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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1999

• BOT

Trustees put R&D funding to work

By Misty Edgecomb
Maine Campus staff

(Farmington) - The University of Maine System Board of Trustees voted to establish a new Ph.D. degree in computer science, and bachelors' and masters' programs in financial economics at the University of Maine, at the board's meeting in Farmington earlier this week.

"It's one of the most important ways to promote economic growth in the state ... supporting computer-related industries by providing advanced training

in computer science," said UMaine President Peter Hoff.

The computer science doctorate has been in planning stages for almost 10 years, according to George Markowsky, a professor of computer science who worked on the proposal. But a great deal of effort remains before students can enroll.

"It's not going to happen over night," Markowsky said. "We still have to do all the details - the nitty gritty."

The program would require hiring at least five new faculty

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University of Maine President Peter Hoff flanks University of Maine Farmington president Theodora Kalikow while she speaks at Monday's board of trustee's meeting held at the Farmington campus. (Jason Canniff photo.)

• Senior Citizens

Plans for campus retirement community move forward

By Brad Morin
Maine Campus staff

Within two years, a section of the University of Maine campus could become home to hundreds of senior citizens.

UMaine is moving ahead with plans to create a retirement com-

munity on university land. The plan was presented to the University of Maine System's board of trustees Wednesday and the board will vote to approve or reject the plan in March.

The community would be tucked away on five to 20 acres of land near Park Street, where there

are currently bike and running paths. It will be less than a mile from the center of campus.

"Market research we've done indicates we could support maybe a 200-unit retirement community," said University of Maine Chief Financial Officer Robert Duringer. UMaine President Peter Hoff

asked Duringer to take charge of the project, first proposed in 1996, last June. The university formed a small committee composed mostly of administrators and faculty, to look at the idea with help from a

Boston consulting firm.

The community would have both cottage-style homes and an

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• Hudson Museum

Artifacts to draw attention to UM

By Beth Haney
Maine Campus staff

Peruvian artifact exhibits anonymously donated to the University of Maine will go on public display this fall, according to Kim Sawtelle, the museum's registrar.

The artifacts, donated last December, are currently being stored in the Class of 1944 building thanks to an Institute of Museum and Library Service grant the Hudson Museum received last year.

A private viewing of the artifacts for the members of the Hudson Friends Organization is planned for February, museum Director Steve Whittington said.

The artifacts will be cleaned and mounted, and any special conservation needs will be noted before then, Sawtelle said. A public exhibit will not happen until October 1999.

The items are dated from 600 B.C. to A.D. 15 and were donated because the donor's collection had become too large, Sawtelle said. The pieces

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Steve Whittington, director of Hudson Museum, eyes an ancient Peruvian crochet hat from the South Coast. It dates back to A.D. 1300-1500. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• GSS

Parking debate continues

By Judy Williams
Maine Campus staff

Traffic and parking issues were rehashed at last night's General Student Senate meeting.

Anita Whiry, executive director of Institutional and Facilities Planning, said Facilities Management faces many problems with parking and traffic on campus.

"We are appointing a committee so we can come up with solutions," Whiry said.

According to a study by the Maine Department of Transportation, traffic flow, narrow roads and lack of parking are problems, Whiry said.

Although space is a problem, there are some options.

"Parking garages are a possibility, but they would cost ten times more than a parking lot," Whiry said.

Prohibiting first-year students from having cars on campus isn't likely either, Whiry said.

Vice President of Student Entertainment, Channing Geele, announced April 23 -24 as Bumstock weekend.

Chairman of Fair Elections Practices Commission, Jerry Graffam, announced the candidates running for Student Government.

Senators Jon Duke and Attila

Delisle and Wes Petteway are candidates for president and Sen. Jim Ezhaya and Justin Kelleher are candidates for vice president. Graffam said Katie Burk is the only student running for a Residents on Campus position.

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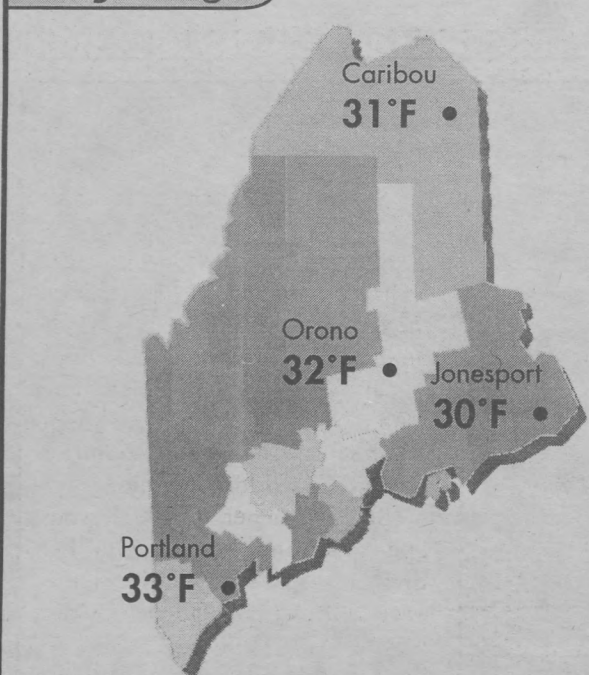
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WORLD BRIEFS

Today's Highs



World Map



Five-Day Summary

Today's Weather

Cold and cloudy with a chance of sun. High near 32.



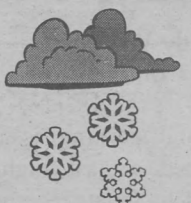
Thursday's Weather

Cloudy with mixed sunshine. Highs near 30.



Extended Forecast

Friday... Snow.
Saturday... Snow.
Sunday... Clearing.



• Intrigue

Interrogations reveal no major discoveries

1 LONDON (AP) — British intelligence interrogated sultry spy Mata Hari twice, during World War I, but couldn't force her to admit she was working for the Germans, according to secret government papers published Wednesday.

Although she later confessed to the French and was executed, the files from MI5 note that there was no evidence Mata Hari ever passed on anything of military importance.

Born Margaretha Geertruida Zelle in Leeuwarden, The Netherlands, the tall, beautiful Mata Hari was first arrested by British officials in December 1915, just before she caught a boat for France.

Under interrogation, she admitted she was heading for The Hague to live near her lover, a Dutch colonel.

"Although she had good answers to every question, she impressed me very unfavorably, but after having her very carefully searched and finding nothing, I considered I hadn't enough grounds to refuse her embarkation," noted her MI5 interrogator, Capt. S.S. Dillon.

• Disgruntled

Yeltsin upset at Clinton plan for missile system

2 MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin today sharply criticized steps being taken by the Clinton administration to build a missile defense system, and his foreign minister told Secretary of State Madeleine Albright that the move could halt further cuts in offensive nuclear weapons.

Despite the disagreements, registered by a hospitalized Yeltsin in a telephone conversation with Albright, the two sides found common ground on Kosovo, saying they would press for a political settlement that gives "substantial autonomy" to ethnic Albanians in the Serbian province.

Albright and Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov jointly registered their indignation at the massacre of ethnic Albanians in Racak, insisting that "those responsible must be brought to justice."

There was no apparent agreement on using force against the Serbs as a last resort. At a joint news conference with Ivanov, Albright left open both the U.S. threat to have NATO bomb Serb installations and the possible commitment of American ground troops to an eventual NATO peacekeeping operation in the event of a cease-fire.

• In custody

Tipoff leads officials to suspected bomber

3 DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP) — Police acting on a tip from civilians have detained another suspect in the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Tanzania.

Seif Lubasaha, 30, was taken into custody at a hotel where he was living in downtown Dar es Salaam, said Adadi Rajab, director of the Criminal Investigation Division.

"We are holding the man for questioning in connection to the bombing of the embassy and other issues," Rajab said Monday.

Two men, Rashid Saleh Hemed of Tanzania and Mustafa Mahmoud Said Ahmed of Egypt, are in custody and have been formally charged by a Tanzanian magistrate in the Aug. 7 attack on the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam. Eleven people were killed in the blast.

A simultaneous bombing in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, killed 213 people, including 12 Americans.

Witnesses said six police officers arrived at the Sido Hostel shortly before midnight Saturday, inspected Seif's room and then took him away.

Tenants of the hostel said Seif had resided there for an extended period and that he always came in late at night.

• Massacre

Upper caste led attack linked to revenge plot

4 SHANKARBIGHA, India (AP) — Armed men believed to be members of an upper caste militia stormed into the houses of poor villagers in northern India, killing 21 people and wounding 12 others in a revenge massacre, police said Tuesday.

The killing in a rural district of Bihar, India's most undeveloped state, was part of a series of fatal clashes between gunmen working for the landowning class and communist-backed militias supporting landless workers.

"They surrounded the village and started forcing their way into several houses, just shooting blindly," said Joginder Paswan in Shankarbigha, a cluster of mud-and-thatch houses south of Patna, the state capital of Bihar. The village is in a remote area 420 miles east of New Delhi.

Some people died in their sleep; others were dragged out of their houses and shot at close range, police official S.K. Bharadwaj said.

"We were all having dinner and I ran to hide when six or seven men rushed in," said Malti Devi, who had four family members killed in the attack.

• Aftermath

Colombian city leveled following major quake

5 ARMENIA, Colombia (AP) — The death toll surpassed 1,000 today from a powerful earthquake that destroyed nearly two-thirds of all the buildings in this western Colombian city.

But as Colombians reeled from the worst tremor to strike this earthquake-prone country in more than a century, citizens cheered in the streets of downtown early today when the Red Cross rescued three men trapped overnight in the rubble of a wrecked four-story building.

Stunned residents in Colombia's coffee belt chose to wait out the night around bonfires rather than venture back into their crumpled homes following the magnitude 6 quake.

The earthquake flattened cities and towns across western Colombia on Monday afternoon, rattling buildings as far away as the capital, Bogota, 140 miles from the epicenter.

Hundreds of the dead lived in Armenia, a city of 220,000 residents where entire neighborhoods were reduced to rubble and left without water or electricity, and where residents say relief has been slow to arrive.

About 700 inmates in the Pena Blanca jail in nearby Calarca were also staging an uprising.

