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Zafaryab Ahmed, a Pakistani journalist and human rights activist, speaks on civil rights. Ahmed faces sedition charges when he returns to his homeland in March. (Michael Zubik photo.)

• Human rights

Dissident decries child labor

By Dilmora Azimova
Maine Campus staff

Zafaryab Ahmed, a Pakistani journalist, spoke about child labor and human rights violations in Pakistan at the Bangor Lounge Thursday afternoon.

Chairman of the Philosophy Department Doug Allen started the meeting by welcoming approximately 35 University of Maine faculty and students, who gathered to share Ahmed's painful experiences in Pakistan. The Pakistani government has charged Ahmed with

sedition for raising the child labor issue through articles in the newspaper for which he wrote.

Ahmed became the first recipient of the Oak Human Rights Fellow program at Colby College, sponsored by the Colby Institute. This program grants fellowships to human rights activists who put their life at a great risk.

Ahmed said he faced difficulties when he tried to get permission to come to the United States.

"They think I am a criminal," he said. "I was not allowed to come to this country to talk of

human rights and the situation in where I live."

In his speech at Maine, organized by the Socialist Marxist Luncheon, Ahmed thanked all people, including President Bill Clinton, who helped him come to America.

"We should support American people who will support democratic principles," he said. "That is the blessing you are blessed with."

Because of great efforts made

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• Free period

Faculty Senate: Hoff's action out of line

By Stanley Dankoski
Maine Campus staff

The free activity period the university plans to adopt next fall was the primary subject of debate at Wednesday's Faculty Senate meeting.

Many faculty said they did not feel they had a fair chance in deciding whether to have an hour off from classes.

As reported by *The Maine Campus* in the Wednesday, Jan. 20 issue, a letter to the General Student Senate from University of Maine President Peter Hoff

stated that he was establishing an activity period on a trial basis. The letter said Hoff had reviewed course scheduling, enrollment patterns and had consulted the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

President Hoff did ask the senate, through its president, for its input on choosing a time, but he had already decided on having the free hour without their participation, said President of the Faculty Senate Mary Ellen Symanski.

"We would like more participatory governance," she said.

A resolution, approved by a majority of the senate and written by three faculty members of the senate, states that they do not support the president's actions.

The resolution asked President Hoff to terminate the policy at the end of the fall semester, go back to a normal class schedule for the spring semester, and then evaluate the differences. The Faculty Senate then wants to decide on the proposal.

Vice President for Academic Affairs John Alexander responded to the negative feedback.

"If there is a disaster [with

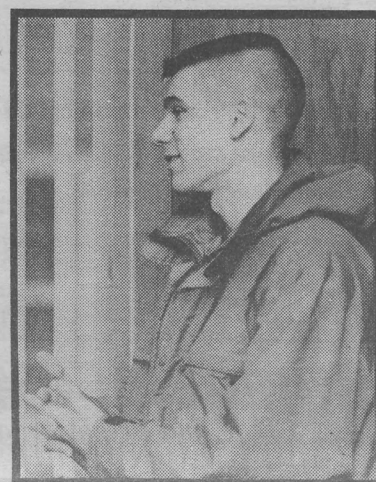
the activity period] next fall that needs to be addressed, then we'd look into going without it," Alexander said.

"We may even switch midway through the fall semester if needed."

Student Government President Lyn McLaughlin said the activity period would be a big benefit.

"As a student leader, I am a pretty busy person," McLaughlin said. "If I need to talk to profes-

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John Selman, a physics and German major, argues in favor of a flat - cap tuition at Wednesday night's Faculty Senate meeting. (Jason Canniff photo.)

• Computers

Multimedia lab opens in Lord Hall

By Tim Adams and
Misty Edgecomb
Maine Campus staff

It's not enough to have a great resume if you want a job for the next millenium. Students need to be connected to the world of electronic communications. The University of Maine is responding to this need with cutting-edge technology.

With Wednesday's grand opening of the New Media Center, a multimedia lab in Lord Hall, students at UMaine now have access to equipment for digital photography, interactive webpage design, computer animation and digitized musical recordings.

"The key is, it's not just for multimedia students," said Braeme Thurrell, a senior English major and multimedia minor.

However, students of multimedia - the gamut of communications that are interactive and use computers - need the lab's specialized equipment for their coursework and will likely constitute a majority of its users.

"The impetus for the lab was

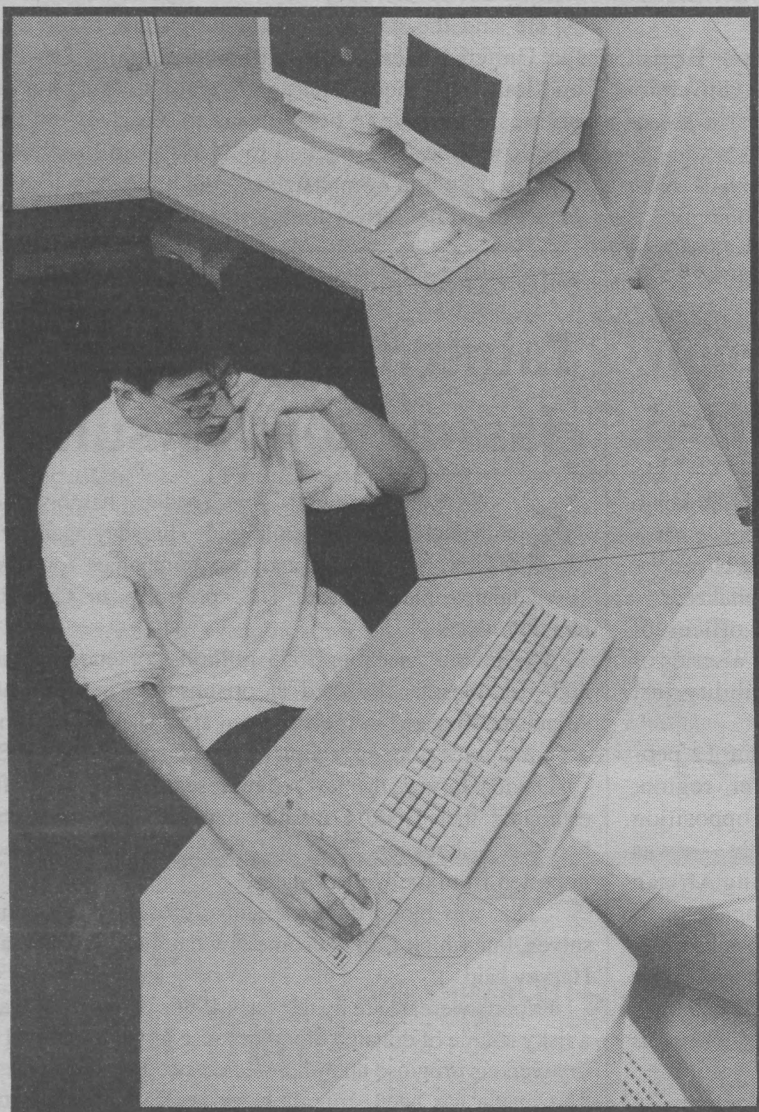
to provide equipment for multimedia minors," professor Brooke Knight said.

Most of the public clusters' computers are set up for word processing, Thurrell said. The New Media Center contains high-end media tools like large-format scanners, a color printer, a CD-ROM burner and a synthesizer, which Knight emphasized are for research and development of multimedia rather than word processing or e-mail.

The lab is up and running, with computer consultants available, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m., but hours will be expanded by early February, Thurrell said. The center eventually plans to be available to students from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. while school is in session, and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during breaks. For now, students have to schedule lab work. According to Thurrell, equipment can be reserved for up to four hours at a time.

Consultants are being drawn

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Network Specialist Heath Carson puts the finishing touches on the new computer system in Lord Hall. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

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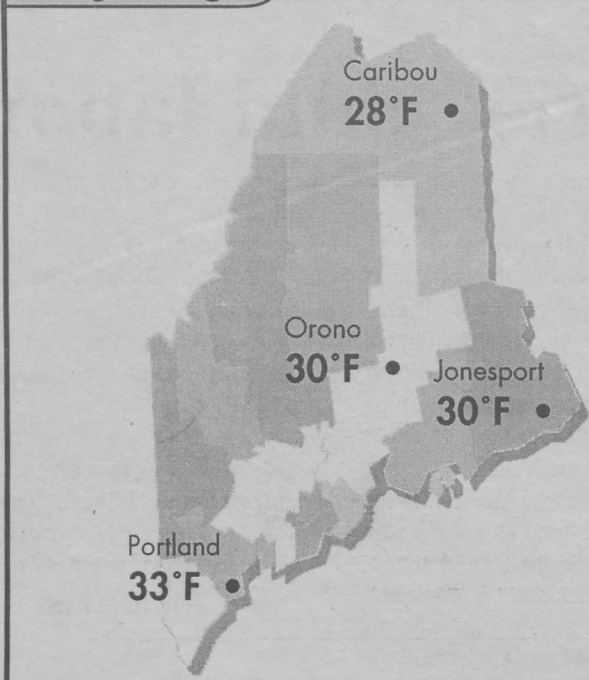
Partly sunny,
partly cloudy
and cold.

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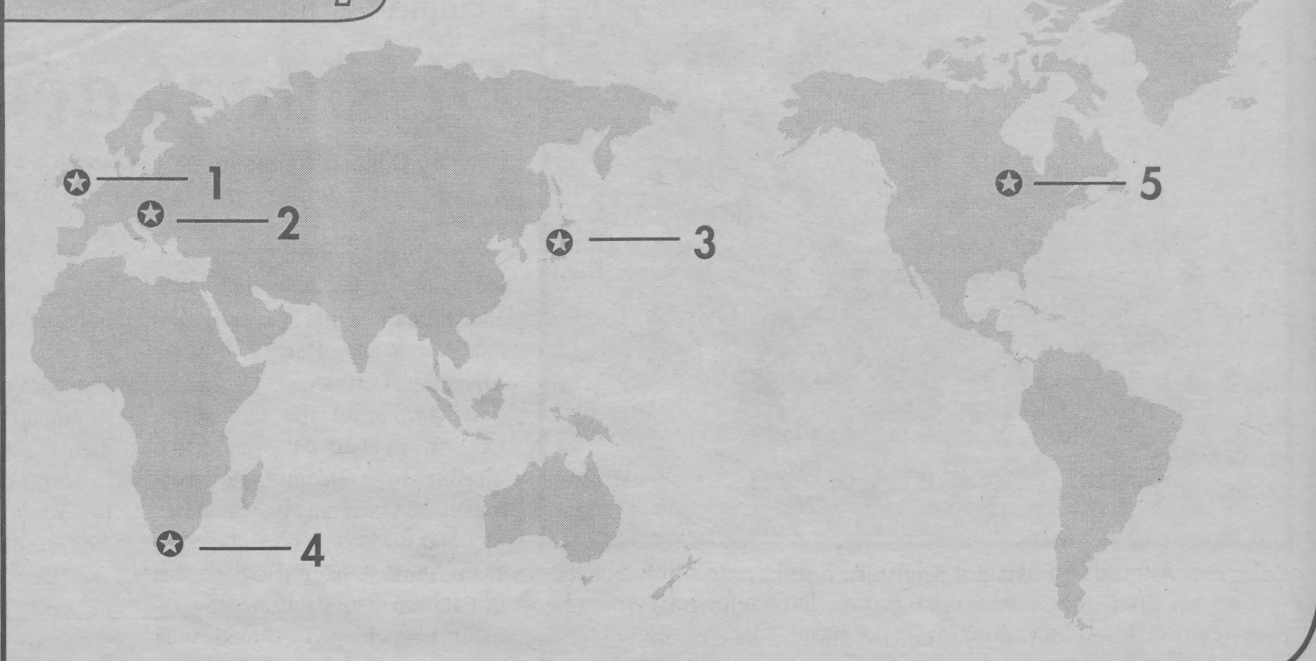
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Today's Highs



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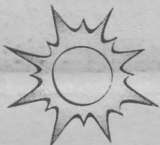
Today's Weather

More sun today with light clouds. High of only 30.



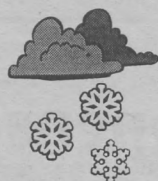
Saturday's Weather

Clear and bright today. High near 40.



