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• Forum

Proposed retirement community draws criticism



Senior Cat Hayden (center) voices her opposition to building the retirement community on land where Witter Farm currently is. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

By Brad Morin
Maine Campus staff

The University of Maine community shows conflicting opinions on the proposed retirement community on campus.

An open forum, held at noon Tuesday in Minsky Hall, drew an audience of around 60 people and lasted well past the hour allotted for discussion. Some members of the audience criticized the proposed location and a perceived lack of public input.

Robert Durringer, chief financial officer at UMaine, heads the project. He made presentations of the proposal to the forum and later to the General Student Senate. He

fielded most of the questions and criticisms from both.

The idea of the retirement community was explored in 1996 but was shelved until President Hoff asked Durringer to move the plan toward action last June.

The University of Maine System board of trustees is now scheduled to vote on the plan in March. If approved, groundbreaking would start in August 2000.

The most likely site for the community would be on five to 20 acres of land near Park Street, where there are currently bike

and running paths. The community would have both cottage-style homes and an apartment complex for residents. There would also be a dining hall, meeting rooms and a library.

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

There would be financial benefits for UMaine. The university would make \$1 million over

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• Campus Living

All dorms to offer break housing

By Beth Haney
Maine Campus staff

Break housing will be offered in dormitories next year, according to Barbara Smith, the interim director of campus life.

"All of the halls will be open during October break, Thanksgiving break, winter term and March break," Smith said. "Seven of the halls will be open between the end of the fall semester and before winter term."

Those seven are Cumberland, DTAV, Estabrooke, Gannett, Hancock, York and York Village.

The Campus Living Advisory Committee has been assessing the need for break housing since November.

The new policy is a little confusing because there will be three semesters next year instead of two: fall, winter and spring, Smith said.

"Next year winter term will be a week longer," Smith said. "And open dorms allow students to be on campus during all three semesters."

Tameeka Wright, the resident director of Somerset Hall and a graduate student studying special education, said the new policy has some drawbacks.

"I think they should limit it to the few halls they already have open because it is hard to staff," he said. "A lot of staff members want to leave during breaks but now they won't be able to. It's hard to say whether it is all good or all bad though. It depends on how much the students want it — I've only heard one or two students ask for it."

Jessica Penny, a first-year undecided student, said she took advantage of break housing this year and more students may take advantage of it next year.

"I'm in Kennebec, so it's always been an option," Penny said. "This year I stayed a little during Christmas [break], and I plan to stay a few days of spring break. A lot more students will probably take advantage of it next year."

Smith said the 2 percent increase in the price of dorms, which includes increases in salary and the cost of utilities, does not include break housing costs. Instead, an extra \$65 per semester fee, which covers the extra six weeks residence halls are open, will be added to students' accounts.

Penny said \$65 is a fair price, but it shouldn't go much higher.

"I don't mind paying that much extra, but I wouldn't want to pay a lot more; it depends on how much they were asking," Penny said.

As the cost of room and board rises, the number of double single rooms will be less next year. Smith said there will be approximately 250 designated double single rooms next year.

Students who prefer double single rooms don't have to worry in the future though, Smith said.

"Hopefully, we will have more buildings, so there won't be a problem," Smith said.

Wright said she hasn't noticed a need for more rooms overall, but she does see a high demand for double singles.

"I haven't really noticed a

shortage of rooms," Wright said. "It's February and we still have empty rooms. But all of the double singles for next year went in one day. People want them,

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• GSS

Senate ponders flat-rate tuition

By Judy Williams
Maine Campus staff

The on-campus retirement community and flat-rate tuition were discussed at last night's General Student Senate meeting.

University of Maine Chief Financial Officer Robert Durringer first spoke of the proposed flat-rate tuition.

"What we're trying to do is

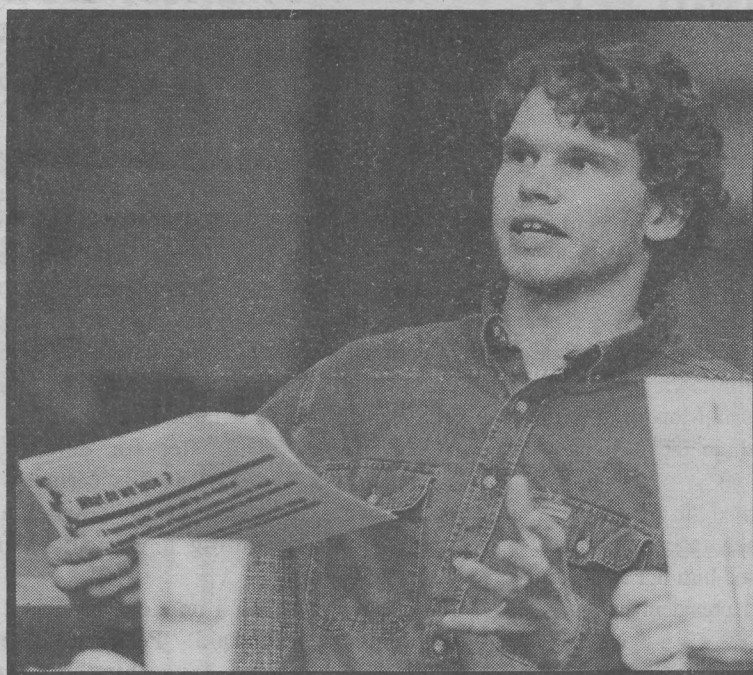
put this into place for people who take additional hours not to be penalized," he said.

The proposal states students taking one to 14 credit hours will have a 6 percent tuition increase per hour and those students taking 16 to 18 credits will receive a 4 to 17 percent decrease in tuition per hour by paying a flat in-state tuition rate of \$1,983.

This is the first time this proposal has been put out into the community.

"This semester and during

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Channing Geele, vice-president for student entertainment, questions how the retirement community will deal with UMaine events such as Bumstock. (Jason Canniff photo.)

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Student government president	Residents on Campus vice president
Wesley Petteway: 386	Jacquelyn Chiasson: 336
Jonathan Duke: 299	Mike Wojtylko: 202
Attila Delisle: 226	
Student government vice president	FAIR ELECTIONS PRACTICES
Justin Kelleher: 438	COMMISSION CHAIRMAN JERRY
James Ezhaya: 419	GRAFFAM SAID VOTER
Residents on Campus president	TURNOUT WAS 908 — NEARLY
Kathleen Burke: 557	DOUBLE THAT OF LAST YEAR.

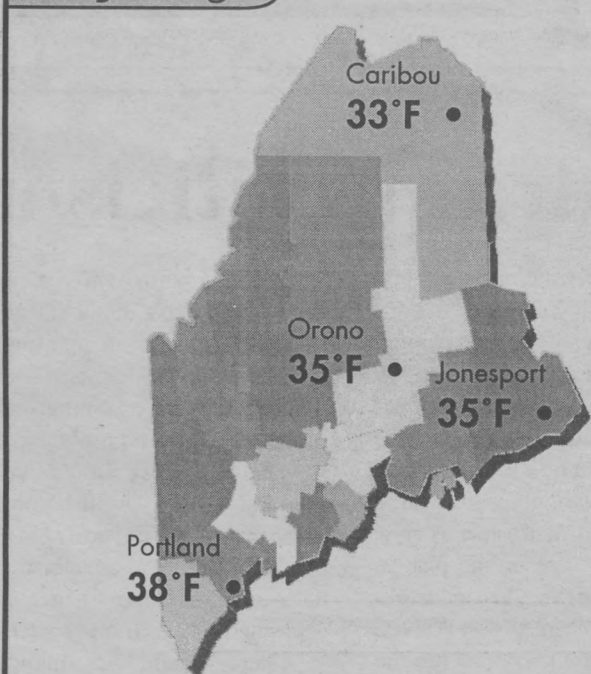
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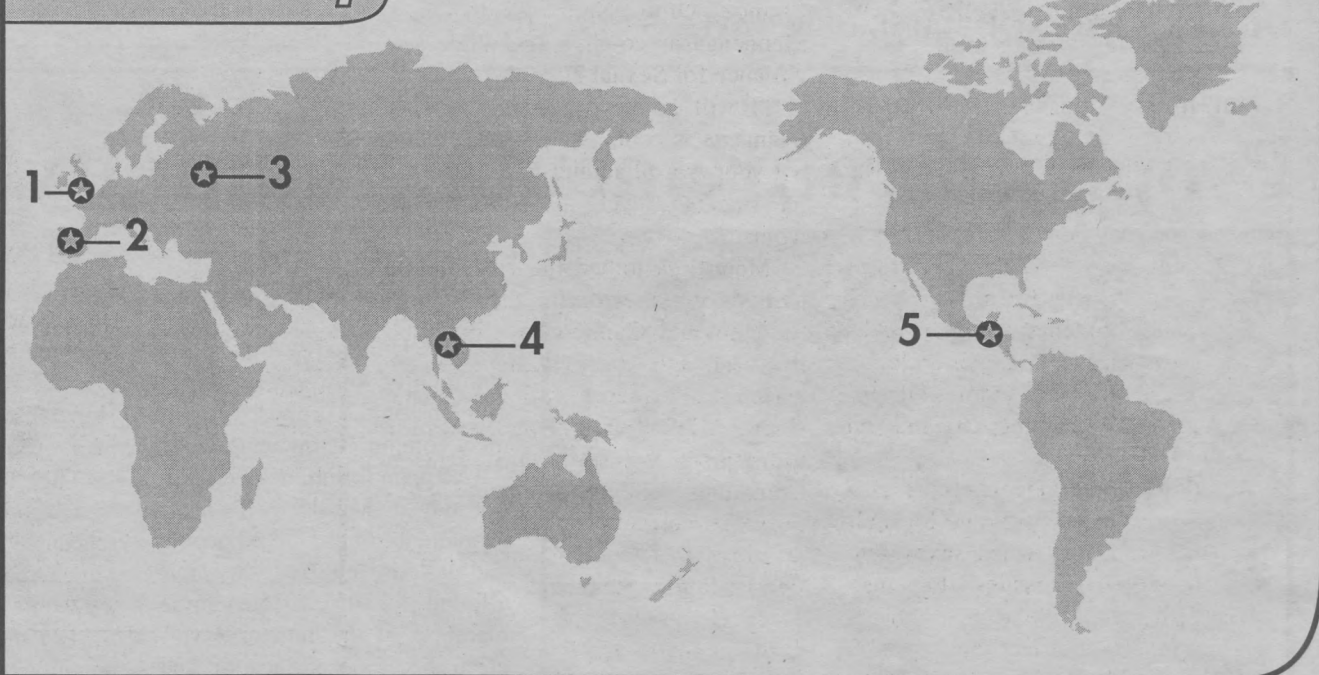
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WORLD BRIEFS

Today's Highs



World Map



Five-Day Summary

Today's Weather

Sun mixed with clouds today. Highs in the 30s.