Faces: Felicia Skira

By Beth Haney
Maine Campus staff

Felicia Skira is one of approximately 150 women on campus who chose to go to college outside their native country. Most of these students are bilingual, but Skira speaks five languages, thanks to her mother's early teachings.

"I'm very thankful to my mother, because it was her idea," Skira said. "I would say it's a gift from my mom."

Skira was born in Barcelona, Spain, and lived there, as well as in Cadaques, the easternmost village of Spain, near the Mediterranean Sea, for most of her life.

Both her parents spoke French to Skira as a child, which was her primary language. In kindergarten, she learned Spanish and Catalan and when she was eight her mother put her into private English lessons. She is currently improving her Italian skills.

Catalan is a language from an autonomy in Spain called Catalonia.

"The language is as old as Spanish and French," she said. "It comes from Latin and is mandatory to learn in school because only six million people speak it, and the Catalan government wants to preserve it."

English was also required in her Spanish schooling, Skira said. It is required from fifth grade until junior year of high school.

Skira said that the languages are very diverse and learning each one was a different experience.

"Italian is the most beautiful language that I know," she said. "French was the hardest to learn, grammatically, and English was the hardest to learn to speak. I feel the most comfortable with French because it was my first language."

In 1997, Skira moved to Rockport in hopes of getting into an American college.

After attending Camden-Rockport High School for her senior year, Skira applied to UMaine.

"I just love the way university campuses are organized here," Skira said. "In Spain, you just go to classes and then go home. It's just like high school. Here it is like a little town, everything is



Felicia Skira. (Jason Cannif photo.)

within your reach."

Skira majors in mass communication with a public relations minor, and she said she hopes the major will enable her to travel a lot and use her five languages.

"I think one of the most important skills nowadays is knowing as many

languages as you can, because it is one of the best ways to understand and adapt to a culture," Skira said.

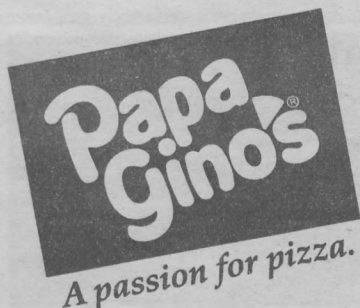
She said that this is an important skill because the best jobs require the ability to do business across cultural and political boundaries.

"A lot of jobs deal much more with communication with other companies in other countries around the world," she said.

Skira said her private lessons and schooling helped with her English skills, but real life experience with the language is the best way to really improve.

After graduating from college, Skira said she would like to move to a big city and work in public relations or as an international correspondent for an American TV news show or newspaper.

Do you know of an intriguing campus personality fit for Faces? Nominations of UMaine notables can be made to Kristen Dobler or Stan Dankoski at 1-1270 or on FirstClass.



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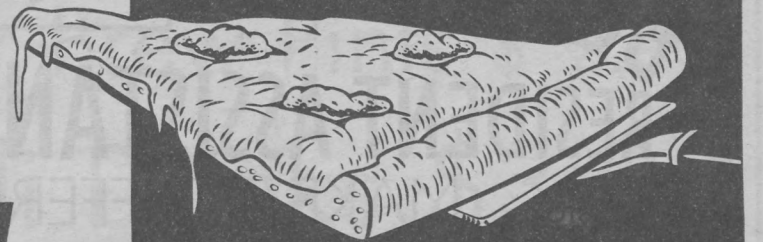
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Retirees

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apartment complex for residents. There would also be a dining hall, meeting rooms and a library.

The community would be tailored for high- to middle-income seniors, especially retired faculty, staff and alumni.

"I think that part of the draw of a university campus is people want to come back to a place that shaped their lives," Durringer said.

The idea of a retirement community on a university campus is not new.

"In the last seven or eight years a huge number of universities in the country have gotten into this business," Durringer said.

The university would lease the land to a for-profit corporation made of Eastern Maine Healthcare and a developer to help construct and finance the estimated \$40 million project.

"The board of trustees told us we could not put any of our own capital into this," Durringer said. "So what I'm trying to do is make money out of nothing."

Construction could begin in August 2000 and be complete in September 2001. No construction would begin before most of the units are pre-sold.

The university will actually make \$1

million over the course of the 50-year lease, according to Durringer. It will also bring in \$200,000 to \$300,000 each year in revenues.

Durringer said the project would create about 170 part-time jobs for students, and some full-time jobs for other members of the community. In addition, it would help many academic programs.

"It will give a tremendous outlet for nursing, social work and the Conley Speech and Hearing Center," he said.

Not everyone is pleased with the idea of a retirement community on campus.

Chris Barstow is UMaine's student representative to the board of trustees. He said it is possible that he may submit a resolution to the General Student Senate opposing the plan.

"I think at this point in time it's not the right thing to do," he said.

Barstow said he believes that even though the university will not be financing the project, it should keep its attention on the expansion of the Memorial Union and building a recreation center for students. He also does not like what

the retirement community will be replacing.

"The area they're looking to build on is one that should be saved because it represents the rural flavor of Orono," Barstow said.

Christopher Dorion, a resident of Orono, voiced his opposition to the location of the community at Wednesday's board of trustees meeting.

"It turns the university's forests into a vast suburbia," he said.

Durringer said the project would be as "eco-friendly" as possible. It would be built around existing wetlands, not on them. The bike paths would also be relocated.

Barstow said the project needs more student input.

"There hasn't been any campus dialogue on this," he said. "The students and the University of Maine being uninformed is not the way to go on a project like this."

Durringer said the plans were in early stages until now, and any presentation to students would have been too vague and uninformed.

"I think we've taken some criticism unfairly that we've been less than forthcoming with this," he said.

Durringer said the steering committee in charge of the project will host open forums on campus for students to learn about the project and voice their opinions. He also plans to meet with the student and faculty senates this month.

Others are pleased with the project. Orono Town Manager Gerry Kempen said it makes financial sense for Old Town and Orono to support this project.

"The town of Orono has supported the university for over 100 years— and willingly," he said. "But with some expense to the town."

The university takes up a lot of the town's area but is not taxed. Kempen said Orono's permanent residents face high taxes.

"This is an opportunity for a development on campus to bring in real tax revenues," he said.

In addition to taxes, the new residents will boost the towns' populations, making them more eligible for state education funds and revenue sharing.

Museum

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are mostly everyday items.

"They are textiles, including a gold ear spool, a miniature tunic, lengths of cloth and a doll," Sawtelle said.

The cloth is probably alpaca or llama wool that was spun and had been preserved so well because of Peru's dry climate, Sawtelle said.

The Hudson Museum was selected as the recipient because the donor, from New York, had lent other Peruvian artifacts to an exhibit entitled, "Empires

Emerging" during the 1997-98 school year, Whittington said.

"The Hudson Museum was a worthy recipient, and the donor wanted to see these items in a public institution," Whittington said. "The 97-98 show attracted a lot of attention for the museum and the university."

Dan Sandweiss, the assistant professor of anthropology and quaternary studies, said the coming exhibit will also be a success.

"People who work at major museums

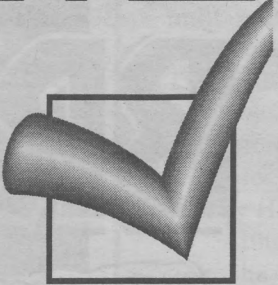
saw "Empires Emerging" and were very impressed," Sandweiss said. "This donation will be a useful addition to the museum's collection. It will draw attention of scholars from outside the university."

Sawtelle said the past show drew much attention because Peruvian artifacts are not usually displayed in our area.

Sandweiss said he will not be performing any research on the artifacts, but he will encourage his students to for potential projects.

Mackenzie Harris, a first-year anthropology major, said the Hudson Museum is helpful to anthropology majors, and that this exhibit will be exciting to view.

"Computer engineers can go to their terminals and see what they have learned about in books. I can go to the museum and see the artifacts from other cultures," Harris said. "It is nice to see anthropology living and breathing outside of the textbook."



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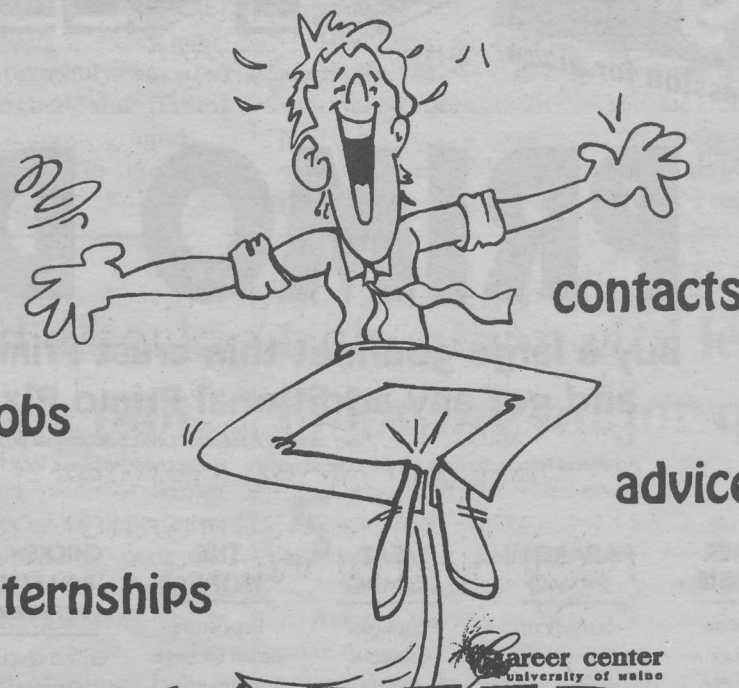
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over the next few years, positions that will be funded by the Research and Development Initiative passed in 1998 by Maine voters.

The university is glad to take dollars appropriated for research and development to establish this program, Hoff said.

"If anything, we're not investing enough," trustee Donald McDowell said.

The economics and business departments will work together to provide an interdisciplinary program granting hybrid BA and MA degrees in financial economics, Hoff said.

"The simple story here is UMaine will be able to offer these degrees with courses that already exist," Ralph Townsend, chairman of the economics department said.

With faculty in place, it is anticipated that the degree programs will attract new students to the university at no cost to the system.

And at least one student could earn the undergraduate degree as soon as this May, Townsend said.