Extended Forecast

Sunday...Mild. Monday... Cold. Tuesday... Snow.



• New study

Combining patch and spray is more effective

1 LONDON (AP) — Smokers who used a combination of a nicotine patch and nasal spray doubled their chances of staying smoke-free for six years, compared to those who used a patch alone, a new study says.

The research by scientists in Iceland — which involved the longest follow-up of any such study to date — showed that 16 percent of those who used the combination did not smoke for six years, compared to 8.5 percent of those who relied only on a patch.

"Smoking is such a large-scale problem that even at an 8 percent improvement, it would have a massive impact on death rates," said John Stapleton, a smoking expert at London's Institute of Psychiatry who was not involved in the study.

In the study, published in this week's British Medical Journal, scientists at the National University Hospital in Reykjavik enrolled 237 smokers in a program to help them quit.

All were given nicotine patches; while half were given nicotine nasal spray and half a placebo spray.

• Ultimatum

NATO tells Kosovo to negotiate now 'or else'

2 BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — NATO issued a solemn warning Thursday to both sides in the Kosovo crisis: Negotiate a political settlement now or else.

NATO's military firepower is cruising the Adriatic Sea and ready at allied airfields in Italy, with dozens of ships and planes prepared to rain havoc upon recalcitrant Serbs. The allied measures also envision a program to cut off arms and financing to the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army.

"We are at a critical turning point in the Kosovo crisis," NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana told reporters at NATO headquarters. "The next few days will be decisive."

He said the six-nation Contact Group, made up of the United States, Russia, France, Britain, Germany and Italy, will meet Friday in London to launch a new political initiative to bring peace to Kosovo.

"It will be fully backed by NATO's military capabilities," Solana emphasized. "We are ready to act if necessary. The parties must seize this opportunity."

• IOC Scandal

Olympic Committee to investigate Nagano bid

3 TOKYO (AP) — Nagano's winning bid for the 1998 Winter Games is the latest focus of the investigation into the growing Olympics corruption scandal.

The Japanese Olympic Committee appointed a seven-member panel Thursday to look into the Nagano efforts after Mayor Tasuku Tsukada said there may have been "excesses" in the city's dealings with IOC members.

The panel, headed by JOC secretary general Yushiro Yagi, was the sixth Olympic investigation to get underway and the first officially aimed at a city other than Salt Lake, which Nagano defeated by four votes.

Salt Lake City's successful bid for the 2002 Winter Games, on its fifth try, has been the subject of inquiries by the Justice Department, the International and U.S. Olympic committees, an ethics panel of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee and the Utah attorney general's office.

Last weekend, the IOC expelled six members for taking more than \$440,000 in cash, medical and travel expenses and lavish gifts from Salt Lake bidders. There have been four resignations and three other members remain under investigation in an unprecedented purge of IOC ranks.

• Bombing

Police station explosion results in 8 hospitalized

4 CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — A bomb exploded Thursday at lunchtime outside police headquarters in downtown Cape Town, injuring 11 people, police said. Eight of the injured were hospitalized.

The blast, which also struck near the offices of President Nelson Mandela, was the latest in a series of violent acts threatening South Africa's stability just months before national elections.

The bombing came less than a week after 12 people died in political violence in another region, KwaZulu-Natal, where the leader of an opposition party — the United Democratic Movement — was killed Saturday. Eleven members of the ruling African National Congress were massacred in revenge.

While the urban terrorism in Cape Town appeared unrelated to the inter-party killings at the opposite end of the country, Thursday's bombing in the city that is the country's premier tourist location has added to a sense of unease as South Africa approaches its second democratic elections.

Mandela won the first multiracial elections in 1994, ending decades of white minority rule. The next elections are expected to be held between April and July, but the date has not yet been announced.

• In court

Tainted blood leads to class-action lawsuit

5 TORONTO (AP) — Canadian hemophiliacs launched a class-action lawsuit Thursday against the federal government and two companies for using tainted plasma from U.S. prisoners in Canadian blood products.

The lawsuit, seeking \$655 million, contends that the high-risk plasma collected at prisons in Louisiana and Arkansas was used in Canada even after U.S. blood-product companies stopped buying prison plasma in early 1983.

David Harvey, the lawyer representing the plaintiffs, estimated that 1,000 Canadian hemophiliacs contracted hepatitis C between 1980 and 1985 from tainted blood imported from the United States.

"This was blood the Americans refused to use themselves, but which Canada somehow deemed acceptable," Harvey said.

Experts were aware by the early 1980s that prisons were a risky source of donated blood because of the high level of intravenous drug use and unprotected sex among inmates.

Canada has been struggling for several years to settle compensation for the more than 11,000 Canadians infected with hepatitis C and AIDS during the 1980s because of tainted blood in the national blood supply.

• Jobs

Career Fair elicits mixed responses from students

By Brett Cough
Special to the *Campus*

Although more than 800 students attended yesterday's Career Fair, students had mixed reviews about the event.

Some students found ample job or internship opportunities for their major at the fair, which was sponsored by the university's Career Center and the American Marketing Association.

Ben Dwyer, a senior engineering physics major, found the fair to be a great resource.

"I've met quite a few people," he said. "They're informative and straightforward about hiring and positions they have open."

Chris Thurlow, a senior marketing major, was pleased that he may have lined up a summer internship before his December graduation.

Others felt there wasn't enough.

Kim Cassidy, a senior mass communication major who is looking for a job with an advertising agency or design firm, said she couldn't find anyone to give her resume to.

Many students, some of whom plan on leaving Maine once they graduate, felt the fair lacked national business representation.

"I think that in the future, they should do more to bring in national companies for students from out of state," said Eric Lewis, a senior finance major.

The event, attracting 80 businesses from around Maine and the nation, was more than double the size of last year's fair, said Patty Counihan, director of the Career Center.

"This year, there is a lot better representation as far as all the colleges. There is a greater diversity of opportunity," Counihan said.

Company representatives, many in their first year with the fair, were impressed with the turnout and preparation of students.

"The turnout has been excellent - steady since 10 a.m.," said Jane Madigan, senior vice president of Merrill Merchants Bank. "We want to develop our management training program. This is a good opportunity to talk to graduates about career opportunities."

Jeff McAdam, assistant director of admissions for Up with People, said students were focused and came in knowing what they were looking for. His program - a combination of song and dance troupe, community service organization and



Over 800 UMaine students made their way through Wells Commons for the Career Fair that was held yesterday. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

international travel experience - tended to attract majors in global studies, languages and performing arts.

Ray Andrews, a 1997 UMaine graduate, was back at his alma mater as a software engineer with Liberty Mutual Information Systems. Andrews got his

own job through an on-campus recruiter.

"UMaine lacks alumni connections that other schools have. Until they get them, they have to rely on career fairs. That's great because it gives students people to meet and companies to talk to," Andrews said.

Faculty Senate

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sors, it is hard to schedule meetings with them, because their office hours are during other classes of mine. With the activity period, you'll know that both students and professors will be available."

Symanski said she was surprised by that statement.

"When this idea was first brought up last year to the senate's academic affairs committee, they didn't think it was a good idea," she said. "Then when President Hoff wanted us to pick a time, we thought the hour would promote other events, like the [Secretary of Defense William] Cohen lecture or other good speakers. We thought it would be over events, not student clubs."

Symanski also said when Cohen spoke on this campus last year, professors coordinated their classes and had students do homework assignments on it.

What troubled some faculty members most is the feel of the administration overstepping their bounds into the control of the faculty on their own curricula.

"The faculty are in charge of the curriculum," said Paula Petrik, who co-wrote the senate's resolution. "If Hoff wants to change that, I think he'll have a fight on his hands. I'd even mud wrestle him over it."

Alexander's response was more optimistic.

"Let's give it a shot," he said. "Let's take a risk on a trial basis because the students have asked for it [through the

Blue Ribbon Panel]."

Symanski said she wished in retrospect that they "made a bigger noise last semester" if they knew then that the president would move as fast on the idea.

"We're not used to having a president work this fast," she said. "The faculty appreciates Hoff trying to increase enrollment, but we hit a rough spot here."

The administration had a top-down attitude, she said.

"Hoff needs to consider a grassroots approach. If he wants this to work, he'll need more support from the faculty and students."

Wednesday's meeting also included a debate on the flat-cap tuition, which, if approved, would give students who take more than a certain amount of credit hours a fee waiver for the class or classes.

Kristin Sobolik, who is on the faculty's research and public service committee, said it may not be good for students in the long run.

"This may push students to try to take more classes than they are prepared for, and that would give them a disservice," she said.

However, student John Selman, a physics and German major, said it is not uncommon at other institutions, such as Maine Maritime Academy or the Naval Academy, with students taking anywhere from 17 to 19 credits.

"Every single student here is capable of doing what they set their mind to do," Selman said.



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Sex Matters

By Sandra L. Caron

Q: Is condom breakage a common problem? If it does happen, what do you do to prevent pregnancy? Male, Senior

A: An estimated two percent to five percent of condoms tear during use. Most of those failures are thought to stem from misuse, not inherent product flaws. The FDA, which regulates condoms as a medical device, reviews production records and examines stock at random. Should leaks turn up on four per 1,000 condoms in a run, the entire lot is thrown out. If you have the unfortunate experience of a condom breaking, you may want to consider having her insert an application of spermicidal foam immediately and seeing someone at Cutler Health or Family Planning in Bangor in the next day or so. There, they can discuss emergency contraception (after-sex

birth control), which must be used within 72 hours (3 days) after unprotected intercourse. If she feels she is at risk of pregnancy - due to the time in her cycle where an egg may have been released - she'll be given two birth control pills and another two to take 12 hours later. For future reference when purchasing condoms, check out Consumer Reports for their ratings of condoms. The last report I saw listed the 10 most reliable condoms as: Excita Extra Ultra-Ribbed with spermicide, Ramses Extra Ribbed with spermicide, Sheik Elite 1, Lifestyles Vibra-Ribbed, Ramses Extra with spermicide, Sheik Elite Ribbed with spermicide, Sheik Elite with spermicide, Trojan-Enz Large, and Trojan-Enz Nonlubricated.

Q: Is it true that women only have sex for love and men only have sex for pleasure? Female, Junior

A: In other words, "women look for a reason; men look for a place" or "women fake orgasm; men fake foreplay." Some people have suggested that women and men really do view sex differently. For example, it has been suggested that for women, sex grows out of intimacy; while for men it is seen as a way to connect. I certainly hope you understand that while there are differences in the way some women and some men approach sex, we're not so easy to categorize. It's just as reasonable to say some women look for pleasure and some men look for love. I suspect most people look for a combination of both. This issue would make for an interesting late night discussion among friends. Let me know what you come up with.

Q: How long after I start the pill do I have to wait to have unprotected sex without fear of getting pregnant? Female, Sophomore

A: Most pills offer protection after the first week or so. It varies by pill type. Be sure to check with the health care provider who prescribed them.

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Sandra L. Caron is an associate professor of Family Relations/Human Sexuality in the College of Education & Human Development; she teaches CHF 351: Human Sexuality in the spring semester. Questions for Caron can be sent directly to her at The Maine Campus, Chadbourne Hall.

Journalist

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by the Colby Institute, two Maine senators in Congress and other supporters who put pressure on the Pakistani government and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistani authorities allowed Ahmed to spend 90 days in the United States.

Ahmed said those 90 days will end on March 2, and he could have to leave for Pakistan where he will face sedition charges in trial. If found guilty, he will be executed.

"His life is at great risk when he goes back," said Allen.

Cynthia Mahmood, a UMaine associate

professor of anthropology who has played a big role in helping the journalist to receive the fellowship and come to Maine, said she hopes that "with all this international pressure, this will not happen."

Ahmed detailed humans rights violations, including the child labor issue, in his country. With hand movements and a strong voice, in accented English, Ahmed tried to share with the audience how bad the situation is not only locally in Pakistan, but also globally.

"Human rights violations take place

everywhere," he said. "Certain forms of government lead to violations of human rights. Violations of human rights in Pakistan are primarily because of social and political structures, which could be broken."

Ahmed said Pakistan still has predominantly a feudal society where the concept of individual is defined differently than it is in America. Pakistan takes these violations as normal and continues to use child labor as a means of production and decreases women's rights.