Thursday's Weather

Cold early, but warming to mid-30s today.



Extended Forecast

Friday... Cold.
Saturday... Cold. Sunday... Fair



• Litigation

Presley estate appeals to court to keep name

1 LONDON (AP) — Elvis Presley's estate appealed to a British court on Tuesday to restore their control over the commercial use of the King's name.

A lower court ruled two years ago in favor of Sid Shaw, a London businessman who sells a range of trinkets branded "Elvisly yours." In his March 1997 decision, Judge Hugh Laddie said the estate does not own "in any meaningful sense the words Elvis or Elvis Presley."

Peter Prescott, an attorney representing the estate, told three appeals court justices that the lower court made an error in deciding that the name could not be trademarked because Presley was famous. He said famous people should have the same rights as those who aren't famous.

"As we shall show, there could be no doubt that if Elvis Presley had remained an obscure person from Tupelo, Miss., or indeed had never gone into music at all, his name Elvis, Elvis Presley and his signature would be regarded as distinctive trademarks," Prescott said on the opening day of the appeal hearing.

• Wary Parties

Both sides skeptical as peace process moves on

2 RAMBOUILLET, France (AP) — The American mediator at the Kosovo peace talks pointed to progress Tuesday despite a deadlock over distracting demands from rival Serbs and ethnic Albanians.

Each side, fearing that it will come up a loser, is trying to jump ahead to more difficult issues before some of the basics are settled.

"This is not easy, and frankly it's not a lot of fun ... but we are making progress," said Christopher Hill, who heads the team of three mediators shuttling between Serb and ethnic Albanian delegations.

The talks aim to reach a three-year interim settlement for Serbia's southern province of Kosovo, where more than 2,000 people have died and about 300,000 have been driven from their homes in a year of fighting between Yugoslav forces and ethnic Albanians who want independence.

The warring parties were pushed to the table by the threat of NATO attacks on Serbia, which makes up Yugoslavia along with the smaller Montenegro.

• Absolutely Fine

Yeltsin in good health following Jordan trip

3 MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin's health was normal today and he was resting at a sanitarium outside Moscow after returning abruptly from the funeral of Jordan's King Hussein, officials said.

A Kremlin spokeswoman said she had no information on Yeltsin's plans or whether he would have any meetings or attend other events.

Yeltsin returned to Moscow late Monday after Jordanian officials said the Russian leader received unspecified medical aid before his sudden departure from Amman. Yeltsin's spokesman, Dmitry Yakushkin, denied Monday there had been any medical treatment. Yakushkin did not say why Yeltsin cut short his trip to Jordan.

Yakushkin said the president returned "in a totally normal working condition," the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

While Yeltsin's doctors had advised him not to make the journey, the often ailing 68-year-old president has ignored doctors' orders before.

Yeltsin, who is recovering from an ulcer, spent about six hours in Amman before suddenly leaving the funeral ceremony. As other leaders were filing past Hussein's coffin, Yeltsin emerged, got into his car and was driven away.

• Calling it Quits

Khmer Rouge disbands, ready to enter new era

4 ANLONG VENG, Cambodia (AP) — The last remnants of the once-fierce Khmer Rouge army discarded their Maoist guerrilla fatigues today in a ceremony hailed as the final dissolution of the revolutionary group responsible for the deaths of as many as 2 million Cambodians.

But the Khmer Rouge legacy lingered as several guerrilla officers repeated warnings that the civil war could re-ignite if any attempt is made to bring their bloodstained leaders to justice.

"If there is any trial, there will be fighting again," regiment commander Peng Heng said.

Tea Banh, co-minister for defense, told 1,700 rebel soldiers gathered at this former stronghold in the northern jungles that they had made the right choice to stop fighting a guerrilla war that lasted nearly 20 years.

"We are entering a new era where all Cambodians are reunited," Banh said. "Peace now prevails all over Cambodia, creating favorable conditions for our nation's development."

His troops meanwhile made the symbolic change into government uniforms, joining the Cambodian army.

• Justice Rendered

Three men convicted in assault, rape case

5 GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Three men have been convicted and sentenced to 28 years in prison for raping and robbing American students who were visiting Guatemala last year.

A Guatemalan court on Monday sentenced each defendant for his role in the attack on 13 students and three faculty members from St. Mary's College of Maryland.

The group was robbed, and five women were raped, when the bus they were traveling in was pulled over at gunpoint on Jan. 16, 1998, near Santa Lucia, 60 miles southwest of Guatemala City.

The men convicted were Cosby Gamaliel Urias, 38, Rony Leonel Polanco Sil, 29, and Reyes Guch Ventura, 25. All had pleaded innocent.

Defense lawyer Salvador Herrera said he would appeal the convictions.

The trial began Jan. 20 in the city of Escuintla, 30 miles south of the capital.

Authorities announced Friday they had captured another suspect in the attack, Miguel Angel Salvador Hernandez Torres, who was arrested Jan. 28. Three other men are still being sought in connection with the assault.

Faces: Shannetta Mennenga

By Molly Haskell
Maine Campus staff

As interim assistant dean of Multicultural Student Affairs, Shannetta Mennenga touches the lives of thousands of University of Maine students.

Multicultural Student Affairs offers programming for minority, gay and lesbian students and non-traditional students. It encourages dialogue about diversity issues among all students and academic departments on campus.

Multicultural Student Affairs also offers a peer tutorial program for multicultural students, which takes into account diversity issues that may affect students' lives. It organizes events for Latino Heritage Month, Wilde Stein Pride Month and February's Black History Month.

"Our basic goal is to educate the entire public and community on diversity and multicultural issues and celebrate them," Mennenga said.

Mennenga and the Multicultural Student Affairs staff provide information on internships, conferences, jobs and financial aid. Mennenga calls herself an advocate for UMaine's multicultural students and all students.

"We serve the entire campus community," Mennenga said.

Fourth-year engineering major

Chance Oreo Nalley works with Mennenga as co-chair for Wilde Stein Alliance for Sexual Diversity.

"I will go beyond telling you that Shannetta is cool," Nalley said. "She is not your typical administrator. She is on the students' level; she is an amazing woman."

Mennenga joined the UMaine staff as assistant director for the Center of Students and Community Life almost two years ago, after working as an education coordinator for the Eastern Maine AIDS Network. She will return to her job at the Center of Students and Community Life once someone is hired to fill her current position.

Born to a Buddhist mother and a Baptist father, Mennenga was raised to accept diversity of all kinds. She was born in Panama and lived in a predominantly white neighborhood in Colorado Springs, Colo., before moving to a poor, predominantly African-American neighborhood in Chicago.

"You could tell the difference [between Colorado Springs and Chicago] in regards to resources and education," Mennenga said. "I was placed in a higher grade, because I had had more educational resources in Colorado Springs."

Moving to Maine was no culture shock for Mennenga, who received her bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-



Shannetta Mennenga intern dean of Multicultural Student Affairs. (Michael Zubik photo.)

Champaign, a predominantly white college.

"I was often the only black person in my classes," Mennenga said.

Mennenga, however, has experienced

racism at all levels in Maine.

"I've had some instances where I was called a nigger right here in Bangor, walking down the street with

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• GSS

Senate waives election rules

By Stanley Dankoski
Maine Campus staff

In order to avoid disqualifying three candidates for Student Government positions, the General Student Senate voted to suspend election rules at an emergency meeting Monday night.

The three candidates violated what Jerry Graffam, chairman of the Fair Elections Practices Commission, called "technicalities" and "clerical errors" in election guidelines set by the FEPC.

"The rules were violated, that's true, but they didn't intentionally break them," said Sen. Chris Barstow, president of the Off-Campus Board and author of the resolution. "They weren't harsh enough violations to eliminate them [from the ballot]."

Student Government presidential candidate Jonathan Duke and vice presidential candidate Justin Kelleher failed to submit their campaign expenditure forms on time.

According to FEPC guidelines, candidates must submit expenditure forms, receipts and a summary of their campaign spending by 3 p.m. two business days before the election, which was last Friday.

"We were busy [planning the student Quebec trip last weekend], and I know there's no excuse for that," Kelleher said. "I never really thought about how the guidelines affected me until now."

Kelleher, who handed the pair's expenditure forms in at the meeting, said he thought Duke, who was ill and could not attend the meeting, knew the commission's rules since Duke was a former FEPC chairman.

"We accept responsibility for not

handing them in on time, but we believe it's beyond that," Kelleher said. "I'm the last one to suspend rules, but I think it's in the best interests of the students."

Student Government vice presidential candidate James Ezhaya violated the FEPC's guidelines by spending more than the individual limit of \$250 on his campaign.

Ezhaya said he didn't go over the amount but instead listed the cost of Student Government presidential candidate Wesley Petteway's campaign spending with his because he thought the FEPC's guidelines required tickets, which pair a presidential and a vice presidential candidate together.

Graffam said Ezhaya must have been given an older version of the guidelines by Student Government's secretary.

Although he had been given the wrong information, Ezhaya felt GSS needed to follow the FEPC's guidelines, even if they did disqualify him.