Research and development was a continued focus as trustees voted to fund two scientific research centers at UMaine.

A Maine Agricultural Center will be founded in Winslow Hall to coordinate efforts of agriculturally based academic programs, the Maine Agricultural and Forest Experiment Station (MAFES) and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension (UMCE), according to a statement prepared by Stephen Reiling and Dean G. Bruce Wiersma of the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture.

The center will require about

\$80,000, to be obtained primarily from the MAFES and UMCE, which are marked for state research and development money. The center will coordinate and provide means for agriculture-related research for all system faculty.

At Hoff's initiative, the Darling Center was granted about \$1 million to establish a flowing seawater laboratory at UMaine's marine research facility in Walpole, Maine.

"Right now we have no space," center director Kevin Ecklebarger said. "This will allow us to double our seawater capacity for research."

Fueled by a National Science Foundation grant and UMaine research funds, construction should begin this fall.

The lab is scheduled to be up and running for aquaculture students by spring of 2000, Ecklebarger said.

In other business:

- The board also founded a Center for Teaching Excellence at UMaine, an outgrowth of the BearWorks action plan, that could open as early as this summer.

The center's mission is to improve the effectiveness of teaching at UMaine by working with faculty in the areas of educational philosophy, diversity and technology.

- A vote on the proposed retirement community on the UMaine campus was postponed until the board's February meeting.

- Finally, board members voted to extend the 1999 winter break system-wide to allow additional time to address implications the Y2K computer bug. Spring semester 2000 will not begin before the third week of January.

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EDITORIAL

Give students online vote

Many students at the University of Maine are apathetic. If anyone should know that by now, it's Student Government. Each year, voter turnout for student body elections is embarrassingly low. Last year, the total number of students who voted was only around 500 (about 5 percent of the student population), according to Scott Morelli, vice president of Student Government.

Student Government has tried to make voting as easy as possible for students. In past years, on-campus students could vote in their dining commons and off-campus students could vote in the Memorial Union. What on-campus student doesn't visit the dining commons for at least one meal a day? And what off-campus student doesn't whip through the Union once a day?

Apparently these conditions are not convenient enough, though. Students still don't take the time to vote.

The overabundance of students in the various computer clusters around campus is proof that most students are online and computer literate. Students are using the Internet and e-mail, so what about voting through FirstClass?

A recent article in the New York Times reports the Internet is "practically a way of life" for college students. According to the Times, 82.9 percent (more than 4 out of 5) of college freshmen use the Internet for research and homework, and 65.9 percent (nearly two-thirds) of college freshmen say they communicate via e-mail.

FirstClass has been incorporated into many classes. Both professors and students are finding it easier and faster to reach each other through FirstClass than in person or by phone. We think FirstClass should be incorporated into student elections, too.

We would rather think students are lazy than think they don't care about who represents them. If bringing the elections to the students via computer will improve voter turnout, then Student Government should arrange it.

Clean IOC house entirely

Last Sunday, Olympic leaders recommended the expulsion of several members of the International Olympic Committee in the face of a deepening bribery scandal involving the Salt Lake City winter games of 2002.

In order for corruption to be completely rooted out in the IOC, the house-cleaning must start from the top down. The President of the IOC, Juan Antonio Samaranch, simply must go.

Samaranch announced the expulsion of the six members, but has himself faced pressure to resign. Robert Helmick, a former president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, who resigned over his own ethics scandal in 1991, called on Samaranch to step down this week. Samaranch has refused, but he has scheduled a confidence vote on his leadership for this month.

Samaranch has been president of the committee for 19 years. He would have had to be blind and deaf or grossly incompetent during that time not to notice the corruption. Because of the Salt Lake City scandal, two other host cities were discovered to have paid bribes and given improper gifts - Sydney, Australia for the 2000 summer games and Nagano, Japan for the 1996 winter games. Three bribery scandals have occurred on Samaranch's watch. Who knows how long this unethical and illegal activity has been going on?

There is a saying that the tree rots from the top down. Samaranch is part of the problem with the IOC and should be given a no-confidence vote by the committee.

The spirit of competition fostered by the Olympic Games has been overshadowed by the competition between cities to see who can provide committee members with the most "incentives" to vote for them. Those IOC members who took bribes should leave their office, and Samaranch should as well, because, as the committee president, he is responsible for monitoring unethical behavior of people beneath him. He has failed in this capacity.

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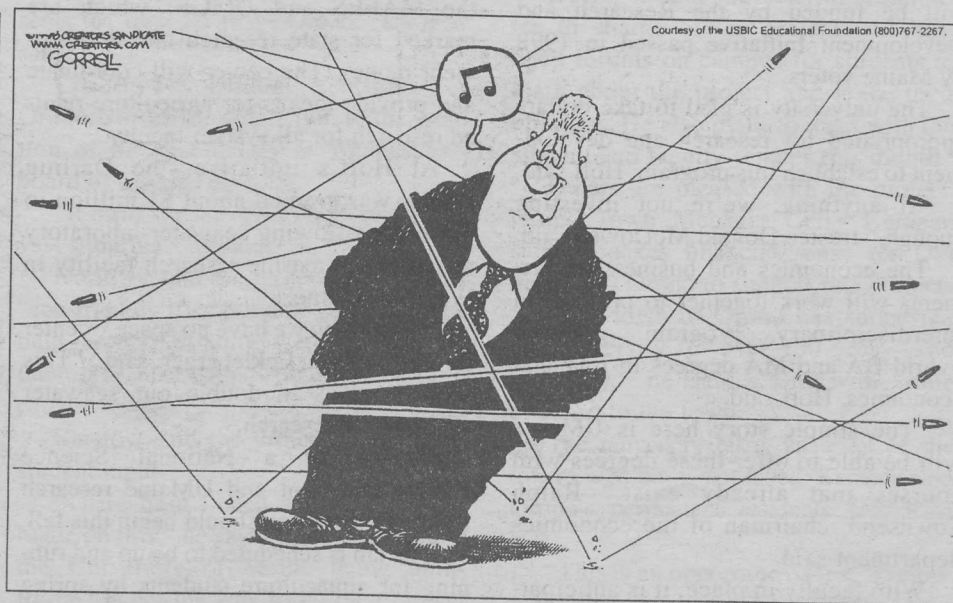
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• Guest column

It's too early to judge

By Tracy Comeau

This is a response to a letter to the editor written by Clint Loftin of Bangor, a graduate student at the University of Maine, that was published on Jan. 25 in the Bangor Daily News. In his letter to the editor, Mr. Loftin expressed displeasure with the plans for the retirement complex on campus. While I am still deciding my opinion on this matter, I did not agree with his reasoning. Mr. Loftin stated that such a complex would be "a disservice to the young students of the university" and ranted on about his frustration with "the disproportionate amount of older students in [his] classes." His prejudice against "non-traditional" students can most succinctly be seen in his statements: "I do not believe a college campus is an ideal environment for old students. I am concerned that UMaine might begin designing lectures and presentations around the interests of these older students ... If UMaine wants to attain the national reputation it so desires and attract the country's brightest youths, it should cater to those youths, not their grandparents."

Mr. Loftin appears to be using this project as a way to express his displeasure with "non-traditional" students. I find it encouraging that so many

"older" students choose to continue their education. In our society, where people will have 2-3 career changes (mind you, not just job changes), it is essential to re-enter the academic environment. Teachers in the state of Maine are required to continue their schooling (they must take six credits every five years in order to keep their certification). This requirement is essential to the education of the youth of our country, in that this requirement keeps the teachers updated on current changes and increases the teachers' knowledge base. The "older" students also become an excellent resource for experiential information in many classes. They can sometimes provide the examples needed to clarify a point.

I also call into question the logic that lectures and presentations need to be specially designed to fit "the interests of these older students." Non-traditional students have the same interests in education as traditional students: learning, expanding the mind, connecting their experiences with the research and discovering the practicality of the information presented. How would the class structure differ if professors supposedly designed their lectures toward the non-traditional students? They wouldn't.

However, the original topic was supposed to be the retirement housing on

campus. There are many positives and negatives that will become self-evident in this project. The current information leads me to believe that this project will be a great service to the University of Maine. First of all, it will produce new revenue. Because the land that will be rented is not in use and the cost of building will be paid by private investors, the university will see a 100 percent profit out of the project. Hopefully, some of that money will be used to deflate tuition. This project is also a service to the community, in the respect that alumni and faculty are the primary focus of this retirement housing. It is a wonderful idea to offer this service to alumni and faculty. It should not be of concern that there will be an increase in "older" people on campus for two reasons. One, the retirement housing is not in the middle of campus, so an appearance by residents may be rare. However, any appearance by this population will not be the burden that Mr. Loftin implies. These residents may even be a great source of information for "traditional" students on campus. However, new information will surface. The positives and negatives of this project will become evident. So, let's not listen to the prejudiced words of Mr. Loftin. Let's listen to the facts that have been given and seek out the ones that have yet to surface. Only then can we truly make an informed decision.

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• The lost thought

Living in a cornered world

By Bill Stewart

There's something wrong here, but don't worry — it isn't isolated to just the University of Maine. And if that will help some of you sleep tonight, then maybe it's time to lay off the Ny-Quil.

The problem? Segregation. Now, before I delve into what I perceive to be happening at this institution, here is the breakdown by numbers of minorities there are in the Birch Tree State.

Excluding ITV students, there are 9,126 students enrolled at UMaine, of which 8,416 are white. Put the calculator down — that's 92 percent.

So, after eyeballing those numbers, I was flirting with the idea of sheer isolation — but it just didn't fly. Nope, it's segregation no matter which way you cut it — even with those staggering numbers stacked against the minorities here.

The reasoning? Well, when it comes to voluntary segregation, everybody is involved — not one race, but the entire contents of the melting pot, including the white rice.

Voluntary segregation: An all-inclusive separation fueled by our disoriented desires of contention. It's dangerous, folks. And it's starting to get a little out of control.

I've listened to what is presented as solutions or remedies to this issue and most arguments usually center around adjusting the minority flow-chart infiltrating UMaine.

Now, I am aware that this place is in dire need of increasing the minority population,

but let's not get confused at the rationale behind doing so.