"A woman would take it as legitimate to be beaten by her husband because religion and culture allows for it," Ahmed said.

Ahmed stressed upon building a global village that will unite and help people all over the world. He called for a global dialogue "between people, not states."

"There is one capitalistic system and we are all part of it," he said. "American influence is not foreign. We are a part of it."

Ahmed also called for questioning the crisis over global economics and production. He expressed his belief in a strong American commitment to economic strife.

"Multinational corporations come to benefit from cheap child and women labor," he said. "If Americans benefit today [through sweatshops and cheap labor in the Third World], they will not benefit tomorrow."

Pakistan gets a lot of foreign aid, which has formed a backbone of Pakistani economy. However, Pakistan is told what to buy, what to do and what not to do with this aid.

"The Pakistani system is [an] aid-driven system," Ahmed said. "Our experience of development is aid-dependent experience."

Ahmed is considered a prisoner of conscience and an activist against child labor in Pakistan. He was very critical of the West because he thought that the West created child labor and did not want to face responsibility for it. Children labor in the carpet-making and export-oriented industries and also as servants in private homes.

"If your children live profiting from our children, it will be your children tomorrow," he said.

Ahmed said he doubts that education can help Pakistan be a part of the 21st century. Many children who are involved in child labor, as well as their parents, can neither read nor write, he said. If paid high wages, Pakistani parents would not send their children to work, he said. Ahmed said children have a right for a happy childhood.

Although Ahmed got emotional sometimes he tried to be confident in what he was saying. After the talk many people met the human rights activist face to face to thank him for his courage.

Christa Acampora, assistant professor of philosophy, said she appreciated the opportunity to meet Ahmed and to learn of "the remarkable circumstances" that brought him to Maine.

"I attended the talk because I was interested not only in his impressions of the conditions in Pakistan, but also in his ideas for achieving change," she said. "Although the lunch talk did give me a chance to learn some new details about conditions in Pakistan, I was still left hungry for a discussion of concrete strategies for transforming the systems that contribute to the exploitation that he risked his life to expose."

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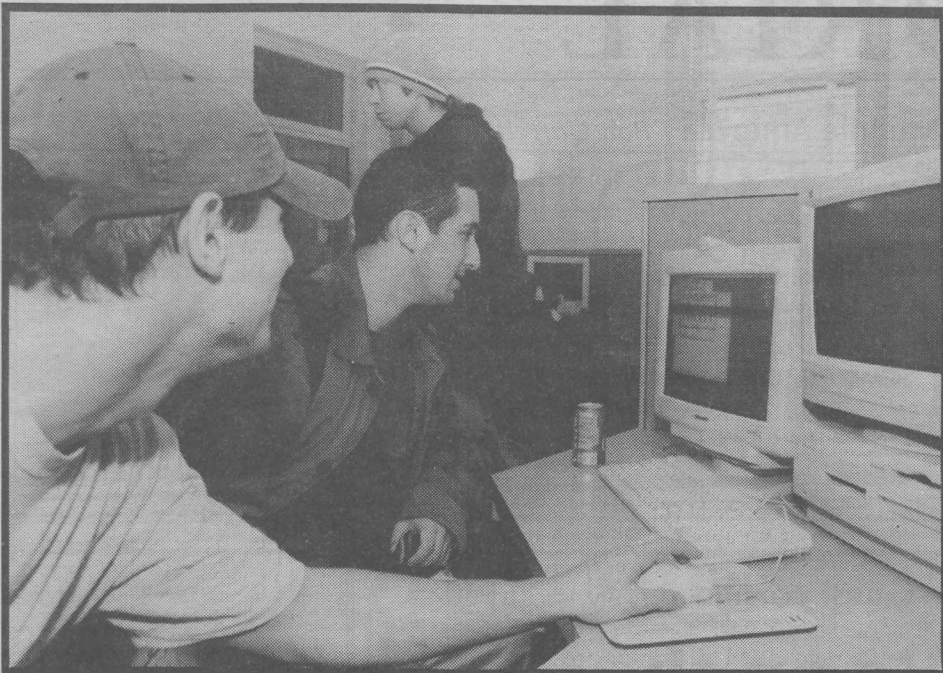
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Computers

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Nick Lamphere (with mouse) shows David Rosen his own Web page at the new multimedia lab in Lord Hall. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

from ASAP Media Services and Instructional Technologies (IT), students trained in the applications and hardware available at New Media.

"They're not experts, but they know enough," Thurrell said.

A library of instruction manuals for the center's equipment will also be housed in Lord.

The center's equipment, which is valued at tens of thousands of dollars, was purchased in a cooperative effort between the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the art department, ASAP, IT and a grant from the academic computing advisory committee.

Lord Hall was abandoned nearly two years ago when the music department relocated to Class of 1944 Hall. But with the New Media Center, the red brick building is no longer wasted space. In fact, according to Anita Wihry, Director of Institutional and Facility Planning, UMaine has no wasted space.

"There are no vacant buildings on campus at this time," said Wihry.

While Lord Hall, Hannibal Hamlin Hall, Oak Hall and the Sigma Chi house appear deserted, these sites are all being put to some use.

According to Wihry, a portion of

Hamlin Hall burned in the 1930s and it was closed briefly, but it currently has a number of inhabitants.

"Two-thirds of the building is being used by the Intensive English Institute and has been for several years," she said. "The other third houses a new Multicultural Center."

Oak Hall is used strictly for storage – a pressing need on campus at this time, Wihry said.

"Storage is one of our big problems on campus and we address storage needs in this building," she said.

Sigma Chi will be the new home of the development office currently located at Crossland Alumni Center. The Crossland building is in poor condition and its future at this time is uncertain, Wihry said.

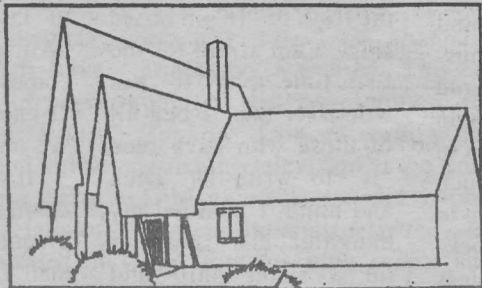
A number of trailers located around campus have helped to ease the crunch, by supplementing the university's resources with additional office space. Two trailers, located on south campus, house graduate students, while others near Memorial Gym and Sawyer Hall provide for building overflow.

"The trailers are here indefinitely at this time," said Wihry. "We hope to have sufficient funds soon to house some of these groups permanently."

WE'RE SORRY ABOUT MONDAY!

A meeting for all new and returning writers will be held **WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3rd at 5:30 p.m.** in our offices, **Fourth Floor, Chadbourne Hall.** Questions? Call Kristen or Stan at 1-1270.

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Police Reports

Michael A. Harvey, 22, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence after he was pulled over for driving his car erratically on Long Road last Friday at 1:46 a.m.

Last Friday at 9:36 p.m., an officer pulled over a vehicle that was being driven erratically. Upon investigation, Eric Rollins, 18, a passenger in the car, was summoned for possession of alcohol by a minor.

Residents of Knox Hall were evacuated Friday at 10:30 p.m. after someone discharged a fire extinguisher. The extinguisher's residue made an area in the hall appear foggy, prompting a resident assistant to pull a fire alarm. Stephen Geller, 20, of Old Town was summoned for criminal mischief after police determined he had discharged the fire extinguisher.

Christopher Adams, 18, was summoned for possession of alcohol by a minor Sunday at 1:24 a.m. after an officer went to quiet down a fourth floor

Cumberland Hall dorm room.

While an officer was dealing with a male student on the fourth floor of Cumberland Hall Sunday at 3 a.m. three other males interfered. Although all four men were asked to call it a night, they refused. Timothy Ouellette, 20; Jon D. Hamilton, 19; Sean Prendergast, 19; and Ryan M. McCullough, 20, were all summoned for disorderly conduct.

Alexander R. Denham, 18, was summoned for possession of alcohol by a minor on Monday at 11:30 p.m. when an officer observed him drinking beer from a clear glass mug in a dorm room in Knox Hall.

Public Safety responded to Phi Kappa Sigma on Saturday at 12:44 a.m. on a report of a physical assault. The assault is currently under investigation and it appears several people may have been witnesses

By Kristen Dobler
Maine Campus staff



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EDITORIAL

Bill culturally unsound

The director of the University of Maine Franco-American Centre, Yvon Labbe, is a little irked at a bill recently proposed by state Rep. Tom Shields, R-Auburn. And why shouldn't he be?

The bill would make English the official state language in Maine, requiring it for just about all government functions. Its backers argue that 30 states have adopted English, and that the bill is really designed to help foster improved communications between the two historically-divided cultures. The Bangor Daily News quoted Shields as saying the bill wouldn't "change anything in their daily lives."

That may be true, but the issue isn't just about changes in daily life; it's about upholding and acknowledging the history of the state in accordance with the direction in which our nation's societies are growing.

Much of Maine is rich in French history, including Shields' hometown; the bill would deny many Mainers' heritage and histories.

Furthermore, the state benefits greatly from its French origins, as economic development is providing viable trading resources from more than 40 countries that list French as one of its languages.

According to Labbe, more than 100,000 Mainers, or a little less than 10 percent of the population, currently claim French as their first language. However, 30 to 40 percent claim a French heritage. From 1850-1920, half the population of Quebec migrated to New England and as a result impacted the social and economic upbringing of the state.

"It's not like we came over on the Mayflower," Labbe points out.

These numbers are staggering and a move to make English the official state language would be, as Labbe says, "a racist approach to legislature."

The last UMaine survey, now several years old, found that 17 percent of its students claimed French as their native language; 23 percent claimed some French heritage.

Despite Shields' claim the bill is nothing more than a "protective mechanism," it is not necessary, nor is it culturally sound.

End Iraqi conflicts soon

The United States tied up the Gulf War in an unprecedented six weeks. Seven years later, the loose ends are strangling us. Eleven Iraqi civilians were killed and at least 59 more wounded Tuesday by five wayward missiles that U.S. pilots dropped on a residential neighborhood in Basra, according to the Pentagon's account.

Women, children and the elderly were the sole victims, since the strike occurred after most men had left for work.

Saddam Hussein paraded these and six more supposed deaths in nearby Abu Falous as evidence of continued American harassment, vowing Tuesday to retaliate for the attacks.

And his crusade is starting to gain momentum. The Associated Press quoted one Iraqi citizen as saying, "What did I do to America to be punished like this?" The Vatican has publicly berated America for bombing raids, Turkish Prime Minister Ismail Cem issued a refusal to let American or British planes use his nation's Incirlik air base to take off for bombing missions, and even the United Nations is getting wary. Americans are earning a reputation as an international bully.

But Saddam has taunted American forces continuously since the Gulf War. Iraqi forces have violated the UN's no-fly zones 70 times, according to Secretary of State Madeline Albright.

UN weapons inspectors have never fulfilled their objective, as Saddam hems and haws and leads them on a scavenger hunt for nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

Shady political motivation aside, the Desert Fox bombardment in mid-December was the best strategy (essentially the only strategy) America has applied to Iraq in years.

If Saddam's whims concern the U.S. government enough to validate a constant military presence, then we ought to stop vacillating.

We can't be subjected to the whims of a terrorist. It's time to finish the job.

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• Guest column

Be on the lookout for 'It'

By Susan Perrow

But you have been blessed with intelligence; intelligence and proper education will bring you independence of spirit. And this is the greatest blessing of all. The only thing that matters is that you be in harmony with God.
— Charlotte Bronte, "Jane Eyre"

I was born in the state of Maine in the '40s not the '90s. "It" robbed me of my education then and "It" is trying to rob me of my voyage to Graduation '99. I am a third-class passenger on board the University of Maine flagship Titanic. I boarded the ship 30 years after "It" killed our commander in chief John F. Kennedy for wanting to give our nation peace and all its passengers a proper education.

I lived through the war that provided the elite their bellies full of greed and deceit, who had bullied the weak to surrender.

I kept a journal as Cardinal Cook had asked of me. He said God had a plan for my life journey. I dedicate this article to all the soldiers who lost their lives to "It."

