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• 'Ecology of Commerce'

Hawken chides society for ignoring environment

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff

Although there is no price on nature, society seeks to find one, according to the author of this year's class book.

"People measure with money and nothing in nature can be measured in money," he said. "It's a stupid question, and yet we keep coming up with the idea that somehow money will aggregate into the best world," said Paul Hawken, author of "The Ecology of Commerce." He met with faculty, staff and students on Friday to discuss issues from his book and how they can be put into action.

Hawken said the measurement of money should be used

where it is effective and accountable, but paying with money will not make everything work.

Although the price of something may be inexpensive, it usually doesn't equal the cost it has on society, Hawken said.

"The costs are rarely the same as the price," he said.

Hawken used the example of gasoline, for which Americans normally pay around \$1 per gallon.

"If the price of the gas had to include keeping the Gulf safe, you'd have to pay \$5 to \$6," he said. "What you have in the economy is money being expended. It goes on other bills. What is the cost of a gallon of gas? No one knows. What we

do know is it's more than \$1."

This type of problem leads to intergenerational tyranny when it comes to paying the actual cost of something, Hawken said.

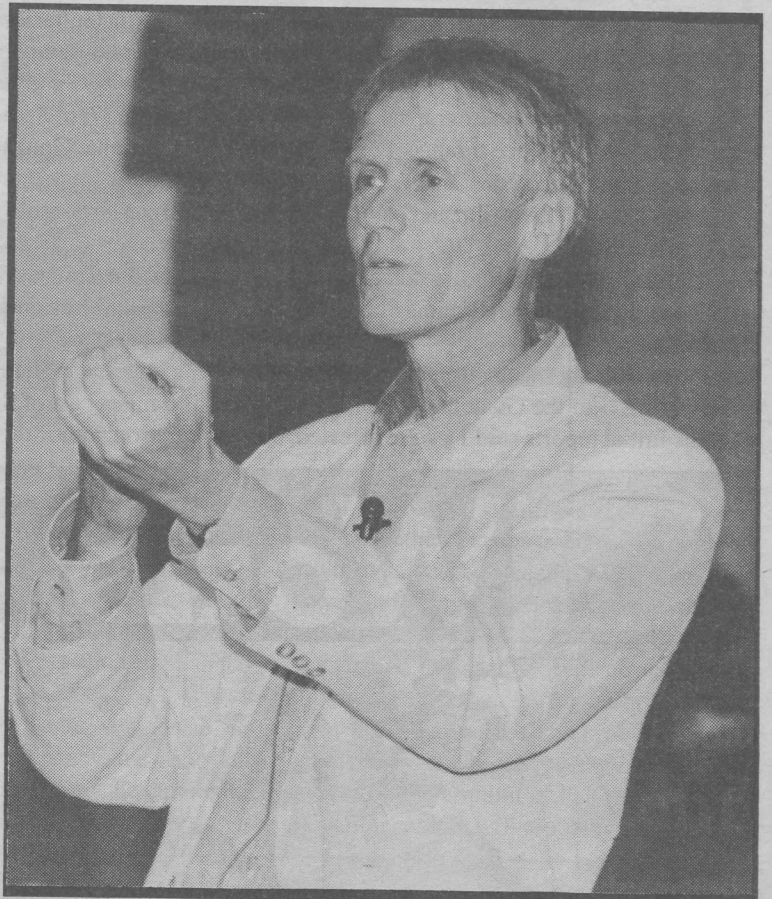
"Something that we used up has to be cleaned up by the next generation," he said.

To solve this problem, cost should be approximated as close as possible, Hawken said.

"It's better to assign a cost now and figure out a way to get people to pay the true cost," he said.

Hawken said internalizing costs and shifting taxes was a proven and possible way to do this. In doing so, society must

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"Ecology of Commerce" author Paul Hawken was the guest speaker at an open forum last Friday in Neville Hall. He answered questions regarding the application of the ideas in his book. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Conflict resolution

Student mediators promote peace

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

The next time you fight with a roommate over a sink full of dirty dishes, squabble with a mate or lock horns with a co-worker, the Campus Mediation Program would like to help.

"Mediation is about possibilities, social growth," said instructor Paul Charponneau. "The idea is to deal with the process of disputing more than the dispute."

"We all want first and foremost to be understood."

The new program is designed to pair together two mediators with two disputants to get to the source of a problem. Unlike councilors, the mediators don't offer advice or

solutions. Instead, they probe into the issue by asking questions. The challenge for mediators is to draw out the little details and side situations that may be going on.

"The idea of mediation is to have a win-win situation," said Mark Dehmlow, a student coordinator in the Campus Mediation Program. "The people have a conflict and they come away satisfied, not disgruntled."

The campus mediation idea started three years ago as a student Peace Study project, but has really taken root over the past year. The program currently consists of six mediators who have taken the 40 hours of state-required mediation training. Several other people will complete their training this spring

in Charponneau's class, PAX 498, Fundamentals of Mediation and Conflict Resolution.

"I'm curious how the student body is going to react to this," said junior Malibu Plaisted, who is enrolled in the class.

Campus Mediators can work in problems involving roommate disputes, partner disputes, class disagreements, and interracial and cross-cultural misunderstandings. They can also handle student-to-student conflicts, which aren't able to be dealt with through Student Legal Services for conflict-of-interest reasons.

Dehmlow said mediators eventually hope to do landlord disputes

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• Technology

Wood composites lab under construction

By Brad Morin
Maine Campus staff

Construction will begin this week on a state of the art facility on campus for testing and creating wood composites.

"In the next 20 years it will be the leading laboratory in the world in developing these composites," said Habib Dagher, director of the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center.

The center will be located between Murray and Jenness Halls. It will be 23,000 square feet in area and will be constructed of the same wood composites.

"The hope is to have it open by Christmas of next year," Dagher said.

Dagher said researchers will be able to conduct large-scale tests in the facility. They will be able to construct a bridge 100 feet long and 50 feet wide and then apply pressure with hydraulics until it breaks. They could also construct buildings up to 25 feet tall and use hydraulics to simulate earthquakes or hurricanes.

Without the facility, the materials and expertise needed to create and test wood composites are

spread around the country.

"Right now, to build some of our components, things have to be

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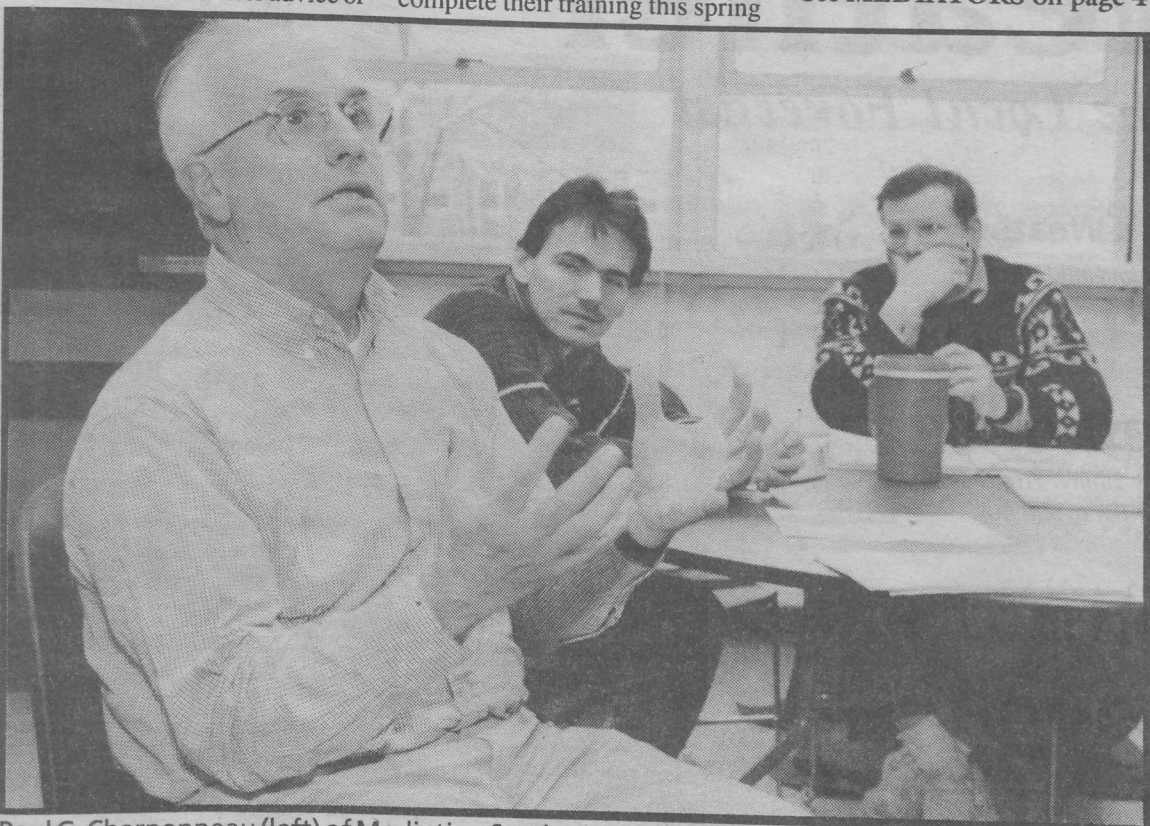
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WEATHER



Bright and sunny today.

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Paul G. Charponneau (left) of Mediation Services sits in with mediation students Fred Ventresco (middle) and Carl E. Pease. (Eric Weisz photo.)

WORLD BRIEFS

• Police brutality

American journalists beaten in raid

1 SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Authorities escorted 12 foreigners — including three Americans — to Mexico City on Sunday, a day after they were arrested in a raid on a southern Mexican town sympathetic to area rebels.

At the airport in the Chiapas state capital of Tuxtla Gutierrez, police transporting the prisoners used the butts of their rifles to beat two news photographers taking pictures of the departure.

Associated Press photographer Pascual Gorris Marcos, 27, of Spain, suffered a gash to the head, and Agence France Presse photographer Oriana Gonzalez Elicabe, 25, of Argentina, was bruised.

Both left with their film and equipment, which Gorris Marcos said authorities had tried to confiscate.

Dario Chacon Montejo, watch commander on duty at the Chiapas State Public Security Police in the state capital, said he had no information about the airport incident, but would investigate.

The foreigners were arrested Saturday when 750 Mexican police and soldiers raided Taniperlas, near the Guatemalan border and about 100 miles east of San Cristobal del Las Casas. Initial reports said 11 were arrested, but immigration authorities later said it was 12.

• Settlement

Sinn Fein leader appeals to public

2 CARRICKMORE, Northern Ireland (AP) — Seeing difficult times ahead, Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams appealed to thousands of IRA supporters Sunday to accept Northern Ireland's compromise peace accord.

Adams' party, an ally of the Irish Republican Army, held commemorations in both parts of Ireland honoring the executed commanders of the 1916 Easter rebellion against British rule in Dublin.