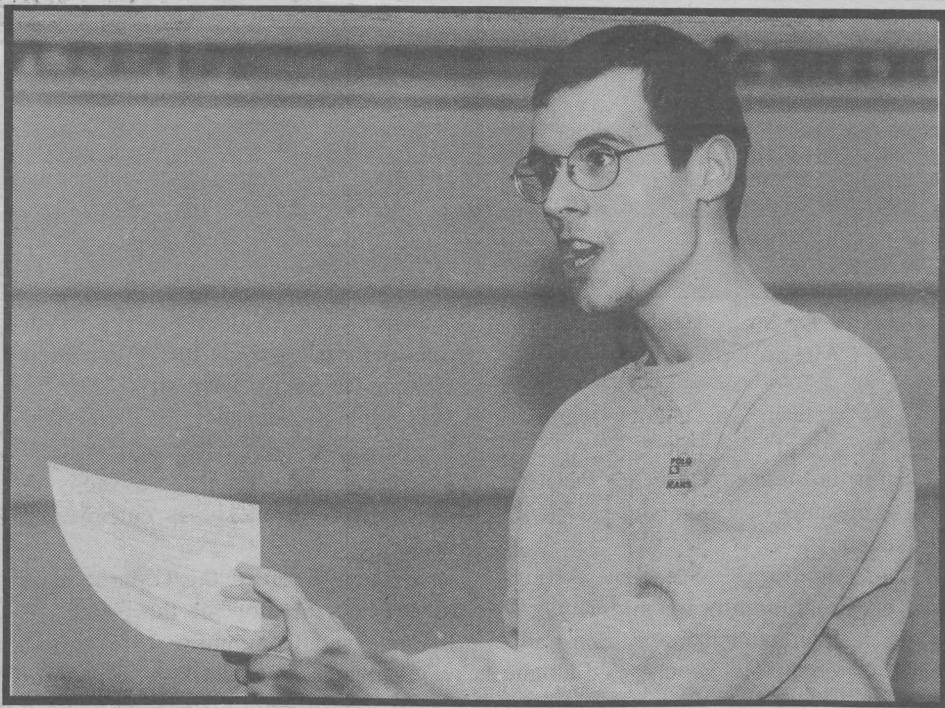
"I don't think we should suspend the guidelines," Ezhaya said. "If we suspend this, why not suspend all of it? This is our constitution. I'd rather not be a candidate than suspend the rules."

Student Government presidential candidate Attila Delisle supported the Senate's resolution.

"[The guidelines] are pretty vague rules," he said.

Barstow encouraged the Senate to consider changing the FEPC's guidelines after the election.

"Students should have the right to vote for all five candidates," Barstow said. "Let's look at the rules after the election to see if they need to be changed."



Candidate James Ezhaya expressed his frustration at being given the incorrect forms for the Student Government election, which led to his possible disqualification in the election. (Mike Zubik photo.)

Senate

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the fall we will see whether or not there is support for this proposal," he said.

Durringer also pitched the plan for the on-campus retirement community.

Several senators voiced their opposition to the plan; some said they were undecided.

Sen. Channing Geele questioned whether the campus environment was right for retirees.

"How receptive will they be to events such as Bumstock where we're pumping out the decibels?"

Durringer said the community would be far enough away to give them privacy.

"They know what they're getting into when they come to a university," he said. "I don't think you'll probably even know

they are there."

The discussion took place as a resolution opposing the building of the retirement community remains in committee. The resolution is sponsored by Sen. Chris Barstow, who was not at last night's meeting.

At the end of the meeting Sen. Attila DeLisle expressed how he felt about the proposed retirement community.

"Don't back down on this one," he said. "If they start construction, you know where to find me, I'll be sitting in front of the tractors."

In other business, Vice President of Financial Affairs Amy Hall, was appointed VPFA for 1999-2000. Sen. Jared Hanson was appointed Vice President of Student Entertainment.



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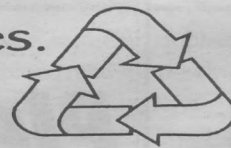
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Community

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

President Hoff said the university needs projects like the retirement community.

"We are no longer a state-supported university — we are a state-assisted university," he said. "So we've got to be entrepreneurial."

Durringer said the retirement community would take up only 2 percent of the total acreage of the university's land.

But that 2 percent may be unacceptable to some members of the UMaine community. The location of the project was of major concern to some agriculture students who attended the forum. The land right now is a source of corn and hay for the Witter Farm, a student-run farm.

"It seems to me that everyone involved is discounting the value of agriculture," said Sarah Morin, a junior majoring in sustainable agriculture.

The location of the community might also pose some problems for its residents, according to Mark Guzzi, a senior majoring in sustainable agriculture.

"The spot where it's located is hay land," he said. "I'm trying to envision the retirement community while the university is out there spreading manure on its land."

Hoff reassured the audience.

"We are not going to hurt the Witter Farm or hurt the agriculture program — I want to state that categorically," he said.

Charles Simpson, woodlands manager for the University of Maine forests, was concerned that if the bike and running paths were moved, the recreational use would shift to the Demeritt forest, where the forestry program harvests wood.

Simpson said there were three

instances this year where joggers ignored warning signs and ran dangerously close to logging equipment.

Simpson also complained that public input on the project came too late and too close to the approval decision by the board of trustees.

Durringer countered, saying the project had been in early stages and an earlier presentation of the project would have been uninformed.

"How do I do this? Do I come to the community in August when I don't know anything about it and get shot full of holes? Or do I come here now and get criticized for not talking with everyone beforehand?"

After the forum, Hoff said he hopes students will get behind the project when they learn more about it.

"I think it's a matter of letting the facts come out and it will be clear.

"We've got 1,600 acres," he said. "Surely we can find an appropriate site somewhere."

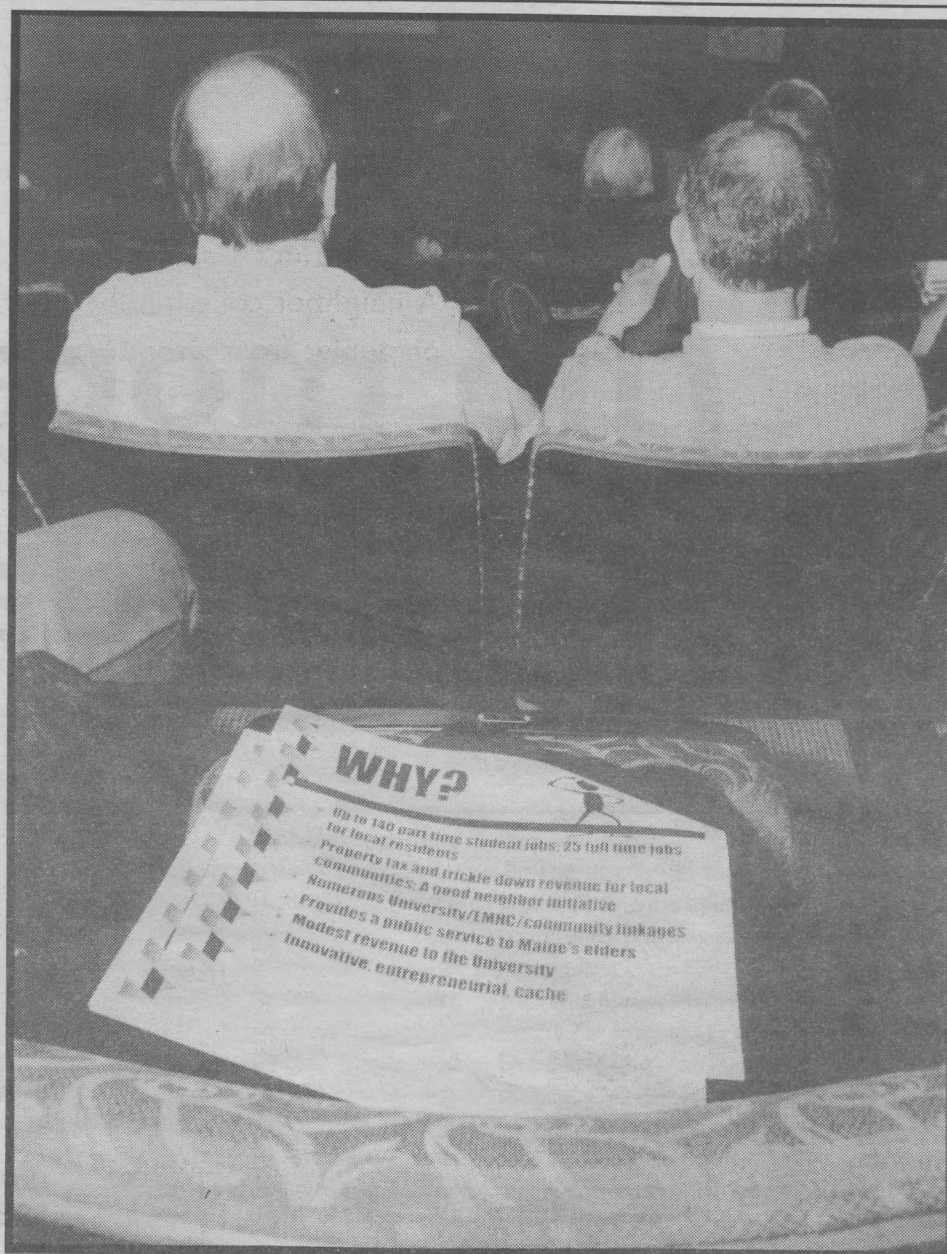
The discussion came at a time when the General Student Senate is considering a resolution opposing the plan. The resolution was on the Senate's agenda last night, but its sponsor, Sen. Chris Barstow was not at the meeting.

Barstow said earlier that he had several reasons for sponsoring the resolution.

"My main basis for it is, No. 1 there hasn't been any discussion before it goes to the board of trustees," he said. "I think it's been too little, too late."

Barstow said he thought the plan was being "rushed." But Durringer said Barstow proposed his resolution too early.

"The thing I'm really curious about is if Barstow has really seen the presentation," Durringer said. "I don't see how he, how anybody, can be against it this early."



