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• Election

Morelli to challenge Stevens for legislative seat

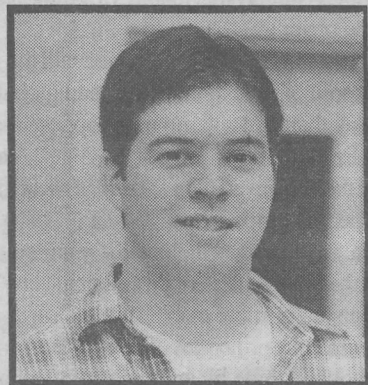
By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

Several individuals with University of Maine ties are vying for seats in Maine's legislature this November, which could bode well for the university's future.

Just last month, the legislature pared down a \$10 million University of Maine System appropriation for research and development to a minimum of \$500,000 and a maximum of \$4 million.

"If you get people with university interest in there, the university will be more properly funded," said Scott Morelli, student government vice president.

He plans to officially announce



Scott Morelli. (File photo.)

his candidacy on April 15, tax day, as a show that more tax dollars should go toward education. He said funding for education will be the capstone of his campaign.

Though he may have to take



Marie Grady. (J. Kirk photo.)

fewer classes in the winter if he wins the election, Morelli will continue to be active in student government.

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Danny Williams. (J. Kirk photo.)



Anne Pooler. (J. Kirk photo.)

• Environment

Maine students attend Bates hemp conference

By Rebecca Zaner
Special to the Campus

LEWISTON — College students from Colby, Bowdoin and the University of Maine learned about industrial hemp as a paper fiber while attending the first Annual Alternative Paper Conference hosted by Bates College this weekend.

"It is a great economic resource," said Meghan Clancy-Hepburn, the campaign director for the Resource Conservation Alliance.

Industrial hemp has been found to be better in terms of productivity, versatility and quality than other fibers such as kenaf and cotton, said Andy Kerr, a board member on the North American Industrial Hemp Council. When used in conjunction with crop rotation it can bring in more money per acre than other crops, with the exception of tobacco. Hemp is safer for the environment, Kerr said, because it does not require herbicide spraying after its rotation.

As an annual crop cultivated by farmers, it is an economic resource as well as an alternative to using trees to make paper. However, the United States' alternative paper industry currently imports industrial hemp fibers from Europe because of United States laws that make it illegal to grow hemp in this country, said Will Sugg, of the Forest Ecology Network.

"We really do put ourselves at an economic disadvantage versus other countries which can grow this crop," Hepburn said. "At this point it's a real political game. The Food and Drug Administration thinks it's an effort to get pot legalized through the back door."

However, Kerr said, industrial hemp cannot be used as a drug because it does not contain a high

enough level of THC (the active ingredient in marijuana).

This year approximately 10,000 acres of industrial hemp will be planted in Ontario, Canada, to be harvested to make paper, Kerr said. Hemp fibers are very conducive to bleaching with hydrogen peroxide so that the only residuals are water and oxygen. Much of the paper produced in the United States, however, is bleached with the use of chlorine that produces the toxic substance dioxin.

"In Europe consumers know about dioxin and chlorine and they demand something else," Kerr said. "Consumer demand is going to be what drives it."

Making paper out of tree fibers is a relatively new practice in the paper industry, Kerr said. Use of

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• Beautiful Project

College women absent from festivities

By T.L. Church
Maine Campus staff

Women ranging from teenagers to mature adults sat together in a tight-knit group with the common goal of learning how to redefine themselves and their environment.

In one of the many workshops that made up last weekend's Beautiful Project, Libby Roderick addressed aspects ranging from weight issues to the power struggles of today's women.

"We all know what we are up against. We can all name everything that is 'wrong' with us. Advertising, media and other people remind us of that all day, every day," Roderick said.

One of the strongest points

of the workshop was Roderick's belief that media, specifically advertising, are making today's women feel that what they are is never enough.

"If it would serve advertisers to market people weighing 500 pounds as beautiful they would. They want to make us feel badly so we will buy products we do not need," Roderick said.

Another one of Roderick's concerns is that feminists are becoming almost obsolete. She fears women may have bought into the theory that this chapter is over, that all the necessary battles were fought and won in the seventies. Also, there appears to be a social stigma for being involved in such a group.

"You don't want to be associated with feminists because it

socially isn't acceptable in the circles you would normally move. People think of this as the group of ugly, old dykes. People don't know what to expect, and because of this people are missing out," Roderick said.

Intermittently throughout the two-hour session, Roderick had the women break up into groups of two and discuss what they were feeling and what they wanted to bring to the group.

Many of those participating seemed to want to know how to teach their daughters and granddaughters how to see themselves in a more positive light. Others wanted to help themselves get over past and present insecurities, while others still wanted to

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Chris Corio, Bec Pruce and Steven Monks participate in Sunday's drum circle at the Damn Yankee, sponsored by the Beautiful Project. (Eric Weisz photo.)

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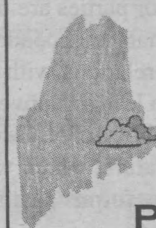
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WORLD BRIEFS

• Unrest

Army gains support in Kosovo province

1 IN THE DRENICA REGION, Yugoslavia (AP) — In this rugged heart of restive Kosovo province, Serbian police control the roads, while ethnic Albanian militants seem to hold the countryside.

Wary Serb officers with flak jackets and automatic rifles stop cars at frequent checkpoints, scouring identity papers and searching trunks. Police peer out from sand-bagged positions or speed along in hulking armored vehicles around villagers in horse-drawn carts.

Up in the hills, young men wearing camouflage with Albanian insignia and carrying AK-47s watch the scene below and wait. They say they are the Kosovo Liberation Army and that they intend to force Serb oppressors out of Albanian land.

"We are ready to fight to the last drop of blood," vows a bearded young man introduced as a KLA commander. "The war has begun and will not end until Kosovo is free."

The KLA's "war" has been limited to claimed attacks that have killed 50 people in the past 20 months, mostly Serb police and alleged Albanian collaborators. The Serbs retaliated last month by attacking what they called KLA strongholds, killing a suspected KLA leader and about 80 villagers, including children.

• Religion

Prime minister inaugurates temple

2 NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India's prime minister inaugurated a \$6 million Hare Krishna complex Sunday that features a temple and life-size robots that act out scenes from ancient Hindu scripture.

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said the message of Bhagavad Gita, a Hindu text dealing with the purpose of life, should be spread globally.

"Some people say that my government is opposed to globalization. But let me say that I am all in favor of globalization of the message of Gita," Vajpayee said.

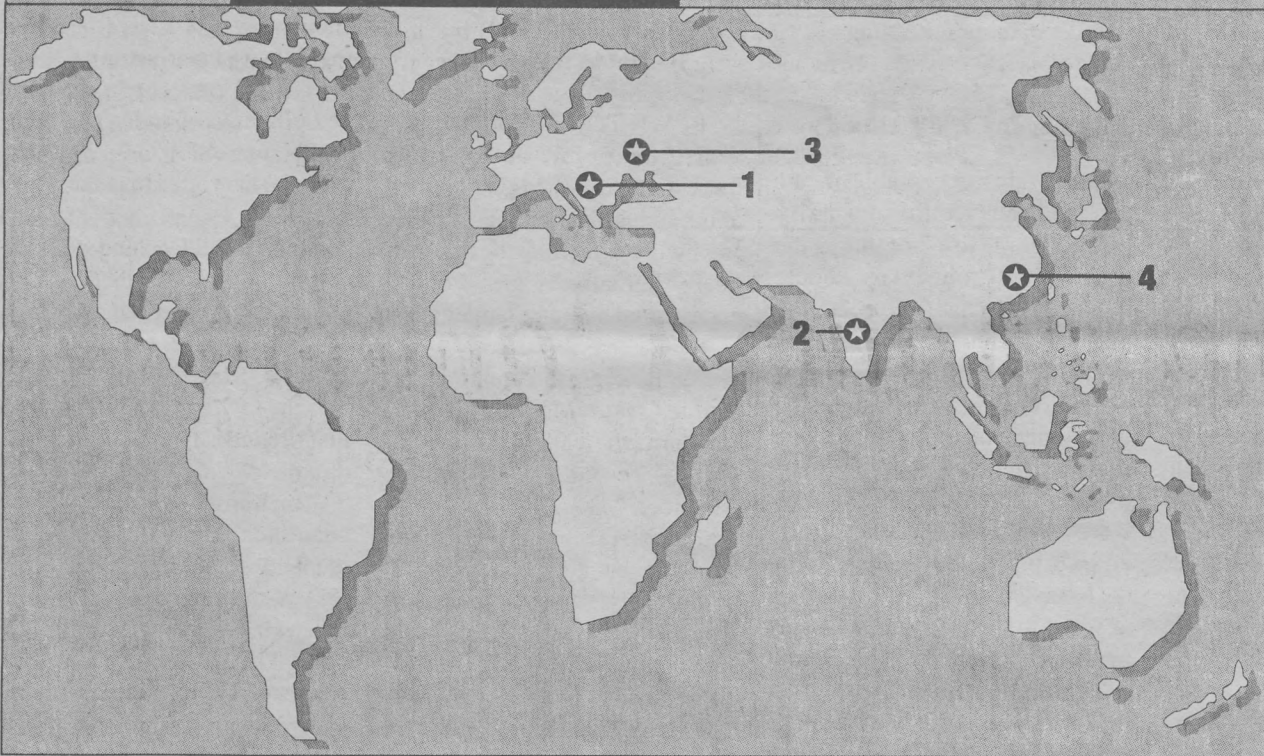
The teachings of the Bhagavad Gita are part of most Indians' spiritual upbringing, though Hare Krishnas follow a specific guru.

Srila Prabhupada, an Indian who believed it was his destiny to spread the teachings of the Hindu god Krishna, began the Hare Krishna movement in New York in the mid-1960s. Today, it claims a worldwide membership of more than 3 million.

Devotees incorporate the principles of compassion, truthfulness, cleanliness and austerity into their daily lives, upholding them by avoiding meat, tobacco, caffeine, illicit sex and gambling.

The new complex, paid for by Indian donors, was set up by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness and the London-based Hinduja Foundation. Robot makers from Disneyland and Hollywood worked on the likenesses of gods, scenes and special effects.

WORLD DIGEST



• Explosion

Last bodies recovered from Ukrainian mine blast

3 DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) — Crossing paths with rescuers retrieving bodies, investigators descended into a coal shaft Sunday to determine what caused an accident that killed 63 miners, Ukraine's worst mine disaster this decade.

Above ground, distraught families watched as crews carried the last of the victims out of the Skachinskoho mine in Donetsk, a city of 1.1 million about 390 miles southeast of Kiev.

Emergency workers in neon-orange suits rushed between the entrance to the shaft and waiting ambulances. Relatives leaned on one another for support, many weeping.

The two teams of investigators began looking into the causes of Saturday's methane gas explosion and fire.

Skachinskoho has developed a reputation for being one of the most dangerous of the country's deteriorating mines because of its tendency for methane buildups, Russia's NTV reported.

Methane, a naturally occurring colorless and odorless gas that seeps out of coal seams, can build up easily in poorly ventilated mine shafts, and a spark can ignite it.

Deputy Premier Mykola Biloblotskiy, who is heading the government investigation commission in Donetsk, told Ukrainian state television on Sunday the cause of the accident was "a violation of safety regulations during work."

• Election

Hong Kong's Democratic Party kicks off campaign

4 HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong's Democratic Party jubilantly kicked off a campaign Saturday to return to Hong Kong's legislature next month when the territory elects its first assembly under Chinese rule.

"This is the first time there are to be democratic elections on Chinese soil. This promises to be the beginning of democracy for the People's Republic of China," party chairman Martin Lee told about 150 members at a downtown park.

"We are going to ignite the flame of democracy and we wish it will spread throughout the country. Long live democracy!"

The Democrats say new election rules were designed to reduce their presence in the future legislature, a claim the government denies.

Party members estimate they may get only 11 of 60 seats in the May 24 election. They are fielding 26 candidates.

Two other major parties are in the running, along with smaller ones and many independents. The Democrats have the most strained relations with China, which has called several of their top leaders subversives.

The new assembly will replace Hong Kong's unelected Provisional Legislature, which was installed July 1 when China took over the former British colony.

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather

Variable clouds and cold. Highs in the high 20s to low 40s.



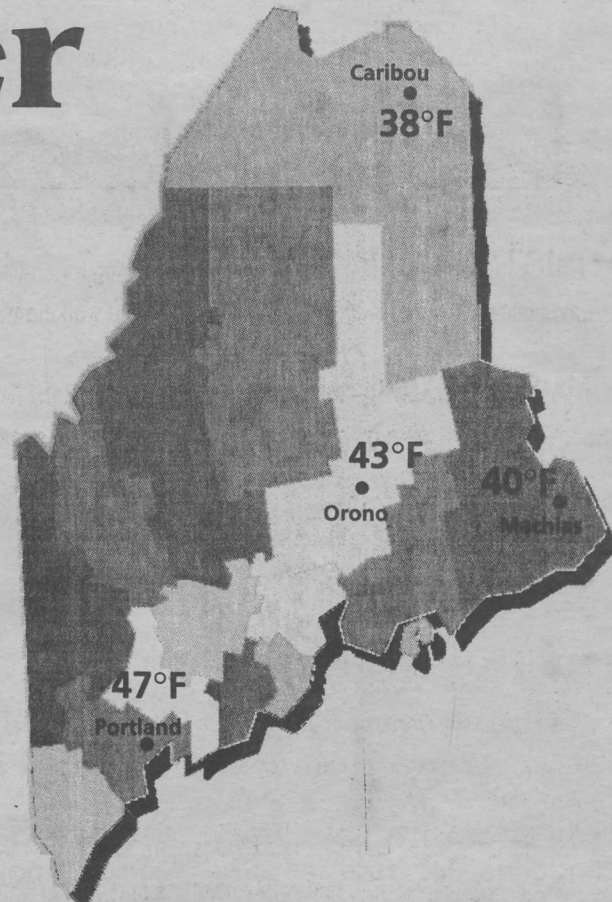
Tuesday's Outlook

Cool with more clouds than sun. Highs in the upper 30s to low 50s.