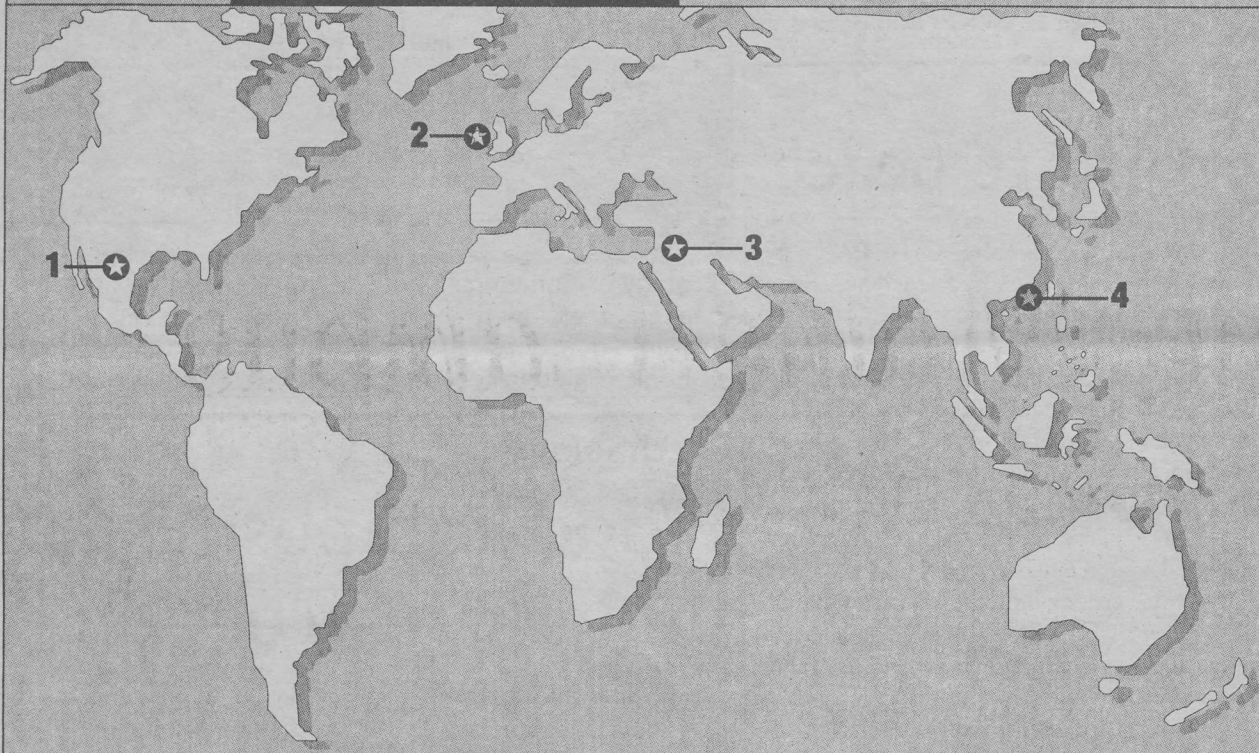
Sinn Fein's support is key to the success of the historic, 67-page peace settlement reached Friday among negotiators from eight parties in the British-ruled province.

In his first public engagement since the agreement, Adams traveled to one of the north's hotbeds of IRA support, the village of Carrickmore, where hail fell between sunbursts and a British army helicopter hovered overhead.

A half-dozen bands of young men and women marched through the village wearing black berets and Easter lilies, playing traditional anti-British tunes on fife, and chanting "I!! I-R-A!!"

In a half-hour speech, Adams said his negotiators had gotten all they could, and that in the talks' final hours Prime Minister Tony Blair had pushed the Ulster Unionist Party — which represents much of the north's pro-British Protestant majority — "much farther than the UUP wanted to go."

WORLD DIGEST



• Preparations

Iraqi getting ready for Saddam's 61st birthday

3 BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Police blocked traffic, buses hauled in recruits and tens of thousands of men, women and children drilled with machine guns Sunday to prepare for Saddam Hussein's birthday party.

Saddam turns 61 on April 28, and the bash for the Iraqi leader promises to be big.

Celebrations are planned throughout Iraq, with the largest in Tikrit, the hometown of Saddam and his closest relatives.

Iraq traditionally has held lavish festivals to mark Saddam's birthday, despite grinding poverty blamed on the U.N. economic embargo imposed after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990, which led to the Persian Gulf War.

Last year, when he turned 60, more than 20 gold-plated statues depicting different stages of Saddam's life were unveiled in Baghdad and other main cities. Sixty yachts imported from Turkey took part in a procession in the Tigris River, which runs through Baghdad.

On Sunday, police blocked roads leading to parks and to Baghdad's Celebration Square, which commemorates the 1980-88 war with Iran. Streets were jammed with buses carrying recruits for training.

• Politics

Lack of support leads to party's withdrawal

4 HONG KONG (AP) — A major pro-Beijing political party backed out of part of Hong Kong's legislative elections because its chairman said it had no hope of winning, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The Hong Kong Progressive Alliance will not field candidates for the 20 seats to be chosen by popular vote, the South China Morning Post reported. The party will field nine candidates in polling for the other seats.

Thirty of the legislature's 60 seats are to be selected by company heads, professionals and labor unions, and 10 are to be chosen by an 800-member electoral college. Those polls are expected to favor pro-business and pro-China elites.

Hong Kong's first legislature elections after returning to Chinese rule last July 1 will be held May 24 in a long, cumbersome electoral process. Nominations close April 24.

The Alliance, which some believe is backed by China, had been expected to field two to three candidates in the territory-wide popular elections.

But Ambrose Lau, a legislator and Alliance chairman, said his party needed more time to build up a district network before contesting popular elections.

"If we know we are going to lose, why don't we put all our efforts into the seats we believe we can win?" the Post quoted Lau as saying.

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather

Sunny and mild. Highs in the low 60s.



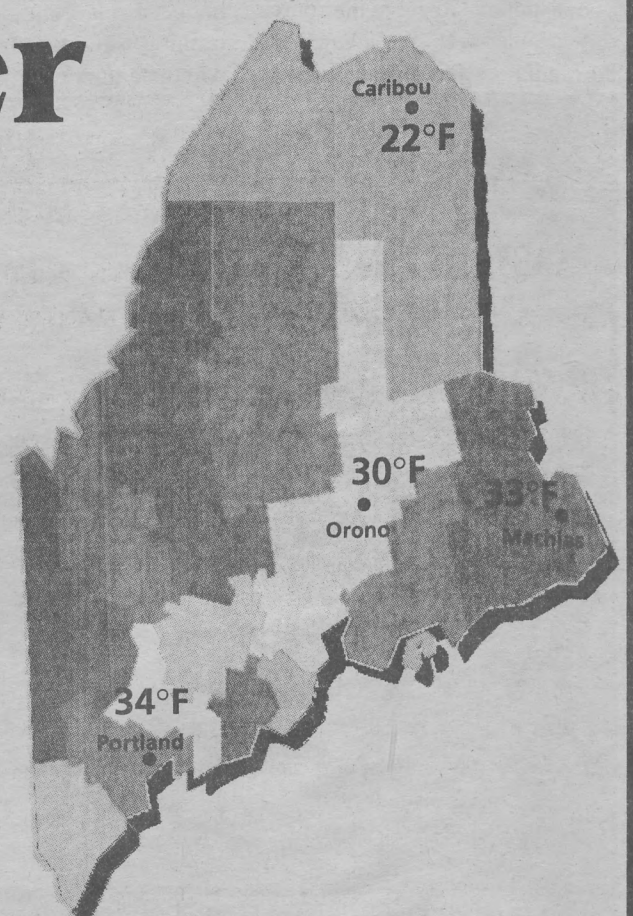
Tuesday's Outlook

Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s to mid 60s.



Extended Forecast

Sunday...Getting cloudy.
Monday...Chance of rain.
Tuesday...Cloudy, rain expected.



• Nutrition

Olean gets mixed reviews for side effects

By Krista Marrs
Maine Campus staff

They may look and taste like regular potato chips, but they will keep you everything but regular.

The new Wow! brand chips from Frito-Lay are one of the first snack foods to be made with Olean, a new fat-free cooking oil. The new chips look exactly like the regular brand of BBQ, Doritos and plain chips, and some students say they even taste the same. Yet there is more to the Wow! brand of chips than meets the eye.

"One problem found while doing preliminary studies on the product was anal leakage," Al Bushway, food science professor at the University of Maine said. "The Olestra in the product will pull moisture from the intestines, which causes loose stools."

Olean is the brand name for Olestra, which is an ingredient used as a fat substitute. Olestra is a sugar with a large, fatty acid added to the compound. It differs from vegetable oil in that it does not add any calories to the product.

"The Olestra material is consumed but is not digested or absorbed, so it does not add any calories to the product," Bushway said. "And it does not change the taste, either."

Wow! brand potato chip packaging has a label warning the consumer of the possibility of "abdominal cramping and loose stool" caused by the Olestra in the chips. The label also says Olestra "inhibits the absorption of some vita-

mins and other nutrients."

The Food and Drug Administration approved Olestra in 1996 to be used as a replacement for up to 100 percent of the fat found in savory food snacks.

"This accounts for your chips, crackers and other similar snack foods, but the fat-free oil cannot be used in sweet snacks," Bushway said.

A product comparison is also placed on the chip package, showing the Ruffles Wow! chips having no grams of fat and 75 calories for a 1-ounce serving. This is compared to regular chips having 10 grams of fat and 150 calories. The product pitch is less calories with the same amount of taste.

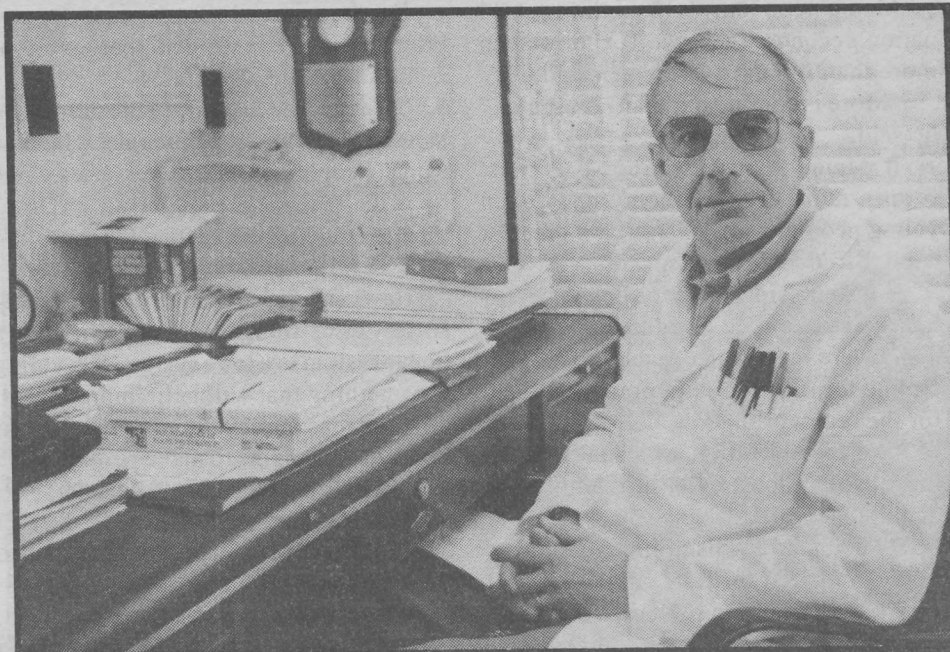
Bushway said he has tried the new chips and he thinks they are quite tasty.

"I have tried the nacho chips and the plain ones, and I could not tell the difference," Bushway said. "If you put them in unlabeled bowls, I would not be able to tell those from the original brand."

"I really like the Doritos. I think they taste better than the real Doritos," Angie Marquis, a fourth-year engineering student said. "I like them because they don't leave an after-taste."

Marquis said the Lays BBQ chips taste like Baked Lays, and the Lays Original chips have a taste and texture similar to Pringles.

"I think they are pretty good, but if you're craving chips, I don't think they satisfy your taste," Marquis said. "But if you're looking for something to snack on while watching TV, then they will work."



Field Science Professor Al Bushway. (Eric Weisz photo.)

Neither Bushway or Marquis said they have had stomach problems after eating the potato chips, but some students say the possibility of cramps is keeping them away.

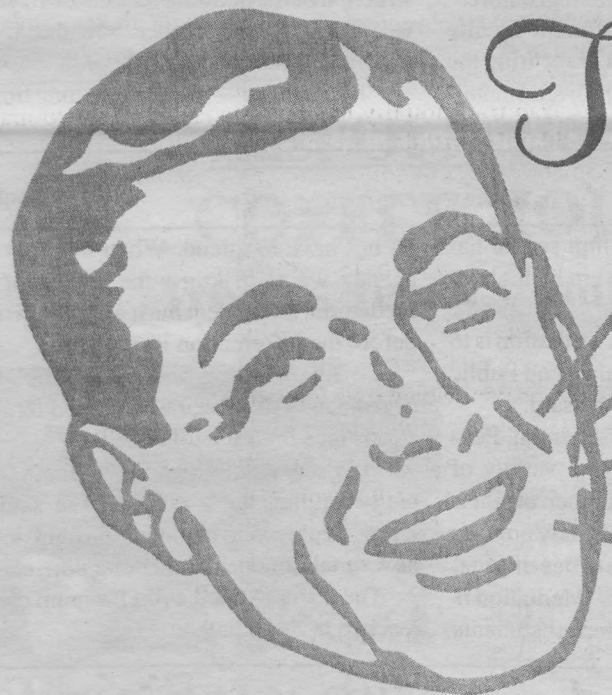
"I have never tried any of the chips, but I have heard that they can make your stomach quite sick," Amy Goodie, a fourth-year journalism student, said.

First-year student Susan Moore said she doesn't plan to try the chips anytime in the near future, even if they taste exactly the same as the regular brand.