Supporters of the proposed retirement community explained why the project would benefit UMaine, but many people at the open forum voiced their opposition to the plan. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

Room sign up

9-2000 For on-campus residents

Monday, February 22

Priority moves due to lifestyle designation

4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Hilltop Commons

February 23

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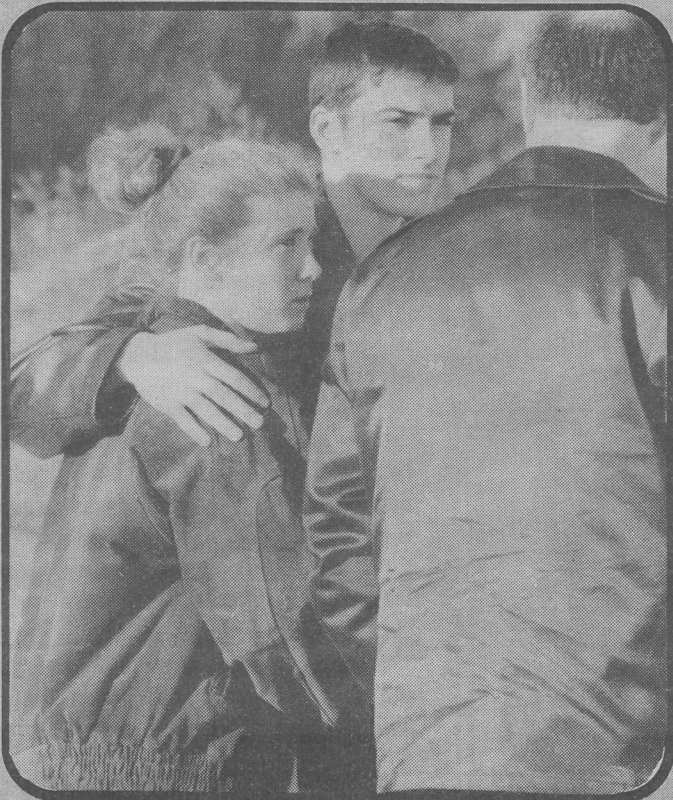
Off-campus students who wish to sign up but do not have an on-campus roommate to sign up with may fill out a housing application to be assigned after the room sign-up process. Housing applications will be available for off-campus students beginning February 1 at 103 Hilltop Commons

• Blaze

Late-night fire consumes century-old home

A fire destroyed Dahana Lake's century-old farmhouse on Bennoch Road in Orono at dawn Tuesday. "It's not totally burned out, but the structure is gone," Captain David Martin of the Orono Fire Department said. "It was a substantial fire." A neighbor called in the fire at about 4 a.m., Martin said, and engine companies from Orono, Old Town and Veazie

reported to the scene. The fire started in the home's basement, likely sparked by a furnace malfunction, said Jim Lavoie, assistant chief of the Old Town Fire Department. Lake and her oldest son, Dusty, were sleeping when the fire broke out and escaped without injury. Five other children who live with Lake were not home at the time. Because of the farmhouse's old-fashioned "balloon construction," vertical openings caused the fire to travel very quickly, the officers explained. "It makes it very difficult to chase around the house," Lavoie said. Flames climbed a dumbwaiter shaft to the first floor, then raced through void space in the walls and floors of the old house, Martin said. "When it hit the top of the shaft, it mushroomed both ways on the first floor," he said. Crews called the fire "labor intensive," but by 6:30 a.m., about 35 firefighters had the blaze under control.



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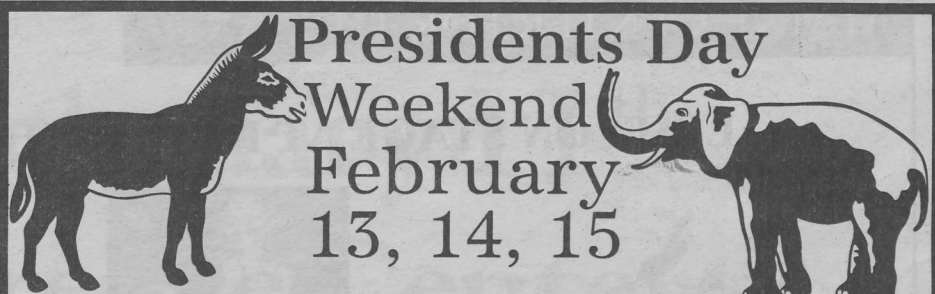
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Dorms

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especially in the chem-free section."

Billie Taylor, a first-year student majoring in social work, said the university should consider the pros and cons of building new residence halls before they decide whether to build them.

"I think it would be nice to have dorms with better facilities, but I think if it makes the cost of living here a lot more expensive then they should reconsider," Taylor said. "I don't think that many singles are necessary because people always have the option of living in an apartment if they want their own room."

Wright said the university wants the

new buildings so they can keep more students on campus, living as a community. This may not result in the availability of more single rooms, though.

"The ultimate goal of them having these buildings is they want more people to live on campus, so they will have more double rooms, and students will want more singles," Wright said.

For now the university is working with what it has, Smith said. Hancock Hall will no longer be used for guest housing because of the increasing enrollment. Instead, it will be used as student housing with designated singles, like all of the other dorms, Smith said.

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my colleagues," she said.

Mennenga, a first-generation college student, is currently pursuing a master's degree in public administration at UMaine.

Mennenga and her husband, Michael, an assistant men's basketball coach, are never far from the UMaine campus. Besides working here and attending cultural and sporting events on campus, the Mennengas live in Hancock Hall, as part of the Faculty/Staff Residence Program.

"People always tease me," she said. "They say, 'You really have to get away from campus, Shannetta.'"

One of the biggest challenges facing Mennenga is getting the word out about Multicultural Student Affairs events.

"Often times, we get the quality, but the quantity is lacking," Mennenga said.

Also, because Multicultural Student Affairs deals with such a diverse group of students, it is sometimes difficult for Mennenga to schedule events that will

appeal to all students.

It is important for multicultural students to have their own place to go, Mennenga said.

"Often, when you are a minority or a different sexual orientation, you can feel very isolated," she said. "It helps to know other people are experiencing the same things."

UMaine's multicultural students will soon have their own place to meet in Hannibal Hamlin Hall. When completed, the student-run center will have its own library and computer cluster.

"The [multicultural] students really need a sense of community," Mennenga said. "It will be a place for students to drop by, say what's going on and hang out."

The center will be open throughout the semester for limited hours.

It is important for all students on campus to be aware of diversity issues, Mennenga said.

"We would do our students a huge disservice in a state that's predominantly white, in a university that's predominantly white, to not address diversity issues," she said.

Mennenga is encouraged by the steps UMaine is taking to increase cultural awareness on campus.

"I get inspired by students every single day," she said. "The fact that I'm able to touch students makes me smile."

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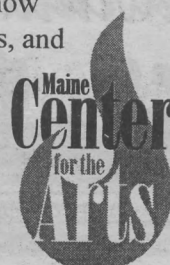
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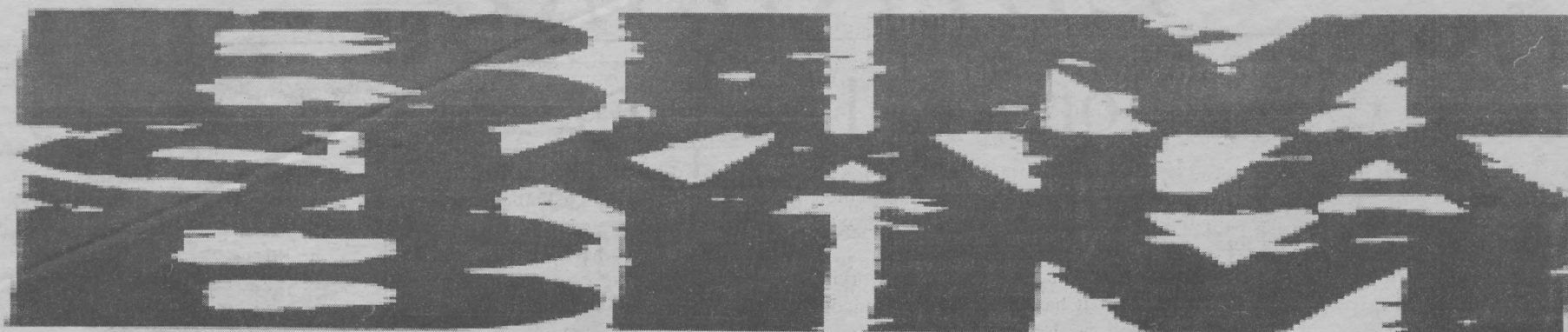
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Paying expansion's toll

Last Tuesday, Mainers felt the first blow of the planned highway expansion. Commuters are now paying 40 percent more in tolls, commercial drivers are paying 45 percent more, and cash-paying drivers are being hit with a 17 percent increase. Drivers can expect an increase of 25 cents at the York plaza toll and a 15-cent increase at the Gardiner-Interstate 95 toll. The increase in tolls is the turnpike's first major increase in 10 years.

The increases are no surprise, though. After all, widening and modernizing the turnpike between York and Scarborough from four to six lanes carries a price tag of \$128 million. Mainers overwhelmingly supported widening the southernmost part of the 105-mile highway in 1997's referendum. And even though Mainers were disgruntled when the toll increase was passed in November, most Mainers realized an increase in tolls was in the future. But the Turnpike Authority gave Mainers the run-around in the meantime.

When the Turnpike Authority got the go-ahead on the expansion, it knew it was going to have to increase tolls and charge drivers upon entering and exiting the highway. Yet it spent money to convert the southernmost part of the highway to an "open barrier" system — drivers would pay upon entering the highway, but not when exiting — before the increases were implemented. Now that the toll increases have been put into effect, the Turnpike Authority spent money again to convert the highway back to a pay on the way in, pay on the way out system. Also, in addition to the 25-cent increase at the York plaza and the 15-cent increase at the Gardiner-Interstate 95 toll, new 50-cent tolls will be collected at exit 6A in Scarborough and exit 9 in Falmouth.

The Turnpike Authority should have left the turnpike as it was until it knew what was going to be needed with an increase. It is both a waste of time and money for the Turnpike Authority to keep flipping back and forth from the "open barrier" system to the current system. An increase in tolls can be justified for the amount of work that needs to be done, but the Turnpike Authority has been frivolous.

Law lacks common sense

A Michigan judge this week made a ruling that was devoid of common sense. According to The New York Times, Timothy Boomer, 24, flipped his canoe in a stream. The young man yelled out a three-minute-long stream of swear words, which happen to have been heard by a woman and her two young children nearby.

Boomer's cursing was also heard by a sheriff's deputy and Boomer soon found himself in court. County Judge Allen Yenior upheld an archaic law from 1897 that prohibited anyone from swearing in front of children. Boomer has to stand trial and could get 90 days in jail or a \$100 fine if convicted.

It is fortunate for the people of Traverse City, Mich., that they have such a vigilant justice system. Imagine what could happen if Boomer got away with his crimes — the flood gates would open and people would be swearing all the time.

The truth is, unless Traverse City is completely cut off from the rest of the country, there are much worse threats to the virgin ears of children than the occasional swear word heard from a stranger. Today's movies and music are full of offensive language. Even broadcasters have gotten into the act — Howard Stern frequently braves FCC fines for the language he uses on the radio. American society is literally overflowing with gutter-language.