One in particular. I was working in a hospital trying to put my ex-husband through grad school. This vet came in often, being zipped up in the silver bag in which "It" had often left him to reside, making a mockery that he was worthless and just a baby killer. This vet's last words were to me, "Susan, you have to write about 'It.'"

I came to UMaine hungry to learn how to write. "It" forced me to know the language of "Its" habitate and divine intervention called me to armor myself with these

truths about "It" to bring hope to all the third-class passengers aboard the UMaine flagship.

I have relied on God to continue to direct my path and to protect me from "It."

I write today because I am drowning from "It" on board the flagship UMaine Titanic.

I have four courses to go before I reach shore safely. I have revealed to other third-class passengers that I have a book I am writing to warn all of my brothers and sisters in the state of Maine to not board their average students on the flagship UMaine as third-class passengers. The captain of the ship is in on the conspiracy. Only board your sons and daughters if they get a Stephen King scholarship or a sportsmanship scholarship that will protect them from "It." I have written many who want to know more about "It."

I have put these on hold until I make my journey safe as a win-win passenger against the deviance of the arrogant who have hidden "It" from the people of the state of Maine.

I have a manuscript ready to go concerning the truth of "It" on board ship. I am afraid for the first time that "It" has won over me. I beg all of those who have seen "It" to write Dr. Dick and unite. I boarded my daughter last semester on a sister ship and vowed I would reach shore on this flagship UMaine and get rid of "It" before she boarded. The captain of this ship sent me to a dead beacon. My daughter and I nearly drowned. She is safe and doing well on a sister ship. She was not put in a holding tank as a

hungry average student longing to learn while the captain continues to board the foreign and out-of-state passengers all in the name of diversity at the cost of Maine students hungry to learn. I need to put closure to my undergraduate journey in hopes to continue my education in law downstate. I am dedicating the rest of my life to the importance of education and to not allow "It" to deny them passage.

The other day, "It" almost killed me in class when my department head asked our class, "Who in the class doesn't care if they live or die?" I raised my hand and "It" mocked me and said, "Your life has no meaning!" I cried all the way home on the bike path. Then I heard the voices of all the soldiers who died because of "It" and my savior whispered again, "I love you Susan Joy! I will not let 'It' have victory over you. Stay in harmony with me!" Once again I said abba, father. Bless the UMaine ship that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night from the light from above. The absolute beacon of hope. In God I trust. "It" will be revealed when my sequel to Jay MacLeod's book "Ain't no makin' it" comes alive in my book, "I know how to beat 'It'! We must unite!"

If you have seen "It" on board the UMaine flagship Titanic, please call or e-mail Dr. Dick saying you saw "It" on campus and where. We must take courage against the bullies who feed on "It" to destroy us. (Campus channel 10: please show the movie "It.") Alert all passengers!

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Op/Ed



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• Column

More transplants on the way

Surgeons performed the first successful hand transplant in the United States this week. It was only the second operation of its kind in the world and so far it appears to be a success.

This miracle of modern science got me thinking of some other transplants, which would be impossible for any doctor to perform.

The United States Senate needs 55 brain transplants for its Republican majority. When Clinton is simultaneously facing impeachment and some of the highest approval ratings of his presidency – there is something obviously wrong with the Republicans' strategy.

Maine's own senators, Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, need backbone transplants so they can stand up to the right-wing idiots in their party who want to drag out the trial despite the wishes of their constituents. Not only did both senators vote against dismissing the charges, which have absolutely no chance of passing, but both voted to drag witnesses into this thing. I think most Americans would agree that we heard all the details of the scandal that we needed in Ken Starr's 445-page harlequin novel.

President Clinton needs a sex-drive transplant. He should switch with Sen. Strom

Thurmond. Then our country wouldn't be in this mess – and I'm sure the 95-year-old senator would love a chance to relive his glory days with some southern belle.

Al Gore needs a personality transplant. I hope

thinking?

The Maine state Legislature needs a priority transplant. Rep. Tom Shields, R-Auburn, proposed a bill that would require English-only for government functions. This bill has

enraged French speakers in the state who call it discriminatory. Why did Shields propose this stupid bill anyway? How much government activity is

being conducted in foreign languages right now? Are the politicians and bureaucrats in Augusta having a hard time understanding each other? I think the Legislature should get back to more important things like getting that lobster off our license plates.

The General Student Senate needs to follow the example of the state Legislature and get its own priority transplant. I've been at this school for four years and every year the Senate wastes time on UMaine's "parking problem." With as much time as the GSS has spent on this one issue, you would think by now we would all have our own private parking spaces next to our classrooms.

And finally, the *Maine Campus* is in dire need of computer transplants. We're using antiques over here that crash all the time. If there is any department in this flagship campus of the University of Maine System that can help us, please give us some bucks.

Brad Morin is a senior journalism major and is the managing editor for *The Maine Campus*.

By Brad Morin



• Column

Bench mentality

It appears to me that a population on this campus has become a bunch of those old, cold and tedious frogs.

The ground-looking people usher themselves about the campus down pre-marked concrete paths from destination A to classroom B, never turning their heads from side to side, but bundling up their waving hands inside pea coat pockets, avoiding the ice and bad weather as much as possible.

heard about the proposed Alumni Retirement home they want to build on campus?

Student 2: Yeah, isn't it some sort of complex they want to build so that all the old, wealthy and privileged alum retirees can have a posh place to stay so they have a closer commute to all the women's basketball games?

S1: Something like that. It's going to be built on 20 acres of bike trails and the proposal is

By Jason Canniff



And if the bite of the wind subsidizes, and lends itself a warmer trek from Oxford Hall to DPC, the jaded students would only gather themselves socially for a blueberry coffee break at the Den, pick up last week's issue of the paper, glance over the bold headlines, think for one second, maybe two, and then gracefully throw our students' voices in the trash.

So, young Susie walks to class confident that those two nanoseconds spent deep-thinking a column about the ratio of cream to sugar in her coffee will satisfy her need for intellectual expansion that day. So, our young un-enthused princess proceeds down the path, adjusts the buttons on her bridge coat, closes her lunchbox and widely smiles at the other people's footprints on the way to school, and she is content that she'll have an Alumni Retirement home here when she graduates from life.

Now, not all here at U of M are green frogs and hop from lilypad to lilypad. Some, after grabbing that Den coffee, choose to take that paper, sit down at the Bench and engage in conversation that stems a little higher on the social totem pole than the color coordination of Wednesday's outfit.

See, the Bench does strange things to you. If you take the time to look around, and with some time and effort, you can lean back on that wood, and begin to make sincere observations about the campus around you. This way, you are not just someone being ushered into the crowd, but you can sit just off to the side of it, and enter and go as you please, remarking with casual conversation about the patterns that you see. Seeing these patterns will reveal a truth about things, which is not pretty.

A recent conversation from the Bench:

Student 1: Hey Bry, have you

going before the board of trustees next month for approval.

S2: So, what you're saying is that I should sell my mountain bike and stop going to basketball games?

S1: I don't know about that. The location doesn't bother me so much – it's the building itself. It appears to me that the administration has lost sight of students' needs

S2 (Takes a sip of his coffee): What do you mean?

S1: I believe that instead of focusing on the happiness and convenience of retired people who spent their student years at UMaine when it was a better time, they should focus on students' experiences now.

S2: True. If they are going to tear down the bike trails, they should build more apartment-style housing on campus, lots more. That way, students would be less eager to move off campus and it would create a better sense of community.

S1: Yeah. I think the problem of apathy stems from the disparity between on- and off-campus students. So that if anything is going on, people wouldn't go because of the distance. People create a separate life for themselves off campus and dissociate themselves from the university, its functions and its problems. And this trend rubs off on the impressionable freshmen.

S2: Definitely. (Stirs his coffee) So, what do you think about Student Entertainment?

See, it's not hard. How about you try? Instead of walking the straightest line to the classroom during the bad weather, maybe one could try unbuttoning his or her pea coat, walking across the ice and other people's footprints, and sitting down on the Bench, for a change.

Jason Canniff is the photo editor for *The Maine Campus*.

Correction

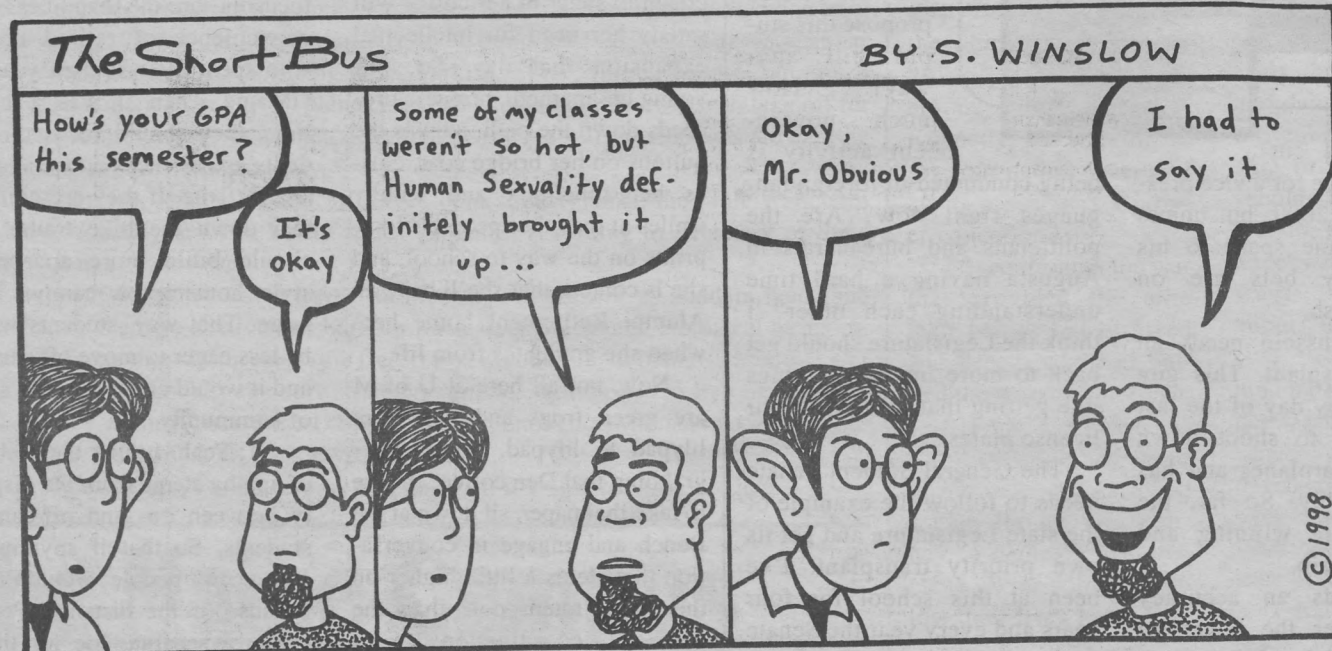
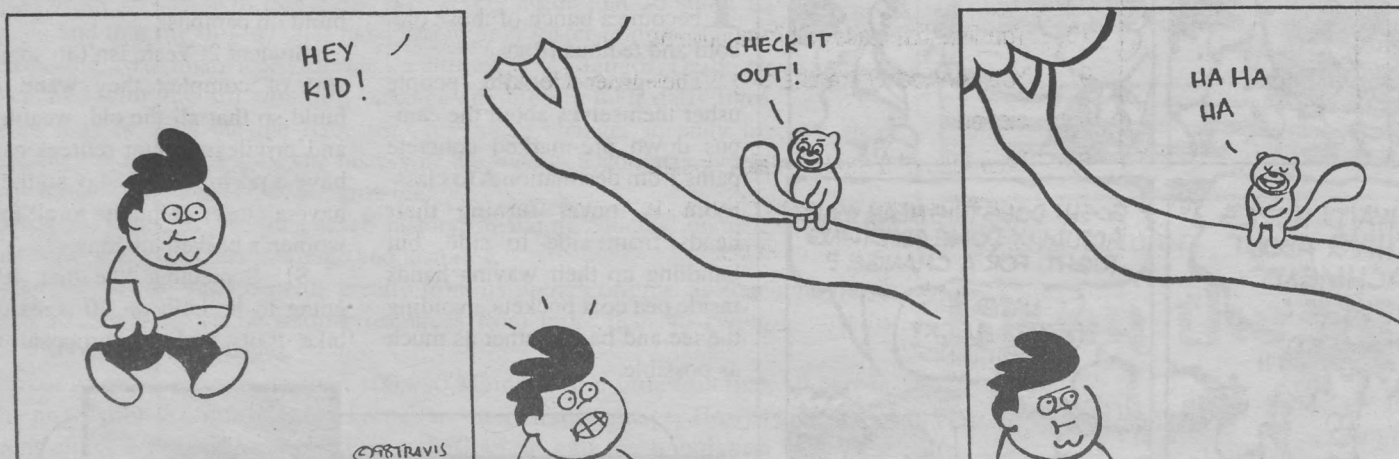
In Monday's page 1 story "UMaine set to hire new administrator," the list of candidates for the position of vice president of university development included Patricia Stewart, who is not a candidate.