"I think the warning label on the package says it all," Moore said.

Despite the concerns of stomach problems, Bushway said he believes the Wow! chips will do well and are a good snack for people who are looking to reduce their fat and calorie intake.

"I think the product will do well as it allows an opportunity for calorie reduction," Bushway said. "The problem is that people may eat more, so they'll actually gain the same amount of calories. But as a reduction in fat, it will probably work well."



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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.

Hawken

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them.

"You plug the leaks and close the loops," Hawken said.

Maine's economy is like a third-world nation's economy because it exports much more than it imports, Hawken said.

"More is coming out than coming in," he said.

If Maine wants to improve it must form a more civic economy and retain young people, some of Maine's greatest capital sources, Hawken said.

Hawken said a society could be enhanced by the type of education its students were receiving. Teaching one discipline to students is not preparing them for the real world.

"We're educating, as usual, people for jobs that don't exist instead of ones that do," he said.

By being cross-disciplinary, students can be prepared for jobs out in the "real world," and they can revitalize a state by providing workers for employers, Hawken said.

James Wilson, associate professor of marine sciences and cooperative professor of resource economics and policy, said there are many efforts to improve Maine, but the task is made harder by federal control.

"The biggest problem is getting out

from under the federal thumb," Wilson said. "The efforts we make are severely destroyed."

Hawken agreed that the federal government is preventing higher environmental standards for states.

"We need a real shift to the municipal state level from the federal," Hawken said. "People who are adversaries come up with real well thought-up environmental standards, and then they run into the federal government."

Hawken said a way to change how society uses things is to switch from a linear system to a loop system. Recycling is something that will help improve this.

"The reason recycling is so important is because it begins to make people relate on how to close the loop," he said.

Advancements in recycling will change the way society works and thinks, Hawken said.

"The mother ship is coming," he said. "There is an array of social systems and products that will wipe out the way people think of things."

Hawken said the beliefs that society is either doing really well or facing doom are too narrow, and that the truth lies somewhere in the middle.

"What will happen is something no one will predict," he said.



Opening to empty tomb where Jesus was buried. At left is very large stone that had closed opening. (Photo of scene from **JESUS** video. Free copy of hour-long video available. Send requests to palmeter@maine.maine.edu)

HE'S ALIVE!

<CP><Monday, April 13> - JERUSALEM - In the greatest miracle in history, and as He predicted, on the third day, Jesus has risen from dead. As incredible as it sounds, eyewitnesses report they are absolutely sure it is Him. Others who spoke at length with Him did not recognize Him until moments before He disappeared from their sight. Late yesterday evening, in the same upper room where Jesus ate His last supper before being crucified, His eleven disciples (followers) talked to him at length and saw Him eat broiled fish.

The Roman soldiers who were guarding His tomb reported that Jesus' disciples [followers] had stolen His body while they were asleep. Many have already labeled that report a "cover-up," because it is widely known that any Roman soldier who falls asleep while on duty shall be executed.

According to a spokesperson at Governor Pilate's office, "this [rising from the dead] is precisely why the Governor ordered soldiers to guard the tomb in the first place." Upon being questioned about executing the guards who had fallen asleep, the same spokesperson read a statement, that ... "the Governor has reviewed the circumstances, and concluded that the soldiers should not be executed because they were not in a combat

situation." Several retired Roman officers that we contacted said that such an interpretation of the regulations was ridiculous.

A number of Jewish people that we spoke to seemed to agree that considering the number of genuine miracles attributed to Jesus, these reports of His resurrection cannot be taken lightly. Clearly, the High Priests and Sandhedrin are alarmed. One priest, who asked not be identified, claims that as part of the "cover up," the soldiers were given a large sum of money to go with the "sleep over" version. There is one report that a High Priest told the soldiers not to worry that they [High Priests] would "satisfy" the Governor.

According to one of the disciples, who was with Jesus last night, He said that His death and resurrection fulfilled prophecy that was thousands of years old. He explained that He, the Son of God, had to suffer humiliation, by being whipped for taking on all of mankind's sins against God and then die the most painful death for them. After this happened, it was possible for mankind to be eternally reunited with God, provided they believed in Jesus. His resurrection was proof that this was true.

A message from Christian Faculty & Staff, given through Campus Crusade for Christ, to the University Community.

Wood

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shipped around quite a bit," said Eric Landis, assistant professor of civil and structural engineering. "The real asset of this building is the fact that we'll have a lot of different components under one roof."

The advanced engineered wood composites are made by combining wood with fiber-reinforced polymers, material that Dagher said is two-and-a-half times stronger than steel.

"We're talking about transforming the use of wood in the 21st century," he said. "We will be using hybrids, not wood alone."

Wood composites can be used to build small-span bridges and piers in the outdoors. They can also be used indoors for roof supports. Dagher said the roof of the Alford arena is held up by beams made of wood composites. Wood composites were also used in the 1997 Corvette's floorboards.

Dagher said there are many environmental benefits to using wood composites.

"Environmentalists just love this," he said. "Because this is twice as strong, you need half as many beams."

Wood composites can also be made with smaller and lower quality trees.

"You don't need to cut the old-growth, bigger trees," he said. "You can use the lower-grade trees with these composites."

The new center has a total cost of around \$8 million. Dagher said the money for building the center came from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

"It's the largest federal building grant in the university's history," he said.

Funds to hire faculty and students came from various public and private sources, including some from the state legislature.

Dagher credits many different faculty members and administrators in securing the grant and helping with the project, including: Heather Jacobson, assistant vice pro-

vost of research; Jake Ward, director of industrial cooperation; Stephen Shaler, professor of wood sciences and technology; Landis, and Barry Goodell, professor of wood science and technology.

Dagher also credits the Action Committee of 50 and the Eastern Maine Development Corporation, economic development groups who helped secure the grant.

"One thing that helped a lot was how well people on this campus worked together," Dagher said. "That's what made this project possible."

Landis said Dagher was the driving force behind the project.

"This is the guy who stays up for three days without sleep to get the job done," he said.

"He's the visionary," Goodell said.

The grant allowed for the hiring of two new faculty members. Dagher said there were 200 applicants for the jobs, and the university chose two nationally known professors, Douglas Gardner from Michigan Tech and Roberto Lopez from the University of West Virginia.

"We were able to attract them to Maine because of this building and this program," he said. "We were able to pick the best in the country."

Dagher said the grant for the new center will benefit students in civil engineering and wood science. The new center and research opportunities might translate into more courses.

"The students are really going to benefit from the infusion of dollars," he said.

Dagher has been anticipating the construction of the building for almost 10 years. He said he is very excited now that it will finally be constructed.

"It's exciting—10 years is a long time to wait by any standards," he said.

Mediators

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as well, but they won't attempt sexual harassment or other issues that are better handled by the police.

"What we're hoping with mediation is to catch things before they escalate and Public Safety has to get involved," he said.

Mediation is free and confidential. People can come to the group in a variety of ways. They may call the number on their own, or they may be referred by any number of campus offices, such as the office of equal opportunity or judicial affairs. Mediation is completely voluntary, so referred students

do not have to attend. When the referring agency wants to know the results of the mediation, the student must give permission before the information is released.

Corrine Whitting, one of the group's five coordinators, has been working with mediation since high school.

"It's very rewarding to know that you're really helping out a person," she said. "I know people leave mediation and know how to talk to one another and not yell."

The Campus Mediation Program can be reached at 581-2639.

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• LASST

Researchers manipulate atoms for corporate gain

By Stan Dankoski
Maine Campus staff

Research and development of new materials by manipulating atoms are being carried out by the Laboratory for Surface Science and Technology, located on campus at the Sawyer Environmental Research Center. LASST designs conceptual frameworks for ideas of profit-making corporations.

LASST is divided into several research areas: sensor technology, ceramic films and coatings, tribology and nanomechanics, and paper science. Corporations aligned with any of these areas could go to LASST and ask for help in creating effective products for sale, such as digital video discs (DVDs), turbine plane blades or auto engines.

"LASST is made up of people of many disciplines," said Robert Lad, physics professor and director of LASST. "We have faculty, graduate students, and scientists from all over the country and UMaine within the disciplines of chemistry, physics and electrical and computer engineering. For something like this, you wouldn't want all physicists, but diversity."

LASST also provides hands-on training for undergraduate and graduate students at UMaine.

In the area of ceramic film coatings, the Department of Energy's Division of Material Sciences devoted \$220,000 toward research of the structural and chemical properties of metal-oxide and oxide-oxide interfaces.

"Ceramic coatings can provide surfaces that are extremely hard and can operate at

very high temperatures," Lad said. "Making better coatings is getting more and more sophisticated. To minimize defects in the coatings, they are literally fabricated atom by atom."

In the case of the turbine blades in airplane engines, the blade material is coated with zirconium oxide. LASST is trying to develop the coating to be tougher and less likely to crack. To do this, Lad said, they would have to figure out the chemical bonds between atoms in the coating and their reactions to other molecules.

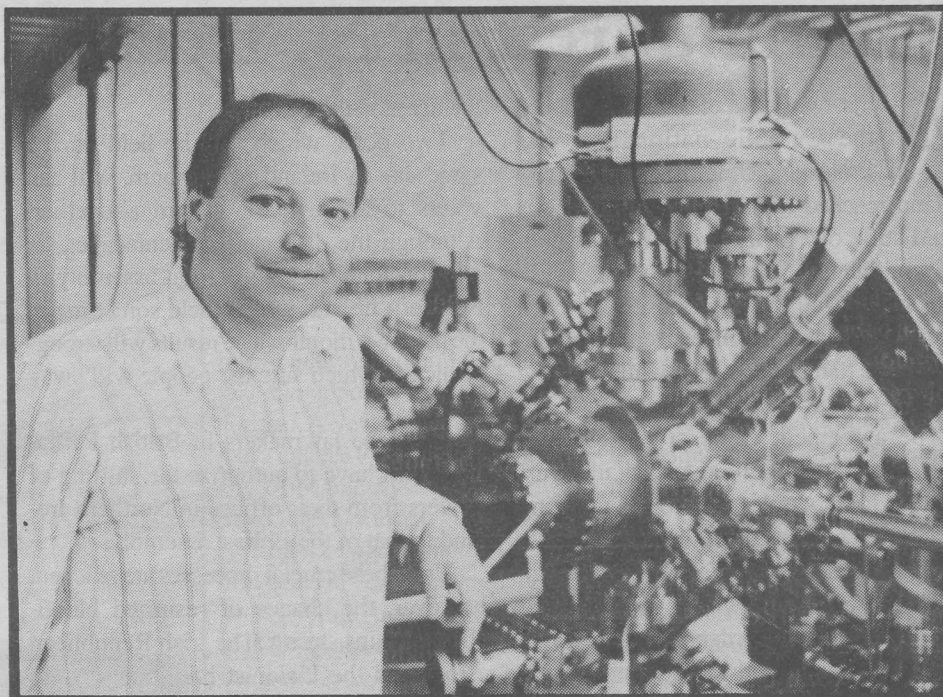
Those foreign molecules may "stick" to the blade and cause cracking and failure, particularly at the extremely high temperatures that the blade sees under operation. A similar example of knowing about chemical bonds in the materials would be the coatings of DVDs.

"DVDs are actually two compact discs in one, a video disc and an audio disc," said Lad. "Only one laser is used to read the DVD, so it must pass both the top disc and the coating to read the bottom disc."

Once it reaches the top disc, it refracts the light into a device that translates the digital information into video data. Beneath the top disc is a thin layer of coating which must have a certain thickness in order for the laser to penetrate just enough to have a 50/50 balance of video and audio, the desired ratio, Lad said.

Steve Smallwood, a fourth-year physics graduate student, studies tribology, which is the study of material properties of surfaces on the atomic level.

"I'm hoping to learn better instrumenta-



Robert Lad, director of the Laboratory for Surface Science and Technology. (Eric Weisz photo.)

tion experience in the indentation experiment," Smallwood said.

The indentation experiment tries to extend the knowledge of elasticity of materials, said Smallwood. A tungsten tip, "atomically sharp," is indented into the surface of a CD or other material. The computer calculates the bending of the atoms of the material.

Sensors operate on the knowledge of different chemical properties, similarly to that of the plane blade oxides.

"Sensors can be placed in smokestacks where toxic gases escape," Lad said.

The sensors can have a special coating that would attract those toxins, and the end result would be a neutralization of the toxic molecules, a breakup of the atoms into two different and safe gases.