Increasing the number of minorities at UMaine would foster more representation, but it wouldn't solve the segregation problem because that would take a little effort from everyone. Increase the numbers, I say, but let's be clear about the effects — both positive and negative — it will produce.

Of course, there will be some exceptions, but take a walk around this place — in order to understand you'll have to keep your eyes open — and you'll see what I mean.

It's like a mobile boxing ring without the gloves and Don King. Just pick a corner and stay there, and emerge when the bell rings. What corner do you stand in?

And this voluntary segregation is starting to get to me. It's troubling because no one seems to care. We're all wrapped up in our own hide-aways of self-preservation that nobody is noticing that our existing cultural walls are now fortified with barbed wire.

Ever notice how each race clings together here and doesn't really want a whole lot to do with any other culture beside their own?

Our classrooms resemble a junior high Led Zepplin-induced dance, only it's different races on either side of the room, instead of genders. Meanwhile, playground-like groups insulate the dining commons in separate pockets of concealment. What table do you sit at?

And it's all under the

umbrella of solitary cultural (mis)understanding, while the divine line of separation grows thicker and darker.

Although a university is designed, in part, to increase cultural awareness by providing a rich exposure to diversity, it seems more students here are more comfortable with pulling the shades and entrapping the societal darkness that's slowly making us blind.

I remember my sophomore year in Androscoggin Hall, where diversity in college was first introduced to me. I wasn't impressed.

The African-American students in the dorm kept to themselves while the white, non-Hispanics — as the federal government categorizes — pushed hard to keep it that way.

As a result, nobody felt comfortable when placed in a situation where contact with the any "unlike side" was unavoidable. Everyone was like that. The sad thing is, I am sure there are people who will read this and start pondering who is to blame.

Nowadays, nothing is changing because our contention is submerged in a falsified sense of a fraudulent urgency for action. But nothing happens.

The African-Americans walk together. The Asians walk together. The Caucasians walk together. And yet everybody walks alone.

How's that for a ripe piece of diversity fruit for you? Makes you hungry, doesn't it?

Bill Stewart is a senior journalism major and is the sports editor for The Maine Campus.

• All that glitters

Play their game

I've been thinking about education lately and find myself consistently banging my head against the wall. I have just recently come to terms with my ability to learn, and I am constantly realizing that these terms are meant to bend. Some days I am satis-

you feel at passing it in. You know you are, in essence, failing, but you also know you are leading and teaching yourself. You are claiming your own education. And this is what they teach us, yet when we act upon the theory we are told to rewrite.

By Elisabeth Gold



fied with my surroundings, with myself; other days I have had enough and just want to throw my arms up and scream. My education has not come easily, although it has been easier for me than for others. I love this school; I hate this school. I love my studies; I hate my studies. The list could go on and on but in this realm of academia, I know to stop the madness is to give up. And I don't plan so easily to give up. Classmates tell of their frustration in trying to pass certain subjects, feeling confident in some, yet inadequate in others. How is this possible? Are we not the same person? Why don't all disciplines stick to us equally?

If I were allowed to write a paper trying to understand complexities behind the must-have statistics, would I be a disappointing candidate for a potential employer because I didn't punch the numbers into a calculator? Technicalities. Terminology makes me cringe and I hate the resume-building, suit-wearing, interview-giving world. A reality that, as a senior, I need to face.

But there needs to be a way around such formalities. Please tell me that I will succeed if I don't revamp my resume in time to head to the Career Fair. Tell me I can make it without a fat portfolio and a collage of recommendations. How can we talk back to the very people who hold our future? Is it not true that we are taught how to think, how to write, how to talk, all to live up to what is expected of us? But what if we deviate? What if we don't care that our paper isn't what the professor wanted exactly, but turns out to be a better extension of that? A paper that you know kicks ass and tops the shit you usually bust out.

Yet you fail. And you fail because you don't follow directions, you don't line up your paragraphs in linear formation, you laugh at the nervousness

Jump through these hoops. Smile at us. Be an involved student. Maybe your collage will end up behind a moveable screen. Maybe you're proud of your work, but feel silly for feeling proud. I have one class left. I cannot pass it. Stick a baster in me, because I'm done.

But I need to go back and retrace my routes, figure out what I've done wrong in my ability to learn this material. Aren't I a result of my surroundings? We are fed an education. For some of us, we are fed this through a silver spoon. Sometimes, we take learning for granted. We enjoy the outcome — the smooth "A" slurred over the telecomm.

We work less and less. We drink more and more. Is this our education? Our factory-facilitated learning is an assembly line. Follow the steps, and you will do OK. You will get your reward. You will get your paper in a frame that tells you who you are, how much you are worth and what you can do. Oh please, praise the day when I have that framed masterpiece in my hand, and I can give it to my parents to put on their wall so they can say they have a college-educated daughter.

But what about my questions, my challenges, my refusals?

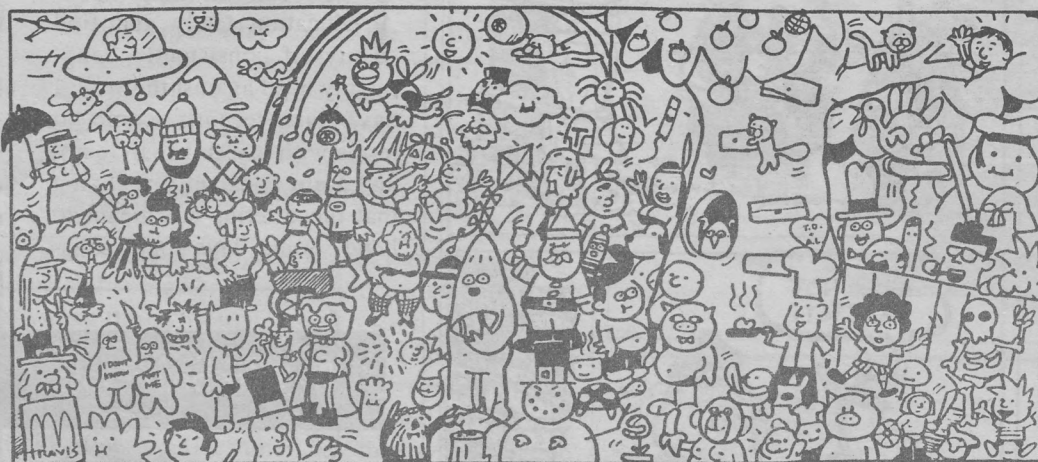
Can you all forgive me for not hanging out on Saturday nights but going home to read and try to write, although these words are just fractions of what I want to say? And they say I don't use math in my everyday life. If I have questions, will you answer them? Or will you look at me like you always do, with that confused, pitiful stare and smile then walk away? Take me seriously — I dare you. And when you do, you will get seriousness in return.

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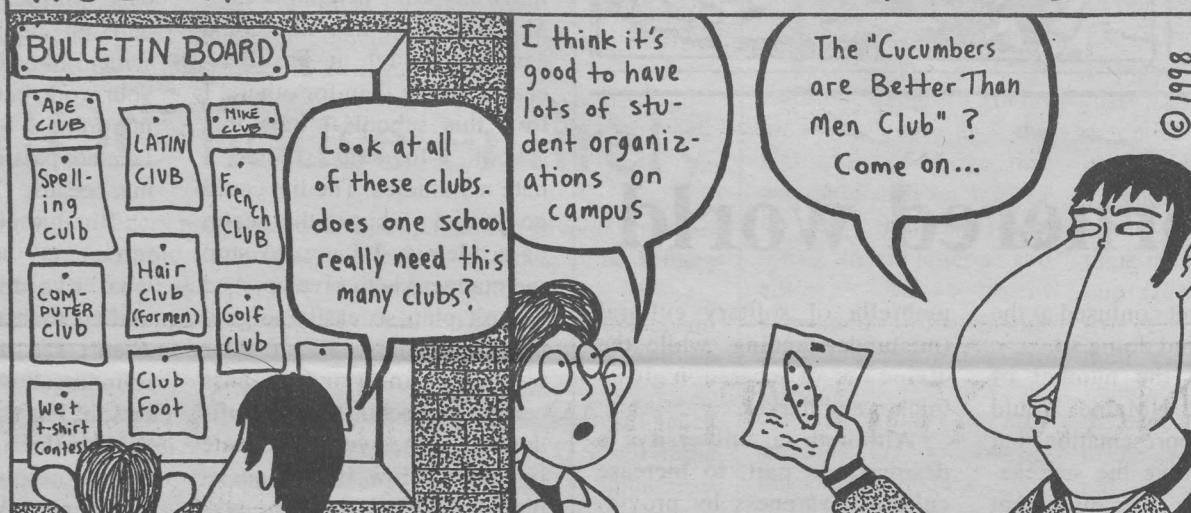
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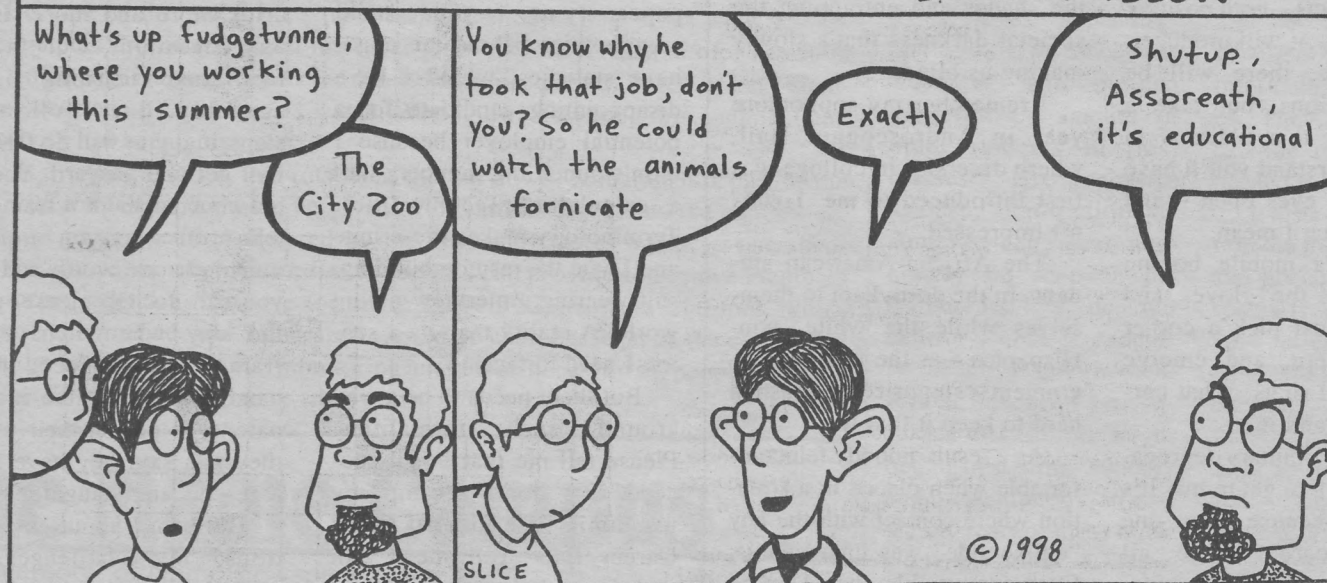
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Your Daily Horoscope By Sally Brompton