Extended Forecast

Wednesday...Cool and overcast. Thursday...Cool, mainly cloudy with light rain. Friday...Chilly, overcast with light rain.



• Justice

Abraham Rudman continues family legal heritage

By Brad Morin
Maine Campus staff

A framed black-and-white photograph hangs on the wall in Justice Paul Rudman's chambers above the Superior Court in Bangor.

"Here's my father's court," he says, pointing to the photograph.

Rudman's father, Abraham, served on the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in the sixties, just as his son does today. They are the only father and son to serve on the court.

The Bangor native has been a part of the process of defining Maine law since 1992, and is looking to be re-appointed next year when his term runs out.

"It's challenging work, interesting problems," Rudman said.

Though his court decides many cases each month, Justice Rudman feels that one of the best features about his job is the amount of time he can spend on each case.

"In the practice of law it was usually 'get it out and get it done,'" he said. "One of the fun things that I have enjoyed over the last six years is to take my time and say exactly what I wanted to say. In this job in particular, there are no deadlines except what we place on ourselves."

Rudman's story of how he got to where he is today began long ago. He has over three decades of experience in law and was literally born into a legal environment.

His family includes many lawyers and

judges, including two other state supreme court justices.

Abraham Rudman served on the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in 1965 and 1966. Rudman also has a cousin, Deborah Poritz, who currently serves on the New Jersey Supreme Court as a chief justice.

"She is the first woman chief justice on the New Jersey court," he said.

Rudman's brother, Gerald, is a partner at Rudman and Winchell, a law firm in Bangor founded by Rudman's father. Rudman's nephew practices law in Portland, along with his cousins who practice law in Massachusetts and Washington, D.C.

A graduate of Yale, Rudman practiced law at Rudman and Winchell from 1960 until 1992, when he was appointed to the court.

One of Rudman's colleagues, Robert Clifford, said Rudman brings extensive knowledge and experience in the area of business law to the court.

"He's got a lot of experience in business and an understanding of business disputes and banking," he said.

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court handles appeals on questions of law from all other Maine courts. It has seven members and is presided over by Chief Justice Daniel Wathen. The court also issues advisory opinions to the governor or legislature on legal issues of importance, oversees the conduct of judges and lawyers, and sets procedure for the rest of Maine's court system.

The work schedule of a Supreme Court

justice is a rigorous one. The court handles a large number of cases each month. Rudman said each day at his job might entail hearing arguments, conferring with other justices, reading briefs, or drafting opinions.

"The theoretic monthly intake is 20 cases we will hear with oral arguments and another 24 without," Rudman said. "But the number of cases we process a month can be closer to 60."

"The volume of this court is pretty heavy," said Clifford.

Rudman said supreme courts in other states have had problems between their justices. He cited Pennsylvania as an example of a court that became completely dysfunctional. He said that is not the case in Maine.

"I think we can all say we disagree, but we're never disagreeable," he said.

Clifford said Rudman's personality helps the other justices on the court to reach decisions.

"He's very easy to get along with and to be with. He helps the court come to consensus on cases that we're sometimes divided with," he said.

Rudman said it is comforting to have the other judges helping to make each decision.

"The nice thing about it is when I draft something and send it out to my colleagues, six sets of eyes look over my opinion, and six sets of hands help me to work on it," he said. "It's a great process."

Cases dealt with by the court vary in their impact on people in Maine, said Rudman. He

gave the example of *Curtis v. South Thomaston* as a case that effects many people since it deals with land use issues.

Ervin and Christine Curtis wanted approval to build a subdivision in the town of South Thomaston, Maine. But the couple did not want to construct a fire pond and give an easement to the town to maintain it as required by a town ordinance. The Knox County Superior Court sided with the town, and the couple appealed to Maine's court of last resort — the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

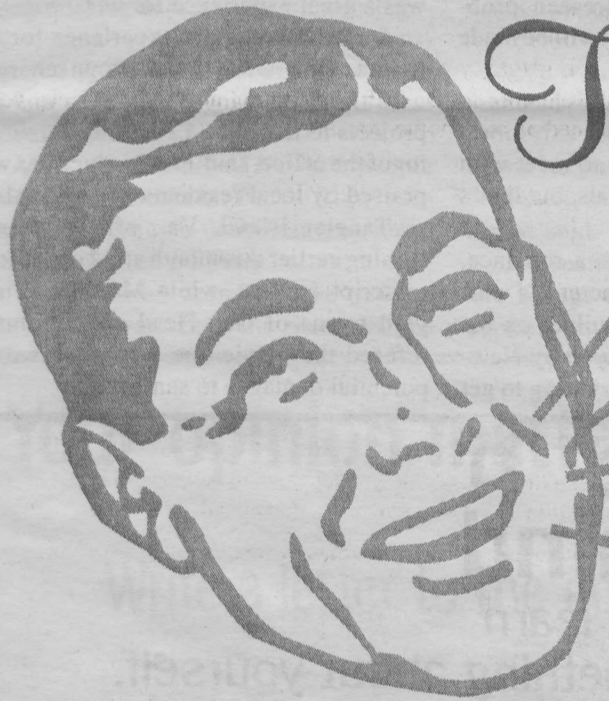
"When can a government take property?" asks Rudman. "The question is 'Is this a taking that can only be done with compensation?' The United States Supreme Court developed the procedure, and here we had a chance to apply it in Maine."

The other justices of the court agreed with Rudman that the town's ordinance was constitutional and decided the case in favor of the town on March 25.

"A community has an obligation to provide fire protection. It should give some direction in future cases," Rudman said.

Rudman said he misses all of the people with which he used to work while he was a lawyer. He believes that the isolation of working in the Supreme Court is probably the biggest hardship for the judges because he does not have as much contact with people.

"In the 32 years I've worked in law, I've worked for some pretty nice people, and I miss them," he said.



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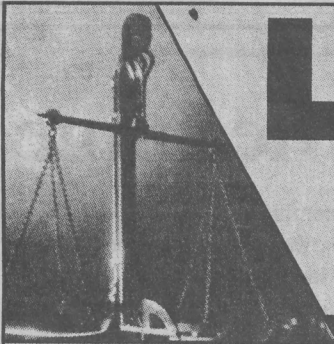
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SPORTS EDITOR — The Blodgett era at UMaine may be over, but there are plenty of other athletes at UMaine looking to make their name. The sports editor keeps track of the latest scores and events in sports, and writes columns and stories with a staff of writers. Other responsibilities include working with the photo editor and designing page layout for the sports section.



LEGAL affairs

BY TED CURTIS

Q. I do not drink, but my roommate does. Last Saturday night he had been drinking and said he was going to drive to downtown Orono to buy some more beer.

I thought he should not drive because he could be a danger on the road, so I volunteered to drive him. He is over 21, but I'm not. He bought a six pack at a local store. Then, on the way back to our room, we were pulled over by the Orono police. My roommate was not drinking in the car, but I have been charged with illegal transportation of alcohol. Am I guilty?

A. The charge against you is not a crime, but is a civil infraction. Yes, unless the liquor was in the vehicle's trunk or locked glove compartment, or "otherwise outside the passenger's or driver's section" of the vehicle and the driver had no "actual knowledge" of the presence of the liquor, a civil violation has been committed for which a forfeiture may be adjudged of \$200 to \$500.

A minor is defined as anyone under the age of 21 for purposes of the liquor laws. Anyone who is found by a court to be in violation of Title 28-A, Section 2052, illegal transportation by minors, shall lose the right to operate a motor vehicle for 30 days for the first offense, 90 days for the second offense and one year for any subsequent offense.

Yours is a situation in which a request on bended knee to the District Attorney might

result in a plea bargain, in which you are permitted to plead to the charge of possession of liquor, which would have the same financial penalty, but would not be accompanied by a mandatory loss of license. You do, of course, always have a right to contest the charge and have a trial. The circumstances of the step would be significant and, as always, the District Attorney has the burden of proof. Because a crime is not being charged, it would be likely that the state would have a good chance of meeting its lesser civil burden.

As I have written so often, alcoholic beverages are dangerous, and even for the best-intentioned Good Samaritan can lead to significant unhappiness. Next time, suggest to your roommate some other form of recreation, such as a game of ping pong or an hour at the gym. That would cost you much less money and distress.

I would also like to mention again the VITA program on campus if you need assistance with your income tax. For information, call 581-1982.

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.

Hemp

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tree fiber began in the 1800s and has become the main source of paper production due to new technologies such as chemical pulping and the chain saw.

Kerr compared the paper industry to mining, saying that once we discover a resource we exploit it.

"The industry will look at trees very differently when they are through mining them," he said. "Trees grow slower than money."

Four billion trees per year are used to make paper. The United States consumes 30 percent of the world's paper and makes up six percent of the world's population.

Alternatives to tree fiber paper include old money paper, denim blues which is paper made from scraps of clothing, hemp paper, and paper made of several kinds of

agricultural residues such as sugar cane and banana stalks, Sugg said.

"Quality is not an excuse for not using tree-free paper," he said.

Currently the alternatives are more expensive than most tree fiber paper because of the cost of importing hemp fibers and the lack of demand from consumers, Sugg said. Hepburn showed a series of slides of clear cut regions, sawdust piles and forest scenes to emphasize the need for alternative paper fibers.

She then proposed a model for a reduction of the demand for paper, asking what we do with 10,000 tons of paper a day and how people can justify its use.

"The producer and consumer are trapped in a little dance that in the case of paper has spun startlingly out of control," she said.

• State news

Movie to be filmed in Maine

BRUNSWICK (AP) — Hollywood is coming to Maine.

Residents on Tangier Island, Va., and Martha's Vineyard, Mass., both rejected filming, so "Message in a Bottle," starring Paul Newman and Kevin Costner, will be filmed somewhere on the midcoast, said Tim Wilson, location director for the movie.

The exact location has not been determined, though film crews were checking out Popham Beach last week.

Filming will begin in Los Angeles in two weeks and probably will start in May in Maine, where it will last about six weeks. Barring some unforeseen problem, the "heart of the movie" will be made in Maine, Wilson said.

"Anything can happen in this business, but at this point we're coming to Maine," Wilson said. "We still have to meet with people and get some approvals, but that's coming together."

"Message in a Bottle" is a romance, Wilson said. Costner's character is a widower who works as a boatbuilder on the Maine coast. His father, played by Newman, does "a little bit of everything to get

by," Wilson said.

Robin Wright, best known for her role in "Forrest Gump," plays a woman from the big city who finds a message in a bottle. It leads her to Costner and to romance.

"It's about discovering love and life," Wilson said.

Influencing the decision to come to Maine was the fact that Wilson and Costner's TIG Productions had been here before. The company made the quirky black comedy "Head Above Water."

"We loved the community and everybody we worked with," Wilson said. "It was a great experience for us."

It also was a great experience for the Maine Film Office, the group charged with trying to bring major films and TV projects to the state. Lea Girardin, director of the office, said TIG Productions was praised by local residents and officials.

Tangier Island, Va., officials nixed filming earlier this month amid objections to script content, while Martha's Vineyard towns of Gay Head and Chilmark refused the movie due to concerns over potential damages to sand dunes.

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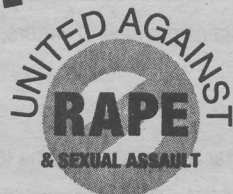


Katie Koestner, a college freshman, had been going out with a fellow student for several weeks. One night, after dinner at a restaurant, they went back to her dorm. The dispute over what happened next goes to the core of an emotional national debate.

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• Red Cross

Blood drive tradition continues Tuesday in gym

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

Students who donate blood at tomorrow's drive on campus can have a parking ticket canceled.

The drive, sponsored by the University of Maine's Greek system, is the longest running and largest blood drive in New England.

Angela Bilodeau, a recruiter from Red Cross blood services, said the drive has been going on for at least 20 years. The organization's record-keeping was changed and records going back any longer do not exist.

The goal for this year's Greek blood drive is to collect 300 units of blood, the amount of blood the Red Cross must collect every day to have enough for the New England region.

"That means we need to have around 325 people," Bilodeau said.

Interfraternity Council President Jerome Graffam said it is important for the entire university, including students, faculty and staff, to participate in the drive and not just Greeks.

"Even though it's sponsored by the Greeks, we need support from the whole campus," Graffam said.

In the past the blood drive was held

during Greek Week, but it won't be this year since Greek Week was changed to the fall, Graffam said.