"We can also have other kinds of sensors," Lad said. "We could have them in refrigerators and sense if fish goes bad. They'll be electronic noses."

"One thing I notice about all this," Smallwood said, "is that everything is coming in smaller and smaller packages. Sensors are becoming quite small."

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EDITORIAL

Ending unrest in N. Ireland

After two years of on-and-off talks, the Catholic nationalists and Protestant Unionists in Northern Ireland reached an agreement Friday that could stifle one of the world's most divisive conflicts.

Former Maine Sen. George Mitchell mediated a deal that will hearten the unionists' desire to remain British while opening the door to possible Irish unity.

The agreement came at the close of Holy Week and signified a particular purpose for Irish people, who found meaning in sacrifice as a result of the Easter uprising of 1916 against British rule in Dublin.

The agreement, which is anchored around a new cross-border council designed to prompt North-South collaborations, will succeed only if the people want it to.

"The choice is yours," Mitchell said. "The people of Northern Ireland will make the difference."

And the people will have their opportunity next month, when they will face three hurdles that must be overcome in order for

the agreement to flourish.

Two polls, which will be held on the same day in Ireland next month, will ask voters to approve the accord altogether. Although the date isn't cemented yet, an election for the new 108-seat assembly in Northern Ireland will be held sometime in the next two months. The results will strongly dictate which side the people will sway toward.

Also, the lawmakers in British Parliament will have to authorize the shifting of powers from their offices in Northern Ireland to that of the Belfast assembly.

Until these crucial processes are reached, however, the chance of resumed bloodshed remains strong. The Irish Republican Army and the Unionist hard-liners could test the approval before the referendums are held.

Although the public referendums only need a simple majority to ratify the agreement, it is time to send the signal to both governments that political violence that has rocked the world must be put to rest.

Lawsuit to play sports misguided

A recent lawsuit filed on behalf of a 13-year-old girl who attends a private school but would like to play sports at her town's public school provides the perfect opportunity to put this issue to rest.

Jane LeBlanc attends Kennebunk Christian Academy, a private school with no extracurricular athletic programs. She would like to run cross country and track and play soccer at neighboring Kennebunk Middle School. The school has denied her request due to her attending the private school.

School districts across the state are divided on the public-to-private athletics move. Both Biddeford and Saco allow private-school children to play in their public-school sports teams. Portland and Bangor do not allow for the same exchange.

While it may seem unfair to bar children from private schools from playing on public-school teams, their parents chose education over school-sponsored

athletics when they enrolled their children in private schools that don't have athletic programs. The move from private- to public-school sports raises too many questions, such as whose tax dollars are paying for the student to play.

The risk of recruitment also threatens to make the move from private to public even more complex.

Even when denied access to public school teams, students usually still have the option of playing on a club or local recreation team in the summer. These children should have the benefits of team competition, but not at the detriment of public school children.

The situation is begging for clarity. The Maine Principals' Association needs to make a decision on the matter, so as not to leave the decision up to each school system and, in LeBlanc's case, the courts. A variety of rulings from a variety of school systems adds only more confusion to an already complex situation.

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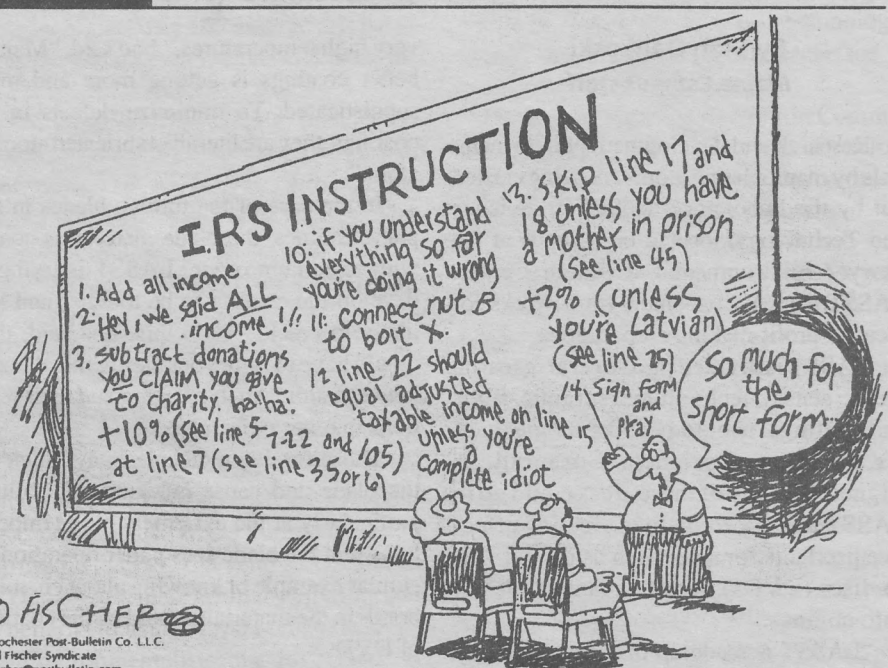
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• Letters

• Option to try juveniles as adults most fair solution

To the Editor:

I am dismayed at a recent [column] that appeared regarding trying juveniles who commit heinous crimes as adults. Although Misty Edgecomb should be commended for her compassion toward juveniles, she misses the point.

States have made an effort to promote self-responsibility while realizing that juveniles who commit these crimes need more than a year or two of detention for rehabilitation. To achieve these goals, states have moved toward trying juveniles in extreme cases as adults.

One example could be the two students who turned a fire alarm into a bloodbath in Arkansas. According to Ms. Edgecomb, the students "characteristically acted in haste, irrationally lashing out at a classmate."

This is not true. The boys, dressed in camouflage, waited in the woods for the fire alarm to go off, and then executed fellow students. Their "irrational" actions shook the core of the local community and probably traumatized all of the students who were there for life.

Will the Arkansas courts tell the children who witnessed the deaths of friends that these boys will be rehabilitated in a few years? Can the United States afford to tell young adults that it is OK to commit these acts because they are young?

Juvenile crime in the United States is rising, and each case is an individual instance and should be treated as so under the law. All the law in question does is allow the system an opportunity to apply penalties in extreme cases.

We must leave options open to the courts, and our community must teach juveniles that they must be responsible for their actions. Maine's policy regarding juveniles simply leaves the door open to achieve this goal.

Scott Stangeland
Bangor

• Music critique in bad taste

To the Editor:

It is painful for me to chastise a good writer in the Maine Campus, but it must be done. Chris Hilton, on Friday, expressed his dislike of Canadian musicians. Since he has that right, I can only appeal on behalf of our neighbors to the north.

I will admit that the piece did indicate

examples of music that in essence question the very meaning of the word. However, I didn't boycott music in this country because of Meatloaf. Perhaps I am more understanding. Let's bring up a few more to set the scale. How about John Tesh? If you are questioning appeal, try starting with Kenny G.

Canada has inspiration. National health care and a maple leaf on its flag makes them pretty cool in my book. These examples notwithstanding, we will pursue music. One band that comes to mind is the Tragically Hip. The band has had countless albums and is known across the globe. Except, of course, in the house of Hilton. Try getting tickets to a show in Montreal. There is a sound found on each album that hits.

I would recommend that, in the future, before making broad generalizations that alienate millions of people, you will check the facts. I would also recommend that if you would kill your dog, poke people in the eyes and "pick off civilians" because of a song, I would re-evaluate your role in society and seriously consider seeking help. Other than these minor critiques, the piece was good.

Preston Noon
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• Free speech not so free

To the Editor:

Wouldn't it be nice to live in a perfect world, where "free speech protects all" (The Maine Campus, April 6)?

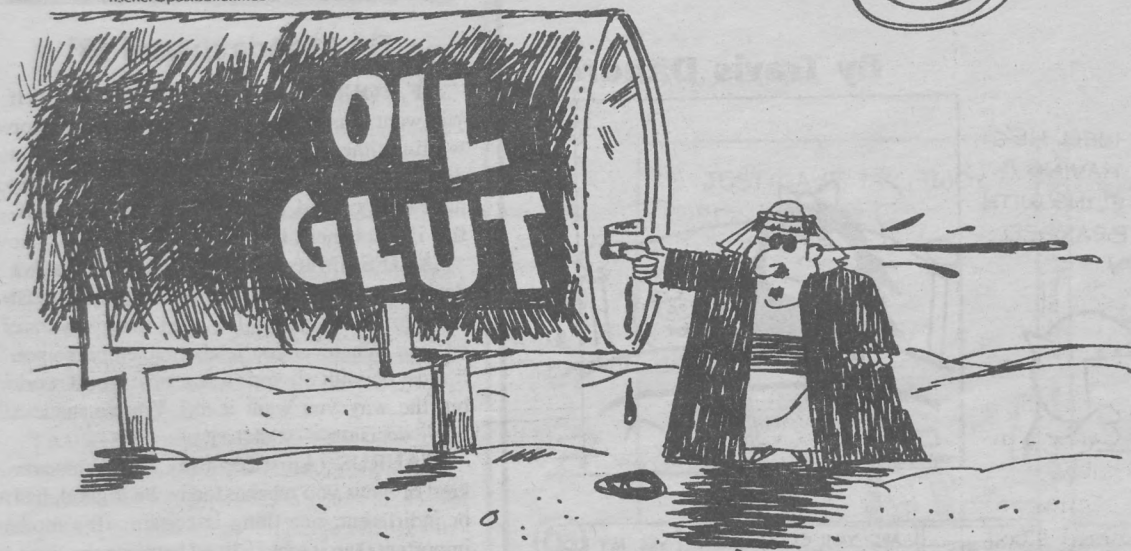
Ah, for the utopia enjoyed by the privileged young college students of this institution.

Unfortunately, there was nothing "free" about the McCuskers' hate booth in the Memorial Union. They paid the university \$75 for the privilege of preaching in the Union. Here, the concept of protection under the First Amendment ends. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that a business (like a mall) need not sanction even a Salvation Army Santa on its grounds if it chooses not to endorse this charity. The University of Maine would never sell a Union table to the Nazis or the KKK. People who cannot afford \$75 are not permitted to use the student union halls as a soapbox.

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• Column

Trash TV gives us what we want

Hey, I've got a great idea. Here's the plan: First, keep a deep, dark secret, one you can't even reveal to those who are closest to you. In fact, the plan depends on your keeping it from the one person you claim to care most about. For example, just because you're living as a woman (but still have a penis) doesn't mean the guy you're engaged to has to know.

Then, and this is when the plan

parties destroy each other. Every day, he rides into new relationships and prods people into destroying each other, cutting a wide path through whatever trailer trash he encounters.

And Americans, myself included, are eating it up.

Recently, "The Jerry Springer Show" became the highest-rated

that these bizarre people and situations exist in our society. His show is a reality check for anyone who is too complacent with the way things are going.

There are several reasons for Springer's popularity. For starters, he is a likable personality. Eight years after he resigned from the Cincinnati City Council in 1974, after getting caught paying a prostitute with a personal check, he was elected the city's mayor.

Another reason for the show's popularity is more than likely the "rubberneck" syndrome. Just like people will crane their necks to get a look at an overturned car on the highway, so will they tune in to watch "Springer" guests beat the hell out of each other. It's something you don't see every day. Every time you think you've seen it all from one of Jerry's guests, there's a twist. Like when a woman is cheating on her boyfriend, and he shows up with a ring, thinking, "There's no better place to propose than on national TV."

The most likely reason so many people tune in to the show is because it makes them feel good. How bad can your life really be when you're watching a pre-op transsexual, in full drag, squirm between the man he "loves" and the woman he impregnated?

There aren't many topics Jerry hasn't covered. This might worry another host, but not Springer. He's more than willing to recycle old themes, especially when there's a chance someone will get popped in the mouth. At this point in time, three and a half months into 1998, that's what people want to see. Trends come and go, but like a chameleon, Springer is able to blend in with whatever happens to be popular. For that reason, he'll be around for some time.

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By Derek Rice

gets juicy, you have to decide that you finally want to be honest. Face it, you have to get this off your chest. You can only keep it hidden so long.

The best part of the plan is this: Reveal this deep, dark secret on national television. I mean, hey, it's got to be the easiest way, don't you think? It's like Bob Sugar's "crowded restaurant" tactic for firing people in "Jerry Maguire," only bigger and more crowded. Of course, it isn't the most fair way to do it, this ambush style, but at least it's easy.

Enter a man named Springer to help this along.