Wednesday, January 27, 1999

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: Sudden changes of direction are likely this year. New opportunities will push you one way then pull you the other and there will be times when you wish life was simpler.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You may have a right to be annoyed, you may have been treated unbelievably shabbily by someone you thought you could trust, but if you are smart you will disguise your feelings and wait for a more appropriate time to take action.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Why are you lurking in the shadows when you should be center stage? Why are those with less talent than you getting the applause when the world hardly knows you exist? It's time you came out of your shell. It's time you made a spectacle of yourself.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Something you see or hear this week will convince you that you have been barking up the wrong tree and supporting the wrong side in a battle of wits. So, what are you going to do about it? Change sides, of course, although you must accept that you are not going to be very popular with your former allies.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Life is full of surprises, although in the case of Cancerians they are often more likely to be shocks. The key to the week ahead of you is to expect the unexpected and not mind too much when the unexpected gives you a fright.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Major changes will take place this week and although in the long-term they will do you a power of good, in the short-term you may wish that life were a little bit simpler and a lot less hectic. Be that as it may these are not things you can avoid, so roll up your sleeves and get stuck in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): If you have any negative feelings about a partner, colleague or employer then it is unlikely you will be able to disguise them much longer. There are two major aspects this week, which make confrontation inevitable and it is in your interests to let your emotions out, even if the result is an argument to end all arguments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Go your own way and do your own thing this week but be prepared for some griping from those who envy your ability to come and go as you please. Don't waste time trying to justify your position: No one has the right to question your lifestyle or suggest you do things differently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): There may be a logical answer to your current predicament but if you don't want to see it, you won't, not least because you would have to admit that your previous tactics were wrong — and since when does a Scorpio admit to being wrong?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A partner or loved one will be difficult to live with this week and there may be times when you come close to blowing your top. But has it not occurred to you that this could be just the day that could be an especially interesting one for those Sagittarians who decide that enough is enough!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The answer to a problem that has been bothering you for weeks is easier than you think and will come to you in a flash when you stop trying so hard to find it. The real problem, of course, is that you have a tendency to dwell on negative things.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): If you say something that isn't backed up by the facts, you can be sure that someone will pounce on it and make you retract your statement — which won't do your ego or your temper a whole lot of good. Also, avoid the urge to gamble this week. Luck may be looking the other way.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You may be desperate to make changes in your personal life and desperate to make a name for yourself professionally but is being this desperate such a healthy thing? If you are pushing too hard or expecting too much, then the week ahead of you may bring one or two setbacks.

Your Daily Horoscope By Sally Brompton

Thursday, January 28, 1999

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: No doubt you have some wonderful ideas and no doubt the next 12 months will be hugely successful but they will be more successful still if you have the sense to get expert advice.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Whether you follow a path others have mapped out for you or whether you bust out on your own, you will begin a brand new adventure today. Don't think of the perils, think of the rewards: What you stand to gain is worth the risks you are about to take.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Don't allow yourself to be rushed today. If you have an important decision to make then take your time and make sure you get it right the first time. If others press you to decide immediately, you can bet there is something in it for them, probably at your expense.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You of all people should know that rules are meant to be broken, especially if they were made in someone else's favor. Whatever your beliefs and whatever your commitments, the bottom line is that your own needs must come first. Be a rebel if it gets you what you want.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): By all means, trust others' judgment but check the details just in case. Not everyone is as careful and conscientious as you, and there is a slight chance that a mistake has been made. It may not be serious, but it could affect your reputation if an authority figure gets to hear of it.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You take life as it comes and, for the most part, there is no reason for you to plan too far ahead. But there is one thing that needs your full and undivided attention today if you are to make the most of a chance to move up in the world. Concentrate hard and you will succeed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Honesty is essential today, even if it means that a long-standing friendship is tested to the limit. There are certain rules you live by and certain views you will never change, but not everyone sees things as you do, and there is no reason why they should. Agree to disagree or go your separate ways.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Someone needs to keep a clear head today, and the way others are behaving it looks like it will have to be you. No matter how emotional partners and colleagues get, you must insist on common sense all the way down the line, for your sake if not for theirs. You have a lot to lose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): There are so many changes going on in your life that you are probably a little bit worried that you can't keep track of them all. Never fear, almost all of them are in your favor so there is really no need to be alarmed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Certain responsibilities may be tiresome and take up an excessive amount of your time, but they have to be done and they have to be done immediately. This could actually be a positive time for you in that you can show important people that you can be trusted to work alone.

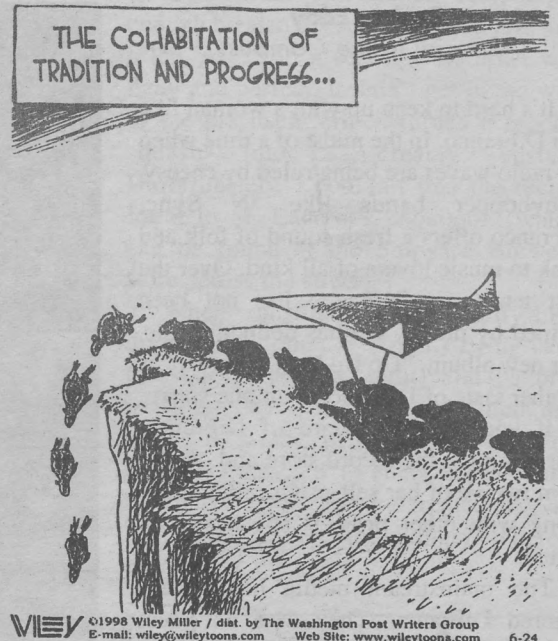
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Something you've had a hard time getting your head around will come easy to you today. Once the penny drops, you will mentally kick yourself that you did not grasp it earlier, but don't be too hard on yourself: Even a Capricorn has an off day now and again.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): The first step in resolving a problem is to admit that a problem exists, and that should be easier for you today as you have just about exhausted your list of excuses. The second step is to seek advice from those whose opinions you trust.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Why do you insist on worrying when it would appear that times have never been better? Is it just your perverse Piscean nature or do you sense something the rest of us have missed? Almost certainly it is the former today: You're just so used to worrying that it's

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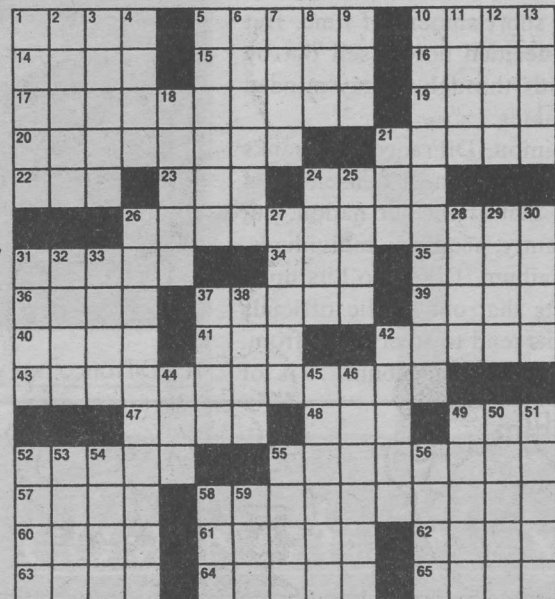
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STYLE & ARTS



• CD Review

What every politician needs: Ani DiFranco

By Jess Eddy
Special to the Campus

It's hard to keep up with a woman like Ani DiFranco. In the midst of a time when the radio waves are being ruled by cheesy, teenybopper bands like 'N Sync, DiFranco offers a fresh sound of folk and punk to music lovers of all kind. Over the past ten years DiFranco has not been defined by music, she has defined music. Her new album, "Up Up Up Up Up Up" is another taste of DiFranco's unique spirit.

If you've never heard of DiFranco, you can go to the record store and choose from twelve of her self-produced albums, along with other projects she has completed.

The mainstream media has always ignored DiFranco. They dare not mess with such a brilliant and headstrong artist. Her songs have a history of telling it like it is and the airwaves have never been prepared for what she has to say.

With her own record company, however, she can almost create, and control, her own destiny. DiFranco's label, "Righteous Babe Records" has grown in leaps and bounds in the past decade. She describes RBR as "a people-friendly, sub-corporate, woman-informed, queer-happy small business that puts music before rock stardom and ideology before profit."

DiFranco could have had instant rock stardom, gotten rich quick and been at the top for a short amount of time. But instead, she decided not to sell out by making records through money-minded record companies.

In my opinion, DiFranco still ranks as being the person most conscious of social issues that affect our nation, but more importantly, people as individuals. On her new album, DiFranco hits upon some subjects that our public officials and politicians tend to steer away from. The first track off the album, "Tis of



Ani DiFranco has yet another album out, "Up, Up, Up, Up, Up, Up." (courtesy photo.)

thee" is about the war on drugs, which DiFranco writes about as being the war on the poor and African-Americans. "They caught the last poor man, they dragged his black ass down to the station and said, 'Ok, the streets are safe now, all your pretty white children can come out and see spot run.'"

One can see why songs like this don't make it on the radio. We're becoming more controlled and increasingly informed by the mainstream, so we end up on the short side of the stick hearing only about the notorious "Mmm Bop." What the hell's an "Mmm Bop"?