Upholding an anachronistic law against swearing isn't going to help the situation. Like it or not, children will hear this language on the playground or through the media.

Judge Yenior belongs in another era. With his puritanical interpretation of the law, it would have been more appropriate for him to sentence Boomer to a day in the stocks.

There are more egregious offenses in today's society than swearing in public. Punishing someone under an outdated law does nothing but tie up the court system and delay prosecution of more dangerous crimes.

One has to wonder if Yenior has ever heard of a little thing called the First Amendment.

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• Letters to the Editor

• Job well done

To the editor:

I'd like to congratulate the brothers of Beta Theta Pi on a successful philanthropy they completed with the Beta sleep out. Their dedication to this wonderful event is great. The unique thing about this is it's become an annual event. For those of you who have missed out on this event, I encourage you all to look into it next year. You guys all deserve to be commended.

There are many people who are unaware of the problem that has arisen with both homelessness and domestic violence, and its good seeing groups like this willing to take time to help support organizations like spruce run. Gamma Sigma Sigma and myself included has enjoyed being a part of this project, and are looking forward to helping again next year. Keep up the good work!

Susan Moore
Service Vice
President
Gamma Sigma Sigma

• Thank you

To the editor:

Last week, I asked the students to show off the excitement of the University of Maine at Sunday night's game against New Hampshire and I want to congratulate all the students who were at the game for dominating the arena. The atmosphere was electric, the Maineiacs were extra special in the balcony, and it reminded me of the Duke students at a Duke basketball game.

From everyone involved in our hockey program, a big thank you to the University of Maine students and I hope you are all making plans to join the fun this Saturday against Boston College and next weekend for a Friday and Saturday doubleheader against Boston University.

Shawn Walsh
Men's hockey coach

• Help veterans

To the editor:

Because I am a veteran who has been hospitalized at the Togus Veterans Administration Medical Center and wanted to

give back something to fellow veterans, I became a volunteer. I perform my volunteering for the recreation service and work closely with the nursing home patients, especially those in the locked ward.

During the past year, there have been numerous times when the wheelchair-bound veterans could not go out on recreation trips because the wheelchair bus (which is old and decrepit) was constantly breaking down. Even when operational, the ride is nightmarish — bouncing, jouncing, rattling, rocking and barely rolling. This van was donated more than 10 years ago, has 250,000 miles on it, and the only way it will be replaced is, again, by donation.

I have undertaken this project with the backing of the Maine Elks Association. I need to raise nearly \$90,000 to purchase a beautiful new Bluebird Wheelchair Transvan.

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SPEAKING OF STAINS



• The lost thought

Death teaches valuable lessons

By William Stewart

I think she was 23 the night paramedics tried to revive her from the darkness.

I'm not sure, however, maybe she was 22. Does it really matter? I guess not. Although, in a supernatural kind of way it does.

To be honest with you, I don't really know.

It's not really the point, only it is. Brianne was a nice girl. However, the more I think about it, she could've been a real bitch.

I knew her from most of my high school classes, where she always sat near the back window in a mural disguised as a desk.

She engraved bizarre beings and environments on those recycled desktops, a clear sign of someone who wasn't afraid to prick the imagination.

Oh sure, we engaged in some conversation but it often times yielded no similarities or common denominators. In short, I never really understood her or where she came from.

The paramedics who first arrived at the accident scene couldn't save her from dying. These things happen in car accidents.

She became the third student for my high school who was killed in an automobile wreck in the last year and a half.

The other two students had some ceremonial memorial service at the school, in what school administrators probably called a fitting tribute.

When I first learned of her death it didn't faze me at all. After all, I didn't really know her except for some classes we took together. She was, in essence, a face in the hallway.

But things are different some five months after her car

slammed into that truck. I mean, for someone I never really knew, it's interesting how occasionally I can't stop thinking about her.

Maybe the persona of expiration has something to do with it. It's extraordinary how death can do that.

Or maybe it's because she was, as perhaps a psychologist would define her, a loner. Whatever the reasons, everything seemed to be genuine about her, which perhaps could explain her apparent conscious effort to secede from the pack.

She was never accepted among the clan of teachers at our school, and her classmates viewed her as a tireless drifter. She was always among the last few people picked for kickball or floor hockey in gym class, but not because she wasn't good or no one liked her.

No, nobody knew her. Yet, we remember these things. In passing, we step back and reevaluate events, issues and anything else that tampers the mind.

The more I think about it, however, I don't think she really cared.

Although, who really is to know for sure? Maybe I think too much about it, but either way, I can't help it.

There is a peculiar attrac-

tion to the way Brianne carried herself through the rigid structure of an institution designed to tunnel our thinking. And we can all learn from this.

Now I don't think she was looking for any damn sympathy because she didn't seem like the type who would give a shit.

She seemed to know and fully understand what a lot of us used to make fun of because it didn't make any sense.

It's easy to laugh at things we don't understand.

I think somewhere inside every one of us lies a strand of disillusionment that begs to surface any way it can. And that is OK. We shouldn't deviate from that.

Whether it be the institution, your mind, preferred ideals as set forth by others, or anything else you can think of, it's OK to swerve out of the way.

The thing is, Brianne is very much like a lot of us here, only she chose to show it. And maybe that truly did make her a loner or maybe it made her brave, but either way, she made someone think.

And we all could use a little more of that.

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

• All that glitters

Getting past V-Day

With Valentine's Day upon us, its time for all single people to stand up and be counted. Don't retract into the cave of your apartment for the weekend with the only possibility of a date being with Betty Crocker and her double chocolate cake. Reach into the depths of your souls and ignore

weekend, holding hands under an afghan? Do you want to be out in public making out with your love because you've had one too many (um, one beer) and just can't control your hormones? Do you want to be driving in the car with your honey and see your man look

By Elisabeth Gold



the gleaming reds and pinks that burst out of this holiday like the eyesore of any Victoria's Secret. Reclaim this holiday as your own and enjoy the true meaning of the day ... which is, uh, to appreciate those who you love.

Now if you don't love anyone romantically, this could potentially be trouble. You may feel the need to explore the robustness of your loving potential and thus send a sappy love poem to the guy or gal you have your eye on. You may want to bring this person plastic flowers on your mountain bike in 4° weather. You may want to cut out giant hearts and post them on the ski trails in which you work so others can have some color cutting through the grayness in their lives. Or you may choose to do nothing but gorge yourself on Shop 'N Save sprinkled cupcakes, listening to Big Head Todd and the Monsters, writing in your journal about all your loves gone wrong.

Whatever your way of acknowledging this headache of a holiday, do it with style. Don't buy into the hype of "Oh my God, Valentine's Day is in like in three days and the only company I have is my middle-aged, but lovable, dog." Don't fret my dear! Lizzy Love will remind you that you are a person - you may not have a Tweedle Dee to your Tweedle Dum, a Cheech to your Chong, a Greg to your Dharma, but geesh, you are human!

Now go ahead and pick your self-esteem, ego and confidence up from the floor (leave the tears there, they will surely evaporate) and sit down. Stop making excuses for yourself; there is nothing wrong with you - you're in Orono, Maine, for God's sake! Now think, from all the couples who are around you and smiling, which ones seem to really make you miss not being a part of one? Do you want to be home watching movies every

in the rearview window at the woman driving behind you? Now come on. That don't sound like love to me. That sounds like hooking onto someone for dear life for the fear of being alone, which is perfectly natural - we all don't want to be alone. But think about it - do you really want to be with someone just for the sake of keeping company?

So what should you do? Honey, I can't tell you that. If it were that simple, Ms. Love would have a dozen books out by now. What you've got to do is love yourself and appreciate the other loves in your life. How about taking some extra time and thanking the people in your daily routine who you usually just skip on by - those people you know from around but never really have time to really know? How about going out to dinner with some of your co-workers or friends or neighbors who you like being with but never have the luxury to actually spend some time with? How about recognizing your parents or grandparents or aunts or uncles who are always calling you and remarking how they'd love to hear from you more often? How about acknowledging those in your life who you are connected to - those people who, when you sit with them or stand next to them, bolts of electricity just kind of form a circular path around you. Appreciate those people. Say, "You know, I just love talking to you because you make me all warm and fuzzy and you use cool words and my mind mimics a coloring book in that you color in all my pictures." Buy that person a drink. But dear, don't get upset. And certainly don't take this holiday to heart. It's only one day and you will get over it - eventually.

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Your Daily Horoscope By Sally Brompton

Wednesday, February 10, 1999

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You are not the kind to allow yourself to be pushed around and others forget that at their peril. From the look of your birthday chart you have had your fill of taking orders from second-raters and you intend to reverse the roles. And about time, too.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Fasten your seat belt, hold on tight and if you have a lucky talisman, well, let's just say you're going to need all the help you can get. Your life is about to move forward at lightning speed so make sure you are prepared or the shock to your system could be profound.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You are up against a power far greater than your own. You are up against something you cannot defeat. No doubt that annoys you as you hate to give ground but on this occasion you know that if you don't back off you will lose out, so be prepared to back down gracefully.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Leave everything to fate today. Let the gods play chess with your destiny. Forces beyond your understanding are shaping your life in ways you cannot imagine but there is no cause for alarm. Have faith in yourself and suppress your insecurities and no harm will come to you.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): There may be times today when you feel like a snail in the path of a steamroller. But don't despair. Your guardian angel is hovering close by, if only to remind you that the crab is far tougher and far more agile than the snail.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Possession may be nine-tenths of the law but that does not mean you can just take what you want. More to the point, if the person you take it from decides to take it back — and more besides — you could yourself lose possession of something you were rather attached to. Play by the rules.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You may feel that people are working against you behind your back but it's not a conspiracy. It's just your self-doubts that are making you insecure at the present time. A little more faith in your abilities would keep the bogeymen at bay. And that's all they are: "bogeymen."