Like the lone gunman in so many westerns, Jerry Springer rides into relationships and sets the two sides against each other. Once a suitable fight has ensued, he steps out of the fray and lets the two — sometimes three or more —

daytime talk show on television, thanks in large part to its "battle royale" format that encourages fistfights instead of calm discussion. If you want touchy-feely, catch "The View."

At the time of its inception, six years ago, the airwaves were flooded with more talk shows than viewers knew what to do with. Danny Bonaduce, Tempestt Bledsoe, Richard Bey and others have all gone the way of New Coke, but Jerry is still here.

Some say Springer's brand of talk show has no place on television. After a male "Jenny Jones" guest killed the man who had "ambushed" him with a declaration of desire on national television, many talk shows either changed their ways or packed up their tents and called it quits.

Not Springer. He has gone in the opposite direction. Springer tried the "legitimate" talk show route. When his show debuted in 1991, it bore no resemblance to what it has become today. But Springer decided a couple years ago that he wanted to do something different from everyone else. The result is what you see today.

Springer needs to be on television, if only to remind viewers

The constriction affliction

Now that it seems to be set in stone, I probably shouldn't rail on about it, but, as editor in chief, I think I will take the opportunity to lightly ex-coriate. A few years ago, Maine had a chance to change the University of Maine System to a better, more logical format.

Instead, legislators said to the universities, "Get smaller."

They did, but the University of Maine did the lion's share of the getting. No other university in the system had such a large drop in enrollment, down to 9,000 overall from more than 12,000, and no other institution suffered a greater loss in its ability to de-

leges than universities, they are indispensable to their students. Unfortunately, however, they think they are on the up and up. Perhaps they are. The University of Southern Maine, with its prime location, is closing in on UMaine's enrollment figures.

To ameliorate the localization of both the satellite universities' image and operation, UMA is now starting to offer post-graduate degrees. The University of Maine at Machias is building an Olympic-size pool and a community center. UMaine itself is renovating and



By Paul Livingstone

liver degrees or education.

Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart has proven his staying power; he has withstood a variety of House bills to remove, reorganize and bolster the university system. What he has neglected to do is avoid the inevitable protracted boxing match between the state and the university system over funding for an overdrawn institution.

Aside from the ludicrous notion that all campuses should have dead equal representation at board of trustees meetings (the Legislature doesn't operate that way, does it?), the chancellor has served as the middleman to a University of Maine that can communicate its needs to the state well enough on its own. As President Peter Hoff has discovered with the University of Maine at Augusta's name change squabble, this state can be awfully backward and parochial.

The scientists at the Sawyer Environmental Research Center hit home a couple weeks ago when they criticized the Legislature's bailout on a \$10 million research grant. Understandably, the state can't afford to give us money it doesn't have, but the question is begged, "Where did it go?" Surely, it can't have been used up already with the rest of the budget surplus.

UMaine could be a world-class institution in a day if it could somehow wrest itself from the anchor that is the University of Maine System.

That can't happen now. The various satellite universities that began to serve students in regional areas now serve only the communities they operate in; these communities depend on them. Though they are now more community col-

expanding the Memorial Union, a project it can't really afford (though its administration supposes students can), and plans are probably well under way for a new recreational center. This is all in the name of attracting new students from somewhere new.

Labeled the "Year of Education," 1998 is more accurately the "Year of Renovations." Not as catchy, true, but, beyond a few new majors, there has been little new happening in the education sector. What has been done has occurred under budget constraints. That's why those numerous potential UMaine alumni lurking right under our nose are thumbing theirs at this university and going elsewhere.

That's only one big beef among a number of smaller, less profound grumblings from a rather easy-going editor. These include a distaste for the new MaineCards (traditionalist?); an aversion to those who drive around campus for no reason, though I've done it before (hypocrite?); and anger at the Memorial Union for driving out any and all vendors except credit card booths and homophobic crusaders. Anybody who wants to buy their wares already has them.

Maybe I'm just greedy, but why aren't there any used CD hawkers in the Union anymore? Yeah, they sell bootlegs, but it's not like the feds are going to cuff everyone to the bike racks. After all, the state gave us a break on those pesky environmental codes, right?

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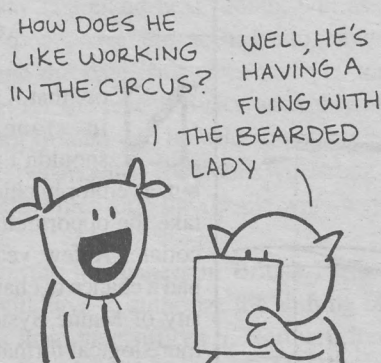
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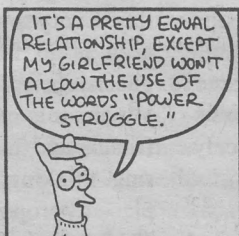
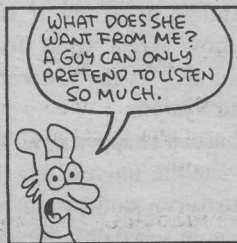
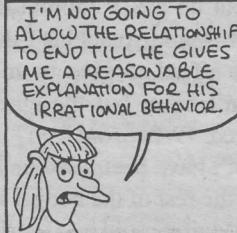
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Monday, April 13

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: If you want to make the most of your talents, stop wasting time, money and energy on things that don't really matter. Social and travel plans may have to be curbed, but it will be worth the sacrifice if you benefit financially.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): If you've decided on a certain course of action, you must now go all the way. The next three days are crucial. Whatever you're about to embark upon it must be with all your heart, or it won't work out the way you want it to. You've made a brave decision — stick to it.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Whatever kind of news you receive today, be it good, bad or indifferent, one thing is certain: It's more important than it looks. Read between the lines, and you'll discover something that will make what happens on the 22nd so much easier to deal with.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You must make a decision regarding an important partnership matter. If you don't, the decision will be made for you over the next seven to 10 days — and it might not be the decision you really want.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Don't let worries over work or health matters get out of hand. You have a tendency to fear the worst when anything goes wrong and, as things seem to go wrong much of the time, that means you worry too much. It's completely unnecessary — the planets are protecting you.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): There may be a thousand things you would like to do today, but there's only one thing you must do. You know what it is, and you know you must deal with it immediately. Get it out of the way now, and the weekend will be free to do everything else.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Virgos don't like chaos. Even when your own life is in a mess, you can't resist putting the world around you to rights. If you must help friends and relatives put their house in order today try no to be too critical of their way of doing things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Things change whether we like it or not. Fortunately, the things that change in your life over the next few days will all be for the better, so don't struggle against them simply because you feel you're no longer in control. You don't need to be in control when everything is going your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): If you want something enough, you can afford it, whether or not you have the cash to buy it. You may have to sacrifice other things in order to get it, but there are so many things in your life you could do without you should have no trouble trading one thing for another.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): This is an important day for you, not least because you can finally make a start on something that has been stuck at the planning stage for months. You can't possibly do it all at once. Steady progress today and tomorrow will lead to rapid progress over the weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): There are few genuinely new ideas — most are simply old ideas packaged in a more attractive way than before. Be that as it may, your mind is full of brilliant ideas. If someone tells you it's been done before, do it anyway.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): What would you most like to happen in your life? Hold that thought for the next three days at least. The power of the mind is incredibly strong, and maybe, just maybe, what you're currently dreaming of will come true if you want it and ask for it enough.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): It doesn't matter whether you're motivated by hope or by anxiety — what matters is that you've made a decision and are prepared to stick by it come what may. Life is rarely as simple as we would like it to be — and rarely as difficult as we like to pretend it is.

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Tuesday, April 14

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Say what you think, think what you like, and make those who say you aren't entitled to believe certain things regret the day they crossed swords with you. No one can take your freedom from you — defend it.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): If someone offers you an inch today, take a mile. If you don't take advantage of the opportunity, someone else will. There is too much secrecy in the world already: A little Arian sincerity will feel like a breath of fresh air.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You have so much to be grateful for and so much to look forward to, but for some reason you don't see it that way; you will soon. There are changes in the air this week — changes that will help you to see things as they are, not how you fear them to be.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): There's no point in trying to be subtle with someone who doesn't possess the wit to understand what you're getting at. Be blunt if you have to. What you don't say today you won't be able to say tomorrow — so say it and be done with it.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You know what you know, and too bad for those who disagree with you. If this is the kind of mood you woke up in today, hold on to it — you're going to need it. If not, don't be too understanding or forgiving. At some stage today you will have to defend your beliefs.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): If you need to convince someone in a position of authority that you can be trusted with an important responsibility, do so today. Tomorrow you will find it much more difficult to satisfy that person's requirements, no matter how capable you may be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Life always works out better than expected, even for those Virgoans who never stop worrying. A number of little things may have gone wrong recently, but that will just make the big things that go right today so much more satisfying. And if it doesn't, it should.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Librans can keep a secret, although your natural disposition is to tell the world what you know. It may be tough keeping certain information to yourself today, but you know it must be done if you want to enhance your reputation and benefit financially.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): One-to-one relationships are always important. Over the next few days, however, they will move from important to vital in the Scorpio scale of significance. There will be changes in some of your most personal relationships, and they will be changes for the better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): With the planets moving out of the most dynamic area of your chart this week, you can't expect to keep up your current level of activity for much longer. You've begun a number of new things in recent weeks — now your aim must be to develop what you have already started.

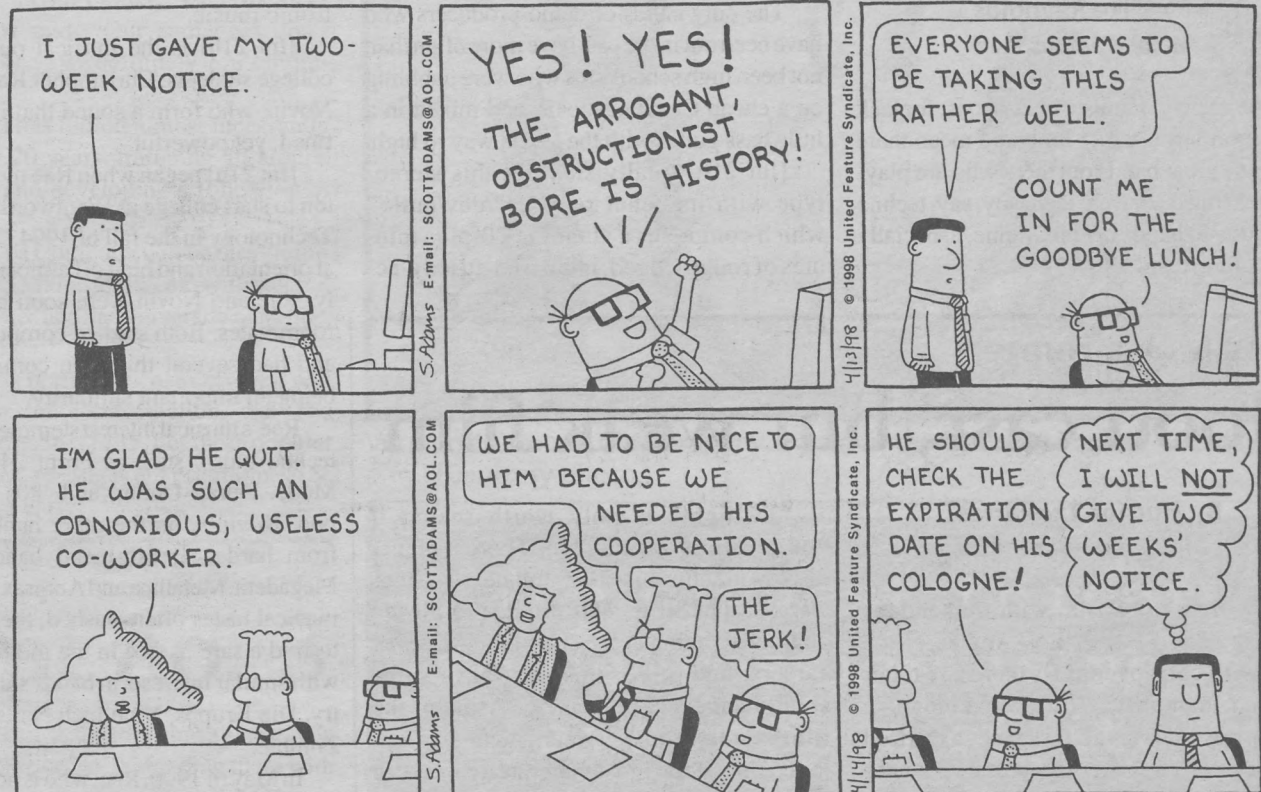
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You aren't the sort of person who makes quick financial decisions. Common sense tells you that the longer you wait, the more you will get for your money. Salesmen may hate you, but your bank manager will love you today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Be careful what you say to those you care about. To you it may seem the height of reason, but to them it may feel unnecessarily heartless. Once spoken, your words will be remembered for a long time. Think before you speak. If in doubt, don't speak at all.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Being such an intuitive person, you feel in your bones that better days are on their way. They will be better still if you take the time and make the effort to put your finances in order today. It won't be such a major task after all.