Entertainment

Your Daily Horoscope By Sally Brompton

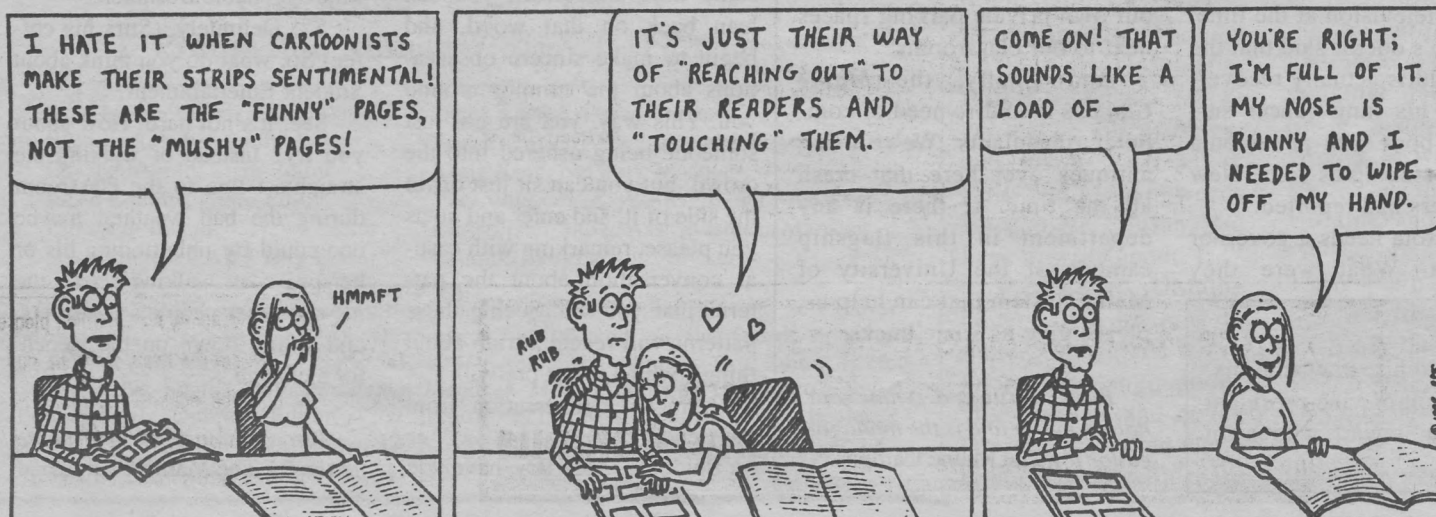
Friday, January 29, 1999

Mr. GNU



LEX

by Phil Flickinger (lexcartoon@yahoo.com)



IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: The targets you set yourself for the next 12 months should be high but not too high, difficult but not impossible. You can and you will accomplish much but no one expects you to do everything, so don't expect it of yourself.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Stop trying so hard to impress. Everyone knows what you can do, so why waste time reminding them? Besides, what is important now is not what you have been doing these past few years but what you intend to do these next few months. Future planning is what you need to be concerned with this year.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Self-doubt may be alien to your nature but don't take too much for granted or you could make it easy for someone to play a costly trick on you this weekend. Something else you might like to remember: there is always someone bigger, stronger and better connected than you. Don't be a dummy, modesty is key.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): If there is some task or project you should have completed by now then it is imperative that you finish it immediately. If you wait until Monday you are asking for trouble and will get it from those you have kept waiting.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Think of yourself as a success and you will be a success: that's the message of the stars this weekend. With the Sun and Mercury transiting your birth sign you only have to think of something for it to start coming true immediately.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You owe it to yourself to be happy, so put whatever is worrying you out of your mind and focus on things that make you smile. Come Monday you will discover that the thing you have been so anxious about has no basis in fact: it was just your imagination playing tricks on you. Wise up to the fact that life will be getting a little crazier now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): For some reason you appear to distrust someone who, on the surface, seems entirely trustworthy. You may be jumping at shadows but you would be wise to listen to your instincts and not put anything at risk.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): You may be kept waiting this weekend and no doubt your patience will wear thin after a while, but it will pay you to smile and pretend you don't mind. Play it cool and you will soon be a player.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): People like to be appreciated and if you are smart you will let a partner or colleague know that you cherish their friendship and value their advice, even if you don't always take it. It doesn't hurt to be nice and, in the long term, a friendly attitude always proves a wise investment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Something you see or hear this weekend will stimulate your imagination and make you realize there is a world out there you have been missing. But don't indulge yourself too quickly in your new-found passion. A swinging new lifestyle change awaits you imminently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You are not an irritable person by nature but planetary activity in your opposite sign of Cancer will make it easy for you to pick up on others' negative moods this weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You are trying too hard to make sense of something that is illogical by nature. Why? There are far more important things you should be doing now, like rearranging your work schedule so you have more time for the light-hearted side of life. Now that does make sense.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Mentally, emotionally and above all romantically you cannot put a foot wrong this weekend, so follow your passions wherever they lead you and take a risk rather than play it safe. And if you do step on someone's toes it can only be because fate intends for you to meet. Stepping on toes is what you're all about today. Put on your shitkickers and kick some shit.

Your Daily Horoscope By Sally Brompton

Saturday, January 30, 1999

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: It is common to make resolutions on one's birthday and with the power of a New Moon behind you anything you wish for this year is sure to come true. Set your sights high and promise yourself you will succeed. You will — beyond your wildest dreams.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): It's not like you to indulge in self-pity but planetary activity in the oh-so-sensitive sign of Cancer encourages you to think the world is against you. On the contrary, as far as friends and good fortune are concerned, you are one of the most favored signs of the Zodiac right now.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Certain people can always be trusted. Others can sometimes be trusted. One or two can never be trusted. It is important that you know who belongs in which category today as you will receive ideas and information from a variety of sources. Don't gamble with the truth if there's money at stake.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): A business or financial matter is out of your hands so there is no point in worrying about it. Today's New Moon will resolve the situation one way or the other, so watch which way the wind is blowing and go with the flow. You may not be rich but you can still be happy.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You can see at a glance what needs to be done today. More importantly, you will get on and do it without a moment's hesitation. If only you could always be so positive.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You may not like making sacrifices but deep down you know that certain things have had their day and something more up-to-date is required. This is the ideal time for a clear-out, so identify all the physical and emotional waste in your life and get rid of it all in one go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Challenges of one kind or another have made the past few weeks tiring but also immensely enjoyable. Now you know you can compete on equal terms with people you used to think were above you. Today, however, you need to cooperate more and compete less.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): As Venus, your ruling planet, moves into your fellow Air sign of Gemini today you should think seriously about taking a holiday or learning something new about the world around you. If there is a particular subject you would like to study then now is the time to find out more about it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): This should be an exciting time for you as the New Moon in Cancer urges you to look further afield for the answers you seek. In some shape or form you will be on the move today and even the most conservative of Scorpions will discover the joys of radical ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Don't gamble with your resources. You may be stuck in a rut and you may be short of cash but wheeling and dealing is not the answer. Today's New Moon falls in the careful sign of Cancer, a celestial promise that better times are coming if you protect your assets.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Friends and loved ones will do anything for you today — all you have to do is ask. But before you get your wish list out, bear in mind that they won't be friends for long if you take their good will for granted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): If you expect to be a failure then you make failure more likely. A certain task may look difficult, even impossible, but your attitude is all important. Approach what you have to do today as if the job is as good as done.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Whatever your problems, whatever your worries, the world will seem a marvellous place today — as indeed it is. The New Moon in Cancer will fill your heart with joy and your head with possibilities. What you do next is up to you but it is sure to be something you will enjoy.

Entertainment

TOP TEN SIGNS YOU HAVE POOR JUDGMENT

10. You like that classy Shibbles building
9. You considered transferring schools when Geddy's closed.
8. Your idea of a study break is a six-pack.
7. You think there's a good chance that e-mail chain letters could affect your sex life.
6. Two words: Nude Sledding
5. You're annoyed that classes are interfering with your drinking.
4. You stay up late to watch Shop-at-Home.
3. You're losing sleep over whether the University squirrels get enough to eat.
2. Always proudly showing off your Spice Girls tattoo.
1. Not worried about your student loans because you know Financial Aid is a well-oiled machine.

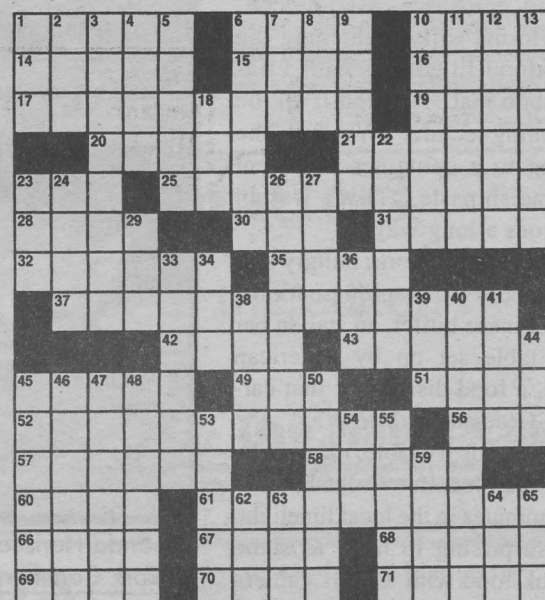
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| 6 More than shocked | 2 Spar |
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| 15 Basso Pinza | 5 Like some priests of old |
| 16 Arabian sultanate | 6 Irritate |
| 17 Like housework | 7 Terrorist's weapon |
| 19 Do some housework | 8 Max's opposite |
| 20 "Silas Marner" novelist | 9 Five-time A.L. batting champion |
| 21 Outdoor toy | 10 Goiter treatment |
| 23 Pro | 11 Soil |
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| 30 Ending with Brooklyn or Canton | 18 Kind of sauce |
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Puzzle by Alan Arbesfeld

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STYLE & ARTS



• Hadley's Kitchen

York Commons inspired to go international

By Hadley Lewis
Maine Campus Staff

York Commons took students on a world tour Wednesday night, serving food from many different countries and displaying international music and color.

The staff dished up Polish pirogues, Swedish meatballs, Egyptian chili and Hungarian chicken paprikash, along with several other regional dishes. The Commons was decorated with flags and posters from all around the globe.

The evening was an attempt to improve the student dining experience at the University of Maine as well as Maine's entry into a national contest. The annual competition is sponsored by the National Association of College and University Food Service. In it, UMaine is listed as a large school and entered as a special event category. According to Sandy Donahue, dining service manager at York Commons, last year's entry was the Wizard of Oz. Last year, the emphasis was on the décor, but this year, Donahue stressed a different, more food-oriented approach. She wanted to give students a "taste of the world."

And indeed she did. In the "Beans and Greens" area, there were tables full of Indian and Mediterranean cuisine. Assistant dining services manager Andrew Matlins was even rolling sushi. Using seaweed paper called nori and Japanese short grain rice, Matlins constructed California rolls, tightening the veggie or seafood-filled logs with a traditional bamboo mat. Through it all, he offered a running lecture. "Watch it," he said, pointing to a container of potent green horseradish paste. "That's wasabi and a little goes a long way."

On the other side of York, hungry students could choose from an international salad bar, a Chinese buffet, an Italian bar and even a table set up by American Patriot Sales, a food distributor that carries a line of Grecian favorites.

