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The Maine Campus

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• Admissions

Diversity protest demands change

By Paul Livingstone
Maine Campus staff

"We don't need enemies of diversity."

This was the rallying cry of more than 50 African, Latino, Asian and Native American students gathered outside Chadbourne Hall late Tuesday morning. ALANA students from around campus and around the state picketed in front of several campus buildings to protest the lack of commitment to diversity the University of Maine has made in the last year.

Starting with the Admissions Department, the protesters, including a number of administrators and non-ALANA students, marched to UMaine President Peter Hoff's house, then Alumni Hall.

They chanted "We want Hoff" and "Lies, lies, stop and recognize" in front of Alumni Hall.

Hoff refused to come outside to talk, but communicated through an aide who went out to talk to the students.

"I told them they were welcome to come to my office to speak at any time, but that I couldn't go out to speak to them," Hoff said.

Assistant Dean of Students and Community Life Robert Dana, Vice President for Student Affairs John Halstead and Assistant Vice President and Dean of Student Ser-

vices Dwight Rideout were present at the protest, but remained non-committal about their opinion of the rally.

"The signs speak for themselves," Rideout said.

"We've all got to come together," Dana said.

Bangor area NAACP President James Varner was more forthright.

"I think this is a long time overdue," said James Varner. "We've had a lot of broken promises."

Shawn Fraser, director of Multicultural Affairs, gave some background on the origin of the protest march.

"I think this was a long time in coming," Fraser said.

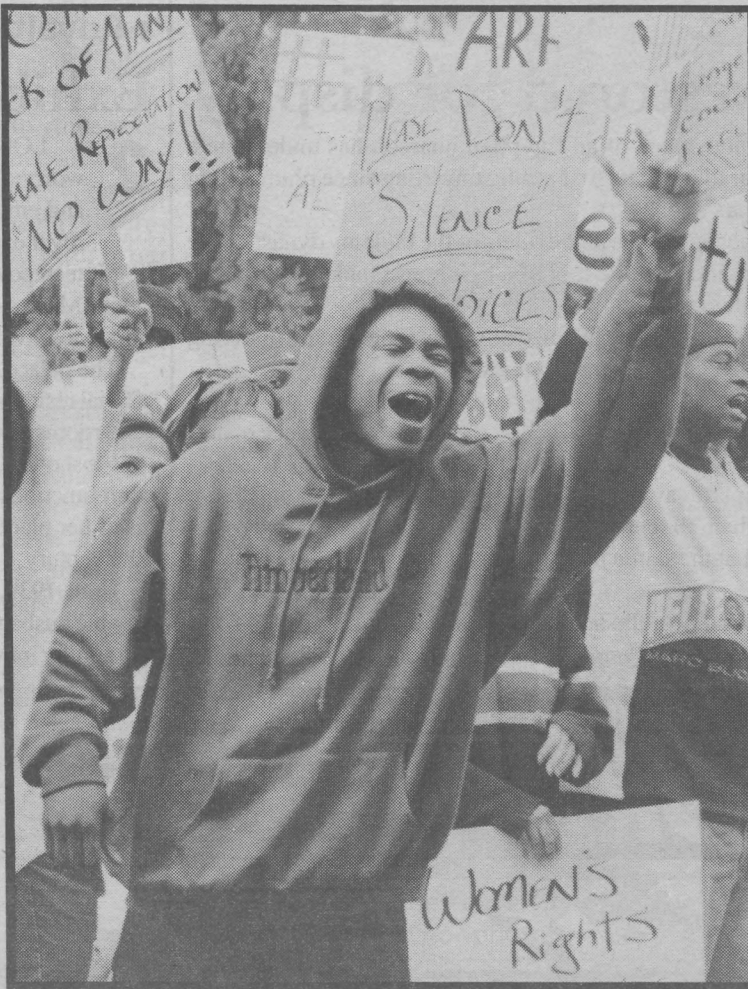
He said minority students on campus were tired of being identified just as athletes and wanted some results from Hoff with regards to diversifying the campus.

"They installed Sherman Ross as special assistant to the president for diversity without talking to various groups. The ALANA students on campus weren't consulted," Fraser said.

Nearly every student carried a sign, expressing slogans such as "Hoff We Call Your Bluff".

"This is a big event. We have students here from Bowdoin, Colby and Bates," Fraser said.

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Fred Meeks speaks out against the administration's policies regarding minority students. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Maine Day

Oozeball contest benefits charity

By Elizabeth Beaulieu
Maine Campus staff

Good causes, good people, good food and good weather were the general consensus of those participating in Maine Day activities on Wednesday.

"It's important to take care of the environment and on Maine Day it's a team effort to get the campus looking nice," said Bill Smith, an intern at the Counseling Center who was washing windows at Cutler Health Center.

"And it's a good excuse to be outside," said Jack Kahn, also an intern at the Counseling Center who was raking outside Cutler.

Every year on Maine Day, University of Maine administration, faculty and students put work aside and get together to clean up the campus and take part in various activities.

The day kicked off with a wake-up parade and from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Administration, faculty and students participated in numerous service projects. Projects included raking, painting murals, cleaning computer clusters and moving equipment from the basement of Merrill Hall.

"You name and it and the

students, administration and faculty were doing it this year," said Nancy Dysart, vice president of alumni activities and advisor to the Student Alumni Association, the group respon-

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Unofficial results of Thursday's student elections

A. Create a GSS Oversight Commission (non-paid) to handle complaints filed against the entire GSS?

YES: 59

NO: 9

B. Create a division of student entertainment to provide events for students?

YES: 59

NO: 8

C. Accept the other housekeeping changes to the constitution?

YES: 54

NO: 11

D. Do you favor an increase of \$10 per semester in the student activity fee to help improve entertainment on campus and improve funds for student clubs and organizations?

YES: 34

NO: 23

• Rape

Student alleges assault

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

A student was reportedly sexually assaulted in her dorm room this week, according to Lt. Alan Stormann of Public Safety. The woman told officers she was assaulted between 12:10 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. on April 24 by a non-student who had been up visiting her. He has since returned to Massachusetts. Officer Deb Mitchell is investigating.

In other police business:

• On Sunday, April 19, at 8 p.m., two women reported that while riding their bikes on the cross country trail that evening they were chased by a tan Buick driven by two males. They were unable to get the plate number.

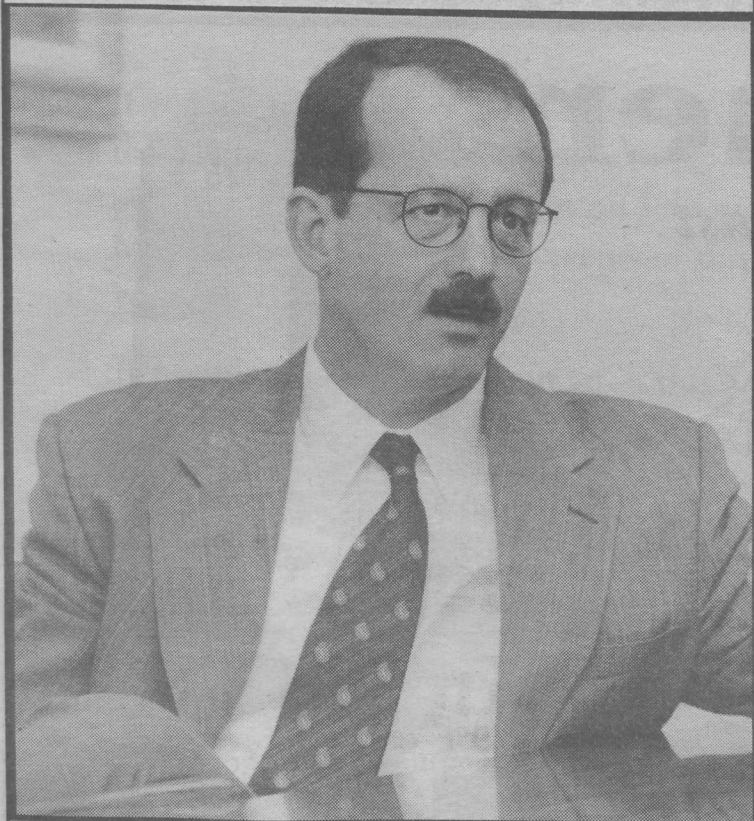
• On Wednesday, April 22, at 11:18 a.m., members of the Off Campus Board reported the theft of two 2-way radios that were rented for Bumstock. They were valued at \$409 each. One has since been recovered but the other is missing.

• On Sunday, April 26, at 2:36 a.m., police received a report that someone defecated in the hallway outside a student's room.

• On Sunday at 2:38 a.m., officers responded to the call of a fight at Sigma Nu. Charges of assault, criminal trespassing, and

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Money, money, money



Robert A. Durringer was selected Wednesday by University of Maine President Peter Hoff to be UMaine's chief financial officer. Durringer will begin in early June, pending approval by the UMS board of trustees. (Raynor file photo.)

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WORLD BRIEFS

• Colossus

Giant statue restored for display

1 PARIS (AP) - A monumental statue of an Egyptian pharaoh has undergone a state-of-the art facelift in preparation for its first public unveiling since plummeting into the Mediterranean 700 years ago.

The 28 tons of pink granite depicting one of the rulers of the Ptolemy dynasty once stood in the Egyptian port city of Alexandria at the foot of a lighthouse ranked among the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

A violent earthquake in the 14th century sent the famed Colossus of Alexandria tumbling into the sea where it remained until divers discovered it in 1995.

A team of French underwater archeologists combed the site and dredged up a 2 1/2-ton stone crown, the head weighing nearly 3 tons and the 17 1/2-ton torso. A small piece of arm was also recovered.

Only the legs were missing, but experts say they haven't given up hope of finding them.

What's left of the statue is more than 30 feet tall.

Historians have long maintained that the statue portrays one of the Ptolemies, a dynasty of Greek rulers of ancient Egypt.

Now undergoing last-minute preparations, the legendary statue will be hauled in from a carefully guarded workshop outside Paris and raised Monday in front of the Petit Palais.

• Royalty

Exhibit opens window on ceremony

2 LONDON (AP) — Oh, dear, what to wear when meeting the monarch? Not to worry: A new costume display at Kensington Palace — complete with ostrich plumes and embroidered tailcoats — illustrates the strict rules that once governed attire for royal encounters.

Sixteen gowns lent by Queen Elizabeth II and an array of clothes from her grandmother, Queen Mary — examples of the royals' fashion preferences — flesh out the exhibit, opening Friday to unveil a newly renovated palace wing of state rooms.

The palace in west London, most famous now as Princess Diana's former home, was an official residence of kings and queens before George IV switched to Buckingham Palace. The state rooms have been closed for two years.

Most of the "Dressing for Royalty" exhibit, displaying the clothes worn by nonroyals at court functions before World War II, provides a social snapshot of a time when everyone had his or her place and was expected to stay in it. Most of the clothes are Edwardian and early 20th century.

Until 1939, upper-class girls emerging from their cocooned existence to search for a suitable husband were introduced to society with a presentation to the monarch at court. Boys had similar introductions, in court "levees" where they could make the right career contacts.

• Liberation

Dalai Lama: dialogue best way to promote autonomy

3 NEW YORK (AP) — The growing desperation of the Tibetan people could lead to violence, the Dalai Lama warned Thursday, urging China to enter into a dialogue over the autonomy of his Himalayan homeland.

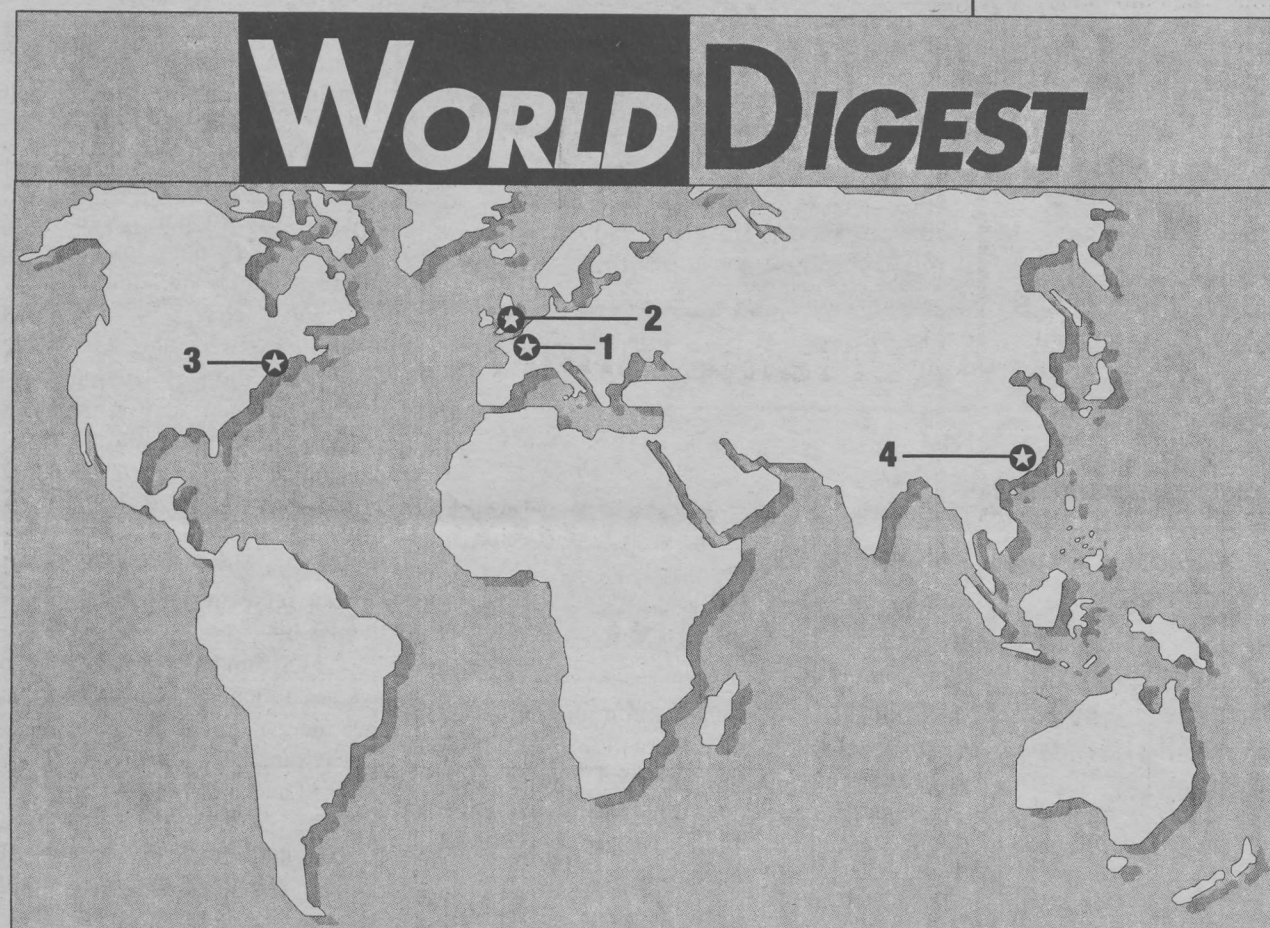
The Dalai Lama is the religious and spiritual leader for many of Tibet's six million people. However, as a Buddhist said he could not support actions such as recent hunger strikes and the self-immolation of a Tibetan activist, who died Wednesday in New Delhi.