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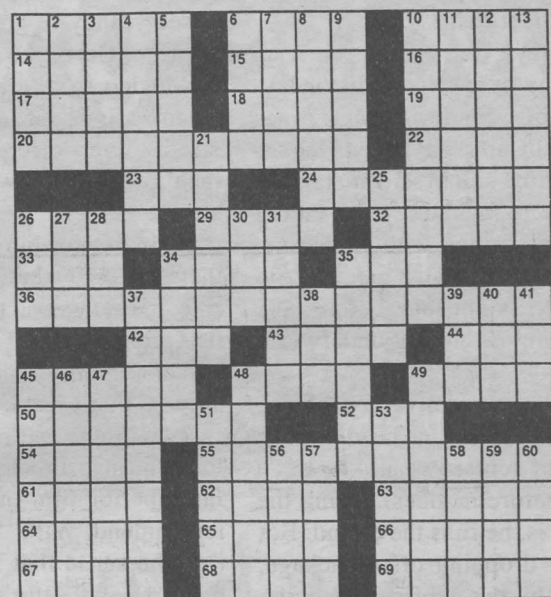
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Style and the Arts

• Local music

Student industrial band 'electric adrenaline'

By Mike Reynolds
Maine Campus staff

The variety of music in Orono is, for lack of a better term, rather limited. I mean there are some great bands out there who are playing great music, but are there any, say, techno or industrial bands here in Maine, especially north of Portland?

The only bands or demo-producers who have been out in the past have more often than not been high school kids who were dabbling on a cheap Casio keyboard and mixed in a little bass guitar with the levels way to high.

[Int 21h] totally smashes this stereotype with its debut release "/dev/null/," which comprises a stunning 30-plus minutes of rough-edged, industrial-fused elec-

tronic music.

[Int 21h] is the musical outlet for two college students, Christopher Rae and David Novin, who form a sound that is raw, unrefined, yet powerful.

[Int 21h] began when Rae moved to Boston to start college at Wentworth Institute of Technology in the fall of 1994. The two met at orientation and hit it off almost immediately. Rae and Novin were soon paired up as roommates. Both studied computer science, and had several things in common, music being an important similarity.

Rae's musical interest stemmed from rave-techno music such as Front 242, Depeche Mode, Duran Duran, and '80s Euro-synth pop. Novin's, on the other hand, stemmed from harder, thrash-metal bands, such as Megadeth, Metallica and Anthrax. While their musical tastes often clashed, they were able to find a safe harbor in the industrial genre, with similar interests in bands such as Ministry, Die Krupps, Nine Inch Nails and White Zombie.

In May of 1996, Rae, who is now a student here at the University of Maine, landed a job in the Boston area, reuniting him with Novin. It was at about the same time that the two of them "discovered" MIDI through the help of Paul Furio of Static Engine, a Boston-based industrial band. The duo started writing songs using a MOD editor, and converted them to MIDI format with Paul's help. This only got them more addicted to that method of making music. Soon they purchased their own equipment.

Over the course of the summer of 1997, Rae and Novin decided to get serious and

formally start a band together. They dubbed themselves [Int 21h], a programming term that calls DOS functions from the assembly language platform. It's actually pretty catchy.

The duo was able to get into a studio for some recording time through a co-worker of Novin's. It was over the course of just two weekends that the majority of "/dev/null/" was recorded.

The only songs that were not recorded during that period were "Unresolved" and a cover of the Nine Inch Nails classic "Head Like A Hole." With only two weeks left before the CD's mastering, the duo decided to go back into the studio to record these songs to be added to the EP.

The result is a powerful 30-plus minute assault of electronic adrenaline. /dev/null/ is a completely professional recording and for industrial enthusiasts, a great listen. The duo definitely has a wealth of creativity, and hasn't attempted to "sanitize" its sound to make it a popular "mainstream" release.

[Int 21h] has also had some major-label interest. The band will play a half-hour set at Bumstock this Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The set should be aggressive and impressive.

[Int 21h]'s CD will be publicly released this summer. For information on how to purchase the album, or to stay well-informed about future shows, you can e-mail the band at int_21h@hotmail.com, or check out their very impressive and interesting Web site, designed by Rae. The site is possibly one of the best student-designed pages on campus and has sound clips from /dev/null/ in mp3 format.

• The Movie Hunter

Good cast, but weak film

By Hunter Tzovarras
Maine Campus staff

"Twilight" is a film with tremendous promise. The plot: A Los Angeles crime story with corrupt cops (is there any other kind in film noir?), a Hollywood mogul, a glamorous movie actress and a retired private eye. The cast: The best of the year — Paul Newman, Gene Hackman and Susan Sarandon. There are few actors as talented as this trio, and probably none better. Each of these seasoned film stars alone can carry a film, and putting the three of them together seems to be a sure bet. But despite all this talent, "Twilight" fizzles into mediocrity fast and it doesn't take long to realize this is, at best, a good movie with a great cast.

Newman plays Harry Ross. He's an out-of-work private eye, living in the lavish home of Hollywood stars Jack Ames (Hackman) and Catherine Ames (Sarandon), the one time sultry screen star. He spends his time fixing the dryer, hanging around the pool flirting with Catherine, and playing an interminable game of gin with Jack. But it's not long before he's pushed back into the corrupt underworld of L.A.

Jack asks Harry to deliver a package. He's told it's nothing big, no need to bring a gun (which, of course, we all know is a mistake long before he does). Being the loyal friend he is, he runs the errand. But instead of just dropping off a package, he's imperiled by the gunfire of a dying man (boy, he should have taken his gun). Being the astute private investigator, he puts two and two together and realizes there's something more going on here. There are hints that Jack and Catherine are wrapped up in something illicit. Assuming old habits, he cleans up the mess and tries to get to the bottom of it.

For the first 20 or so minutes, I was intrigued by what was on the screen. I tried to remember the names of all the characters (in crime stories, they always pop up again later), discern the balance of events (I wanted everything to make sense when the plot unraveled), and made a few guesses on what was ahead. And then I waited for it all to come together, for the plot to thicken and twist, but it never did. Instead, it just sort of meandered along, throwing in a few contrived surprises and scenarios that never amounted to much suspense or intrigue. By the end, when everything does come unraveled, it doesn't make much sense.

"Twilight" is only worth seeing if you're a big Newman fan. There's plenty of Newman in this film, and he's great as always. The title itself alludes to all the characters being at the end of their lives or careers, and at 73, this may have some significance and relevance outside of the film's story for Newman, who has enjoyed one of the most venerated careers in cinema history. Besides Newman's performance, there is little reason to see this movie. "LA Confidential" and "Chinatown" are two films dealing with the same subject, and both are miles beyond "Twilight."

One thing I had a hard time comprehending is why Harry was so acquiescent and eager to clean up Jack's mess. Supposedly, they're good friends: Earlier in the film, Harry retrieves Jack's daughter in Mexico from a rogue boyfriend—but when he finds out Jack's terminally ill, he doesn't even offer his condolences and then goes to bed with his wife the first chance he gets. Yet, he's still willing to risk his life for him. I don't get it. Then there's the affair between Harry and Catherine: It's set up and then just dropped as if it never happened. The ending offers some sort of pseudo-vindication for two murder culprits that I just couldn't buy into.

"Twilight" is directed by Robert Benton, who also directed "Nobody's Fool," a far superior film that I really liked and recommend. With "Twilight," I was getting the sense that Benton was not sure how to handle the material. There were many gratuitous scenes, and the story never settled into a groove. He's much better working with a more human script that deals with people, not crimes.

As in "Nobody's Fool," Benton makes the smart choice and keeps Newman on-screen constantly. The whole story is told from Harry's point of view, and we only know and see what he does. There's even periodical voice-over narration by this character that unfortunately, for the film, reminded me of the voice-overs in "Police Squad," without the burlesque spin. Benton doesn't seem so sure on what to do with Hackman and Sarandon, who both have considerably less screen time than Newman.

An underlying theme of the film is that the rich and powerful can get away with whatever they want, even murder, because there'll always be greedy and venal men willing to get them out of any jam. Imagine that — money influencing justice? Not in Los Angeles.

ABSURDIST THEATRE



What do game-show hosts and a gunman on contract have in common with Santa Claus? "Reckless," a two-act play written in the tradition of the theatre of the absurd, explains it all with the production, opening Thursday, April 16 at the Cyrus Pavilion. Appearing in the production are: (front l to r) seniors Christopher Ashmore and Kristen Williams; (standing l to r) sophomore Michelle McQue, sophomore Timothy Simons, Santa Claus and first-year student Michelle McCann. (Courtesy Photo.)

• Coffee House Series

Woods Tea Company tough to pigeonhole

By Derek Rice
Maine Campus staff

Wood's Tea Company, a Vermont-based trio whose musical style is difficult to pin down, will play Tuesday night's edition of The Union Board's Coffee House Series at 8 p.m. in the Peabody Lounge.

The trio's label, Kicking Mule Records, has trouble pigeonholing the band's sound. The label has called it bluegrass and Celtic, but now describes it as "an American amalgam of music and whatever else you call it."

The band, comprising Rusty Jacobs, Tom MacKenzie and Mike Lussen, has been compared to the Chieftains, the Kingston Trio and the Greatful Dead. The three members have been described as individualists with musical roots ranging from folk to Celtic to bluegrass. One reporter referred to them as an "acoustic power trio."

The band is known for its dry humor, sea

shanties, and fiery and intricate Celtic instrumentals. Woods Tea has a reputation for a lively and informal rapport with their audiences from the stage.

"Not many groups have gone from biker bars to the Lincoln Center," band member Rusty Jacobs said. "Our audiences don't intimidate us and we definitely don't intimidate them."

The band has toured almost incessantly in its nearly 20 years, tramping all around the country and developing a following of fans.

Woods Tea Company will be on a "mini-tour" through Maine this week, with stops at Bowdoin, Bates and the University of Maine, among others.

Tuesday's performance, as always, will be free. For more information, call The Union Board at 581-1735. For more popular performances, seating is at a premium, so be sure to arrive early.



Vermont's Woods Tea Company will be in the Peabody Lounge Tuesday at 8 p.m. (Courtesy photo.)

• People

Hootie: Attempt no. 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—Hootie & the Blowfish hope the third time is the charm.

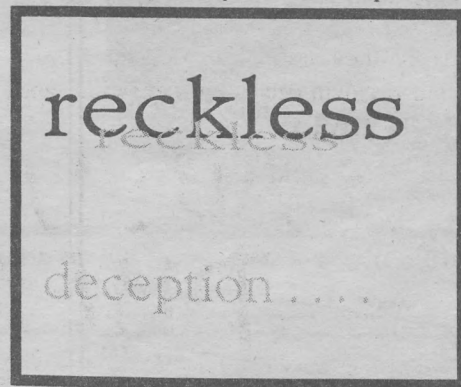
The band's debut album "Cracked Rear View" sold a whopping 15 million albums, while the follow-up "Fairweather Johnson" was far less impressive with 2 million sales. Soon, they'll be heading back to the studio to make No. 3.

The band featuring frontman Darius Rucker, Mark Bryan, Dean Felber and Jim Sonefeld has already taken some of its new material on the road, playing shows in the Northeast.

"It's been fantastic, man," Bryan said.

"There's been moments during the new songs when the crowd is standing there with their mouths wide open. They don't know the songs yet but they hear our sound and know it's for real. You can tell from the look on their faces that it's like a new feeling."

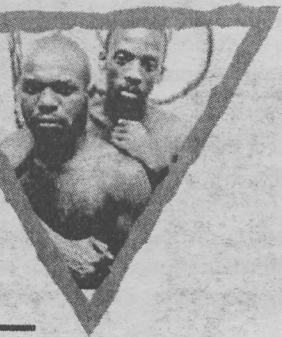
Hootie has been working on the new material since January, mostly holed up in an abandoned nightclub called Rockafellas. After a local benefit show this week, Hootie heads for Los Angeles to begin recording the album tentatively slated for September.