The Japanese stir fry table, manned by Sandi Paige and Jennifer Colbath, even got a couple minutes in the local limelight.

"It was surprising to have to stand here and cook food with a news camera in my face," Paige said, referring to live coverage of the event by Channel 5.



Sophomores Justin Gushee (right) and Bryan Martin (m) are served gyros by Lee Policow. (Mike Zubik photo.)



Amanda Hanscom and Justin Brown enjoy international food, Wednesday night at York Commons. (Mike Zubik photo.)

The turnout for the event was encouraging. "I think people like the change," said first-year student Tracey Glidden.

And it was obvious. By the end of the first hour of operation the check-in machines registered 310 diners. Usually, the commons serves 450 diners total each night. The event even attracted off-campus students.

"We are getting a few more guest meals than usual," Commons worker Anastasia Harper said.

The cooks found the event a welcome change of pace. They got to try dishes and techniques they had never seen before. Behind the scenes, cook Darrell Botting excitedly pulled the potato curry out of the warming cabinet.

"Navarattan Curry," he said. "It has cream and yogurt in it and you heat it. I've never heard of heating up yogurt before." Botting has been with the university for 16 years.

The egg rolls were a hit, and so was the international bread table.

"They should have that every day," said loaf-loving junior Bridget Madden.

Some of the international students were critical.

"The Indian food does not taste like Indian food at all, there's no spice," said freshman Tarun Rathman, an East Indian native. Rathman, however, did express affinity for other menu items.

"The Greek food and the sushi are great!" he said.

Botting showed off one of the easier recipes so that students could re-create the experience. The African Squash and Yam Futari, served over on the vegetarian line was sweet, filling, and cheap to make.

This recipe serves eight.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 onion, diced and sautéed in vegetable oil
- (teaspoon salt)
- (teaspoon cinnamon)
- 2 sweet potatoes, sliced thinly
- 8 oz. coconut milk
- 1-2 butternut squashes, cubed

DIRECTIONS:

Add the coconut milk, cubed squash and spices to the pan of sautéed onions. Cook until the squash is tender. Then, add the sweet potatoes. Heat well, and serve.

• Un-philosophy

Here's an idea: Nurture and appreciate your mind

By Terrence Brown
Maine Campus Staff

Ideas are very strange things indeed. You never know quite when they are going to show up, and half the time when they do they're at a point in time when you really can't elaborate all that efficiently on them. I've been drunk as hell and got a bunch of really good ideas, but when you're drunk you're pretty self-righteous and you think that you'll remember them the next day and when the next day comes of course you don't remember them I mean, shit, you hardly remember the girl you were making out with let alone some drawn out idea you want to write about when you get

a chance to. I also get them a lot of the time when I am driving, and sometimes that's OK because I'm driving to go and write the damn thing in the first place, but sometimes you're not driving to go and write the thing, you're driving to go pick up a package or maybe driving home to go and get your laundry done. I don't have any means to write when I get home except maybe in freehand, and most of the time my ideas come out so rapidly that I can't keep up with them free hand. Poems are small, and I usually can write them in my freehand, but prose? Forget about it. I don't know though, I mean, there are all kinds of times you can't write. I was in bed with a woman once. She was a new

addition to my life, and this was our first time sharing a bed together. I got a really good idea, I think that it was about her, but I don't remember all that well. Anyway, I couldn't just get up and go and write the thing down, you know? I mean, I was all legs draped over here, arm under that, her head in my armpit, you know, the whole nine yards. I didn't get up though, I just lay there with this stupid thing in my head. I ended up falling asleep but a couple nights later when I was in the same situation with her I got up and wrote the idea down. It ended up just being a poem and not even a good one at that and I think that she didn't sleep over the next night because of it and after that shit kind' went

down hill and we ended up not seeing each other anymore, so I kinda blame it all on the poem, but I don't know. I ended up burning the thing at Chase Pond way up north, but it didn't really matter I guess.

I don't know, I've been in all kinds of situations where it wasn't all that cool to go and jot down an idea. I've been at a party at some guy's house I barely know and gotten an idea, but I really didn't feel like asking the damn guy if he had a piece of paper and a pen so that I could write it down, and the worst part about these situations is that it's the situation itself that

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• The Movie Hunter

No plot in 'Thin Red Line'

By Hunter Tzovarras
Maine Campus Staff

Anyone who has seen Spielberg's World War II film "Saving Private Ryan" will, almost undoubtedly, have heightened expectations for the genre. Spielberg's film raised the bar of achievement and expectations among war films. So any film that follows will be, fair or not, measured against it, especially one that comes right on its heels. And that's the inopportune position of Terrence Malick's "Thin Red Line."

While the memory of "Saving Private Ryan" is still sharp in our minds, it's almost impossible to take any other war film, particularly one dealing with the same war, as anything but second best. Comparisons are inevitable. No matter if the two films are far apart on both style and approach and in essence two very different films, the latter still has the burden of standing in the shadow of its big brother.

And the two films are very different; only the historical setting is the same. "Thin Red Line" does not have any sublime, jarring battle scenes equal to the raw, verisimilitude of the Normandy landing at the start of "Ryan." Malick does not go for such stark realism. Sure there are terrible, tumultuous battle sequences, with many casualties, but the film almost takes a calm, reflective position to it all (if such an approach is possible in a war film).

Malick's film goes for a more overt philosophical point of view, while "Ryan" kept its philosophical underpinnings much more subtle and tacit. And that's where the two films greatly diverge. Malick is content to use musing voice-overs and reflective dialogue ("In this world one man makes no difference, and there's only this world") to make his point. Spielberg shied away from such straightforward messages.

Which approach is better? For the movies, probably Spielberg's. Malick's introspective, thought-out, at times poetic, dialogue and narration seem more suited for literature, where we have more time to think it over and even read it over. But in a movie about the horror and violent upheaval of war, I question if the soldiers would be thinking so clearly as to come up with such articulate thoughts and sentences as Malick has them expressing.

This is probably an effect of the screenplay adaptation from James Jones' novel. I have never read Jones' book, but I'd guess many of the introspective voice-overs are taken directly from it.

The film offers us a large cast of characters, most of whom we never get to know. George Clooney, Woody Harrelson and John Travolta are all on screen for very short amounts of time, so short that the only point could be cameo appearances, not character acting. I'm not even sure how long John Cusack was on screen. I recognized him in one scene, and there's so many characters thrown at us, I'm not sure if he was there before, and I just missed him? Nick Nolte and Ben Chaplin get more time to act and we, at least, get a sense of their characters.

Nolte plays a fuming lieutenant colonel, who's constantly barking strategic orders with complete disregard for his men's lives. He'd rather order a suicide mission up a hill then go around it and look like cowards afraid to fight. Chaplin plays a private under Nolte's command. At the start of the film, we find him living among indigenous people inhabiting a small harmonious village (an obvious utopian society set to contrast the atrocious discord of the civilized world). If anything, Chaplin's character is there to represent the innocence of human nature.

If there is a main character in the story, it would have to be Sean Penn's character, a first sergeant. Penn does not have the most screen time—that goes to Chaplin—but his character seems to embody the films pessimistic existentialism: There is utter evil in the world, created by humans, and war is only a natural extension of this created evil. "Thin Red Line" deserves to be up there with other well-known films of existential motifs like "The Last Temptation of Christ" and "Crimes and Misdemeanors."

If you've read this and still have no idea about the film's plot, that's just the point. There is none. There's the strategic objective of gaining control of Guadalcanal, but that plays little into the film's big picture, which is to make a statement about war and human nature.

This movie is not as good as "Saving Private Ryan" or even "Platoon" or "Apocalypse Now." Few are. But is it worth a look? Yeah, I think so.

Rating: ★★★



From Staff Reports

On Wednesday night at the Bear Brew Pub in downtown Orono, DJs shAde and R.P.M. manipulated the vinyl and created some tasty beats for those who headed upstairs to sip their IPAs. Starting at 9 p.m., shAde and R.P.M. got heads nodding, hips swaying and fingers tapping. The crowd was small, but happy. Faces could be seen gazing intently at the

skilled fingers working the turntables and the phrase, "I just like watching them," was a conversation starter. Sampling from old-school Blondie and Steve Miller, to newer rhymes by Redman and The Fugees, the music was hot. Towards the end of the night, the duo added their own to Portishead's DJ Andy Smith in a fresh version of "Adventures of Grand Master Flash on the wheels of steel." The music flowed through to last call.

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Ideas

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gives you the idea and you can't even preserve the stupid thing. I don't know.

It's not like I'd take back the situations that gave me ideas but didn't allow me to elaborate on them, I mean, lying in bed with a woman for the first time is a pretty cool thing, but you've got to do a lot of things that you don't want to. You've got to hold back every damn fart that surfaces in your bowels, you've got to hold back every ounce of urine until you can't hold it back anymore, so you've got to use you're "get out of jail free" cards at the most important moments like when you're about to piss the bed and not to go and write down an idea.

But I really don't know though, it's not always like that, I mean, sometimes you get an idea at the right time and you are right where you have to be and it all works out. I've been sitting somewhere when some long, pathetic poem has come to my head and I've just so happened to have not only a pen, but my favorite pen, not to mention a book of poems with all kinds of paper left to write in. I've been at the coffee shop when some beautiful girl has walked in, and I just so happen to be feeling romantic and ballsy and just so happen to have a slip of paper to write her a weird love note or something. I gave the thing to her, I didn't put my name on it, I just gave it to her. It was a pretty cool thing to do, and it would-

n't have happened unless all the perfect things that were perfect had been perfect.

But the last thing about ideas is that they leave just as fast as they come. Not all the time, but most of the time. I mean, you're all pumped about writing all these thoughts out and you get about four paragraphs into a story and the damn phone rings and it's your mom and she talks to you for awhile and complains about money and stupid shit and bitches about how much you drink and about how you're going to die and all of a sudden you're not thinking about what the hell the girl in your story is about to say to the guy in your story and it's all gone and the story ends up in a big pile of half-written shit in your drawer. But it's not always a sudden thing, either. I've had some really good ideas lying in bed at like five in the morning, but I'm just too damn tired and too damn lazy to put the stupid thing on paper so I just end up not writing about that. I mean, if I was motivated enough to write down all the dreams I've had and all the shit that frigs around in my head as soon as I wake up in the morning I'd probably have fifteen books of short stories, but I don't. I just have one essay in *The Maine Campus* about how I wish I'd written down all of the ideas I've had whenever I had gotten them.

• Sundance

Behind 'Los Enchiladas'

NEW YORK (AP) — After years of voice training and acting classes, countless waitressing jobs and timid dreams of being onstage, Jana Johnson decided that 1997 was the year to overcome her fear of performing.

And what a payoff.

She produced and co-stars in "Los Enchiladas," which was selected for this year's Sundance Film Festival in Utah. The film, shot in St. Paul, Minn., is a comedy about a fictitious Mexican restaurant of the same name and what happens when its sleazy manager walks out before Cinco de Mayo, the busiest day of the year.

Sundance, the nation's top showcase for independent films, is a dream come true for Johnson and ex-boyfriend Mitch Hedberg, a rising young comic who wrote and directed the film.

"He played around with the concept of a Mexican restaurant," she remembers. "We're both from Minnesota and find the lack of authenticity in ethnic restaurants there to be a source of humor."

The film's Midwestern setting is part of what impressed the Sundance judges.

"'Los Enchiladas' had a freshness from its regionality," says John Cooper, associate director of programming at Sundance and one of five people who selects films to be shown there. "These characters are universal but they bring a Minnesota-something to the film. A kind of craziness. After all, look who's their governor."

Now Johnson, 29, a native of Lake City, Minn., is trying to snag a distribution deal for the film.

She's also happy that she's getting recognition in front of the camera.

"I've worked on the outside of this industry for so long," says Johnson, who has booked rock groups such as Pearl Jam and Smashing Pumpkins into local Seattle clubs and traveled the country promoting Hedberg's career. "This film is my chance to finally switch the focus to me."

Of her performance, Cooper says, "She was pretty impressive. One of the great things about Sundance is that they're looking for new talent. This film had lots of new faces."