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Libra may be the sign of partnerships but there are times when you prefer to act alone. This is one of them. Maybe you don't want to put others at risk. Maybe you want to surprise them. Maybe you don't want to share the glory.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): The keyword for Scorpio is power. Whatever else you do in your life it always comes back to that one little word. The next 48 hours will see your personal power increase dramatically but don't let it go to your head.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Is Superman a Sagittarian? From the look of your solar chart you are about to perform some superhuman things. No one in their right mind will get in your way today, not even if they're holding a lump of Kryptonite.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You have the right to remain silent. You have the right to an attorney. You have the right to... you get the idea. Someone in authority will pull rank today and you would not be human if you did not want to stand up for your rights. Go ahead: you have the ability to make it worth your while.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): There is a ruthless streak to your nature that reveals itself every so often and if your chart is anything to go by you won't have much trouble getting your way today. You may have to twist a few arms but most people will see the look in your eyes and give you the credibility you deserve.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): The secret of success is to know what you want, which could explain why your talents exceed your achievements: you never seem able to make up your mind. But that won't be a problem today.

Your Daily Horoscope By Sally Brompton

Thursday, February 10, 1999

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: If you need others' assistance and support this year – and from the look of your birthday chart you do it is essential that you explain what you need in the most basic of terms.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Something you always thought of as difficult will seem remarkably easy today, so easy in fact that you wonder what the catch is. The truth is it was never that difficult in the first place but somehow you convinced yourself it was.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You will learn a useful fact today, a fact you should store away until the day comes when you can take advantage of it. Of course, it will only remain useful if you keep it to yourself, so resist the urge to ask others what they think – they may think it is worth poaching.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You have a right to your opinions but if you are sensible you will realize that even the best opinions are a matter of taste. It may seem to you that the facts support your convictions, and maybe they do, but there are other facts which support a completely different point of view.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A business or financial breakthrough will happen in its own good time – there is no point trying to hurry it along. In fact, as Mercury, tomorrow you must expect a delay of several weeks before things really begin to move.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You have so much going for you now that you may find it hard to believe your luck. But it's true: the planets are making things easy for you and you would be a fool not to take advantage of it. But don't take advantage of other people – some day, some way you will regret it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Even if you suspect there is more going on behind the scenes than others are admitting, keep your suspicions to yourself. Once Mercury, your ruling planet, turns retrograde tomorrow it will be impossible to separate fact from fiction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Don't wait for others to make the first move. If there is something that needs to be discussed then you must discuss it today – tomorrow will be too late. Don't worry that you may annoy someone you respect by what you say.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Scorpios are renowned for their patience. They will wait years if necessary before they make their move. Fortunately, you won't have to wait that long to take advantage of a career opportunity but it may be three or four weeks before you get the green light.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): If there is something you have to say, some point you have to make, some opinion you have to express, then don't wait any longer. After today it does not matter how compelling your argument or how persuasive the facts, others will close their ears if they don't want to hear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): If there are things you would like to discuss then discuss them today while the pressure is off. By the weekend at the latest partners and colleagues will be much too busy to toss ideas back and forth for the fun of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): This is not the time to make unnecessary changes, not least because if you get it wrong you won't be able to put it right for several weeks. Next Monday your ruling planet is opposed by the Sun and something will happen that makes what has gone before pretty much irrelevant anyway.

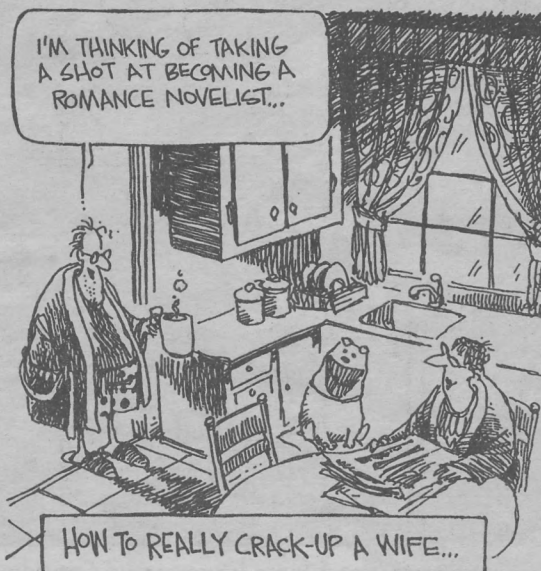
PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): There may be times today when you get the feeling that your efforts are not appreciated but even if that is true you should not lose heart. In the greater scheme of things no effort is ever wasted and one day you will get the reward you deserve, even though you may have deserved it earlier.

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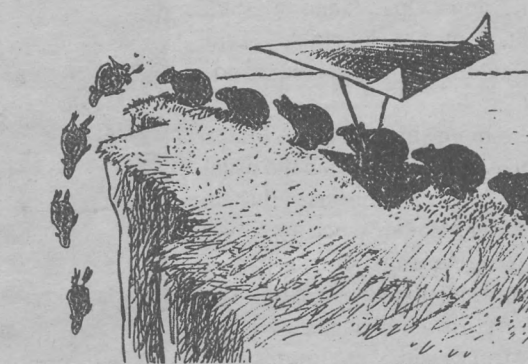
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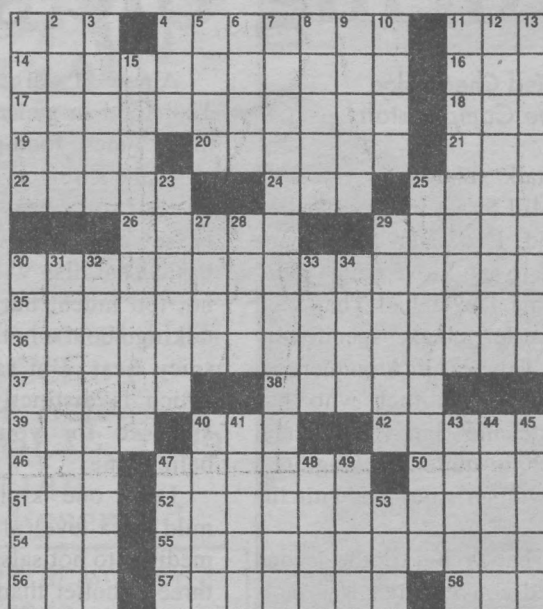
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STYLE & ARTS



• MCA

Padua Orchestra pleases student crowd

By Josh Pouwels
Special to the *Campus*

The Padua Chamber Orchestra played Saturday to an appreciative audience, though the Maine Center for the Arts was less than packed. The applause was thunderous at the end of the last piece, *Serenade for strings*, Op. 22, and the stars of the night, Antonin Dvorak, David Golub and David Shifrin, received standing ovations.

There were more students at the Maine Center for the Arts Saturday than the usual attendance at classical concerts, due in large part to Burt Hatlen's class of over one hundred who were attending as part of their class, *Introduction to the Arts*. The students, several of whom had never listened to classical music, were impressed.

The Padua Chamber Orchestra, founded in Italy in 1966, is one of the world's most prolific orchestras, performing 250 concerts each year. The orchestra has played with such noted musicians as Izhak Perlman and Sir Neville Martin. European magazine *Westdeutsche Zeitung-Dusseldorf* described the orchestra as having a "freshness of spirit, fiery audacity... glittering."



Members of the Padua Orchestra performed for a large crowd Saturday night at the MCA. (Michael Zubik photo.)

Saturday night's performance began with Bach's familiar *Brandenburg Concerto #5* in D major for flute, violin and piano. The performance was light and subtle with perfection in every note.

Pianist Golub's fingers gracefully

danced on the piano keys. Golub's years of experience, from his training at Julliard to his appearances with the London Symphony and Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra, made his playing appear effortless.

The second piece played was Mozart's *Concert in A major* for clarinet and orchestra. For this piece Golub became the conductor and Shifrin took over the spotlight.

Shifrin, like Golub, has received much critical acclaim. He has appeared in many noted orchestras and has played solo in Alice Tully Hall and Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Shifrin played the clarinet, traditionally a quiet instrument, with intense emotion during *Concert in A major* for clarinet and orchestra and again in Mozart's *Symphony #25 in A Major* K. 134.

The final piece of the night was by Dvorak, titled *Serenade for Strings*, Op. 22. The piece started out soft and built to a crescendo. It was only in this last, difficult piece was I truly able to appreciate how well this orchestra works together.

It is evident in listening to the Padua Chamber Orchestra that this is a group that plays together every night. They make the performance seem effortless.

Golub and Shifrin rarely glance at their music. During his solos, Shifrin, the clarinetist, stands in front of the orchestra, swaying, more like a blues musician than the stuffy stereotype of a classical musician.

• Thai Orchard

Savoring the spice

By Ted Chernesky
Maine Campus staff

I want to talk about a lovely little restaurant on Mill Street in Orono called the Thai Orchard. I've eaten there twice now and I have to say I love their food.

The first time I ever had Thai food was over semester break, specifically Dec. 30, 1998. This was in Albuquerque, I was visiting my mother who has acquired a taste and flair for Oriental cooking (which is quite amusing in a petite Italian woman), but on with the story.

I sat in the Thai Orchard for the second time, a satisfied convert, and was thoroughly convinced that I have never had better food in my life.

Sunday, I had just a simple Thai fried rice, level one on the hot & spicy scale. (I'm working my way up.) Pretty nice dish, a little chicken, some onions, snow peas, pineapple, egg, leeks— nice and spicy, too. (I can't wait to try level two!)

I also had the Tom Kila Gai, which is a pretty interesting and exotic soup, but damn good nevertheless. In this soup, which I get every time I go to a Thai restaurant now, are chicken, snow peas, straw mushrooms, leeks, water chestnuts, a little lemon grass and a broth of coconut milk.

You haven't tasted Thai food until you've had three things: soup made with coconut milk, Thai curry and Pad Thai.

A note of warning on Thai curry and Thai food in general: it is a lot spicier than Chinese food is.

Make sure you always find out what level of spicy heat your dish is going to be set at, it's a lot safer that way. A basic Thai dish will still be a bit spicy, not too much, but a bit, and I am not talking about a hot pepper-salsa kind of spicy heat. I'm talking a curry heat, which is distinctly different. Taste it and see for yourself if you don't believe me.

Level one is probably a medium to mild salsa level of heat. Level two is a medium to hot salsa level of heat. Level three is hotter than most salsa. Try it if you are feeling brave, have a lot of water handy, or perhaps have badly clogged sinuses.

But enough about spicy heat, let's talk about the most famous and popular of all Thai dishes, Pad Thai.

Many people probably never even heard of Pad Thai (pronounced pud tie), so here's the scoop. It's composed of thin rice noodles, snow peas, sprouts and shrimp in peanut sauce.