It was first act of its kind among the more than 100,000 Tibetans campaigning from exile in India to regain freedom for the mountainous country China invaded in 1950 and annexed nine years later.

Despite his opposition to such extremism, the Dalai Lama said he "admired the determination" of the activist, Thupten Ngodup.

But he also feared that "if such determination and emotion is turned around, there is a danger of true violence."

The Dalai Lama has long discouraged his followers from using violence to resist Chinese rule and sees a "middle approach" of dialogue with Beijing as the most beneficial way to reach an agreement.



• Diplomacy

Clinton urges action on human rights, freedom

4 BEIJING (AP) — President Clinton urged Chinese President Jiang Zemin today to move forward on human rights and religious freedom while curbing exports of weapons technology. Clinton also gave assurances his long-term vision was one of "concrete cooperation" between their two countries.

Clinton's views were contained in a message that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright delivered to Jiang as they made preparations for Clinton's state visit in June. The Chinese leader, in a good mood, took Albright on a tour of his 600-year old compound and a lakeside pavilion where some of the summit will be conducted.

The thrust of Clinton's letter was a desire to build on the momentum toward better ties that were established when Jiang visited Washington last October. He told the Chinese leader he wanted to see "new steps" taken to expand contacts between the two governments and their people.

Along Clinton's suggestions were exchanges of scientists and health and education specialists.

But he did not gloss over "specific areas of concern," according to James P. Rubin, the State Department spokesman. These included a need to conclude arrangements for China to join the World Trade Organization, the international rule-setting body for trade, and coping with energy and environmental problems, the U.S. official said.

Weather

The Local Forecast

Today's Weather

Breezy with more sun than clouds. Highs near 75.



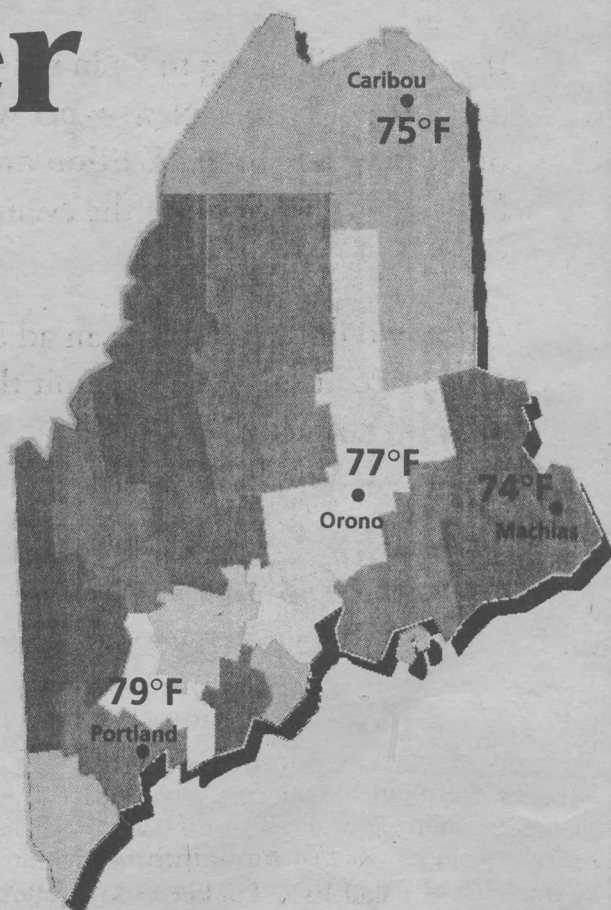
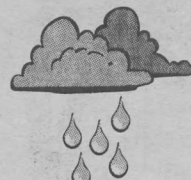
Saturday's Outlook

Cool with low level haze and rain showers. Highs near 60.



Extended Forecast

Sunday...Mild and overcast. Monday...Breezy and overcast with scattered storms. Tuesday...Mild and mainly cloudy with storms.



• Budget

Beacon projects enrollment increase for 1998-99

By Stan Dankoski
Maine Campus staff

Projections of next year's increase in student population may affect student club budgets. However, Dean of Enrollment Management John Beacon remains wary.

"It's only the end of April," Beacon said, "and we're making projections for next fall. It's pretty dangerous thinking. I'm cautious — optimistic but cautious."

Measuring by the confirmed number of incoming freshmen, those students who have paid both their \$25 application fee and \$150 deposit, there is an increase of 31 percent, or about 190 students, more than last fall's figures, said Beacon.

As for incoming freshmen who have signed housing contracts, there is a 34 percent increase over last year, a difference of about 186 students.

Beacon said that no one should be truly confident about the statistics yet. Many students may change their mind during the summer months.

"Summer orientation is a most critical time for getting students," Beacon said.

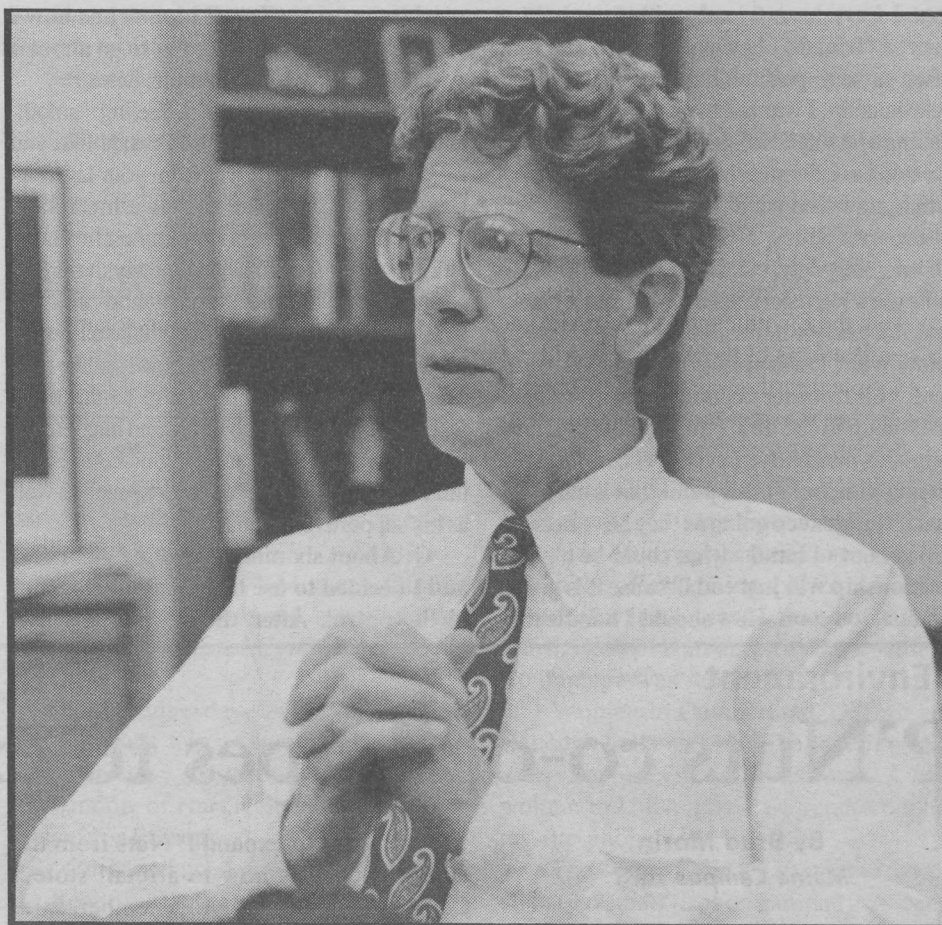
"It's a crucial time of recruitment. We have to get the incoming freshmen registered. We have to roll out the red carpet."

Student Government Vice President Scott Morelli said that increased enrollment would be beneficial to student organizations and their budgets, as well as to the university as a whole.

"Recently, our last student government problem was a \$30,000 error in our favor," Morelli said. "With 31 percent more students, the clubs who didn't get the money they wanted last time will get what they want in September."

Eventually, he said, more students would help programming, and better programming will bring in more students by its appeal.

"It would be great to have an event that would bring in a lot of profit, like tens of thousands of dollars," Morelli said. "Like Adam Sandler or Collective Soul, for example. The club money may go toward these events. Last year's decrease was pretty hard on the administration and student clubs, so more students would definitely be a positive boost to the university."



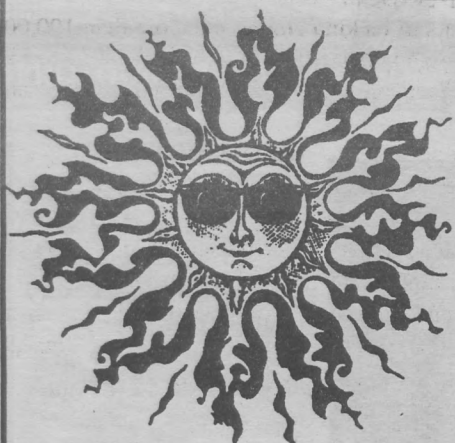
John Beacon is the University of Maine's first Dean of Enrollment Management. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

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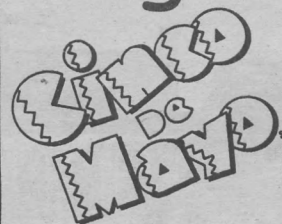
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Margarita's

Schedule of Events



LIVE Entertainment for
Cinco de Mayo

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| May 1 | REGGAE PARTY |
| May 2 | EMPTY HEAD |
| May 3 | Howie Day |
| May 4 | Gary Rand |
| May 5 | EMPTY HEAD |



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Sex Matters

By Sandra L. Caron, Ph.D.

Q: I have recently started dating a guy that I have been friends with for about a year. As friends, I had explained to him that after a very painful breakup of my last relationship, I wanted to go slowly in establishing a new relationship with someone else. He said he understood completely. The problem is, now that we have begun dating each other, everything I thought we discussed about going slow, etc. is out the window. He calls me a lot, asks me out 2-3 times a week, and if I am not home, he jokingly wants to know what I was doing. He even plans to center his summer around my plans (which are still up in the air). I do like him a lot and enjoy his company; I even feel comfortable kissing him, but at this point that is all. I feel that if things keep going as they have been, it will get out of hand - what could be a good relationship will just end because it is going too fast, too soon. How should I handle this

situation? I hate to use the old cliché, but I do need some "space" until I know just how I feel about him. Is there a way to go about it without hurting him? **Female, Senior**

A: It sounds like you're feeling "smothered" by your friend. It also sounds like you need more time to recover from your last relationship before you enter a new one. In addition, it sounds like it's time to have a heart-to-heart talk with your friend. Unfortunately, it may be hard for him to hear you say how you are feeling. But in the long run it will be easier for him to accept your honesty now, rather than "string him along" until you're to the point where you can't stand to be around him. Hopefully, he will be able to accept your feelings and understand that you need more "space" as well as his supportive friendship.

Q: About six months ago my girlfriend and I decided to use the pill as our form of birth control. After the start of it's use,

however, we both noticed a **dramatic** decrease in her libido. Are there any alternatives to the pill that don't have this side effect? If not, what can be done. (Please print this!!! We are desperate!!) **Male, Senior**

A: There are certainly alternative forms of birth control available to you that would not necessarily effect one's sex drive or libido, including the IUD, diaphragm, and foam & condoms. However, if you would like to continue using the Pill, I would suggest your partner see her clinician to have her Pill adjusted. There are over 50 types of birth control pills - each containing various levels of the synthetic forms of estrogen and progestins; these hormones are normally found in the body and control ovulation/conception. While the Pill is generally considered safe, it can cause such side effects such as nausea, weight gain, and diminished sex drive. You should know that many re-

searchers believe that loss of libido experienced by a small percentage of women using the Pill is unrelated to the specific type and amount of estrogen or progestin that they contain. Others, however, believe that estrogen-dominant Pills are less likely than progestin-dominant Pills to decrease libido. If your girlfriend's sex drive has been negatively affected by using a progestin-dominant Pill, switching to one with a greater amount of estrogen may be helpful. She should talk to her clinician. The Women's Health Center can provide her with excellent service.

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• Environment

P'Nuts co-op hopes to expand organic offerings

By Brad Morin
Maine Campus staff

A room in the basement of Chadbourne Hall contains empty shelves, refrigerators and cash registers. If members of P'Nuts co-op get their way, the room will be a store for organically grown products by next semester.

"We want to expand P'Nuts from the buying club it is now to a retail store," Carly DelSignor, a P'Nuts member, said.

The group held a meeting Monday to recruit members and discuss their goals.

Members said they would eventually like to open a store in the Memorial Union after it is expanded.

For the immediate future, they want

to re-open their store in the basement of Chadbourne by the end of this summer. P'Nuts member Mike Gold said the last time they sold food there was in 1996.

"We have everything we need for a store there. There are shelves, coolers, and cash registers," Gold said.

"It would be kind of like an information and educational center too," said

Stephanie Schroeder, a P'Nuts member.

"People could learn about buying organic and buying local."

P'Nuts members currently pool their money and order food through Northeast Cooperatives, a Vermont-based company specializing in organically grown prod-

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• Alternative bookstore

Morelli pledges to bid for Geddy's property

By Kathryn Ritchie
Maine Campus staff

General Student Senate President Scott Morelli announced Tuesday night that Rite Aid is looking to purchase Geddy's for \$400,000, and he's trying to fight it.

Morelli said he's trying to persuade his contact for the alternative bookstore to make a bid for the property. He credited Jon Duke with a new slogan for the shop: "Books by day, booty by night."

"Don't be surprised when you come back next fall and there's a new bookstore there," Morelli said. "Rite Aid is bad and I'm going to fight it."

Approval of the Student Association for the Advancement of Culture and Peoples met with some resistance from the senate. According to sponsor Sen. Oreo Nalley, the goal of the SAACP is to act as an organizing force for the campus' existing human rights groups in the form of a council. The council would have both groups as members and individual people as members, which drew some confusion from the senate.

Nalley said the SAACP would saturate the campus with flyers and advertisements promoting diversity, all of which would be paid for voluntarily by members.