Although Johnson and Hedberg recently ended a nine-year romance, they maintain a business relationship. Enough perspiration and \$100,000 of hard-earned cash and credit went into the project to override any potential falling out.

"She's talented in her own right. She was an asset to the whole situation," says

Hedberg, who has appeared on the "Late Show With David Letterman" and was a smash at the Montreal Comedy Festival. "Jana did all the legwork and all the organization. She was able to keep things in order when they were falling apart."

Since 1991, Johnson and Hedberg, 30, lived variously in Florida, Seattle, Los Angeles and New York. She studied voice and acting. He wrote, sought development deals and did stand-up comedy. They moved to New York in June 1997. Hedberg was writing a screenplay, and Johnson thought it was time to give acting a shot.

To support their artistic pursuits, the pair had worked in franchise restaurants; Ms. Johnson as a waitress, Hedberg as a cook.

Their restaurant experiences form the plot of "Los Enchiladas."

"There are always certain characters that are at every restaurant," Johnson says. "It seems as if there's always one cook who takes his job way too seriously and wears the full chef regalia. And they're working with a bunch of kids, who are just making some money to go party."

By summer's end, the screenplay was complete. They decided it would be less expensive to make the film in Minnesota, foremost because their families live there, so they were unlikely to starve.

Hedberg used some money leftover from a TV development deal that never got off the ground to begin filming.

That's where Johnson's crackerjack organizational skills came in.

She began making calls from New York to the Minnesota Film Board, which provided lists of local crew technicians. Once the directors of photography were hired, everything else fell into place.

After three weeks of pre-production, "Los Enchiladas" was shot in St. Paul during 22 days in September and October 1997.

The actors were culled from the vast community of local stage-actor groups. "They would work all day at their jobs, then show up for 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. shoots," Johnson recalls.

After a year of post-production, a rough cut of "Los Enchiladas" was submitted on video to Sundance this past autumn.

Just two days before Thanksgiving, Hedberg got the word from Sundance. He called Johnson at her New York apartment.

"Yup, we're in," he told her.

"It was the best day of my life," Johnson remembers. "When my future husband proposes to me, he better have something special up his sleeve, because it's going to take a lot to top that one."

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Women's hockey

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lose 16-1.

And yet somehow Maine coach Rick Filighera remains unfazed by all of this.

"They're still a Division I team," he said when asked if his team would be the next to blow Colby out of the water.

"They still want to win. They're used to playing UNH and Northeastern, and we're not a UNH or Northeastern. So when we step on the ice, they're going to look across the rink and say, 'We're going to have a chance to win this hockey game.' And if we're not ready, they can beat us."

Even Keller said that "we can't take them too lightly."

Maine, 7-11-1 overall and 2-11-1 in ECAC play, trails Dartmouth by 13 points for the last ECAC playoff berth.

"We're not considering [Maine] a first-year team," Holsten said. "We have a history of success versus them, so they're probably gunning for us."

Filighera wants to use the series as an opportunity to shore up his defense, which suffered some lapses in Maine's 6-1 and 5-1 losses to Northeastern last weekend.

"There's a lot of learning going on," Filighera said. "You've got people coming from different systems in how they play defensive zone."

Five of Maine's seven defensemen are freshmen.

Saturday's game will be in Waterville (at that other Alford Arena) while the Super Sunday tilt will be in Orono.

The Maine Effect: Maine is 4-1-1 lifetime against teams from the state of Maine, the largest margin of victory coming when it crushed Bowdoin 9-1 at Alford Arena Dec. 9.

So very honored: Maine goalie Mandy Cronin received her second consecutive nomination to the ECAC Honor Roll after her 54-save performance against Northeastern Sunday.

Men's hockey

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Despite an 0-2 mark against Maine this season, Providence is a much different team than the one that showed up in Alford Arena two months ago.

But as far as Friar coach Paul Pooley is concerned, so are the Black Bears.

"The Black Bears are a lot more explosive," Pooley said. "They've had some players come on, like Ben Guite, Dan Kerluke and Niko Dimitrakos.

"They have three lines that can really come at you and everyone just brings a lot

of energy."

But the Friars also boast a couple of scoring lines that can cause some problems for the opposition.

Pooley, looking to add more depth to his offense, opted to break up his top scoring line in Fernando Pisani, Mike Omicelli and Jerry Keefe line.

"Well, we have the two Omicelli brothers (Drew and Mike) now skating together," said Pooley, "which gives us more depth."

MADNESS FOR BEARS

When one thinks of March Madness usually the regular cast characters – Duke, North Carolina, Kentucky, etc. – come to mind.

But this year, the Black Bears will be there with a legitimate chance to perform some serious cutting of the nets in Northeastern.

Wait, Northeastern? Yes, and although it may be a tad presumptuous to hand the men's and women's hoop teams a berth into the national tournament, the intramurals are already penciled in.

One 3-on-3 men's and women's intramural basketball teams have advanced to the elite eight of the Schick Super Hoops Regional Tournament.

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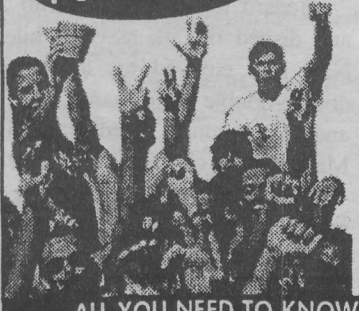


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New Black Bear coach Mark Babin (with clipboard) works with coach Jeff Wren during a meet. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Women's hockey

Maine faces lowly Mules

By Dave Bailey
Maine Campus staff

When Maine women's hockey forward Andrea Keller was asked about Colby College, which Maine plays in a home-and-home series this weekend, her first reply was, "We don't know much about them."

But after a little prodding, she added, "We can take it to them."

Why not? Everybody else has.

The White Mules (0-13 both overall and in ECAC play) are a Division III squad trapped in a D-I world, having been totaled by counts of 8-2 and 7-0 — and those are some of the closer scores.

Check out the blowouts — 12-0, 15-0, and 16-1.

Colby announced before the season that it was moving down to division III for the 1999-2000 season, resulting in what amounts to a lame-duck season for the Mules.

"When we announced the move to division III, everyone understood it would be a rough season," Colby coach Jennifer Holsten said.

Colby goalie Josephine Chapman

made 95 saves — in a single game. Thirteen times she's entered the net and 13 times she's walked away in defeat, with a 10.4 goals-against average to boot.

Despite the overwhelming odds, however, Colby's players refuse to throw in the towel.

"The thing opposing coaches always tell me is how hard this team works," Holsten said.

Emiko Demoto-Reilly is the team's leading scorer — with three goals. Those three goals represent half of her team's total offensive output for 1998-99, as Colby has been outscored by the opposition by a count of 131-6.

No, that's not a misprint — the above paragraph really reads 131-6.

Against Northeastern Colby was outshot 79-2.

That's right — 79-2.

The Mules have been shut out in their last four games and eight times overall.

Against New Hampshire Dec. 12 the Wildcats blasted 54 shots — in the first period. 10 of those blasts found the back of the Colby net. The Mules went on to

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• Swimming/ diving

Maine's newest additions

By Heather Day
Maine Campus Staff

Call it more added experience or perhaps an addition of colorful attitudes. Call it what you will actually, but swimming and diving coach Jeff Wren says it's a major pressure reliever.

The pressure relief comes from none other than Jaret Lizzotte and Mark Babin, the UMaine's recent additions to its coaching staff.

Lizzotte's specialty comes with diving, while Babin is helping out Wren with the swimmers.

Lizzotte is only 23, full of energy and ambition, and ready to prove that his age doesn't always reflect experience.

"Where I'm so young, I can relate to a lot of the issues going on with the team and how everybody acts," Lizzotte said.

Which he does. Being familiar with the team on a whole has really helped Lizzotte remain comfortable and open-minded.

Lizzotte spent his four years of eligibility swimming and diving for Wren and then last fall, he was given the opportunity of a lifetime. He took the offer to coach what few divers the Black Bears have. The decision came after turning down offers to coach at Orono and Old Town high schools.

"I don't have a whole lot of responsibility yet, but gradually, as I get older and more mature, I'll get a lot more," he said.

Lizzotte is working toward a degree in physical education this semester.

"I would prefer to teach and coach, like I'm doing now, but I'm not making much money," he laughs.

So, what does he do to make a little extra cash?

"I DJ. My buddy is a disc jockey and I do weddings and stuff with him," he said. "I have a blast."

More than anything, though, it is his approach that Wren found hard to pass up.

"Jaret is tough. Very tough. A much more different kind of tough than when he was swimming for me," Wren said. "He's a tough worker and a

tough competitor."

"He's a laid back coach, much more observant than an in-your-face kind of guy, but he gets the job done."

Speaking of in your face, enter pool-side, Mark Babin.

Babin hails from Unity, Maine, where he lives with his wife and two kids.

Like Lizzotte, Babin has a history at the UMaine. He attended the university as an undergraduate and volunteered much of his time to work with Wren.

Even before college, Babin was busy competing in triathlons all throughout New England.

With experience and the familiarity of working previously with Wren, Babin feels right at home.

He is also a contrast to Lizzotte, personality wise, yet the contrast works very well.

"I'm definitely an in-your-face kind of coach. I'm intense, I'm loud, but it's a positive intense and loud. I'm just like, let's do it, let's go, let's get it done," he exclaims.

Babin is very enthusiastic about his coaching stint with the team and he is looking forward to bringing that enthusiasm to the swimmers. So far, he's been an added bonus.

"Mark really gets us motivated. He yells at us and really keeps us going," men's captain Jason Williams remarked.

"Mark is very enthusiastic, very organized, and also very tough," Wren stated. "Before I had him (and Lizzotte) I was a little scared ... but now, I'm just very thankful."

Babin has been spending a lot of his time recruiting some fresh faces for next season. He's working hard at improving that aspect, as well as focusing on another.

"I want to help the team become more of a force to be reckoned with. I want us to become very strong."

With both Lizzotte and Babin taking on some responsibility and control, Wren has been able to breathe a little easier.

Especially now with the championships two weeks away.

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but the ball fell short, sending the game into overtime.

After trading blows to make it 72-72, the Cats had a chance to go ahead on two free throws with 37 seconds to go.

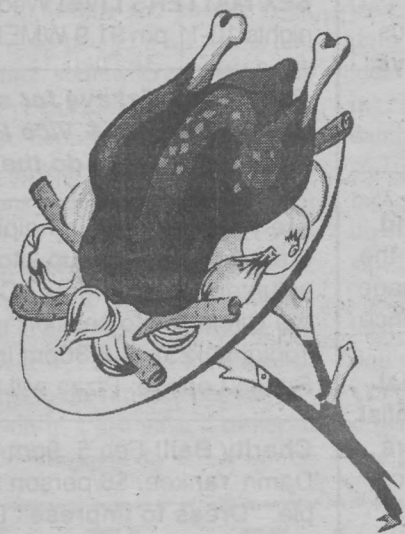
They missed both and the magic followed.

Bedard ran the clock down and looked for an open shot off a screen from Fox. One side step and jumper later the game was decided.

"We love Andy off the ball screen," said Giannini. "I think the combination of Andy and Nate setting the ball screen is virtually as good as you're going to see in college basketball."

Bedard led all scoring with 22 points and dished off six assists while forward Nate Fox enjoyed his third consecutive double-double performance with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Ledbetter and guard Marcus Wills chipped in 12 apiece.

Maine will now gear up for two road games at Drexel and Hofstra that will have a profound effect on who wins the conference. Drexel is currently tied with Maine in first while Hofstra remains just one game back.



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• Men's track

Davis and McGeoghan: When records fall

By Jay Baltes
Maine Campus Staff

With the difficulty of recruiting track athletes to the cold climate of the University of Maine, it's not real often that coach Jim Ballinger can claim to have some of the country's best athletes.

If he's lucky, he'll get his hands on an Olympic hopeful like Derek Tredwell or Andrew Oliver once in awhile. A rare find who can slice and dice school records at will.

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Now, if Maine corrals one it would be fortunate. But two?

No Black Bear high jumper in 104 years has ever been as good as junior Derek Davis. Unless of course you count sophomore Phil McGeoghan.

The pair have ruled the event for UMaine in the past two years and the only records left to break are each others'.