If you do nothing else when visiting a Thai restaurant, get the Pad Thai. It is something else.

You know what? All this typing is making me hungry, I think I'm going to go for a little stroll into town, down past Ampersand, to my new favorite restaurant in a hundred mile radius.

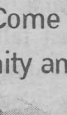
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• V-Day 1989

'The Satanic Verses' lives on

NEW YORK (AP) — Ten years ago this month, Salman Rushdie received what he has called his "unfunny Valentine."

On Feb. 14, 1989, the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini condemned "The Satanic Verses" as blasphemy, and called for Rushdie's death. The London-based author was forced into hiding. The novel's Japanese translator was murdered and the Italian and Norwegian translators were attacked.

A decade later, the 51-year-old Rushdie has outlived Khomeini, the Iranian leader who died in 1989. "The Satanic Verses" has sold more than a million copies worldwide.

Rushdie continues to write and has been seen increasingly in public. Last fall, after Iran's foreign minister said his country would not enforce the "fatwa" (a religious death threat), an international committee set up on Rushdie's behalf was disbanded.

But Rushdie's novel, which satirized the Prophet Mohammed and the origins of the Koran, is still banned in several Middle Eastern and Asian countries and is still controversial in parts of the West.

And although Rushdie has said the "last chapter" of his ordeal is complete and even boasted that he was "happy" not to be a Muslim, others doubt he is out of danger.

"Is the danger entirely gone? Of course not. There's still a bounty on his head. He still receives constant threats," said Susan

Sontag, a friend of Rushdie's and a former president of the American center of International PEN, a writers' organization that vehemently opposed the fatwa.

"It's a step in the right direction, but one can't really jump up and down and start clapping yet," said author Paul Auster, also a friend of Rushdie's.

Daniel Pipes, an author and director of the Middle East Forum, a Philadelphia-based think tank, said there was nothing new about last fall's announcement. He said that Iranian officials long had claimed they would not act upon the death sentence and that they were simply interested in improving relations with Britain, a desired trading partner.

Support for the fatwa remains. In India, Rushdie's native country, a powerful Muslim cleric warned of violent protests against any visit by the author. In Iran, a foundation has offered a \$2.8 million reward for Rushdie's death and hundreds turned out for an anti-Rushdie demonstration. More than half of the country's parliament signed a letter saying the death edict stands.

"The fatwa is in effect, and will remain in effect," said Pipes, who wrote about the death sentence in the book, "The Rushdie Affair."

"My view was when Khomeini died, Rushdie had no chance to escape this edict. No one who took Khomeini's place had the stature to revoke it."

• Biography

'The English Patient' debunked

ERD, Hungary (AP) — The Hungarian count known to the world as the hero of "The English Patient" was a haunted desert explorer who collaborated with the Nazis to try to save his lover's life.

But the real-life story of Laszlo de Almasy is even better, the author of a new biography claims.

Janos Kubassek, a Hungarian with a lifelong fascination with Almasy's life, says he discovered documents from the war crimes tribunal showing that Almasy saved the lives of several Jews during World War II.

He also debunks a couple of misconceptions about Almasy in "The True Story of the English Patient," published in Hungarian this month: Almasy wasn't a devoted Nazi and he wasn't a count.

Not that Kubassek has anything but praise for Anthony Minghella's film, winner of the 1997 Academy Award for best picture, or the prize-winning Michael Ondaatje novel on which it was based.

"They are wonderful works — of fiction," he says.

Kubassek, 41, is a geographer, historian and director of the Hungarian Geographical Museum in this small town 12 miles west of Budapest. He relates his obsession with Almasy sitting in a tiny office filled with books, maps and mementos of his trips tracing Almasy's life and travels.

As a boy of 15, he acquired one of Almasy's books from a secondhand book-seller, and that book determined his career. He joined the Hungarian Geographical Society a year later and went to the University of Debrecen to study geography.

"I wanted to know everything there was to know about Almasy," he says, still visibly carried away by that youthful passion.

Born Aug. 22, 1895, in Borostyankoe, Hungary — now Bernstein, Austria — Almasy was no count, his biographer learned. When he served as an adjutant to Austrian ruler Karl IV, the emperor once referred to him that way, and it stuck.

Almasy went on his first of many expeditions to the Sahara in 1926, journeys he described in a series of books. He became known for discovering caves in Libya with paintings dating to the Stone Age.

His reputation as a Sahara expert led to his widely questioned association with the Nazis when the German Luftwaffe requested his services in 1941 from the Hungarian

military, where he was an air force reservist. He joined Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps, and was assigned to aerial reconnaissance tasks.

In 1942, he personally guided two German spies across the Sahara, taking them behind British lines, and was awarded two German Iron Crosses for his services.

He returned to Budapest in 1943 and, at the Defense Ministry's request, wrote up his diary account of serving under Rommel, which was published as a book.

He was arrested and held briefly by Soviet authorities in Hungary in 1945, then arrested again by Hungarian authorities after a neighbor accused him of Nazi sympathies.

But as court records studied by Kubassek showed, the Hungarian war crimes tribunal found no such evidence and he was released in 1946.

Not only was Almasy no Nazi, the biographer says, archives tell how he saved the lives of several Jews in 1944, when Adolf Eichmann was rounding up the Jews of Hungary for extermination.

During the darkest hours of fascist terror in Hungary, Almasy often donned his Luftwaffe uniform with Iron Cross decorations and successfully prevented Hungarian fascists from searching his apartment where he was sheltering the family of Lajos Weisz, his Jewish neighbors.

Kubassek also found court evidence that Almasy saved Gyoergy Fuksz, the son of Olympic fencing champion Jenoe Fuksz, a Jew. And that he rescued a Jewish Polish refugee boy from certain discovery, obtained false papers for him, and put him into a Catholic orphanage where he survived the war.

"He was pro-monarchy and that was about his only politics," Kubassek says. "Almasy welcomed the transfer to Rommel's army because it meant a chance to return to his beloved Sahara, but there is nothing in any of his writings or private letters indicating Nazi sympathies."

Almasy left Hungary for good in the middle of 1947, returning to Africa where he organized safaris. After coming down with dysentery in Egypt, he died March 22, 1951, at the age of 55 in Salzburg, Austria.

No evidence indicates a great romance as in Minghella's movie.

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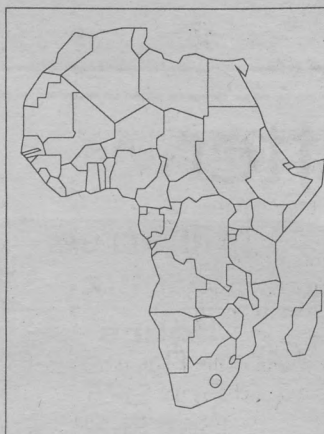
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Rec Sports update

Rec Sports has several activities running right now with more on the way. Be sure you know what is going on and get involved.

The coed free-throw tourney will take place this Sunday, Feb. 14, from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. in the Pit of the Memorial Gym. Each team needs one male and one female. No registration is needed, but you might want to start practicing now!

The Black Bear Cross Country Ski Race, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 13, has been canceled due to a lack of snow.

The deadline to sign up for indoor soccer is Monday, Feb. 15 at 4 p.m. The tournament, however is limited to the first 40 teams that register, so don't delay.

This is an all-points event with four divisions: fraternity, women's, men's dorm and men's independent.

The bench press contest will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fitness Center of the Memorial Gym.

This is an all points event for the fraternities and dormitories, but individuals are welcome, too. This event is free for all faculty/staff/students of UMaine, but there is a \$2 charge for all non-university participants.

Register at the Rec Sports Office (140 Memorial Gym) before 4 p.m. the day of the event.

There are three courts available at Lengyel Gym every Thursday from 6-8 p.m. for badminton drop-in-play. Equipment is provided at no charge.

The final round of the men's three-point shot contest was held Thursday, Feb. 4 at half-time in the men's basketball game. Chris Corson won the event by racking up 11 points.

Jeff Charette was a close second

with 10 points. Mike Chaffin came in third with nine points. Greg Bubniak took fourth with eight points, and David Cyr was fifth with seven points. The women's three-point shot contest final round is scheduled for tonight during half-time at the women's basketball game.

There are several basketball teams who still remain undefeated in their respective leagues. Milwaukee's Best has won all five of their games in the men's independent "B" league.

Extreme Game and Pornstars both lead in their divisions of the men's dorm league. In the fraternity "A" league, Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi are undefeated in their two divisions. The sorority league is led by Pi Beta Phi.

In club news, men's volleyball improved to 3-2 with a win over St. Anslem's College on Sunday. Six players, Mark Barnier, Jeff Prager, Jim Bertolino, Adam Macfawn, Chris Harper and Jim Leighton, were able to handily win the first three games in the best of five series.

The club will next face off against Plymouth State this Friday at 5 p.m. in Lengyel Gym. Spectators are encouraged to come out and support the club.

The women's volleyball club participated in a MSVBA sanctioned tournament over the weekend. The tournament was in honor of Jason Gagnon, a promising volleyball player who was killed in a car accident four years ago.

The tournament fees and proceeds from t-shirt sales go to the Jason Gagnon Scholarship Fund. Although, the club went 0-8 in the tournament, members were pleased to be part of such a good cause. To date, \$12,000 has been raised for the fund.

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Black Bear freshman Niko Dimitrakos took a little time to emerge this year. (Jason Canniff photo.)

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Men's hockey

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"Basically, I had the puck most of the time so I really didn't have to worry about the other part of the game," Dimitrakos said. "In prep school you just do your thing."

With the emphasis bestowed upon offense, Dimitrakos piled up the points while sacrificing some defensive integrity.

"Everybody knew he played his own game," said Walsh, referring to the scouting reports on Dimitrakos.

So, when the Black Bears went up against the University of Massachusetts-Lowell in their Hockey East opener, Dimitrakos watched from the stands.

"I was like, 'What's wrong with me?'" he said. "I was trying to think, 'Maybe he (Walsh) doesn't like me,' this, that, but I look at it now and it was the best thing for me."

Almost. As the Black Bears began preparation for a winding road trip that would take them across the country with games in four cities, Dimitrakos seized an opportunity that came his way.

During the winter holiday season, Janik and Heisten were selected to the U.S. World Junior Team, which left a gaping hole in the lineup.

"We had a couple of meetings and they said this is a big time for us," Dimitrakos said.