"I kind of hesitate to vote for something that's half representative board and half club," Residents on Campus President Duke said.

Other senators questioned whether the campus needs another human rights group. Off-Campus Board President Chris Barstow cautioned it might "water down the mix."

After much discussion, GSS granted the group preliminary approval but denied preliminary approval of its by-laws.

Duke announced that Dining Services is currently in negotiations with area pizza places to pay for pizza delivery with dining funds.

"Hopefully this will be done next fall when you get back," Duke said, adding that Dining Services is also looking at an idea to use dining funds for athletic concessions.

Campus Living and ROC are also discussing having dorms under 24-hour security next year. Maine Cards would be required to gain access all the time. One senator, whose dorm has been under this system since March, spoke against the idea.

"You feel like you're in a fortress," said Attila DeLisle, a Gannett resident. "No one visits me anymore."

The senate approved a resolution to support sexual assault, fraud and credit card awareness courses at fall orientations. They also supported having these classes through out the year.

The sexual assault portion of the resolution drew the most debate.

"If they have them more often, what difference does it make?" Sen. Tom Paradis asked. "They have them now and no people show up."

Sen. Sara Barron called her orientation this year as a transfer student "the biggest waste of time," and said she would have liked to have had a rape program like this in place then.

"It's not saying people have to go," she said. "It's giving them an option."

"If this prevents one sexual assault it's worth it," DeLisle said.

Criticism from one audience member drew some quick defense of the GSS by its members.

"It never seems like you guys do anything

outside this room," Bill Kidder, a sixth year student, told the senate.

Several senators stood later in the meeting to attest to the amount of time they spent outside the meeting doing the work of senate.

The evening was filled with lots of good-byes and well wishes. Twenty-nine senators will be returning in the fall.

"For the most part, everyone's starting to come into their own," Morelli said. "I think we're in for a good semester next fall and (I want to) tell everyone we had a great year."

Engraved mugs were handed out to departing members Angela Shea, Mellisa Paradis and Charity Munson. The rest of the body received certificates.

During the meeting, the senate voted in support of a politically correct version of the Stein Song to be sung "in any relevant public arena." The move was in reaction to rumors that President Peter Hoff is against having it sung in certain instances.

The senate wrapped up the evening by singing the song, with the un-PC "Drink, drink, drink" chorus.

Police

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perhaps alcohol violations are pending against several people.

• On Sunday at 4:44 a.m., Officer Michael Burgess stopped a vehicle for speeding and arrested Cynthia Botett, 21, for OUI.

• On Wednesday, April 29, at 1:30 a.m., Burgess was on foot patrol when he saw John Guay, 20, throw a beer bottle out the window of Hart Hall. Guay was summoned for littering.

• On Monday, April 27, members of the Beautiful Project reported the theft of two photographs from the group's display. The photos are valued at \$450.

• On Monday, someone reported the theft of a bouquet from the visitors center and a couch from the break room in Chadbourne Hall.

• On Wednesday, April 29, at 8:54 a.m., a person in Hart Hall rained on the morning Maine Day parade. Someone on the fourth

floor dropped three water balloons on marching band members and cheerleaders.

On the prior evening, police received a report of water balloons thrown from the fourth floor of Hart and striking a vehicle. No damage was reported.

• Women in Cumberland, Oxford and Hancock halls and York Village reported receiving obscene calls this week. A fifth woman in University Park reported a harassing phone call.

• The Orono Fire Department responded to two small fires on campus this week. On April 22, they received call of a plastic sign on fire outside of York Hall. On April 29, they responded to the report of a cloth chair on fire in the Stewart Quad.

Public Safety Tip of the Week:

Have a comfortable, relaxing and safe summer.

"We look forward to seeing those returning in the fall," Stormann said.

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Diversity

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"Let's walk up the Mall and make some noise, so people in class can hear us!" protest organizer Ebony Laprocina said midway through the march.

Stopping in front of Fogler Library, the ALANA students presented a list of requests in front of the library. Vesnier Lugo and Ebony Laprocina read them to the crowd. The requests focused on the "development of a recruitment and retention plan for ALANA student with special effort toward the recruitment of non-athletes and women".

The list of requests also included a demand for the re-appointment of a special assistant to the president for diversity. ALANA students were upset that Hoff appointed Sherman Rosser, the current director of admissions, to the position without conducting dialogue with minority students at UMaine.

"They installed Sherman Rosser without going through student channels. The ALANA students weren't consulted before this decision was made," Fraser said.

One marcher wore a sign that listed Rosser and Hoff with others as "Enemies of Diversity."

The feelings among students ranged from elation at participating to frustration in not having had their requests fulfilled before now.

"I feel happy about coming out here," said Rahsan Thompson, a communications major. "It's unfortunate this had to happen, but, the fact is, this is all about the administration not wanting to address our concerns."

Marcus Wills, a sociology major, said he felt the rally was not only well organized but a great thing to have happen.

"I love the positive environment we have going here. This is all about diversity and to see us all together is very healthy," Wills said.

Amanda Blake, a women's studies major, agreed with Wills approval.

"I totally believe in what we're doing here today," she said.

Though Dade Faison hasn't yet decided what his major at UMaine will be, he knows what he wants to see from the university.

"There's no doubt we're fighting for minorities here. We need everybody working to make the difference," Faison said. "I want to see input from various groups on campus to create a multicultural university."

Assistant Dean for Multicultural Programs Adonis Ferreira summed up the experience.

"The campus as a whole is not educated as a whole," Ferreira said. "We don't yet have a plan for the recruitment of ALANA students."

Ferreira described his position as being an advocate for equity, diversity initiatives and promoting retention of diverse students.

"I think the most significant of the rally's statements was that ALANA is prepared to protest in and out of season to increase diversity," Ferreira said. "I think this sends a very strong message."

That students would be willing to withdraw their participation in sports at UMaine would bring their requests to the forefront, said Ferreira.

"I saw a lot of frustration and a little bit of anger at the rally," Ferreira said.



Ebony Laprocina (right) shouts at administrators in Alumni Hall demanding more action in recruiting minority students. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

Maine Day

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sible for organizing the service projects. "There were people working everywhere."

Dysart said administration, faculty and students clean up the areas where they live, work and study to make a better environment for themselves.

"I hate coming out of my building and seeing it all nasty," said Resident

Assistant Dylan Andrews, one of a group of students outside Hart Hall busy raking and sweeping.

Heather Clemons, a resident assistant in York Hall, said many residents participated in the clean up outside York Hall.

"The clean up around York Hall was a success because we had residents in charge of organizing and getting people

involved along with the resident assistants," she said.

Afternoon activities on Maine Day included a picnic for participants, oozeball-volleyball played in the mud, a triathlon and other entertainment.

The oozeball tournament was the highlight for many at the picnic.

"It's a bunch of sober people having fun in the mud," said James Graham, a member of Alpha Phi Omega, the service fraternity that organizes the event.

Each team in the tournament pays a minimum of \$25 to enter. Proceeds from the oozeball tournament go to a child with a life threatening disease. This year the money will go toward purchasing a backyard playground for a five-year-old with muscular dystrophy, Graham said.

"We usually raise \$600 to \$700 every year," Graham said. "So far we have enough to buy the playground and we may have enough to donate to another child."

The oozeball tournament has increased in popularity over the past few years and more and more people outside the university are getting involved. This year, Pizza Dome and Pizza King were competing in the tournament.

"We are getting more and more teams from different walks of life," Graham said. "If it gets any bigger we are going to have to dig another pit."

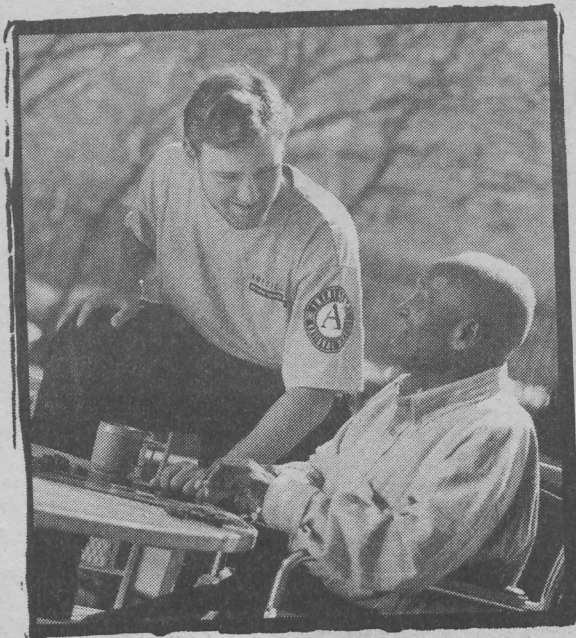
The tournament also featured the Student Alumni Association playing against the president of the university and five of his top administrators.

"It was a close, unbelievably good game, but the Student Alumni Association ended up winning," Dysart said. "I have a feeling the Bearworks team will be looking for a rematch next year."

Dysart said this year's Maine Day went especially well.

"It was one of the best Maine Days," Dysart said. "I give credit to the students and the president and his wife, who made personal commitments and rolled up their sleeves and worked side by side with students."

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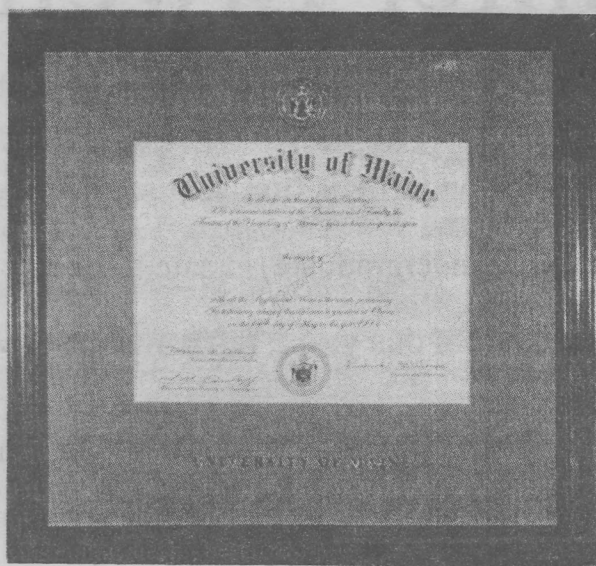
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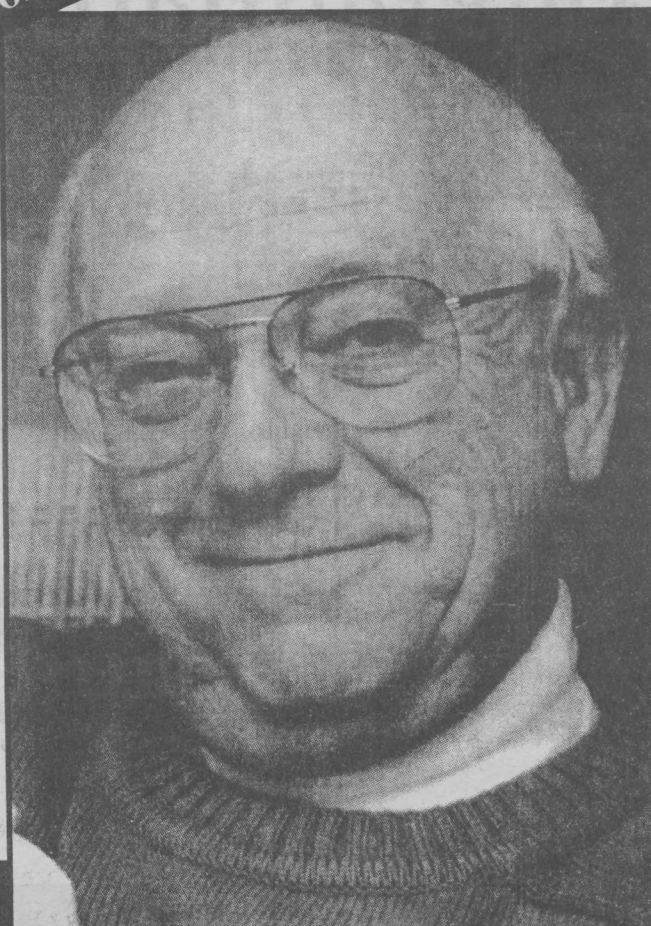
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STATE NEWS

• Court

Jury orders Wal-Mart to pay \$650,000 in suit

PORTLAND (AP) - A federal jury has awarded \$650,000 in damages to a Maine man who accused discount retailer Wal-Mart of discriminating against him because he is of Hispanic descent.

Benjamin Guiliani accused the retail

giant of violating his civil rights by doing nothing after he was repeatedly assaulted and harassed as he worked at night at the Augusta Wal-Mart.

The jury deliberated more than nine hours in U.S. District Court in Bangor before re-

turning its decision in his favor Wednesday.

"I want to thank the jury for doing what's consistent with the Constitution," Guiliani told reporters at a news conference at his lawyer's office in Portland.

The jury found Wal-Mart created a hostile work environment and was guilty of breach of contract and infliction of emotional distress, said Harold Friedman, Guiliani's lawyer. "Wal-Mart tolerated outright racial hatred toward Guiliani and his two sons," he said.

Mark Franco, a lawyer for Wal-Mart, said he will file a motion with the judge to set aside the verdict within 10 days, and if that doesn't work he will appeal to the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals.

Franco said the jury awarded Guiliani damages for a claim that he never brought against the company.

Franco said Guiliani never claimed in his lawsuit that he was the victim of a hostile work environment, he claimed his civil rights had been violated. "They got a verdict on a claim they never brought. There's not one mention of a hostile work environment" in the lawsuit, Franco said.

"There are numerous grounds for appeal," Franco said. "This won't be the last word."

Guiliani, a U.S. citizen of Mexican-Hispanic descent, runs a maintenance and cleaning business, Danco, Inc. He had a

contract with Wal-Mart to clean the parking lot and perform maintenance at stores from Scarborough to Farmington.

In his lawsuit, Guiliani said he was discriminated against by the night crew at the Augusta store and Wal-Mart failed to investigate his claims or reprimand those responsible.

In October 1994, he arrived at work at midnight to see the words "White Supremacy" spray-painted on the parking lot. "It was like a knife in the back," said Friedman.

A few days later, he claimed he was harassed and assaulted by an employee at the Augusta Wal-Mart.

He reported those incidents and others to Wal-Mart, which did nothing. In March 1995, Wal-Mart began terminating all of its contracts with Guiliani for no apparent reason, Friedman said.

Friedman said Wal-Mart failed to take the time to investigate Guiliani's claims because "they are too concerned about the bottom line and it takes too much time to investigate."

Friedman said his client is prepared for an appeal.