For every person that gives blood in the name of a sorority or fraternity, the group will receive a percentage of points that will extend to Greek Week next fall, Graffam said. Points will also be given to Greeks who help out at the drive. The sorority or fraternity that gains the most points from Greek Week activities is acknowledged for their achievement.

"It's an incentive to get as many Greeks as possible to participate," Graffam said.

Giving blood doesn't take as much time as many people think, Bilodeau said. The

average amount of time is around one hour. "Sometimes it's difficult, but you're saving a life," she said.

A fear of needles shouldn't prohibit someone from giving blood, Bilodeau said.

"Nobody likes needles," she said. "They do it because they understand it's going to save someone's life. There's no substitute for blood - it all has to come from other people."

The legal age to give blood is 17 with parental permission and 18 without.

The blood drive will be held Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Memorial Gym and will be the last blood drive held on campus this semester, Bilodeau said.

Candidates

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"I'll probably have a lot more bags under my eyes, but I'm still going to do the job I was elected to do," said Morelli, who is running as a Republican for District 123, which represents part of Orono.

He's running against incumbent Kathleen Stevens, who attends UMaine.

"I don't foresee this as a mudslinging campaign at all," Morelli said.

Marie Grady, an instructor in public

administration, is running for District 121, which consists of Indian Island and part of Old Town.

"I think we understand the problems a large university faces in a small state," said the Republican, who has been at UMaine since 1980.

Anne Pooler, who describes herself as both a novice candidate and a moderate Republican, is a former government teach-

er. Running for Senate seat District 9, which contains Bangor and Veazie, she has been at UMaine for 22 years.

"Certainly I am an absolute advocate of the university," said Pooler, the associate dean for academic services. "I think the more information that anybody has about the university is always a positive. I see it as a major resource for the state."

Ken Hayes, who is currently in transitional retirement, is running for District 116, which contains Bradley, Holden, Ed-dington, Veazie and part of Brewer, as a Democrat. He completed his undergraduate degree at UMaine in 1960 and came back in 1967 to teach for 30 years.

Aside from funding, Hayes has other university issues he would like to see dealt with, such as diversity, gender equity and what he calls an over-emphasis of Division I athletics.

"I have every hope that the university is going to increase quality and deliver good services," he said.

Danny Williams has been at UMaine since 1986, first as an undergraduate student, then a graduate student and now as assistant director of admissions. Williams

is running as a Democrat for District 122, which covers Glenburn, Kenduskeag, part of Levant and part of Orono.

"It seemed like it was time to take a more active role in my community," he said.

Williams rebuffs suggestions that the University of Maine is trying to stack the deck in the legislature.

"That is not the motivation, but I do think education will benefit," he said.

President Peter Hoff echoed Williams' concerns about the Nov. 3 election. While he said it would be a plus to have elected officials who understand our university, he cautioned voters not to elect them purely based on their university ties.

"I do think it is laudable that our employees, former employees and students are showing their willingness to serve the public as elected officials," Hoff said. "Still, these persons are running for office as private individuals and should not be regarded as 'candidates representing the university.' Voters should consider their individual platforms and personal qualifications and vote for the best candidate in every race."

Beautiful

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know how to get college-age women involved.

"As I look around I notice that the group missing here is traditional college-age women. They are some of the most affected by these things but are the hardest to reach," said Beautiful Project head coordinator Jenny Lyons.

As the session moved forward, people continued to trickle in. The different subject matter brought understanding nods, groans and even laughter.

The common theme of the session was no different than the theme of the

entire Beautiful Project. It was a chance to celebrate women, to empower them and to help them create their own identities as opposed to having them created for them.

"We want a way to celebrate women that is culturally aware. We want the programs and workshops to address whatever people think is important. If it is important to them, we are all for it," Lyons said. "It is all about empowering - no restrictions, no discriminating. We accept any idea and then create a support network."

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STATE NEWS

• Crime

Two slain in separate incidents in Portland, Gorham

PORTLAND (AP) — Detectives on Sunday talked to several hundred motorists they stopped in a roadblock in front of a gas station in Gorham where an attendant was shot to death a day earlier.

Police believe robbery may have been the motive for the fatal shooting of Paul Batchelder, 38, of West Baldwin. The killing at Lampron's Gulf station was one of two homicides in Maine within four hours this weekend.

State police said the roadblock was set up Sunday along state Route 25 between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m., around the time of Batchelder's killing. Police asked motorists who had used the route Saturday morning if they saw anything unusual.

Spokesman Stephen McCausland of the state Public Safety Department said it was too early to tell whether any of the information volunteered by motorists would be useful in the investigation.

In a state that averages 25 homicides a year, investigators expressed amazement that two had occurred on the same day in communities so close to each other.

The fatal stabbing of Robert Joyal, 18, of Gorham, during a fracas early Saturday in the parking lot outside Denny's Restaurant on Congress Street apparently stemmed from an earlier altercation at a dance club, police said.

Joyal, a Gorham High School senior whose family had recently moved to Maine from Houston, died after being taken to Maine Medical Center with multiple stab wounds.

Joyal was stabbed during a 1 a.m. fight involving a number of youths, police said. A preliminary investigation linked the fight to the earlier incident at the Metropolis dance club.

"The emerging theme behind this incident appears to be a dispute over a young woman," Deputy Police Chief Mark Dion said.

Dion said police had ruled out gang involvement. He declined to say if drugs or alcohol had been involved. Two knives were confiscated by police as possible evidence.

Paul Batchelder was fatally shot at around 4:30 a.m., possibly during a robbery attempt at Lampron's Gulf station, police said. It was not immediately known whether any money was taken.

Owner Dana Lampron, who lives behind the station, heard the shots, went outside to investigate and called 911 after finding Batchelder lying on the pavement, police said.

Batchelder was described as a long-time employee who had a wife and two daughters.

Authorities appealed to the public Sun-

day for information, asking anyone who had been traveling in the area at the time of the shooting to contact state or Gorham police.

Gorham residents said the homicides were stark examples that quiet bedroom communities like their own are not im-

mune from violence usually associated with city life.

"This stuff going on (everywhere) so what are you going do?" said David Springer, who lives near the gas station. "We never had this sort of stuff in Maine before. Now we do."

• College

Bates student accused of rape

LEWISTON (AP) — A Bates College student accused of raping one female student and sexually assaulting three others has decided to withdraw from the college, according to a school official.

The student had been scheduled to graduate in May. He will not be allowed to re-enroll at the school unless he participates in a college hearing to determine the veracity of the charges, said Patricia A. Lawson, a Bates spokeswoman.

Lawson declined to identify the student, but most of the school's 1,600 students know who he is. The man left Lewiston on a bus last week after 300 students outraged over the allegations protested on the front lawn of college president Donald Harward.

Another male student accused of sexually assaulting two students had his case heard in a closed hearing by the college's conduct committee that began Friday and

ended early Saturday.

The conduct committee, a panel of students and faculty, investigates allegations of disciplinary violations and decides whether to mete out punishment. It could decide to expel the student, but Lawson said the committee's decision was not being made public.

A hearing for a third male student accused of raping a female student has been postponed for at least two weeks, Lawson said. That female student came forward last week during the turmoil on campus.

None of the female students who accused the three male students of rape and assault is pressing criminal charges. College officials have declined to release details of the alleged assaults and rapes, saying they do not want to identify the alleged victims and suspects.

After last week's protest, students suggested that some of the alleged assaults might have been prevented if college officials had notified students on campus.

As a result, Bates officials have decided to let students know about allegations of sexual assaults after alleged victims file charges with the dean's office.

That notification process also will be extended to Lewiston police, Lawson said, in a decision made this week after Dean Celeste Branham and other college officials met with local authorities.

However, few details about the circumstances of each alleged incident will be released to the campus and to police unless college officials believe there is a threat to other students. Bates officials believe doing so would make it too easy for alleged victims of sexual assaults or suspects to be identified.

Bates officials have agreed to provide more sensitivity training for members of the conduct committee. The school is also considering hiring a victims' advocate.

There were no protests last week on the campus, where students were preparing for their final examinations next week.

"Students are harried and spending a lot of time in the library studying," Lawson said.

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NATIONAL NEWS

• Civil rights

King followers march on death anniversary

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The 30th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s death brought back memories to those who fought for civil rights and gave a history lesson to those too young to remember.

Mary Mohrbacher, 16, said she and a group of other students from Champaign, Ill., got the chance to talk to people who took part in the movement, some of whom knew King personally.

"Books can give you the facts, but people can actually explain it, tell you how they felt," she said.

The weekend-long anniversary obser-

vance, called "Pilgrimage to Memphis," brought in people from all over the country, including Earl Winfrey III of St. Louis, who was born the year King died.

"You have to feel a personal commitment when you see everything they were going through then," he said.

Etta Johnson told young people about her experiences helping organize civil rights activities in Nashville in the early 1960s.

"We trained students in nonviolence," she said at a prayer vigil at The Lorraine Motel where King was murdered on April 4, 1968. "We taught them how to be spit

on, how to be burned with cigarettes or stuck with pins and not react."

In the courtyard of The Lorraine, now the National Civil Rights Museum, vigil participants held small flashlights shaped like candles and read a pledge to remember King's message of justice and nonviolence: "This is my judgment, my purpose and my will. I will hold up my light."

King was killed while in Memphis to help organize a sanitation workers strike.

He was planning to lead a strikers' march on April 8 when an assassin shot him on The Lorraine's second floor balco-

ny. James Earl Ray, a prison escapee from Missouri, pleaded guilty to the murder and is serving a 99-year prison sentence.

A march Saturday tracing the route that demonstrators would have taken through downtown Memphis drew more than 4,000 participants singing "We Shall Overcome" and other standards of the civil rights movement.

"It's a good thing to finish this march," said George Dowdy, who marched with King in the 1960s. "But we've got to follow through (on King's mission). It's just like faith. Faith is good, but you have to have action, too."

• WW II

Report suggests Swiss bank knew it served Nazis

NEW YORK (AP) — A forthcoming report concludes that Switzerland's central bank knew it was supporting the Nazi regime through gold and trade dealings, Newsweek said in its editions on newsstands Monday.

A source close to a Swiss-appointed historical commission told the magazine the report found that commercial banks also were aware they were financing the war, but less so.

But Jean-Francois Bergier, the head of the commission that wrote the report, was quoted Sunday as saying the study would not be much help to Holocaust victims and heirs trying to include the

central bank in their lawsuit against three commercial banks.

"They will, however, be a little disappointed," he told the Zurich-based weekly SonntagsZeitung. "It might not be so bad (for Switzerland) if they file their complaint now, because our report will then pull the rug from under them all the more."

The plaintiffs have filed a multibillion dollar suit against Credit Suisse, Union Bank of Switzerland and the Swiss Bank Corp., and are in talks to negotiate a global settlement.

Swiss officials have made clear, however, that any agreement would involve

only the three commercial banks, not the government or its central bank, the Swiss National Bank, which was the main recipient of Nazi gold.

Bergier said he thinks the new threats for a lawsuit against the central bank were based on statistics in the preliminary report his commission issued just before the London gold conference last December.

The commission had planned to re-

lease the report Monday. But it was delayed several weeks after the Swiss Cabinet asked that it be published simultaneously in German, French, Italian and English.

Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat, the top American official involved in questions of Swiss wrongdoing during the war, said the report "is a very significant element" in "establishing ... a global resolution."



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• Union

Teamsters candidate pledges to run grass roots campaign

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A one-time oil field roustabout who has risen to prominence in the Teamsters declared himself a candidate Sunday for general president of the scandal-plagued union.

Ken Hall, 41, who led the union's negotiations with United Parcel Service last year, said he will use the same tactics to campaign against James P. Hoffa for the top job at the 1.4 million member union.

"The Teamsters Union is at a crossroads," Hall said Sunday in a speech at his local union hall before 350 cheering union members.

"Our win at UPS didn't just happen," Hall said. "We won because we ... built support from the community. We had strong leaders at the bargaining table who came up through the

ranks. And we united our union."

Incumbent President Ron Carey's 1996 election was set aside and he was barred from taking part in the rerun over an illegal fund-raising scheme that used union money for his campaign. He is on leave from the union and facing expulsion.

Consultants who worked on Carey's 1996 campaign have pleaded guilty to federal charges in the scheme, and Hall pledged Sunday that his campaign would be run by his rank-and-file supporters.

"This is going to be a grass-roots campaign, run at the plant gates and in the barn," Hall said. "This is not going to be a campaign run by outside consultants. It's going to be run by Teamsters."

Hall took on his opponent directly, criticizing Hoffa's lack of experience in the everyday business of running a union.

"This is a race ... about who's most qualified," Hall said.

"My opponent has a familiar name... (but) if he were named Smith or Jones and said 'I want to be president of the Teamsters and I've never negotiated a contract' ... he would be laughed out of the hall," Hall said.

Hall's success may hinge upon whether he wins the endorsement of Teamsters for a Democratic Union, a reform group that represents an estimated 8,000 activists well-versed in grass-roots campaigns.

A longtime union member who started out doing various jobs at oil fields, Hall is in charge

of the Teamsters' small parcel unit, which handles employers that deliver small freight.

The faction backed Carey in the union's 1991 election, and received much of the credit for Carey's victory.

An election schedule has not yet been established by the federal review board.

• Riot

Time change sparks brawl

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — For the second year in a row, a rowdy crowd confronted police in this college town Sunday as bars closed early for the switch to daylight savings time.