Just how big? Walsh drew comparisons from Maine's national championship team of 1992-93, where Paul Kariya, along with Chris and Peter Ferraro, left the team to compete in the world tournament.

"The coach said to that team, 'Who's going to step up? Who's going to be the guy that is going to show they want to be

in the lineup?'" said Dimitrakos, who is the son of a Greek father and an Italian mother. "And I believe it was Kent Salfi who did that. So I put that in the back of my head."

And it worked. Dimitrakos, who struggled to find a consistent place on a line, earned an every day spot on the team, picking up 15 points in 10 games from mid-December to late January.

Overall, Dimitrakos is the second-leading freshman scorer on the club with 19 points. Furthermore, his 15 assists are good for fourth on the team.

"A couple guys got hurt and some went to the World Juniors so I knew I had to put some numbers up or else I wasn't going to play," Dimitrakos said.

Breaking into the lineup on a regular basis, where he skates with Ben Guite and, up until Sunday, Dan Kerluke, was contingent on two things, according to Walsh.

"He needed to show he could play without the puck and that he could play with his teammates," said Walsh, who compares Dimitrakos with a young Kerluke. "Right now, he's just gaining confidence and he's starting to mature."

"As he continues to mature, his offensive output will be a direct correlation to how well he plays defensively."

Part of that maturation process, Dimitrakos says, was addressing his fear of committing a mistake, something that took some time to overcome.

"I thought in the beginning I was going to produce right away," Dimitrakos said. "I think I was a little timid at first and I didn't want to make a mistake. I thought if I made a mistake I wouldn't play. I finally got that out of the way."

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Injuries

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try to return the next year or hang it up for good and try to live a pain-free lifestyle — much like Jessica Lawson did at the beginning of the year after complications from knee surgery.

Lawson, a forward from Canada and sister of former Vermont standout Kate Lawson, never played in a game for Maine.

Fast forward to Christmas break where Maine had a 4-3 record and was heading to the Tulane Tournament.

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

"They went away for Christmas, and my foot started to feel really good. I started to play pickup with some guys and do workouts that way."

Clark returned to the bench in Maine's Jan. 22 home game against Delaware, then entered a game two days later at home against Towson, more than 12 months from when she began her long journey.

"It felt great," Clark said of her 19-minute, four point, two rebound performance. "Obviously, there are some things to work out, but it's great to be back."

After Clark put on the uniform against the Blue Hens, Palombo described it as "the most amazing, courageous story."

"To watch her on that floor with her uniform again, it was something, frankly, I'll never forget."

Concussion and rotations

Amy Vachon, another member of the junior class and one of the top point guards in the conference, heads a list of no less than seven different players who have missed time for Maine this year.

Vachon collided with a Delaware player (ironically in the same game Clark returned in) and suffered a mild concussion that kept her out for the subsequent two games.

The Augusta resident said following the game she couldn't sleep and woke with a headache the next day.

"I don't know how to really explain it. I was just out of it, not able to concentrate on things and not myself at all," Vachon said.

"I had trouble sleeping. I always sleep (around) 8-10 hours a night and when I'm not going to sleep until four in the morning, I knew something was wrong."

In her case, the two games may have done her some good, allowing her body to rest from the physical toll of college basketball while recovering from her concussion.

"It was only a week off, but it seemed

like a lot longer," Vachon said, returning against Drexel and tying her career-best with 12 assists.

"I felt really good. It kind of surprised me — I thought I'd be more tired than I was," Vachon said.

Something for everyone

The Black Bears aren't the only ones saddled with injuries in America East, as Vermont head coach Keith Cieplicki has had to deal with two of his top players out of the lineup.

The Catamounts were expected to be without the services of '97-'98 America East MVP Karalyn Church at the start of the season with a knee injury, but she only missed one game and is in the hunt for a scoring title with 23.4 ppg.

But if there is anyone who can relate to Clark's long road back to recovery, it is guard Christie Lauzon, who tore her ACL three times, causing her to miss the past two seasons.

"You do the best you can with what you have. The most you want them back for yourself, you really hate not being able to see young people compete," Cieplicki said, believing that the rash of injuries in the conference is related to young players still getting acclimated to the grind of college play.

Lauzon has played in all 21 of Vermont's games thus far and is averaging 10.8 ppg and is connecting on 44.7 percent of her three-point shots.

Cieplicki said he has had to tell players that want to come back early otherwise, but that if he didn't have players who wanted to compete, he'd be worried.

And with players out comes the problem of working them back into the rotation when they return, a conflict Palombo is facing now with working Andrea Clark back into the lineup after she missed two weeks with an ankle sprain.

"It's a matter of looking at practice performance and game performance, and using the same indicators to get people back into the flow," Palombo said.

Now back in that rotation, Katie Clark is coming off the bench and is averaging five points and almost two rebounds a game in the six games since her return.

It may not be much in the way of big numbers, but to Clark, and her teammates, the most important number of all is her No. 5 out on the court.

Another Clark quote represents what she has gone through: "I am convinced life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it."

• Swimming / Diving

Maine waits for its chance

By Heather Day
Maine Campus staff

Rest is the key feature to the next two weeks for the University of Maine men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

After competing in their last meet of the season against UNH last weekend, the Black Bears came home to prepare for the America East finals that will be held here the weekend of Feb. 19.

"Although we lost (at UNH), we had a lot of good swims. Comparing last year's team to this year's team, we are so much faster," coach Mark Babin said. "We're poised in a real good position for the America East finals."

"We're fine tuning now," Babin stated. "We're totally focusing on resting."

Focus is another key factor. The season is over, and finals will be held in home water, so it's a comfort to know that there won't be any traveling involved.

"We need to keep our external life in order also in order to prep for the next two weeks," coach Jeff Wren said. "Our focus needs to stay on school and on the reason as to why we're here in the first place."

Last weekend, two more qualifiers made it into the competition: diver Dan

Thompson and swimmer Heather McLeod. With the addition of these two, the women's team has 16 competitors and the men's team has 13 for the finals.

"A lot of good things happened at UNH," diving coach Jaret Lizzotte said. "Dan Lucier did a lot better on the one meter and Dan Thompson qualified. Now we've just got to clean it up. We've got to make everything go in vertical."

With all the training that has been involved the past few months, the coaching staff's only worry is over working.

"It's a nervous time for everyone," Wren said. "We're trying to focus on the ultimate meet. This is what makes anxiety such an issue in sports."

Anxiety may be an issue, but all three coaches are trying hard to have practices that emphasize teamness to try and relieve some of that anxiety.

"It helps them feed off each other if they can all be here together," Wren said. "But, today (Tuesday) is hard because out of 35, only 23 are here."

With everything in check, now all there is to do is wait.

Wait and think.

"As far as teams rank, we don't really match up with any of the others, but as far as individuals go, we have a lot of strength to make it," Wren said.

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Black Bear Sports



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• Issues

Bears feel the anguish of injury

By Josh Nason
Maine Campus staff

To a student-athlete, the training room is a place to get taped up and jump in the whirlpool to loosen up muscles, while providing a social atmosphere where athletes can get to know one another.

But to an injured competitor, the training room can be a personal hell - a crossroads to either getting back to the playing field or becoming just another face in the student populous.

On any given night when a varsity athletic contest is taking place, there is more than likely several players on the bench with an injury, either minor or career-threatening.

The long road back

In this season's University of Maine women's basketball media guide, one of Katie Clark's favorite quotes is listed as such:

"We cannot change the past...we cannot change the inevitable, the only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, attitude."

Clark, a 20-year-old history major from Bangor, came into the program three years ago as part of one of the most heralded classes in recent memory.

Through her rookie season, the six-foot forward found her way in head coach Joanne Palombo-McCallie's program, averaging 5.1 points and two rebounds a game and improving on her already solid defense.

Then came the problems that would plague her for almost a year.

After starting three straight games in her sophomore season, Clark went down with a foot injury before a Jan. 13 game with Hartford.

The recurring problem is a result of an extra bone in her foot that keeps splintering. Attempts to fuse it to together and alleviate the pain were unsuccessful.

Saddled with a brace, Clark watched as her teammates once again earned a berth to the NCAA tournament, only to fall to N.C. State, all the while looking ahead to a chance to return in the 1998-99 season.

However, that opportunity didn't come right off as Clark's recovery wasn't as speedy as everyone had hoped.

That left the two-time Bangor Daily News All-Maine member with two options: redshirt the 1998-99 season and

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For a while, Amy Vachon could do nothing but hang her head while her teammates took the floor. A concussion kept her out of action. (Caleb Raynor photo.)

• Men's hockey

Dimitrakos earns his spot

By Bill Stewart
Maine Campus staff

If there is one thing that can accurately distinguish the way men's hockey coach Shawn Walsh handles his players, it is the ability to send a message without hesitation.

And Niko Dimitrakos found out the hard way.

Dimitrakos, a freshman from Somerville, Mass., entered the Black Bear training camp last fall as one of six newcomers expected to contribute on a regular basis.

Although expectations weren't as high as for highly touted freshmen Doug Janik, Peter Metcalf and Barrett Heisten, the Black Bear coaching staff had high hopes.

But after two games, the 18-year-old forward was told to keep the bench warm.

"At the beginning it was real frustrating," Dimitrakos said. "I think maybe the rocky start was due to my defensive play, which wasn't that good. Coach wanted that part of my game to be brought out."

"He wasn't going to put up with me giving up goals and me looking for the offensive reads. He sat me a couple of games because I wasn't producing."

And that bothered him. Thoughts began to matriculate inside his head that

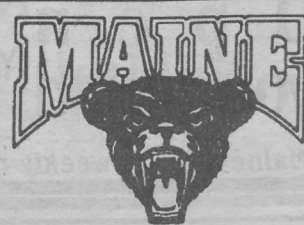
focused on his ability to be successful at the college level.

After all, Dimitrakos is coming off a 55-point season for coach John Gardner's Avon Old Farms squad.

But that was part of the problem. Playing at Avon, Dimitrakos enjoyed the run-'n-gun style that characterizes many of the prep school teams.

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STAT OF THE WEEK



This week's Stat of the Week centers around a rare occasion that occurred inside the Memorial Gym last weekend. Phil McGeoghan, a high jumper for the University of Maine, cleared 7'0" to break an indoor record set by fellow teammate Derek Davis.

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Nothing left to do...but wait.

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