TONIGHT!

"Tongues Untied" &
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Two independent films about unseen sides of gay life: "Tongues Untied" is the landmark film about the gay black male experience by acclaimed director Marlon Riggs. "Kiev Blue" documents the lives of 9 lesbians and gay men (the pinks and the blues) just prior to the collapse of the Soviet Union.



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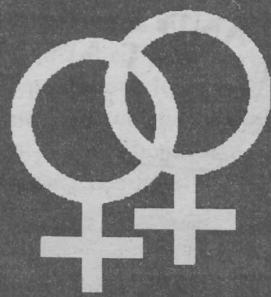
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• Box office

Romance takes over top; 'Titanic' falls to third

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Supernatural romance prevailed over adventure as "City of Angels" debuted as the weekend's top-grossing film, pushing "Lost in Space" and "Titanic" down the bestseller list, according to industry estimates Sunday.

"City of Angels" had \$16.1 million in ticket sales. The remake of Wim Wenders' "Wings of Desire" stars Nicolas Cage as an angel who must choose between immortality or human life when he falls in love with a heart surgeon, played by Meg Ryan.

"Lost in Space," based on the 1960s television series, dropped to second place with \$13.6 million, only a week after its debut derailed the 15-week run of "Titanic" as North America's No. 1 film.

"Titanic" continued to draw moviegoers but had its lowest gross yet — \$8.7 million — in its 17th week of release, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

"Species 2," a sequel to the alien thriller starring Natasha Henstridge, was No. 4, earning \$7.4 million in its first weekend.

Rapper-actor Ice Cube's directorial debut, "The Players Club," was No. 5 with \$5.6 million. It also earned the highest per-screen average: \$9,444.

The film, about a young girl working her way through college as a stripper, was being shown on only 593 screens but had earned \$8.1 million since opening Wednesday.

The movie banked on Ice Cube's popularity, said Al Shapiro, president of distribution at New Line Cinema. "His fans know him and they're the ones coming out to see it," Shapiro said.

Two other new films made the top 10 list.

"Neil Simon's The Odd Couple II," a comedy starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, earned \$5 million for seventh place. "My Giant," starring Billy Crystal, followed with \$3.1 million.

The rest of the list included the Bruce Willis thriller "Mercury Rising" in sixth place with \$5.3 million, the reissue of "Grease" at No. 9 with \$2.65 million — a drop of 52 percent in its third week — and

"Primary Colors," at No. 10 with \$2.6 million.

Oscar-winners "As Good As It Gets" and "Good Will Hunting" pulled in a respectable \$2 million each in their 16th and 19th weeks, respectively.

In limited release, "The Big One," a new documentary by "Roger and Me" producer Michael Moore that castigates U.S. factory flight overseas, grossed \$145,000 on 33 screens.

Final figures were to be released Monday.

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

1. "City of Angels," \$16.1 million.
2. "Lost in Space," \$13.6 million.
3. "Titanic," \$8.7 million.
4. "Species," \$7.4 million.
5. "The Players Club," \$5.6 million.
6. "Mercury Rising," \$5.3 million.
7. "Neil Simon's The Odd Couple II," \$5 million.
8. "My Giant," \$3.1 million.
9. "Grease," \$2.65 million.
10. "Primary Colors," \$2.6 million.

• Arrest

Singer admits wrong-doing

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In his first public comments since he was arrested for allegedly committing a lewd act in a public bathroom, George Michael told CNN "I won't even say it's the first time it's happened."

"I put myself in an extremely stupid and vulnerable position, especially because I'm in the privileged position that I am," the British pop singer said in an interview aired Friday night. "I've put myself in that position before."

Michael, 34, was alone in the restroom at a Beverly Hills park Tuesday evening when an undercover officer saw him allegedly commit the unspecified act, police said.

He apologized to his fans, saying he not only embarrassed himself but them as well.

"I just want to let them know that I'm OK," Michael said, adding, "I wanted to let them know that this is not going to finish me off."

Also in the interview, Michael described his sexuality as "ambiguous."

"This is as good of a time as any," he said. "I want to say that I have no problem with people knowing that I'm in a relationship with a man right now. I have not been in a relationship with a woman for almost 10 years."

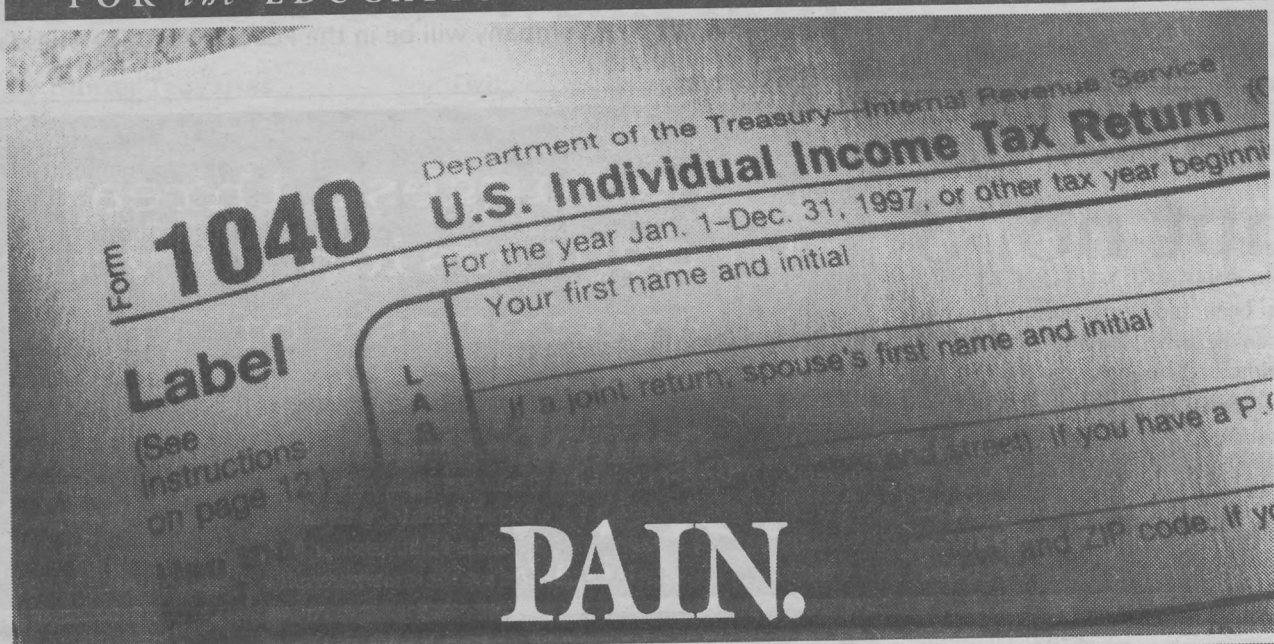
Michael, perhaps best known for his hit "I Want Your Sex," earlier canceled an interview slated to air Friday night on "Date-line NBC." A show spokesman said it was postponed for legal reasons at the request of Michael's attorneys.

The singer was booked for investigation of misdemeanor lewd conduct and released after posting \$500 bail. He is scheduled to be arraigned on May 5.

Prosecutors are to decide by next week whether to file charges. At most, Michael will be charged with one count of lewd conduct and one count of indecent exposure, authorities said.

They are both misdemeanors and each carry a maximum punishment of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

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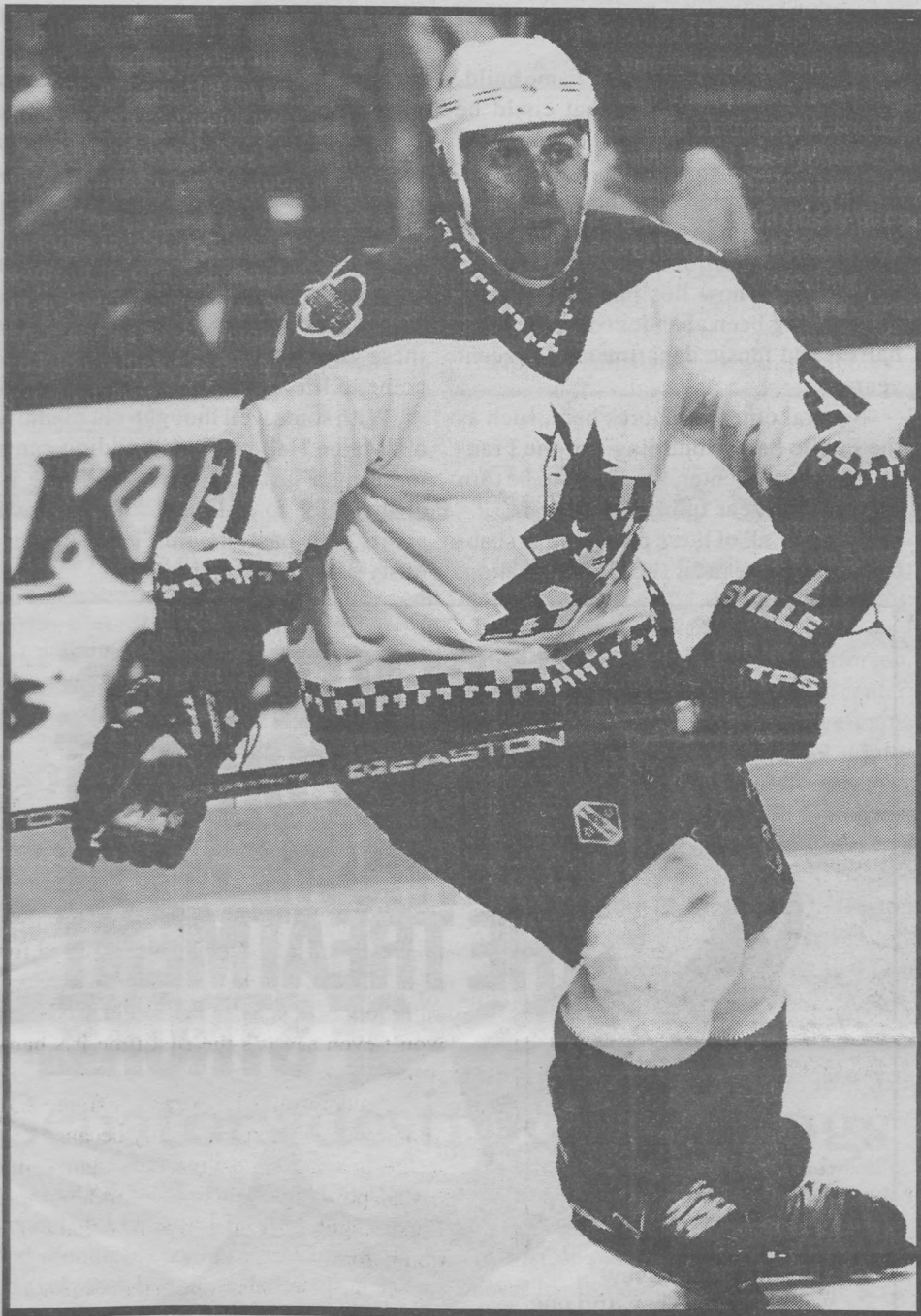
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SPORTS PAGE

• Hockey

Corkum: An NHL journeyman stops in Phoenix



Former Black Bear Bob Corkum is playing on his fourth NHL team. (Courtesy photo.)

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

The Phoenix Coyotes are battling for position in the NHL's Western Conference playoff hunt with the San Jose Sharks, Edmonton Oilers and Chicago Blackhawks, the conference's ninth-ranked team.

The Coyotes' scoring wealth is generated by stars Jeremy Roenick and Keith Tkachuk, along with workhorses Cliff Ronning, Rick Tocchet and Craig Janney. However, former University of Maine star Bob Corkum is also making waves in the "show" as well.

The resident of Salisbury, Mass., has scored 21 points this season to eclipse the 150-point plateau in his career.

Although he doesn't rank in the top 10 of any prolific scoring list at UMaine, you can still find his name carved in the program's record books under penalty minutes in a career (205) and most games played (159). He ranks fourth and sixth, respectively, in those categories.

Corkum played for the Black Bears from 1985 to 1989, a period of firsts for the men's hockey program. The Bears had endured several miserable seasons in the win-loss column during the mid-'80s, but they reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's history in 1987.

"My freshman year we won eight games here, and a lot of people thought I was crazy to go to Maine, for they didn't have the reputation that a lot of Hockey East teams had," Corkum said.