"It has been difficult for us to live with this discrimination and outright hatred ... We have relied heavily on our faith and have been able to get on with the rest of our lives," Guiliani said as his wife and young son sat nearby.

P'Nuts

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ucts. They often order soy milk, organically grown rice, granola, pasta, and vegetarian products.

"Northeast is owned by us and other cooperatives who purchase products from them. It's not the Natural Living Center or Wall Street investors," Gold said.

They said that a retail store could use products from local farms.

"Local farmers would be interested," member Mark Guzzi said. "I think it would be a good relationship."

The co-op has about eight households that participate and serves about 20 people. Dues are \$5 a year and members put in an hour of work per month to keep the co-op running.

What P'Nuts needs to get the store going is money to stock the shelves. They are considering raising the dues to \$10 a year. They are also working on fund raising, and held a raffle this week.

"The energy is just coming this year," said Sarah Graham, a member of P'Nuts. "We're at that really small stage."

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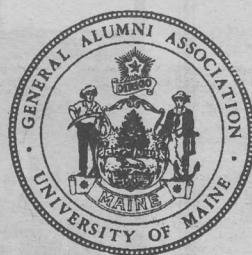
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• Aquaculture

Gov. King, lobstermen skeptical of federal warnings

PORTLAND (AP) — Federal officials who tried to warn Maine lobstermen that their catch was at risk of being depleted may have felt like they were fishing without bait.

A group of lobstermen joined by Gov. Angus King listened to an expert from the National Marine Fisheries Service at a meet-

ing Tuesday, and then they stood up to insist lobsters have never been more plentiful in Maine.

"There is no group of people and no state with a higher stake in the lobster resource," King said, looking over the standing-room-only crowd at Immanuel Baptist Church.

• Inflation

Pay phone calls to cost 35¢

PORTLAND (AP) — People who want to use a Bell Atlantic pay phone in Maine must dig a little deeper because local calls are increasing from 25 cents to 35 cents, the company said Thursday.

The new rate reflects the market price for phone calls and brings Maine in line with most other states in the region, said Jim Smith, a spokesman for Bell Atlantic in Portland.

It will be phased in over the next few weeks.

The Federal Communications Commission deregulated the price of local phone calls last year, so it did not have to seek approval from the Maine Public Utilities Commission for the rate increase.

Many major phone companies around the country have increased the price of calls to 35 cents since rates were deregulated.

"At 35 cents, a local call is still a pretty good deal, at least that's what our customers think," Smith said Thursday.

Bell Atlantic also said it is costly to put pay phones on private and public properties where customers want them.

"We must pay competitive commissions to property owners to place our pay phones in their businesses, whether they are fast food outlets, gas

stations, major airports, or municipalities responsible for sidewalk phones," said Lorraine Chickering, president of Bell Atlantic Public Communications, the division that handles pay phones.

In November, the 35-cent rate was adopted at Bell Atlantic phones in West Virginia, Virginia, Washington, D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Vermont.

The rate remains 25 cents in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and part of Connecticut.

In Maine, the price of pay phone calls to locations bordering the immediate calling area also will increase. Beginning Friday, extended area calls will cost 35 cents per two-minute period, an increase of five cents.

Advocates for the homeless hoped the increase would not weigh too heavily on people for whom pay phones are the only phones available.

"Anytime there's a raise in prices where it would affect the poor, it seems somewhat unjust," said John Rankl, manager of the Oxford Street Shelter.

Rankl said the shelter allows homeless people to make local calls about jobs, medical issues, and other important topics.

"We think we've done a darn good job of regulating it and monitoring it," King said.

Harry Mears of the fisheries service said while the crustaceans are plentiful now because of environmental conditions, many are being trapped before they grow old enough to reproduce.

"The American lobster is a population at risk," Mears said.

The meeting was the first of four to be held in Maine and one of 13 to be held along the East Coast by federal officials worried about overfishing.

The agency will take comments throughout this year before deciding whether to issue new lobster regulations.

While the federal government wants more aggressive fishing reductions over the next

five years, the states prefer more study first.

The Atlantic states have agreed to cut back the number of traps that each lobsterman can use to 800 by the year 2000, along with expanding conservation rules already in place in Maine.

Alternatives being considered by the fisheries service could reduce the trap limit from 800 in 1999 to 480 in 2003.

"I can't make a living on 480 traps, and I think there's a lot of guys who feel that way," said David Merryman, a young lobsterman from Harpswell. "You're not just regulating a fishery. You're regulating a way of life. It's not just lobsters; it's people."

King urged federal officials to go along with the plan adopted by the states.

• Investigation

Police probing death of baby

OLD ORCHARD BEACH (AP) — A condominium resident was not licensed to run a child care facility when a 4-month-old boy in her care was hospitalized and died this week.

Investigators said the baby sitter was a friend of Jake Belisle's parents, Pamela and David Belisle.

Area residents said they have seen Virginia Stanley caring for children in the past at her home. She was not licensed to run a day care service, although it was unclear if she was doing so.

Rescue workers were called to Stan-

ley's condominium Monday morning to treat a choking child.

Jake Belisle died the next day at Maine Medical Center from blunt force trauma to the head due to shaken impact syndrome, police said. The state medical examiner's office ruled the death a homicide.

No arrests have been made.

Maine Department of Public Safety spokesman Stephen McCausland declined comment on the investigation, but he said police would be meeting with representatives of the attorney general's office.

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EDITORIAL

ALANA rallies for diversity

Tuesday morning, more than 50 students from the University of Maine and from around the state gathered on campus to protest the lack of commitment to diversity at UMaine last year.

Protesters carried signs that listed UMaine President Peter Hoff, among others, as "enemies of diversity" as they made their way across campus. The group shouted in front of several buildings, including Hoff's house, during the day. They protested Hoff's appointment of Sherman Rosser as special assistant to the president for diversity, saying students had no say in the process.

The basic mission of the protest was to be heard. And heard the protesters were. Their stated message was that the university needs to actively recruit and retain non-athlete and female minority students.

For too long, UMaine students have been viewed as unmotivated and apathetic. Tuesday's rally showed that this tag does not apply to all students. It was an excellent demonstration of what students can accomplish when properly motivated. The group was well-or-

ganized and its movements were well-coordinated. Students came from as far away as Bowdoin College and the University of Southern Maine to join UMaine students in the rally, which was organized by African, Latino, Asian, and Native American.

For the most part, the protesters were greeted by silent buildings. President Hoff did not come out of his office in Alumni Hall to address the group, which would have been the right thing to do. Administrators Robert Dana, John Halstead and Dwight Rideout were present at the protest. While they remained noncommittal about the rally's message, their presence spoke volumes.

One of the downsides of the protest is that ALANA waited until the last week of classes to organize it. Their message, that the university should improve its diversity and multiculturalism, is important, and would have been more effective had a rally been held earlier in the school year. It is too late to undo Rosser's nomination, so ALANA should try to work with him and with the president to accomplish its goals.

Hoff must communicate

There's no doubt that University of Maine President Peter S. Hoff has worked to improve the premier land and sea grant university of the state of Maine. However, his endeavors to change the process by which the university is run and by which it handles controversial issues has come under question in the recent actions.

Number one on the list is his handling of the Bumstock cleanup. Although Bumstock creates a mess, both in the area of litter and police logs, a mess is to be expected. The event attracts thousands of people, not just on-campus, but from around the state. A student organization that has spent hundreds of hours organizing the event, for better or for worse, can't be expected to respond immediately the following day to needs of the administration.

For next year, there should be a channel of communication in place between the Off Campus Board and the president's office as far Bumstock cleanup. That way, the administration is not caught by a desire to see the campus immaculate without having to contract Facilities Management at a significant expense.

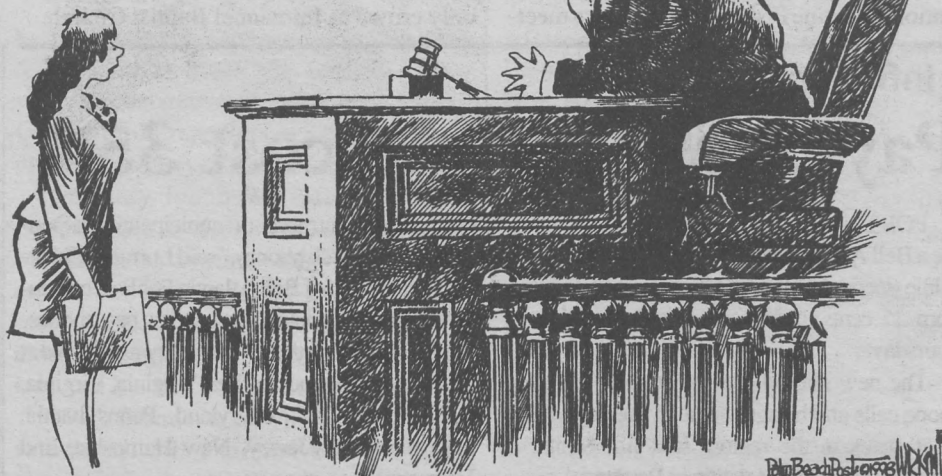
The president's office could benefit from

open channels of communication in a variety of other areas. For example, a survey of students in 1993-94 conducted by the Student Government established the university's desire by decisive vote to keep the Stein Song unchanged for its annual singing at commencement. Yet Hoff wanted to exclude the singing portion of the song from graduation ceremonies this year.

Hoff denied he wished to do so, yet sources close to him claimed he wanted only the music played. The controversy was not earth-shaking, yet the inconsistencies did not show prior knowledge of students' opinion several years ago.

Finally, the selection of Sherman Rosser as special assistant to the president for diversity did not represent proper consultation with student groups on campus prior to the decision. While the appointment was well-intentioned, and Rosser had portrayed skill at his position in the Admissions Department, the creation and selection of the special assistant was abrupt and executive. At the very least, student reception to this position should have been gauged, considering students will benefit most from this appointment.

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• Guest column

Legislators aid education

The second regular and second special sessions of the 118th Maine legislature have concluded with education clearly a top priority. Support for the University of Maine and K-12 education in Maine is high and revenues are increasing. The recent budget is testament to this.

From Senator Cathcart's position on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and from my position on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, the Orono delegation made funding for education our focus in Augusta this session. We were joined by others who agreed to make education their top priority in the supplemental budget as well. Coupled with much needed property tax relief, the education subsidies in the supplemental budget go a long way toward helping all public schools in Maine.

Our greatest success this session was providing increased funding for higher education at the University of Maine. In addition to the two and three percent increases provided for the University in the biennial budget, the supplemental budget allocates up to \$4 million a year in authorized funds for transfer from the fiscal year 1998 General Fund ending balance for Research and Development in the University of Maine system. A bond issue will appear on the November ballot and if passed, will add \$20 million more to R&D initiatives in Maine. Speaker Mitchell and President Lawrence appointed Senator Cathcart and me to serve on the new Joint Special Committee to promote increased support for R&D initiatives in Maine. (While the R&D bills were being debated in Augusta this session, the lobbying efforts of some University of Maine faculty were extraordinary.) The legislature also approved \$4 million for the *Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program* which will provide additional financial aid to families and students who seek higher education in Maine.

For the Technical College System, \$3 million for capital outlay was approved, and \$400,000 was provided for the Maine Technical College System's *Maine Career Advantage Program*, a work-based learning program for high school students. Additionally, \$75,000 was appropriated to ensure that qualified high school seniors can take classes at campuses within the Univer-

sity of Maine System and the Technical College System for free. This program was eliminated for many years and has only now returned.

To help our local schools, an additional three percent (\$16 million) was added to General Purpose Aid for the 1998-99 school year, on top of a three percent increase approved last year, for a total increase of \$33 million. A \$20 million appropriation was granted to establish a revolving school facilities fund to help pay for school repairs and renovations associated with health, safety and compliance issues, and \$4 million was passed for Child Development Services to serve pre-school handicap children. We passed a \$75,000 appropriation to supplement the \$75,000 already available to support kindergarten to grade 12 research in Maine, and a \$150,000 appropriation to the Arts in Education program for artist residencies and school and community arts programs.

In addition to providing much needed assistance to local schools, the increased aid to education will ease pressure on the property tax, the primary revenue source available to towns to supplement state funding. The legislature added a further measure of tax relief by funding a \$47 million homestead exemption that will exempt \$7,000 of a home's value from taxation in 1998.

To aid retired educators, we passed L. 174, a bill to increase the state's payment for retired educators' health insurance by five percent from 25 percent to 30 percent at a cost of \$345,000. Retirees will see their benefit change January 1, 1999.

By working together for education, the 118th Maine legislature increased funding for all public education in Maine. Clearly, all economic improvement strategies depend on having access to an educated and qualified work force. Quality education must be available to people in Maine on all levels, from kindergarten to advanced degrees. We have taken a great step in that direction. The University community played an important role in this success.

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OP/ED

• *Guest column*

Secure access overkill

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And so it begins.

Bumstock weekend gave me a little insight into how all of next year could be. I'm not talking about the bands, the crowds or the free-flowing alcohol. No, I'm talking about locked doors. Most of the residence halls on campus adopted a 24 hour locked door policy during Bumstock. Next year they may not have to take this step.

Why not? Well, for the simple reason that this policy might be in effect seven days a week next year. Campus Living has been entertaining the idea of implementing a "24 hour secured access" policy for the 1998-1999 school year. The logistics of this are: From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. campus residents can get into any residence hall by swiping their MaineCard at the door. From 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. only hall residents can get into their particular hall with their MaineCard.

This proposal could have arisen from many different issues that need addressing. There is always concern over campus safety and safety in the residence halls. However, this concern doesn't seem to warrant this action. I know students who leave their room doors unlocked all day, every day. I don't think they are too worried about their hall being unsafe. Other actions could better provide for student safety, such as more lighting on campus, than locking the doors all the time.

Another major problem within residence halls is free-riders. I'm sure a lot of you have seen these people. They are the ones who unofficially live in your hall. They stay with friends, sometimes for the entire year, but never pay a cent in rent to Campus Living. I do see this as a problem, but I don't see locking down as an adequate means to deal with it. There is already a policy in place for this problem. The Resident's Manual states, "Residents may entertain an overnight guest in their room at any time for a maximum of two successive nights." Enforcing this policy or developing a new one directly aimed at this problem would work better than trying to keep the free-riders locked out.

I've been at other colleges that have a 24 hour locked door system, and I real-

ized that they don't work very well. Anyone who wants to get in still can, if they are willing to be patient. If I am heading into my residence hall and someone is right behind me, I'm not going to card them or close the door on them. I will assume that this is where the person should be, and I'll hold the door for them. Of course, when no one happens to be entering or exiting, there is a phone right there. Free-riders need only call their "roommates" to get in.