DiFranco's lyrics tell the tale of a society gone wrong and how we can't turn back what we've done to ourselves. Our televisions are polluted with repeats of Jerry Springer and everyone's in jail except the Cleavers and the Bradys. I'm sure the Republicans love her. DiFranco might seem like a pessimist to some, but she seems like a realist to me.

DiFranco gives insights on personal experiences on her new album, like her previous. However, there are more story songs and increased DiFranco on the outside-looking, in songs.

"Come Away" and "Angry Anymore" are personal perspectives. The first dealing with drugs and personal relationships and the latter with family anger. "Come Away" is a personal account, but DiFranco is seeing this from the sober side. She is the other person who is angry that someone she loves is on a path of self-destruction. Her anger is very prevalent in this song.... "Do you want to get off? Is this your stop? Do you gotta have a tripledecker super fudge sundae with a ___ damn cherry on top?" You could say she has a way with words.

So, we've covered class, race, drugs and family issues. I want to know why

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• Guest film

Breaking stereotypes: Iranian women fight the system

By Elisabeth Gold
Maine Campus Staff

Monday night in Neville Hall, Dr. Ziba Mir-Hosseini, Iranian anthropologist and author of "Marriage on Trial: The Study of Islamic Family Law," presented her film of Iranian divorce.

In collaboration with director Kim Longinotto ("Dream Girls" and "Hidden Faces"), "Divorce Iranian Style" is a documented film of women going through divorce in a Tehran courtroom.

When the film begins, all stereotypes of Iranian women being shy, weak and silent shatter. These women tell it like it is and were not giving up until some resolution in their favor was made.

We meet Ziba, a 16-year-old who is trying to break free from her husband, who is 38. Having been only married a

year, Ziba wants her marriage, which was arranged by her parents, to end so she can resume her studies.

At one point, there is a meeting where prominent men from her family and her husband's family are sitting and talking about the possibilities surrounding divorce. Ziba wants her marriage prize and her freedom. We later learn during the question and answer session after the film, that Ziba is part of the "new generation" that wants not only a divorce, but the money that is, by law, hers. This, though, is not an easy thing to receive, as her husband doesn't want to give up both his wife and his money.

Maryam, a young divorced mother of two who had just recently remarried, finds herself losing custody of her young child. The father, a seemingly indifferent individual just wants the child back, not

because he really wants to father, just because it is his right.

Maryam divorced her first husband because he "wasn't a family man" and wasn't affectionate. She tells Longinotto and Mir-Hosseini, "After all, a woman wants love."

Also during the film we are introduced to the judge's secretary who has been with the court for 25 years. This woman tells Maryam, "When you're a mother, you must sacrifice everything."

Her own young daughter Paniz lights up the screen with her comedic interpretation of the judge and tells us that she doesn't even want to get married after seeing the way men act in court.

An interesting and crucial point to note is that the women we see in court are exceptionally fierce and persistent. Mir-Hosseini points out that "the women who

come to court are going to challenge the status quo." The women were assertive and wanted their individual lives back. As Ziba cried, "Aren't I a person too? Don't I have a life?"

The women filmed in this commentary are wearing long black robes and are dressed modestly for the public arena in order to try to respect tradition and impress the judge.

One can only guess what the veils feel like; yet when the men come in wearing windbreakers and khakis it's hard not to shudder. It was interesting to see some of the younger women trying to deviate by showing more of their hair and more visible makeup.

In the discussion afterwards, Mir-Hosseini tells us that the women's move-

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• Hadley's Kitchen

Barbeque is an art: Check out Uncle Billy's

By Hadley Lewis
Maine Campus Staff

When Jonathan St. Laurent lights a fire under the grill at Uncle Billy's Southside Bar-B-Que it is like watching a sacred ritual.

First, he slaps a hat on his graying curly hair and then, with measured careful movements he pays homage to the barbecue gods. He uses a piece of black cherry wood and organic charcoal that he imports from Boston and Québec. The flame starts small. He pours some oil on the blaze and coaxes it to fruition, slowly, and lovingly, the way someone might pet a dog, or remove a splinter from a child's finger. He loves his art and he loves his food.

Food and community are the themes at Uncle Billy's on 69 Newbury Street in Portland. Since it's re-opening a year ago St. Laurent has created a rollicking nutty atmosphere where everyone is a regular and he makes it his business to know all the regulars.

The walls are plastered with pictures of Elvis and Uncle Billy's version of art. Napkin art, to be exact. A pen-and-ink drawing of Pjork is a few napkins down from a portrait of Clinton and his infamous mistress (the porcine version of course). The captions says, "Monica said oink, not boink."

People have even written on the ceiling. One diner felt the impetus to post his tummy-rumblings above his head. "I just ate 3.5 lbs. of meat, and I'm still hungry," he has chalked among the day-glo stars.

The food is as filling and classic as the

atmosphere is wild. St. Laurent specializes in soul food, a venue fitting the location. Uncle Billy's is right down the street from one of the third African-American churches built in the country. The church is being renovated and will soon become a black history museum, memorializing the culture and history of blacks. And, Uncle Billy's plans to follow right along as a memorial to Southern food and the down-home culinary tradition.

St. Laurent adds his own twist to soul food. He puts a New England spin on things, using local produce and local tradition in an innovative way. During this visit to the restaurant I discovered that the Southern greens - usually collard or beet greens - had been replaced by fiddleheads, a New England specialty.

Dinner at Uncle Billy's usually includes a side of baked beans. But these are a new take on the Northern version - the salt pork is missing and the sticky, cloying taste of molasses has been tempered with zing. These beans have a spicy Cajun bite. Cumin, chili powder, soy sauce, cloves and barbecue sauce give the legumes a layered taste and make them anything but boring.

The coleslaw is carrot-less and true to its German translation. Coleslaw is simply German for Cabbage Salad. The ingredients tasted fresh and individual. Black pepper and celery seeds contributed occasional color and zip to the slaw.

And finally, the ribs have to be mentioned. Served with sweet potato chips, they are the center of the kitchen at Uncle Billy's. Although Billy's does cater to

vegetarians upon request, most everything revolves around the meat. You can get steak roasted on "rabbit ears" (resembling those found on old analog TV sets), a three-piece order of fried chicken for \$9.95, or, of course, a large order of pork spareribs for \$10.45. If you are on a budget, there is always Sleep-out Johnny's BBQ Spaghetti for \$5.95 or a regular order of pulled pork for \$7.45.

Everything gets smoked for several hours in the smoker at the back of the building. Then it goes on the grill and is slathered with barbecue sauce. Time is the key. On the plate the ribs sizzle and pop, screaming heart attack, high cholesterol and aneurysm to anyone who will listen. With one whiff, dietary caution flies into the wind. After all, a devil-may-care attitude is central to the religion of barbecue. If it tastes good, smells good, and will kill you in another ten years, go for it.

Just when you are so stuffed that you can't chew another bite, the dessert menu joyfully pops into view. It is well-worth reading. Sweets are serious business to St. Laurent. After all, he is one of the men who invented Death By Chocolate sauce. (He also ran for governor in 1998).

The "Chocolate Cold Medina Love Potion Aphrodisiac in a Cup" is indeed orgasmic. Topped with whipped cream that deserved a double-take, it was a mixture of chocolate mousse, raspberry sauce, nuts and Death By Chocolate sauce.

The Sweet Potato Pecan Pie came with more of that rich whipped cream and was probably a dangerous find for my caloric intake. St. Laurent doesn't skimp on the cream and butter. Amazingly enough he also doesn't charge an arm and a leg. At \$3.45 a serving, the crust was flaky and perfect. It didn't get in the way of the pie itself, which turned a regular squash into a creamy custard. Unfortunately, I couldn't find the recipe for it in St. Laurent's cookbook (which can be found at the Shipyard Brewery store across the street).

When you stop in at Uncle Billy's for dinner (they open at 5 p.m.) Bring cash (they don't accept credit) and be prepared to "have fun and get filled up" according to the owner/chef St. Laurent. Also be prepared to meet some really crazy characters and be treated like an old friend. But come hungry. There's chicken on the grill.

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Ani

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she's not running for the presidency. As an alternative, maybe we could start a program called "enough with saving your own ass." Every politician could come with a complimentary Ani DiFranco CD. After, they were forced to listen to it they would proceed to fill out the portion of the test called "things that I've been ignoring while in term." Maybe there's still hope!

"Up Up Up Up Up Up" has a different sound from previous albums. The addition of keyboards by touring musician Julie Wolf has added an interesting blend to the band's normal sound of guitar/bass/drums. Very little effects were used on this album. However, some of the

sounds in the song "Angel Food" can be mistaken for various sound effects.

The sound of the vocals is actually DiFranco singing through a bullet mike into a guitar amp. Nearing the end of the song you can hear an "aaaiyeeee, aaaiy-eee" sound. This was unplanned and is actually an electronic toy, called "cajun in my pocket" (similar to 'yak back').

The drummer, who was also the only one who knew where the sound was coming from, held it up to the mike and kept pressing the button. These effects are products of the element and give a different outlook on creativity.

Overall "Up Up Up Up Up Up" is another profound production by DiFranco and her band. She delivers nothing but the intense, extreme fired up Ani spirit that we all expect.

Divorce

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ment in Iran is challenging the system. Just recently in 1992 men have been made to come to court for divorce proceedings instead of just arbitrarily going about it.

The film has thus caused controversy in its attempt to show real life instead of what is said to happen, and many upper-class secular Iranians are unhappy and feel shamed from the production.

But the process of filming has given new insight and brought light to many people, including Mir-Hosseini, and so she continues her screenings and discussions around the United States in an effort to dispel images of Iranian women.

• Un-philosophy

Questioning e-mail over letters

By Terrance Brown
Maine Campus Staff

I know that I start every one of these stupid things by saying "Last night I was (place verb here) with my buddy (place buddy here)" but that's usually how I get these stupid ideas rolling so I guess I really can't stray now, can I?

Anyway, last night I was sitting around my room all alone, and I got an urge to go through all kinds of old letters I had saved and instead of actually going through the letters I got to thinking about the letters themselves and about e-mail and how much e-mail kinda sucks.