Davis currently holds the indoor record at 6' 10.5", which broke Randy Merchant's old mark by half an inch. McGeoghan, on the other hand, holds the outdoor record at 7' 25", which broke Eric Lammi's 23-year-old record by a full three inches last spring.

Ballinger knows that he has something special brewing.

"We don't get the opportunity to have two people of that caliber in one event very often, so we feel fortunate in that respect," said Ballinger.

"It's great for the athletes because



Derek Davis holds the outdoor record at UMaine in the high jump. He, along with Phil McGeoghan is one of the best in the country. (Canniff.)

they have each other to train with and in effect each other to compete with"

Both Davis and McGeoghan appreciate the mutual benefit they receive by having teammates striving toward the same goals.

"It's good because no matter what the competition the other team has, I know that it will take a great jump to win," said McGeoghan, who also doubles as a wide receiver for the football team.

"Without each other, we would be winning meets with 6' 4" and never having to push the limits."

The first limit, they both agree, is the hallowed seven-foot barrier. McGeoghan has achieved the feat but once in NCAA competition while Davis has narrowly missed it on several occasions.

"To clear seven feet has been my goal for awhile now," said Davis. "It's more of a mental thing now because I've cleared 6' 10" with room to spare so I know I can do it.

"When you see seven feet on the board your mentality tends to get affected."

For Davis, the talent is relatively new-found to him. It wasn't until his

sophomore year at Mt. View High School that he even tried the event.

The following year, he found himself breaking the state's schoolboy record with a leap of 6' 7" en route to the state championship.

It was then that Davis realized his potential.

"When I started doing it seriously my junior year and broke the state record, that's when it dawned on me, 'Geez I should take this up.'"

McGeoghan, a resident of Feeding Hills, Mass., had so much on his high school plate that focusing on high jump was secondary.

In addition to winning the state championship in the event twice, he also went gold in the triple jump and the decathlon and set a state record in the pentathlon.

McGeoghan, a former wide receiver on the now defunct Boston University football squad, played for the Bears last fall under coach Jack Cosgrove.

As for the future, Davis and McGeoghan are striving toward the NCAA championships, which they believe will take a jump of 7' 2".

"We tend to win together and lose together," said Davis.

That certainly was the case when McGeoghan and Davis grabbed the top two spots in the New England Championships last spring.

So, if one of them makes it to the top, don't be surprised if the other one is already there.

• Women's hoop

Black Bears marching on

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus Staff

While Karalyn Church won the battle on paper, Jamie Cassidy led the troops into war with a second-half surge as the University of Maine Women's basketball team defeated the Vermont Catamounts 62-58 on Wednesday night.

While limited to just one first-half bucket, Cassidy scored 16 of her 18

10 rebounds for Maine, while Kristen McCormick connected for 15 points.

Cassidy also had seven rebounds and four steals.

Church scored a game-best 27 points with 12 rebounds and three steals. Christie Lauzon connected on five 3-pointers for 15 points for Vermont.

On Saturday, the Black Bears will seek to extend their win streak and tighten the stranglehold they have on

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points in the second half to help the Black Bears overcome a nine-point deficit with just over nine minutes remaining in the game.

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The only moot point remaining is the status of point guard Amy Vachon, who missed her second straight game following a mild concussion.

The defense was up to the task again, limiting the Catamounts to just two points in the last 7:45 of the contest.

Kizzy Lopez recorded her first career double-double with 14 points and

the conference with a Saturday afternoon home contest against Drexel.

The series between the two has been rather lopsided as Maine has won 18 out of 20 head-to-head meetings, including an 84-59 blowout last March.

"Our expectations are to come up and just compete," Drexel coach Kevin Murphy said. "I look at Maine like the New York Yankees - a dominant team rich in tradition."

The Dragons (9-9 overall, 5-5 conference) have won four games in a row including a 75-64 beating of Delaware on Wednesday.

Jenna Vebrosky is at 10.8 ppg and is hitting 62 percent (13-21) from 3-point range.

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• Men's hoop

Bedard at the buzzer ...

By Jay Baltes
Maine Campus staff

It's the stuff that dreams are made of. Down by as much as 20 points in the first half, an emotionally-charged crowd rallied behind the men's hoop team to push visiting Vermont into overtime.

That set the stage for what can only be described as a Michael Jordan-esque moment from junior guard Andy Bedard.

With the scoreboard reading 72-72 and the prospect of double-overtime looming in Alfond Arena, the crowd chanted down the waning seconds and Bedard pulled up just as a booming "one" echoed off the walls.

Nothing but net.

The 10-foot fade-away gave Maine a 74-72 victory and sent the Catamounts to the bus with their tails between their legs.

"I never think that we can't get over the hump, that's the type of kid I am," said Bedard of the victory.

The Black Bears now improve to 13-5 overall while the Cats fall to 7-11.

The Maine win, coupled with Delaware's overtime victory over Drexel last night, puts Maine back into first place in

America East with an 8-2 conference record.

"This could turn out to be a highly significant win," said coach John Giannini.

"We have championship aspirations and I've said from day one that the top teams in this conference are very close and the difference between even first and fourth might be one game."

The game was very much in doubt for the Bears early as Vermont came out storming, opening up a 30-10 advantage in the first 12 minutes of play. A three-point play by forward Nate Fox sparked a late surge that shrunk Vermont's lead to 27-38 at the half.

The Black Bears came out of the locker room still wearing their rally-caps and went on a 10-2 run to reduce Vermont's lead to 39-40. The Cats refused to fold though and maintained the lead until forward Allen Ledbetter tied things up 65-65 with 1:34 to go.

Vermont guard David Roach and Maine's Bedard traded lay ups in the final minute and with time running out in regulation, freshman guard Huggy Dye took the last shot.

Trying to take advantage of a defensive mismatch, Dye pulled up and fired

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• Men's hockey

Friars to test Bears

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

Back in late November, Maine men's hockey coach Shawn Walsh called Providence College an NCAA Tournament team.

Not a bad courtesy comment after his Black Bears roasted the Friars for a weekend sweep, outscoring them 9-3 in the process.

Now, however, those words are carrying a little more weight as Providence, which will host Maine tonight in the regular season finale between the two schools, is homing in on the upper crest of Hockey East.

Skating at 13-10 overall, the Friars anchor the fourth spot in the league, two points behind third place Boston College.

And Providence, which is coming off a split against BC last weekend, is a menacing club - despite its 8-6 Hockey East record.

Consider the following:

* The Friars lead all Hockey East members in total offense overall, averaging 4.3 goals per game.

* They lead the league in power play percentage with 25 percent (17 of 68).

* Providence boasts two scorers in the league's top 11.

* They are third in the league on the penalty kill.

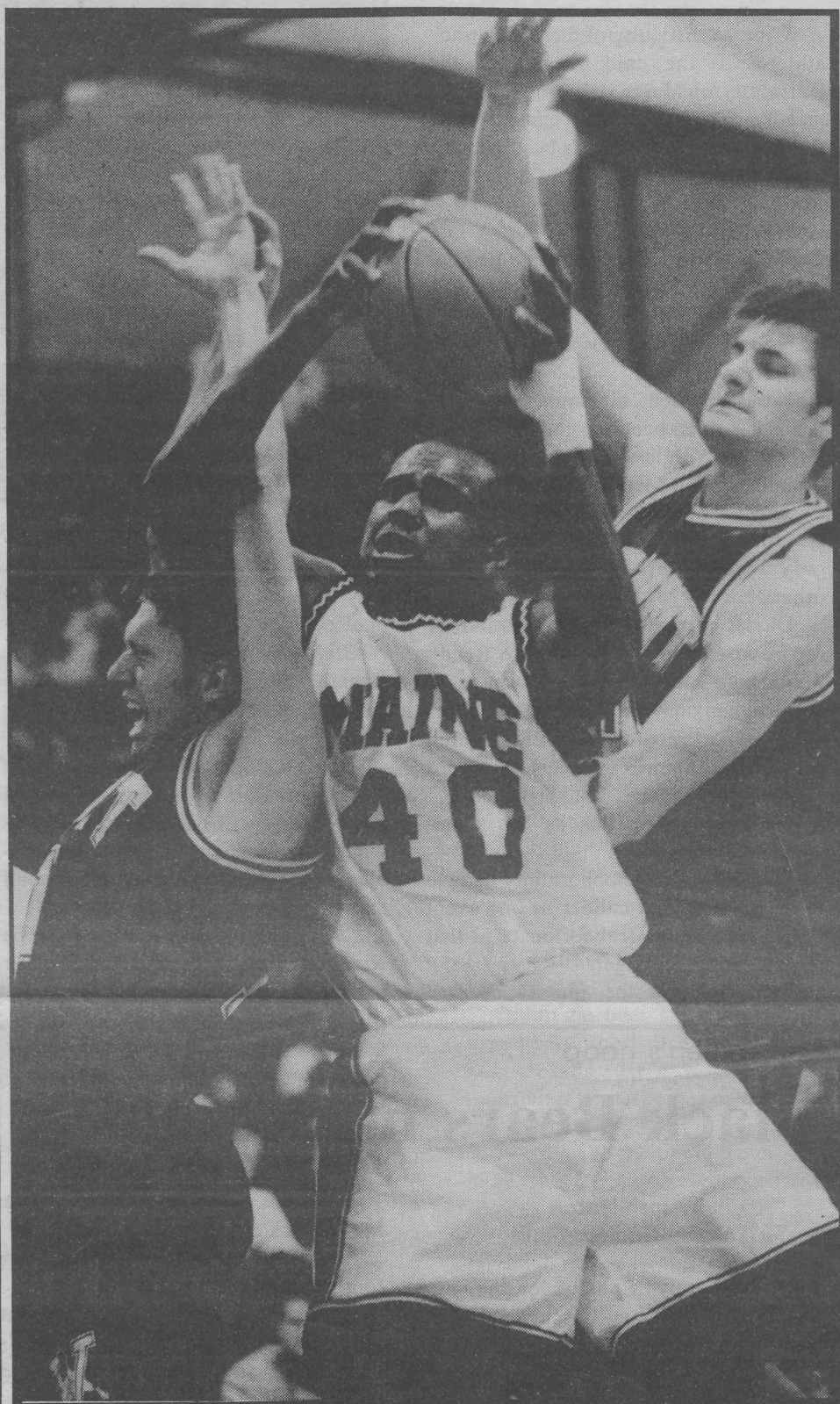
"They are a dangerous club," Walsh said. "This is a big game for us."

The Black Bears (18-2-4, 10-2-2) trail the University of New Hampshire by just a point heading into the weekend, putting tonight's game into perspective for many of the players.

"We need to match New Hampshire," said forward Brendan Walsh, who returned from a knee injury last weekend that kept him out of action for more than a month. "We want that regular season championship."

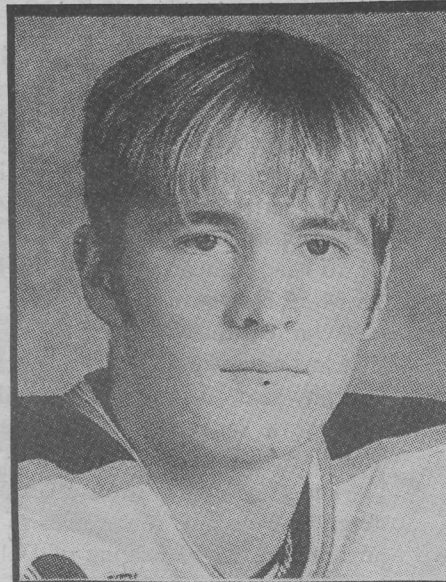
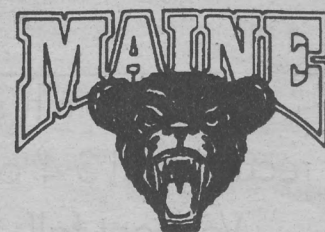
Friday night's game is the only game Maine will play this weekend.

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Maine's Allen Ledbetter fights off two Vermont defenders during Wednesday night's game. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



After scoring two goals Saturday night - his first collegiate multiple goal game - Barrett Heisten is this week's Maine Campus Athlete of the Week. Heisten, who has 16 points this year, registered the game winner against Merrimack Saturday in a 4-3 Black Bear win.

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