The current plan has met with mixed feelings from students. In my own residence hall, the general opinion seems to be that it would be unnecessary. Students I've talked to just don't see a need for this type of "security" at the University of Maine. Students have also said they believe the system would be a nuisance. Fellow students who forget their MaineCards, friends from off campus, pizza delivery people...they all will want you to drop what you are doing and come let them in. Running up and down four flights of stairs gets old extremely quickly. Trust me, Bumstock taught me that.

If Campus Living is determined to implement some form of this plan, then I would like to submit a few changes for consideration. First of all, make it flexible. Halls should be able to have some say in the hours they're locked up. Another point to ponder is giving all students access to any hall during the day, not just those who live on campus. Lots of off campus students need to get into residence halls. For example, many fraternities and sororities hold their chapter meetings in hall basements. Besides, what gives a student from Oxford Hall more right to enter York Hall than a student who lives in Old Town? Or maybe Campus Living should just scrap the 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. "secured access" all together, and instead start locking the doors earlier at night than they are already.

Those are just a few ideas. I'd encourage students to give their own opinions to Campus Living on this matter before it is too late. After all, we are the ones who have to live with their decision.

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Love's a funny thing, you know?

Who ever thought it would come to this? Last week, I'm rolling around in an orgasmic frenzy of religious inspiration, transmitting messages from on high and giggling like a schoolgirl. I really, really had every intention of continuing in the same vein. Honest. For those of you who were paying attention, I indeed meant to give you eight more commandments. If you're interested, request them via FirstClass, and I'll send you a copy. If I don't say so, they're very funny. I got to harass organized religion, the mental incompetents that run the athletic department, silly little Greek guilds, and any one of a number of apocalyptic messengers of comic relief. Plus, I got to use words like "fornicate" and "hump." All with the endorsement

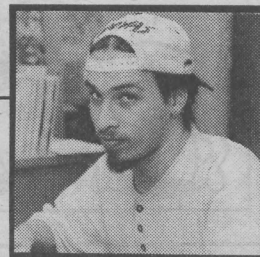
of God himself. Oh, loyal reader, it was vulgar, it was heretical, it was high quality blasphemy. Then, when I least desired it, my muse shat on my Macintosh, and I'm forced to clean up the mess with the click-click-click of my nimble fingers. Alas, dear reader, 'tis true that life throws you many a curve, but a failure to toilet-train your brain is a special plague, indeed.

So I'm walking around campus yesterday. Kind of a wreck, as usual; little sleep, no fashion sense. Normal day for me, more or less; late to my first class, almost lost my papers for a class presentation, daydreaming about love or sex or some quasi-cosmic concern. And as I'm heading off to my last class, I thought: *I'm heading off to my last class*. Now, I'm sure some of my faithful brethren out there just heard their cheese alarms go off, and far be it from me to blame you. Cheddar-flavored though it may have been, it was a melancholy realization nonetheless.

I'm sitting in my seat a few minutes later, and I can't keep from looking at my watch. This is not unusual, of course, but for once, the little hand was moving *too fast*. It was sort of interesting, counting down the end of one stage of my life, the most important stage so far, perhaps. I wanted to make it last, but you know how these things go. I don't know, I guess I expected bells, or blinking neon, or dancing geckos, or something dramatic. But

like always, everyone got up, a few people lingered, and before long, the room was empty. Except for me. I contemplated the room for awhile. Same as it had been all the times before. A common room; I had three (or was it four?) classes there during my tenure. I traced my finger over some dust in the corner I'd most often chosen. The gray on my finger looked nothing like me. I wasn't surprised.

I wandered a little, through the Union. Saw a dear friend, and laughed loudly and well with her for awhile. I saw a woman sitting alone in a chair. She looked content.



By Scott Labby

I knew the feeling.

I walked outside, and saw a man I'd seen often the last few years, staring into the building. I wanted to ask him what he was thinking, but I decided against it. There were many people outside; the usual crowd. I felt in my element, in Zen harmony with frat geeks and hair queens, bad cologne and Listerine. I walked around aimlessly, through groups of people. I saw some that I cared about. Actually, quite a few. I said hello, a number of times.

Love is a funny thing, you know?
So there's this boy. And a place. A
classic tale; you surely know it by now.
Often includes a girl and a dog.

Homesickness is funny thing, you know? Especially when you haven't yet left, and when the place you are leaving wasn't supposed to be home, and when you are overwhelmed with excitement to leave. But there you go. You can't predict everything.

The time went by, I guess. It always does. Did you ever wonder about the people who pass through your life? It's very sad, I think. You just lose track.

I walked through the Union, again. I headed out to the parking lot, and I drove off. I didn't feel any different. But I knew that I was. You know what I mean. And even if you don't, I wish you luck, just the same.

Bye, all.

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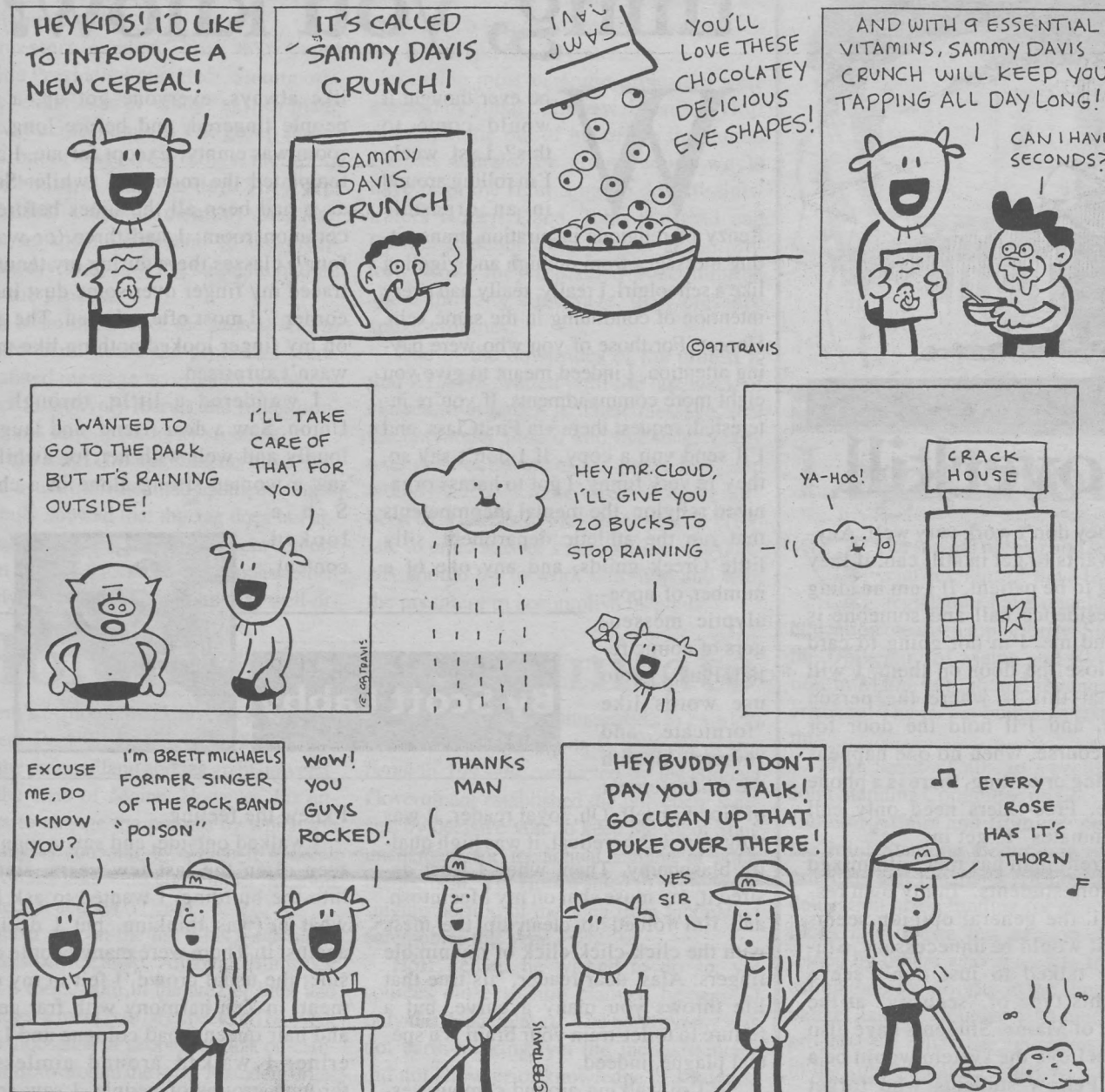
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

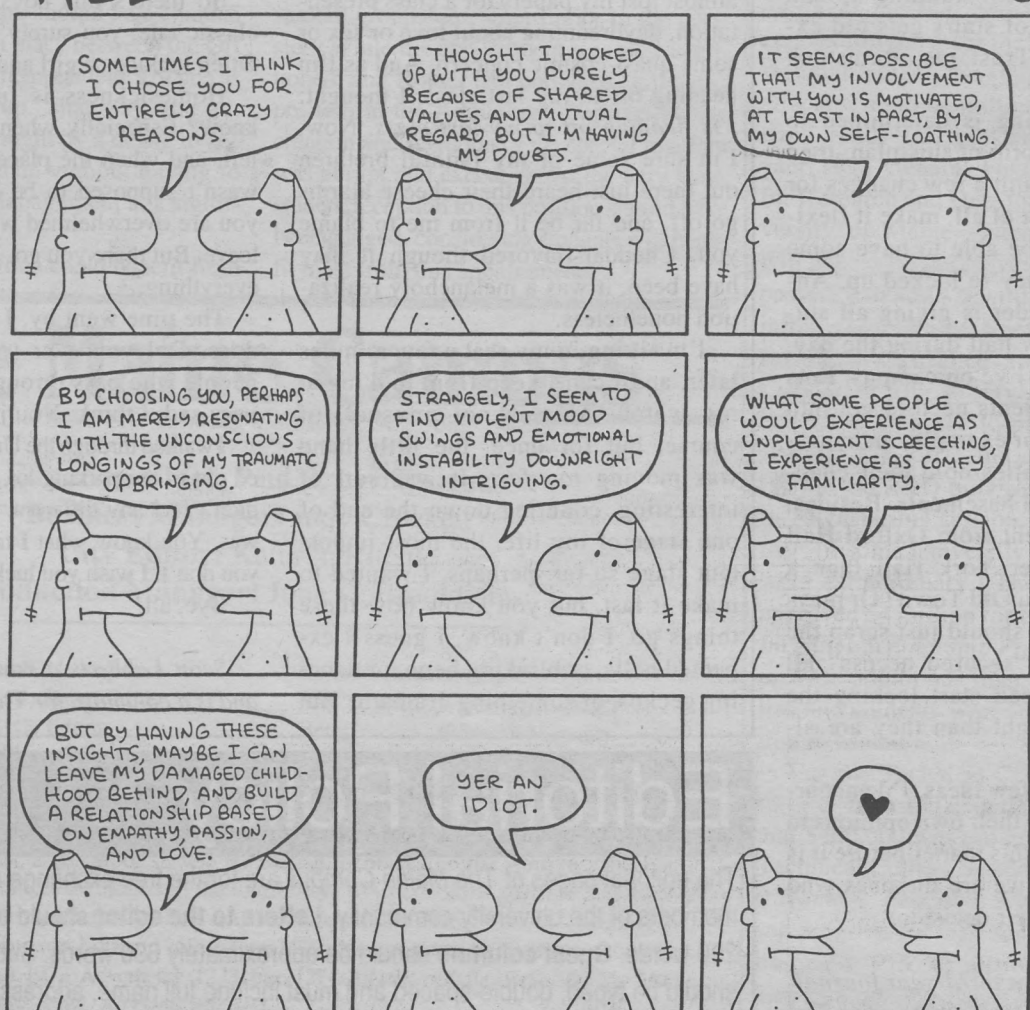
The Best of Mr. GNU

By Travis Dandro



LIFE IN HELL

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For Friday, May 1

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: What would you do if you knew you could not fail? That is what you must make your No. 1 aim over the next year. There is, of course, no guarantee you will not fail, but it is 10 times as likely you will succeed. How can you afford to ignore odds like that?

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you enjoyed yourself yesterday, you will enjoy yourself even more today. If you didn't enjoy yourself yesterday, it can only be because you still have money worries on your mind. You should know by now that everything works itself out in the end, so stop worrying and start living.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be a friend to someone in need today, and that person will be yours forever. You don't have to do much—just be there when he/she needs someone to talk to and don't be critical when you hear things you don't approve of altogether. Since when have you been a paragon of virtue?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Because Gemini is an Air sign, you can see several sides of any argument. You know from experience that none are likely to be either wholly right or wholly wrong. If you are asked to take sides today, decline the invitation. Stay impartial if you don't want to lose a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): How serious are you about your ambitions? If you are typical of your birth sign, you are very serious indeed. Then why have so many of your plans failed? Could it be because you are being serious about the wrong things? Decide what you are really good at—that is what you should be doing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This isn't a time for big decisions or sudden changes of direction. Keep your nerve and stay true to your beliefs. It may appear as if they are being undermined by events that you don't really understand, but appearances can be deceptive. Times are changing, but that is no reason to be nervous.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are intelligent enough to know you can't turn the clock back: Either you go along willingly with the changes that have been made, or they will drag you along in their wake. You may not like the turn a relationship has taken, but you probably will—if you give it just a little more time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you are looking for love, you could find it today. If you have found it already, then your relationship will go from strength to strength. The planets cast a rosy glow over affairs of the heart. All Librans will benefit, even those who seem determined not to enjoy themselves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have a huge pile of work to do and aren't the least bit interested in doing it. So don't. Leave it for a day and do something that you really enjoy instead. The pile won't get any smaller, but it won't get any bigger either; tomorrow you will glide through it with ease.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you are still on a high from yesterday's amazing planetary aspect, then by all means follow the dictates of your heart. If you have come down to earth, then take this opportunity to catch your breath because you will be up in the air again tomorrow—maybe even higher than before.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you stumble upon a secret today, you will be hugely tempted to tell everyone you meet. On the other hand, doesn't the person you intend to gossip about know something about you that, to say the least, could prove embarrassing? Could this be one secret you should keep to yourself?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Knowledge is power. What you know about someone could, if you choose to use it that way, give you power over him/her. It would also cause a lot of resentment. At some stage in the future that resentment could rebound on you. Do the right thing today: Don't misuse what you know.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): What do you value most in life? Are you prepared to gamble with it for the sake of a minor gain? Of course not. But isn't that exactly what you are doing? You may not see it that way, but that is what is happening. Some things are worth more than money: Don't put them at risk.