An estimated 2,000 people gathered outside downtown bars that cater to Ohio University students before the bars started closing at 2 a.m., half an hour earlier than usual because of the time change, authorities said.

Police dressed in riot gear fired rubber and wooden projectiles into the crowd when people started throwing bottles, chunks of pavement and coins.

"The rubber didn't work and the kids were actually enticing us to fire at them," Athens County Sheriff Dave Redecker said. "We then moved on to the wooden ones. I'm sure those knee knockers took some toll." No civilians reported injuries, he said.

Police eventually dispersed the crowd with batons.

Five officers suffered minor injuries and at least 30 people were arrested, authorities said. More arrests were possible as police check photographs and videotapes, Redecker said.

One year earlier, the same time change sent about 1,000 people into the streets. Forty-seven people were arrested, 34 of them students.

"I think the students are trying to start a new tradition," Redecker said. "This incident was much more violent than last year, which doesn't give us much hope for next year."

Ohio University President Robert Glidden said the disturbance embarrassed the university.

"The students were really trying to challenge authority, and it's behavior that's really unwarranted," he said.

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• Recreation

Climbers hope to clean Mount Everest of debris

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Since the first hikers reached the world's highest peak in 1953, hundreds have followed in their footsteps, littering their paths with emptied oxygen bottles.

Now a team of American hikers wants to make the arduous trek up 29,000-foot Mount Everest just to pick up the trash. The 15-member Everest Environmental Expedition, led by Oakland physician Mark Cole, left for Nepal on Saturday.

"We're going to try to clean up the whole mountain," said Cole, who is making his second trek to Everest.

The Nepalese government has threatened to fine climbers who fail to take their garbage. That's helped reduce refuse at the Everest base camp, at an elevation of 17,600 feet.

But the highest camp, just 3,000 feet below the summit, is littered with about 750 oxygen bottles, 18-inch-long canisters weighing about 10 pounds each, Cole said.

In the reduced oxygen at that height, climbers don't want the burden of carrying anything they no longer need. A single footstep can take eight breaths and hypoxia or oxygen shortage can kill brain cells, sometimes leading climbers into making fatal mistakes.

"It's really difficult to bring that stuff down," said commercial mountaineering guide Keith Boskoff of Seattle. "It's hard to breathe and it's hard to move."

"You're better leaving an oxygen bottle than dying bringing it out," he said. Cole, 45, who trains by walking the east

San Francisco Bay area hills while carrying a backpack loaded with weights, made it as far as the high camp in 1995.

On this trip, he and 11 other members of the group hope to reach the summit on May 10 while the rest remain at base camp. They'll be accompanied by as many as eight local guides.

The bottles eventually will be brought back to the San Francisco Bay area, where the group hopes to sell them as Everest mementos for \$156 each.

That will do little to offset the \$25,000-per-person cost of the trip.

• Riverboat

Accident sends casino adrift

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A towboat hauling barges on the Mississippi River crashed into a bridge near the St. Louis Arch Saturday night. Three of the barges ran into a docked riverboat casino with about 2,500 people on board, sending it adrift.

No one was reported seriously injured, although five or six people required medical treatment for chest pains, authorities said.

The President on the Admiral riverboat floated downstream for about 500 feet before the towboat caught up with it and held it in place against the river bank. Other towboats were able to secure four barges that broke loose, as well as the eight barges that the towboat had to release to assist the casino. One of the barges sank.

The towboat caught up with the casino, which does not have a motor, when it

was about a half mile from another bridge, Deputy Fire Chief George Horne said.

"I was playing the machines, and the next thing I knew, there was a big boom, like a big jerk," said Paul Hudson, who was on the casino. "Everyone got scared. The first time it hit, I got so scared and I fell on the floor."

"We're just glad to be off. When it hit, we thought it was going (down)."

People on the casino were transferred 200 at a time to two excursion boats to be taken to shore. The last of the passengers were taken to shore at about 10:30 p.m. — about 2 1/2 hours after the crash.

"We were freaking out, looking for anything that would float in the water in case we had to jump off," said Terry Oehler of Des Moines, Iowa. "I thought the chandelier would fall down on us. It doesn't look bad from the shore, but when we were on the boat, we were scared."

• Rube Goldberg

Creativity reigns at contest

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — If all went according to plan, the toaster designed by students from the University of Wisconsin-Madison would heave two pieces of bread hard enough to trigger a contraction made of pots, pans and pulleys. The purpose? To hit the snooze button on an alarm clock. If that sounds absurd, then it's just what judges at Saturday's 10th annual National Rube Goldberg Machine Contest wanted. The event gets its name from the famous cartoonist known for drawing vast-

ly complicated machines that performed simple tasks. Every year, students from schools across the country pool their talents and imaginations to keep Goldberg's spirit alive by designing well-oiled models of immense inefficiency. Six schools were represented on Saturday at Purdue University, the school that began hosting the event in 1988. This year's task was to create something to shut off a snooze button. About 500 people, mainly wide-eyed kids, came to see science at its silliest.



Jesus riding a borrowed colt, en route from Bethany to Jerusalem. Crowd waves palm branches as sign of His expected victory. (Photo of scene from JESUS video. Free copy of hour-long video available. Send requests to palmeto@maine.maine.edu)

JESUS ENTERS CITY

<CP> JERUSALEM - Ending months of speculation, and amidst a huge crowd that lined His route, Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem. His timing could not have been better. With just five days before the Feast of the Passover, there were thousands of pilgrims in the city, who, in addition to His own close followers, poured out to greet Him.

Apparently, many of the pilgrims had heard of His miracles and teaching. They all greeted Him with shouts of Hosanna [Savior] and King! Some were waving palm branches as a sign of victory. Others lined the road with their cloaks. Most expect that He will liberate them from the tyranny and taxes of Rome.

The Sandhedrin, the Jewish governing body, and the Temple High Priests, are extremely concerned that a Jewish lead revolt will meet with disastrous consequences. They have been monitoring Jesus' movements and meetings for quite some time. Now, they are fearful, because of what they have heard Him say and do, that they will be ousted, as well. Their suspicions may be well-founded. When Jesus arrived in the city, the first thing He did was cause a disturbance at the Temple. Jesus was visibly annoyed with the practice of selling sacrifices at the Temple. After saying "the house of prayer...was a den of robbers," He overturned the merchants tables, and physically expelled the money-changers.

In even a more shocking turn of events, and running counter to everyone's expectations, Jesus also predicted His own death. It was learned from some Jewish pilgrims from Greece that Jesus told them that the time had come for Him to be lifted up [crucified], which is the most painful of all death punishments, and reserved for only the most grievous crimes. Most everyone dismisses this report.

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EDITORIAL

Free speech protects all

Protecting freedom of speech is an awesome responsibility. Without free speech, *The Maine Campus* could not publish three nights a week without fear of repercussions. News would be censored. It is often said that the greatest test of the First Amendment is giving your enemies the absolute freedom to utter the vilest, most radical speech possible and do nothing to stop them. The University of Maine received such a test two weeks ago and, sadly, failed.

A modest booth in the Union questioning the morality of homosexuality and procreation elicited a raging response from a usually apathetic student body. Overnight, students and staff called for the removal of the booth and questioned the appropriateness of such opinions on a college campus. A week after the booth was removed and the McCusker family headed back to Farmington with their views, a discussion was led by faculty members and students for steps to take in the future to avoid future unpleasant displays. It was even suggested that the contents of booths be screened in the future for their content.

This smacks of prior restraint and has no place in the marketplace of ideas.

The McCuskers have every right to express their views because, fortunately, the First Amendment is not tailor made. It applies to everyone within the United States' borders and should be exercised a lot more often. It's not a right of convenience. It doesn't guarantee only polite speech. The beauty of it is that it covers everything, from church sermons to gutter talk.

The university needs to guard against groupthink. UMaine is begging for diversity, and only good can come from allowing a variety of opinions from a wide range of people. The university can't remain happily homogenous, because it's not. The truth is some people support the McCuskers' views, no matter how unpopular the McCuskers' views are.

When freedom of speech leaves this university, freedom of thought, expression and religion won't be too far behind. To express your opinion, you must be willing to allow others to do the same. Challenge others' opinions or ignore them, but don't prohibit them.

Help save lives; give blood

Tomorrow is a perfect opportunity for anyone to help give back to the statewide community and possibly save a life in the process.

The American Red Cross will be on campus tomorrow for its annual spring blood drive, which is sponsored by the University of Maine Greek system. The blood drive will be held in the Memorial Gym from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m..

After dedicating a portion of their lives to helping those in need during the ice storm of 1998, coupled with a commitment to saving lives, members of the Red Cross are now seeking your help.

The Red Cross is hoping for a turnout in excess of 300 people, which would be enough blood to supply the state's need for an entire day. The 42 hospitals in the state transfuse about 300 pints of blood a day.

The blood drive is rich in tradition

and also holds the illustrious title of the longest running, biggest blood drive in the Northeast. Although a common fear centering around the thought of needles often deters people from giving blood, the Red Cross offers a realistic maxim in dealing with this situation: join the crowd.

Red Cross officials estimate that for every 300 people who give blood, only four aren't the least bit nervous about giving.

Last year, the blood drive was a success for the Red Cross, as it easily attained its goal. So, if you weigh at least 110 pounds and haven't given blood in the last 56 days, you may be eligible to help make a difference.

Students, who will get one parking ticket taken away should they give blood, are encouraged to come out and do as the Red Cross says, "Lie down and save a life."



• Letters

• 'Sheep herding' at UMaine

To the Editor:

I am sure many have experienced the same thing I did when they went to get their new MaineCard this week, so I hope that this represents the sentiment of many.

As I stood in front of the Lown Room in the Union filling out the application to get my new MaineCard, there were about four or five people telling students about the benefits of signing up for the AT&T calling card. I was there with a friend who was told by one of these people that he was not "high pressure," and then unleashed a high-pressure sales pitch on her like few I've seen recently; she had to say "no" four times. When he got to me, my ire had been raised a little and I somewhat rudely told him I already had a calling card.

I could not help but think of the new MaineCard as some sort of "sheep herding" experiment by the university and AT&T. I resisted on the principle that I did not want to be herded into the pasture by this little scheme. I am sure that this is a sound financial move for the university, and that it could modernize the MaineCard without much cost or even with some profit shown for its efforts. Did the university sell out by "whoring" their students in the process? I feel it has.

Please show the students of this university some respect and not shove this garbage down their throats, dear administrators.

Gregory Mitchell Bubniak
Orono

• The right to free speech

To the Editor:

As many of you have discovered, the religious group Friends of Jesus Christ, from Farmington, was at the Memorial Union the other Tuesday and Wednesday. The intent of this group's presence was to tell students about what they see as "sins" of homosexuality and fornication.

There has been some discussion as to whether the group should be allowed on campus. While I wholeheartedly disagree with the Friends of Jesus Christ's views on homosexuality and fornication, I support their right to be at the university. As outside vendors, they paid for the space they had. But more importantly is the issue of free speech. Especially at an institution of higher learning, it makes no sense to respond to something we disagree with

by silencing them. Once one group is silenced, it becomes easier to silence another until no one is allowed to speak. What do we learn about each other, or even ourselves, when we are not allowed to speak?

Some students responded to the group with anger, by yelling, mocking, or even physically pushing the members of the group. What good does responding to hate with more hate do?

Please remember that acts of hate will not be tolerated at this University. If you, or your organization would like more education on homosexuality or diversity, call the Peer Educator Office at 581-4561. Wilde-Stein, an organization for sexual diversity, can be reached at 581-1596. If you have experienced discrimination or harassment, please report it to Public Safety, your residential life staff, or the Office of Equal Opportunity.

Amanda Blake
Old Town

• The history of ska

To the Editor:

I am writing in reply to Chris Hilton's letter titled "Music scene flooded with too much ska," which appeared in the March 27 edition of *The Maine Campus*.

Hilton says ska is a "pointless" genre. What constitutes a "pointless genre" of music? In the late '50s, Jamaica was getting ready to gain independence from Great Britain, and Jamaican record producer Clement Dodd called on a bunch of his musicians to create a music style that would be uniquely Jamaican and help increase Jamaica's sense of independence and nationalism. So basically ska is a music form that originated as a statement of independence and cultural identity for Jamaica. I would hardly call that the beginnings of a "pointless genre."

In Hilton's concluding sentence, he writes, "I firmly believe that ska is just a way for guys who were band geeks in high school to get chicks, and to find a way to make the years spent learning and playing the trumpet seem cool."

Wow. That is a bold statement, especially considering the fact that a band is NOT considered a Ska band because of the presence of a horn line. The defining aspect of Ska is the beat.

Daniel M. Look
Harrington

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• Column

Pork – dealing integrity away

I often wonder where it all goes... the money that is. Yeah, most of it goes to the lawyers and anyone with the title of consultant, but there should be a little-bit left over. I especially wonder where it has gone when I'm bicycling down Stillwater Avenue fearing for life as cars and trucks whiz by less than a foot away. That's when I realize there is no safe way to travel by any mode other than car between Bangor and Orono.

strengthening drunk driving penalties, too much of it is pork. Dateline NBC ran a story on Shuster recently, too, saying essentially the same thing. Little-used fresh tarmac, airports in odd places and blatant abuse of his chairmanship are the harvest Shuster has reaped while in office, and the corruption he actively represents trickles down to the

what do with it. Even the sterling Sen. Olympia Snowe supported Baldacci's efforts.