I mean, with a letter you get a lot more shit, you know? First of all and most important, you get to save the thing and read it at another time. Sure, you can save all of your e-mails but sometimes they get lost and sometimes you get way too many and you don't know where the hell the one you want to read is and half the time they're not even long e-mails but more along the lines of "cyber notes" that you read in 2.2 seconds.

Then you've got to take into consideration the sheer art and beauty of a handwritten letter. I've been writing back and forth with an incredibly beautiful and stunningly smart girl who has the most beautiful handwriting on the face of the earth.

I think out of all the letters I own, hers are the most enjoyable for me to read. It doesn't hurt that she's a talented writer, but just the way she writes her letters means more to me than any poetic verse my eyes have ever fallen upon.

But it is true that e-mail is much quick-

er and I guess that's probably the reason that it's so much more desirable, but when you really think about it, one of the most beautiful things about a letter is the fact that you have to wait for it.

You have to wait between two days to a week to receive it, not to mention just waiting around the day it comes for the mail to show up. Everyone now is in such a hurry and we have to get our shit right when it gets done, nobody wants to wait a couple of days to hear from somebody, it has to be NOW! NOW! NOW!

The old adage "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" can be applied here to an extent, but so can't patience being a virtue so I'll just leave it at that.

But I really can't say that I hate e-mail and that I never use it and that it should be struck from this world entirely, I mean, it's not like I don't e-mail, hell, that's how I send all of these little rants to Liz in the first place.

But I do know that last night when I was reading the letters that Miah, my cousin who's in the Army and lives half-way across the world, had sent to me, I was very happy to see his handwriting.

I was very happy to see how he wrote the things that he had to say. It was almost like the damn kid was sitting beside me talking to me. I miss the little bastard very much, and though I don't see him very often, I can always pick up one of the little rants that he's written to me over the past two years and have a little piece of him in my room with me, and I can't do that with a "wassup" glaring pathetically at me from a Mac at the cluster or on my buddy Randy's Dell that he got for Christmas this year.

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Women's hockey

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further her hockey career, Hill chose Maine over Providence even though the Friars play in her home state and boast a winning tradition this decade.

"I decided I'd probably get more playing time at a first-year school like this," Hill said.

Filighera wanted an all-out player, and Hill fit the bill.

"We were looking for somebody that plays with a little passion," he said.

The fun has just begun

For Hill, playing on a team with 17 other freshmen has been an interesting

experience.

"It's a lot of fun because everybody's in it together," she said. "It's exciting because it's a whole new thing for everybody. We're all in it together."

And if you believe Filighera, the best is yet to come for Hill.

"I think [with] her potential over the next three years, you're going to see her play better and better," he said.

And when Filighera is asked about his impact players come October 2001, Angela Hill could very well be the first name that comes to mind instead of the last one.



Angela Hill celebrates her goal against Bowdoin with Christina Hedges. (Andrew Bailey photo.)

Men's hoop

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shooter, has gone 0-9 from behind the arc in two games since the injury but Giannini is confident in Meeks' toughness.

"He's shooting well in practice and I have every confidence that he can overcome this injury soon," Giannini said.

Mid-season Standings

- Drexel (11-5, 8-1 in America East play)
- Maine (12-5, 7-2)
- Delaware (13-5, 6-3)
- Hofstra (13-7, 6-3)
- Hartford (7-10, 5-4)

- Towson (5-12, 4-5)
- Vermont (7-10, 3-6)
- Northeastern (6-11, 3-6)
- Boston University (6-11, 2-7)
- New Hampshire (3-14, 1-8)
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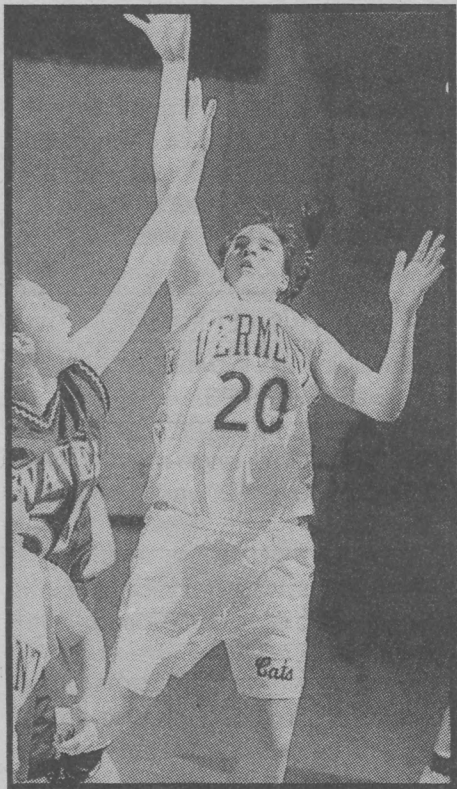
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• Women's basketball

League's best set for confrontation

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus Staff

Still unsure of whether or not Amy Vachon will play, the University of Maine women's hoop squad heads into Vermont tonight attempting to extend its eight-game



Vermont's Karalyn Church is one of the best in the league... (file photo)

winning streak against its league rival.

Vachon did not see action in Sunday's blowout win over Towson due to a mild concussion she suffered in the second half

of Friday night's game against Delaware.

The Black Bears stand at 12-4 overall, 8-0 in America East, and are in the driver's seat for the regular season title after second place New Hampshire lost on Sunday to Delaware.

Coach Keith Cieplicki's team is not running at the same level as last season's regular season title-winning 22-7 team that came within two points of going on to the NCAA tournament.

"It's funny because a lot of people have said 'What's the matter? What's wrong?'" Cieplicki said. "I think we're having a real solid year and have been pleased."

The Catamounts (10-7, 5-3) have won two games in a row, however, and have won five out of the seven games they have hosted.

If the Black Bears are without Vachon for the second game in a row, the Catamounts will be poised to take advantage and pull off the upset, but are planning for Vachon to play.

"We have played a lot of different ways to see what works best," Cieplicki said. "We've been going into games waiting to see what works and it will probably be that same approach tomorrow."

Perhaps the best matchup of the night will be Maine's Jamie Cassidy against Vermont's Karalyn Church, as the two have been battling for the top spot in several offensive categories this season.

Cassidy holds the advantage in points per game (24.2 to 21.6) and field goal percentage, while Church is winning on the boards (9.3 to 9.2).

"I think it's fair to say they are the two

best post players in the league and the key to defend Jamie, and any good player, (is not) to give them easy baskets and make them earn their points," Cieplicki said.

While Kristen McCormick and Kelly Bowman are the primary deep threats for the Black Bears, Vermont has Christie Lauzon to spread the defense with her league-best 46 percent shooting from beyond the arc.

But unlike in seasons past when Cindy Blodgett was the main offensive weapon, Maine comes into the game with no less than six players who can connect for double digits.

In Sunday's win, four different Maine players hit for 12 points or more.

"Probably the difference for them this year is (they're) going to share the ball, but when it's crunch time, who's going to shoot," Cieplicki said.

"Obviously, I think the answer is Cassidy, but if she doesn't have a shot, who's next?"

Andrea Clark is still out with an ankle sprain and did not practice on Monday, most likely meaning she will not see action tonight.

Welcome back Katie: In comparing the "second coming" of Michael Jordan and the fanfare surrounding it, Katie Clark's return wasn't that big.

But it was huge in other respects.

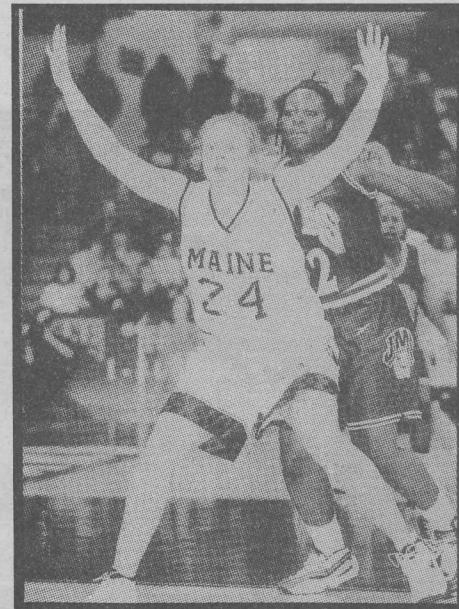
At the beginning of the 1998-99 season, Clark's chances to once again wear a Maine uniform this season, and maybe forever, were dead and buried due to a foot injury.

The 6-foot forward from Bangor has an extra bone in her foot that kept splintering

and attempts to fuse it together weren't successful enough to fully remove the pain.

However, over Christmas break, something just short of miraculous occurred. Katie Clark started feeling better - a lot better.

After having been out since January of 1998, Clark hit the floor this past Sunday



... but so is Maine's Jamie Cassidy - and the two will face each other tonight in Burlington. (courtesy photo.)

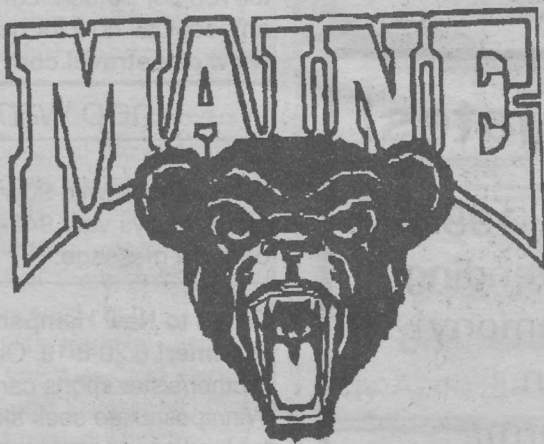
with grim determination and left with a smile on her face.

"I had a cast put on my foot and didn't do any contact working out. I did the bike and things like that," Clark said.

Clark tallied four points, two rebounds and a steal in 19 minutes of play, and will be a welcome addition to the front line that is still without the services of Andrea Clark.

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Men's hockey

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year, moving ahead of forwards Matthias Trattig, Bobby Stewart and Tuomo Jaaskelainen in scoring.

Maine's .800 penalty kill percentage is good for second in the league behind the University of New Hampshire. On the flip side, however, its power play is ranked fourth. No. 1? The Providence College Friars, who the Bears will see this Friday night in Rhode Island.