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Saturday, May 2

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Your birthday chart looks very good. You must have done something to deserve this good fortune. Or maybe the people who count just like your face. In either instance, you can look for harmony in all areas of your life this year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The more you try to influence the outcome of something, the less effect you seem to have on it. What does this suggest? For one thing it suggests that you leave well enough alone. The situation will quite happily resolve itself, allowing you more time to indulge your passion for, well, passion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): No matter how much pressure you find yourself under today, you know you won't crack. Someone in authority will notice your composure and mark you down as one to watch. Could it be your career is about to take off?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There is no point in getting angry with people who are either too stupid or too selfish to see that their bad behavior is getting them nowhere. It will hurt them far more if you ignore them than if you shout at them, so pretend you can't hear them and, with any luck, you won't.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): These are serious times for you. If your attitude is positive and you refuse to be disheartened, even difficult situations will work out for the best. Money and career matters are especially well-starred today. If you act as if you can't possibly fail, the chances are you won't.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If it is true that love makes the world go around, then your head should be spinning. A splendid aspect means that no one is immune to your charms. For that reason alone you must be careful whom you impress—you may end up with more admirers than you know what to do with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It takes a lot to impress a Virgo, but someone seems to have done the trick. You, however, are much too practical to drop everything simply because there is magic in the air. Romance can be fun today, but if you suspect it is going to cost a fortune, one way or another, you may decide to give it a miss.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): What a day this should be. Potent planetary activity spells passion with a capital "P". No one will be untouched by your charms today—no one in his/her right mind would want to be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What do you want from life? Why haven't you got it yet? The answer to the second question is easy: It is because you haven't been honest with yourself about the answer to the first. Until you acknowledge what you really desire, you will continue to get things you don't really need.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If others are offended by your excessive behavior, that is their problem. With Jupiter, your ruler, in fine form over the next 48 hours, you probably don't care what anyone thinks. In fact, you are liable to prefer it if they think your actions outrageous. Ignore advice, reject tradition and have fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be in a wonderfully mellow mood today. It doesn't matter what goes wrong, you can't be bothered to get upset about it. Now you can see life for what it is. It makes you wonder why you ever saw it any other way. You could feel this way all the time if you try.

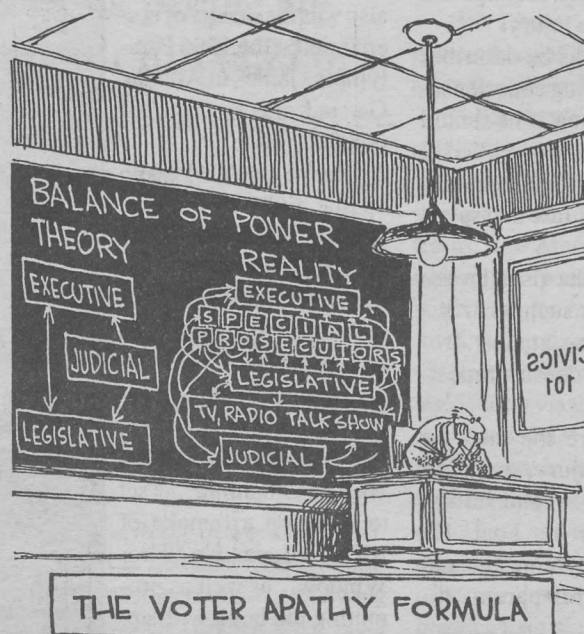
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In a year full of special days, this is a very special day. If you realize it is special, you will make the effort to make it more special still. What is so special about it is simply that you now have undeniable evidence that anything is possible for those who believe. And you most certainly do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It is one of the wonders of life that when we lose something we gain something too. So instead of lamenting over what you have lost, try celebrating what you have gained. Whatever it is, one thing is certain: Once you get used to it, you would never swap back in a thousand years.

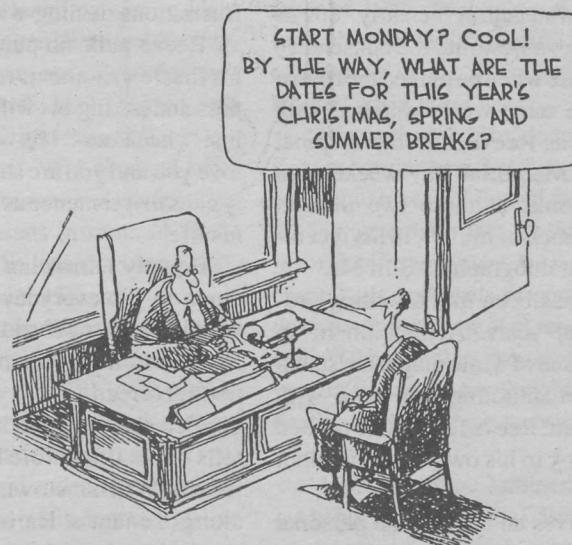
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- 22 With it, once
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- 24 Growing locale
- 26 Highway sight, formally?
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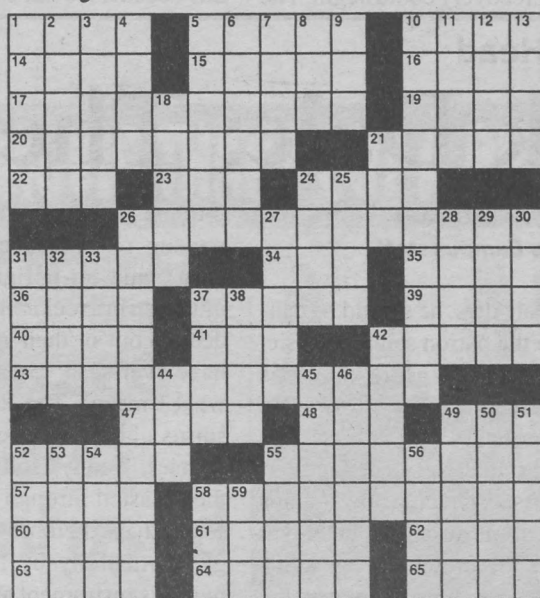
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- 6 Tough going
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- 10 Replay feature
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- 13 Boston or Chicago, e.g.
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- 26 Summer snack
- 27 Archie or Edith, to Mike
- 28 Weaponry
- 29 Tears

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 56 Resident of 63-Across
- 58 Balaam's mount
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Style and the Arts

• On shelves

'Still Me' an honest, compelling read

By Mike Reynolds
Maine Campus staff

The world watched in the early '80s as Christopher Reeve flew into the conscience of popular culture when he played the role of Superman. The same world watched with great intensity as Reeve suffered a spinal cord injury on Memorial Day weekend in 1995. Reeve looks at these two distinct episodes, and much of his life, in his recently published autobiography, "Still Me."

"Still Me" has been in the writing process for several years. A mention in an August 1996 issue of Time magazine stated that he was co-authoring the book with Roger Rosenblatt. Reeve felt that he needed to write this book in his own voice, without a co-author.

The book gives an intense and personal look at the life of one of our society's most well-known actors. The life of Reeve had been the interest of his fans for many years before his spinal cord injury, possibly due to the roles in which he played on both stage and screen.

But Reeve's 1995 accident has placed a spotlight on the actor. The accident happened as he was in an equestrian competition. Reeve's accident was so severe that his spine had to be reattached to his skull before any possibility of recovery could begin. The

surgery, which is extremely risky, was a success and Reeve uses the pages of the novel to chronicle his thoughts, feelings and frustrations dealing with his injury.

Reeve pulls no punches as he describes his first few moments regaining consciousness and asking his wife, Dana, if he should just "check out." His wife simply replied "I love you and you are still you." He frequently cites that sentence as the phrase that saved his life.

Equally harrowing are the risks he endures in his everyday life, such as if his ventilator pops off and he has, at most, two minutes to live if his nurse doesn't reposition it correctly.

Yet also compelling are the tales he tells of his life before his injury, spending time in Williamstown, Mass., and sailing along Tenant's Harbor in his boat. He recalls how he acted from a young age and his own childhood, when his parents divorced.

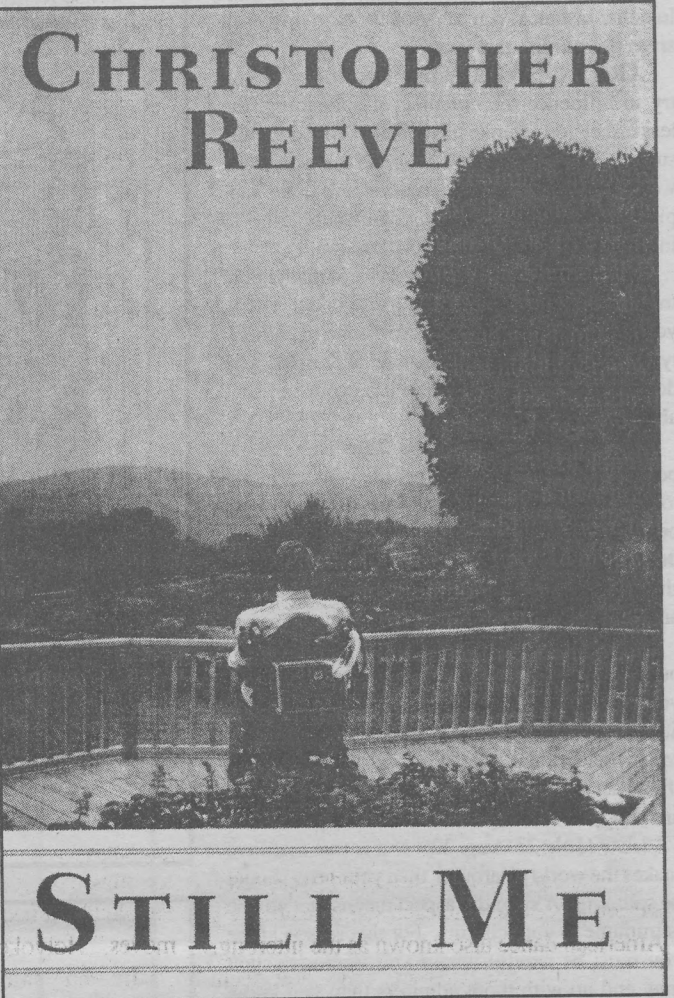
Reeve has gone through a great deal as a person who has survived his injury—he may not have survived the same fall if he had taken it a couple of years later or if he was at a location without the state-of-the-art medical technology, which saved his life.

Reeve has also become one of the most well-known advocates for the disabled in this decade. He has started his own founda-

tion to raise the awareness of issues that affect people with disabilities. He also was the master of ceremonies at the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta, Ga., in front of a crowd of 60,000.

Reeve has also taken up the fight to increase funding for research for a cure to spinal cord injuries, and is the chairman of the American Paralysis Association.

Besides being an advocate for the Disabled, Reeve has directed the film "In The Gloaming," is set to work on a remake of Alfred Hitchcock's "Rear Window," as well as promoting the book with appearances on "20/20" tonight and, in the future, "Larry King Live," as well as "The Oprah Winfrey Show," and an ABC special titled "Still Christopher Reeve." The novel is a compelling read and highly recommended.



• Hilton's Head

Dick Dale: The man who would be King

By Chris Hilton
Maine Campus staff

When Dick Dale dies, he should be canonized and made the patron saint of music. Dale invented the musical genre known as surf when he entered the scene in 1954. He was the first man to try out and use Leo Fender's Fender Stratocaster electric guitar. He also was the first to develop power amps designed to project music at high levels (in fact, he still uses the prototypes on tour). Dale claims to have also have developed the "doo-wop" sound of Motown.

Dale has spawned scores of imitators and has influenced just as many musicians as Bob Dylan. And those in attendance at Dale's 18-plus show at Portland's Asylum last Saturday got one hell of a performance.

The first thing I noticed was the diversity of the crowd. For starters, there were just as many 40- and 50-year-olds as there were twentysomethings. It was pretty cool seeing the older crowd go and see the surf guru they remember from when he was just starting out. There were also quite a few father-son combos (my friend went with his dad). And the age difference wasn't the only thing, either; there was a Goth or two, a couple of punks, rockabillys, bikers, and bunch of pot-smoking Bowdoin frat boys who looked like they would fit in better at a Dave Matthews concert than a surf show.

The first band to hit the stage that night was Boston's The Racketeers, a four-member rockabilly outfit comprising a singer-

drummer, two guitarists (one of who bore a striking resemblance to Reverend Horton Heat), and an upright bassist (a standard musician in a rockabilly band). They were all decked out in their rockabilly gear (if you have ever seen "Swingers" you will know what I mean). The Racketeers invoked the spirits of Elvis Presley (the young King, of course), Buddy Holly and Carl Perkins as they blasted through a scorching half-hour set. Perhaps their best quality was their energy, particularly by the bassist. He would twirl his instrument around, play it at a 180-degree angle, set it on the ground and play it while the rhythm guitarist was standing on top of it, playing his guitar, and his best trick: Balancing the upright at a 45-degree angle and stand atop it playing. He pulled this feat twice, once while on stage and another at the table I was sitting at (and although he nearly took my head off a few times with his bass, it was still really cool).

At one point, the singer encouraged "all you groovy cats and dolls get on the dance floor." No one did, of course (except for one young woman who looked like a '60s librarian). Although no one would oblige them, the band still rocked on and the one word I would use to describe them is "fun."

After The Racketeers were special guests (a nice euphemism for an opening band that has some sort of recognition, at least in the geographical region they are playing in) King Memphis, formerly known as Memphis Mafia (they used to play at and around

UMaine rather frequently a few years back). Unlike The Racketeers, King Memphis claimed to be a little more other-worldly ("We're from the farthest reaches of the universe"). King Memphis sang about what a lot of rockabilly groups sing about: chicks. But their chicks are aliens or possess big hair. King Memphis did an excellent blues number about death (a blues song about death? Go figure). They were much more mellow than the opening band, only a few times possessing the energy The Racketeers did. And they had very little stage presence, which is the reason why, I believe, I dug The Racketeers so much more.

It was around 11 p.m. when Dick Dale, the undisputed King of the Surf Guitar, came out on stage. Wearing a black leather jacket and a headband, he looked more like a biker than a surfer. He was bad-ass and could have easily played the bully's father in an '80s coming-of-age film. He held out his gold Stratocaster to the crowd, who were cheering like there was no tomorrow. The first thing he said was, "Are you ready? I've come to make your ears bleed." He then broke into "Nitrous" (off his last record, 1995's "Calling Up Spirits"). He did a

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• Top ten guy speaks

Simonds' last hurrah

By Eric Simonds
Maine Campus staff

It was fun. I enjoyed it, but now it's all over. Many people doubted it would go this far. I remember some of the hate mail that I received when I first started writing the list. "You suck!" "You're an unoriginal bore!" "Pay your phone bill or we will send a collection agency." That negative energy never bothered me; it just made me stronger. I have never stooped to their level. I remember one time in particular when I was on the business end of one of those tirades. I simply waited for the end, drew a deep breath, composed myself, and said, "Come on Mom, That's no way to talk."