But is Maine really sure what it wants to do with the extra cash? Baldacci's pet project, the east-west highway, would eliminate the countless dangers to life and limb experienced while traveling U.S. Route 2 and Maine Route 9. The extra \$14 million would perform a feasibility study to find out if this kind of project is good. Well, considering how long the highway has been debated, how much work has been done by local promoters of the highway and how many times I've faced death by tractor trailer on Maine Route 9, I'd have to say the study is extremely unnecessary.

After all, if Baldacci manages to stay on Shuster's committee through repeated brown-nosing, he'll have all the money he needs to construct the highway while governor (which will be likely if his political savvy continues its current course). So, obviously, it's a struggle to determine whether this wheeling and dealing in Washington is a bad thing for us.

On the one hand, we're getting money to finally fix stretches of roads, such as U.S. Route 2 between Old Town and Orono. But on the other hand, we're wasting money on ridiculous studies. It's funny how something everyone needs brings out the worst in our lawmakers; they say we need spend and spend, but is what they say gospel? Will it take Maine where it needs to go, both on the highway and on the moral path?

And though I made it to Bangor that day on my bike, I regretted having made the trip, for it meant a long, risky journey home. Perhaps a little of that \$144 million could go to building more bike trails, perhaps.

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By Paul Livingstone

I wonder, for instance, why our government would spend \$217 billion to revamp the highways and byways of America when so many other, more pressing, items patiently await more cuts. The list is extensive: education, social security, Medicaid, benefits for parents of children with disabilities...

As loath as I am to source material from a Bangor Daily News John Day column, the allegations he makes that Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., is the Republican Party's "dirty little secret" is right on. As the current GOP chairman, Shuster has single-handedly strong-armed the nation into accepted an exceedingly bloated transportation bill, exceeding the already heady Senate bill by \$3 billion. Though funding is up for every state, and some of the money goes to

lesser representatives. Of all the money the government doles out, most of it, of course, will go to the cities, the epicenters of the congressman's power. This is where most of the decay and infrastructure will affect the most people. It's an inverse proportion: The more people are packed together, the faster pavement crumbles. There's a reason Boston will never cease to be under construction.

Yes, but some of this money will go to the small state, like Maine, right? Well, yeah, about \$144 million, a tiny fraction of the full measure.

Problems abound with this bill. States pay money into a federal highway trust fund, but only receive, at best, 91 percent of the money at budget time. Some only get 70 percent of what they paid in. Where's the rest? The fact is, a wide variety of congressmen are buckling to partisan pressures to funnel as much cash as possible to their home state. It's the kind of stuff that gets people re-elected.

Rep. John Baldacci recently filled a spot on Shuster's committee, earning him \$14 million more for Maine. And why not, Maine deserves the money and knows

Thou shall not disturb lunch

You can no longer enjoy lunch in peace in the union.

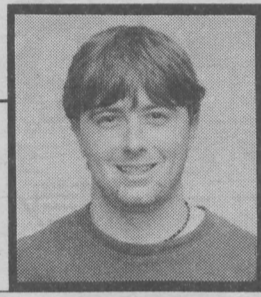
I've stayed away from writing about religion for a reason: It can be an inflammatory issue, especially if your beliefs do not necessarily coincide with the beliefs of a large number of people. But after my experience with members of a campus Christian group in the Damn Yankee last week, I can no longer remain silent.

I was eating my lunch, minding my own business, when two young men approached me and asked if I would like to take a five-question survey. Thinking

looks tasty. Imagine how much better it would taste with a side order of Jesus" will probably turn off a lot of people, but it would be a lot more honest than the current plan.

Had the two men in question been honest with me, I would have given them a polite "thanks but no thanks" and finished my lunch. End of story.

Suggestion No. 2: If you want people to respect you, you have to respect them. Don't treat them as if they're below you.



By Derek Rice

it was for a class, I agreed. Why should I stand in the way of their grade? When they weren't recording my answers, I became suspicious. When they asked me about my desire to know God, I knew I had been had, and that getting out of the "survey" was going to be difficult.

I have no problem with religion itself, or the manner in which others worship, so long as others are not harmed and are allowed to remain outside its boundaries if they so desire. With that in mind, here are a few suggestions for the group:

Suggestion No. 1: If you're going to try to talk to people about Jesus, be upfront about it. Don't tell them you're conducting a survey, ask them two innocuous questions, then make the jump to Jesus on the third. That just makes people feel deceived. When people feel they've been deceived, they tend to get defensive.

At least Mr. James McCusker and friends, with their table of hatred a couple of weeks ago, were forthright; there was no disputing their message. It was there in bold, red letters. If you believe in something strongly enough, regardless of how it makes others feel, you shouldn't be afraid to tell people about it upfront.

If I remember correctly, telling a lie is a sin. Is deceiving someone not telling a lie? The subject of the "survey" was disguised, as if in fear of the reaction honesty would evoke.

Granted, walking up to people and saying, "My, that taco

The air of condescension in the questions was irritating. I listened to the lecture, even paged through their booklet. I wasn't allowed to read it on my own, or even to touch it. No, I had to have it read to me like I was 3 years old. My reaction might not have been so angry had I been allowed to read it at my leisure.

Suggestion No. 3: Take no for an answer. When I tell you I'm "soul-searching" or that I don't think about religion that much, I'm looking for a polite way out of an uncomfortable situation. Remember, I was deceived into the conversation in the first place. The same goes for those who tell you they believe they'll get into Heaven no matter what. Thank us for our time and excuse yourself. Don't make the situation any more uncomfortable. Worst of all, don't make me tell you a lie to get away from you. That's almost as bad as telling a lie yourself.

Suggestion No. 4: People know you're out there. When they're good and ready, they will come to you. They know where to find you. Doctors don't interrupt people's lunches to lecture them on the benefits of open-heart surgery. In time, those who are interested will seek you out. Until then, enjoy your faith and the good feelings with which it provides you. And let me enjoy my lunch break.

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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Monday, April 6

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Everything you do this year should be in two distinct stages: first, you must plan as thoroughly as possible; second, you must act decisively, regardless of what others think about what you are doing. You're the boss, so you make the decisions. If others don't like it, tough.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Stay cool, stay calm and stay focused on your number one priority. It will be all too easy today to allow yourself to be diverted by things which are utterly insignificant – and you cannot allow that to happen. A little bit of self-discipline is all you need to succeed.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Your dreams and desires are as valid as everyone else's dreams and desires – and anyone who tells you otherwise is not to be trusted. Certain people will attempt to undermine your confidence today. They will only succeed if you are foolish enough to take them seriously.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): If you must sign up for the latest fad or fashion at least make sure you know where it is taking you. You like to be thought of as up-to-date and in touch but be aware there are people who would like to take advantage of that fact. Read the small print today – then read it again.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): If you have recently taken on new responsibilities then you can expect a flood of extra work any day now. You may at first regret your decision to get involved but once you stop moaning and get moving you will find you enjoy being put to the test – and pass with flying colors.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You may have lofty aims in life but how often do you live up to your own high standards? Not often if you are a typical Leo. Now, however, it is essential that you follow your personal code of conduct to the letter: if you stray just once your critics will never let you forget it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You've got that anxious look on your face. Is it your usual Monday expression or do you sense doom and gloom? Just this once your senses are wrong. What happens next may not be wonderful but neither is it particularly woeful. Remember, your thoughts create your world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Bite your lip, dig your nails in your palms and count very slowly to 10. In fact, do whatever it takes to keep your temper today because if you get angry you will be playing into your rivals' hands. Someone is saying things merely to get a reaction from you. The best reaction is no reaction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): You don't like being told what to do and there is no reason at present that you should attempt to learn how. But it would appear that someone is offering you good advice, only they make it sound like a command. Listen to them anyway – you'll be glad you did.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): This is a day for thought rather than action. Of course, your instincts are to act first and think about it afterwards but you must make the effort to look a few steps ahead today. Above all, you need a long-term plan: without it even your best efforts are liable to fall short of the mark.

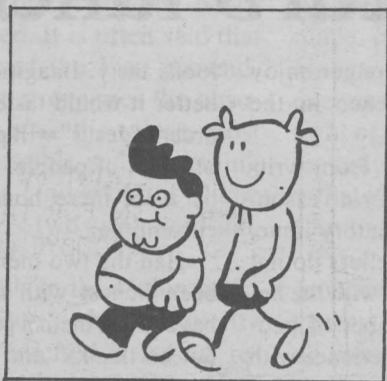
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): How are you with little white lies? You may have to tell a few today. But make sure they are little and make sure they are in a genuinely good cause. The last thing you want is a reputation for evasiveness – especially since you are normally too honest for your own good.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Keep your good ideas to yourself today. If they are as good as you think they are they will keep until you are better able to make use of them. You may be a generous soul but don't be too generous or you may find your good ideas no longer belong to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): How do you change the habits of a lifetime? That's an interesting question but there is a more important question you should ask first: do you really need to change the habits of a lifetime? According to your solar chart there is no need to. You're fine as you are – don't change a thing.

Mr. GNU

By Travis Dandro



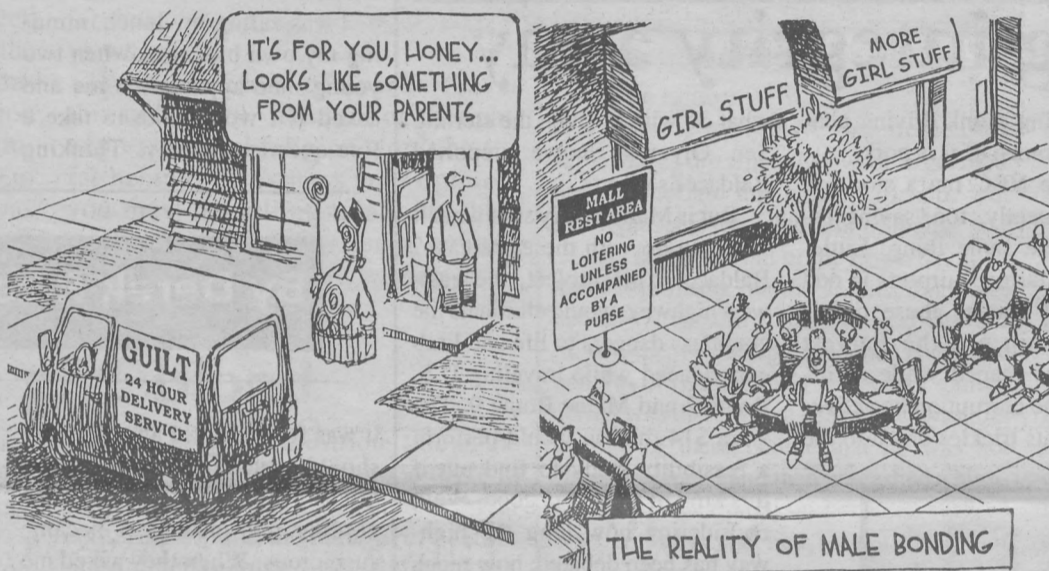
LOOK UP THERE! IT'S THE BIRDS AND BEE'S!



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You know how people raise homing pigeons. They let 'em go 500 miles from their home and they always fly back.

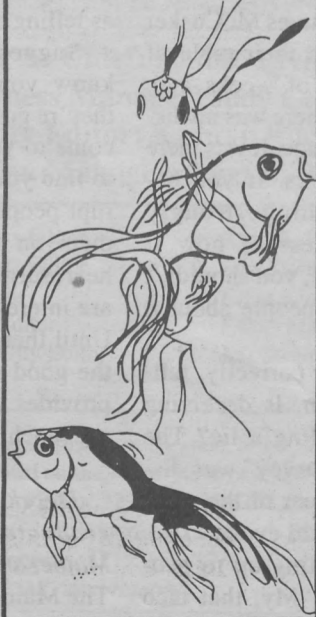
Well, I thought I'd try it with my goldfish. Maybe the navy could use 'em for secret messages between battleships.

So I drove to the other side of town and put 'em in the sewer.

They never came back.

I never got to say good-bye.

Once again those little orange fish have disappointed me.



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When my girlfriend and I go out for pizza, I pay for it. If I didn't we couldn't go out very much. I make more money than she does.

Sometimes she says I pay for everything so that I can kiss her at night. But that's not why I do it. Some guys think that way but I don't.

When I kiss her something takes over my body. She has neat lips.

I don't know why I make more money than she does. She's as smart as me.... even smarter in some ways.

It's all confusing.

All I really do know is that since last February 1st she owes me \$123.48 for pizzas and drinks.



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My girlfriend demands a lot from me.

She wants me to prove I love her by buying her things, squeezing her tight and using her toothbrush.

I don't like using her toothbrush but I do it anyway, and I run out of money trying to buy her stuff everyday.

Finally, we agreed I only had to buy her stuff on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. I get Saturdays and Sundays off -- then on Tuesdays and Thursdays I do a lot of holding hands and putting my arms around her in front of her friends.

She says we're a perfect couple, and that I should be proud.

I told her I need a nap.



Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Tuesday, April 7

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Keep telling yourself that changes are good for you. Keep telling yourself that life is supposed to be a test. With the right attitude there are no such things as obstacles and setbacks — there are only challenges and opportunities. You will have plenty of both this year.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): If something you have been building doesn't look as good as you expected, knock it down and start again. Aries is a sign that enjoys new beginnings, so it shouldn't be too hard to change direction. However, today's aspects indicate you can only change once — so get it right.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You may find it hard to put your feelings into words today, but you must make the effort because once Mercury, planet of communication, turns retrograde on Friday it will be too late. Don't exaggerate and don't embellish: just stick to the facts and keep it simple and to the point.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Keep your plans within reasonable limits and there is every chance you will taste success. You may want to change the world but you can't do it all yourself or all at once. A step at a time in the right direction will be more productive than one burst of energy. More satisfying, too.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): The keyword for Cancer is modesty. No matter how well you are doing in your career or how popular you are socially you must keep your feet on the ground and not let success go to your head. Actually, there is little chance of that. If anything you may be too humble today.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): What you hear today may not be music to your ears but neither is it as negative or annoying as you appear to believe. Mercury close to Saturn will bring bad news for some but good news for you. Should you profit from someone else's misfortune? If you didn't cause it, yes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): As your ruler aspects Saturn today it would be surprising if you did not feel at least a little bit down in the dumps. But just because you feel that way does not mean you have to act that way. There are plenty of good things going on in your life: focus on some of those instead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): This may not be the best day to make a decision regarding a love affair, marriage, business partnership or any other kind of important relationship. With Mercury close to Saturn in your opposite sign you will inevitably sell yourself short. Who says a decision has to be made right now?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): If you believe in what you are doing then you will always find a way around obstacles. Remind yourself of that fact today, especially when your morale begins to sink and you wonder if a certain course of action is worth the effort. It is and you know it, so don't give up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Don't be alarmed if your plans face some kind of setback today — it is only temporary and it may even work in your favor. In fact, if you are really smart you will use the extra time available to you to tighten up your blueprint and make it absolutely foolproof.

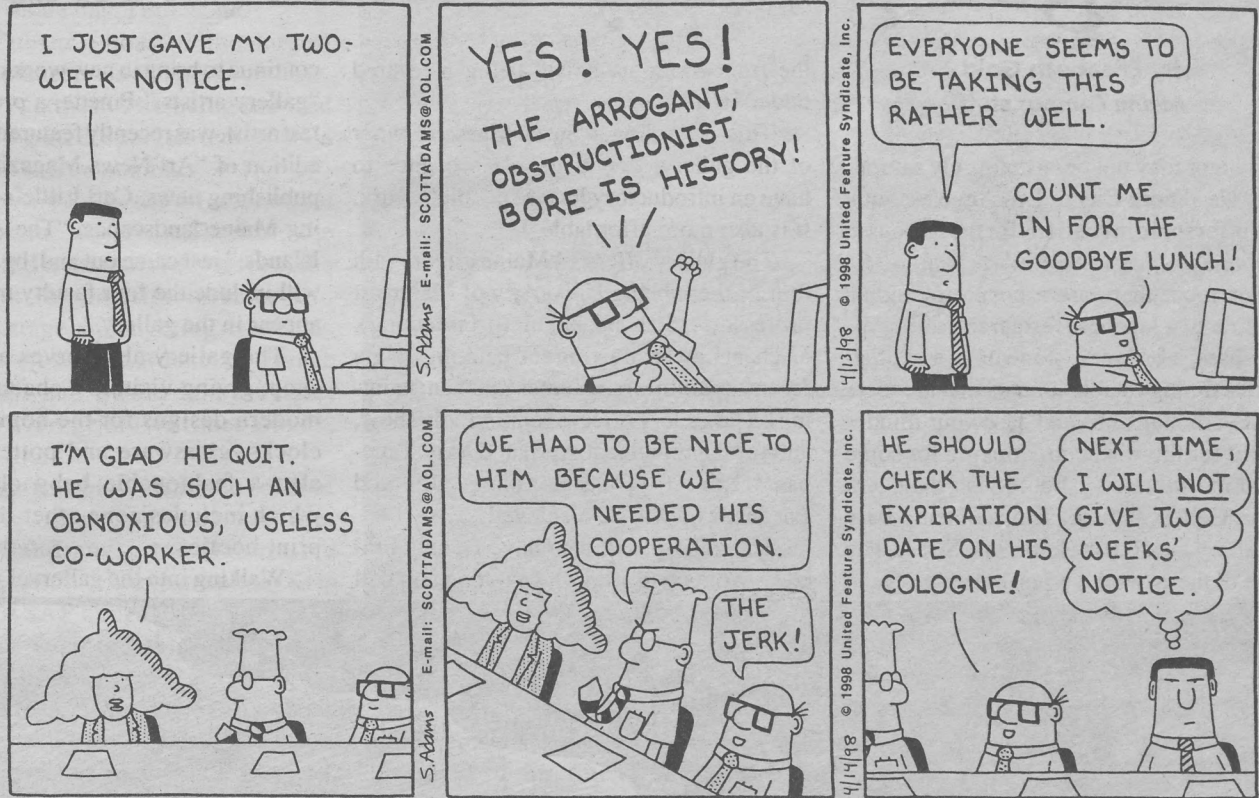
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Don't make promises you will find hard to keep. As Mercury, planet of communication, aspects Saturn today you may be tempted to say things just to get a bit of peace and quiet. It may work in the short-term but in the long-term you will pay for it. Ear plugs might be a wise investment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You may find it hard to confide in people but it would appear there is something you need to talk about, if only to let off steam. If you do open your heart to a friend or colleague don't expect total sympathy: compared to some people you have very little to get upset about.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You can be remarkably tough when you need to be and you may need to be today. You certainly need to be tough with yourself, as it would appear you are thinking of spending money you either have not got or you will need for something more important. Don't be tempted.

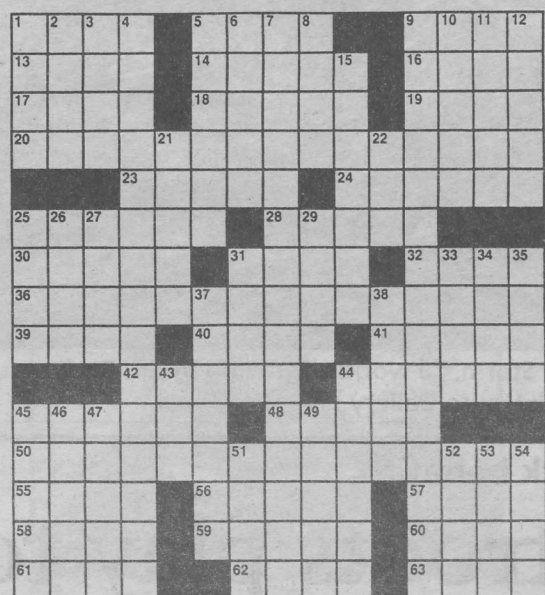
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- 1 "The Black Stallion" boy
 - 5 Great quantity
 - 9 Bricklayers' equipment
 - 13 Star vehicle
 - 14 W.W. II torpedo vessel
 - 16 Lined up
 - 17 Mary's "South Pacific" co-star
 - 18 Electric battery inventor
 - 19 Part of Caesar's boast
 - 20 Designers' lines
 - 23 — the good
 - 24 Verbal inflections
 - 25 Flop-eared one
 - 28 Extort
 - 30 How some shares are sold
 - 31 "— Love" (1986 hit)
 - 32 Like — out of hell
 - 36 Remain firm
 - 39 Skater's attire, at times
 - 40 Crosspiece
 - 41 Semilunar valve neighbor
 - 42 Idealist's need
 - 44 Certain geneticist
 - 45 Plays idly
 - 48 Did lively work
 - 50 Hinders, in a way
 - 55 Anapest's relative
 - 56 Jagged
 - 57 "Concord Sonata" composer
 - 58 Comics dog
 - 59 Fresh
 - 60 Boutique department
 - 61 Poet's adverb
 - 62 Refuse
 - 63 "— Perpetua" (Idaho's motto)



Puzzle by Alex K. Justin

- DOWN**
- 1 Hebrew letter
 - 2 Somerset Maugham's "— of Lambeth"
 - 3 Biographer Ludwig
 - 4 Composed
 - 5 Putsch
 - 6 Like — from the blue
 - 7 Goes straight
 - 8 Where to see Turners and Sargents
 - 9 Postcard message
 - 10 They can be licked
 - 11 "Holy Sonnets" poet
 - 12 Emmmenthaler
 - 15 Limestone, e.g.
 - 21 Cratchit or Heep
 - 22 X rating?
 - 25 Strong fiber
 - 26 Alaska wildlife refuge site
 - 27 Polish companion
 - 29 Loop
 - 31 Tabs, of sorts
 - 33 '69 Brando film
 - 34 Cough up
 - 35 Winter Palace resident
 - 37 Ties up
 - 38 Corporate department
 - 43 Speaker's cousin
 - 44 Padded coverings
 - 45 Grafters' need
 - 46 Calling
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Style and the Arts

• Clark House

Bangor gallery offers 'visual nutrition'

By Elisabeth Gold
Maine Campus staff

Bangor may not be as culturally saturated as New York City or Los Angeles, but it does offer some invitations for the curious to explore.

For food, there are a couple of Indian restaurants, a Japanese restaurant, some coffeehouses, a brewery, some pubs and other various dining establishments that are there to fill your stomachs and ease your mind.

But for those who are looking for some visual nutrition, one should visit the Clark House Gallery, a funky little contemporary art gallery located on Hammond Street. The genre of the artwork varies, but all pieces in

the front room are small, being measured under 16 inches.

This, according to Susan Maasch, owner of the gallery, "gives people a chance to have an introductory look at people's work. It is also more affordable."

The gallery offers 14 Maine artists, with four of them being University of Maine art professors: Siri Beckman (printmaking), Michael Lewis (drawing and painting), Nina Jerome (painting) and James Linehan (painting). The gallery offers a rotating solo show, and for the months of April and May, Linehan's exhibit, "Coastal Maine: Oils and Encaustics," will be displayed.

The gallery will also have Dennis Pinette's work on display all year long and will

continue to bring in new works from all their "gallery artists." Pinette, a prominent Belfast artist, was recently featured in the March edition of "Art News Magazine." In other publishing news, Carl Little's book depicting Maine landscapes, "The Art of Maine Islands," just came out and, by coincidence, will include the four faculty members who appear in the gallery.

The gallery also serves as a museum shop, giving visitors a chance to pick up modern designs for the home, including clocks, glassware and pottery. There is also a fashionable baby clothing line, which includes none other than leopard-print booties.

Walking into the gallery, I was instantly

at ease. The soft, Bohemian music invited me in, and I found myself attracted to the plethora of paintings before me.

Megan Pinette's work caught my eye with its blend of Chinese- and Persian-inspired acrylic paintings. Robert Shetterly's "Passion" was also one that I just found myself gazing at. One of the great things about the gallery is its diversity. There are some definite Maine-inspired landscape paintings exhibited, but there are also various abstracts and still lifes that redefine contemporary. The Clark House Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed Sundays and Mondays.



"Approaching Storm," a wood engraving by Siri Beckman, from the book "A Week at the Lake," which will be released this year by Out of the Woods Press. (Courtesy Clark House Gallery.)

• Bumstock benefit

Beatroots play to intimate, energetic crowd

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

Friday night, members of the University of Maine community were given an opportunity to hear some good music and loosen up. At the same time, they could have been helping raise money for Bumstock. The vast majority chose to do other things.

While the Beatroots were playing an energetic set of their unique blend of music, all but 30 to 40 UMaine students were either sitting at home, working, lurking on First-Class, taking in a movie or binge drinking.

Read some of the folders on First-Class; people complain that there's nothing to do on campus. The paradox is that when there is something, no one shows up. Talk about apathy.

It didn't seem to matter to the band that the turnout was small. The various members took opportunities to implore those in attendance to call their friends, but the band's energy never waned.

"We're glad you could come to this private party," guitarist-vocalist Miriam Broady joked.

Playing for a little more than three hours, the five members kept the energy high in the Damn Yankee. At first, those in attendance seemed to approach dancing to the music with trepidation, but once a couple of people started, the rest eventually followed suit.

"I see some of you have been to a Beatroots gig before," said vocalist-flutist-guitarist Bowen Swersey. "For those of you who are sitting, just do what they're doing."

The Beatroots are easy to dance to, primarily because the band features a strong percussion section with Mike Bennett and Tom Rush. While Rush pounds away on his drum kit, Bennett plays various strange and exotic instruments. At one point, two members of the audience, who apparently travel with the band, were on stage beating and shaking away on percussion instruments.

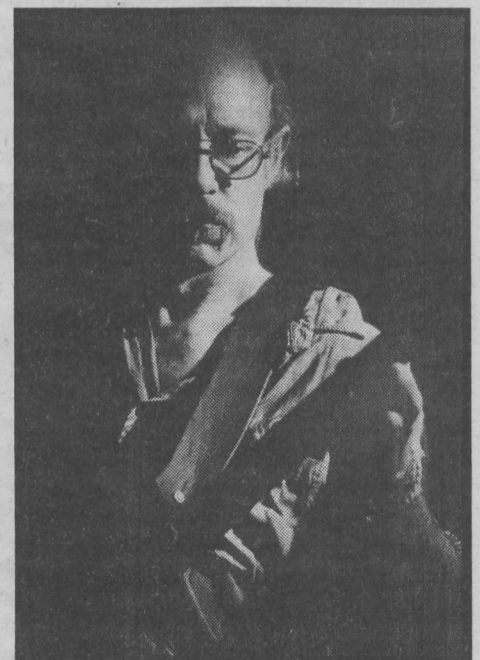
The band played all the tracks from its

new CD, "Secret Door." After all, it was billed as a CD release party. Mixed in with the new songs were old favorites.

