Gold Gloves.

25 - Tony Conigliaro. Many feel this tragic hero's number should be retired.

26 - Wade Boggs.

27 - Carlton Fisk. When you're elected to the Hall next year, Carlton, please, please have a Red Sox logo on your plaque.

28 - Sparky Lyle. Damn Yankees.

29 - Oscar Judd. Don't know who Oscar Judd was? I don't have a clue myself. Had to have been better than Plantier, though.

30 - John Tudor.

31 - Ferguson Jenkins. Hall of Fame.

32 - Ed Popowski. Popular third base coach in 1960s and '70s.

33 - Jose Canseco.

34 - Scott Cooper. Has there ever been a worse two-time all-star?

35 - Joe Morgan. Morgan Magic, anybody?

36 - Aaron Sele. Slim pickin' here.

37 - Bill Lee, Jimmy Piersall. The two flakiest guys ever to wear a Sox uniform.

38 - Jeff Gray. Almost a modern-day Tony C.

39 - Mike Greenwell. Oh well.

40 - Hawk Harrelson.

41 - Mike Smithson. Jeff Reardon could never impersonate the Three Stooges.

42 - Mo Vaughn. Enjoy him while you can.

43 - Dennis Eckersley. Many happy returns.

44 - Danny Darwin. Dr. Death.

45 - Mike Easler. As a coach.

46 - Bob Stanley. Ick.

47 - Bruce Hurst.

48 - Lee Smith.

49 - Tim Wakefield.

50 - Jamie Moyer. He had a good half-season with the Sox.

51 - Willie McGee. Anyone's better than Slocumb.

52 - Mike Boddicker.

53 - Tim Lincecum. Hey, the other two candidates are even worse.

54 - Jeff Plympton. Played at the University of Maine.

55 - Joe Hesketh. Had a couple of decent years.

56 - Darren Bragg.

57 - Nate Minchey. We're getting desperate now.

58 - Jeff McNeely. Bust.

59 - Daryl Irvine.

81 - Lou Lucier. Played during the war.

82 - Johnny Lazor. See Lucier.

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