Tune in - it's a keeper

Magnus Lundback scored his first career collegiate goal last Saturday against Merrimack, breaking a goal scoring drought that covered just 16 games dispersed over the last year and a half.

"It feels great to get that off my back," said Lundback, who also claims he didn't see the puck go in net on a goal that came off a Steve Kariya-forced turnover. "It's been awhile."

And now, what everyone wants to know, did he keep the puck?

"Yes, I did," he said. "I put it on the table next to the television."

Numbers ...

Freshman forward Barrett Heisten is doing what the coaching staff had hoped - and even expected - him to do three months ago: score goals.

In his last six games, the kid from Alaska has scored five goals.

Jumping out early is becoming a symbolic trademark for the Bears this year as they are outscoring opponents 34-14 in the

first period. Overall, Maine is outscoring its foes 100-51.

Despite that lopsided margin, Walsh's troops have engaged in eight one-goal games this year. However, the Bears are 7-1 in those games.

Junior goaltender Alfie Michaud has recorded 30-plus saves just twice this season, although they came in a 2-1 win over Boston College and a 3-3 tie with Colorado College.

The Selkirk, Manitoba, resident has recorded between 25-30 saves five times this season, equaling his total for number of games he's made under 20 in a game.

Maine is 8-0-2 in nonconference play, including a 4-0-1 mark against Hockey East's rival conference, the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Last season, the Bears went 3-3-3. With its weekend sweep of Merrimack, Maine is now 31-7-1 all time against the Warriors. How do the Bears stack up against other Hockey East institutions?

Well, here is a break down by school followed by Maine's series' record against them.

Boston College: 25-32-3
Boston University: 28-31-4
UMass-Amherst: 13-2-2
UMass-Lowell: 39-20-2
Merrimack: 31-7-1
UNH: 39-25-3
Northeastern: 27-30-8
Providence: 38-26-1

Men's basketball

Bears begin second half

By Jay Baltes
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine's men basketball team has completed the first half of its 18-game America East schedule, and now it's time to get ready for the back nine.

One thing for sure is that the Black Bears are smack dab in the middle of a turnaround season.

And turnaround isn't used figuratively here.

Last year at this time the Bears were 2-7 at the bottom of the conference. This year they are 7-2 and just one game out of first place.

Despite the undeniable success thus far, coach John Giannini isn't breathing easy. Not with games yet to play and anticipated accomplishments yet to achieve.

That's why tonight is another night to be out for blood as the Black Bears hope to

sink their teeth into visiting Vermont.

Vermont (7-10, 3-6) may have the worst field goal percentage (.385) in the conference and a mediocre record, but that didn't stop them from playing Maine down to the wire in their first meeting.

The Black Bears narrowly escaped with an 86-84 victory in November, which is all the more reason for Giannini to get his team fired up.

"You can't take any team lightly, you just can't," said Giannini. "Towson was an example of how you have to respect each and every opponent regardless of records or standings."

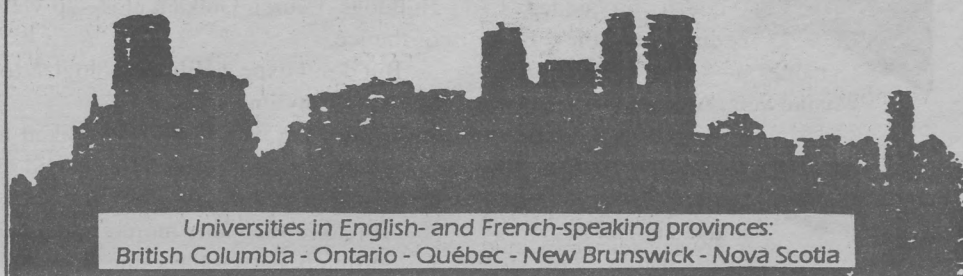
Of some concern to Giannini is the nagging injury of senior guard Fred Meeks, who injured his wrist at practice last week and has seen less game time as a result. Meeks, the Black Bears' perimeter

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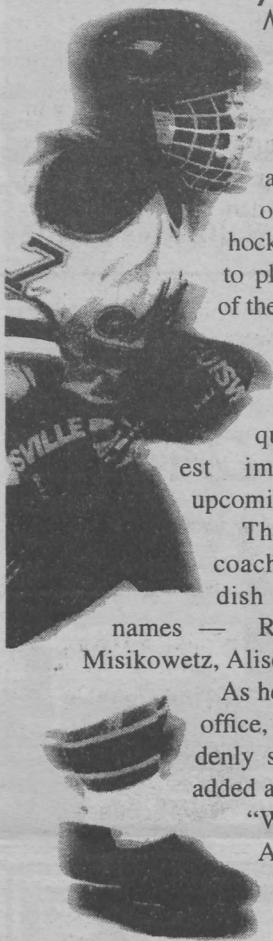
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• Women's hockey

Hill corners the opposition

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff



It was mid-October of 1998 and the University of Maine women's hockey team had yet to play its first game of the season.

Black Bear coach Rick Filighera was queried as greatest impact for the upcoming season.

The second-year coach proceeded to dish out the usual names — Raffi Wolf, Kira Misikowetz, Alison Lorenz, etc.

As he was leaving his office, however, he suddenly spun around and added another name.

"Watch out for Angela Hill," Filighera said. "Hill has craftiness. She has no

fear in the corners."

No fear, indeed.

With Maine's first division I season more than halfway through, freshman Hill has established herself as the Bears' most dominating physical presence on the ice.

"Bodies fly when she's on the ice," Filighera said.

Do they ever:

* On Dec. 4, a sharp elbow sent a St. Lawrence player into the boards, giving Hill a two-minute visit to the penalty box.

* The next night, another harsh Hill hit sent St. Lawrence's Trisha Powers flying.

* On Jan. 5 against Yale Hill delivered a shoulder shiver that gave the Bulldogs' Lauren Gulka a close-up view of the ice.

But don't expect Hill to apologize for her antics anytime soon.

"That's the way I've always liked to play," said Hill, who's tied for second on the team with 12 penalty minutes.

"It makes the game more exiting and it's definitely part of the game. It doesn't matter if it's women's hockey. It's still a factor in the game."

More facets, corners to her game

Hill's physical dominance has earned her a reputation as Maine's res-

ident "lunch-pail" player, a hard worker who just goes out and does her job every night.

So perhaps one can see why Hill's name didn't immediately pop into Filighera's head back in October.

"It's those people that muck it around the corners and play the dirty game that nobody ever gives enough credit [to]," Filighera said.

"She brings a lot of speed," linemate Andrea Keller added. "She works hard in the corners."

But don't be fooled — she is not a one-dimensional player.

Although Hill has only three goals on the season, she seems to have a knack for delivering them in clutch instances.

At Guelph on Nov. 27, it was a third-period Hill goal that proved to be the game-winner in a 2-1 Maine victory.

In Maine's 3-1 and 2-0 losses to Providence Jan. 8 and 9, Hill scored Maine's only goal of the weekend, a third-period power-play tally in the first game that put the Bears within one before they ultimately fell to the Friars.

In addition to her scoring touch, Hill has emerged as one of the team's leaders on the ice, displaying qualities that are usually reserved for juniors and

seniors, not, as in her case, an 18-year-old freshman.

"It was nice to win a championship"

Things began to come together for Hill this season once she was placed on the "Triple-A" line with Lorenz and Keller in late November, a line that Filighera feels has been one of his strongest all season.

When Hill scored her goal against Providence it was Lorenz and Keller who collected the assists.

"We work together a lot better than we did at the beginning," Hill said.

Although Hill didn't take up hockey until she was 12, the resident of Burrillville, R.I. caught on to the nuances of the game rather quickly.

Hill was a captain at the Pomfret School in Connecticut, leading her team to the Division II New England Championship in 1996-97, defeating New Hampton Prep (featuring current Maine goaltender Mandy Cronin) in the title game.

"It was nice to win a championship," Hill said. "I had never really won a championship before."

When it came time to select a place to

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• Men's hockey

Behind the numbers, behind the success

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With an 18-2-4 record, the University of Maine men's hockey team is off to its best start since it bolted out to a 21-2-6 mark in the 1994-95 campaign.

During that season, which culminated with a return trip to the NCAA Championship game, the Black Bears lost six games, with their first coming Dec. 23 in a 3-2 defeat to Princeton.

The Bears' first loss of this year came against the Minutemen of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst back on Nov. 13th.

Maine, winner of four consecutive games and six of its last seven, has buried the remains of last season in a hole that dug around the .500 mark on the winning plateau.

In fact, it's been quite a turnaround from last season's 17-15-4 season.

The Black Bears didn't register their 10th Hockey East victory until Feb. 21 against Northeastern. After upending Merrimack last Saturday, Maine (10-2-2 in league play) shaved about a month of that mark.

And these are just a few intangibles centering around this year's edition of the Black Bears. Here are a few more ...

Special Teams

One spectrum, two different ends. The Bears are at an even .200 percent clip while on the power play (15 of 75) in league play, but aren't surrendering too many goals while short handed either.

However, Maine has killed off 86 percent (63 of 73) of its penalties.

"Our power play is not on all cylinders," Maine coach Shawn Walsh said. "We need

to move the puck a little quicker."

And it needs to get freshman defenseman Peter Metcalf back from his ankle injury he suffered Jan. 3 against Colorado College.

Metcalf, who has 12 points this year in 17 games, helped run the point on Maine's top power play unit and his loss has not

gone unnoticed.

"We need him back," said Walsh, who expects him back later this month. "However, Ed Wood has stepped in nicely."

And he has. Wood, another freshman, has quietly picked up eight points this

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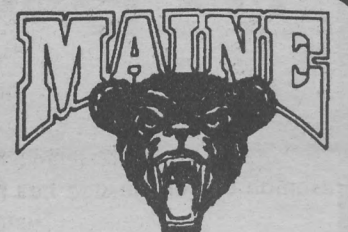
A showdown in Vermont.

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STAT OF THE WEEK



Believe it or not, it has been 30 years since a UMaine men's hoop player scored 40 or more points in a single game. The last one to accomplish the feat was Jim Stephenson, who poured in a team-record 54 versus Colby on March 3, 1969.