One of those old favorites is the kind of song that will be stuck in your head for days. Not in a bad way, like a Barry Manilow or Lionel Ritchie song, but in a positive way. For my money, "Dimna Juda," despite its foreign lyrics, is a killer tune and is the highlight of a Beatroots gig. The band slyly saved it for the latter part of the show, reinvigorating an audience that seemed to be losing its energy.

During the break, the band mingled with the audience, exchanging stories and promoting future gigs.

Speaking of future gigs, if you were one of the more than 10,000 who missed this show, the Beatroots will be playing at this year's Bumstock. The band will perform Saturday, April 18 from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. on stage one. Given the lackluster turnout Friday night, this may be your last chance to catch the band in Orono.



Bassist-vocalist Bruce McQuaid of the Beatroots lingers in the shadows Friday night. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Spring dance show

Performers garner audience enthusiasm

By Jason Canniff
Maine Campus staff

The annual School of Performing Arts spring dance show that took place on Friday and Saturday night at the Hauck Auditorium continued the tradition of being a colorful, energetic and entertaining modern dance experience for the audience. Filled with charged Adidas girls, martial arts amalgamations and flashlight dancers, this year's show proved to be experimental, both for the patrons and the dancers.

Student choreographer Rebecca Cross said, "People experimented more with choreography this year, testing their own comfort levels."

While referring to herself and co-choreographer Melissa Basile, she mentioned Will Antell as being the one who personified that the most. Leaving the dance floors of Wells Commons behind, he undertook an original martial arts dance to the music of James Wong and a backdrop of the Rising Sun, a powerful collaboration of meditation and technique.

The event spanned two hours, 14 routines and an intermission with orange drink and those little MCA chocolate pieces that we all adore. We saw infrared lights, green lights and Michael Esposito wearing a flashlight. There were the women in white gyrating to "Men In Black," a

gold-sequined Melissa Paradis and Elton John serenading an orange teddy bear.

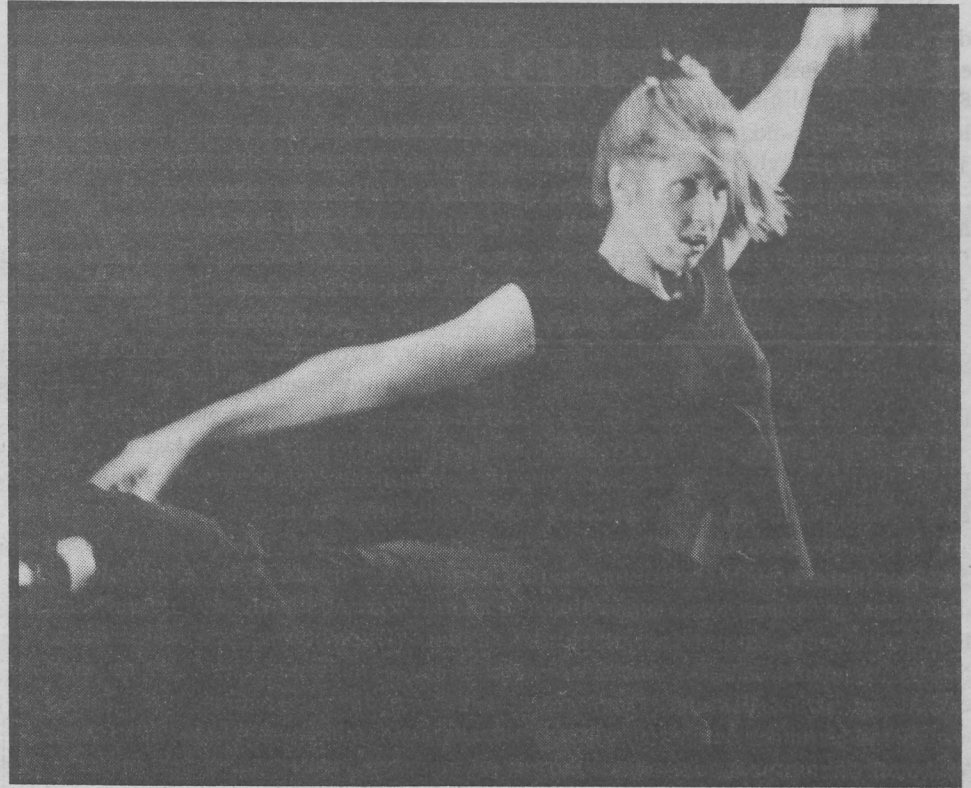
We got our groove on to Mackenzie Wescott and Karrie Sweet, Jen Gustafson and Hamony Lane, to the beat of Whitetown and Tony Toni Tone.

"Cafe Cubano" boasted the largest number of dancers in a single routine, with waiter Matthew Vire being seduced by 14 bell-dressed Spanish temptresses to twangy Mexican sounds.

Because Ann Ross, the director of the dance program, was on sabbatical, the show required a lot more effort from the dancers and the interim director Cid Dyjek, the stage and lighting crews, as well as the close to 50 dancers. Dance minors Cross and Basile said they met together an average of five times a week, sometimes more.

Overall effort paid off in the form of the closing first segment routine, "Journee Sandram", a collaborative project between choreographer Kris Sader and ASAP audio visual services. Dancers Catherine Atkinson, Megan Worcester, Lisa Croce, Bernice Cross and Ann Gleason moved to the slow, transcendent "Pure Moods"-style music of Tash Kent and Baka Beyond, casting shadows on an impressive stage-sized projection screen of flickering fire and running water.

While nervousness sometimes showed in performing to a capacity crowd, the



Dancer Mackenzie Wescott performs her routine at Friday night's annual spring dance show. (Jason Canniff photo.)

confidence of the young dancers was much more apparent.

Trying to describe the dancers, Cross added "Here I am. Love me or hate me. I'm gonna try."

With many dancing for the first time, the exceptional choreography, lighting, soundtrack and energy would command a

positive reaction from any critic. The end signaled an encore playing of Big Willy Smith in an invitation for the audience to come on stage with the dancers and show off their own moves. While most who accepted the invitation seemed to be members of Cross and Basile's fan club, those who did brought flowers, gifts and congrats.

• Box office

'Titanic' streak ends

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Warning. Danger, James Cameron: Sensors show the Space Family Robinson descending on your No. 1 box office spot.

"Lost in Space," the movie version of the campy 1960s television series, knocked the record-setting "Titanic" from its 15-week reign Sunday as the top film in North America, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

Preliminary figures showed the film grossing \$20.5 million in its opening weekend. "Titanic," which recently won a record-tying 11 Oscars, including Cameron for director, was No. 2 with \$11.6 million—a 24 percent drop in ticket sales from the previous week.

"Mercury Rising," a new film starring Bruce Willis, placed third with \$10.8 million, followed by the re-issue of "Grease," which grossed \$5.5 million.

Al Shapiro, president of distribution for New Line Cinema, said the wide appeal of

"Lost in Space" made it the ideal film to topple the shipwreck saga.

"It's a family film that they can take their 7-, 8- and 9-year-olds to see and it appeals to the parent," he said. "If we would have opened six weeks ago, 'Titanic' would not have lasted as long as it has. The special effects (of 'Lost in Space') are beyond compare and (audiences) are applauding at the end of the show."

Computer-generated imagery plays a central role in the tale of a family of space pioneers who find themselves off-course thanks to a saboteur, played by Gary Oldman. The film includes an updated version of the robot who always warned his young friend of peril with a stern: "Danger, Will Robinson!"

"Primary Colors" dropped by 33 percent to fifth in its third week with \$4.7 million. "Wild Things," also in its third week, followed with \$3.7 million.

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• Trends

Girl power: Female CD buyers outnumber males

NEW YORK (AP) — If an allowance didn't limit her, Ryan Boucher would quickly expand her music collection beyond the Spice Girls, Sublime and Mariah Carey. At least the 13-year-old girl can go to the mall and dream about compact discs.

"I go in and I can stare at them for five hours — not buy, just stare at them," the Rye, N.Y., resident said. "It's so difficult to decide on just one."

Ryan and her girlfriends are behind a big change in the music industry.

Females bought more music than males last year for the first time since the recording industry began keeping statistics. Teen-age fans of the Spice Girls, Hanson and the Backstreet Boys are leading the way.

Female buyers outnumbered males by 51 percent to 49 percent, compared to a decade ago when men outnumbered women buying music by 57 percent to 43 percent, according to the Recording Industry Association of America.

"It does seem that there are a lot more women in the store than there used to be," said Michael Williams, general manager of Tower Records in Long Beach, Calif. "The music, more than in the last number of years, seems to be very female-oriented."

It's no stretch to declare women the tastemakers in today's music scene. Pop music and heart-tugging ballads — think Natalie Imbruglia and Celine Dion — are in style. Heavy, dour rock is out.

Although statistics from phone surveys showed only a slight increase in the number of teen-agers buying music last year, their role in making hits of the "Titanic" soundtrack and Aqua's "Barbie Girl" have made the industry take notice.

Girl power — just as the Spice Girls preach.

Asia Werner's been buying a lot more music than usual lately, but her heart belongs to the Backstreet Boys. The 14-year-old girl gives a you-have-no-clue look to anyone who wonders why. Just look at their pictures.

Her friend, Rachel Colon, scanned a Manhattan store last week for Spanish music and rock CDs from Bush and Oasis.

And for fellow customers.

"There are hardly any good-looking guys here," Rachel complained.

Girls screaming for Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, the Beatles and the Backstreet Boys are part of music's history. More than ever before, they have role models to scream for, too.

Jewel, Fiona Apple, Sarah McLachlan and the Spice Girls all established themselves in the past year. McLachlan's Lillith Fair, a concert tour featuring female artists, was the sensation of last summer.

"There have been some pretty potent female artists out over the last 18 months that young women have really gravitated toward," said Polly Anthony, president of Epic Records and 550 Music, both Sony labels.

Many of the videos on MTV these days feature female artists, said Judy McGrath, MTV's president. It wasn't so long ago where that was unusual, she said. Now there's less polarization between the sexes musically and female fans are more comfortable asserting themselves, she said.

"You don't just like your boyfriend's music," McGrath said. "The guys don't call the shots anymore."

VH1 two months ago began airing "Women First," a show devoted to videos by female artists. Only women perform at this month's "VH1 Honors" concert.

"If you want to call it a bandwagon, we've jumped upon it," said VH1 executive Jeff Gaspin.

New York's WHTZ radio sensed a mood change two years ago and switched from alternative rock to Top 40. Now, 70 percent of its telephone requests are from females, said program director Tom Poleman.

"The kids were into the angst-ridden rock music for a while, but it just got too depressing," he said. "People wanted to hear something more upbeat and fun."

"It was a horrible year for harder rock," Tower's Williams said.

Pearl Jam's new album fell flat. The testosterone-fueled Lollapalooza tour was a bust and may be abandoned this summer. Rock accounted for 46 percent of music sales a decade ago; last year, 33 percent.



Female artists the Spice Girls have established themselves in the last year, leading to the recording industry's increased focus on female consumers. (Courtesy photo.)

• Birth

Jackson's wife has girl

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Michael Jackson got another thriller — a new baby daughter.

Jackson's wife, Debbie Rowe Jackson, gave birth Friday to Paris Michael Katherine Jackson, at Spaulding Pain Medical Clinic, a source close to his organization told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Paris weighed in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Mrs. Jackson had said earlier the baby would be named Paris because she was conceived in the City of Light.

The King of Pop and his wife, a nurse for one of his doctors, were married in November 1996 in Australia. Their first child, a son, Prince, was born Feb. 13, 1997.

Mrs. Jackson said last year that her husband was excited about a second child.

"He's picking out clothes already to dress her up. He loves kids," she said. "I hope we have a lot of kids together. He's such a great dad."

Jackson's second marriage came after he divorced Lisa Marie Presley in 1996. He had been married for 20 months to Elvis' daughter.

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"The Man in the Iron Mask," with "Titanic" star Leonardo DiCaprio, was No. 7 with \$3.5 million.

Oscar winners "As Good As It Gets" and "Good Will Hunting" placed eighth and ninth, respectively, with \$3.4 million and \$3.3 million in sales.

"The Newton Boys" rounded out the top 10 with \$2.4 million.

The list (with final figures to be released Monday):

1. "Lost in Space," \$20.5 million.
2. "Titanic," \$11.6 million.
3. "Mercury Rising," \$10.8 million.
4. "Grease," \$5.5 million.
5. "Primary Colors," \$4.7 million.
6. "Wild Things," \$3.7 million.
7. "The Man in the Iron Mask," \$3.5 million.
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SPORTS PAGE

• Softball

Maine ends Hofstra's league winning streak

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

It was an eventful weekend, to say the least.

The University of Maine softball team went 3-1 this past weekend, snapping Hofstra's 29-game league winning streak Saturday and coming out on top in two marathon games on Sunday.

The Black Bears are now 13-19 overall, 3-1 in the America East conference.

Sunday

Maine had to wait awhile, but the wins finally came, defeating Drexel University in extra innings twice yesterday at Philadelphia.

In **game one**, Maine scored two runs in the top of the ninth to come away with a 5-4 victory. (Softball games are generally seven-inning affairs.)