"But then the next year we won the league title."

It's been close to 10 years since Corkum dressed in the Black Bear sweater, but last July he journeyed to Orono to take part in a charity all-star game that featured other former Maine stars, including Garth Snow.

Following the game, he took the time to reflect on his career at Maine and in the NHL.

"It was nice to come back and see all the familiar faces from years went by, and see how the Alford has changed," Corkum said.

Following Corkum's departure to the professional ranks, the Alford Arena underwent a series of renovations and expansions spurred by the increasing demand for tickets.

Funded by Harold Alford, the arena expanded its seating capacity by more than 1,000 seats and also installed more rest rooms, souvenir shops and concession areas.

However, the building wasn't the only

thing changing, as the program witnessed 10 All-Americans and a national championship in the post-Corkum era. However, the program also experienced turbulence as well, having been hit hard with NCAA sanctions, which Corkum says were too harsh.

"It's in my opinion the NCAA has to loosen up with some of its rules," he said. "Athletes are in a special category by themselves when it comes to academics and athletics, and I don't think it is fair for the athletes to be treated the way they have been."

"What they (NCAA) have to do, I am not exactly sure, but they need to loosen up. I'm sure it hurts the program for a little while, but every time you're building something you go through ups and downs, and that was certainly a low point."

The Coyotes acquired Corkum in September 1996 off the waiver draft from the Philadelphia Flyers. Prior to his stint in Philadelphia he made career stops in Buffalo — the team that originally drafted him in the 1986 NHL entry draft — and Anaheim.

"I've been around a lot," Corkum said. "I've signed with Buffalo, Philadelphia, Anaheim and landed in Phoenix where I hope to stay awhile."

"I'm running out of teams."

During his three-year term in Anaheim, Corkum had the opportunity to play with the former Hobey Baker winner at UMaine, Paul Kariya.

"He's a true professional and works as hard as anyone I've ever seen," Corkum said.

However, his teammates haven't all been former Black Bears, including current teammates Tkachuk and Janney, who played at Boston University and Boston College, respectively.

Corkum says that despite the collegiate playing days collecting dust, the joking and jawing is still alive.

"There are a lot of college hockey rivalries in the NHL, and we're always getting into it with the other guy," he said. "When we won the national championship it was good bragging rights."

"I always give it to Keith Tkachuk and Craig Janney, those BC, BU boys. They have a national championship, too, and they always refer to we had to cheat to get ours."

Corkum has enjoyed eight years in the NHL, but does he ever miss college hockey?

"I haven't really had a chance to miss college hockey," he said. "I have been so busy with my pro career. I am sure when

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• Softball

Terriers: Green in their face

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine softball team continued its winning ways in America East play, splitting a doubleheader with Boston University Friday to up its America East record to 4-2



Carrie Green shut down the Terriers Friday afternoon. (File photo.)

(14-20 overall).

BU is now 16-19 overall, 3-5 in America East play.

In **game one**, Maine broke open a 1-1 tie in the fifth inning en route to a 5-2 victory at Malvern Field in Boston.

Second baseman Melissa Creegan led the way for the Black Bears, pounding out three hits and scoring two runs.

Maine opened up the scoring with a run in the top of the first, but BU replied in the bottom of the second with a run of its own.

The score was tied at 1 until the fifth inning, when Maine scored two runs in the top of the fifth to grab the lead.

The Terriers' Leslie Linnemeyer responded with a home run in the bottom of the inning to cut the deficit to one, but the Bears just kept on chugging.

Maine tacked on two runs in the sixth on RBI singles by Sara Jewett and Mary Wells.

Freshman Carrie Green tossed a complete-game six-hitter to up her record to 7-3.

BU rebounded in **game two**, as freshman Robyn King tossed a three-hit shutout in a 5-0

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FROM THE DEN

Former University of Maine baseball star Billy Swift shares or holds six school records including the following: Most complete games pitched in a season and career, most consecutive complete games pitched, most strikeouts in a game, and most wins in a season and career.



• Recognition

UMaine needs a home for the Hall of Fame

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

Maybe you didn't realize this, but the University of Maine has a Sports Hall of Fame.

Okay, maybe it doesn't exist in the physical sense, but it's there, if only in spirit.

Every year, the Hall of Fame elects a bushel of new athletes. Recent inductees include the likes of Billy Swift, Scott Pellerin and Rachel Bouchard.

"So where are the plaques?" you might ask yourself. "How can I find out about the legendary exploits of these old-timers?"

Well, you can't. At least not yet.

One of the more appalling things about UMaine is the lack of sense of history around here. Sure, everybody knows about Cindy Blodgett and Paul Kariya, and maybe Mike Buck on a good day, but ask them about John Huard or Skip Chapelle and all you'll get is a blank stare.

The older generations often look down upon the youth of America for their collective ignorance of history. They might have a point.

As far as many students around here are concerned, history is defined as being the day when Miller Lite switched to the widemouth can.

While UMaine has a Hall of Fame, there's no building where fans can find out who's even in the hall.

And without a Hall of Fame building,

students will never be able to find out about the wild and quirky history of UMaine sports.

There is no place around here where sports fans can see the hat Billy Swift wore in the College World Series during the 1980s.

Want to see the hockey jersey Jim Montgomery wore when he netted his hat trick in leading the Black Bears to the national title in 1993? Not available.

Ever wanted to take a gander at an old leather football helmet? Sorry, call again later.

Do you wonder what the Bat Play was? Go ask George Hale over at Channel 5, 'cause you can't find out here on campus.

How about the State Series? Joe Ferris? The riflery team? The Lambert Cup? The Measles Game? They're all out there. But they've all been forgotten as well.

The closest thing there is to an historical display here is the trophy case at Alford Arena, featuring the 1993 hockey title trophy, basketball trophies, old game balls and the like.

But no one is ever able to get a good gander at these classics because who has time to do that during a game, especially if there are 5,000 people fighting their way to get past you? With a Hall of Fame building, fans would be able to observe these sacred gems of UMaine history in peace and quiet.

There are tons of other UMaine artifacts out there just crying to be acknowledged and recognized. The project is in

gathering it all together in a single place.

Take a look in the sports information offices sometime. There are tons of old programs and media guides going back to the 1940s just lying around doing nothing. Why not put it on display so everyone can enjoy this treasure trove of history?

"Yeah, but won't a Hall of Fame building cost valuable dollars that could be better used for education?" quoth the skeptics.

No, that wouldn't be the case. There are several buildings on campus that could easily hold a Hall of Fame.

Lord Hall now lies in virtual disuse after having been abandoned by the journalism and music departments in recent years.

Several other structures here, such as the Public Safety building and the Franco-American Center, are slated to be torn down in the near future.

Granted, all of these places are in shabby shape and are in dire need of renovation.

Many people would no doubt hit the roof at the thought of state funds going to a sports institution. Don't worry: it's not going to happen.

Charging a reasonable fee (maybe \$2 for students and \$5 for non-students) would certainly help to pay for a new coat of paint and some floorboards.

And no Hall of Fame would be complete without a gift shop filled with Black Bear hats, pennants, T-shirts and probably even mudflaps. Never underestimate the revenue-generating power of merchandise.

And, of course, there is the bottomless flood of donations contributed by the swank alumni every year. Don't tell me these guys wouldn't want to see the past come to life.

With some well thought-out planning, a UMaine Hall of Fame building can be more than just a pipedream. While it's always fun to anticipate the future in sports, the past shouldn't be left on a dusty old shelf either.

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Softball

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whitewashing of Maine to improve her season record to 6-7.

Kerry Herr had three hits and one RBI in the victory.

BU scored two runs in the bottom of the third to take an early lead. The Terriers then broke the game open with three runs in the fifth.

Jen Burton took the loss to drop to 2-6 on

the season.

Notes 'n Stuff:

• Maine outthit BU in the two games, 14-13, but also committed more errors in the field, 5-3.

• Maine was also 4-2 in America East play through six games last season. In 1996, Maine was 0-6 after six.

Corkum

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I get done playing and look back at the old videos, and from the first year all the way up, I'll appreciate it more."

NHL Highlights:

Scored first NHL goal on his first shot on March 16, 1990, against the Maple Leafs.

His first short-handed goal came October 11, 1992, against the Canadiens.

His finest year in terms of point totals came in 1993-94, when he paced the Mighty Ducks with 51 points, including 23 goals.

He also registered the first-ever empty net goal in Mighty Duck history on November 9, 1993.

Three of his nine goals during the 1996-97 campaign were game-winners.

Baseball

Boston rocks Seattle's pen

BOSTON (AP) — Jim Leyritz's second home run tied it in the ninth and pinch-hitter Reggie Jefferson singled in the game-winner on Sunday as the Red Sox feasted off the Seattle bullpen again and beat the Mariners 8-7.

Alex Rodriguez hit two homers and Ken Griffey Jr. hit one for Seattle, which blew leads of 1-0, 3-1, 5-4 and 7-6 to extend their losing streak to five games.

Jeff Fassero pitched well in his 1998 debut, but Seattle's relievers blew three save opportunities.

Heathcliff Slocumb (0-1), the sixth Seattle pitcher, struck out Mo Vaughn to

start the ninth, but Leyritz hit a 3-2 pitch into the screen above the Green Monster. Troy O'Leary walked, took second on a wild pitch and scored when Jefferson, hitting for Mark Lemke, singled to center.

The Red Sox swept the three-game series, having rallied from a 7-2, ninth-inning deficit on Friday after Randy Johnson left the game. On Saturday, Pedro Martinez pitched a two-hitter in a 5-0 win.

John Wasdin (2-0), the fourth Boston pitcher, pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings striking out three and allowing just two hits and one intentional walk.

Baseball

Senators destroy Sea Dogs

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Chris Stowers and Nick Ortiz each hit a three-run homer, and winning pitcher Jason McCommon added a solo shot, to lead the Harrisburg Senators over the Portland Sea Dogs 10-5 Sunday.

Stowers' home run, his third in four games this season, gave the Senators a 3-2 lead in the third inning off Portland starter Blaine Mull (0-1).

Ortiz's homer, his first, highlighted a six-run rally in the fifth. Harrisburg scored those runs after a passed ball by catcher Mike Redmond allowed Ed Bady to reach base

following a strikeout that would have ended the inning.

McCommon's homer in the sixth off reliever Joe Jacobsen accounted for the Senators' final run. McCommon (1-0) earned the victory, pitching 3 1/3 innings after starter Ramiro Martinez was lifted with two outs in the fifth.

Jaime Jones homered for Portland, a solo drive in the eighth that cut Harrisburg's lead to 10-5.

The Eastern League teams split the four-game, season-opening series.

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Baseball

Huskies roll past Bears

By Jim Davis

Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine baseball team returned to Orono losers of three in a row after a four-game series with the Northeastern Huskies this weekend.

On Friday, Maine (11-19, 3-9 America East) opened up the first doubleheader with a 3-2 win.

Black Bear ace Tom Koutrouba picked up another complete game and his fourth victory of the season. John Burns (1-2) took the loss for Northeastern.

Julian Bracali, T.J. Sheedy and Rex Turner led the offense with two hits apiece.

Sheedy and Tony Fernandez each knocked in a run.

Game two featured another battle from the mound as Eric O'Brien took a tough 2-1 loss to Greg Kelley, who shut down the Maine bats for his third win of the year.

Turner belted his seventh homer of the season in the top of the seventh.

Saturday's doubleheader produced much more offense from both sides, but unfortunately for Maine, no victories.

Greg Montalbano hurled two-plus in-

nings to earn his first win in the opener, 9-8.

Rick Hewey (1-4) took the loss for the Black Bears.

Maine received plenty of offense as the team pounded out fourteen hits.

Bracali dug in for three base knocks and three RBIs. Brian Poire also chipped in with three hits.

Northeastern (13-10, 9-3) was led by Kevin Kim, who delivered two hits, a home run and drove in three runs and scored two. Rightfielder Tim Daly pounded out three hits and drove in a run.

The last game of the series was decided in the bottom of the fourth when the Huskies erupted for four runs and held on for a 6-3 win.

Chad Brazee went the distance while striking out six batters and giving up three earned runs for his second win.

John Dickinson evened up his record at 1-1 after pitching three-plus innings and allowing five earned runs.

Northeastern had a ten-hit attack led by Joe Paolucci and Daley, who each smacked two hits and drove in a run.

Keith Croteau and Ron Coombs banded out two and three hits, respectively.

Turner cranked out his eighth home run in the second.

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