This whole Top Ten thing has worked out really well for me, but now that it is over, I have a few confessions. First, it wasn't originally my idea. There is this guy, David Letterman, and he has been known from time to time to do a Top Ten list. In my defense, putting derogatory remarks about Shibbles was my idea. Second, I never wanted to make a big deal about it, but the only reason that I even have the job in the first place is NAFTA.

Third, I don't usually write it by myself. It was a real stretch to come up with all those Mr. Gnu jokes by myself, but don't worry—I do keep all \$9.23 a week just for me. Since the first

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• Retro

Decades – old dance styles coming back

By Misty Edgecomb
Maine Campus staff

Maria LeBlanc can hardly wait to cast off her jeans and step into a long satin gown to float across the highly polished dance floor in the arms of her fiancé. LeBlanc and her boyfriend, Peter Tessier, will graduate with degrees in civil engineering next week, and will pledge to love each other for better or worse a few days later.

"We're getting married and I thought it would be really nice to be able to dance," LeBlanc said.

The two have been enrolled in a University of Maine-sponsored introduction to ballroom course. During the eight weeks of foxtrot and triple-time, the couple has developed a closeness, a unity of motion that mirrors their connection as Pete gently guides Maria through the traditional rhythms.

"It almost parallels our relationship," LeBlanc said. "We've learned so much that wasn't even about dancing."

Highly structured social dances like ballroom and swing are casting off their starched crinoline and white gloves image to appeal to a new generation. Young dancers like Tessier and LeBlanc are being drawn to the refined steps of ballroom in contrast with the graceless, bass-driven, suggestive motions of today's dances.

"I think people are ready for this kind of dancing as a couple, moving together," Jane Bragg, owner of Thomas School of Dance in Bangor said.

Local dance courses are filled to capacity, particularly those that teach swing, a uniquely American dance also known as the jitterbug.

"It kind of goes in spurts, but it does seem that things are picking up," Kelly Holyoke,

dance instructor and owner of River City Dance Center in Bangor, said.

Six- to eight-week dance instruction sessions are offered locally through the University of Maine Continuing Education Division's non-credit community course offerings, the River City Dance Center and the Thomas School of Dance.

Courses typically cover the basics of waltz,

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foxtrot and swing, but swing in particular seems to be experiencing a renaissance in the area.

David Dunning, dance instructor for Continuing Education at UMaine, recently completed a course composed entirely of swing moves. About a dozen couples spent eight weeks learning the Lindy, the honey push and all the other bobby-soxer moves that transport the dancers back to big band and America's golden age.

"Basically, you can jitterbug to any music. People like it because it has all the partnering moves," Holyoke said.

Jitterbug's athleticism appeals to the young dancers who have watched recent movies like

"Swing Kids," and hope to emulate the spins and flips of Hollywood choreographers.

"This is easier – especially for the guys," Sarah Mullen said. "Most of my close friends have taken a class."

A senior at Bangor High School, Mullen has helped to coordinate swing workshops at River City Dance for her friends.

"If you're out dancing, like grinding or something, you just have to pick it up. With ballroom, the classes actually teach you what to do," she said.

Bob Drinkwater, a longtime area resident and member of the Bangor Historical Society, takes the swing renaissance as a matter of course.

"Like everything else, wait long enough and it repeats itself," Drinkwater said.

Colleges throughout New England offer swing and ballroom courses and competitive teams. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has sponsored an award-winning ballroom team for more than 25 years.

A swing dance network has sprung up in the Boston area, in the past few years connecting dancers via the Internet. The loose organization schedules instructional sessions ranging from the basic step to advanced Lindy, a specialized series of motions and turns with a four-count beat, as well as monthly dances with live music. Between traditional ballroom and swing offerings, dancers in the Boston area can easily practice their skills at exhibitions and competitions every weekend.

But in the Penobscot Valley, dances are less frequent, as the Chateau Ballroom at Norumbega Hall is the city's sole dance hall. Bangor's historical social hub of downtown,

the Chateau has recently been refurbished to meet an escalating interest in dance.

"It's been an extensive renovation," Brown, site manager and sales and events coordinator for the Chateau Ballroom at Norumbega Hall said. "They tried to restore the ballroom as closely as possible to its original state."

Norumbega Hall, which is located on Harlow Street, was purchased by local businessman Robert Durr and his wife, Betsy, in the early 1990s. After a 50-year lull, the ballroom celebrated its grand reopening in style in October of 1996. The gala event, which was a fundraiser for WERU radio, drew nearly 100 couples to dance in formal attire to Bob Haskell's Big Band.

"We wanted to provide live music, dancing, fun – something that this area doesn't have on a regular basis," Brown said.

Sitting empty on a cloudy Friday afternoon, the Chateau's soaring hand-carved plaster ceilings and walls of gently arched windows are magnificent. As green-gray rain beats against the countless panes, a visitor can conjure up flickering candlelight and long skirts gently swirling to the measured rhythm of a waltz.

"It's panoramic ... luminescent ... airy without being overwhelming," Brown said. "But it can be creepy when you're here in the middle of the night by yourself," he added with a smile.

While the ornate room is most often used for private wedding receptions, the Chateau has sponsored a handful of large-scale ballroom

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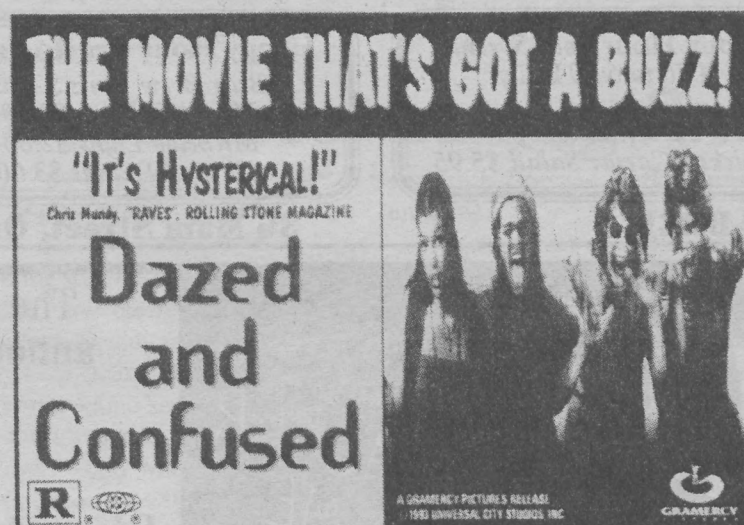
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Surf

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mixed bag of songs, from his newest ones ("Bandito," "Fever," "The Wedge Paradiso" — a sequel of sorts to his 1963 chart "The Wedge"), to his "best of" tunes, such as "Surf Beat," "Night Rider," and "Riders In The Sky" (the theme song from "Gun-smoke"). Dale also did an instrumental rendition of "Smoke On The Water," in which halfway through he broke into Henry Mancini's "Peter Gunn." He also did "Miserlou." I was a bit confused when Dale introduced the Middle Eastern standard, though, as Quentin Tarantino's "Pulp Fiction." Although the film was at least partly responsible for the recent return of surf's popularity, I found it peculiar that he would call that track a "Pulp Fiction" song when he recorded it in 1962.

Dale also did an acoustic three-song set, which is odd considering the raw sound of surf rock. He did two pretty Spanish-influenced ballads and an old blues number (I am not 100 percent sure, but I think it was a Leadbelly song). It was during this set when it was clear why Dale should stick to instrumentals. The only good thing to come from

his singing is the realization that this man of god-like stature is, indeed, human.

The highlight of the show was his song "The Wedge." He broke out his trumpet and encouraged the crowd to yell "Ole!" at certain parts of the song. He ended his set with "Let's Go Trippin'" (the first single he ever released in September of 1961), an homage to his old friend, Jimi Hendrix, with a cover of Hendrix's "Third Stone from the Stone" (also from "Calling Up Spirits"), and "Scalped" (from 1993's "Unknown Territory").

It was clear from the beginning Dale knew he was the King of the Surf Guitar (in fact, his T-shirts state that fact). After every song, he would nod his head, basking in the glory of the applause. But soon afterward, I realized he appreciated us too. He often said we (the fans) are the reason he does what he does. He tried a few unrecorded songs for us, and told us if we liked them he would put them on his next album. It's rare that an artist understands both the importance of the artist and his fans. In fact, it was quite refreshing. While Dale's music may not have made my ears bleed, my ears were ringing well into Monday.

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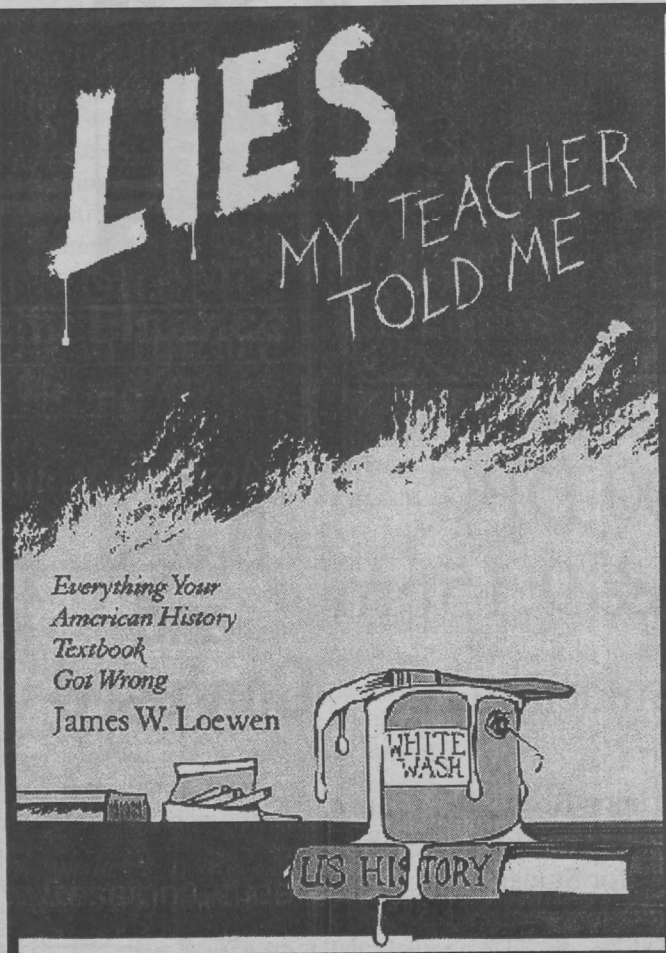
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events since its opening, including a popular New Year's Eve celebration last winter.

"New Year's is a time to cap off the old and kick off the new," Brown said.

The Chateau represents the best of old and new, as dancers ranging in age from their 20s to their 80s recreated the weekly dances that comprised the Bangor social scene a half-century ago.

"It drew a pretty good crowd, because in those days, what else was there to do?" Drink-water said.

"Your grandparents, who you don't think of as live wires, danced every weekend," Brown said.

Social dance was the major entertainment

through the end of the Second World War, when the birth of rock and roll signaled the beginning of the end for ballroom.

"People lost interest," Bragg said. "When the twist came in, ballroom dancing went out."

Nostalgia for the original swing era fused with a curiosity in today's youth has finally reversed the trend, as being led through formal partner dances has become almost an act of rebellion as it is rediscovered by today's post-liberation young women.

"We're not a very old culture, but so many dynamic things have happened in the last 70 years that they continuously recycle, but always have a fresh appeal," Brown said.

"It's about time."

Farewell

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list was printed late September 1996, Rob Brewer has been my comedic sounding board, and between us, we have hammered out the best list we could each week. It usually starts Wednesday because most of the 21-plus Betas go to Margarita's for \$2 margaritas. While we're there enjoying ourselves, someone will ask, "What's tomorrow's Top Ten about?" Rob and I both just look at each other, shrug our shoulders and say, "Anyone got any good ideas?"

Confession No. 4: The list is usually written Thursday morning. Fifth, Rob usually has to remind me Thursday morning that A) it is Thursday morning, B) That I have to write the Top Ten list, and C) I'm not wearing any pants. That brings us to No. 6, which incorporates No. 5. I'm no longer allowed to write my list in the library computer cluster. Seven — and this is a huge secret — it's really not that hard to write the list. Tell a joke about Mr. Gnu, Shibles, the president, the last president, once a month insult

Husson and of course insult Hoagie Fisher.

Confession eight, I work for *The Maine Campus*. Well, I'm paid by *The Maine Campus*, yet I never go over there. Since the beginning, I have written the list and e-mailed it over there, and that's it. I don't even get one of those press passes, but I did get invited to the Christmas party last year. About once a month I drop in and pick up my paychecks.

Well, that is the whole ugly truth. I would really like to thank Rob and Derek Rice, the style and arts editor, who I have still yet to meet, but who has been very kind to me over the year-and-a-half I have been under his command. I really want to thank the thousands of people who have read the list each week and a special thank you to the 17 people who enjoy it.

I would like to leave you with the last words of wisdom that a great man once left me with before he passed away: "Gee, this chicken tastes funny."



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SPORTS PAGE

• Women's basketball

Cleveland drafts Blodgett with sixth pick



Cindy Blodgett is a Cleveland Rocker after being drafted on Wednesday. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus Staff

Lawrence High School coach Bruce Cooper knew in high school Cindy Blodgett would go on to play professional basketball — the only question was where.

The WNBA answered, as Blodgett was taken by the Cleveland Rockers with the No. 6 overall pick in the draft Wednesday morning.

"I knew they were one of the teams that expressed interest in guards, so I wasn't surprised they took a guard," Blodgett said via teleconference. "I'm happy, very happy."

After appearing for draft day in Secaucus, N.J., Blodgett has now returned to Orono. She is set to graduate May 9 and will report to camp just three days later to start her new estimated \$30,000-a-year job.

The draft was held via conference call, with all 10 teams choosing in a normal draft order. 40 players were chosen all together, with 7-foot-2 inch, 223-pound Malgorzata Dydek selected as the No. 1 overall pick.

Blodgett said that seven players were put into a room to wait the first round out, and once the selections had been made, all the players were told who they had gone to and with what pick.

"I'm looking forward to going to the...what is it, the Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame?" Blodgett said. "I've never been to Cleveland, so it will be interesting."

But will the distance deter Blodgett's throng of local fans? If you ask the star, she doesn't think it will.

"Maine people are different; they aren't going to see Cleveland as that far away," Blodgett said. "There will be a decent amount of Maine people at the games, and at least will get to see a few."