Sara Jewett had a home run and three RBIs for Maine. Karyn McMullin chipped in with a dinger of her own.

Maine inaugurated the scoring with a run in the third and two more in the fifth. The Dragons wouldn't fold, however, scoring three in the sixth to tie the game, forcing extra innings.

After a scoreless eighth, Maine broke through with two in the ninth. Drexel tried to

fight back with one in the bottom of the inning, but it wasn't enough.

Vicki Brenner (3-4) was a workhorse in the circle for Maine, allowing eight hits and four earned runs over 8 1/3 innings, walking only two batters.

Game two was even more of a death march for Drexel, as it took 12 innings for Maine to squeak through with a 3-2 triumph.

Carrie Green went the distance in collecting the win for Maine, allowing two earned runs and no walks in 12 innings to improve her record to 6-3. Michelle Puls had four hits for the Bears.

Down 1-0, Maine scored two runs in the top of the fourth to take the lead. The Dragons knotted the game with a run in the fifth, which is how it stayed until the Bears pushed across a run in the twelfth to seal the victory.

Saturday

It had to end for Hofstra University sometime.

Maine charged into Hempstead, NY and snapped Hofstra's 29-game America East winning streak with a doubleheader split Saturday.

In **game one**, the Black Bears scored three runs in the top of the seventh to upend the Flying Dutchwomen, 5-3.

Melissa Creegan had three of Maine's five hits in the victory. Pitcher Carrie Green

allowed just three hits for the complete-game victory, improving her mark to 5-3.

Maine got on the board first with two runs in the top of the first. Hofstra whittled away at Maine's lead, however, scoring one in the second and two more in the fourth to take a 3-2 lead.

Just when it looked like Hofstra would nail down number 30, however, Maine rallied in the seventh for the win.

Missed opportunities abounded in this one, as both teams combined to leave 21 runners on base.

Hofstra's last conference defeat came on April 17, 1995, when Boston University came out on top, 1-0.

In **game two**, Hofstra jumped out to a quick lead over Maine and held on for a 6-4 triumph.

Hofstra's Lisa Ciavardini was a one-woman wrecking crew, driving in four runs and scoring the fifth. Jen Smith was 2-3 with a run scored.

Hofstra jumped out in front early on, tallying four runs in the first inning. Although Maine squeezed across a run in the fourth, Hofstra responded with two of its own in the bottom of the frame.

The Bears broke through in the sixth, plating three runs to cut the deficit to two. But the Dutchwomen held tough and es-



Second baseman Melissa Creegan recorded three hits Saturday to help Maine snap Hofstra's win streak. (File photo.)

aped with the win.

Sara Jewett drove in two runs for Maine, while Michelle Puls scored two. Pitcher Jen Burton went four innings, allowing six runs (three earned) and six hits over four innings. She is now 2-5.

• Football

Hesseltine: A fixture in the Maine football program

By Eden Hindley
Maine Campus staff

As you walk down the blue-carpeted corridor of the football wing you pass a pair of double-doors that seem larger than life. This is the football team's locker room.

The hallway narrows. Team pictures and eight large photos of past All-Americans dating back to 1975 decorate the walls and present a shrine to some of the program's finest.

At the end of the hallway are the football staff's offices which hide not only from view but the limelight as well.

The first office belongs to the football secretary, Mrs. Hesseltine, better known to the players and coaches as Brenda, a name that to many symbolizes a permanent fixture cemented in the University of Maine football program.



Brenda Hesseltine. (File photo.)

"All the nameplates outside the offices slide in and out. Only one is permanent and that is Brenda's," said assistant football coach Jeff Comissiong.

Brenda has been part of the UMaine football staff since 1975 and is currently working with her eighth group of coaches under head coach Jack Cosgrove.

Cosgrove is entering his sixth season on the sidelines as Black Bear head coach, which Hesseltine says is the longest she can remember a head coach staying at Maine.

Typically, the turnover rate in college football coaching is high. The approximate interval between new head coaches is four years.

"I enjoy the challenge of adjusting to new sets of coaches and seeing the different techniques they have," said Brenda. "Since I have been here I have worked with over 70 coaches, (and) I really enjoy getting to know them. It's never boring."

However, the 11 coaches she manages now are not the only men in her life. She also lives a full life with her husband of 35 years, Wayne. Together they share three daughters and eight grandchildren. Brenda and Wayne met while attending Old Town High School. Brenda went to Husson College and Wayne started working at the university's career center, where he has been the recruiting coordinator for the past 38 years.

"I love working in a college environment and so does my husband, but when we go home and on the weekends we like to have our separate lives," said Brenda. "Don't get me wrong — I wouldn't miss a home game for the world, and neither would Wayne."

As a young child, Brenda remembers

watching football with her dad while her brothers were busily playing. Her interest in sports blossomed in high school where she played basketball. She began her career as a secretary at UMaine in the education and English departments amid three pregnancies.

When the football secretarial job opened up in 1975, coupled with her keen interest in sports, it seemed natural that she would apply. Little did she know when she got the job that she would become the backbone of the UMaine football program.

"Without Brenda, Maine football would come to a standstill," said Comissiong. "Coach Cosgrove is the head coach, but Brenda runs the program."

"If she didn't do all the important things she does, then our football program would not run nearly as smooth as it does. From a coaching standpoint, she is involved in just about every aspect of football here (and) she's invaluable to us."

Although Brenda is not scrambling on the field calling audibles or catching touchdowns, you can find her working in another

playing field where much of the behind-the-scenes work gets accomplished.

"Jack (Cosgrove) really relies on me for computer work," she said. "At some points of the day I feel like when I get up to go to the bathroom the computer could come with me."

Whether it be typing playbooks in May, game plans during the season or organizing recruiting information for the more than 500 football prospects Maine pursues every year, she carries a full tray and does it on her head.

"She is so helpful and does so much of the behind-the-scenes work," said assistant coach Ben Sirmans. "She is the engine of our program."

Her surroundings create the feeling of contentment as well. Pictures of her family rim her desk and a radio plays soft music in the background. Two hanging plants and a couple of beautiful pictures of the Maine coast add color to an otherwise mundane office.

"If you ask her to do anything, she'll do it."

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FROM THE DEN

The 1989-90 University of Maine women's track team was not allowed to compete in the New England because of a measles outbreak on the Orono campus.



Hesseltine

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On top of that she does a great job of taking care of us 11 guys," said assistant coach Joe Gilbert. "In our career we need stuff done yesterday that we asked her to do by today and Brenda is great, very professional all the time."

Although the football season is still working on coming into focus, Brenda says the off-season is one of her busiest times. It gets crazy around pre-season in August and doesn't let up until after recruiting is over in March. The hectic pace slows up a bit during spring football practices in April, but then May, June and July are filled with production of the upcoming season's playbook.

Brenda takes two weeks off in July to recuperate and prepare for the upcoming busy year. While she is on vacation, she enjoys camping, biking and hiking with her family.

"I love to take long walks," said Brenda. "At home I tackle 1,000-piece puzzles."

Dedication to the university is also evident, as Brenda and her husband attend all the home football games, and she knows most of the rules of football and recognizes some of the plays being run.

"I follow the NFL, but that's pretty much it. I can't watch other college football teams, only Maine," said Brenda. "I have too much dedication to our university and its football program."

"My favorite part of the game is watching our players excel. I come into contact with most of them every day and I see how hard they work."

The football coaches say they are fortunate to have such a devoted secretary.

"Brenda is so much more than a secretary, she's a friend," said former UMaine assistant coach Chuck Maloy. "She always finds time to get things accomplished and she's a great person on top of that. You rarely find the combination of all three."

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• Baseball

Bears win first league game

From staff reports

The University of Maine baseball team had a busy weekend with mixed results, losing to Temple on Friday afternoon and earning a doubleheader split with Towson University Saturday.

Friday:

Maine and the Owls were deadlocked at ten in the bottom of the ninth when catcher Devin Moore hit a one-out solo home run for the win.

The Black Bears rallied from an 8-3 deficit, scoring seven runs in the seventh to take a 10-8 lead.

The Owls struck back with two manufactured runs in the eighth before giving way to Moore's late-game heroics.

Reliever Doug Bossert (2-4) picked up the victory for Temple (8-15) while Maine's Rick Hewey (1-2) took the loss for the Black Bears.

Saturday — Game One:

Tom Koutrouba hurled a nine-hit complete game in a 5-3 America East win for

Maine. Koutrouba (3-3) struck out eight and gave up three earned runs while walking five Tiger batters.

Ron Coombs led the 11-hit attack with a two-run homer. Toney Fernandez knocked in two with a single in the third.

Game two:

The Black Bears held a slim 2-0 lead heading into the bottom of the fourth when ten Towson hitters crossed the plate, led by leftfielder Nick Agoglia's three-run homer.

Towson's 1-4 hitters combined for eight hits, seven runs scored and eight runs batted in.

Maine's 1-4 hitters also picked up eight hits and scored five runs, but drove in just three runs.

Dom Borro picked up his second win of the season for the Tigers. The sophomore gave up five runs, all earned, and eight hits while striking out one and walking one.

Eric O'Brien (2-3) took the loss for Maine as the team lost its sixth in its last seven outings.

Results of Sunday's doubleheader with the Tigers will be posted Wednesday.

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• Football

Black Bears' spring camp set to begin

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine football team will dust off its cleats and take the helmets out of the closet this week as spring football camp opens up Thursday.

"It's good to get back into things," said Black Bear senior linebacker Lateef O'Connor. "We're going to work on a few things for technique purposes."

More than 100 days have passed since the Bears closed their 1997 season, which they finished at 5-6, 4-4 in Atlantic 10 play.

Although the players will only need their helmets for Thursday's opener, O'Connor said the team is eager to hit the field and begin the preparation for the regular season this fall.

"We're looking to correct some things we had problems with last fall," O'Connor said. "This is going to be a big year."

O'Connor is entering his senior year, and the Millinocket resident will anchor a potent linebacker core that only lost one player to graduation in Bryan Hawkes.

"We're pretty solid at linebacker," O'Connor said. "We have some defensive experience."

On offense, one of the concerns the Black Bears will address this spring is the revitalization of their running game, which struggled last season.

"We have to run the ball better," said sophomore wide receiver Kyle Hill. "So we'll work on that aspect."

Hill, along with tri-captain Drew O'Connor, junior Wes Petteway and sophomore Dwayne Wilmot, will shoulder the receiving unit after Rameek Wright and John Tennett completed their careers last fall.

"We've all had experience," Hill said. "The coaches know what we can do and it is just a matter of us producing. I'm excited to play a lot more."

Despite the loss of Wright and Tennett, Hill said the receiving component of the Bears' offensive scheme should remain strong as everyone is comfortable with All-Conference hopeful quarterback Mickey Fein.

"I'm used to Mickey," Hill said. "Those are things we've already accomplished."



Lateef O'Connor and the Black Bears football team will open practice this week. (File photo.)

• Sports

Trainers provide aid for recreational sports

By Hollie Gowen
Maine Campus staff

Recreational student-athletes are no longer on their own when it comes to injuries.

Two certified athletic trainers and a graduate assistant have been providing coverage to various areas of recreational sports for the last two years. They cover matches for club sports such as rugby and volleyball and vulnerable activities like flag football and soccer. They also set up a first aid table in the field house during some intramurals.

"Cutler Health Services wanted to commit more to recreational athletes," said Dave Ames, director of recreational sports. "Potentially, there are 8,000 recreational athletes. They participate and get injuries, too."

Dick Young, the specialty clinic coordinator at Cutler and one of the trainers, said they are there to help students manage minor injuries and also provide advice.

"We provide athletic training for the general student body," Young said. "Our intent is to supply medical services and guidance."

Services offered can be anything from taping weak ankles to icing bruises to bandaging cuts. The trainers also advise students on such things as the degree of seri-

ousness of their injury or how to get back to active, healthy participation.

"It's great to provide that service, especially since Cutler closes at 4:30," Ames said.

Young said the trainers see a variety of injuries depending on the sport.

"In intramural basketball, between the clinic and field house, we probably saw 30-40 cases of sprained ankles, half a dozen cuts and lacerations, a few fractures that had to go to the ER and a couple of eye injuries," Young said. "We don't usually see real, real serious things."

Young added that injuries can result from the fluctuating skill level of the recreational sports participants.

"Students who participate in recreational sports need to understand that in this environment they are perhaps not as active as they were before," Young said. "Maintaining a general fitness level is a plus."

Mark Jackson, director of student health services, said this was a major reason for implementing the program.

"These athletes are not in as good condition. The fields aren't in as good condition," Jackson said. "They're more prone to injury and disability. We get out to this group and explain to them how to participate and recover."

The program is funded mainly through student health services, but recreational sports provides about 20 percent of the graduate assistant's salary.

"Student health services brought the vision and initial support, and Dave (Ames) found money because it was valuable," Jackson said.

Young said the number of students taking advantage of the program has significantly increased since it first started.

"The first couple weeks were slow, but things picked up when people found out we

were there," Young said.

The second trainer position might be cut from the program next year due to financial problems and budget cuts at Cutler, Jackson said.

"We're \$25 million in trouble and see no way out," Jackson said. "If we aren't funded to the extent we need, we might not fund the second athletic trainer."

Ames said students benefit from having easy access to the athletic training this program provides.

"Students are a lot more comfortable and back to participating a lot sooner," Ames said.

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