Gund Arena averages 7,900 for its home games, more than Alford Arena's capacity but less than the league average of just under 10,000 per game.

The media obsession that the Clinton, Maine, native experienced locally will likely subside for a while, as the Rockers share the spotlight with the Indians and soon-to-be-reestablished Cleveland Browns. However, Blodgett says that Maine fans won't be kept out of the loop.

"The people in Maine will still know exactly what I am doing, and I am sure they will all be big Cleveland Rockers fans now," Blodgett quipped. "They'll definitely be very aware of what's going on, and they will keep close tabs."

One of the questions about Blodgett was the competition she faced night in and night out. With Rebecca Lobo, Sheryl Swoopes, Lisa Leslie and many others who are at the top of their games, Blodgett can no longer be shackled with that claim.

"It should be very nice. It will be different than what you face night in and night out in college," Blodgett said. "You won't have to face the double teams, because teams won't be able to do that as much as in college."

The Rockers will face the Lobo-led New York Liberty to kick off the WNBA's second season on June 11, shown on the Lifetime network. Cleveland will appear in six other nationally televised games.

How far will the craze go?

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

The WNBA offered a contract to 90 people. Forty were plucked up in Wednesday's draft by the 10 franchises in the league. Thirty-four behind University of Maine senior Cindy Blodgett.

The lanterns of Cleveland are awaiting her arrival despite short-circuiting the ones in Orono.

The home of the Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame will be singing a divergent tune this summer when the Clinton resident bombards its scene with a game that only Mainers can truly appreciate at this point.

But will anybody notice? After all, Cleveland is a sports-aholic town ripe with the Cavaliers, who were still alive in the NBA playoffs as of last night, and the Indians, who only seem to be losing to the Red Sox nowadays.

So, will Blodgett transpose the town into Maine-iacs and drink from the same cups that Shawn Kemp and David Justice enjoy? Better yet, what was Cleveland up to last night? Were the steins raised to the dear old WNBA and the beloved Rockers?

"I'll be honest," said Paul Levine, manager of Sammy's Restaurant located inside Gund Arena, the Rockers' home facility, "the WNBA hasn't picked up here."

What about the visible patrons who gradually lounge their way into the social Cleveland night life? Is anyone going to party over the Rockers' newly acquired star?

"Probably not," said Levine. "The Indians are the talk of the town."

However, Sammy's isn't the only restaurant where the local sports fans conglomerate. Surely, places in the Flats, Cleveland's electrifying hot-bed of entertainment, or any number of sports bars in the area were ready to host a "Welcome Cindy" party.

"In here, probably not," said Tim Werb,

owner of the Ultimate Sports Bar in Lakewood, Ohio. "The Cavaliers are still playing, and the Indians are still playing."

Well, the Indians will be on the diamond all summer to coincide with the Rockers' schedule, but that doesn't mean they will dominate the spotlight.

"We're aware of them," said Bob Balodis, manager of the Rascal House in Cleveland. "They didn't do too bad last year for crowds."

The Rockers averaged 7,900 fans per home game, although they fell a little more than 2,000 short of the league average. Still, Clevelanders do read the sports pages, and if Blodgett performs in similar fashion to the way she did at UMaine, she'll be decorated on them.

Now that it's official, though, can we expect the Rocker memorabilia to infiltrate the local stores and outlets here?

"It would make sense," said Quen Dean, sales manager of the Sports Authority in South Portland. "She has a strong following and a lot of local interest."

It's the first I've heard of it (Blodgett drafted by the Rockers)," added Joe, an assistant manager at Olympia Sports in Bangor who did not want to reveal his last name. "But we'll definitely have it (Cleveland memorabilia) here."

So there it is. Hello Cleveland and farewell Orono. The Blodgett craze is spreading westward regardless of whether the people of Cleveland will notice. On June 11, the Rockers open their season against the Liberty of New York in a game that can be seen on the Lifetime channel.

However, for \$16.50 (travel and lodging expenses not included), you can sit along the baseline in Gund Arena and watch her professional debut. If that isn't enough, season ticket prices along the baseline are listed at \$247.50. Buy now, and you can receive a free Rockers ballcap. Go ahead, burst with fruit flavor.

• Baseball

Bears look for strong finish

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

The Maine Black Bears are hoping to scratch and claw their way out of the America East basement this weekend when they host Drexel at Mahaney Diamond in a four-game series.

"The overall picture is that we're still in this thing," said Maine head coach Paul Kostacopoulos. "We might have been shot, but we're not dead."

The Black Bears are 7-13 in the conference, just one game behind the 8-12 Dragons and 8-12 Towson. Hofstra, a team Maine will host next weekend, holds the fourth and final playoff spot at 10-10.

Maine improved its record to 7-0 at home this season after beating up on Husson Tuesday 17-7.

Drexel enters Saturday's double-head-

er with a 2-6 road mark against conference foes.

For the Bears to make a serious push into the postseason, they must win each of their last two series and hope that Towson and Hofstra break even this weekend.

Towson has a tough road ahead with series at second-place Northeastern and Vermont.

The Catamounts aren't a lock at 12-8 to get in as they plan to host 18-2 Delaware for a pair of double-headers Saturday and Sunday. The Cats finish up with Towson.

"The best thing that can happen for us is that we win three out of four games this weekend," Kosty said.

Three victories would at least ensure

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FROM THE DEN

Today marks the last time that sportswriter Jim Davis will have a byline in The Maine Campus. Davis plans to graduate May 9, and he will leave behind a pair of shoes that were broken in with dedication. Good Luck Jim, we'll miss you.



• Column

A final look at what's ahead for Maine sports

By Jim Davis
Maine Campus staff

Well here it is, the last hurrah if you will.

The temperature is in the seventies as a high pressure front moves through central Maine, allowing an intense campus clean-up effort leading up to the day I finally grab that rolled-up piece of paper and become a real person.

Before I leave this Mecca of learning and pass on all of my beats to the one and only David Bailey, there are a few things I need to regurgitate to you, my faithful readers.

As the labeled "safe writer" of the gang here at the sports staff, let me offer a clean, concise, PG-rated version of what will happen in the post-Cindy UMaine sports world.

Let us begin with fall and football season. Jack Cosgrove is in the process of whipping those boys into shape as we speak, but all of the quintessential blood, sweat and tears in the world cannot provide the Black Bears with enough, um, dare I say, talent, to improve on this year's 5-6 campaign.

Mickey will be Fein, however, as the senior captain will connect with the uncov-erable Drew O'Conner often and collect the conference player of the year hardware.

Oh, the soccer squad. Where shall I begin? Seven out of nine losses last autumn were by one measly, microscopic, sickly goal. With goalkeep Nathan Benoit headed for greener pastures after May 9, the Bears will need someone to man the net with the same intensity and success.

Either way, you here it hear first when I say that Maine will win the America East and please a red-faced Scott Atherley, who puts everything into instructing these young soldiers while in an often-unpleased manner.

In November, bouncing basketballs will echo through the halls of the Memorial Gym, signaling the beginning of hoop time.

I'm going to skip the "C" word and jump over to what should prove to be the beat of the year, men's basketball.

The John Giannini project should be completed by this time and will provide this campus (young uns' might even fill the

stands) with high-speed drama and unprecedented success.

Give me an "A!" Give me a "N!" Give me a "D!" Give me a "Y!" I can see it now. Those little cheerleaders who scream to crowds of five hundred will be leading Andy Bedard chants in front of a packed house at Harold Alfond Arena.

It is so fitting that the athletic program has another native icon to showcase for the public just as the big "C" leaves town for the big time.

Bedard, second-team all-conference star Allen Ledbetter, and Starsky and Hutch (Marcus Wills and Fred Meeks for the unworthy) will deliver the goods all the way up to the big dance in March. Easy on the national championship stuff, though.

The hockey team will succeed in executing the same up-and-down manner it did this winter, but I'll leave the logistics to William Stewart, the shaman of the pond.

Should Bailey continue his PR project with the women's hockey squad, he might witness more baby steps taken toward building respectability for a noble program.

The women's hoop kingdom has suffered a great loss, but it will lick its wounds by

whipping its opponents. Jamie Cassidy has the ability to net 20 points per game, not to mention her dominating presence on the boards.

Amy Vachon is the best point guard in the America East, and a healthy Katie Clark will complement the 6-4 Cassidy in the paint. Josh Nason will get another easy ride on another *easy* beat. Oh well.

I would like to end my finale with a little ditty about spring sports. Nobody on, well, the face of the earth, cares about the goings on of the baseball, softball and track teams. It's too bad.

These sports offer fans the most passive and traditional opportunities to witness the end result of hard work. Tradition says that these teams will field solid athletes but zero championships next spring. Tradition says this if anyone cares.

These final lines are hard to type. They represent the potential that every student on this campus has to get involved with UMaine athletics. We are the guys behind the scenes accepting little praise for a job that is just as hard as it is easy.

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Baseball

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Maine a shot at getting in with a successful series against the Flying Dutchmen.

Black Bear second baseman Brian Poire, who went 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored against the Braves, says he believes the team's debacle in Vermont last weekend was the type of obsta-

cle that good teams must learn from.

"It'll come back," Poire said of the Black Bears' confidence. "We have the capabilities to win; it's just a matter of finishing games now."

Poire attributes a lack of concentration for allowing Vermont to post three

come-from-behind wins and knocking the team temporarily out of contention.

"I think we've been playing a little too soft toward the end," Poire said. "The whole weekend we didn't put Vermont away. When we were on our winning streak we pretty much put teams away,

and that's what we got to do."

Statistics galore

Maine is batting .319 while the Dragons against Northeastern last weekend to up his season total to 28. Earl Snyder and Rex Turner are Mench's closest competition with 14 and 13, respectively.

• Softball

Maine heads to the playoffs

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

Let the games begin.

The University of Maine softball team travels to Delaware this weekend for the America East championships in hopes of bringing the title to Orono for the first time since 1994.

Maine will have to do battle with Hofstra, Boston University and Delaware if it hopes to come out on top.

Maine will clash with Delaware while Hofstra will take on BU.

Here's a team-by-team look at how the tourist stacks up, in order of won/loss record:

1) Hofstra (9-3 America East, 36-15 overall): The Flying Dutchwomen are the heavy favorites in the tournament despite being swept by Delaware Wednesday.

And it's no wonder, either. Hofstra is a battering ram with the bats, leading the league in team batting (.303), runs (236), home runs

(15), stolen bases (51), walks (105), triples (21) and hits (406).

The Dutchwomen are led by double-threat Jen Smith, who fashioned a 17-8 record with a 1.24 earned run average in the circle while batting .393 and leading the league in hits (64).

Maine split the two-game set with Hofstra this season, winning 5-3 and losing 6-4.

2) Delaware (9-5, 25-18): The Blue Hens are riding the momentum of a four-game winning streak, including doubleheader sweeps of Maine and Hofstra.

It's all about pitching in Delaware, as the Hens led the league with a 1.21 ERA.

The staff is anchored by Kristi O'Connell, whose 0.78 ERA led the league while posting a 12-9 mark. Krysta Pidstawski (11-7, 1.74) can contribute as well.

Maine went 0-2 against Delaware this season as the Hens swept the Bears in a double-

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Softball

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header in Orono last Sunday, 2-1 and 7-3.

3) **Maine (8-6, 19-24):** After that crushing doubleheader sweep at the hands of the Hens at home, the Black Bears are rewarded by...playing Delaware again, this time in its henhouse.

Delaware wasn't invincible at home, however, going only 5-3.

Shortstop Michelle Puls led the way offensively once again, batting .388 with a league-leading 38 runs scored and a .420 on-base percentage. Catcher Sara Jewett (.350, four home runs, 30 RBIs) is another force to be reckoned with at the plate.

As far as pitching is concerned, Maine will need strong outings from Jen Burton (3-6, 3.08) and freshman wunderkind Carrie Green (9-5, 2.18, 42 strikeouts) in order to survive the tourney.

4) **Boston University (8-6, 25-22):** The Terriers won their last three games to squeak into the playoffs.

BU's .262 team average was good enough for third in the conference, as was its 2.25 ERA.

Offensively, the Terriers are led by Kelly Herr, who belted out a .358 average with a league-leading seven triples.

Mary Collieran (14-9, 1.75) and Robyn King (10-11, 2.65) led the pitching staff.

Maine split the season series with BU, winning 5-2 and losing 5-0.

• Swimming

IOC investigates Irish swimmer

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — A urine sample submitted by Irish swimmer Michelle Smith contained deadly levels of alcohol, the head of the International Olympic Committee medical commission said Thursday.

"The alcohol level was so high that you could not survive with that concentration," said Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the medical commission. "That is strange — that normally indicates manipulation."

Smith, who won three gold medals at the Atlanta Olympics but was dogged by suspicions that she had used performance-enhancing drugs, is under investigation by FINA, the world swimming governing body, over the alleged tampering.

At a news conference in Dublin on Wednesday, she vehemently denied allegations that she manipulated the out-of-competition drug test, which was taken at her home in Ireland in January.

She said she was told the sample had "a very strong whiskey odor."

De Merode said it was possible that either it "is not her urine or that it's manipulated urine."

He said alcohol could be used to mask the presence of other drugs in a sample.

FINA honorary secretary Gunnar Werner said he was told that the sample had "a

heavy odor of alcohol."

He said two drug testers, a man and a woman, were present for Smith's doping control, and that "the woman was in the room with her."

Smith told reporters, "There are unequivocal signs of adulteration and that there is a content of alcohol in the sample which is in no way compatible with human consumption."

"I am not certain how many whiskey experts were used by the laboratory and were this not the most serious challenge to my career and my credibility, it would be mildly amusing," Smith said.

The test was analyzed at an IOC-accredited laboratory in Barcelona. De Merode said he had spoken with lab officials about the suspicious sample.

Drug tests are divided into an A sample and a B sample. Smith was given 14 days to request analysis of her B sample, which could exonerate her if nothing is found to be wrong with it.

FINA said Smith could be punished by a

four-year suspension, or even a lifetime ban if found guilty. Werner said FINA's rules also include the possibility of retroactive sanctions.

Werner, however, said it was unlikely that Smith would be stripped of her Olympic medals.

Werner said Smith has been tested regularly by FINA.

"We have had no evidence or suspicions about her before," he said. "We have had no reason to suspect her."

Smith's father, Brian, was quoted in Thursday's Dublin Evening Herald as saying that "certain individuals" are waging a vendetta against his daughter.

"This seems to be a never ending series of innuendoes and accusations that have existed now since Atlanta," he said, without identifying anyone by name.

He said his daughter has undergone approximately 18 routine tests a year, and "an athlete who is tested twice a month would never attempt to take any sort of stimulant because of the rigorous testing."



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